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To Whom It May Concern:

The Serbian-American Alliance of New England (SANE) has always sought, in addition to our humanitarian and cultural endeavors, to educate the American public and media about events in the Balkans. Today we would like to bring to your attention the link between the tragic events of September 11th and Osama Bin Laden's involvement in the Balkans, and give you further information about Balkan terrorist groups.

Please find enclosed article abstracts, focusing on extremist Muslim terrorism in the Balkans and Osama Bin Laden's Balkan connections, including:

- Osama Bin Laden's role in Yugoslavia's civil war, especially in Bosnia (1992-1995), through an alliance with Bosnian Muslims
- Arming and training the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA)
- Projecting terrorism from the Balkans to Western Europe and North America

These articles provide disturbing evidence that Osama Bin Laden has been instigating terrorism in the Balkans and using the Balkans as a base by forging alliances with the very people whom the Clinton administration supported – Bosnian Muslims and Kosovar Albanians.

We hope that you will find these documents useful and that your further research concerning this issue would aid the war against terrorism and thus promote greater stability and peace in both the United States and the Balkans.

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AL QAEDA'S BALKAN LINKS

By Marcia Christoff Kurop, The Wall Street Journal Europe

“The overnight rise of heroin trafficking through Kosovo helped to fund terrorist activity directly associated with al Qaeda. Afghan-trained mujahideen settled in the Balkans around 1992. Recruits were brought into Bosnia by the ruling Islamic party of Bosnia, the Party of Democratic Action, from Chechnya, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan... They were all given journalists’ credentials to avoid explicit detection by the West. Others were married immediately to Bosnian Muslim women and incorporated into regular army ranks.” [...]

“The Bosnian Embassy in Vienna issued a passport to bin Laden in 1993, according to various reports in the Yugoslav press at the time. The reports add that bin Laden then visited a terrorist camp in Zenica, Bosnia in 1994. The Bosnian government denies all of this, but admits that some passport records have been lost.”

Source: THE WALL STREET JOURNAL EUROPE, November 1, 2001;

Search the archive <http://www.wsj.com>; See also <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/fr/561291/posts>

THE BALKAN CONNECTION

Book says al-Qaida now active in Macedonia

By Peter Worthington, The Toronto Sun

“Much to their embarrassment now, NATO and the Americans realize they may have unwittingly contributed to al-Qaida fronts in Bosnia and Kosovo prior to Sept. 11.”

Source: THE TORONTO SUN, February 22, 2002; <http://www.canoe.ca/Columnists/worthington.html>

BIN LADEN'S BALKAN CONNECTIONS

The Center for Peace in the Balkans

“Yet, it would be willful blindness to suggest that the roots of terror begin and end in Afghanistan or the Middle East. When examining events that have transpired in the Balkans over the past ten years, Osama Bin Laden’s name appears prominently. Bin Laden directly aided the Bosnian Muslims, both financially (weapons procurement) and with training. In addition, that same ‘aid’ was extended to the separatist Albanians of Kosovo and Macedonia. Ironically, the US found Bin Laden and his supporters ‘convenient’ allies when dealing with Bosnian Muslims and Kosovo Albanians, again in another so-called struggle for ‘freedom’.”

Source: THE CENTER FOR PEACE IN THE BALKANS, September 2001; <http://www.balkanpeace.org/our/our09.shtml>

BIN LADEN'S BALKAN CONNECTION COMES UNDER SCRUTINY

Agence France Press (AFP)

“Osama bin Laden’s followers are active throughout the Balkans, with bases in Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania, Serbia’s interior minister said Wednesday as Belgrade offered to share information with the United States on their activities.”

Source: AGENCE FRANCE PRESS, September 19, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.afp.com/>

See also <http://www.balkanpeace.org/hed/archive/sept01/hed4113.shtml>

ALBANIA

HIJACKERS CONNECTED TO ALBANIAN TERRORIST CELL

By Bill Gertz, The Washington Times

“Islamic radicals, including supporters of bin Laden, have been supporting Albanian rebels fighting in the region, including members of the Kosovo Liberation Army. Intelligence officials have said there are reports that KLA members have been trained at bin Laden training camps in Afghanistan. Bin Laden and his Islamic extremist group, al Qaeda, are the main suspects in last week's terrorist attacks. As of last year, the group operated a residence in Tirana, and the CIA has been pressing Albania's government to expel all associates of the Islamic terrorists.”

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, September 18, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.washingtontimes.com/>

See also <http://www.balkanpeace.org/hed/archive/sept01/hed4107.shtml>

BIN LADEN OPENS EUROPEAN TERROR BASE IN ALBANIA

By Chris Stephen, The Sunday Times

“Albanian authorities working with the Central Intelligence Agency claim to have uncovered a terrorist network operated by Osama Bin Laden, the Islamic fundamentalist accused of masterminding the African embassy bombings last August.”

Source: THE SUNDAY TIMES, November 29, 1998;

Search the archive <http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/>; See also <http://www.balkanpeace.org/wtb/wtb08.html>

SERBIA - KOSOVO

BIN LADEN LINKED TO ALBANIAN DRUG GANGS

By Colin Brown, The Independent

“Interpol believes that Osama bin Laden is linked to Albanian gangs who have taken over a growing web of crime across Europe. The investigations into organised crime links with his terrorist network also show that Mr. bin Laden supplied one of his top military commanders for an elite KLA unit during the Kosovo conflict.”

Source: THE INDEPENDENT, October 21, 2001; <http://news.independent.co.uk/world/europe/story.jsp?story=100643>

OUR "FRIENDS" IN THE BALKANS

By Joseph Farah, WorldNetDaily

"While part of the U.S. military is bombing and strafing caves in Afghanistan, determined to root out Osama bin Laden's terror network, in the Balkans, another part of the U.S. military is allied with the Kosovo Liberation Army – which maintains close connections with the al-Qaida network."

Source: WORLDNETDAILY, November 6, 2001; http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=25214

WAR ON TERRORISM SKIPPED THE KLA

By James Bissett, The National Post

"U.S. President George W. Bush has made it clear the war against terrorists will be unremitting and relentless. Even those countries affording shelter to terrorists will not be spared. These words come too late for the Serbs, Gypsies, Jews, Turks and other non-Albanians who have been driven from their ancestral homes in Kosovo by the terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army. It is too late as well for Macedonia, which has been forced by the United States, the European Union and NATO to yield to all the demands of the Albanian terrorists in that country. [...]"

As early as 1998, the U.S. State Department listed the KLA as a terrorist organization financing its operations with money from the international heroin trade and funds supplied from Islamic countries and individuals, including Osama bin Laden. This did not stop the United States from arming and training KLA members in Albania and in the summer of 1998 sending them back into Kosovo to assassinate Serbian mayors, ambush Serbian policemen and intimidate hesitant Kosovo Albanians."

Source: THE NATIONAL POST, November 13, 2001;

<http://www.nationalpost.com/commentary/story.html?f=/stories/20011113/783573.html>; <http://globalresearch.ca/articles/BIS111A.html>

IS 2 MILLION EXPELLED SERBS ENOUGH FOR "ETHNIC CLEANSING"?

By Don Feder, The Boston Herald

"The Kosovo 'freedom fighters' (as Sen. Joe Lieberman once called them) are equally grateful for Western support. In one of the al-Qaida camps overrun in Afghanistan, Americans found an entry application from a Kosovo Albanian that read, 'I have Kosovo Liberation Army combat experience against Serb forces. ... I recommend suicide operations against parks like Disney.'"

Source: THE BOSTON HERALD, February 26, 2002; Search the archive <http://www.bostonherald.com/>

KLA REBELS TRAIN IN TERRORIST CAMPS

By Jerry Seper, The Washington Times

"Some members of the Kosovo Liberation Army, which has financed its war effort through the sale of heroin, were trained in terrorist camps run by international fugitive Osama bin Laden... The intelligence reports document what is described as a 'link' between bin Laden, the fugitive Saudi millionaire, and the KLA – including a common staging area in Tropoje, Albania, a center for Islamic terrorists. The reports said bin Laden's organization, known as al-Qaeda, has both trained and financially supported the KLA."

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, May 4, 1999;

Search the archive <http://www.washingtontimes.com/>; See also <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/7006/KLA-drugs.html>

WE CREATED A MONSTER

By James Bissett, The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

"After bombing Yugoslavia into submission, NATO then stood by and submissively allowed the KLA to murder, pillage and burn. The KLA was given a free hand to do as it wished. Almost all of the non-Albanian population was 'ethnically cleansed' from Kosovo under the watchful eyes of 40,000 NATO troops. Moreover, in defiance of United Nations Resolution 1244, which brought an end to the fighting, NATO adamantly refused to disarm the KLA fighters. Instead, NATO converted this ragtag band of terrorists into the Kosovo Protection Force - allegedly to maintain peace and order in Kosovo."

Source: THE GLOBE AND MAIL, July 31, 2001; <http://www.balkanpeace.org/hed/archive/august01/hed3828.shtml>

THE KOSOVO LIBERATION ARMY: DOES CLINTON POLICY SUPPORT GROUP WITH TERROR, DRUG TIES?

By the United States Senate Republican Policy Committee

"One week into the bombing campaign, there is widespread discussion of options for further actions. One option includes forging a closer relationship between the United States and a controversial group, the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), a group which has been cited in unofficial reports for alleged ties to drug cartels and Islamic terrorist organizations."

Source: UNITED STATES SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE, March 31, 1999;

<http://www.senate.gov/~rpc/releases/1999/fr033199.htm>

Agence France Presse

"We condemn very strongly terrorist actions in Kosovo. The UCK is, without any questions, a terrorist group," Gelbard said.

Source: AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, February 23, 1998 ; <http://www.senate.gov/~rpc/releases/1999/fr033199.htm>

PRESS STATEMENT BY JAMES P. RUBIN/SPOKESMAN, MARCH 2, 1998

"We have also called on Kosovar Albanian leaders to condemn terrorist action by the so-called Kosovo liberation army (UCK), noting that violence does not contribute to the search for a just and durable solution to the problems of Kosovo."

IRANIANS MOVE IN

By Uzi Mahnaimi, The Sunday Times

"Iranian Revolutionary Guards have joined forces with a Saudi millionaire [Osama bin Laden] to support the Albanian underground movement in Kosovo. They hope to turn the region into their main base for Islamic armed activity in Europe.

...Bin Laden, 44, described by the US State Department as 'one of the most significant sponsors of Islamic extremist activities', has begun extending his operations to eastern Europe. He has supported Muslims in Bosnia and Kosovo, the source said. Iran is keen to strengthen its presence in the region."

Source: THE SUNDAY TIMES (LONDON), March 22, 1998; Search the archive <http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/>

KOSOVO SEEN AS NEW ISLAMIC BASTION

By Steve Rodan, The Jerusalem Post

"Financial help from Islamic countries and arrival of mujahedeens from Albania, including those of Osama Bin Laden. Al Qa'ida supported Moslem fighters in both Bosnia and Kosovo."

Source: THE JERUSALEM POST, September 14, 1998;

Search the archive <http://www.jpost.com/>; See also <http://www.decani.yunet.com/ismilit.html#3>

US TACKLES ISLAMIC MILITANCY IN KOSOVO

By Chris Stephen, The Scotsman

"One vital concession to the KLA came earlier this year, when it had the unusual honour of being taken off a register of organisations the US defines as 'terrorists'. This is a valuable asset, not just in terms of public relations. It also makes fund-raising among ethnic Albanians abroad much easier. For the Americans, giving the KLA tacit support is a tightrope. Shunning it might drive them into the arms of fundamentalists such as Osama Bin Laden -blamed for bombing US embassies in Africa this summer -whose men are already operating in Albania. But supporting them could give a shot in the arm for the KLA's aim of full independence for Kosovo - something the West fears might fuel uprisings in other parts of the world."

Source: THE SCOTSMAN, November 30, 1998; See <http://www.balkanpeace.org/wtb/wtb06.html>

BALKAN CONNECTION: BRAZEN AS THE MAFIA, ETHNIC ALBANIAN THUGS SPECIALIZE IN MAYHEM

By Anthony M. DeStefano

Comment on authorities' growing concern about involvement of ethnic Albanians in organized crime, particularly heroin trade, in US; violence of Albanian-American gangsters noted;

Source: THE WALL STREET JOURNAL September 9, 1985, pp.1, 18; Search the archive <http://www.wsj.com>

POLICE ROUND-UP IN KOSOVO REGION / ALBANIAN NETWORK EXPOSED

From Dessa Trevisan, The Times (London)

"Fifty ethnic Albanians said to have belonged to an underground organization centred in the Kosovo region, but with a network reaching to other parts of the country, will soon be put on trial. Announcing the discovery of the group, the authorities said its aim was to set up an ethnically pure Kosovo. It has engaged in acts of sabotage, has recruited followers and published pamphlets, as well as maintaining links with Albanian exiles abroad.

The police has also found arms and ammunition supplied from abroad, and the organization and a political programme which included terrorist raids, intimidation of the Serbs, and establish secret channels for escape from the country. [...]

Obviously, Yugoslavia is faced with the Albanian ethnic problem for many years to come. Despite the Governments efforts to stop the exodus of Serbs from the region, it continues at a rate of several thousand annually. Over the past three years 17,000 have left."

Source: THE TIMES (London), December 9, 1985;

WAR OF TERROR BY ALBANIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA STRAINS UNITY

By David Binder, The New York Times

"...in violence growing out of the Pristina University riots of March 1981, a score of people have been killed and hundreds injured. There have been almost weekly incidents of rape, arson, pillage and industrial sabotage, most seemingly designed to drive Kosovo's remaining indigenous Slavs - Serbs and Montenegrins - out of the province. Two weeks ago, Hidajet Hiseni, an Albanian journalist and leader of the underground Marxist-Leninists of Kosovo, was sentenced to 15 years in prison. The court said his group favored seceding from Yugoslavia and joining with Albania. A map in a recent Kosovo tourist guidebook showed a frontier between the province and its mother state of Serbia, but no border between Kosovo and Albania."

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES, November 28, 1982; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

2 YUGOSLAVS WOUNDED, BY ASSAILANT IN BRUSSELS

Reuters

"Two men, one a Yugoslav diplomat and the other a Yugoslav porter, were wounded by a gunman at the Yugoslav Embassy today in an attack that officials at the embassy laid to ethnic Albanians. [...]

The sources said the attack followed a series of violent incidents, including fires at the Yugoslav airline and tourist office here. They linked the attack to disturbances by ethnic Albanian nationalists in Yugoslavia's Kosovo Province earlier this year."

Source: REUTERS, published in The New York Times, July 15, 1981;

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

BIN LADEN'S NEW SPECIAL ENVOYS

The Washington Times

"NLA (the KLA subsidiary in Macedonia) was largely, but not exclusively, dependent on the illegal trade in narcotics. In addition to drug money, the NLA also has another prominent venture capitalist: Osama Bin Laden who supplied 6-7 million dollars over six months."

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, June 22, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.washtimes.com/>

SIGNS POINT TO BIN LADEN-BALKAN LINK

By Scott Taylor, The Halifax Herald Limited

"Senior ranking officials within Macedonia's security department claim they have circumstantial evidence linking Osama bin Laden's mujahedeen with the Albanian (UCK) guerrillas operating in Macedonia.

'We have already provided a substantial dossier to the CIA, and obtaining further proof of this terrorist connection is our ministry's No. 1 priority,' confirmed a deputy director of the security department, Macedonia's intelligence service."

Source: THE HALIFAX HERALD LIMITED, October 29, 2001; <http://www.herald.ns.ca/stories/2001/10/29/fl26.raw.html>

FEAR OVER ISLAMIC TERROR GROUPS USING MACEDONIA AS BASE

By Christian Jennings, The Scotsman

"Islamic fighters who have fought alongside Albanian rebels in Macedonia since last year's seven-month conflict are now feared to be using the three main Albanian rebel groups in the country as cover to target not only the Macedonian government but also embassies of western governments. [...] The weapons were paid for by Albanian criminals with the proceeds of selling Afghan heroin on the streets of a dozen European capitals.

Source: THE SCOTSMAN, March 4, 2002; <http://www.news.scotsman.com/international.cfm?id=241852002>

MACEDONIA AGAIN WARNS OF POSSIBLE REBEL SPRING OFFENSIVE

"An unnamed group of ethnic Albanian rebels have allegedly spent some 4.2 million dollars since October for a wide range of sophisticated weapons, including the light anti-aircraft missiles SA-18 and SA-7, anti-tank rockets and infantry weapons for some 2,000 soldiers, Britain's Sunday Telegraph reported recently. [...] The money for the weapons, according to the reports, was provided by the Albanian mafia selling heroin from Afghan stocks controlled by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist network."

Source: DPA, February 25, 2002; <http://www.europeaninternet.com/macedonia/news.php3?id=1412754>

U.S. BLACKLISTS TWO ALBANIAN EXTREMISTS

By Eli J. Lake, UPI State Department Correspondent

"The State Department announced Wednesday that it added two organizations to its financial black list of Albanian extremists operating in Macedonia and the Western Balkans. The two groups include the Albanian National Army (ANA) and the National Committee for the Liberation and Defense of Albanian Lands.

In a statement released Wednesday the State Department said their 'violent tactics aim to undermine democracy and threaten ongoing efforts to secure peace and stability in Macedonia, Kosovo, southern Serbia.' [...]

In June the Treasury Department published a list of 35 individuals and organizations to whom U.S. citizens are prohibited from sending any assistance related to Albanian extremists. That list included some individuals and organizations associated with the Kosovo Liberation Army, the Albanian freedom fighters that fought the Serb army in Kosovo in 1999 and whose offshoot organization the National Liberation Army ambushed American diplomats at the U.S. embassy in Macedonia last spring."

Source: UPI, 5 December 2001;

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

HELP FROM THE HOLY WARRIORS

By Tom Post and Joel Brand, Newsweek

"They [the Mujahedeen] have come from a host of Islamic countries -- Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, among them -- to fight a holy war [in Bosnia]. As they explained to a NEWSWEEK reporter who went inside a secret training camp [outside Travnik in Bosnia] and spoke with their elusive leader Abu Abdul Aziz, they are supporting a struggle for survival because no one else will... 'We are not here to bring supplies like food and medicine,' he [Abu Abdul Aziz] says, a silver revolver gleaming from his waistband. 'There are a lot of organizations that can do that. We bring men.' How many? 'Enough.' [...]

Zagreb has tolerated the Islamic warriors -- except when its expedient not to, as in the recent seizure of an Iranian 747 loaded with guns or the slaying of six Saudi Arabians by Croats who stole the weapons being brought to local Muslims."

Source: NEWSWEEK, October 5, 1992; Search the archive <http://www.newsweek.com>

IRAN WILL WITHDRAW MORE THAN 700 MILITARY ADVISERS

Reuters

"The decision, supported by moderates and hard-liners in Iran, affects Revolutionary Guards and other units currently based in Sudan, Lebanon, Bosnia and other regions."

Source: REUTERS, November 8, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.reuters.com>

MUJAHEDDEENS IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

The Associated Press

“Islamic volunteers known as mujahedeen, or holy warriors, have harassed international aid workers and hijacked their vehicles. They are accused of killing U.N. aid worker Paul Goodall in January and have terrorized secular Muslims with their vision of Islamic purity. The death of a Danish driver in October, which U.N. sources also blamed on mujahedeen, halted all aid convoys for four weeks and sabotaged U.N. efforts to stockpile for the winter. A threat a week after Goodall’s death to kill a U.N. refugee agency worker, thought to have been transmitted on a radio stolen from Goodall’s car, was never carried out. [...] The fighters apparently have support from about a dozen Islamic countries in the Middle East and Africa, as well as Muslims living in Europe. Most are said to be either career soldiers who train government forces or individuals intent on creating an Islamic state.”

Source: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, February 21, 1994; Search the archive <http://www.ap.org/>;

See also <http://www.bosnet.org/archive/bosnet.w3archive/9402/msg00130.html>

TERRORISTS USE BOSNIA AS BASE AND SANCTUARY

By Craig Pyes, Josh Meyer & William C. Rempe, The Los Angeles Times

“Hundreds of foreign Islamic extremists who became Bosnian citizens after battling Serbian and Croatian forces present a potential terrorist threat to Europe and the United States, according to a classified U.S. State Department report and interviews with international military and intelligence sources. The extremists include hard-core terrorists, some with ties to Osama bin Laden, protected by militant elements of the former Sarajevo government. Bosnia-Herzegovina is ‘a staging area and safe haven’ for terrorists, said one former senior State Department official.” [...]

* An Algerian with Bosnian citizenship, described by one U.S. official as ‘a junior Osama bin Laden,’ tried to help smuggle explosives in 1998 to an Egyptian terrorist group plotting to destroy U.S. military installations in Germany. The shipment included military C-4 plastic explosives and blasting caps, the former U.S. official said. The CIA intercepted the shipment, foiling the attack.

* Another North African with Bosnian citizenship belonged to a terrorist cell in Montreal that conspired in the failed millennium plot to bomb Los Angeles International Airport.

* One of Bin Laden top lieutenants -- a Palestinian linked to major terrorist plots in Jordan, France and the United States--had operatives in Bosnia and was issued a Bosnian passport, according to U.S. officials.”

Source: THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, October 7, 2001; <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-100701terror.story>

CLINTON-APPROVED IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS HELP TURN BOSNIA INTO MILITANT ISLAMIC BASE

By the United States Senate Republican Policy Committee

“ ‘There is no question that the policy of getting arms into Bosnia was of great assistance in allowing the Iranians to dig in and create good relations with the Bosnian government,’ a senior CIA officer told Congress in a classified deposition. ‘And it is a thing we will live to regret because when they blow up some Americans, as they no doubt will before this . . . thing is over, it will be in part because the Iranians were able to have the time and contacts to establish themselves well in Bosnia.’” [“Iran Gave Bosnia Leader \$500,000, CIA Alleges: Classified Report Says Izetbegovic Has Been ‘Co-Opted,’ Contradicting U.S. Public Assertion of Rift,” *Los Angeles Times*, 12/31/96. Ellipses in original. Alija Izetbegovic is the Muslim president of Bosnia.]

“ ‘If you read President Izetbegovic’s writings, as I have, there is no doubt that he is an Islamic fundamentalist,’ said a senior Western diplomat with long experience in the region. ‘He is a very nice fundamentalist, but he is still a fundamentalist. This has not changed. His goal is to establish a Muslim state in Bosnia, and the Serbs and Croats understand this better than the rest of us.’” [“Bosnian Leader Hails Islam at Election Rallies,” *New York Times*, 9/2/96]

Source: UNITED STATES SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE, 1997; <http://www.senate.gov/~rpc/releases/1997/iran.htm>

U.S. EYES SAUDI FILE ON TERROR TARGETS

By Jerry Seper, The Washington Times

U.S. intelligence officials are reviewing a cache of computer files seized last year by NATO troops from a Saudi aid organization in Sarajevo, including photographs of past terrorist targets and Washington street map pinpointing government buildings. The inquiry, according to law enforcement authorities and others, began after a raid on the Sarajevo offices of the Saudi High Commission for Aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, February 25, 2002; <http://www.washtimes.com/world/20020225-1122425.htm>

BOSNIA MINISTER QUILTS AFTER BIN LADEN COMMENTS

Reuters

“The [Bosnian Muslim] minister was criticised over a statement he made last month citing ‘reliable sources’ saying that 70 people from bin Laden’s organisation were preparing to come from Afghanistan to Bosnia, which he said they saw as a ‘safe haven’.”

Source: REUTERS, October 12, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.reuters.com>

SWISS EXTRADITE SUSPECTED EXTREMIST

The Associated Press

“Swiss authorities said Wednesday they had extradited to Italy a man suspected of belonging to an Islamic extremist group that recruited volunteers to fight in Bosnia.”

Source: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, October 31, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.ap.org>

BOSNIA'S MUSLIMS FRINGE UNDER SCRUTINY

By George Jahn, The Associated Press

"Posters exhorting Bosnia's Muslims to rise in holy war against America were printed and ready for posting about the time the first U.S. cruise missile slammed into Afghanistan. 'We want a third and a fourth world war for Islam - long live bin Laden,' reads one of several posters recently confiscated by police. 'Afghanistan, Bosnia - why wouldn't you fight for oppressed men, women and children?' asks another."

Source: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, October 13, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.ap.org/>

NATO MAY HAVE FELLED NETWORK IN BOSNIA

By Seattle Times

"NATO-led peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina think they have disrupted a Bosnian-based terrorist network and are investigating possible links to Osama bin Laden, a spokesman for the force said yesterday. Eleven Islamic militants were arrested, disrupting a terror cell's plans to strike Eagle Base, a sprawling installation in Tuzla, and a new post called Camp Connor near Bratunac, according to an official with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium."

Source: THE SEATTLE TIMES, October 25, 2001; http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/134358375_bosnia25.html

NATO SAYS BLOW DEALT TO AL QAEDA IN BOSNIA

By Nedim Derivsbegovic, Reuters

"NATO-led peacekeepers said on Thursday they had disrupted links in Bosnia of the al Qaeda network of Saudi-born militant Osama bin Laden, the West's prime suspects for last month's attacks on the United States. The Balkan country's Stabilisation Force (SFOR) said its investigation into the network was continuing and cautioned that it may still be able to pose a threat."

Source: REUTERS, October 25, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.reuters.com>

BOSNIA HOLDS ARABS SUSPECTED OF LINKS TO AL QAEDA

By Daria Sito-Sucic, Reuters

"Bosnia said on Monday it was holding six Arabs suspected of links with the al Qaeda network of Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the September 11 attacks on the United States. Acting on a U.S. tip, police arrested five Algerians earlier this month after threats against the U.S. and British embassies in Sarajevo, deputy interior minister Tomislav Limov of Bosnia's Muslim-Croat Federation told a news conference."

Source: REUTERS, October 29, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.reuters.com>

A U.S. PRISONER FROM BOSNIA IS LABELED A TOP QAEDA AIDE

By Philip Shenon, The New York Times

"A terrorism suspect handed over to Americans last week by Bosnia and Herzegovina has been identified as a European lieutenant in Al Qaeda who was ordered to carry out attacks on American targets in the Balkans after Sept. 11, law enforcement and military officials said today." [...]

"The United States has long been alarmed by the presence in Bosnia of hundreds of Arab-born Muslim fundamentalists who first traveled there in the 1990's to help defend the nation's predominantly Muslim population during the civil war. Many went there at the direction of Mr. bin Laden, who apparently saw the opportunity for a holy war defending Muslims against from Serbian and Croatian nationalists."

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES, January 23, 2002; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

GAINS SLOW IN GLOBAL PROBE OF AL QAEDA

By Anthony Shadid and Michael Kranish, The Boston Globe

"[I]n Europe, known for its liberal asylum laws, much of Al Qaeda's work was legal - such as raising money to send fighters to Bosnia and Chechnya."

Source: THE BOSTON GLOBE, December 2, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.boston.com/>

MUSLIM FIGHTERS GAINED EXPERIENCE IN BOSNIA CONFLICT

By Stephen J. Hedges, The Chicago Tribune

"There are people coming in here the last few years who have found that Bosnia can be a staging ground for operations in Europe."

"The possible presence of Al Qaeda highlights a strain of Islamic militancy in Bosnia that can be traced to the use of Balkan battlefields as a training ground for Muslim fighters in the early 1990s. More than 1,000 Muslims came to Bosnia from Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Pakistan and other countries to fight alongside the majority Muslim Bosnian army in its ethnic war against the Serbs."

"Prosecutors believe Muslim veterans of the Balkan wars have since formed cells and have plotted crimes and terrorist attacks in the Middle East as well as in Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, England, Canada and the U.S."

Source: THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, November 25, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>

BOSNIAN CONSPIRACY

By Gaby Rado, Channel 4 News, Westminster, UK

"There are reports tonight from the Bosnian capital Sarajevo that the Americans are either about to, or have already spirited out a group of suspected al-Qaeda members from there."

“...in the middle of October, both the US and UK embassies in Sarajevo were closed for a few days after police announced they’d discovered a plot by al-Qaeda to attack targets on Bosnian soil.^[...]

The conspiracy pieced together appeared to involve a group of terrorists capturing light aircraft or helicopters at an airstrip at Visoko, just north of Sarajevo, and using them to attack American peacekeepers at NATO bases in Tuzla - called Camp Eagle, consisting of some 3,000 men - and a smaller base called Camp Connor near Srebrenica.”

Source: CHANNEL 4 NEWS, Westminster UK, January 17, 2002; <http://www.channel4.com/news/home/20020117/Story05.htm>

BALKAN BRANCHES OF THE TERROR NETWORK?

By Nikolaos Stavrou, The Washington Times

“In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on America, numerous incidents of alleged ‘ethnic profiling’ and intense scrutiny of ‘Middle East-looking persons’ have been reported published. This should not be a surprise to anyone, given the fact that the 19 terrorists who caused havoc in the lives of thousands fit a particular ethnic mold. However, Osama bin Laden’s terror network has Balkan branches that could render ethnic profiling irrelevant. Evidence in the public domain suggests his organization appeared in the Balkans as early as 1993 in search of blond Muslims.”

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, October 21, 2001; <http://www.washtimes.com/commentary/20011021-12623960.htm>

A BOSNIAN VILLAGE'S TERRORIST TIES; LINKS TO U.S. BOMB PLOT AROUSE CONCERN ABOUT ENCLAVE OF ISLAMIC GUERRILLAS

By Jeffrey Smith, The Washington Post

“The village's 600 residents include 60 to 100 former mujaheddin, Islamic guerrillas from the Middle East and elsewhere who came to help Bosnia's Muslims during the 1992-95 war.”

“Among them was Karim Said Atmani, who was identified by authorities as the document forger for a group of Algerians accused of plotting the bombings. He is a former roommate of Ahmed Ressam, the man arrested at the Canadian-U.S. border in mid-December with a carload of explosives, according to authoritative Western sources.^[...]

...a second man with Bosnian citizenship, Hamid Aich, lived in Canada at the same time as Atmani and worked for a charity associated with Osama bin Laden, the fugitive Saudi financier Washington has blamed for masterminding the bomb plan.”

“...the real reason the former fighters have stayed, Western officials complain, is that Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim member and chairman of Bosnia's three-member presidency, wants them to stay. They say that Izetbegovic turned Bocinja Donja over to 100 members of the ‘7th Muslim Brigade’ after the Bosnian army organized a massive sweep during the last months of the war and forced Serbian residents to flee.”^[...]

Source: THE WASHINGTON POST, March 11, 2000; Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

BIN LADEN CASTS A SHADOW OVER SARAJEVO SUMMIT

By Colin Soloway, The Independent

“The alleged mastermind of those attacks, Mr bin Laden, has reportedly vowed to celebrate the anniversary with another attack on American interests. And, according to Western diplomats and Nato officers, his supporters continue to live in Bosnia under the protection of Bosnian Muslim government officials. A few thousand mujahedin, foreign Islamic fundamentalists, came here to fight beside their Muslim brethren during Bosnia's 1992-95 war. While many were killed, or left the country at the end of the war, a few hundred remained, were given Bosnian citizenship, and the protection of the government in areas ruled by the Muslim nationalist Party of Democratic Action, led by Alija Izetbegovic, now a member of the joint presidency.”

Source: THE INDEPENDENT (LONDON), 29 July 1999; <http://www.balkanpeace.org/wtb/wtb10.html>

HOW BOSNIA'S MUSLIMS DODGED ARMS EMBARGO

By John Pomfret, The Washington Post

“In the documents and in the bank accounts of the Third World Relief Agency, Austrian investigators have tracked \$350 million they say flowed from Muslim governments and radical Islamic movements to Bosnia. At least half was used to purchase weapons illegally and smuggle them to the Bosnian government army, according to Western intelligence estimates... But militants in the terrorist underworld are also believed to have used the relief agency to get money to the Bosnian government, including the wealthy Saudi Arabian émigré Osama Binladen, a suspected sponsor of militant Islamic groups around the Middle East. Binladen, a resident of Sudan until last year, is reportedly now in Afghanistan, where he has issued statements calling for attacks on U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf.”

Source: THE WASHINGTON POST, September 22, 1996;

Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>; See also <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/longterm/bosvote/front.htm>

IRANIANS STAY IN BOSNIA, U.S. SAYS

By Jeffrey Smith, The Washington Post

“Virtually all of the foreign Islamic fighters remaining in Bosnia have burrowed into local society to avoid ouster from that country and are evidently awaiting the pullout of U.S. and allied NATO forces to resume their activities, U.S. intelligence officials told reporters at a briefing yesterday. Included in this group are around two dozen of the Iranian-trained terrorists who came to the country to fight the Bosnian Serbs, who the U.S. officials said are also unlikely to leave soon.”

Source: THE WASHINGTON POST, May 31, 1996; Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

SPECIAL ADDENDUM: CROAT TERRORISM WORLDWIDE

“The [Croat] Ustasha were the first terrorist group to threaten to plant bombs on aircraft, and the Yugoslav national airline, JAT, was the first to institute baggage and body searches. Despite these precautions, in Stockholm in January 1972 Ustasha agents succeeded in planting a bomb on a JAT DC9, which blew up over Czechoslovakia.”

Source: Richard West, *Tito and the Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia* (London: Sinclair-Stevenson, 1994), p. 302-3.

CROATIA AFTER TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE USA

By Jelena Lovric, AIM

“The Mujaheddins came to Bosnia over Croatia and the Croatian intelligence services have information on their organisation, habits, connections, sponsors, etc. [...]

[Late Croat President] Tudjman’s regime treated terrorism organised for the so-called ‘Croatian cause’ as a fight for Croatia. This included extremist groups from diaspora, which in the past had organised attacks on diplomatic offices of Tito's Yugoslavia, as well as those which joined the defence of Croatia during the recent terrorist war. The authorities which came to power last year have not managed to solve one single case of planted explosives, such as the one at Zagreb Mirogoj and in front of the Assembly of Zagreb, or the murder of the Hague witness Milan Levar.”

Source: AIM (Zagreb), September 20, 2001; <http://www.aimpress.org/dyn/dos/archive/data/2001/11012-dose-01-06.htm>

TIMELINE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM

1950 Assassination attempt on President Truman. Puerto Rican nationalist kill one District of Columbia policeman during an attempted assassination of President Harry S. Truman outside of Blair House in Washington, D.C.

1954 Shooting in the U.S. House of Representatives. Five members of Congress are wounded by gunfire during an attack by Puerto Rican nationalist on the U.S. House of Representatives.

1972 Fraunces Tavern Bombing. Four people die in this bombing at a historic tavern in downtown New York City. The Puerto Rican nationalist group FALN is blamed for the attack, one of the 49 bombings in New York attributed to them between 1974 and 1977

1975 LaGuardia Airport Bombing. Eleven are killed, 75 are injured in this attack by Croatian nationalists at this New York City Airport.

1976 Letelier Assassination. Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean ambassador to the United States, is killed by a car bomb in Washington, D.C. The bomb, planted by Chile's Pinochet government, also kills one of Letelier's associates while injuring another.

1981 Kennedy Airport Bombing. One man is killed when a bomb planted by a group calling itself the Puerto Rican Armed Resistance goes off in a men's bathroom at New York City's international airport.

1983 U.S. Senate Bombing. A bomb goes off in the cloak room next to U.S. Senate in the Capitol Building. Two left-wing radicals plead guilty to the attack.

1993 World Trade Center Bombing

1995 Oklahoma City Bombing

1996 Olympic Bombing

1997 Abortion Clinic Bombing

http://www.studyworld.com/Terrorism_In_The_United_States.htm; <http://detnews.com/2001/nation/0109/12/a01-291922.htm>

GREYHOUND DRIVER KNIFED, 5 DIE IN CRASH; Bus service halted amid new terror fears

By Ralph R. Ortega and Courtney Dentch, New York Daily News

“A madman wielding a box cutter or razor slashed the neck of a Greyhound bus driver and crashed the bus off a Tennessee highway yesterday - killing five passengers and rocking a travel-weary nation's already battered sense of safety.

The 29-year-old attacker, whom the FBI identified as Damir Igric, a Croat who entered the U.S. in March 1999 on a one-month visa, also died in the early morning crash.”

Source: NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, October 4, 2001; Search the archive <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/nydailynews/>

GREYHOUND FELT SAFER THAN FLYING; BUS-ATTACK VICTIM ON WAY TO FUNERAL

By Janet H. Cho, The Cleveland Plain Dealer

“Marian Nalls took a Greyhound bus to her niece's funeral in Atlanta because she was nervous about flying so soon after the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings. But the Euclid grandmother tragically ended up riding the same bus as Croatian war veteran Damir Igric, who slashed the driver's neck, tried to take control of the wheel, and ended up crashing the bus in a field off Interstate 24 near Manchester, Tenn.”

Source: THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, October 6, 2001;

BUS ASSAILANT MAY HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ‘DERANGED’

By Stella L. Jatras, Letter to the Editor, The Washington Times

“What might very well explain this young man's bizarre behavior? According to a Sept. 5, 1995 ‘Regional Briefing’ report in The Washington Times, Croatian soldiers at a central Italian drug rehabilitation center said Croatian army infirmaries gave them twice-daily doses of heroin to help them face up to the horrors of war. ‘To attack [Serb] villages, to cut throats and to kill [Serbs] in cold blood you

needed a strong anesthetic,' said a Croatian soldier identified only as Davor. 'A shot of heroin or cocaine was ideal,' he said. The account of soldiers being given hard drugs by the government was confirmed in an Aug. 31, 1995, report, 'Croat troops 'given drugs'' in London's Guardian."

Source: THE WASHINGTON TIMES, October 9, 2001; <http://www.oea.serbian-church.net/info/548.html>

CROAT TROOPS 'GIVEN DRUGS'

By John Glover

"Croatian soldiers going into action were given hard drugs by their officers and doctors to overcome their fear, according to former soldiers going through a detoxification programme at San Patrignano, an Italian rehabilitation centre for drug addicts. [...] [Toni, aged 23, a member of the Croat irregular forces] said drug-taking was accepted and tolerated by the military hierarchy and was widespread at the front. He claimed that soldiers looted captured villages and dead bodies to raise cash to buy heroin."

Source: THE GUARDIAN (London), August 31, 1995;

CROAT GENERAL 'ARMED REAL IRA TERRORISTS'

By Henry McDonald Belfast, The Observer

"A Croatian general suspected of war crimes is believed to be at the centre of the Real IRA's arms smuggling network in the Balkans. The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia has questioned General Ivan Andabak over his alleged involvement in supplying the Real IRA with weapons, including the rocket-propelled grenade fired at the landmark MI6 headquarters in London last week."

Source: THE OBSERVER (UK), September 24, 2000; http://www.observer.co.uk/uk_news/story/0.6903.372465.00.html

ARGENTINA'S EX-PRESIDENT MENEM TO TESTIFY IN ARMS SALES SCANDAL

Agence France Presse

"Between 1991 and 1995, six Croatian ships left Buenos Aires loaded with 6,500 tonnes of arms for the former Yugoslavia, violating a United Nations embargo.

Source: AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, May 1, 2001; Search the archive <http://www.afp.com/>

BOSNIAN CROAT NATIONALISTS BLAMED FOR CAR-BOMB

By Dragan Kornadina, Reuters

"A moderate Bosnian Croat government minister blamed Croat nationalists yesterday for a car bomb attack that badly damaged his house. [...] Wolfgang Petritsch, the top international overseer of the peace deal that ended Bosnia's 1992-95 war, condemned the attack, saying it was lucky no one was hurt. 'The international community will not tolerate criminal actions such as the car bombing against the Ivankovic brothers or the violence used by organised thugs last Friday in Mostar and other places in Herzegovina,' he said. 'It will do everything in its power to bring the people who planted this bomb to justice.' [...] Earlier he said the mission would act against Croat police involved in violence in Mostar in which two dozen peace-keepers and officials were injured by a mob."

Source: REUTERS (published in The Independent, London, April 11, 2001); <http://www.independent.co.uk/story.jsp?story=65993>

ASYLUM PLEA OVER BALKAN ASSASSIN WHO FACES DEPORTATION AND DEATH

By James Grylls, The Sunday Telegraph

"Evidence is alleged to link [a Croat, Vinko] Sindjic to a number of bombings and shootings including the assassination of Josip Senic, the leader of the Croatian Revolutionary Brotherhood, who was shot dead in his bed in Heidelberg, Germany. Other crimes linked to Sindjic include the bombing of the Berlin home of the Croat leader Branko Jelic, and the murder of Stejepan Sevo, suspected of aiding Croat guerrillas, who was shot with his wife and nine-year-old daughter."

Source: THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH (LONDON), October 11, 1998; Search the archive <http://www.telegraph.co.uk>

SWEDISH OFFICIALS PURSUE 2 THEORIES IN PALME SLAYING;

High police officials said tonight that they lacked firm leads in their hunt for the assassin of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

By Joseph Lelyveld, The New York Times

"They are breaking into every Croat and Kurdish apartment in Europe,' said a former official with good police contacts. A Croatian terrorist who is in jail for the killing of a Yugoslav diplomat here in the early 1970's, was recently denied a pardon, and a national police alert early this morning indicated that members of a group seeking independence for the Yugoslav republic of Croatia might be among the suspects in the killing."

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES, March 2, 1986; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

CROAT GETS 20 YEARS FOR BOMBS / TERRORIST TRIAL IN YUGOSLAVIA

By Barney Petrovic, The Guardian

"Mr Deglin was accused of producing and smuggling into Yugoslavia from West Germany bombs, weapons, and ammunition and of placing bombs at public buildings. He was also charged with forming enemy groups and endangering territorial integrity of Yugoslavia by advocating the establishment of a separate Croatian state."

Source: THE GUARDIAN (London), April 27, 1985

ARREST OF 9 IN TERRORIST GROUP BRINGS UNEASY CALM TO CROATIAN-AMERICANS

By Nathaniel Sheppard Jr., *The New York Times*

“The arrest of nine Croatian nationalists last month, which Federal agents say halted “the most violent terrorist group in the United States,” has brought an uneasy calm to the nation's two million Croatian-Americans. [...]

According to the Federal authorities, Croatian nationalists were responsible for at least 21 acts of terror from 1976 to 1980. Eight were in the New York metropolitan area and included the death of a New York City policeman when he tried to defuse a bomb; the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jetliner; the mailing of a book bomb to a New York City publishing company; the bombing of Rudenjak-Overseas Travel Agency in Astoria, an agency that arranges trips to Yugoslavia; and the bombing of the museum section of the Statue of Liberty. [...] The wave of attacks began in May 1975 when a Yugoslav diplomat and his wife were assaulted in New York City. The following month, the Yugoslav Mission to the United Nations was bombed. Later, there were bombings and assassination attempts in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and San Francisco.”

Source: *The New York Times*, July 23, 1981; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

CROATS CHARGED AS BOMB IS SEIZED

The New York Times

“Two men identified as Croatian nationalists were arrested yesterday at their apartment in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., on a charge of possessing a bomb that was allegedly found in their hall closet.

Mr. Walton said at a news conference that the search warrants were part of a continuing investigation into ‘possible illegal actions by terrorist groups.’ He added that two handguns and a rifle had also been found in the searches.”

Source: *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, December 13, 1980; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

CROAT TERRORISTS HELD IN N.Y. SHOOTING

By William Claiborne, *The Washington Post*

“Three Croatian terrorists shot their way into the Yugoslav mission to the United Nations today, wounding a guard and then staged a ruse in which they had police believing for two hours that a woman hostage was being held behind barricaded doors. [...]

The terrorists barricaded themselves in the office, which police said was apparently empty at the time, and began throwing hundreds of leaflets into the street below. The leaflets demanded independence for Croats [...]

The incident was the second time in a year that Croatian nationalists have carried out a terrorist act in New York City. Last September a TWA jetliner with 86 passengers was hijacked at Kennedy Airport and taken to Paris by five Croats.”

Source: *THE WASHINGTON POST*, June 15, 1977; Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

ETHNIC NATIONALISTS FIGHT THEIR WARS ON AMERICAN SOIL

By Charles R. Babcock, *The Washington Post*

“Three ethnic, nationalist groups – the most visible of the terrorist groups operating in this country – are ‘fighting their war on U.S. soil,’ in the words of an FBI terrorism expert. The three are a Puerto Rican group known as FALN, a group calling itself Croatian Freedom Fighters and an anti-Castro exile group known as Omega 7.”

Source: *THE WASHINGTON POST*, April 20, 1980; Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

By Robert D Mcfadden, *The New York Times*

“TWA 727 commandeered on NY-to-Chicago flight makes refueling stop at Montreal Sept 10 and flies to Gander, Newfoundland, Sept 11 amid reports that hijackers are headed for Europe. Hijackers release 33 passengers at Gander but continue to hold 59 others and crew members while awaiting longer-range plane for projected trans-Atlantic flight. FAA describes hijacking as 1st major domestic air piracy since introduction of extensive airport security measures nearly 4 yrs ago. TWA spokesman says it is unclear how – or even whether – security system at La Guardia Airport had been breached. Hijackers are believed to possess some explosives, but it is unclear how they are armed. They apparently are seeking to publicize campaign for Croatian separation from Yugoslav federation, and they chose method of planting bomb with communique on their position in locker at Grand Central Terminal, NYC.”

Source: *THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts*, September 11, 1976; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

By Richard Witkin, *The New York Times*

“Hijacking of TWA jet by Croatian nationalists has accelerated process of official rethinking on how to deal with terrorists while lives of hostages are regarded to be in jeopardy.”

Source: *THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts*, September 14, 1976; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

The New York Times

“Fed and state policemen raid about 80 homes of Yugoslavs in Sydney, Australia, on Apr 1 in move against alleged Croatian terrorist activity; 13 persons are charged; operation followed statement in Australian Parliament last wk by Atty Gen Sen L K Murphy, in which he accused several Croatian orgns and number of individuals of running Australian-based terrorist operation against Yugoslav Govt; Yugoslavia has charged Australia is being used as training ground for Croatian secessionists, who return to Yugoslavia and commit acts of terrorism; Murphy's statement came after he led invasion of offices of Australian Security Intelligence Agency on Mar 16 and sealed safes and took papers related to Croatian activities;”

Source: *THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts*, April 2, 1973; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

The New York Times

“US Sec of State Rogers, asking UN on Sept 25 to convene meeting in '73 to act on internatl terrorism, cites Sept 15 incident in which 90 Swedes were held hostage by Croatian terrorists”

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts, September 26, 1972; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

The New York Times

“Yugoslav leaders demand tighter discipline in Yugoslav party as solution to crisis in Croatia amid growing concern that extremists abroad are mounting wave of terrorism against nation; Tito, speaking at close of Yugoslav party conf, says nation faces enemies at home and abroad; says nationalists in Croatia linked to terrorists abroad will be charged with high treason; earlier, bomb reptdly exploded in suitcase aboard Vienna-Zagreb Express, killing 6 persons; Croatian extremists claim credit for crash of Yugoslav airliner in Czech that killed 27 persons”

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts, January 28, 1972; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

The New York Times

“2 gunmen murder Yugoslav diplomat Edvin Zdovc on Feb 7 as he prepares to back his car out of garage of his suburban home, Frankfurt, West Ger. Police say killers are unknown but do not rule out possibility that they are Croatian separatists. West Ger Govt says several hundred extremists from northwestern Yugoslav region around Zagreb operate in country. Caller to NY radio station WINS says Young Croatian Army for Freedom claims responsibility for shooting.”

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts, February 8, 1976; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>

U.S. ACCUSES CROATIANS

The Washington Post

“Three Croatians held on local charges of invading the Yugoslav mission to the United Nations and shooting one of its staff were formally accused of conspiracy by the federal government. The federal charge alleged that the three men schemed to grab the Yugoslav ambassador, Jaksa Petric, and hold him in order to publicize a political cause. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment. [...] The raid on the mission was one of a series of worldwide terrorist acts by Croatians determined to win independence for their Balkan state from Yugoslavia.”

Source: THE WASHINGTON POST, June 17, 1977; Search the archive <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

By Selwyn Raab, *The New York Times*

“Fed and NYC prosecutors agree that 5 Croatian nationalists will be tried on Fed air-piracy charges in Bklyn, NY, and on state murder charges in Manhattan. Bronx Dist Atty Mario Merola acknowledges that he is 'disappointed' that jurisdiction for prosecuting hijackers would be turned over to Manhattan Dist Atty Robert Morgenthau. Merola, Morgenthau, US Attys Gen Robert B Fiske and David G Trager meet to discuss jurisdictional rights. Hijacker Zvonko Busic tells authorities that he was primarily responsible for hijacking. Unusual jurisdictional dispute among prosecutors stems from 2 separate act – commandeering of plane and placing of bomb.”

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES: Information Bank Abstracts, January 28, 1972; Search the archive <http://www.nytimes.com/>