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CROATIAN PARLIAMENT
PRESIDENT

Zagreb, 28th April, 2003

Mr. Edward F. Reilly, Jr.
Chairman
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Zvonko Bušić, presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas. He is now serving his 27th year, and the matter of his parole will be before you in June, 2003.

This letter is inspired by the Resolution on the transfer of Zvonko Bušić from the United States to the Republic of Croatia, which the Croatian Parliament passed unanimously on November 8, 2002. This resolution calls on the articles of the Convention of the Council of Europe on the transfer of sentenced persons, which applies to both of our countries. The Croatian Government has been trying since 1997 to effect the transfer Mr. Bušić, a Croatian citizen, to serve the remainder of his sentence in his home country. This action was inspired by humanitarian reasons mentioned in the Convention, seeking to reunite the family while fulfilling the goals of sentencing. The United States Government has not been forthcoming in this case thus far, but has advised us that it would be better given the current situation in the US to go through the parole board instead.

As the President of the Croatian Parliament, and expressing the views of the great number of Croatian people (over 200,000) who have signed various petitions in support of Mr. Bušić's release, I am urging you to favorably consider his parole petition. While I do not doubt the rightfulness of his original sentence, I am confident that humanitarian reasons, and the time already served, will sufficiently serve the goal of justice and therefore ask that they be considered in favor of a positive decision for Mr. Bušić.

Sincerely,

PRESIDENT
(signature)
Zlatko Tomčić