

Bush - Briefing Friday

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

12-7-95

Powell - See Powell made it you ago  
will be for it - Don't want to be cut from

11/27/95

SECURING PEACE IN BOSNIA:

but will say some things

TALKING POINTS FOR CALLS TO FORMER PRESIDENTS BUSH, FORD, AND CARTER; MARGARET THATCHER; COLIN POWELL; AND ELIE WEISEL

Concerned about saying mission "achieved"

Dec 20  
Tuesday

- Want to talk with you about my Bosnia Address to the Nation. Also want to offer to have my people brief you one-on-one as soon as your schedule permits.
- Dayton Agreement is solid foundation for establishing durable peace with justice. Will end the fighting and atrocities.
- As you know so well and as recent events have made clear to all, U.S. leadership is essential to securing peace and ending conflict. Europe can't and won't do it alone. Our participation also is vital to future of NATO and America's leadership role in the Alliance.
- Dayton Agreement contains key elements of lasting peace:
  - Preserves Bosnia as unified state with effective central government and united Sarajevo under Federation control.
  - Provides for free elections, return of refugees and human rights safeguards.
  - Commits parties to cooperate with investigation and prosecution of war crimes.
- Parties have made clear that strong implementation force is needed to create conditions to ensure fulfillment of Agreement's terms.
- Mission for the implementation force is clear and well-defined. Will go under American-led NATO command with strong rules of engagement and overwhelming force. There is a clear exit strategy -- I anticipate a deployment of about a year.
- Critical that Members of Congress from both sides of aisle keep an open mind as we brief them on the terms of settlement and make case for implementation force.
- These intensive consultations are taking place and, of course, will continue prior to formal signing of peace agreement in Paris in mid-December. Hope and expect Congress will support my decision to participate in deployment following Paris signing.

- Your public support for this decision would be welcome and helpful in making the case -- both to Congress and to American people -- that our participation is an essential demonstration of American leadership and resolve in an area where our vital interests, values and prestige are at stake. [FOR BUSH: It also would send a strong bipartisan message about importance of following the President's lead in national security matters, particularly those involving the deployment of American troops.]
- [FOR CARTER/WEISEL: This agreement is the best chance in four years to end the terrible bloodshed and the atrocities. This will not happen without our leadership.]