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OFFICIAL NOTE

made in premises of Srebrenica SJB¹ by OS² Jovanović Tihomir about the conducted informative conversation with Gagić Danica from Bajna³ [sic] Bašta concerning the death and funeral of Gagić Ljubica from Karno, Srebrenica SO⁴, in July 1993.

On 19 October 1998, colleague, inspector Pustivuk Srpkó, and I, in accordance with KTN 24/98 dated 24 September, were tasked together with finding Gagić Danica, daughter of Simeun, born in 1937 in Karno where she also lived until 15 May 1992 when she was captured by Muslim army and alongside 9 other civilians from the same village taken to prison in Karačići first, and then to Srebrenica.

At 11.00 o'clock on the same day, we found Gagić Danica in Bašta⁵, on 24 Nikola Tesla Street, and she gave us the following:

S T A T E M E N T

„Ten of us were brought to Srebrenica and we were all locked up in one room in the Court building. The next day Zulfo Tursunović came and while cursing our Serbian mother, he asked Ljubica, "Where are your sons and where is your ham radio device?" Then Ljubica responded that she did not know where her sons were nor did she know of any ham radio device, and then Zulfo beat with his hands and kicked Ljubica severely, only to grab her face in one moment and slam her head vigorously against the wall and then blood started running from her mouth and her nose. He then left while saying, "When I come back, I will kill you all." A few days later, a truck stopped in front of the prison and someone said, "Zulfo is coming." We were all scared and Ljubica separated herself from us to one corner of the room where she had her bag in which there was acetic acid. I noticed the neighbour Velemir⁶ [sic] taking away what was left of acid from Ljubica, which he later gave to the guard. 3-4 days later, Ljubica died in great agony, and with Mileva's help, I prepared her for the funeral.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF GAGIĆ LJUBICA:

She was about 175cm in and weighed about 80kg; hair colour between black and brown; longer hair tied in a pony tail with an elastic band, covered with a headscarf in darker shades; beige store-bought sweater with polka dots, button down type with two straight pockets (opened on upper side), knitted burgundy wool west, button down type with two straight pockets, front side decorated with a splice of braids. Under that was either a blouse shirt or a regular shirt, because I cannot remember the colour nor the details on it; the skirt was store-bought and made of linen of brighter colours with characteristic red lines which went down the skirt with spaces between them (between the lines) 1cm in width, between which there were V-shaped lines (Latin alphabet letter V); under the skirt there was a white half-slip and store-bought white underwear. On her feet, she had socks that reached above her knees, over which she had

¹ Translator's note: Public Security Station

² t/n: authorised official

³ t/n: typing mistake; actual name of town and municipality is Bajina Bašta

⁴ t/n: municipality

⁵ t/n: this refers to Bajina Bašta

⁶ t/n: actual name is Velemir

dark-coloured knee-high socks. Opanci⁷, which she wore, she could not put on because her feet were swollen, while I took off her rings and her wrist watch and upon being

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released from prison, I gave them to late Ljubica's children.

Please note that we women from the prison did not go to Ljubica's funeral, but I remember well when we went to Bratunac for the exchange, the neighbours showed me her grave.

Srebrenica, 20 October 1998

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⁷ t/n: traditional peasant shoes worn in Southeastern Europe