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INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 351

UNIT: *MADRID* TACTICAL GROUP (PLMM S-2)

DATE/HOUR OF THE REPORT: 092359ANOV93

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION: SPABAT Intelligence bodies and external sources

1. GENERAL SITUATION

Nothing special to report.

2. MOSTAR

A. MOSTAR WEST

Nothing special to report.

B. MOSTAR EAST

1. Today in the morning hours, Mostar's old bridge was completely destroyed. The bridge suffered two direct impacts by tank missiles, one from the north and one from the south.

As reported, /the bridge/ had already been partially destroyed by shelling yesterday.

As a result, the Chief of the 4th CE /Corps/ had made a statement containing serious threats to the HVO /Croatian Defence Council/ if they destroyed the bridge.

It is important to point out that the bridge, over 500 years old, was a cultural symbol for the Muslims.

As a consequence, an escalation of the conflict can be expected over the following days, fuelled by the Muslims' desire for revenge.

2. Twenty-six mortar shells were fired over the western zone, only six of them by the HVO.

COMMENT: The increase in mortar fire by the BH /Army/ may have been caused by the destruction of the Old Bridge.

3. JABLANICA

1. During the day, there was mortar fire coming from an area east of the detachment, targeting the LC /expansion unknown/ and the Slatina area.

2. A meeting was held at the SPABAT detachment with Zulfikar ALIŠPAGO aka *Zuka*, Muhamed MARIĆ, and Nijad BOJADŽIĆ attending on behalf of the BH /Army/, and Tomo ŠAKOTA and Jerko RADIĆ for the HVO.

Discussion focussed on the exchange of prisoners, refugees, and dead bodies. Talks were still underway at at the time this report was closed.

3. The local television aired an interview with Safet /?ĆIVO/. It appears that his removal is not final, and that he is just under investigation.

4. KONJIC

1. SPABAT is facing steadily increasing problems in sending out its patrols, as the 6th CE now requires daily authorisations. They justify this by saying that a higher degree of control is necessary during the *cleansing* operations.

5. OTHER INFORMATION

1. A vehicle belonging to the *Mary Stoppes International* NGO was kidnapped on the road between Čapljina and Međugorje. The car was being driven by two ladies from the NGO. Two civilian cars were used to surround the vehicle, and the women were forced to leave the vehicle at gunpoint.

COMMENT: This can be taken as an early warning to all organisations crossing the area in unaccompanied vehicles. END OF COMMENT.

2. An incident occurred at the Međugorje heliport, when an attempt was made to move an APC, so that the helicopters could be floodlit by night. The local population barred passage to the APC, and even closed the exit of the heliport, seriously

threatening the Spanish patrol. As events escalated, the APC was ordered back to its original position.

COMMENT: The attitude of the population was very aggressive and showed that they were not prepared to allow any kind of suspicious manoeuvres near the helicopters. The majority of these people have relatives who were wounded or captured by the BH /Army/.

3. Information on refugees in the Jablanica area:

JABLANICA (YJ 2237)	12,000
S/?E/ONIŽA (YJ 2847)	1,000 (Croats)
KOSTANICA (YJ 2644)	1,000
ŠĆIPE	6,000 (from PROZOR)
BUTOROVIĆ POLJE (YJ 2744) ...	8,000
LELEVIĆI	11,000

The living conditions are poor, and there is a general shortage of food, medicine, and blankets.

There is no UNHCR delegation, and the Red Cross is barred from visiting many of these locations and directly contacting the refugees.

4. At the talks between the HVO and the BH /Army/ in Međugorje about problems regarding the area surrounding Salakovac, the following decisions were reached:

a) Reconnaissance shall be carried out in the surroundings of Salakovac and Mostar under the auspices of UNPROFOR.

Following reconnaissance, there shall be an attempt to check the positions.

These operations shall be carried out as soon as possible.

5. David KRISKOVICH, possibly an FBI official, visited the SPABAT headquarters to ask about the general situation. He said he was on vacation and produced a US passport and an ID from the Ministry of Justice.

6. According to information received from the UNMOs, there is a group of HVO mortars at YJ 308911, and what might be a command post at YJ 309917.

7. Ammunition of Argentinian origin was found in the town of Lištica.

COMMENT: This type of ammunition is becoming increasingly common in the area.

END OF COMMENT.

8. Reconnaissance was carried out in the area of responsibility of the Posušje Brigade, and the following information was obtained:

- a) The headquarters is in an old hotel at the entrance into town.
- b) There are three kinds of police: civilian, military, and brigade.
- c) The Brigade Chief is still Anđelko DEREK, although there have been changes over the last few days.
- d) A BM-21 rocket launcher was observed moving down the road to Lištica.
- e) There is a radio antenna on top of the police building.

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