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This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 24, 1996.

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NOTE: This notice will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 29.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

May 24, 1996

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), as expanded to address the actions and policies of the Bosnian Serb forces and the authorities in the territory that they control within the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is to continue in effect beyond May 30, 1996.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on May 30, 1992, of a national emergency and to the expansion of that emergency on October 25, 1994, have not been resolved. On November 22, 1995, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1022, immediately and indefinitely suspending economic sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in view of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (the ''Peace Agreement'') initialled by the Presidents of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Republic of Croatia in Dayton, Ohio, on November 21, 1995, and signed by the parties in Paris on December 14, 1995. On December 27, 1995, I issued Presidential Determination No. 96–7, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the application of sanctions imposed on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). These sanctions were suspended on January 16, 1996. Sanctions imposed on the Bosnian Serbs were subsequently suspended on May 10, 1996.

These suspended sanctions will not be terminated, however, until the Peace Agreement has been fully implemented through the occurrence of free and fair elections in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and provided that the Bosnian Serb forces have continued to respect the zones of separation as provided in the Peace Agreement. Assets blocked pursuant to the sanctions also remain blocked until claims and encumbrances involving those assets can be addressed. Until the peace process is fully implemented, this situation continues to pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy interests, and the economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to reimpose economic pressure on the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Bosnian Serb forces and the authorities in the territory that they control if either fail significantly to meet their obligations under the Peace Agreement.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 20

In the evening, the President attended a dinner for Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont at the Washington Court Hotel. He then attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Jefferson Hotel.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, mudslides, and inland and coastal flooding on April 16–17.

The White House announced the President made available $189.3 million in contingent emergency funding to address urgent needs arising from severe winter flooding in the Northwest, the blizzard and subsequent flooding in the Northeast, and damaging hurricanes.

May 21

In the morning, the President met with the staff of the late Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda at the Pentagon.

In the afternoon, the President had meetings with Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia and President Iberto Fujimori of Peru.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Jefferson Hotel.

May 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Groton, CT.

In the afternoon, the President toured the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *The Eagle* at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He then traveled to New York City.

In the evening, the President traveled to Stamford, CT, and then to Milwaukee, WI.

May 23

In the afternoon, the President hosted a reception for Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany at the Grain Exchange. Following the reception, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding and heavy winds on May 15–21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeanne Givens to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas (Pete) Peterson as Ambassador to Vietnam.

The President announced his intention to appoint Craig O. McCaw and John A. McLuckey as members to the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

May 24

In the morning, the President underwent an annual physical examination at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD.

The President announced the nomination of Gerald S. McGowan as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced the nomination of J. Davitt McAteer to be Solicitor of the Department of Labor.

The President announced the nomination of John Stern Wolf for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Maurice Sonnenberg and Harold W. Pote to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.