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## Meeting of Core Group 1

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Zagreb, 3 February 1994

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SUBJECT: -Meeting of the Core Group of 1 February  
-Belgrade Mission

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Meeting of the Core Group

1. As discussed on the telephone yesterday, I wish to confirm that a meeting of the Core Group was held in my hotel room on 1 February. The team was to discuss the progress of the work thus far and coordinate matters for the meeting on the next day with the local mental health specialists. However, the meeting was reduced to the ventilation of anger and personal attacks by Eleanor towards Karen. Eleanor went so far as to question the integrity of Karen's motives in undertaking this investigation and that she would ruin Karen's career prospects at the UN if she did not stop from keeping Eleanor and Sabina in the dark as to how the investigation was developing. Eleanor's behaviour and allegation were unjustified and unwarranted. (Karen has been working extremely diligently to make this project a success.) Upon hearing the accusation, Karen broke into tears and she did not respond in kind. I tried to diffuse the tension, although I told Eleanor that her threat was unacceptable and she should apologize to Karen. At all times, Karen has behaved in a most professional manner and this attack on her was surprising.

2. As you will recall, I had mentioned to you while in Geneva that this type of situation might arise. For now, the matter would appear to be under control and Sabina and Eleanor are to leave Zagreb on 11 February, as you will remember had been envisaged from the beginning.

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3. In view of the circumstances and as discussed, may I suggest that you send a fax to me along the following lines:

"For the remainder of the preparatory stage of the investigation and until further notice, Mr. Baez is to leave Zagreb on 15 February, Dr. Negovetic, Dr. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Richter-Lyonnette are to leave Zagreb on 11 February, Ms. Drazenovic is to leave Zagreb on 9 February and return on 13 February and Ms. Kenny and Mr. Osorio are to remain in Zagreb."

#### Belgrade Mission

4. I spoke today to Civil Affairs, UNPROFOR, Belgrade, concerning the Belgrade visit. I was informed that I will receive an official reply soon on the planned visit from the Belgrade authorities.

#### Other Business

5. As Ms. Greve will remain in Zagreb until 15 February, I told Mr. Kotliar today that I too should remain here until that date. However, Mr. Kotliar prefers that I leave Zagreb on 13 February so that I could start preparing, on 14 February, for the Eleventh Session of the Commission. Personally, I believe that I should remain in Zagreb until 15 February.

Best regards.