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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 4 and 7 March 1993, there appear to have been three flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as an annex to this note verbale.

ANNEX

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY
THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(4-7 March 1993)

| SRL | Date | Start | End | Remarks | Heading, speed, altitude |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 463 | 4 Mar. | 12.39 | 12.43 | AWACS detected a track 35 nautical miles north-east of Banja Luka. The aircraft was heading south-east, tracked for 4 minutes before fading from radar contact 40 nautical miles east of Banja Luka. The aircraft was assessed as fixed-wing and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. | South-east 280 kts 15,000-22,000 ft. |
| 464 | 5 Mar. | 20.15 | 20.47 | An unidentified, low-speed aircraft, was detected 10 nautical miles north-west of Mahovljani (Banja Luka) heading south-west. It was tracked by an UNMO on the ACC Zagreb search radar until it faded from cover 5 nautical miles south-west of Sanski Most (25 nautical miles west of Banja Luka). The track was assessed as a probable helicopter. | West south-west 60-80 kts Unknown |
| 465 | 7 Mar. | 15.15 | 15.15 | While driving on the main road 5 miles north of Banja Luka, members of the Banja Luka Airfield Monitoring Team observed a green Gazelle helicopter flying at approximately 500 feet, heading north. There were no aircraft reported taking off or landing at Banja Luka airfields. The aircraft will be protested with local authorities. | North Slow 500 feet |

[6 March: no violations reported]