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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: March 29, 1999  
LOCATION: Situation Room  
TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (S)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:  
James Steinberg

USUN:  
Nancy Soderberg (via SVTS)

OVP:  
Richard Saunders  
Leslie Davidson

Chief of Staff:  
Steve Ricchetti

State:  
Thomas Pickering  
James Dobbins  
James Pardew  
Julia Taft

CIA:  
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USNATO:  
Alexander Vershbow (via secure  
voice)  
Douglas McElhaney (via secure  
voice)

JCS:  
Joseph Ralston  
George Casey

Defense:  
Walter Slocombe  
Joseph Kaufmann

White House:  
Donald Kerrick

NSC:  
Greg Schulte  
David Leavy  
James Baker  
Eric Schwartz  
Miles Lackey  
Michael Hurley  
Matthew Vaccaro

Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- The USG should press NATO to take the lead in organizing the humanitarian relief effort in Albania and Macedonia. (Action: State, DOD) (C)
- State should contact UN High Commissioner Ogata and the French government to encourage a positive attitude toward NATO involvement in supporting humanitarian relief. (Action: State) (C)
- NATO should assure Macedonia that the Alliance will respond to any challenges to its security stemming from NATO's presence and activities. (Action: State) (C)
- The USG should adopt a more forward-leaning public affairs posture on NATO air operations to complement briefings by NATO. This should include a daily J-2/J-3 press briefing. (Action: All) (C)
- State should assure President Djukanovic that Montenegro would not be targeted by NATO air strikes other than as required for force protection. (Action: State) (S)
- The USG should press NATO to strike selected high-value targets in Belgrade prior to the visit by Russian Prime Minister Primikov. (Action: State, DOD) (S)

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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: April 21, 1999

LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (E)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

James Steinberg

OVP:

Leon Fuerth

Christopher Bolan

State:

Thomas Pickering

James Dobbins

James Pardew

Julia Taft

Defense:

Walter Slocombe

Joseph Kaufmann

James Shear

Justice:

Eric Holder

Doris Meissner

USUN:

Alan Romberg

OMB:

Sylvia Mathews

Chief of Staff:

Steven Ricchetti

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Hugh Palmer

JCS:

Edward Anderson

George Casey

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James Baker

Eric Schwartz

Miles Lackey

Matthew Vaccaro

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- The USG should consult with close NATO allies and the ICRC on the possibility of deploying a ICRC convoy to deliver humanitarian relief to a designated location in Kosovo with NATO ceasing air strikes in the area of relief operations. If successful, similar operations could be carried out in other locations. (Action: State) (C)
- State should arrange for a small team to meet with representatives of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) to consider ways that the KLA could assist in delivering humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons in Kosovo. (Action: State, DOD) (C)
- State would provide a recommendation on whether and how to grant refuge for up to 20,000 refugees that the USG has committed to accept. (Action: State) (U)
- The USG should consider options for basing Task Force Thunder (MLRS/ATACMS) following the NATO Summit. (Action: NSC) (C)
- The USG should retain the Serb prisoner of war (POW) currently in U.S. custody and stop its efforts to find another country to assume custody. (Action: State, DOD) (C)
- The USG should develop options for NATO handling of any further POWs that avoid making the USG the sole recipient. (Action: OSD) (C)
- The USG should develop a strategy to take advantage of Islamic support for NATO actions in Kosovo. (Action: State) (C)

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LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (C)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

James Steinberg

CIA:

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OVP:

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Christopher Bolan

AID:

Harriet Babbitt

Hugh Palmer

State:

Thomas Pickering

James Dobbins

James Pardew

Julia Taft

JCS:

Edward Anderson

George Casey

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Sylvia Matthews

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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: June 11, 1999  
LOCATION: Situation Room  
TIME: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (C)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:  
James Steinberg

NEC:  
Sonal Shah

OVP:  
Leon Fuerth  
Leslie Davidson

AID:  
Harriet Babbitt  
David Adams

State:  
Thomas Pickering  
James Pardew  
Eric Newsom  
Julia Taft

JCS:  
Joseph Ralston (via SVTS)  
Robert Wagner (via SVTS)

Defense:  
Walter Slocombe  
Joseph Kaufmann

USNATO:  
Alexander Vershbow (via secure  
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USUN:  
Nancy Soderberg (via SVTS)

White House:  
Donald Kerrick

OMB:  
Sylvia Mathews  
Michael Daniel

NSC:  
Greg Schulte  
Eric Schwartz  
David Leavy  
Matthew Vaccaro  
Mark Tavlarides

CIA:

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- DOD will ensure that KFOR headquarters has an adequate Combined Joint Civil-Military Task Force to help coordinate planning for emergency humanitarian assistance. (Action: DOD) (U)
- The USG will provide humanitarian support based on need throughout Serbia, but reconstruction assistance will be limited to Kosovo as long as Milosevic is President. (Action: State, USAID) (U)
- The USG will be prepared to introduce into NATO the command arrangements being negotiated with Russia for the incorporation of its forces into KFOR. (Action: State) (C)
- The USG will send experts to UN Headquarters to assist in planning the UN's international provisional administration in Kosovo. (Action: State) (U)
- The USG will press the UN to subcontract appropriate civil functions to other international organizations including the OSCE and EU. (Action: State) (U)

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Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: June 11, 1999  
LOCATION: Situation Room  
TIME: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (C)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:  
James Steinberg

NEC:  
Sonal Shah

OVP:  
Leon Fuerth  
Leslie Davidson

AID:  
Harriet Babbitt  
David Adams

State:  
Thomas Pickering  
James Pardew  
Eric Newsom  
Julia Taft

JCS:  
Joseph Ralston (via SVTS)  
Robert Wagner (via SVTS)

Defense:  
Walter Slocombe  
Joseph Kaufmann

USNATO:  
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USUN:  
Nancy Soderberg (via SVTS)

White House:  
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OMB:  
Sylvia Mathews  
Michael Daniel

NSC:  
Greg Schulte  
Eric Schwartz  
David Leavy  
Matthew Vaccaro  
Mark Tavlarides

CIA:

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Summary of Conclusions

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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: June 15, 1999  
LOCATION: Situation Room  
TIME: 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (C)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:  
James Steinberg

CIA:

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OVP:  
Richard Saunders  
Leslie Davidson

NEC:

Lael Brainard  
Sonal Shah

State:  
Strobe Talbott  
James Pardew  
James Dobbins  
Jeffrey Bialos

AID:

Harriet Babbitt  
Donald Pressley

Treasury:  
Ted Truman  
Mark Medish

JCS:

Joseph Ralston (via STU III)  
George Casey  
Keith Dayton

Defense:  
Walter Slocombe (via STU III)  
James Bodner  
Joseph Kaufmann

USNATO:

Alexander Vershbow (via SVTS)

USUN:  
Nancy Soderberg (via SVTS)

NSC:

Greg Schulte  
Carlos Pascual  
James Baker  
Miles Lackey  
Mara Rudman  
Michael Hurley

OMB:  
Sylvia Mathews

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It was agreed that:

- The USG will encourage SACEUR/COMKFOR to accept a significant role for Russia at the Slatina airport under the overall authority of COMKFOR. (Action: OSD/JCS) (C)
- OMB will identify ways that the Kosovo supplemental funding can be used to assist with the return of refugees to Kosovo. (Action: OMB) (U)
- OSD will assess its flexibility in using DOD humanitarian assistance funding for emergency assistance in Kosovo. (Action: OSD) (U)
- The USG will pursue a three-stage process for a Kosovo donors' conference: a High Level Steering Group to meet within the next three weeks; an initial donor's conference for humanitarian assistance and refugee repatriation in mid July; and donors' conferences for longer-term Kosovo needs and Southeast Europe in the fall. (Action: State, Treasury) (U)
- The USG will work with the UN and EU to ensure that they interpret broadly the authority of the international civil presence to regulate economic affairs in Kosovo. (Action: OSD) (U)

Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: July 2, 1999

LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting  
on Kosovo (S)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

James Steinberg

OVP:

Leslie Davidson

State:

Thomas Pickering

James Dobbins

Robert Gelbard

James Pardew

Treasury:

Mark Medish

Defense:

Walter Slocombe

Joseph Kaufmann

Justice:

Eric Holder

USUN:

Nancy Soderberg (via SVTS)

OMB:

Sylvia Mathews

CIA:



AID:

Harriet Babbitt

Paige Alexander

JCS:

Joseph Ralston

Edward Anderson

USNATO:

Alexander Vershbow (via SVTS)

NSC:

Greg Schulte

Eric Schwartz

James Baker

Mary McCarthy

Miles Lackey

Matthew Vaccaro

Michael Hurley

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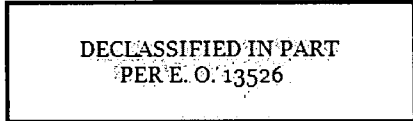
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It was agreed that:

- State would recommend to Secretary Albright that she contact Minister Ivanov concerning issues raised by the Russian military delegation sent to SHAPE to conclude detailed military arrangements to implement the Helsinki agreement on Russian participation in KFOR. (Action: State) (C)
- The USG should ensure that adequate liaison arrangements are in place between KFOR and the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), particularly in the Italian and French sectors. (Action: State, DOD) (C)
- The USG should develop a strategy to promote KLA compliance with its disarmament commitments, taking advantage of U.S. channels to Thaci and other KLA leaders. (Action: State) (C)
- DOD will assign a defense representative to the U.S. presence in Pristina. (Action: DOD) (C)
- Deputies will review the politico-military implementation plan for Kosovo at least monthly. A sanitized version of the plan should be released to the UN. (Action: NSC) (U)
- The USG should pursue an aggressive democratization program for Serbia, to include efforts to undermine Milosevic's sources of power and to build up a cohesive and effective opposition. As part of this program, the USG should consider the provision of humanitarian-related reconstruction assistance to localities controlled by the opposition. (Action: State) (S)