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## BALKAN ACTION COUNCIL URGES ADMINISTRATION AND NATO NOT TO BACKSLIDE ON KOSOVO

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WASHINGTON – Zbigniew Brzezinski, Frank Carlucci, Jeane Kirkpatrick, William Odom, and Stephen Solarz, members of the Balkan Action Council's Executive and Steering Committees, believe that the resolution of the Kosovo crisis must rest on realization of fundamental facts and adherence to NATO's stated goals:

- The NATO air campaign has neither stopped the "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo, nor induced the Milosevic regime to concede.
- The exclusive reliance on NATO air power has not only failed to achieve NATO's stated objectives, it has created an opening for Russia to seek a negotiated settlement that will deny NATO success, deny the Kosovo Albanians security, and preserve Milosevic's ability to create further havoc in Kosovo and elsewhere.
- The stakes in this conflict are very high. It is absolutely essential that *all* Serbian forces be removed from Kosovo. Any settlement that allows Serbian forces to remain in Kosovo will constitute a defeat for NATO, with all the negative consequences likely to flow therefrom.
- The original goal of a NATO force in Kosovo was the right one, and the only way to assure Kosovo Albanians sufficient safety to return home. Any force in Kosovo should be NATO-commanded, and should have effective control over the entire province.
- If American military commanders believe that ground forces are necessary to achieve these goals, the Administration should not shirk the responsibility of providing them.

The indictment of Slobodan Milosevic makes it all the more imperative that NATO should succeed.