

September 5, 1991  
Medjasi, Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. President,

We ask for your attention on behalf of the millions of desperate Yugoslav peoples and nationalities, gathered around the peace organizations in many cities of all republics and provinces, the millions of citizens ashamed of this senseless, delirious war in Yugoslavia. Our goals are to stop the violent conflicts, to establish national reconciliation and legal state, to introduce free flow of commodities, capital and people, and provide beneficiary aid. So far we have got many enemies trying to prevent our actions. We admit that we are frightened, but we remain dedicated to our struggle for peace and democratic solutions to the crisis in Yugoslavia. Numerous and frequent peace protests and other mass manifestations are the proofs of our efforts.

We walk over the mined bridges, we establish ties between the frightened citizens of the conflicting sides, we put flowers into the soldiers' guns since many of them see us as true saviors. We are not welcomed by official politics, i.e. maniacal warriors and leaders, since their peace is our unrest, since our numbers grow from one day to another, since we take people out from the bunkers, since we take away the politicians' legitimacy.

Mr. President, there is one single truth about the war in Yugoslavia, the truth carried by the peace activists who travel

from the places under fire to the distant and safe residencies of almighty politicians. We took the Peace Chart to the politicians and national leaders asking them to guarantee our peace and safety. Refusal to sign the Peace Chart does not mean our failure, because on our way from Bosanska Dubica to Zagreb and Belgrade many citizens of Yugoslavia joined our lines, and we succeeded in breaking the media blocade. Thanks to the efforts of foreign reporters the world became aware of the actions of Yugoslav peace activists. The world could see that beside the devastated villages, massacred corpses and irreconcillable war leaders who betray all efforts of Europe to establish peace in Yugoslavia, there are organized people of all nationalities and confessions in Yugoslavia who struggle for peace using democratic methods. We showed that we are the part of the civilized world who refuse to accept the use of violence as a means of solving the conflicts between ethnic groups. We did not create political parties: we preferred to act as peace movements searching for peace. We do not anticipate any form of political association, or the organization of our misfortunate state of Yugoslavia, we only look for peace, the end of all war conflicts that should be followed by the free flow of commodities, capital and people on all territories of what is today Yugoslavia.

We ask you, Mr. President, to give us your personal support, and, if possible, to support us on behalf of the United Nations.

Thank you.

1. The People's Peace Movement of Yugoslavia
2. The Board of Anti-war Campaign, Zagreb
3. Center for Anti-war Actions, Belgrade
4. Center for Peace, Sarajevo
5. First Children's Embassy, Medjasi
6. Center for Anti-war Actions, Novi Sad