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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff

FROM: IO - Douglas J. Bennet *DD*

SUBJECT: Phone Call to UN Secretary General Boutros-Ghali on Bosnia and Rwanda

I understand that, in response to Amb. Redman's concern that UN officials in Bosnia may be wavering in the face of Bosnian Serb intransigence, you intend to phone UN Secretary General Boutros-Ghali to encourage continuing UN firmness. Boutros-Ghali personally has been resolute in demanding compliance with Security Council resolutions and threatening to call in NATO CAS again if needed.

In addition, Belgian Foreign Minister Claes has complained to Peter Tarnoff that Boutros-Ghali is putting the onus on the Belgians for seeking the withdrawal and termination of the UN peacekeeping operation (UNAMIR) in Rwanda. It would be helpful if you could make it clear that we strongly support that course and this is not just a Belgian idea.

We have been told that Boutros-Ghali will be available after 4:00 pm today. Talking points are attached.

Attachment:

Talking points on Bosnia and Rwanda

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TALKING POINTSBosnia

- o I appreciate the strong stand you have taken on the use of air power in Gorazde.
- o In the face of Bosnian Serb intransigence, it is essential that we remain firm but restrained and continue the close cooperation the UN and NATO have demonstrated.
- o I want to emphasize the gravity with which we view Bosnian Serb behavior. Their actions in continuing military hostilities and limiting the freedom of UN personnel is unacceptable.
- o I urge you, personally or through your Special Representative, to let the Serbs know their actions are unacceptable. The Serbs need to hear your resolve to use air power again if UN personnel in Gorazde are threatened.
- o This is not a question of taking sides but of upholding Security Council resolutions.
- o We have been told by the Serbian Foreign Minister that Milosevic has given his assurance that Bosnian Serb leaders will meet Mr. Akashi.
- o Continuing firmness is essential to bring the parties back to the negotiation process. Bosnian Serb actions in Gorazde have halted that process. The Bosnian Serbs must see that they cannot manipulate the international community by seeking to blame UN and NATO actions or threaten UN personnel.

Rwanda

- o Given the chaotic conditions in Rwanda, it is impossible for UNAMIR to fulfill its mandate. It is our view, therefore, that the force should withdraw from the country now. At an appropriate time, the force's mandate should be terminated.
- o The onus for withdrawal should not be placed on the Belgians.

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