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Name of Foreign Principal: Embassy of Serbia; Vladimir Petrovic

Contact	Type	Topic	Date
Vanessa Ebbling, NY Press & Sun Bulletin; Chuck Bennet, NY Post; Ron Shapiro, NY Daily News	Phone	Kovacevic incident	6/27/08
Serbian Chamber of Commerce	Email	US investment in Serbian economy	7/17/08
Liza McGuirk and Farred Zakaria, Producers at GPS	Email	Pitched story	7/18/08
Aziz Isham, JWM Productions	Email	Pitched story	7/18/08
Darko Djukic, SIEPA	Email	US investment in Serbian economy	7/18/08
Multiple US Media Outlets (see attached list)	Email	Embassy statement on Karadzic arrest	7/21/08
Multiple US Media Outlets	Email	Follow-up on Karadzic statement	7/21/08
David Snads, <i>Washington Times</i>	Email	Proposed meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	7/22/08
David Unger, <i>New York Times</i>	Email	Confirmed meeting for FM Jeremic	7/24/08
Vanessa Ebbling, NY Press & Sun Bulletin; Chuck Bennet, NY Post; Ron Shapiro, NY Daily News	Email	Statement in response to Kovacevic family press conference	7/24/08
Vanessa Ebbling, <i>NY Press and Sun Bulletin</i> ; Chuck Bennett, <i>NY Post</i> ; R. Shapiro, <i>Daily News</i>	Phone call	Follow up on Kovacevic statement	7/24/08
Vanessa Ebbling, <i>NY Press and Sun Bulletin</i> ; Chuck Bennett, <i>NY Post</i> ; R. Shapiro, <i>Daily News</i>	Email	Statement on FM conversation with Clinton on Kovacevic affair	7/25/08
Vanessa Ebbling, <i>NY Press and Sun Bulletin</i> ; Chuck Bennett, <i>NY Post</i> ; R. Shapiro, <i>Daily News</i>	Email	Follow up on Kovacevic statement	7/25/08
Tacy Mungan, Tremendous Entertainment Inc.	Email and phone call	Preliminary and follow up pitch to Travel Channel	7/25/08
History Channel	Email	Preliminary pitch	7/28/08

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Aziz Isham, JWM Productions	Email and phone call	Follow up to earlier story pitch	7/28/08
Arshad Mohamed, Reuters	Email	Potential meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	7/29/08
Jonathan Landay, McClatchy	Email	Potential meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	7/31/08
Anne Gearan, AP	Email	Potential meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	7/31/08
Dolores Gavin, Executive Producer, Cities of the Underworld, History Channel	Lunch meeting	Potential story on Belgrade	8/7/08
Aziz Isham, JWM Productions	Email	Follow up on non-political story pitches	8/7/08
Filip Kuntic, SEIPA	Email	Obtain economic information for story pitch to Bloomberg News	8/8/08
Carolyn Townsend, Producer, Cities of the Underworld	Email and phone call	Story pitch	8/11/08
Sylvie Lanteuame, AFP	Phone call	Potential meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	8/11/08
Sylvie Lanteuame, AFP	Email	Potential meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	8/11/08
Jay Solomon, <i>Wall Street Journal</i>	Email	Examined possibility of Serb FM meeting	8/13/08
Filip Kuntic, SEIPA	Email	Finalize details on economic pitch	8/14/08
Aleksandra Nenadovic, Bloomberg reporter in Belgrade	Email	Economic story pitch	8/14/08
Jonathan Landay, McCaltchy	Email	Finalized plans for meeting	8/15/08
Pedro Echevarria, CSPAN	Email	Requested meeting to discuss Serb Intl Relations efforts	8/18/08

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Jonathan Landay, McCaltchy	Email	Potential change to meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	8/19/08
Aleksandra Nenadovic, Bloomberg reporter in Belgrade	Email	Provide update on timeframe for interviews regarding economic story	8/22/08
Filip Kuntic, SIEPA	Email	Possibility of having Bloomberg interview a senior official at SIEPA	8/22/08
Scott Salmon, U.S. Steel	Email	U.S. Steel's participation in Bloomberg economic story	08/26/08
Namanja Brkovic, U.S. Steel	Email	U.S. Steel's participation in Bloomberg economic story	09/07/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – "GPS with Fareed Zakaria"	Email	Pitched Foreign Minister Jeremic for interview	09/07/08
Courtney Wilson, Charlie Rose Show	Email & Phone	Pitched Foreign Minister Jeremic for interview	09/08/08
Sylvie Lanteaume, Agence France Presse	Email & Phone	Possible meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	09/09/08
Aziz Isham, JWM Prodcutions	Phone	OTPOR Pitch	09/09/08
Aleksandra Nenadovic, Bloomberg	Email	Economic story	09/09/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – "GPS with Fareed Zakaria"	Email & Phone	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/09/08
Namanja Brkovic, U.S. Steel	Phone	Bloomberg economic story	09/09/08
Courtney Litz, Bloomberg T.V.	Email	Pitched Foreign Minister Jeremic for interview	09/09/08
Arshad Mohamed, Retuers	Email	Possible meeting	09/10/08

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		with Vladimir Petrovic	
Sylvie Lanteaume, Agence France Presse	Email & Phone	Possible meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	09/10/08
Aleksandra Nenadovic, Bloomberg	Email	Economic story	09/10/08
Sylvie Lanteaume, Agence France Presse	Email	Possible meeting with Vladimir Petrovic	09/11/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/11/08
Ralitsa Vassileva, CNN International	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/11/08
Sylvie Lanteuame, Agence France Presse	Email	Foreign Minister Jeremic Meeting with Sec. Rice	09/12/08
Aleksandra Nenadovic, Bloomberg	Email	Economic story	09/12/08
Aziz Isham, JWM Prodcutions	Email	OTPOR Pitch	09/12/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/15/08
Sylvie Lanteuame, Agence France Presse	Email	Reschedule meeting with Vladamir Petrovic	09/15/08
John Duffield PhD, Georgia State University	Email	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/16/08
John Duffield PhD, Georgia State University	Phone	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/17/08
Henry Carey, Georgia State University	Email	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/18/08

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Henry Carey, Georgia State University	Meeting	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/18/08
Henry Carey, Georgia State University	Email	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/18/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Email	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/19/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Email	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Bookings (Generic Email Address), MSNBC	Email	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Anna Sherbakova, CNN	Email & Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Herve Courtotier, Agence France Presse	Email & Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Patrick Worsnip, Reuters	Email & Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Phone	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic (cancelled)	09/22/08
Slobodan Lekic, Associated Press	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
General booking desk, CNN	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
General booking desk, Fox News Channel	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Robert Zeliger, PBS – Newshour with Jim Lehrer	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Colum Lynch, Washington Post	Phone	Pitched interview	09/22/08

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Pedro Ecevaria, CSPAN	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
General UN desk, New York Times	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Courtney Wilson, Charlie Rose Show	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Laura Chipley, Bloomberg TV	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/22/08
Henry Carey, Georgia State University	Email	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	09/23/08
Slobodan Lekic, Associated Press	Phone	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/23/08
Laura Chapman, Bloomberg T.V.	Email	Pitched interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/24/08
Patrick Worsnip, Reuters	Meeting	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/24/08
Herve Courtotier, Agence France Presse	Meeting	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/25/08
Slobodan Lekic, Associated Press	Meeting	Interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	09/25/08
David Shipley, New York Times	Email	Emailed op-ed authored by Foreign Minister Jeremic for publication	09/25/08
Op-ed desk assistant, New York Times	Phone	Op-ed authored by Foreign Minister Jeremic for publication	09/26/08
Robin Wood, Bloomberg "Night Talk"	Email	Possible	09/26/08

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		interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Phone	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	10/01/08
Robin Wood, Bloomberg “Night Talk”	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	10/01/08
Henry Carey, Georgia State University	Email	Op-ed supporting Serbian efforts at UN regarding Kosovo	10/01/08
George Kaleggorakis, New York Times (online)	Email	Op-ed authored by Foreign Minister Jeremic for publication	10/01/08
Sujuata Thomas, CNN – “GPS with Fareed Zakaria”	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	10/02/08
Robin Wood, Bloomberg “Night Talk”	Email	Possible interview with Foreign Minister Jeremic	10/02/08

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**Statement by the Foreign Minister of Serbia Following his Phone Conversation  
With Senator Hillary Clinton**

NEW YORK – The Foreign Minister of Serbia, Vuk Jeremic, spoke today via the telephone with Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY). The two leaders discussed the recent events surrounding the May 4<sup>th</sup> altercation between a Serbian national Miladin Kovacevic and American Mark Steinhauer.

“I am incredibly sorry that this event ever occurred and wish to express my heartfelt sympathy for the Steinhauer family,” the Foreign Minister said. “Our constitution does not allow for the extradition of Serbian nationals to other countries; however I can assure both Senator Clinton and the people of New York that my government is absolutely committed to continue its cooperation with American authorities.”

The Foreign Minister updated Senator Clinton regarding the status of the two diplomats that aided Kovacevic in fleeing the American jurisdiction. The two diplomats have been brought before a disciplinary commission and are in the process of being dismissed. Serbia’s State Prosecutor is investigating the possibility of bringing criminal charges against the two men.

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**Statement by Embassy of the Republic of Serbia  
Regarding the Arrest of Radovan Karadzic**

WASHINGTON - The Embassy of Serbia in Washington D.C. has confirmed that earlier tonight Serbian security forces located and arrested Radovan Karadzic, who in 1995 was indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In accordance with Serbia's law on cooperation with the ICTY, upon his arrest, Karadzic was brought to the investigative judge of the War Crimes Court in Belgrade.

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**Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia Statement Regarding the Miladin  
Kovacevic Affair**

The people and government of the Republic of Serbia express our deepest regrets to the Steinhauer family. We wish that that the May 4<sup>th</sup> altercation resulting in Mr. Steinhauer's injuries never took place and hope for his recovery.

The two diplomats who aided Mr. Kovacevic in fleeing the United States were brought before the disciplinary commission of the Foreign Ministry and are in the process of being dismissed. Serbia's State Prosecutor is presently investigating whether or not criminal charges can be brought against them.

The Serbian government remains committed to cooperation with American authorities at all levels.

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## **“Resolving the Kosovo Dilemma”**

**By Vuk Jeremic**

Recent events in the Caucasus remind us of the consequences of the use of force in ethnic conflicts. Efforts at reconciliation hardly stand a chance to succeed, and regional stability is rarely achieved. Entire generations can easily be forsaken by the rush to arms.

We in Serbia know all too well the heavy toll of ethnic strife and civil war. We have a strong appreciation for the value of diplomacy over military force. We have worked hard to confront the divisive legacy of the 1990s: overthrowing the dictatorship, reaching out to our neighbors, fully cooperating with the Hague Tribunal, and working peacefully to defend our national interests, including the preservation of territorial integrity.

These efforts were built upon the foundation of Serbia's embrace of democratic values; values that have driven our desire to become a full member of the European Union and a contributor to regional security.

In line with our principles, we became dedicated to arriving at a consensual solution to the future status of our southern province of Kosovo—under United Nations administration since June 1999—through negotiations within the framework of the UN. We continue to feel that the only way forward requires all parties to come together in the spirit of compromise and concession.

Unfortunately, the Kosovo Albanians chose another path. On February 17<sup>th</sup> they unilaterally declared independence. This act of secession violates the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, and other core documents of the international system.

Serbia reacted responsibly. We ruled out the use of force or other unilateral acts such as imposing economic sanctions on our breakaway province. Instead, we went on the diplomatic offensive. As a result, a majority of the UN's member States have continued to abide by well-established international obligations to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our nation.

It is Serbia's position that given the present state of affairs, the most sensible way forward is for the International Court of Justice (ICJ)—the UN's principal judicial body—to issue an advisory opinion on whether Kosovo's secession is in accordance with international law.

Procedurally, the ICJ must receive a mandate from the UN General Assembly before it can consider such an issue. This will come up for a vote in the next few weeks.

Referring this matter to the ICJ would ease tensions regionally, facilitate efforts at reconciliation and help to restore a number of bilateral relationships. The principal barrier to enhancing regional cooperation, a pre-requisite to EU membership, would be removed. And all parties would be strengthened in their ability to concentrate on what unites us instead of what drives us apart.

From the perspective of the international system, sending the Kosovo question to the ICJ would prevent the province's attempt at separation from serving as a deeply problematic precedent in any part of the globe where secessionist ambitions are harbored. It would also

provide politically neutral yet judicially authoritative guidance to many countries still deliberating on how to react to Kosovo's February action.

Moreover, the Kosovo issue would be transformed into a symbol of renewed global resolve to adhere to the rule of international law, rejecting the imposition of one-sided outcomes that seldom lead to stability and legitimacy.

This is a vital issue centered on the principle that any UN member State has the right to pose a simple question on a matter of international law to the internationally mandated court. A vote against this resolution is in effect a vote to deny the right of any country to seek judicial recourse through the UN. The implications resulting from the General Assembly's decision whether or not to seek an advisory opinion from the ICJ would affect every UN member State, as ultimately this issue tests the very legitimacy of the international legal system.

*Vuk Jeremic is the foreign minister of Serbia*

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