

A letter to Condoleezza Rice

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In your recent statement about the capture of General Gotovina you become the accuser, the judge and the jury. Please keep in mind that in this country of ours, a person is presumed innocent until he/she has day in court. Sad to note that in Gotovina's case it will not be a jury of his peers.

Furthermore, Croatian people were defending themselves from Serbian aggression, and Gotovina led poorly armed, and freedom hungry soldiers in liberating ethnically cleansed Croatian soil from Milosevic's henchmen. Please keep in mind that Croatian soldier were defending their land, their homes and their families. They did not invade a foreign country in order to fill the coffers of oil rich

companies. In twenty six years of teaching High School students United States History, I always took pride in stressing the right of people to overthrow tyranny, as they did during our Revolution in 1776. Croatia's "injustices of its past" are the words you have borrowed from the Yugoslaviles and Serbophililes which dominate your department.

While I do support our troops in Iraq, I am disappointed in your sorry defense of criminal acts some of our own soldiers are guilty of there. As a very proud tax paying Croatian American, I am appalled at the double standards applied to my native land by you personally, undersecretary Burns and the entire administration of President Bush.