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SUBJECT: UNMO HQ SECTOR BH-NE DAILY SITREP
COVERING PERIOD 110001B TO 112000B JULY 95.

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CALM IN MOST AREAS. THE SREBRENICA ENCLAVE IS FALLING TO THE SERB OFFENSIVE. AIR STRIKES LAUNCHED BY NATO, WITH ONLY MINIMAL EFFECT. *[Handwritten mark]*

2. SMOs ASSESSMENT. THE SITUATION WITHIN THE MAIN AOR REMAINS CALM AND QUIET, AND LIKELY TO REMAIN THAT WAY FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. IN THE SREBRENICA ENCLAVE THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED WITH THE BSA TAKING CONTROL OVER MOST REGIONS. THE AIR STRIKES DON'T APPEAR TO HAVE HAD THE EXPECTED OUTCOME. REFUGEES ARE MOVING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ENCLAVE AND THE FOOD SIT IS BECOMING CRITICAL. MOVEMENT OUT OF THE ENCLAVE, TOWARDS TUZLA REGION, IS A POSSIBILITY IN THE COMING DAYS.

3. MILITARY INFORMATION.
A. MILITARY ACTIVITY

(1) WARRING FACTION FIRING INCIDENTS

REFER TO ANNEX A FOR THE REPORT ON THE SREBRENICA OFFENSIVE.

(2) AIR ACTIVITY REPORT

AS WIDELY REPORTED NATO A/C WERE IN ACTION OVER SREBRENICA. FULL DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE, REFER TO ANNEX A.

B. UNMO OBSERVATIONS/INVESTIGATIONS

(2) HVO SIDE

- AT 110835B TEAM ORASJE OBSERVED 3 TRUCKS WITH AMMUNITION BOXES ON BOARD PROCEEDING FM W TO E IN FRONT OF THE TEAM LOC AT GRID CQ 185889. TEAM COMMENT - BELIEVED TO BE HDG TO THE 4TH GARDIST BDE.

(4) BIH SIDE

- AT 101743B, A TEAM TUZLA PTL OBSERVED A CIV BUS WITH APPR 50 ABIH SOLDIERS, ALL WITH PERSONAL WEAPONS, JUST ENTERING TUZLA FM THE WEST AT CQ104335. THE BUS WAS CARRYING A BIH FLAG AND ANOTHER GREEN FLAG WITH HALF-MOON MUSLIM EMBLEM. THE SOLDIERS MAY HAVE BEEN COMING FROM THE NTH (AROUND GRADACAC BQ 9773) OR NORTH WEST SIDE OF THE CL (AROUND DOBOJ).

- AT 101940B JUN 95, THE TEAM TUZLA PTL OBSERVED MORE THAN 40 ABIH SLDRS WITH THEIR PERSONAL KIT AT SIMIN HAN CQ206329. SOME OF

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THE SLDRS WERE ARMED AND WERE WAITING FOR TPT TO GO TO THE CL MOST LIKELY AROUND PARACI CQ293301.

- AT 110955B, TEAM SREBRENİK OBSERVED 3 BUSES FILLED WITH APPROX 150 SLDRS HDG STH FM PIRAGE (BQ 955566).
- AT 111100B JUN 95, TEAM TUZLA OBSERVED 1 CIV BUS CARRYING APPR 50 ABIH SOLDIERS AT CQ 097360 HDG STH (TUZLA TOWN) AND MAYBE TO THE CL AROUND MAJEVICA HILLS.
- AT 111105B THE TEAM TUZLA PTL ALSO OBSERVED AROUND 250 SLDRS INSIDE ABIH 250 BDE HQ LIPNICA CQ100377. ALSO SEEN INSIDE THE BARRACKS WERE 4 ABIH MIL TRUCKS, 1 CIV BUS AND 1 AMBULANCE. THE SLDRS CARRIED PERSONAL LUGGAGE AND LOOKED AS IF THEY WERE PREPARING TO MOVE OUT OF THE CAMP. HOWEVER THE PTL DID NOT SEE THE SLDRS MOVING OUT OF THE CAMP.
- AT 111215B, THE TEAM TUZLA PTL OBSERVED A CONVOY OF 6 ABIH VANS WITH APPR 35 SOLDIERS. 1 OF THE VANS WAS TOWING AN ANTI TANK GUN T-12. THE CONVOY WAS SEEN AT CQ082323, HEADING STH TOWARDS ZIVINICE AREA.
- AT 111400B, TEAM SREBRENİK OBSERVED APPROX 150 LOCALS (MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN) WITH PLACARDS, SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN FLAGS. THEY WERE PASSING THE TEAM LOC AT CQ 009554, HDG STH TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCE OF THE 9 COY OF NORDBAT2 (CQ 013 545). THIS ACTION LASTED FOR APPROX 30 MINS.
- AT 111420B, TEAM SREBRENİK REPORTED OBSERVING 1 CAM TRUCK TOWING A 155MM HOW, HDG NTH FM ZIVINICE, CQ 1324.
- AT 111610B TEAM VARES OBSERVED ONE COVERED CANNON TOWED BY A STATIONARY TRUCK AT CQ 035975.
- AT 111650B TEAM VARES OBSERVED 12 TRUCKS HDG NTH OF BP 945995.

C. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS.

C1. AT 110930B, TEAM ZIVINICE MET WITH THE IO 24 DIV HQ, MR MUHAMED CIKARIC. DURING THE MEETING THE TEAM WERE UPDATED ON THE RELATIVELY CALM SIT THROUGHOUT THE DIV. THE IO ALSO HAD PLENTY TO SAY REGARDING THE SREBRENICA OFFENSIVE, MOSTLY PERSONAL OPINION AND NOT COMPLIMENTARY TO THE UN.

C2. AT 111020B, TEAM SREBRENİK HELD A MEETING WITH THE 22 DIV LO, CAPT EDO. HE REPORTED THAT THE ABIH OBSERVED 3 BSA HELI FLIGHTS HDG STH FM THE DOBOJ AREA IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

4. ACTS AGAINST UNMOS/OTHERS.

B. R.O.M. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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ANNEX A
TO BH-SNE DSR
DATED 11 JUL 95

UPDATE: DTG110200B JULY 95

UNMO TEAM ATTENDED A MEETING WITH THE LO-TEAM OF DUTCHBAT AND THE BIH. PRESENT AT THE MEETING: COS 28DIV(RAMIZ BECIROVIC), PRESIDENT OF THE OPSTINA (OSMAN), THE MAYOR(FAHRUDIN) AND HIS DEPUTY MAYOR(HAMDIA). THE POINT THAT WAS DISCUSSED: THE BLOCKING OF TWO APC'S BY THE BIH. THE APC'S WERE TRYING TO RECAPTURE THEIR FORMER BLOCKING POSITIONS AND WERE STOPPED WHEN MOVING BACKWARDS TO TAKE ANOTHER ROUTE. AFTER THE MEETING THE UNMO TEAM AND THE LO TEAM WENT TO THE APC'S AND SAW THAT THEY WERE FREE TO MOVE. THE CO ALSO EXPLAINED THE ULTIMATUM THAT WAS PROPOSED BY THE BSA:

1. NO REFUGEES ARE ALLOWED ON THE COMPOUND OF DUTCHBAT IN

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2. ONLY MSF, UNHCR AND REDCROSS ORGANISATIONS WERE ALLOWED ON THE COMPOUND TOGETHER WITH DUTCHBAT.
3. THE BSA WILL DEMILITARIZE THE ENCLAVE.
4. THERE WILL BE NO DANGER FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE COMPOUND DURING THE ACTION OF THE BSA ON DEMILITARISING THE ENCLAVE. CO DUTCHBAT STATED THAT HE HAD TURNED THIS ULTIMATUM DOWN. ALSO BH-CMD HAD TOLD THE CO-DUTCHBAT NOT TO ACCEPT THIS ULTIMATUM.

THEN THE BSA HAD ANOTHER ULTIMATUM: DUTCHBAT AND THE NGO'S SHOULD LEAVE THE ENCLAVE TURNING OVER THEIR WEAPONS. THE POPULATION WOULD BE GIVEN 48 HRS TIME TO LEAVE THE ENCLAVE AS WELL. THEY WERE ALSO FREE TO GO. THIS WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN BY THE CO.

THEN THE CO STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ULTIMATUM GIVEN TO THE BSA. BEFORE 0600HRS THIS MORNING STOP THE ATTACK ON THE ENCLAVE AND RETURN TO THE OLD POSITIONS OF 1993. IF THE BSA WILL NOT DO SO THERE WILL BE AN AIR STRIKE. THE AIR STRIKE WILL BE MASSIVE. THE COS 28 DIV (RAMIZ) ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE BSA WOULD WITHDRAW AND DO WHAT WAS TOLD TO THEM. THE ANSWER OF THE CO-DUTCHBAT WAS THAT DUTCHBAT WOULD RECAPTURE THEIR OLD POSITIONS AGAIN. THE MAYOR (FAHRUDIN) STATED THAT HE HAD NOT MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE AIR STRIKE. HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THE AIR STRIKE WILL BE DONE. COS 28DIV (RAMIZ) ASKED WHAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD DO IN CASE THE AIR STRIKE WOULD TAKE PLACE. THE CO-DUTCHBAT STATED THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD STAY AWAY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE CL AND TRY TO TAKE COVER IN HOUSES. AFTER THE MEETING THE UNMO TEAM AND THE CO-DUTCHBAT DROVE BACK TO THE COMPOUND AND SAW THAT PEOPLE WERE RETURNING TO THE TOWN OF SREBRENICA. VERY FEW PEOPLE WERE ON THE STREET. FURTHER ON THE SIT IN THE ENCLAVE WAS VERY QUIET.

UPDATE: DTG 110755B JUL 95

SO FAR SO GOOD. THE SITUATION THIS MORNING HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY, BUT CREEPILY, CALM AND QUIET. THE USUAL HAIL OF SHELLS THAT HAVE BEEN GREETING OUR MORNINGS IS SURPRISINGLY ABSENT TODAY. WE VIEW THIS AS A POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE COME FROM THE NATO ULTIMATUM EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED YET. WE HOPE THINGS REMAIN AS IT IS NOW UNTIL A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS REACHED. WE ARE PRESENTLY DOING FINE BUT REMAINING IN OUR BUNKERS. THE AIR STRIKE IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT QUARTER OF AN HOUR.

UPDATE: DTG 111210B JUL 95.

1. THE SITUATION HERE HAS BEEN VERY QUIET ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH UNTIL ABOUT 1115HRS WHEN 4 SHELLS (COULD BE 82mm MORTARS) WERE FIRED FROM THE GEN AREA OF BUDAC CP635913 TOWARDS SREBRENICA.
2. THE BSA ARE STILL IN THE ENCLAVE SOUTH OF THE HORIZONTAL 84 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MT KAK CP578834 WHICH IS STILL OCCUPIED BY THE BiH.
3. DUTCHBAT OP N CP613940 IS PRESENTLY UNDER BSA FIRE WHILE FORMER OP M IS NO LONGER OCCUPIED BY THE CREW WHO HAVE MOVED TO A NEW POSITION ABOUT 400M STH OF THEIR FORMER POSITION. THE ABANDONED POSITION WAS FIRED ON BY SEVERAL SHELLS ONE OF WHICH HIT THE ROOF OF THE OP.
4. THE BSA REQUESTED A MEETING WITH DUTCHBAT AND UNMO'S IN BRATUNAC. HOWEVER THIS WAS REFUSED BY UNPROFOR HQ. WE ARE FURTHER INFORMED THAT THE AIRCRAFT MAY STILL EXECUTE THE STRIKE ACTION BY 1300HRS.

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UPDATE: DTG111600B JULY 95

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AT THIS MOMENT THE STREAM OF REFUGEES AND WOUNDED IS UNCOUNTABLE. WE FIGURE THAT A TOTAL OF 20 000 REFUGEES HAVE COME TO THE DUTCHBAT COMPOUND OF POTOCARI ALREADY AND IS GROWING STEADILY. SINCE OUR LAST REPORT THE SHELLING OF THE TOWN HAS BEEN GOING ON DESPITE THE AIR STRIKES. THE TOWN (SREBRENICA) IS IN THE HANDS OF THE BSA BY NOW AND THE LATEST ULTIMATUM GIVEN BY THE BSA IS THAT IF THE AIR STRIKES CONTINUE EVERYTHING INSIDE THE ENCLAVE WILL BE BOMBED INCLUDING UNPROFOR AND THE OTHER UN ORGANISATIONS.

B-COY HAS LEFT THEIR COMPOUND IN SREBRENICA AND IS HEADING FOR POTOCARI. BSA INFANTRY IS ALL AROUND IN THE ENCLAVE. THE NUMBERS DIFFER FROM 1 000 TO 3 000 MEN. THE AIR STRIKES ON THE NORTH PART OF THE ENCLAVE HAVE NOT YET TAKEN PLACE UP TILL NOW. THAT MEANS THAT THE COMPOUND IS A VERY EASY TARGET FOR ALL THE WEAPONS ON THE NORTH RIDGE OF THE ENCLAVE.

UPDATE: DTG 111730B JUL 95

THE STREAM OF REFUGEES IS STILL COMING INTO THE COMPOUND OF DUTCHBAT. THE FOOD SITUATION IS HOPELESS. FOR THE BATTALION WE HAVE FOOD FOR A VIEW DAYS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY FOOD TO THE REFUGEES. ONLY WATER CAN BE SUPPLIED. THIS WILL MEAN THAT THESE PEOPLE WILL BE DESPERATE WITHIN 48 HRS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RUMOURS A LARGE GROUP OF BIH SOLDIERS IS FIGHTING THEIR WAY OUT OF THE ENCLAVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TUZLA. THE NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN YET BUT WE WILL TRY TO FIND OUT ASAP. THE BSA HAS STOPPED SHELLING AND IS ONLY WATCHING WHAT IS HAPPENING. WE DON'T KNOW YET IF ALL THE OP'S ARE ABANDONED AND RETURNED TO THE COMPOUND. WE WILL INFORM YOU ASAP. THE NUMBER OF SEVERE WOUNDED IS NOW 35. THE NUMBER OF LIGHTLY WOUNDED PEOPLE IS UNCOUNTABLE. DUTCHBAT CAN'T GIVE MUCH HELP BECAUSE THEIR SUPPLIES HAVE NOT BEEN COMING IN SINCE THE END OF APRIL. THE ONLY MEDICAL HELP THAT IS AVAILABLE IS COMING FROM MSF, HOWEVER THAT IS ALSO NOT ENOUGH FOR ALL THE WOUNDED PEOPLE.

UPDATE: DTG 111910B JUL 95

1. THE NUMBER OF SEVERELY WOUNDED HAS GROWN NOW TO 50. DUTCHBAT IS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE FOOD SITUATION OF THE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE OPENED THE NORMAL RATIONS AND TRY TO MAKE SOME SOUP OF IT. BY DOING THIS THE FOOD RESERVE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 48HRS. AFTER THAT NO MORE FOOD FOR UN PERSONNEL AND REFUGEES. THE BATTALION AND THE UNMO TEAM ARE TRYING TO MEET THE BSA TONIGHT AT 1930 HRS. THE BATTALION HAS THE INTENTION TO TRY TO CREATE A VERY SMALL SAFE AREA (THE COMPOUND?) TO PROTECT THE REFUGEES.

2. THE FOLLOWING OP'S ARE STILL ON THEIR OLD POSITIONS:
A(CP553900), C(CP538850), M(NEW LOC, 570918), N(CP613940),
P(CP645918), Q(CP658893), R(CP659883). THE OP'S ARE DOING THEIR WORK IN A VERY PASSIVE WAY.

3. FROM 1844HRS UNTIL 1900HRS THE BSA FIRED 22 ROCKETS/SHELLS FROM DUGO POLJE (GRID 644922) TOWARDS BUDAK (GRID 635912) AND GRADAC (CP635898). THE SOUND IS VERY CLOSE SO THE PANIC AMONGST THE REFUGEES INCREASES WITH EVERY SHELL.

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