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UNDERNEATH A STRAIGHT FORWARD COPY OF THE SIT UPD FROM UNMO TEAM SREBRENICA (TA).

INFORMATION RECEIVED AT 1400HRS INDICATE THAT BSA TROOPS ARE NOW AT CP636834 WITH 4 TKS. THIS IS NCBU BUT MOST OF WHAT WE ARE GETTING IS TURNING OUT TO BE TRUE. THE TOWN MAY FALL ANYTIME FROM NOW. DUTCHBAT INFORMED US AT 1406 THAT THEY MIGHT WITHDRAW THEIR OP K CP610805. WE ARE STILL SAFE BUT INCASE IT DETERIORATES, WE MIGHT WITHDRAW TO DUTCHBAT.

THE MORNING STARTED BEAUTIFULLY AND WE THOUGHT ALL

WOULD REMAIN WELL BUT THAT CHANGED AT 0800HRS WHEN SHELLING STARTED IN SREBRENICA AGAIN. AREAS OF CP641866 AND CP640874 HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED 7X SHELLS. UNMOS HAVE ALSO COUNTED UP TO ADDITIONAL 113 EXPLOSIONS IN BOTH SREBRENICA AND POTOCARI. THERE IS ALSO A REPORTED BSA INFANTRY ATTACK FROM THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ENCLAVE FORMER OP E. THEY ARE BEING ENGAGED BY THE BiH. ON 082240B UNMOS OBSERVED MANY PERS ENTERING SREBRENICA TOWN FROM SLAPOVIC-SWEDISH SHELTER VILLAGE AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES. SOME ARE SEEKING SHELTER FROM RELATIVES WHILE OTHERS ARE STAYING IN THE SCHOOL COMPOUND. THE BSA ENTERED THE SWEDISH SHELTER VILLAGE AT 091200B JUL 95.

MEETING.

THERE WERE TWO SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS THIS MORNING WITH THE LO DUTCHBAT AND COS 28 DIV MR RAMIZ ON ONE HAND AND LO DUTCHBAT, MSF AND MR OSMAN PRESIDENT OF THE OPSTINA IN SREBRENICA. IN THE FIRST MEETING WHICH STARTED AT 090917B JUL 95, THE LO TEAM OF DUTCHBAT DEMANDED AN ANSWER TO AN EARLIER REQUEST YESTERDAY 08 JUL 95 FOR A GUARANTTEE FROM THE BiH THAT THEY WOULD NOT HINDER ANY OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL MOVEMENTS AGAIN. HE CONTINUED THAT BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ANSWER TO THE REQUEST YESTERDAY IT HAS RESULTED IN ANOTHER ONE OF THEIR OPS OP S FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE BSA TOGETHER WITH THE PERSONNEL AND ALL THEIR EQUIPMENTS INCLUDING ONE APC. MR RAMIZ ANSWERED THAT INFO HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THEIR FRONT YESTERDAY INDICATED THAT THE PERSONNEL OF OP S WERE RELATING FAVOURABLY WITH HIS TROOPS AND THAT THEY WERE WITHDRAWING TOGETHER ALONG THE RIVER JADAR. HE SAID HE DID NOT THEREFORE FIND IT NECESSARY TO GIVE THE LO ANY ANSWER TO THEIR REQUEST. THE LO TEAM REACTED THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED DUE TO MISINFORMATION FROM BOTH PARTIES AND EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT AT THAT MOMENT WAS TO GET THE COS GUARANTTEE FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHOUT ANY HINDERANCE FROM THE BiH ADDING THAT WITHOUT WHICH THEY WOULD BE FORCED TO REACT AGAINST THE BiH. THE COS ASSURED THE LO TEAM OF HIS FULLEST GUARANTTEE ADDING THAT HE HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED HIS TROOPS TO ALLOW DUTCHBAT CARRY ON THEIR DUTIES WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE. HE HOWEVER STATED THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANY INDIVIDUALISTIC ACTIONS IN THAT RESPECT THEN DUTCHBAT SHOULD KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT FROM ANY OF THE MEN UNDER HIS CONTROL. HE ALSO ADDED THAT SHOULD SUCH AN INCIDENT

HAPPEN AGAIN HE WAS PREPARED TO PERSONALLY GO TO THE SCENE. THE LO TEAM THEN REQUESTED THE COS TO INFORM DUTCHBAT OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE UNMO'S IN TIME IN ORDER FOR THEM TO INITIATE PREVENTIVE MEASURES BEFORE IT BECOMES UNAVOIDABLE. THE LO FUTURE ACCUSED MR RAMIZ FOR REQUESTING AUTHORITY FROM HIS HIGH COMMAND TO REMOVE BY FORCE THEIR WEAPONS UNDER THE CUSTODY OF B COY. THE COS HOWEVER REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE STATING THAT HIS HIGH COMMAND HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO DEMAND THE USE OF THEIR WEAPONS UNDER CUSTODY AS WELL AS THE WEAPONS OF DUTCHBAT IF THE DUTCH WERE NOT WILLING TO CONFRONT THE BSA. THE LO TEAM REPLIED THAT SUCH A DEMAND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WHICH RAMIZ CONCERNED TO SAYING THAT HAS BEEN HIS ANTICIPATION HENCE HIS REFUSAL TO CARRY OUT THAT INSTRUCTION. HE HOWEVER ENDED BY ACCUSING DUTCHBAT THE SUSPECTED MANNER THEIR ROTATION WAS TAKING. THIS WAS STRONGLY OBJECTED BY THE LO TEAM.

IN THE SECOND MEETING THAT FOLLOWED AT 090946 WITH THE PRESIDENT MR OSMAN, MSF AND DUTCHBAT, THE PRESIDENT STARTED BY RECOUNTING THE ONGOING SERIOUS SITUATION AND DEMANDED TO KNOW WHAT MEASURES THE UN ORGANIZATIONS TAKING TO ARREST THE SITUATION. HE ELABORATED THAT THERE WERE AT THE MOMENT OVER 4000 PEOPLE IN THE SREBRENICA TOWN STATING THAT THE SWEDISH SHELTER DWELLERS NUMBERING ABOUT 3000 PEOPLE AND OTHER INFLUX FROM THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES ARE NOW IN THE TOWN. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO KNOW IF THE UN AGENCIES EQUIPED ENOUGH TO RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSISTING THESE PEOPLE. THE DUTCHBAT LO TEAM IN THEIR ANSWER NARRATED THE CAPTURE OF TWO OF THEIR OPS BY THE BSA BLAMING THE BIH FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THAT LOSS ADDING THAT THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN EXECUTE THEIR TASK PROPERLY IN THE ENCLAVE WAS TO HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT DEVOID OF ANY BIH INTREPERANCE. HE DISCLOSED HOWEVER THAT THEY AT THAT MOMENT CONSOLIDATED NEW POSITIONS SOUTH OF SREBRENICA TOWN AND HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTING THE ONGOING SITUATION TO THEIR HIGHER LEVELS. MSF INTURN ANALYZED THE VOLUME OF WORK BEING CARRIED OUT TO HELP THE WOUNDED. BUT REGRETTED TO SAY THAT THEIR CAPABILITIES AND SUPPLIES WERE NOT ENOUGH TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. THEY ALSO MADE AN APPEAL FOR THEIR LIASON OFFICER WHOM THE OPSTINA HAVE STOPPED FROM WORKING WITH THE MSF, TO BE ALLOWED BACK WITH MSF TO ASSIST IN RESRORING THEIR BROKEN DOWN COMMS EQUIPMENTS. IN RESPONSE, THE PRESIDENT FIRST ASSURED THE LO TEAM OF THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND TOLD MSF TO EXPECT HIS ANSWER TO THEIR REQUEST AT A LATTER DATE. THE ECONOMY ADMINISTRATOR MR DZEMAL BECIROVIC WHO ACCOMPANIED THE RESIDENT TO THE MEETING STATED THAT SOME OF THE NEW REFUGEES WHO HAD NO RELATIONS IN THE TOWN HAVE BEEN TEMPORALLY ACCOMMODATED AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND REQUESTED THE UN ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE UNMOS TO VISIT THE AREA. HE ALSO REQUESTED FOR SECURITY FROM DUTCHBAT FOR THE LOCAL HOSPITAL. MSF HOWEVER REFUSED SUCH A SECURITY EXPLAINING THAT ANY MILITARY PRESENCE IN AND AROUND THE HOSPITAL WOULD ATTRACT MILITARY CONFRONTATION WHICH WOULD RATHER BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE SICK. THEY FUTURE STATED THAT THE NEUTRAL STAND OF THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE RELAYED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PROTECTION TO BE GUARANTEED.

THE OPSTINA CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE UN ORGANIZATIONS TO THE PANIC AND CHAOS THAT WOULD FOLLOW ANY ENTRY OF THE BSA INTO THE TOWN AND APPEALED TO THE UN TO ACT NOW TO AVERT SUCH A DISASTER. HE ALSO INFORMED THE MEETING ABOUT THE EFFORTS THEY ARE MAKING THROUGH THEIR HIGH ECHELON TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND ASKED DUTCHBAT TO BARE WITH THE LOCALS SHOULD THEY GO TO THEM FOR SHELTER SINCE THEY HAVE NO WHERE ELSE TO GO.

FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, BSA MAY ENTER THE ENCLAVE FROM THE SOUTH ANYTIME NOW, BUT WILL MEET A LOT RESISTANCE FROM THE BIH INFANTRY. MAY BE THAT IS WHY THEY ARE SHELLING POTOCARI AND VILLAGES TO THE NORTH OF SREBRENICA TO ENGAGE THE BIH AND ENSURE NO BIH REINFORCEMENTS ARE

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SENT TO THE SOUTH.

WE ARE SORRY FOR WRITING MAY BE TOO MUCH BUT WE FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE ASAP.

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