

Sunday, 8 November 1992
10.37 – 17.00

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MEETING
with Corps commanders

* KARADŽIĆ:

- Let the Corps commanders submit their reports first. –

The following submitted reports:

1. * Major General Momir TALIĆ – Commander of the 1st KK /Krajina Corps/:

- The operational position of the Corps is very favourable –
- We can pull out 1-2 brigades and use them along another axis
- The liberation of Jajce gave a boost to the morale
- The Corps and the Doboj OG /Operations Group/ together have 105,000 soldiers -
- Cooperation with the authorities is very good

2. * Commander of the 2nd KK – Colonel Grujo BORIĆ:

- At the moment, the Corps is conducting defence on 2 fronts facing western Herzegovina and the Cazin Krajina. –
- Muslim activities have intensified since the arrival of ABDIĆ.-
- The Corps has 16,821 fighters (manning levels at 70%).-
- In the Cazin Krajina, there are 20-25,000 Muslims under arms. –

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- They are reinforcing the defence of Bugojno. –

3.- Commander of the Doboj OG /Operations Group/ – Colonel Slavko LISICA

- Preparations are under way for active combat operations in the direction of Maglaj.-
- By taking control of Tuzla, we would solve many problems -

4.- Commander of the IBK /Eastern Bosnia Corps/ – Colonel Novica SIMIĆ

- Unfavourable operational position of the IBK because of the bridgehead in Orašje.- and the narrow corridor near Brčko.-
- The situation on Majeвица is currently stable. –
- In the Posavina area, cooperation between the army and the civilian authorities is extraordinary. –
- Semberija is living as if it were peacetime, it is an oasis for smuggling. – Para-authorities are in power in Semberija. –
- Armies affiliated to political parties are being formed here – the Radicals – they even have their own VP /Military Post/ 2222. –
- Semberija people are leaving the front in droves. –
- The Radicals are in the SUP /Secretariat of the Interior/, they are blackmailing the Muslims...
- In Janja, Tomo KOVAČ and a MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ unit are mistreating people and taking away m/v /motor vehicles/.-
- Semberija people do not want to fight. –

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- Smuggling is blooming on the border with the FRY. –

* SUBOTIĆ:

- Last night, 6-7 thousand ~~ammunition~~ bullets were fired around the hotel.
- The justifiability of introducing military rule has been confirmed. –

5.- Commander of the DRINA CORPS – Colonel Milenko ŽIVANOVIĆ.-

- The Corps ~~has~~ is living through its 8th day. –
- To form 2 brigades in Zvornik.– One brigade to solve /the problem of/ Teočak, the other to help Osmaci.
- We will form a brigade in Bratunac -
- To form the Goražde Brigade Command as soon as possible -
- We must urgently get down to /?the River/ Prača and the River Drina. –
- We must know of each other. –

6.- * NŠ /Chief of Staff/ of the SRK /Sarajevo-Romania Corps/ Colonel MARČETIĆ:

- In front of us, there are about 45,000 *poturice* /derogatory for Muslims/.-
- The Muslims are in disarray, particularly between Juka and HALILOVIĆ.-

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- The Muslims in Sarajevo are getting closer and closer to the Serbs.-
- The Corps has 28,000 men. –

7.- Commander of the HK /Herzegovina Corps/ – Colonel Radovan GRUBAČ

- The situation is getting more complicated
- The position of the Trebinje Brigade and the defence of Trebinje are quite complex.-
- Their offensive in the direction of Žegulja and Ljubinje failed.
- They have begun an offensive in the direction of Nevesinje. –
- Several brigades were brought to the Mostar area from Jajce.

- Everything Serbian under their control has been obliterated (houses, people, cemeteries).
- They want to reach Grebak and /?the River/ Trebišnjica. –

- The corridor at the foot of /Mount/ Jahorina must be cut off.-

- The human resources have been exhausted.
- Herzegovina must be helped, it may be too late in 15-20 days. –

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8.- General NINKOVIĆ – Commander of the RV i PVO /Air Force and Anti-Aircraft Defence/

- Aircraft are ready for action.-
- There is enough war materiel
- The pilots are nervous because they have been inactive for 20 days .-

9. General MLADIĆ:

- The strategic and operational position of the army of RS /Republika Srpska/
- Assignments for further actions -

10.- President KARADŽIĆ:

- The army and our courageous officers contributed enormously to the results that we have achieved to date.-
- The situation in Europe and the rest of the world is very complex. –
- Europe has given up on J. /?Yugoslavia/ and put it in the hands of Germany.-
- The US has its own interests:
 1. * The Muslims – to win /?them/ over because of Turkey – towards Russia and oil -
 - * The US favours Germany and Turkey -
 - * Battle for the military-industrial complex because J /?Yugoslavia/ ~~so~~ sold weapons at very low prices.-
 - * *Pablik Kruejšen* /?Public Relations/ has smeared us so much that the world would support the dropping of an A-bomb on the Serbs.-

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- VANCE is CLINTON's teacher, his dream was fulfilled when CLINTON won
- Changes have taken place in the US, CLINTON plans to cut the military budget and reduce the level of interference in its role of the world policeman.-
- Our man is Mr BOYER (Dragan ŽIVANOVIĆ), president of all democrats in the world.-
- After CLINTON's win, we have access to the top authorities in the US -
- On Wednesday, VANCE will go to the SB /Security Council/ to prevent the lifting of the arms embargo against BH /Bosnia and Herzegovina/.-
- * We must begin our cooperation with the US with something spectacular
- * VANCE said that the war should stop and a political solution should be sought for 50 years.-
- * It is better not to lose Višegrad than to take control of Gradačac.-
- * The West finds the fall of towns frightening.-
- * Maybe it would be good if we solved:
 - the issue of the /River/ Drina
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- 11.- * KRAJIŠNIK:
- I admire the military successes. –
 - It is very dangerous to seize their territories.-
 - The /River/ Drina and the Neretva...
 - We have a disproportionate engagement of the army in relation to the strategic

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objectives.

- We have not achieved:
 - * The Neretva
 - * The sea and
 - * The Podrinje area. –
- We have achieved:
 - * The corridor
 - * Separation with the Muslims.-
- We must bring the war to an end
- The most pressing thing is to mop up Orašje, and then to solve the problem of the Podrinje area and the Neretva river valley as soon as possible. –
- The Muslims must not stay with us and they should not be given any kind of autonomy.-
- The most important objective is the task assigned to ŽIVANOVIĆ – the mopping up of the Drina.-
- * The most important task is separation from the Muslims. -

12.– General DOMAZETOVIĆ:

- We have the same objectives and /?we/ will support you as much as /?we/ can.
- Politicians in Bosnia want peace. –
- Clearly, the army and the politicians must have an objective.-
- Personally, I am surprised – pleasantly by your achievements. –
- BUSH is the Director of the CIA. –
- CLINTON will probably not work as BUSH did.-
- As a whole, a battle for peace.-
- Europe has demolished the Orthodox world without a bullet.-

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- My wish is for this people to live in peace and prosperity.
- The Muslims will not stop until you defeat them
- As for the provision of supplies, we are doing all we can to help you, but the reserves are depleted, the problem of procurement and the work of the military industry.-
- An enormous amount of money is needed for equipment.
- /?We/j could get some /?uniforms/
- YELTSIN will probably not remain in power for much longer.-

13. – Prime Minister ĐERIĆ:

- Production capacities have been preserved -
- The area of Popovo Polje, Stolac – Trebinje ought to be retained because it is the biggest oil field. –
- The import of oil, petrol and wheat is being arranged.-
- The /?production capacities/ are working for the needs of the army
- Harvest is going according to plan.-
- It seems to me that our economic and military situation is /?better/ than /our/ political objectives and achievements.
- I do not share the view that we will be able to reach an agreement with the Croats and get a state.

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14.- MO /Defence Minister/ – SUBOTIĆ:

- We have no problems with mobilisation, but with keeping troops on the front.
- Profiteering, theft and acquisition of wealth are a serious problem. –
- I want to support the President in /his/ efforts to launch initiatives for rapprochement with the Americans.-
- Soldiers cannot be paid from 2 sources.
- Soldiers' salaries will be between 26,000 and 36,000 dinars.-
- Fight against the lack of unity in preventing theft and profiteering.-
- I support General MLADIĆ's idea to meet representatives of the FRY within a broader framework. -

15.- General MLADIĆ → I have proposed the following Plan to be presented at the Peace Conference;

- 1.- Unconditional withdrawal of Croatian OS /armed forces/ from the territory of the former BH /Bosnia and Herzegovina/
- 2.- That AI /?Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ/ withdraw his decision declaring war on the Serbian people
- 3.- That no concessions or sensational news, such as demilitarisation, ceding of parts of the territory and the like, be offered in political negotiations.

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4.– That a formal truce with the Croats
be made conditional on the withdrawal
of the HOS /Croatian Armed Forces/ from our
territories. –

5.– To offer peace negotiations
to the Muslim
people...

16.– General NINKOVIĆ:

- We should start with the assessment of whether
and to what extent the break-up of
Yugoslavia will continue

- The influence of the Islamic world
should be taken into account.-

- To assess what is happening in
the FRY, Macedonia and Russia

- The war will last 3-4 years
- To immediately declare
the unity of all 3 parts of the people.

17.– General DOMAZETOVIĆ:

- I support the idea of rapprochement
with the new administration...

- The break-up of Yugoslavia
will continue, but not at a pace
they hoped for.-

- As a military man, I support your
decisions, but not as a politician,
because peace must follow.

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- Suspension of the front and negotiations for 2, 3, 5 years. –
- They will not lift the embargo...
- Can we defeat Europe and the world, they are on the side of the H /Croats/ and M /Muslims/.-
- I would look at Herzegovina differently, it depends on Prevlaka.-
- If they continue in the direction of Trebinje, the Montenegrin people will go to war and I will go with them.-

18.- Major General ARANDELOVIĆ:

- The use of the army of Republika Srpska must be decided by politicians. –
- What do you need Bihać for.-

19.- Colonel GRUBOR:

- I see no collision here with General MLADIĆ's idea
- General MLADIĆ's idea about your position in political talks is very acceptable.

20.- DOMAZETOVIĆ:

- What General MLADIĆ said is very good and acceptable.-

21.- General TALIĆ:

- More propaganda about our state is needed.-
- We must not allow the Muslims to arm and organise themselves
- You must point out more the danger of a jihad
- We must improve our operational and strategic position. –

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- The enemy must be moved away from Dobož. –
- We must bear in mind that we are low on ammunition. –

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DISCUSSION

with some soldiers and officers
in Bijeljina. –

ANDELIC → President of the IV /?Executive Council/ of the Bijeljina SO /Municipal Assembly/:

* Problems:

- /Troops are/ trickling away from the front, in /?LOPANDIC's/ battalion, only 140 of the 500 men have remained on the front. –
- The situation on Majeвица is becoming critical. –

⊕ Blagoje GAVRILOVIC – Commander of the 2nd Semberija Brigade- :

- Troops' morale is at zero. –
- Very little has been eliminated in Bijeljina.
- If 10% of the civilian authorities had engaged in the war, it would be much better.
- 340 fighters were taken from me on the basis of work obligation. –
- Killed: 37, wounded: 160, and nobody was given for an exchange.-
- In addition to waging a war, I also provide cigarettes and firewood, and take care of the wounded and the families of those who have been killed