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Attn.
United Nations Secretary-General
Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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Dear Sir:

Our group, which consists of around 40 Belgraders from four political parties and seven citizen's associations, interceded for the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflicts on the territory of Yugoslavia even before the outbreak of war. After war broke out, we directed our efforts to supporting peace processes. Few wanted to hear us, both here and in the world, and we had even less influence on real events. That is why our activity was focused largely on unsuccessful anti-war protests, appeals for peace and organizing relief for victims.

For over a year now, we have been trying to arrange an organized visit to Sarajevo for the purpose of establishing direct and lasting communication with similar parties and associations in this suffering city that has become the symbol of this war's horror. We believe that such communication can be a strong support to all citizens of Sarajevo who are searching for a way out of the war and return to normal life, primarily by making Sarajevo an open city and commencing demilitarization right here. However, despite repeated appeals to UNPROFOR, we still have not received a positive answer to our request for permission to travel by air from Belgrade to Sarajevo, any route being acceptable. We have ourselves secured funds for leasing an aircraft for 48 hours, we have scheduled contacts in Sarajevo and prepared the relief to take with us.

We have initiated negotiations with similar groups from Zagreb, where we (some of us) stayed on organized visits twice last year, convinced that communication between such groups can influence not only directly the fate of Sarajevo and Bosnia-Herzegovina, OUN members, but also the policies of the Belgrade and Zagreb regimes.

The war started with a break in communications between individuals, peoples and their political organizations, and establishing communication paves the way to peace and normal life. We ask for Your understanding and support to achieve what we believe is a common, planned and organized, goal.

Convinced that our principles of peace and democracy coincide, we remain

Very sincerely Yours,

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Belgrade, 2 July 1994

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