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composed on the day of 05-Jun-2000 in the offices of the MUP RH /R Croatia Interior Ministry/, Sector of criminal police, during an informative conversation held with:

BORIS MILAS, son of Ante, born 11-Oct-1957 in Split, Croat by nationality, citizen of RH, graduated attorney by trade, employed in the MORH /Republic of Croatia Defense Ministry/ SIS Administration, SIS Split Department, rank of major, in the official position of Deputy Chief of the Sector for Operative Analysis, residing in Split, Šimičeva 4.

The informative conversation with the above was held in the offices of the MORH /R Croatia Defense Ministry/, SIS Administration, in the presence of SIS Administration servant Tomislav Krpan regarding the circumstances of possible information on the war crime against the Muslim population in the village of Ahmići in Central Bosnia, information on the possible perpetrators and their current residence, witnesses of the event and documentation on the above crime, as well as possible information on those who possess or know where the above documentation is located, at which time he stated:

That he entered the Croatian Army at the beginning of 1992, more precisely on 01-Feb-1992, into the criminal service, 72nd Battalion of the MORH Military Police. He worked in the Military Police as a criminal servant until 23-Dec-1996, when he was sent to the VIII SIS HRMA Department to work as the leader of the V Sub-sector for Operative Affairs. That Sector dealt with security checks. In the month of June 1999, the VIII SIS Department was renamed as the SIS Split Department.

In response to the special question of whether he was familiar with the operative action "Haag", operative action "Put", operative action "Istina" and operative action "Sigma", he maintained that he had not heard of the above operative actions until now, rather he remembers that he saw the title operative action "Haag" in one document in the month of June 1999, which his Department received from the SIS Administration for the delivery of information on operatives of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina and who, before the war, worked in their zone of

responsibility as JNA officers. He does not know the goal, manner of work or methods by which the above action is being led, and is certain that the above action was not led in their Department. As far as he knows, nor is his chief, major Mario Tomasović, familiar with operative action "Haag".

He remembers that, in the middle of the month of April 1997, someone from the SIS Administration called the chief of his Department and, at that time, they were verbally given a request to establish contact with Manager of the KBC /Clinical Hospital Center/ "Firule" in Split, as well as the director of the above clinical hospital center, and in the sense of operationalizing the written request of Mr. Ante Nobile, the attorney of General Tihomir Blaškić in The Hague, regarding the confirmation of data on the number of people of Muslim nationality hospitalized in the second half of 1992 and 1993 in the above clinical hospital, regardless of whether they were civilians or members of the BiH Army.

After numerous, short contacts with doctor Biočić and doctor Dodig, he received at the beginning of June 1997 the information requested (identification of persons, status at reception, diagnosis, state of the patient at release). The above information encompassed, as far as he remembers, about 3,400 people. He received that information on a diskette, which he delivered to the SIS Administration, whose operatives were supposed to deliver that diskette to Mr. Ante Nobile in The Hague.

Sometime in the month of September 1997, he was notified by the SIS Administration that their Department would secure the technical conditions for the preparation of witnesses for the legal team of Ante Nobile and which they would use during the defense of General Tihomir Blaškić in The Hague. At that time, he somehow met Mr. Ante Slišković and Mr. Mate Zeko, who he concluded during conversation were HVO officers from Central Bosnia and who, in agreement with the SIS Administration, prepared, or located, witnesses from Central Bosnia who would be able to serve the defense of mister Blaškić with their testimony.

The preparation of the first group of witnesses was begun by the legal team of Mr. Nobile in October 1997, and later, besides the legal team of Mr. Nobile, counselor Mr. Naomovski, who led the defense of Mr. Dario Kordić, also conducted the preparation of witnesses for The Hague in their Department. Besides Mr. Nobile

and Mr. Naomovski, counselors Mr. Goran Mikuličić and Mrs. Jadranka Slaković-Glumac, counselor Mr. Mišetić and American attorneys Mr. Russell Hayman and Mr. Turner Smith participated in the preparation of witnesses. The last preparation of a witness by Mr. Naomovski was conducted in their Department in the month of January 2000. By his assessment, from October 1997 to January 2000, a total 13 (thirteen) preparations were conducted, which encompassed about 330 (three hundred thirty) witnesses, and the total preparations lasted about 80 (eighty) days.

He again reminds that he, as well as his Department, offered only the technical conditions for the legal teams, which comprised of the greeting of witnesses from Central Bosnia, who were brought by Mr. Mate Zeko, the reservation of hotel rooms, securing adequate offices for conducting the preparation of witnesses and, in individual cases, mounting speakers and microphones in the offices in order to simulate for the witnesses conditions similar to those in the courtroom in The Hague. Therefore, his Department participated only in securing technical conditions, not becoming involved in even one case in the choice of witnesses, securing eventual documents, etc.

Regarding possible information that would relate to events in the territory of Central Bosnia in 1993 and 1994, he personally participated in only part of the work to analyze war crimes of the BiH Army and MOS against Croats in BiH territory.

Namely, in the month of January 1998, a working meeting was held in Sinj, which was called by then chief of the SIS Administration, Mr. Ante Gugić, and which was attended by, other than him, SIS Administration workers Mr. Spomenko Eljuga, Mr. Ilija Stojić and Mr. Ante Marković, and from the Military Police Administration Mr. Ante Glavan, Mrs. Jadranka Erjavec and Mr. Željko Horvatin. From his Department, he and his chief were present. At the above meeting, an operative team comprising workers who were present at the meeting and who received the task of gathering information on Muslim crimes against Croat in BiH was formed. He is not sure, but thinks that Mr. Spomenko Eljuga, Mr. Ilija Stojić, Mr. Ante Glavan and Mr. Ante Marković went to Mostar, from where they brought about 70 (seventy) binders, which contained various documentation on Muslim crimes committed against Croats in BiH. In several binders there were also documents that related to Serb crimes committed against Croats in BiH. He thinks that the above binders were received

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from the HVO Military Police Administration and Commission for the Imprisoned and Missing of the Croat Republic of Herceg-Bosna. After the aforementioned brought the documents to the SIS Split Department, he, Mrs. Jadranka Erjavec and Mr. Željko Horvatin from the Military Police Administration analyzed the documentation night and day between 24 January and 10 February 1998. As a result of the analysis of that documentation, they made a report titled "War Crimes Committed Against Croats by the BiH Army and MOS Between the Second Half of 1992 and the Fourth Month of 1994." That report comprised of 143 pages and was delivered to the SIS Administration, i.e. chief Ante Gugić.

He reminded that in that documentation he did not see mention of any kind of Croat crimes committed against Muslims and Serbs in BiH territory.

He remembers that at the end of April or beginning of May 1998, someone from the SIS Administration – he is not certain, but thinks that was the chief, or then already deputy minister for Intelligence/Security Affairs Mr. Ante Gugić – called his chief, Mr. Mario Tomasović, at which time his Department received an assignment to receive the documentation from the Republic of Herceg-Bosna, which would be brought to them at the Department in Split in "furgon" trucks across the Vinjani Donji border crossing. None of them, even the chief, knew what kind of documentation this was.

In accordance with the order, his chief Mario Tomasović, Operations Chief Boško Ramljak and major Predrag Palac waited in the above "furgon" at the Vinjani Donji border crossing and escorted him to their Department in Split. The above "furgon" was green or SMB in color, had R BiH civilian plates and was driven by a driver in civilian clothing, and the truck's escort was sitting next to the driver. Upon arriving in Split, they offloaded the contents of the truck, which comprised of cardboard boxes and black nylon bags full of documentation, and placed this on the second floor in room number 73. Only chief Tomasović had the keys to that room. He again reminded that he did not know the contents of the documentation they offloaded from the truck.

About one month after the first above shipment of documentation, 25-Jun-1998 to be precise, someone from the SIS Administration called chief Tomasović, just

like the first time, and ordered him to again receive documentation from the Republic of Herceg-Bosna, which would be driven to RH in three "furgon" trucks across the Vinjani Donji border crossing.

Just like the first time, they waited for the above trucks in accordance with the order and escorted them to their Department in Split. Those trucks, like the truck that brought documentation the first time, were "furgons", green or SMB in color, R BiH civilian plates and they were driven by drivers dressed in civilian clothing. He did not know any of the drivers. Upon arriving in Split, they offloaded the contents of the above trucks, which consisted of cardboard boxes, nylon bags and a couple of wooden crates full of documentation, and placed all of the above in rooms numbered 74, 75 and 76, which they locked and stored the keys in the chief's safe. That documentation sat in the rooms for nearly two (2) years, and nobody entered the rooms during that time, nor did they receive any order from the SIS Administration regarding the above documentation.

He does not remember the exact date, but sometime around the middle of the fourth month of this year, they received a request from the SIS Administration to report the level of informational processing of the documentation relating to operative action "Haag". They told the SIS Administration that the operative action "Haag" was never performed at the level of the Department, nor did the Department ever receive an initializing document for that from the Administration.

Not long after their response to the SIS Administration, at the end of April or beginning of May of this year, mister Ante Damjanović, Majić and one skinny, short guy with glasses, whose name he does not know but thinks it is Darko or Davor, came to the offices of the Department with approval from the Defense Ministry to examine the documentation that was brought from R BiH in "cargo trucks" and stored in their Department. The above men examined that documentation for two days and separated certain parts from it. Nobody except the chief entered the room where they were working. About two days after the arrival of the above men to their Department, the R Croatia Deputy Defense Minister for Intelligence/Security Affairs, Mr. Mladen Ružman came to the Department and held a short meeting, which was attended by the gentlemen who came to examine the documentation and his chief Mr. Tomasović. After the meeting, mister Ante Damjanović and his associates, with his help and the

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help of two or three other workers from his Department, loaded the separated documentation onto a "furgon" truck with HV /Croatian Army/ plates, and that documentation was taken to Zagreb. He reminded that he does not know whether anyone from his Department in Split had received a task in the previous two years to examine the documentation in question, meaning to approach the its processing. In his opinion, the content of the documentation that mister Ante Damjanović separated with the help of his associates could help mister Ante Nobile in the appeal process for the conviction of General Tihomir Blaškić.

In response to the specially posed question of what he thinks is the reason the above documentation was taken from R BiH and stored with them in the Department, Milas stated that he thinks that documentation was pulled out of R BiH at the time when SFOR raided the military and state institutions of Herceg Bosna and confiscated certain documentation.

In response to the question of whether he knows the people mentioned in public means of information as the perpetrators of the crime in Ahmiši, Paško Ljubičić, Vlado Čosić, Ante Slišković, Ivica Antolović, Zoran Krišto and Miroslav "Cicko" Bralo, he said that, other than Ante Slišković, he does not know any of those people, nor did he ever or in any sense contact them. Regarding the above persons, he knows only what he read in public means of information, "Globus", "Nacional" and "Jutarnji list".

Regarding Ante Slišković, he stated that he contacted him a total of five or six times, and that was mainly in their Department in Split while offering technical assistance to the legal teams in the preparation of witnesses for trials in The Hague. He remembers that Slišković came to them in the Department in a dark-blue "Passat", with Herceg-Bosna plates, and he once even wrote down the number to his mobile phone, but he can no longer remember what the number is. The last time he spoke with Slišković was on the telephone in the fifth month of 1999, and that was when he /Slišković/ called him at the Department in order to help him with some cousin of his who was coming to the clinical hospital center Firule for an examination. Since then, they did not communicate officially or privately, nor did he see him. He does not know whether Slišković is living in R Croatia territory, whether he has any property in Croatia or whether any of his relatives live in Croatia.

He saw Ignac Koštoroman, whom the press mentions as one of those guilty of the crime in Ahmići, all of several times, and that was in a period between the sixth and twelfth month of 1996 in Knin, where he was assigned as a criminal servant in the 72nd Military Police battalion. He never personally contacted him, nor does he know anything about him.

He remembers that he also saw Paško Ljubičić once or twice, and that was in the period between the sixth and ninth month of 1994 in Mostar, when as a criminal servant of the 72nd Military Police battalion, he offered expert assistance to R BiH Military Police agents in criminal processing, organized crime in the territories of Mostar, Posušje and Prozor. He thinks that Paško Ljubičić was then employed in the R BiH MUP, but does not know the place of work or in what function.

He reminded that he does not have any other information, other than that which he has stated, about the war crime in Ahmići and the possible perpetrators.

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