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As part of follow-up contacts with our reliable source, we interviewed him at his request on 12 October from 1800 hours to 2100 hours at the *Šumice* Motel in Odžaci.

The source described the situation in Slavonia as very serious, and gave us the following details about the key persons involved:

1. Željko RAŽNATOVIĆ, aka Arkan, a criminal from Belgrade, and his 40 to 50 well armed men are based in Erdut. He has completely taken over the buildings and the compound where his men are billeted. Some twenty days ago, he, a group of his men, and Goran HADŽIĆ, Prime Minister of the SAO /Serbian Autonomous District/ of Slavonia, Baranja and West Srem /SBZS/, took 13 people from the prison in Dalj run by the Slavonian police and shot them on the bank of the river Danube. On 3 October, RAŽNATOVIĆ and his men killed 15 detainees in the same prison. On the Saturday, 5 October, he killed another 13 people, and on the Sunday, 6 October, he killed one person. Some ten days ago, he snatched a lorry full of leather jackets belonging to an entrepreneur from Slovenia. The jackets were then sold on the black market, and the lorry was given to Pavle MILOVANOVIĆ, aka Paja, commander of the defence forces in Dalj, as a present from RAŽNATOVIĆ.

2. Captain Kole, leader of a group of 17 men, contributed by his incompetence to the death of the *Večernje Novosti* correspondent ŽEGARAC some ten days ago. Kole had told ŽEGARAC and his escort to stick to the left side of the Trpinska Cesta road, while at the same time he gave an order to his men to shoot at anything that moves. In order to establish who actually killed ŽEGARAC, our source suggested an examination of his fatal wound. If the bullet trajectory in the entry-exit wound runs diagonally in relation to the journalist's shoulder, then he was killed by the ZNG /National Guard Corps/, but if it runs parallel, his death was accidental. The source described Kole as a very confused person who lacks the authority among his men that a leader should have. His men often get killed unnecessarily, due to which their numbers are steadily dwindling. News reports about Kole's men recovering the bodies of journalists who were killed are dismissed by the source as a lie because a TO /Territorial Defence/ unit from Dalj took part in the action in which JNA /Yugoslav People's Army/ vehicles were used.

3. Milorad STRIČEVIĆ, a repeat offender, is the leader of a group attached to the security organ of the Dalj Defence Staff. STRIČEVIĆ's group of investigators is made up of Dragoljub TRBOVIĆ, Đorđe MILINKOVIĆ, Mićo ORLOVIĆ, and Goja GOJSOVIĆ. By employing maniacally cruel investigating techniques, they managed

to extract confessions by unidentified prisoners that, alongside the citizens of Sonta (Apatin municipality), they had planned an assassination of Colonel TASIĆ, commander of the unit that took control of the area of Dalj. This made-up information elicited from the prisoners by torture was then passed on to the JNA security organs as confirmed and credible, which resulted in their crossing over to Sonta and arresting several citizens. STRIČEVIĆ, who had spent six and a half years in prison, is so brutal that he murdered an elderly woman from Dalj called Mjazga simply because her daughter Snežana from Osijek appeared a month ago on a HTV /Croatian Television/ show. About ten days ago, in the yard of the staff headquarters in Dalj where there is a prison run by the "space police", as they are known in Dalj, STRIČEVIĆ used a steel rod to kill an old couple from Aljmaš in front of a group of citizens. Stjepan PAP, owner of a pallet manufacturing company who lives near the railway station in Dalj, was first arrested by the "space police" three weeks ago, but was released a few days later. They arrested him again a few days ago and forced to hand over all of his moveable and immovable property to members of the "space police". The source has seen that they have permits to carry rifles and handguns within the territory of the First Army District. They are also equipped with handgun silencers.

4. Bora BERKOVIĆ, also known as Boško ORLOVIĆ, a criminal from Borovo Naselje, had lived for many years in the SRN /Federal republic of Germany/ where he was involved in armed robberies and worked as a bodyguard for Čenta, a criminal from Belgrade. In a conversation, BERKOVIĆ claimed that Bora MILINKOVIĆ, Minister for Religions of the Slavonia, Baranja and West Srem SAO, had offered him a certain amount of money in German marks to kill our source. BERKOVIĆ also boasted about being asked to assassinate a JNA captain working for the KOS /Counter-Intelligence Service/, a black-haired man of Muslim ethnicity, aged about 35, about 170 cm tall, and with a big belly, who travels to the field in a white Fiat 101. BERKOVIĆ became relaxed during the conversation with our source and started bragging about having done some jobs for the Service in Germany. The source says that he saw 100,000 German marks in his possession, but he does not know where the money came from. The Service has allegedly changed BERKOVIĆ's identity. His name now is Boško ORLOVIĆ, and he has a passport in that name.

We assess the information provided by the source as very interesting because it paints a detailed picture of the situation prevailing in Slavonia, particularly in the village of Dalj. We believe that the source was sincere in talking to the SDB and that the information he gave about certain individuals is accurate. The source is one of the organisers of resistance to the Ustasha authorities in Slavonia and he knows a lot about the people who are now holding crucial offices in the SAO SBZS, due to which they probably perceive him as a kind of threat to their positions.

We shall continue to work with the source as agreed in July 1991 with the APV USDB /State Security Service Administration/ of the PSUP /Provincial Secretariat of the Interior/.

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