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Former President Jimmy Carter, flanked by Sen. Sam Nunn (left) and former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell, speaks to reporters and Haitian officials after arriving in Port-au-Prince on Sept. 17. The delegation negotiated around the clock with Haiti's military leaders to reach a peace agreement the following day. For full details, see the story on page 4.

CARTER CENTER JUMP STARTS PEACE EFFORTS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Former President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter traveled to the former Yugoslavia in December to support efforts to end civil war there. The Carters, who went as private citizens and representatives of The Carter Center, were successful in brokering a four-month cease-fire agreement and a pledge from all sides to resume peace talks.

"What President Carter did is significant to all feuding parties," said retired diplomat Michael Mennard. "Offering multiple face-saving avenues is of immense importance in the Balkans."

In mid-December, President Carter received an invitation from Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic to visit the troubled region, where conflict has raged between Muslims and Serbs since 1992.

Following extensive discussions with White House and U.N. officials, and after a briefing at The Carter Center by representatives of the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the U.S. State Department, President Carter sought approval from President Clinton to travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina. His trip was approved, and the Clinton administration made arrangements for The Carter Center party to be transported by military plane from Germany to Croatia and then by U.N. plane to Sarajevo.

Harry Barnes, director of The Carter Center's Conflict Resolution and Human Rights programs, and Joyce Neu, associate director of the Conflict Resolution Program (CRP), accompanied President and Mrs. Carter to Bosnia. In February

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