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Please find attached note on the bomb explosions in Sarajevo on 4 and 5 February 1994.

Regards.

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MORTAR BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN SARAJEVO ON 4 AND 5 FEBRUARY 94

1. At 12.10 hrs on Saturday 5 February, a mortar bomb exploded in the open-air market in the centre of old Sarajevo, killing at least 58 people and wounding at least 142 others. The toll of dead and injured may rise, as more facts become known.
2. UNPROFOR has confirmed that the explosion was caused by a single, 120 mm mortar bomb fired from a location north-east of the market. UNPROFOR military experts, after analysing the explosion crater, have not been able to determine with certainty the exact origin of launch of the mortar. No such exact determination is ever likely to be made. (The report by BH Command is attached. The report shows that the area from which the mortar bomb was fired covered both sides of the Confrontation Line). Detailed
3. The information above was released to the media by SRSG Akashi on 5 February, the day of the explosion.
4. SRSG Akashi also made clear to journalists, on the record, that UNPROFOR has confirmed that a mortar bomb which killed 10 people and injured 18 others in the Dolnja area of Sarajevo on the previous day (4 February), was definitely launched by the Serbs.
5. Even though SRSG Akashi has made very clear to the media, and in his meeting today (6 February) with President Izetbegovic and Dr Karadzic, that UNPROFOR cannot terminate with certainty who is responsible for the explosion in the open-air market on 5 February, the considered view held by senior UNPROFOR officials, including FC General Co and BH Commander Lieutenant General Rose, is that the analysis of all the factors involved points to a probability that the mortar bomb on 5 February was launched by the Serbs. However, we emphasize that this is no more than a well-informed view, not a firm conclusion, and we are being very careful not to encourage finger-pointing at either party.
6. Such care is particularly important given the fact that UNPROFOR is almost 100 per cent sure that the Bosnians on at least two occasions during the past 18 months have been the origin of shelling that caused casualties in Sarajevo and damage to the airport.
7. Dr Karadzic is insisting on the establishment of a permanent joint (BH Army/BSA/UNPROFOR) commission to investigate such incidents in future. This may be acceptable to the Presidency, but not in connection with past incidents. However, we have emphasized that the findings of any such commission are extremely unlikely to arrive at any certain conclusion concerning the 5 February explosion.

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6 February 1994

To: SRSB, Mr Akashi

REPORT ON THE MORTAR BOMBING IN SARAJEVO 4 AND 5 FEB 94

DOBRINJA - 4 FEB 94

1. At 1100 hours local, 3 mortar rounds (120 mm) landed in open ground in a southern Bosnian held suburb. The bomb landed between high rise flats while humanitarian aid was being distributed. Ten people were killed and eighteen injured. Crater analysis by UNPROFOR experts confirmed that the firing point was in BSA held area, approximately 1500 metres to the east. A diagram is attached.

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2. At 1210 hours local, a single 120 mm mortar bomb exploded in the open air market in the centre of Sarajevo. At least 58 people were killed and more than 142 people were injured. UNPROFOR crater analysts concluded that the bomb was fired from a location between 1000 and 4000 metres to the north-east of the market place. However the analysts are not able to determine the exact origin of the mortar and therefore blame cannot be apportioned. A diagram of the attack with the possible firing areas is attached.

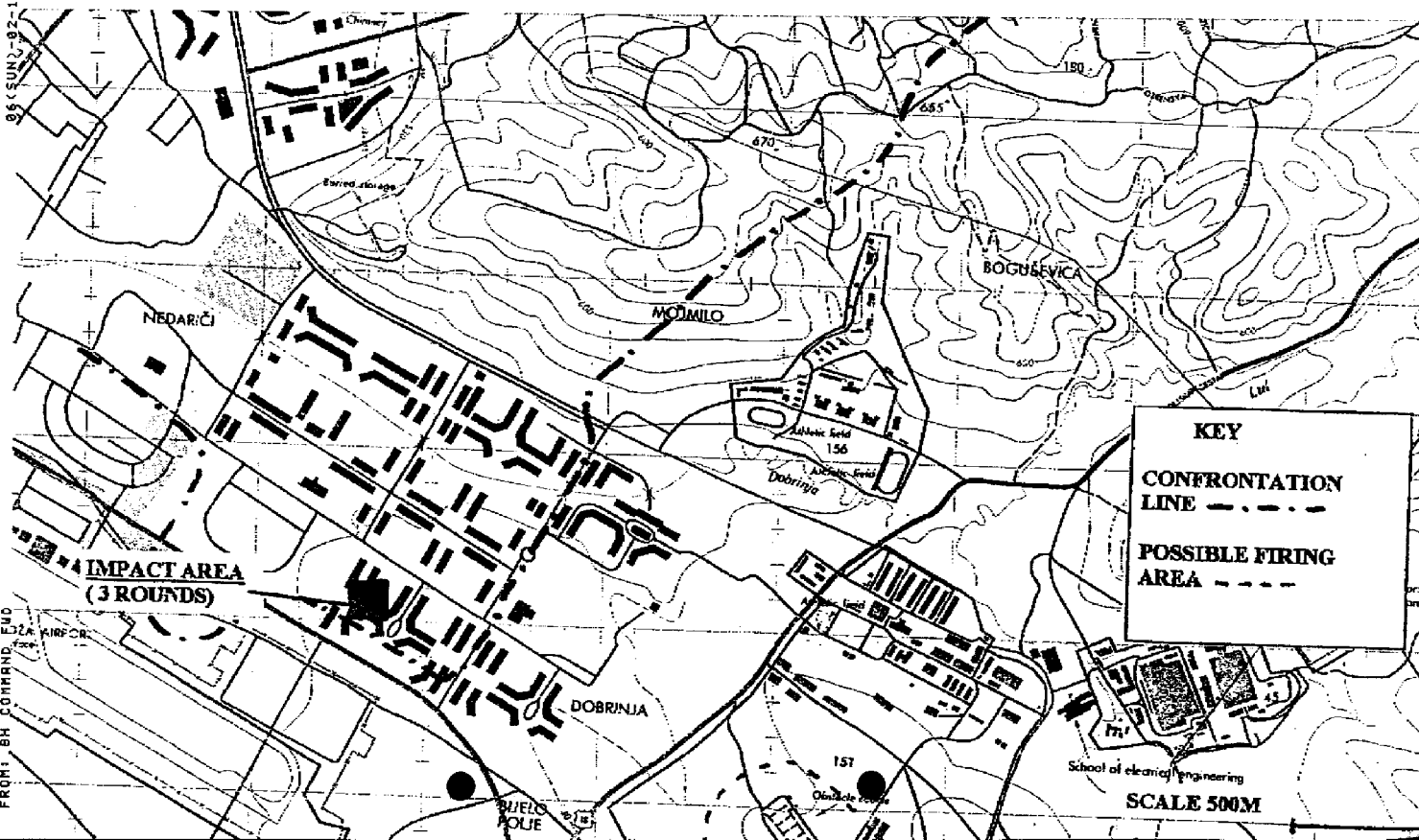
3. Of the 142 injured, 48 patients have been medically evacuated from the city and over 40 family members. On 7 Feb a further 20 patients will be evacuated.

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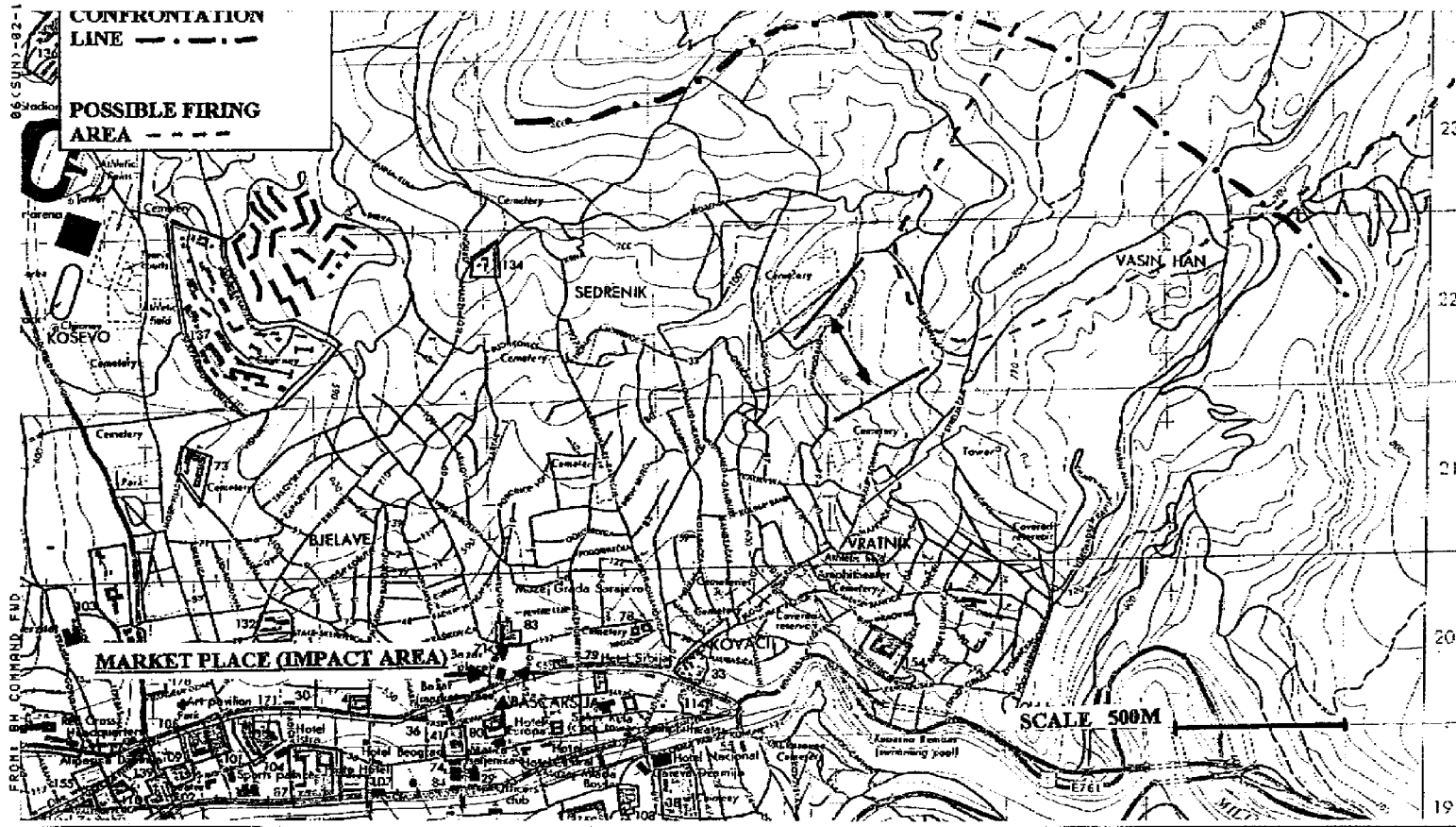
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