



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

June 21, 1993

Dear Mr. Sharma and Ms Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter of May 24, with which you enclosed a copy of your letter to President Clinton. I appreciated having the opportunity to read your comments regarding the tragic situation in the former republics of Yugoslavia and I share your concern for the suffering of the people of that region.

The Canadian government has denounced the acts of violence and terror that occur on a daily basis in the war, and we have repeatedly called upon the parties of the conflict to end the violence and negotiate a solution. We believe that the negotiating process must be given every opportunity to succeed, and Canada is participating fully in international efforts to restore peace to the former Yugoslavia. Canada has also contributed more than \$36 million in international humanitarian assistance in an attempt to alleviate some of the hardships experienced by the victims of this conflict.

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As you may know, Canadian troops have been deployed with the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia since April 1992. Canada is one of the largest contributors to this international force, and Canadians are proud of all the men and women who are working there under extremely difficult circumstances.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts on this serious matter with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Mulroney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,".