U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO.1105-0002

For ~~Six~~ Two Month Period Ending September - October/06 (Insert date) October 31/06

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO TRADE MISSION TO THE USA, INC. (b) Registration No. 5199

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1610 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington DC, 20009

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a)	If an individual:			
	(1) Residence address	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(2) Citizenship	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(3) Occupation	Yes ☐	No ☒	
(b)	If an organization:			
	(1) Name	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(2) Ownership or control	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(3) Branch offices	Yes ☐	No ☒	

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C[1], state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

1 The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date of termination
THE REBLIC OF MONTENEGRO TRADE MISSION TO THE U.S.A., INC.	OCTOBER 31/2006

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal[2] during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal	Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals[2] whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.
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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A[3] Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B[4] Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO (SEE ATTACHMENT)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity[5] as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

5 The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14 . (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies[6]

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Total

(b) **RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign[7], any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D[8] to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) **RECEIPTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value[9] other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
(SEE ATTACHMENT)			

Total

(b) **DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value[10] other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose

(c) **DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value[11] in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials [12]?
Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper articles ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Internet ☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☒ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☒ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☒ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?
Yes ☐ No ☒

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI – EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Type or print name under each signature[13])
NOVEMBER 7/2006	[signature]
	ZORICA MARIC

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13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

Reg. # 5199

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials - page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

YES_____ or NO_____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES_____ or NO_____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

_____ November 7/06
Signature *Date*

ZORICA MARIC
Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

Head of Mission
Title

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List For Registrant: Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission to the U.S. of America

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Maric	Zorica	9/28/04	october 31 06	

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principal(s) who have not as yet filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity. If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to us describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.)

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: Illegible November 7/2006

Title: Head of Mission

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Supplemental Statement

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO.1105-0002

For Six Month Period Ending AUGUST 31 / 2006
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant THE REBUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO TRADE MISSION TO THE U.S.A, INC

(b) Registration No. 5199

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1610 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW
WASHINGTON DC, 20009

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a)	If an individual:			
	(1) Residence address	Yes ☐	No	☒
	(2) Citizenship	Yes ☐	No	☒
	(3) Occupation	Yes ☐	No	☒
(b)	If an organization:			
	(1) Name	Yes ☐	No	☒
	(2) Ownership or control	Yes ☐	No	☒
	(3) Branch offices	Yes ☐	No	☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C[1], state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

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CRM/CES/REGISTRATION UNIT

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Question 11/attachment/Contacts with the US officials

-Assistance with the visit of the Principal Adviser tot he PM of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Milan Rocen in Washington DC, on 20 of September 2006;
-Assistance with the visit of the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Predrag Boskovic, in Washington DC, 3-7 September 2006;

Delegations were invited by the USA Administration and the Center of Strategic and International Studies.

Question 12/attachment/ The Government of the Republic of Montenegro

-Representing interests of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro;
-Contacts with the US officials from the US Department of State, US Congress, representatives of international financial institutions to discuss bilateral relations and ongoing political and economic developments in Montenegro (see attachment);
-Contacts with NGO-s, CSIS, NDI, US Institute of Peace and other organizations helping Montenegrin non-governmental sector

Question 12/attachment/Contacts with the US officials

September 2006

September 5 – US Department of State: Telephone conversation with Paul Polities, desk officer for Montenegro – discussed his upcoming visit To Montenegro and the plans for the Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic's visit to New York;

September 11 – US Department of State: Participation at the ceremony "September 11, 2001: International Remembrance Day";

September 13 – Pentagon: Telephone conversation with Alan Van Egmond, Director for Eurasia and Nathan Bien, desk officer for Montenegro- discussed upcoming visit of the Principal adviser to the Prime Minister of Montenegro, Mr. Milan Rocen in Washington DC;

September 20-Pentagon: Present at the meetings, along with the Principal Adviser to the PM, Mr. Milan Rocen with Daniel Fata-Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Scott R.Schless-Principal Director for Eurasia; Dr.John Finney JR.- Political Adviser at the National Guard Bureau, Mr. William D.Sullivan-rear Admiral,USN and Steven Blum-Lieutenant General, US Army-Chief, National Guard Bureau;

September 20-National Security Council: Present at the meeting, along with the Principal Adviser to the PM, Mr.Milan Rocen with Mr. Bertram Braun-Director for Southeastern Europe;

September 20-US Department of State: Present at the meeting, along with the Principal Adviser to the PM, Mr. Milan Rocen with Mr. Christopher Hooh, Director for the South-central European Affairs;

September 27-US Department of State: Meeting with Paul Polities, desk officer for Montenegro-discussed bilateral relations, the set of the procedures of the Office for Foreign missions and the timeframe to upgrade the US Consulate in Podgorica-Montenegro.

October 2006

October 3 – US Department of State: Participation at the briefing about Millennium Challenge Corporation selection process with the Chief Executive Officer John Danilovich;

October 4 – National Security Council: Meeting with Mr. Bertram Braun, Director for South-central Europe, along with Minister for Economy of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Predrag Boskovic- discussed bilateral relations and developments in the wider region;

October 5 – US Department of State: Meeting with Ambassador Clint Williams and his assistant M. Levin-discussed upcoming visit of Ambassador Williams to the region, including Montenegro, and bilateral cooperation;

October 18 – US Congress: Telephone conversation with Dr. Key King assistant to Congressman Tom Lantos- discussed the letter of Congressman Lantos to the Montenegrin Prime Minister elect Mr. Zeljko Sturanovic;

October 19-US Department of State-Office of foreign missions: Exchange of letter addressed to the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Republic of Montenegro regarding the permit to establish the chancery of the Embassy of Montenegro in Washington DC;

October 26 – US Congress: Telephone conversation with the office of Congressman Dana Rohrabacher-discussed the letter of Congressman Rohrabacher to the Government of Republic of Montenegro

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 09/01/06 - 10/31/06

Attachment to question 14(a):

Date	From Whom	Purpose		Amount
09/06/06	Washington Gas Light	Refund	$	1,432.03
09/14/06	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		12,713.00
09/14/06	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Real Estate Tax Purposes		4,392.46
10/12/06	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		16,083.00
10/16/06	State Farm	Insurance refund		229.54
			$	34,850.03

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 09/01/06 - 10/31/06

Attachment for 15(a):

For the period 09/01/06 - 10/31/06

Office Supplies	$	1,084.21
Small Office Supplies		240.37
Cleaning Supplies		426.67
Replacement Parts		-
Books, Newspapers, Info		297.56
Other Supplies		-
Business Trips Abroad		2,200.00
Meals & Ent: Montenegro		906.36
Meals & Ent: US		409.45
Promotion: US		1,143.14
Electricity		3,356.33
Gasoline		80.93
Water		249.69
Natural Gas		105.09
Telephone		2,201.32
Postal Services		700.43
Banking Services		98.50
Transportation & Parking		1,143.23
Contractual Svcs-Legal		-
Contractual Svcs-Seminars		-
Contractual Svcs-Translation		-
Contractual Svcs-Accounting		3,300.00
Contractual Svcs-Promotion/Media		-
Contractual Svcs-Insurance		3,731.72
Contractual Svcs-Other		3,824.23
Maintenance-Building		1,855.55
Maintenance-Equipment		4,364.53
Building Lease		28,992.46
Capital Expenditures:		
Equipment-Computer		-
Equipment-Office		-
Total Expenses	$	60,711.77

Question 22 & Question 23 (attachment)

-We forwarded herewith the letter of Congressman Tom Lantos addressed to the Montenegrin Prime Minister elect, Mr. Zeljko Sturanovic;

-We forwarded herewith the letter of Congressman Dona Rorachbahon Addressed to the Montenegrin Government;

-We forwarded herewith the correspondence of the US Department of State-Office of the Foreign Mission with regard to the procedure to establish the chancery of the Embassy of Montenegro

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October 17, 2006

His Excellency Zeljko Sturanovic
Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro
Podgorica, Montenegro

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I want to offer my deepest congratulations on Montenegro's independence. You may know that in September of this year, the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 965 which I introduced in the Congress and which "commends the people of Montenegro on the May 2006 referendum on independence, welcomes the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Montenegro and its membership in the United Nations and other international organizations."

Montenegro has a wonderful future as an independent country. As the 192nd member of the United Nations, it also has great obligations and responsibilities. It is for this reason I draw your attention to disturbing reports about the police arrest and torture of fourteen ethnic Albanians by Montenegrin officials last month. It is my understanding that the group was detained on suspicion of alleged terrorism and organized crime, but still no formal charges have been made.

Three of the fourteen Albanians were U.S. citizens, and yet there was a long delay in notifying the U.S. Embassy of the arrests, contrary to standard diplomatic practice. Also, according to an Amnesty International report, beatings of these prisoners were allegedly conducted by both individual police officers and by groups of officers.

When my legislation congratulating Montenegro on the historic milestone of independence was debated in the House of Representatives, I offered the following thoughts:

> "We also express the hope and expectation that the Government of Montenegro and its people will continue to embrace the principles of democracy and particularly will encourage a free, open and democratic society with full respect for human rights for all citizens of Montenegro. Ethnic Albanians in Montenegro have faced many challenges in the past, and we look forward to this newly independent state of Montenegro remembering that as a multiethnic, multicultural and multireligious society based on the rule of law and market economy, it has the responsibility to protecting the freedom and human rights of ***all*** its citizens, particularly ethnic Albanian and other minorities."

I strongly encourage the Montenegrin government to live up to these international expectations by conducting an expedited, thorough and impartial investigation of the charges made against these prisoners and of the allegations of police abuse and torture.

Sincerely,

Tom Lantos

TOM LANTOS
Ranking Member

cc: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
State Department Office Director, EUR/SCE - Chris Hoh

DANA ROHRABACHER
46th District, California

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October 26, 2006

His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Kaludjerović
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
C/O Zorica Maric

Dear Ambassador Kaludjerović:

I am writing to express my concern about alleged human rights violations committed against Albanian citizens arrested in Montenegro on September 9, 2006. An October 17, 2006 public statement by Amnesty International states that 14 Albanian men "allege that they were subjected to ill-treatment, in some cases amounting to torture, during their arrest on 9 September 2006 and subsequently during detention at Podgorica police station and at Podgorica District Court " In addition three American citizens were arrested.

Montenegrin criminal code prohibits torture, ill-treatment and the extraction of confessions under duress. In addition as the most recent state to join the United Nations the Government of Montenegro must strongly uphold its commitment to its international obligations, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The citizens of Montenegro have a basic human right of freedom of expression and they should not be persecuted for exercising that right.

Accordingly I strongly urge you to instruct your government to promptly and impartially investigate this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Rohrabacher

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Member of Congress

cc: Prime Minister Djukanovic

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The Department of State acknowledges receipt of note No. 07/01-74/2 dated September 14, 2006, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro regarding its proposal to purchase the property located at 1610 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, for use as the chancery of the Embassy of Montenegro.

The Department has no objection to the purchase of the above property subject to compliance with the zoning laws and regulations regarding chancery facilities in the District of Columbia. The Ministry is advised that an Occupancy Permit from the District of Columbia must be obtained prior to the use of the building as a chancery.

The Department notes that in this particular location, it is possible that a permit will not be issued until the District of Columbia Foreign Mission Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA) has reviewed and favorably acted up the proposed chancery use. As part of this process, the FMBZA may conduct a public hearing on the proposed use based on the criteria

outlined in the Foreign Missions Act (22 USC 4306). A favorable result in these proceedings cannot be guaranteed and experienced legal counsel should be retained for assistance in completing the approval process.

Department of State,

Washington, OCT 12 2006