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Commission of Experts established pursuant to
Security Council Resolution 780 (1992)
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Dear Mr. Bijegovic,

I wish to refer to the conversation you and Mr. Martinovic had on 17 and 19 May 1993 respectively, in Knin with Mr. Fenrick, Rapporteur for On-site Investigations of the Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992), concerning the investigation of the mass grave in UNPROFOR Sector East at Ovcara, near Vukovar, a region which is under the control of the Serb-Krajina forces.

As you will recall, both you and Mr. Martinovic assured Mr. Fenrick of the full co-operation of the Serb-Krajina administration in this endeavour.

In this connexion, UNPROFOR Sector South (Civil Affairs) has just informed the Commission that the Serb-Krajina administration require a communication from the Commission for the excavation and investigation concerned to be conducted.

Accordingly, I confirm that the Commission would be most grateful for the co-operation of the Serb-Krajina administration in order to carry out the excavation of the Ovcara mass grave. Further, the Commission would appreciate receiving as soon as possible the reconfirmation of the Serb-Krajina administration of the co-operation promised to Mr. Fenrick by you and Mr. Martinovic, as mentioned above.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Torkel Opsahl', is written over a light-colored background.

Torkel Opsahl
Acting Chairman of the
Commission

Mr. Bijegovic
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