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Dear Brian Lamb,

I have watched and heard you so often I absolutely feel I know you. I was very impressed by the series you did on Germany. I feel the time and climate is right for a series on "THE BALKANS". There are many ethnic groups in the Balkans, but most of them are ignored. The back-lash from this inconsideration and DEGRADATION plays a more important role than most people think. We are in contact with Bulgarian, Bosnian, Serb U N missions and they all agree, "WHEN ALL LANGUAGES ARE GIVEN THEIR FREEDOM, THEN THERE WILL BE PEACE IN THE Balkans." Sarajevo...WHEN, WHEN, WILL PEOPLE TRY TO TRY EVEN-HANDEDNESS?... When will people start learning from history so as not to repeat it?

A very important group are the AROMAN. They are also known as Ruman in Albania, Vlasca in Macedonia, Vlasi in Serbia, Macedonian-Aroman in Romania, Albanitovlahi, Farsharots, Karagouni and Romaii in Greece today. They are the Balkan élite. The president, minister of education, and the congressman from Thessaly in Greece today are all Aroman. A Vlahovic was president of Macedonia. Albania was ruled for years by the Aromani.

The Aroman-Vlachs have played an important role as the Balkan Latins. They are a combination of Thraco-Illyrian (Macedonian, Epirote) and Roman people. Alexander the Great, Constantine the Great and Justinian are some of the Aroman ancestors.

The first International^a Congress for Aroman Language and Culture was held at the University of Mannheim, Germany, in September, 1985. The second was held at the University of

Freiburg in August, 1988. The third will be held at the University of Freiburg on July 20 to 25. The UNION FUR AROMUNISCHE SPRACHE UND KULTUR has a library and museum in Freiburg.

I feel it would be very appropriate today to have the Congress put on video-tape. An interview with Prof. Dr. V.G. Barba would be, I feel, spectacular. The University of Freiburg is sponsoring the Congress along with other Universities. I am sending along some material as background information.

I know it is almost impossible to get to talk with you. If you would like to be part of this worthwhile endeavor, let us know. If you would like to talk to me about this project, for a few minutes over the phone, at your convenience, it would be very agreeable. I can be reached at 212 569 1117 daily 5:30 to 11:00 two end days 3:00 to 11:00.

We are also working with John Lennon of V.O.A. I would like to recommend the book "The Vlachs: The history of a Balkan People" pub. Duckworth, London. FANTASTIC READING..

WE ARE TRYING TO BUST OUT OF THE FOOTNOTES OF HISTORY.

Yours very truly,

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Когда каковы яхмк свободны, тогда мир на Балкан.
Little homework for you!