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To - President of Republika Srpska, for information  
DRINA CORPS IKM /Forward Command Post/  
- Generals GVERO and KRSTIĆ, personally

Drina Corps Command

Conduct of combat operations around Srebrenica

The President of Republika Srpska has been informed of successful combat operations around Srebrenica by units of the Drina Corps and that they have achieved results which enable them to occupy the very town of Srebrenica.

The President of the Republic is satisfied with the results of combat operations around Srebrenica and has agreed with the continuation of operations for the takeover of Srebrenica, disarming of Muslim terrorist gangs and complete demilitarisation of the Srebrenica enclave.

The President of Republika Srpska ordered that in the follow-up combat operations full protection be ensured to UNPROFOR members and the Muslim civilian population and that they be guaranteed safety in the event of their cross-over to the territory of Republika Srpska.

In accordance with the order of the President of Republika Srpska, you must issue an order to all combat units participating in combat operations around Srebrenica to offer maximum protection and safety to all UNPROFOR members and the civilian Muslim population. You must order subordinate units to refrain from destroying civilian targets unless forced to do so because of strong enemy resistance. Ban the torching of residential buildings and treat the civilian population and war prisoners in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

Assistant Commander  
Major General  
Zdravko TOLMIR

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