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ALLARD OPPOSES CLINTON'S PROPOSED NATO BOMBING OF KOSOVO SAYS USE OF NATO FOR BOMBINGS NOT JUSTIFIED

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today said he is opposed to the Clinton Administration's proposed bombing of Serbian Yugoslavia through the use of NATO forces.

"I do not believe Secretary Albright or President Clinton have made a convincing argument for the bombing of Serbian Yugoslavia," Allard said. "Yugoslavia is not a member of NATO and is not threatening another NATO member, so the use of NATO forces for this operation is simply not justified. The administration, as in past missions, has no long-term plan beyond the bombings, and unfortunately in the end these bombing strikes will accomplish very little, in fact they may even strengthen the hand of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic."

"I believe this action is yet another escalation of our involvement in this area of the world that we were once promised by the Clinton administration would only require a one year commitment by our armed forces," added Allard. "That was several years ago, and we still see no end in sight,"