

**OPEN LETTER TO INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS OF THE
CROATIAN ELECTIONS -- HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. (Extension of
Remarks - July 21, 1992)**

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HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.
in the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1992

- Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting for this Congress' consideration the following open letter from the opposition parties in Croatia regarding international observation of the August 2, 1992, elections in Croatia.

On August 2, 1992, presidential and parliamentary elections will be held in Croatia. There are many signs which show that, in mildest terms, these elections will be irregular. The following are some examples:

that the Republic of Croatia is at war, attacked by aggressor Serbia;

that 40% of the Republic's territory is occupied, making these elections incomplete;

that there are some 800 refugees, i.e. people no longer located in their places of residency, many of whom are not registered to vote anywhere, nor know where to vote;

that no lists of registered voters exists meaning that no one knows how large the voting public is;

that a significant number of its citizens are on the frontlines of the Republic--citizens who cannot leave the front to vote--nor are they soldiers in barracks who might possibly vote there;

that elections are being held in summertime--when in peace it is a season of greater migration due to holidays, leave and vacations--let alone now during a time of war when this is magnified many times over;

that the ruling regime is not allowing radio stations to follow the election campaign at all which has been affirmed by an official circular sent to all city radio affiliate stations by management;

that the ruling regime is abusing minors by using them in its propaganda so as to maintain political control (for example, the Croatian t.v. show `Dobro mi dosel prijatelj');

and a long list of other signs which shall be provided at a later date.

Therefore, by way of this letter, we ask that you send to Croatia observers of your institutions and organizations in as many numbers as possible and that you assist in other ways, so that the aforementioned elections take place without abuse or with as little abuse of same as possible. The citizens and people of the Republic of Croatia will know how to value your support by establishing democracy in this part of Europe which has always been an integral part of the West.

Zagreb, July 8, 1992.

Respectfully yours,

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President,
Croatian Democratic Party.

JADRAN VILOVIC,

Secretary,
Socialist Party of Croatia.

DOBROSLAV PARAGA,

President,
Croatian Party of Rights.

IVAN CESAR,

President,
Croatian Christian Democratic Party.

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