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1. All KNOJ units in Yugoslavia were under the command of Lieutenant General Otmar Krajacic in early November 1950. Independent of the military authority of command, the Minister of the Interior exercises the right of issuing directives in the individual member republics of the federal state. *
2. The KNOJ units were issued army uniforms with light-blue service color after the outbreak of the conflict with the Cominform. This color was worn on collar patches, blouses (☒), overcoats (), on the ribbons of service caps, on the piping of epaulets, sleeves and seams of trousers. An oval cockade with a Soviet star and under it the Yugoslav national colors, was worn on the caps.
3. During the winter the KNOJ units employed along the eastern and south-eastern frontiers of the country were released and withdrawn into the interior. To replace these KNOJ units, all the guards units from Belgrade, among others, were transferred to the border.
4. A KNOJ regiment with the cover number 9988 was quartered at the intersection of ul. Cetinska and ul. 29 November in Belgrade. The unit was equipped with armored cars.
5. On 28 November, the border in the Kungota area (Y 2/3 28) was guarded by KNOJ troops. Captain Djoka Crncic was the commanding officer of the Battalion headquarters located in Kungota.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. According to confirmed press and radio reports, Krajacic was chief of the Main Political Administration of the Yugoslav Armed Forces until recently. His appointment as commander-in-chief of all KNOJ units, if true, would imply that he has given up his assignment, since the KNOJ units, which are not connected with the armed forces, are assigned to the Ministry of the Interior.

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