

fired in all. Many journalists were with us and so it was all on camera. We withdrew down to the main road where as we formed up we came under fire again. We could not identify the firing point though and so we did not return fire.

During the evening I did an interview with Trevor MacDonald on News at Ten. I made no reference to the shooting earlier as the news about Ahinici was making headlines everywhere.

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The business of Ahmici is really big now and I decided to go and see Santic, President of Vitez, and also Pero Skopje, leader of the HDZ. I drove into town in my WARRIOR and found them both in the basement of the PTT Building. I was fairly to the point. I informed them about what I had seen in Ahmici, that it was a total disgrace, that it might have big impact on American opinion and put it to them that the Americans might just decide to arm the Muslims. In short it was a disaster for HVO politics and those that were responsible should be identified and dealt with as soon as possible. In addition I felt that the matter should be investigated fully with Bosnian Muslims on the Commission that did so. After this I went to see Blaskic who was in Hotel Vitez. He readily agreed that it was his zone of responsibility and that he must do something positive. I told him that it needed action at the very highest level. For example I suggested that the Security Council ambassadors might visit Vitez later today. The impact would be severe and the HVO had better do something.

After that I returned to the PINFO house where I briefed the Press on what had taken place and in particular Blaskic's agreement that it was in his area of responsibility. I stated that Blaskic had told me that top level meetings were taking place about it too. In fairness to Blaskic I also told them he seemed very shocked about it all!

During the afternoon the a group of Security Council ambassadors did visit. We briefed them for about 30 minutes in the Intelligence Cell and then I took them to Ahmici under armour. Previously we had cleared the house with bodies so as to ensure there were no booby traps in it. We stopped at the bottom of Ahmici and then walked up the hill to the top. There the ambassadors viewed the house and bodies. All were very shocked. The leader was the Venezuelan Ambassador - a really nice guy who gave me a silver coin. After that I said goodbye and they proceeded on their way to Kiseljak. En route back to base I went to investigate a fire on the hills north of Krecvine. It was the ground on fire and we went to the Croat front lines. As we did so we came under fire; I think from the Muslims. Four or five rounds were fired at JULIET and one may have struck us. We did not return fire.

Andrew Cumming stayed with me overnight. He gave me my insert slip report. This was his last visit. It has not been a particularly happy relationship between us. I was fairly blunt as we parted - saying that I was always conscious that he seemed 'jealous' and that I felt, at times, he had been too worried about taking casualties.

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