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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dear Mr. Bilalbegovic:

Thank you for your letter regarding the concerns of the Bosniak-American community.

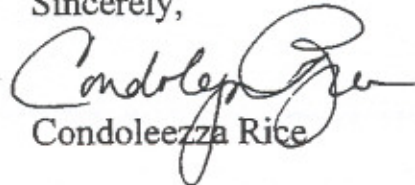
Ensuring that Bosnia and Herzegovina completes its transition to a prosperous and multi-ethnic state remains a high priority for this Administration. During my meetings with the Bosnian government leadership in November to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Accords, we discussed the obstacles the country must overcome to become a modern European state.

I made clear that Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic, and all other remaining war crimes fugitives must face justice in The Hague. The United States will continue to seek justice for the victims of Srebrenica by demanding that the Republika Srpska and Serbia and Montenegro take all necessary steps to bring those responsible to trial.

We also discussed the need for Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue to pursue the reforms necessary to become a credible candidate for NATO and EU membership. In particular, this means modernizing the Dayton constitution to provide the country's citizens with a more effective and efficient government.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to share your views on these important issues. I encourage you to maintain contact with Under Secretary Burns and the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs on these matters as Bosnia and Herzegovina moves forward on its path to Euro-Atlantic integration.

Sincerely,



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