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Gentlemen,

To be an interested and concerned American citizen, and write an essay, is easy.
Without a bully pulpit as you all have it means nothing.

I enclose an essay I wrote. Perhaps you may feel as I do and will have a discussion on
one of your programs on the subject.

Respectfully, [REDACTED]
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ESSAY

KOSOVO, SERBIA AND REHABILITATION

Now that the Air War has ended, with the Russia negotiated diplomatic solution, the problem and cost of the rehabilitation of Kosovo, the Kosovo Albania refugees and Serbia must be defined and accomplished. If the intention of the USA and NATO, for a peaceful and secure Balkans, is to be realized, the rehabilitation is more important than the Air War.

Peacekeeping military forces from USA, England, Germany, France and Russia are in Kosovo or preparing to go into the sectors, they are to enforce the peace. The Serbia military forces have left Kosovo on schedule. They left behind a terrible situation, many Albanians were killed and buried in mass graves, villages and homes destroyed, and stories of the refugees claiming ethnic cleansing and murders.

Slovodan Milosevic and five of his supporters have been indicted for war crimes. The International Tribunal continues to gather evidence of war crimes and say that there are others who will be indicted. How are they to be apprehended and tried in court is not known. The history of such indictments is not promising.

The USA bore the largest share of the cost of the Air War. President Clinton says publicly that therefore the cost of the rehabilitation is to be born by other nations of NATO. It will be interesting to see if this is the truth.

There are signs of the Kosovo Albanian refugees and Serbs in Kosovo demonstrating hate and the refugees pilfering the homes of the Serbs who have left Kosovo in fear of the refugees. If the Balkans are to be a peaceful part of Europe, as the USA and NATO initiated the Air War to accomplish, a way must be found for the people of the Balkans, of different ethnic groups, religions and nationalities, to overcome the hate they have for each other for hundreds of years. To live in peace, if the hate can be resolved, the people of both Kosovo and Serbia must have freedom and an economy that will support them with a decent living standard.

What is the truth about Bosnia? Is it an example of a successful way for the military forces to resolve the problems between the various groups of people? There are reports that most of the Bosnia refugees have not returned and some of those that have returned were killed.

The future of Kosovo, Serbia and the Balkans is uncertain. So much depends on getting the people that live there to live peacefully together. The problem is hundreds of years old and the Air War and the human suffering, deaths and the material damages it cost may not be the answer.

Not only the future of the Balkans is uncertain. There are other nations where a dictator or its government has used ethnic cleansing, genocide or murdering innocent civilians to remain in power. Has what the USA and NATO done in Serbia set a precedent? Will other nations ask for similar help? What will the response of the USA and NATO be to such a request?

The USA and NATO initiated an Air War, after its diplomatic efforts without Russia and the United Nations involved failed, did so for its concern about Europe's economy and security. It was not an effort of the international community, who must be responsible to resolve humanitarian problems worldwide.

President Clinton, because of his indefensible personal conduct, was in trouble and concerned about the legacy of his presidency. He has since the Clinton/Monica Lewinsky scandal and impeachment trial done all he can to improve his image as a hard working good president. President Clinton and his Administration did not have a well-defined foreign policy. Only time will answer if his entering the USA with NATO in the Air War against Serbia, by executive order, will in the long term help his presidency.

The 76-day Air War against Serbia did play a significant role, in getting Slobodan Milosevic to agree to the peace agreement, negotiated by Russia. The cost of the Air War, in human life and material assets is staggering. The cost of rehabilitation will be greater. It will require the presents of the military peace forces for decades not years.

The effect of the cost of the Air War on the USA economy, programs, national defense and national debt is still to be defined. The cost of the aftermath may even be more and what share the USA will be asked to bear is not known. The effect will be important to President Clinton and his Administration and if the cost is to be made known, before the 2,000 election, it will be up to Congress to do so. Will this happen?

Those who have little respect for President Clinton, because of his history of lying, adultery, womanizing, and belittling and demeaning the presidency, the White House and the Oval office, find it difficult to give him credit for being a good president. He is a charming, articulate, intelligent 100 percent astute politician. He is not a statesman or role model for the nation. His demeanor is amazing. He meets with all the world leaders and appears to be very confident and happy in spite of his serious problems at home. He has had a good economy during his tenure as president, and he believes the Air War was the right decision to resolve the humanitarian problem in Kosovo. Only time will answer whether he has succeeded to improve his legacy for the historians.


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