

[1 CONFIDENTIAL]

UNARCHIVES

SERIES S-1835

BOX 8

FILE 8

ACC. 2011/0195

CK V; Correspondence with Grouts

107Y 242

P01005

30193

(F083)



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10



Office of the Co-Chairmen

December 29, 1992

Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 25 December in which you shared your views with us concerning the difficult situation in Kosovo. Since the very beginning of our work in the International Conference we have actively sought to encourage all parties involved to act in such a manner as to reduce tension, to promote confidence, and to help restore the situation in the province to normality. We recall with pleasure our meeting with you in Tirana on 29 October in which we explained our view that stability in Kosovo should be secured through genuine autonomy for the province rather than secession or unilateral declaration of independence.

With respect to the overall situation, we have repeatedly raised our concerns in the United Nations Security Council and elsewhere. As recently as 16 December, at an expanded Ministerial meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Conference, we highlighted the pressing problems in Kosovo and welcomed the recent CSCE decision to enlarge its civilian monitor mission there. We expressed our fear that, given the heightened tensions among all parties involved in the Kosovo issue, conflict could break out there as much by misadventure as by design. We therefore called for serious improvements to be made in Kosovo and specifically stated that "restoration of genuine autonomy to Kosovo remains a principal goal". We noted that the International Conference's Special Group on Kosovo had carried out intensive discussions with all sides on a broad range of social, educational and political issues, and we expressed the hope that those efforts would help to improve stability.

Regarding the specific proposal contained in your letter, namely a preventive deployment in the province, this will


His Excellency
Mr. Sali Berisha
President of the Republic
of Albania

require, as you will appreciate, the consent of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, followed by an affirmative decision by the United Nations Security Council.

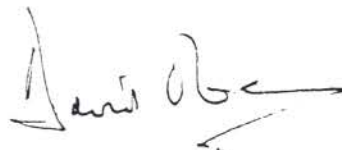
It seems to us that it might be advisable for you to initiate an exchange with the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on measures that all sides could take to maintain calm, to promote confidence and stability and to defuse the situation in Kosovo. Your proposal for a preventive deployment in Kosovo could be raised in that context.

You and your Government can play a very crucial role in calming the situation by promoting restraint on all sides, particularly the Kosovo Albanian leadership. The positions and actions of your Government are, of course, very important in this regard.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.



Cyrus R. Vance



David Owen

CYZ 313 P1/4

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

BY CRYPTOFAX

IMMEDIATE

Page 1 of 4

TO: AIME FOR SEC GEN
INFO: VANCE
FROM: DE SOTO, UNATIONS, NY
DATE: 30 December 1992
NUMBER: MSC-1399

PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING PAGES.

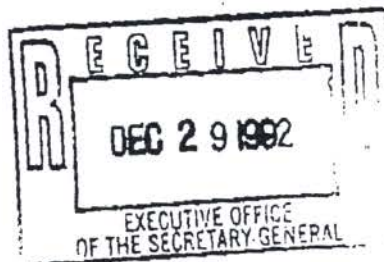
UNOG Telecomm. Unit
Palais des Nations

92 DEC 30 23:13

| DISTRIBUTION: | |
|---|---------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | O |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | PH / MW |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | DL |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | Be / DB |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. K. W. / PH | |

Republic of Albania
Permanent Mission to
the United Nations
New York

Mr. Petrovsky
CYZ 313 P2/4
at Mr. Gouding
HTS



New York, 26 December 1992

Excellency,

I have the honour to attach the letter addressed to You by the President of the Republic of Albania, H.E. Prof. Dr. Sali Berisha.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

For to
Amir for Serger
Janca

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thanas Shkurti".

Thanas Shkurti
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York



CYZ 313 P3/4

**THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
PRESIDENT**

Tirana, 25 December 1992

Dear General Secretary,

I have the honour to address myself to you today, to share with you my growing concern over the recent developments in Kosovo, which are clearly demonstrating alarming signs of an intention to escalate the conflict of Bosnia and Herzegovina further south. A number of people have been killed by the Serbian police and army forces over the last month in Kosovo; a number of provocative incidents have threatened the whole area, including the border zone; in Macedonia the very same scenario has been the case. Ethnic cleansing, which in Kosovo has started years ago, is assuming a systematic character.

These are new elements which are added to the ones brought before the United Nations by Prime Minister Meksi on a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council on October 29, 1992. These are well-known signs if we take into account the sameness of this situation with the pre-war one in Bosnia. These are the ultimate means to accomplish a single goal: "Greater Serbia".

His Excellency

Mr. Boutros Boutros Ghali

General Secretary of the U.N.O.

NEW YORK

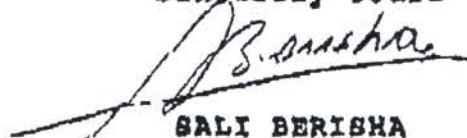
CYZ 313 P4/4.

Mr. General Secretary,

Kosovo has already come on the agenda of international life with a cry of urgency. The CSCE Council Meeting in Stockholm on December 14-15 highlighted the irreplaceable role of the United Nations preventive deployment, as outlined in the UN Secretary-General's "An Agenda for Peace". The United Nations can save the region and, maybe, the whole of Europe, further war only by securing a substantial presence in the volatile region. The Republic of Albania has hailed the UN Security Council Resolution 795, to send UN forces to Macedonia, as a guarantee of preserving the delicate peace there. Urged by the same ends, I take the opportunity to request from you, Your Excellency, the support of your government to send these forces to Kosovo. Time is running very fast. Peace is hinging on rapidity and cooperation.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours



SALI BERISHA