

United States Senate

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President Franjo Tudjman
Republic of Croatia
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Dear President Tudjman:

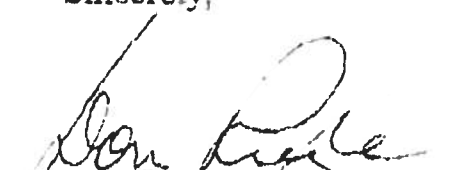
It is our understanding that Mr. Dobroslav Paraga, President of the Croatian Party of Rights, was arrested on November 22nd, and that he has not been formally informed of the charges against him. We strongly urge that Mr. Paraga be afforded all legal rights under due process of law. Specifically, we urge that Mr. Paraga be promptly informed of the charges against him and that he have access to legal counsel. Furthermore, we urge that your government release Mr. Paraga if he is not tried in a timely fashion in a public court of law.

We also understand that Mr. Milan Vukovic, a Canadian citizen, was arrested along with Mr. Paraga. We urge that due process be accorded to him as well.

While the political views of Mr. Paraga are the subject of legitimate debate in Croatia, those positions should not be used to justify his arrest. If the Croatian government hopes to join the growing family of democratic nations around the world, those who oppose its policies must have the freedom to express their views.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter

Sincerely,


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