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The Honorable Madeline Albright  
United States Secretary of State  
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**Subject: Mr. Zvonko Basic**

Dear Dr. Albright,

I write on a humanitarian matter. Mr. Zvonko Basic is currently incarcerated in Leavenworth, Kansas. His basic offense was political involving the oppressive Communist Government of Yugoslavia in 1976.

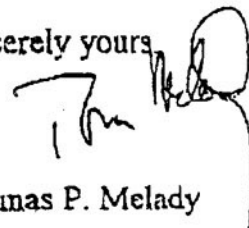
He has served a long prison sentence for an essential political crime. Since then many developments have occurred. The Communist regimes have collapsed and Slovenia and Croatia are now independent states.

In recent events the Republic of Croatia assisted the United States and the NATO powers in the recent Kosovo War. The Government of Croatia has requested that Zvonko Basic be transferred to Croatia where he could complete his sentence in his home country and where he would be near his family.

As we approach the new century, this would be an appropriate humanitarian act by the United States. I hope that our country will be generous in this matter.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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