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I went to the Foreign Secretary's meeting at Chevening on Yugoslavia. The Portuguese and Danish Foreign Ministers were also there.

The conclusions of the meeting were

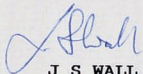
- i. We must keep up the pressure on the parties to negotiate. The main obstacle to negotiation was the moslems, whose one aim was to bring in international forces on their side.
- ii. We should consult the Americans, and subsequently our EC partners, and then UNPROFOR and the UNHCR, on two possibilities:
  - a. protected convoys for humanitarian relief;
  - b. safe havens.

It was thought that protected convoys were probably more feasible than safe havens. The problem with the latter was that they risked encouraging a refugee outflow and could require a large-scale military presence plus air cover. The Foreign Secretary concluded however that we could not go on saying no in principle in the face of growing political pressure. At this stage only soundings will be taken. There is no commitment to action.

The Foreign Secretary raised, at my suggestion, the issue of criminal liability under international law for atrocities. This was highlighted in the last UN resolution (copy attached) and the Foreign Secretary will draw attention to it in the interviews which he intends to do today and tomorrow, setting out the Government's policy (but not revealing that we are even contemplating a more forward military role). We cannot go too far down the road of attributing individual responsibility for

crimes committed because that would get us into questions about whether we intend to arrest Milosevic when he comes (at our invitation) to the London conference.

The Foreign Secretary said (privately) at the end of the meeting that he did not think we would be able to go on saying no on money, refugees and troops. If we conclude that there should be protected convoys and/or safe havens, then we will have to consider whether to make a further contribution to UNPROFOR.



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