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SUBJECT: Humanitarian Situation in  
Gorazde

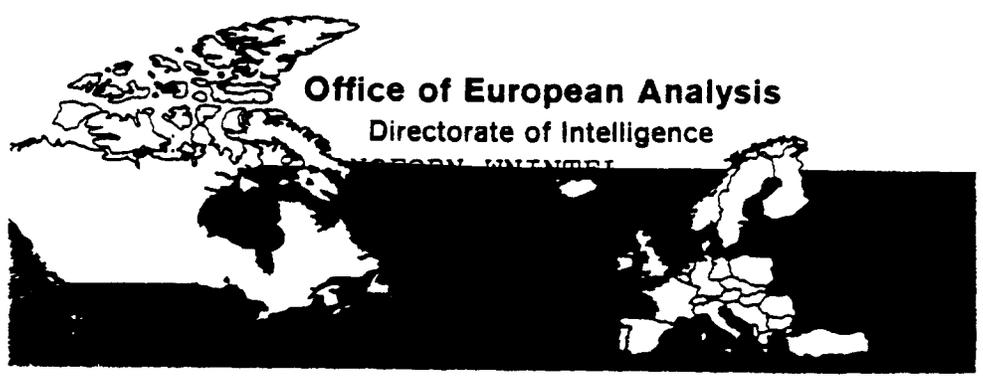


We will send down by COB a short  
assessment on the "death camps" issue.



Chief, DCI Interagency  
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Attachment



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3 August 1992

MEMORANDUM

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1. UNHCR estimates that some 70,000 people--about 40,000 residents and 30,000 displaced people--are trapped in Gorazde and have not received humanitarian assistance since April. [REDACTED] however, indicates that Doctors Without Frontiers--a French Non-governmental Organization (NGO)--shipped 1 ton of medical supplies to the besieged city last week. We have no confirmation that the supplies arrived. [REDACTED]
2. The infrastructure of the city has been severely crippled by the fighting. The Sarajevo and Belgrade press indicate that many of the city's buildings have been damaged or destroyed. Various press reports also indicate that the city is without electricity and water. [REDACTED]
3. The food situation appears to be dire. Periodic radio reports from Sarajevo and Belgrade indicate that food stocks have been depleted and that the displaced people--and presumably at least some residents--are near starvation. A UNHCR/UNPROFOR 10-truck humanitarian convoy originating in Sarajevo failed to reach Gorazde on 24 July with 16 tons of relief supplies due to landmines in the road about 10 kilometers outside the city. Equilibre--another French NGO--has also considered attempting a convoy, but has not yet tried. On the basis of UNHCR calculations elsewhere, we estimate that Gorazde may need about 35 to 40 tons of food relief daily. [REDACTED]
4. We have not seen information on how the displaced people are being sheltered. [REDACTED] reveals no refugee camps in or near the city. Therefore, most of these people probably are being sheltered in private homes or other buildings. [REDACTED]

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