Concerning the problem we processed in document number and date of which were stated above, we understand everything and we are doing everything in our power to prevent illegal crossings from the free areas of Žepa and Srebrenica and departures towards Tuzla, Kladanj, and towards Serbia. ŽEPA SJB was also verbally acquainted with your order as were the units of SVB that are taking operative actions on preventing such occurrences. However, the problem is a large number of military personnel and civilians who are coming from Srebrenica to Žepa to get food, and who have practically no documents and authorisations, and if we acted on the order we would have to apprehend 300-400 persons a day. I informed you about that same problem in our document 08-13-36/95, dated 5 February '95, addressed to the security organ of the division, in which I requested that the persons who come from Srebrenica to Žepa are issued any sort of documents-authorisations so we could tell apart the persons who are there with the intention to illegally leave the territory, and that they inform us should you begin issuing such authorisations.

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COMMANDANT
Colonel
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1 Translator’s note: Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2 t/n: East Bosnian Light Brigade
3 t/n: Land Forces
4 t/n: Public Security Station
5 t/n: Military Security Service
6 t/n: unknown abbreviation, most likely initials