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SUBJECT: TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM  
IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN MENZIES, REASON 1.5  
(D) .

2. (C) ON PASSAGE OF THE DEFENSE LAW BY THE FEDERATION PARLIAMENT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PARDEW REQUESTS U.S. MILITARY AIRLIFT TO SARAJEVO FOR THE FIRST TWO IMPLEMENTATION EVENTS FOR THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. U.S. MILITARY AIR IS THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT IS CRITICAL AS A SYMBOL THAT THE U.S. WILL AGGRESSIVELY MEET ITS COMMITMENT.

3. (C) BOSNIA HAS TERMINATED ITS MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAN AT OUR INSISTENCE, AND A VACUUM NOW EXISTS IN MILITARY SUPPORT TO FEDERATION MILITARY FORCES. ALSO AS A PRECONDITION FOR THE U.S. TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM, WHEN THE PARLIAMENT PASSES THE DEFENSE LAW, THE FEDERATION WILL COMPLETELY REORGANIZE ITS DEFENSE AND MILITARY STRUCTURE JUST PRIOR TO IFOR'S DEPARTURE.

4. (C) TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS:

- U.S. MILITARY AIR TRANSPORTATION BE ARRANGED TO TRANSPORT MPRI EXECUTIVES FROM ZAGREB TO SARAJEVO,  
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POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS JULY 10, TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERATION. PARTY WILL INCLUDE RETIRED GENERALS VOUNO, SAINT, LEWIS, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS.

- MILAIR TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED TO DELIVER THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF U.S. EQUIPMENT TO BOSNIA. FOR MAXIMUM EXPOSURE, THIS AIRLIFT SHOULD BE TO SARAJEVO DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, WITH INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PRESENT. THIS ONE-TIME AIRLIFT COULD CONSIST OF RIFLES, RADIOS, AND/OR SIMILAR LIGHTWEIGHT EQUIPMENT.

5. (C) THE AIRLIFT COULD OCCUR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE PASSAGE OF THE DEFENSE LAW, THEREBY PROVIDING A POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF U.S. FOLLOW-THROUGH. PRIOR TO DELIVERY, CONTRACTOR SHOULD CERTIFY THAT THE FEDERATION GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING, STORING, SECURING, AND ACCOUNTING FOR THIS EQUIPMENT. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO BOSNIA VIA SEALIFT TO THE CROATIAN PORT OF PLOCE.

6. (C) VISIBLE TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAS THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

- IT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES U.S. RESOLVE TO FULFILL U.S. COMMITMENTS;
- IT REDUCES POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE PORT ISSUES AT PLOCE BY SHOWING THE CROATS THAT AIRLIFT IS AN ALTERNATIVE;
- IT PRE-EMPTS U.S. DOMESTIC CRITICS, WHO CHARGE THAT  
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THE PROGRAM HAS DELIVERED NOTHING;

- IT DEMONSTRATES A SENSE OF URGENCY TO THE BOSNIANS;
- IT MEETS SECRETARY PERRY'S COMMITMENT TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER PASSAGE OF THE DEFENSE LAW

7. (C) USE OF U.S. MILITARY AIR FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSES POSES NO NEW THREAT TO THE U.S. IMAGE IN IFOR, OR TO U.S. TROOPS. THE U.S. TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM IS AND WILL BE OPEN AND VISIBLE, AND THE U.S. EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACTOR COMMITMENT HAS BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE INTERNATIONALLY SINCE DAYTON.

8. (C) TROOP SECURITY AND IFOR POLICY ARE BEST SERVED BY FIRM RESOLVE AND A STRAIGHTFORWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. SECRETIVE DELIVERY ON U.S. OR NON-U.S. CARRIERS INITIALLY WOULD APPEAR TIMID AND HALF-HEARTED IN MEETING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT.

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