

Shultz; Jeane Kirkpatrick; Paul Wolfowitz; Richard Perle; and Max Kampelman—quite an impressive list. Moreover, I would emphasize that the late Manfred Woerner, the previous Secretary General, advocated helping the victims of aggression, especially when the international community does not have the resolve to take action on behalf of that victim. That is surely the case in Bosnia.

It seems to me however, that the views that should be given the most weight, are those of the Bosnians. It is their country and their future we are talking about.

And so, I would like to share two letters with my colleagues which I received from the President of Bosnia, Alija Izetbegovic, and from the Bosnian Ambassador to the United Nations, Muhamed Sacirbey. Both letters strongly support the Dole/Lieberman bill. First I would like to quote from President Izetbegovic's letter to me:

The leadership of the United States of America is essential in the search for peace in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The legislation that you and Senator Lieberman have offered is entirely supportive of peace efforts and the continuing leadership of your country in this matter.

We wholeheartedly concur that the arms embargo should be terminated "de facto" no later than May 1, 1995. By such date the preliminary agreement on the cessation of hostilities would have expired and by then the Serbians would have opted to accept the contact group peace plan or to continue the war. We believe that this legislation would be most pivotal not only in confronting international aggression and acts of genocide against our Republic, but also in encouraging the Serbians to opt for peace.

The letter from Ambassador Sacirbey states the following, and I quote,

We wish to reiterate our full support for congressional efforts, in particular S. 21, to terminate the application of the U.S. arms embargo on the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina * * * The elements of your proposed legislation are in complete convergence with our views. We are also of the opinion that this legislation is entirely consistent with the search for peace in our country * * *

We need to keep things in perspective. The strains within NATO have not been caused by congressional efforts to lift the embargo, but the present policy itself. The credibility of the alliance has been damaged because NATO has allowed itself to become a subcontractor to the United Nations. The only way to reverse this situation is for the United States to reassert its leadership in support of a better policy. The Clinton administration was on the right track in May 1993, it is now time to get back on that track.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the letters I referred to be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA, PERMANENT MIS-
SION TO THE UNITED NATIONS,

New York, January 4, 1995.

Hon. ROBERT DOLE,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER: We wish to reiterate our full support for Congressional efforts, in particular S. 21, to terminate the application of the U.S. arms embargo on the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We must also express our sincere appreciation for these efforts and our admiration for the thoughtful manner by which this matter has been guided by you. The elements of your proposed legislation are in complete convergence with our views.

We also are of the opinion that this legislation is entirely consistent with the search for peace in our country and the congressional intent established during the debate on this issue during the previous Congressional session. The United States delegation to the United Nations, under the capable and faithful direction of Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright, had "tabled" a draft resolution within the Security Council to lift the arms embargo on our Government. Unfortunately, this resolution met resistance from some key nations in the Council, although it has never been put to a vote. In fact, our efforts to facilitate a consensus on this matter through flexibility were misconstrued and have not met with a positive response.

We believe that U.S. leadership in bringing an end to this unjust arms embargo continues to be an essential element in ending this international aggression and acts of genocide against my country.

Once again, thank you for your leadership regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

MUHAMED SACIRBEY,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative.

REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA, OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENCY,

January 5, 1995.

Hon. ROBERT DOLE,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER: The leadership of the United States of America is essential in the search for peace in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The legislation that you and Senator Lieberman have offered is entirely supportive of peace efforts and the continuing leadership of your country in this matter.

We wholeheartedly concur that the arms embargo should be terminated "de facto" no later than May 1, 1995. By such date at the preliminary agreement on the "cessation of hostilities" would have expired and by then the Serbians would have opted to accept the Contact Group Peace Plan or to continue the war. We believe that this legislation would be most pivotal not only in confronting international aggression and acts of genocide against our Republic but also in encouraging the Serbians to opt for peace.

Once again, I would like to thank you personally and your colleagues for your support for peace in our Republic.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

ALIJA IZETBEGOVIC

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me suggest to my colleagues that we will try to wrap up business because I think the streets are getting a little icy out there, and it may be that we need to get home.

MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS
TO COMMITTEES

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration, and I ask that the clerk read the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the resolution in full.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

S. RES. 33

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Budget: Mr. Domenici, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Bond, Mr. Lott, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Frist.

Rules and Administration: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Helms, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dole, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Santorum, and Mr. Nickles.

Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Specter, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Brown.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

So the resolution (S. Res. 33) was agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDING THE STANDING RULES
OF THE SENATE

MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS
TO COMMITTEE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have two committee resolutions which I send to the desk and ask they be considered en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 34) amending paragraphs 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate; a resolution (S. Res. 35) making majority party appointments to the Small Business Committee for the 104th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection the resolutions are agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 34) reads as follows:

Resolved, That Rule XXV, paragraph 3(a) of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Budget" and insert in lieu thereof "22".

Strike the figure after "Small Business" and insert in lieu thereof "19".