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 SUBJECT: U/S TARNOFF'S MEETING WITH BOSNIAN PM MURATOVIC

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY PETER TARNOFF, UNDER SECRETARY OF
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STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, REASON 1.5 (D).

2. (C) SUMMARY. IN HIS MEETING JULY 17 WITH BOSNIAN PRIME MINISTER MURATOVIC, UNDER SECRETARY TARNOFF UNDERScoreD THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENED FEDERATION INSTITUTIONS, BETTER COOPERATION ON ESTABLISHING THE OPEN BROADCAST NETWORK, AND FIRM SUPPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 14 ELECTIONS.

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TARNOFF SOUGHT TO REASSURE MURATOVIC THAT THE U.S. WILL REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE SECURITY OF BOSNIA FOLLOWING IFOR'S DEPARTURE. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) THE BOSNIAN PRIME MINISTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY GOBH AMBASSADOR ALKALAJ. ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE

ACTING EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY PERINA, SPECIAL ADVISOR MONTGOMERY, EUR/SCE DIRECTOR SWIGERT, P SPECIAL ASSISTANT STEPHENSON, AND BOSNIA DESK OFFICER MOZDZIERZ (NOTETAKER).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

4. (C) MURATOVIC OPENED WITH A PLEA FOR RAPID DELIVERY OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALREADY PLEDGED, AND FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD
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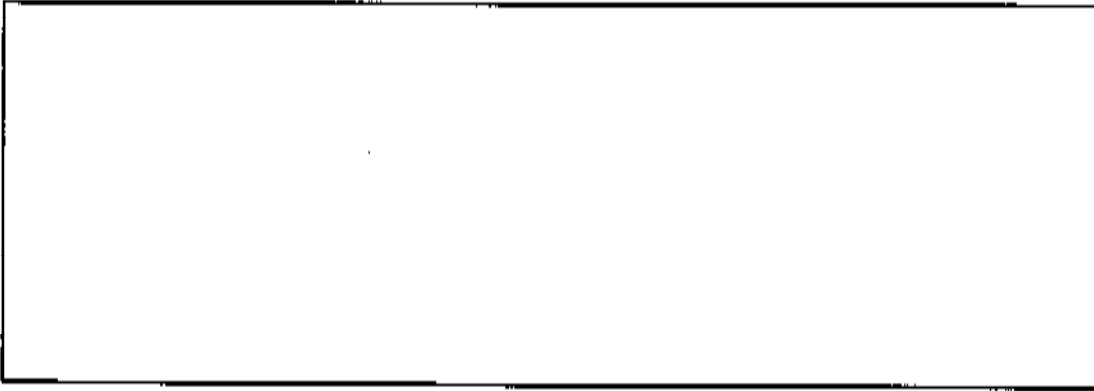
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RECONSTRUCTION. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON PHYSICAL RECONSTRUCTION, MURATOVIC SAID, BUT THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON WILL COME TO A CLOSE QUICKLY AND MORE FUNDS ARE NEEDED NOW.

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5. (C) TARNOFF RESPONDED THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS REMAINS A PROBLEM, AND INDICATED THAT WE INTEND TO USE THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENTS OBTAINED AT LYON TO DISBURSE FIFTY

PERCENT OF PLEDGES BY THE END OF THE YEAR. MURATOVIC WAS ENCOURAGED BY MONTGOMERY'S REPORT THAT PARTICIPATING BANKS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE PROGRAM HAD RECEIVED STRONG APPLICATIONS FROM POTENTIAL BOSNIAN RECIPIENTS AND THAT THE U.S. LOAN OFFICERS WERE COMMITTED TO RAPID DISBURSEMENT, BUT URGED THAT EVEN MORE CREDIT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS.




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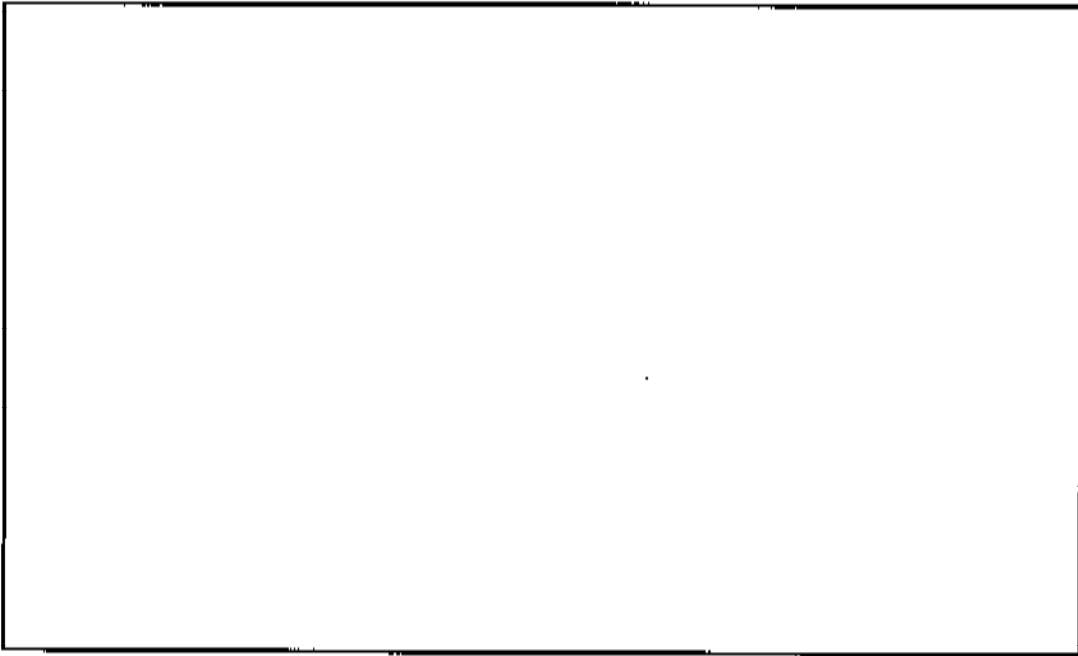
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7. (C) THE BOSNIAN FEDERATION IS KEY TO BUILDING THE UNIFIED BOSNIAN STATE, MURATOVIC HELD. 

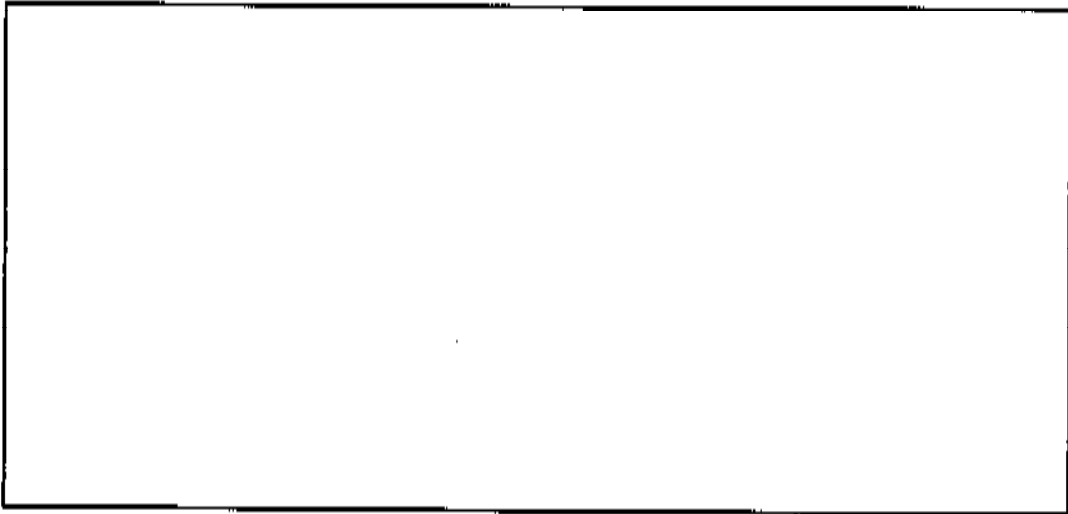


8. (C) TARNOFF ASSURED MURATOVIC THAT BOSNIAN CROAT COOPERATION WOULD BE AT THE TOP OF HOLBROOKE'S LIST OF ISSUES TO RAISE WITH TUDJMAN THAT DAY, AND UNDERScoreD OUR CONCERN AT THE LACK OF INTEGRATION ON BOTH SIDES. IN PARTICULAR, TARNOFF ENCOURAGED MURATOVIC TO TAKE STEPS TO

ELECTIONS



OPEN BROADCAST NETWORK



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11. (C) IN CLOSING, TARNOFF SOUGHT TO ADDRESS MURATOVIC'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE POST-I FOR PERIOD BY REASSURING THE PRIME MINISTER THAT U.S. ENGAGEMENT AND INTEREST IN BOSNIA WILL NOT END WITH IFOR'S DEPARTURE. WHILE IT REMAINS TOO
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EARLY TO PREDICT WHAT THAT ENGAGEMENT WILL MEAN IN TERMS OF SECURITY, CLEARLY THERE WILL BE A SECURITY COMPONENT. TARNOFF NOTED THAT THE SIGNING OF THE MPRI TRAIN AND EQUIP CONTRACT THE DAY BEFORE SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN IMPORTANT SIGN OF THAT COMMITMENT.
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