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Basic idea for  
Execution of task,  
- i s h e r e b y d e l i v e r e d -

TO THE COMMAND OF 8th OG<sup>1</sup> SREBRENICA  
(Attention: Commandant  
brigadier Naser Orić)

Map 1:100000: Kladanj and Zvornik

Your proposition, strictly confidential No.01/1300-204/94, dated 30 October 1994, was studied carefully and after agreeing within the 2nd Corps, we reached the following conclusions:

- it is good that you are proposing getting out and infiltrating the 284th ib.lbr<sup>2</sup>;
- it is good that you are strengthening that same brigade with parts of other brigades;
- if the aim is to link up the free territories and, for starters, create a minimal corridor for any degree of a starting logistic security of the units and population, which it probably is, then your proposed depth of insertion is relatively small and there would be no link-up of free territories;
- limiting factors for your action is the security with minimal amounts of ammunition and UBS<sup>3</sup> of your units for active combat operations;
- the Chetnik decision to attack your free territory before our joint active combat operations would completely complicate the situation, especially for you if they would head directly at you.

In connection to the above-stated, we propose that you consider it and give your suggestions for the following basic idea and parts of decision, after which we shall send you the decision in its entirety in accordance with which preparations shall have to be accelerated.

1. The idea is: Through active combat operations liberate a part of the temporarily occupied territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina - municipalities of Bratunac, Vlasenica, Šekovići, Zvornik, and Kalesija - and link up the free territories of Žepa and Srebrenica with the free territories of Zvornik, Kalesija, and Živinice in order to create a permanent free corridor for the supply of the population, and logistics support to the units of the Army of RBiH<sup>4</sup> and the basis for further liberation of north-eastern Bosnia as a whole.

Corridor borders:

- left border:  
village of Podžeplje (the free territory of Žepa)-village of Barice-Sokolica-Izgorjele stn.<sup>5</sup>-K.<sup>6</sup>631-village of Pomol-Brezova glava-village of Koprivno-village of Rogač-Mratinjsko brdo [sic]-Previla (tt.7.560)-N.Kasaba<sup>8</sup>-village of Pobudaci-village of Škugrići-village of Metaljka-village of Hajdarovići-village of Rogosija-Nišava (tt.779)-Potajnik (tt.909)-village of Brnjac-the Drinjača river, upstream until the village of Seliško Polje-village of Mihailovići-Borogovo (tt.923)-brook of Bisina until Lješće-veliko brdo [sic] (tt.730). (These features are to be connected by a line.)
- right border:  
Brestovik (tt.1291) (Žepa territory)- source of Stublić-Krčevine (tt.806)-village of Pale-village of Bjelo<sup>9</sup> [sic] Polje-Bučje-village of Slapovići-village of Sarači-further along the border of the free territory of Srebrenica until the village of Borići-village of Zagoni-village of Magašići-village of Vladušići-Tusto brdo [sic] (tt.664)-village of Ocenovići-village of Banjevići-tt.665-Drenjak (tt.771)-Graina (tt.693)-Kušlat-village of Kostjerevo-village of Drinjača-left bank of the Drina up to the Kula Grad fortress in Zvornik-village of Marčići-Markovača (tt.372)-village of Čolovnik-Perčini-village of Jordan-the Sapna River upstream to the village of Vrela Strana. (These features are to be connected by a line).

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: Operations Group

<sup>2</sup> t/n: East Bosnian Light Brigade

<sup>3</sup> t/n: lethal assets

<sup>4</sup> t/n: Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

<sup>5</sup> t/n: abbreviation unknown

<sup>6</sup> t/n: trig point

<sup>7</sup> t/n: trig point

<sup>8</sup> t/n: this refers to Nova Kasaba

<sup>9</sup> t/n: actual name is Bijelo

2. How to execute the task: Liberate the temporarily seized sector of the corridor by inserting large forces into the depth of the corridor sector and engaging in offensive operations from the free territories of the 4th OG, the 6th OG of the 2nd Corps, and the 8th OG Srebrenica, and afterwards secure the north-eastern and south-western side of the corridor at the lines given in item 1. Engage the already prepared logistics support immediately through the 2nd Corps.

3. Engagement of forces:

3.1. Forces of the 8th OG Srebrenica

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Use the 284<sup>th</sup> ib.lbr as a whole for insertion into the depth of the corridor into the original sectors, combat group by combat group (battalion strength). Reinforce combat groups as needed from other brigades with the minimum number of soldiers for a realistic execution of the given task and keep them in the field until they link up with the other forces.

a) COMBAT GROUP No.1 - formation - part of the 284th ib.lbr (former VI KAMENICA DETACHMENT

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with reinforcements according to the decision of the Commandant of the 8th OG). From its current sector, insert the group via a chosen axis into the wider sector of Velja Glava-Snagovo, approximately into the area: village of Samari-tt.402-village of Liplje-tt.372-Đafin kamen [sic] (tt.-531) (Connect those points with a line into an irregular circle). Divide this group into four subgroups, and point them along axes to take control of the features as follows:

- b) FIRST SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the basic axis of Đafin kamen [sic] (eastern slopes)-K.403-village of Bajrići-village of Novo Selo- village of Šahmani, and in smaller groups will take control of the village of Šahmani feature (eastern, towards the asphalt road), the feature veliko brdo [sic] (s/i<sup>10</sup> from the village of Novo Selo), and the feature of Vlasinje, s/i from the village of Bajrići.

Features should be occupied and the above-stated axis and the features controlled, if possible without combat until the proper moment and signal. The group from the area of the village of Šahmani should be ready for active combat operations from its sector towards the village of Djevanje, upon receiving the signal for it.

- c) SECOND SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the basic axis of the village of Camlije-Kula Grad, and in smaller groups will take control of the features of Mlađevac (eastern towards Drina, tt.524), Kula Grad fortress, tt.442, and the village of Marčići in the northern part. If possible, these features should also be occupied without combat (avoid combat until the proper signal[]). The task is to secure the corridor from the direction of Zvornik.

- d) THIRD SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the basic axis of G.Snagovo<sup>11</sup>[sic]-Brezik-village of Glumina, and in smaller groups will take control of the features of Lisina (tt.506) eastern of the road bend, Perunika, K-355, Cerik (K-533), Gornje snagovo [sic] (group of houses in the crossroad sector, one kilometre south from school[]), Snagovo K-402, crossroad one kilometre to the west. Groups from Snagovo sector (with the last two above-stated features) should be prepared to attack the Chetnik forces in the village of Kosovača along the axis of:

klanac[sic]-tt.609-village of Kosovača, and coordinate with the forces of the 2nd Corps on the same task at the proper signal. Features are to be occupied in secret and if possible without combat. The task of the subgroup is to prevent intervention towards the corridor from the direction of Zvornik and the village of Caparde, and to cut off and control the communication in the given sector.

- e) FOURTH SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the basic axis of Velja Glava (the sign glava [sic])-village of Hadžići-village of Mahići-village of D.Kamenica<sup>12</sup>, and in smaller groups will take control of the features: Gromilica (tt.619, northern slopes), tt-574 (western slopes), village of Kamenica (one kilometre western of the mosque, in the area of the road leading towards the village of Kunići Kunići), Lemino brdo [sic] tt-613 (south-western slopes towards the Drinjača river). Group from Gromilica sector should be prepared to attack Chetniks in the sector of the village of Jasikovci, and coordinate with the forces of the 2nd Corps at the proper signal.

<sup>10</sup> t/n: north-eastern

<sup>11</sup> t/n: this refers to Gornje Snagovo

<sup>12</sup> t/n: this refers to Donja Kamenica

The group from the area of tt.-574 should be prepared to attack Chetniks in the sector of the village of Gornja Kamenica and coordinate with the forces of the 2nd Corps at the proper signal.

Groups from the sector of the village of Kunići and Lemino brdo [sic] should be prepared to attack the Chetniks in the village of Paprača along the axis of Lemino brdo[sic]-village of Popovići-village of Božići-village of Paprača and coordinate with the forces of the 2nd Corps at the proper signal. They should secure themselves from the direction of Kalabače.

Features are to be occupied in secret and, if possible, without combat.

Task of the subgroup is to secure the corridor, prevent Chetnik intervention from the village of Paprača, and participate in active combat operations, and coordinate with the forces of the 2nd Corps as given.

At the level of COMBAT GROUP No.1 in the given deployment sector, establish potential and possible command post, connection with the 8th OG and subgroups, set up basic and potential medical station, necessary and potential logistic part, and one group of fighters (about 10-15 men) for immediate protection and necessary intervention along all endangered subgroups axes. Train the above-stated group to use mortars of all kinds, [because] when the corridor is opened, the delivering of mortars and mines will be possible.

For the organising of connection, we will try to deliver the equipment in the same manner as UBS.

In our opinion, this group should consist of 350 to 400 men, seeing that the groups that take control of the features (in accordance with the significance and the size of the feature and the task) should consist of 15 to 40 men.

b) COMBAT GROUP No.2. - formation - part of the 284th ib.lbr.

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(former CERSK DETACHEMENT with reinforcements according to the decision of the Commandant of the 8th OG)

From its current sector, insert the group via a chosen axis into the wider sector of Raševo, approximately into the following area: in the north, Raševo sector, the Drinjača River, in the west, Urlić, Rovaši, village of Čehajići (tt-532), in the north until the Drinjača Tiver. (Connect those points with a line into an irregular circle).

Divide the Group no.4 into four subgroups, and point them along axes to take control of the features as follows:

- FIRST SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: Raševo- between the villages of Lješanj i Miljanaovići [sic] - Mijatovo brdo [sic], and in smaller preceding groups<sup>13</sup> it will take control of the following features: village of Kostjerevo, south-eastern of the village towards the Drinjača River, Mijatovo brdo [sic] (eastern slopes towards the village of Drinjaca), village of Mijatovići (north-eastern, a group of houses, 1.5 km towards the lake), village of Djevanje (south-eastern, 1 km diagonally towards the village of D. Djevanje<sup>14</sup>). Take control of the features, if possible, without contact and combat until the proper moment and signal. Groups from the sector of the village of Kostjerevo and Mijatovo brdo [sic] should be prepared to attack the Chetniks in the village of Drinjača, and group from the sector of the village of Djevanje the Chetniks in the village of Djevanje at the proper signal. The task is to secure the corridor and prevent Chetnik intervention from the directions of Drinjača and the village of Djevanje.
- SECOND SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: village of Turnadžići-K-654, and in smaller subgroups it will take control of the following features: Jelec (tt-929)-Potajnik (tt-909)-village of Budogroj (feature - 500 m south-western). Take control of the features in secret and without entering combat until the proper time and signal. Task: secure the corridor and prevent Chetnik intervention from the direction of the village of Korjen and the village of Šadići Gornji.
- THIRD SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: village of Amidžići-Cerska, and in smaller subgroups it will take control of the following features: Nišava (tt.779) north-western slopes towards the village of Jasikovice, Nišava (tt.779) south-western slopes towards the feature of Rogosija, village of Rogosija (western part), village of Hajdarevići (southern from the mezarje<sup>15</sup>), village of Metaljka (southern perimeter). Take control of the features, if possible, without combat and exposing themselves. The task is to secure the corridor and prevent intervention from the direction: village of Nedeljište and village of Buljevići.
- FOURTH SUBGROUP- from the deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: village of Sejmanovići-village of Maceri-village of Razište, and in smaller subgroups it will take control of the following features: village of Skrugrići [sic] (southern parts), village of Sadikovići (southern slopes), village of Pobudaci (southern and south-eastern slopes) towards the rivers of Skrugić and Jadar.

<sup>13</sup> t/n: this probably refers to subgroups

<sup>14</sup> t/n: this refers to Donje Djevanje

<sup>15</sup> t/n: Muslim graveyard

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Take control of the features, if possible, without combat and exposing themselves.

The task is to secure the corridor and prevent intervention from the direction of Raškovići and village of Vuksići.

In the deployment (inserting) sector there should be an individual stronger subgroup for attack at the proper moment and at the proper signal with the task from Raševo sector on the basic axis of: village of Jovanovići-village of Miljanovići, attack the Chetniks in the village of Liješanj, and across the mountain of Grkinja into the village of Djevanje.

On the level of the COMBAT GROUP No.2 in the deployment sector, other elements should be established, as it was previously stated for the COMBAT GROUP No.1. This group should consist of approximately about 400 men.

c) COMBAT GROUP No.3 - formation - part of the 284th ib.lbr

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(former 114th brigade KONJEVIĆ POLJE with reinforcements according to the decision of the Commandant of the 8th OG)

From its current sector, the group is to be inserted in parts via chosen axes into the following two sectors:

first sector - north-eastern of Konjević Polje into the area of:

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southern slopes of the Gradina feature (tt-693)-village of Haluge-village of Hručići-tt-665.

second sector - village of Pobučje into the area of: village of Jelah-village of Krke-Čovrk

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graveyard-village of Burnice.

Group No.3 is to be divided into five subgroups, point them along axes to take control of the features as follows:

- FIRST SUBGROUP - from the first deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: village of Hručići-tt-665, and in smaller groups it will take control of the following features: village of Oceno (200 m to the north), village of Banjevići (300 m to the north-east), Konjic (1.5 km northern from tt-665). Take control of the features, if possible, without contact and combats until the proper moment and signal.  
Task: secure the corridor along that axis and prevent Chetnik intervention from the direction of the village of Želinje.
- SECOND SUBGROUP - from the first deployment sector, in smaller groups it will take control of the following features: Drenjak (tt.771) northern slopes, Gradina (tt-693) north-eastern slopes, and one kilometre eastern from Kušlat feature. Take control of the features, if possible, without contact and combats until the proper moment and signal.  
Task: secure the corridor along that axis and prevent Chetnik intervention from the direction of the village of Drinjača and the village of Sopotnik.  
In the specified moment, this subgroup will attack the Chetniks in the village of Drinjača together with the COMBAT GROUP No.2 (its parts in the sector of Mijatovo brdo [sic]).
- THIRD SUBGROUP - from the second deployment sector, in smaller groups it will take control of the following features: village of Svilile (western slopes), Lođak (south-western slopes). Take control of the features without contact and combats until the proper moment and signal. Task: secure the corridor in all sectors and prevent Chetnik intervention from the sector of N. Kasaba, and then with the FIFTH SUBGROUP attack and destroy the Chetniks in the sector of Nova Kasaba and liberate that area at the proper signal, and further prevent Chetnik intervention from the village of Milići.
- FOURTH SUBGROUP - from the second deployment sector it will move along the following basic axis: Čovrk groblje[sic]-village of Burkice-village of Kamenica, and in smaller groups it will take control of the following features: Previla (tt-560) southern and south-western slopes, Mratinjsko brdo [sic] (tt-629) southern and south-western slopes. Take control of the features without contact and combats until the proper moment and signal.  
Task: secure the corridor along that axis and coordinate with the forces of the 8th OG in the attack at the Chetniks in the village of Mratinjci and the village of Lipenovci at the proper signal.
- FIFTH SUBGROUP - will be deployed into the second deployment sector to readily wait for the signal to attack the Chetniks in the sector of N. Kasaba.

At the level of COMBAT GROUP No.3 in the second deployment sector, establish other elements as well, as it was previously stated for the COMBAT GROUP No.1. This group should consist of approximately about 250-300 men.

d) COMBAT GROUP No.4 - formation - part of the 284th ib.lbr

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(former GLOGOVA BATTALION with reinforcements according to the decision of the Commandant of the 8th OG)

From its current sector, the group is to be inserted in parts via chosen axes into the wider sector of Glogovo, into the area of the village of Adžići-village of Radeljevac.

Divide Group No.4 into three subgroups and point them along axes to take control of the features as follows:

- FIRST SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector, it will move along the following basic axis: village of Adžići-village of Glogova, and in smaller groups will take control of the following features: Lemešac (tt-405) southern and eastern slopes, village of Vladušići, east and north of the village. Take control of the features without contact and entering into combat until the proper moment and signal.  
Task: secure the corridor along this axis and prevent Chetnik intervention from the direction of Bratunac and participate in the attack on the Chetniks in the sector of the village Magašići together with the forces of the 8th OG.
- SECOND SUBGROUP - from the deployment sector it will take control of the feature of Tusto brdo [sic] (tt.664) on the northern, north-eastern, and north-western side. Take control of the feature without contact and entering into combat until the proper moment and signal.  
Task: secure the corridor along this axis and prevent Chetnik intervention from the direction of the village of Polom and Bandera feature (tt-682).
- THIRD SUBGROUP - is to stay in the deployment sector and after the signal [is to head] along the following axis: village of Opravdići-village of Zonići-village of Kravica, attack the Chetniks in the village of Kravica and coordinate with the main forces of the 8th OG from the free territory of Srebrenica.

On the level of the COMBAT GROUP No.4 in the deployment sector, establish other elements as well, as it was previously stated for the COMBAT GROUP No.1. This group should consist of approximately about 200 men.

Other forces of the 8th OG Srebrenica

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The strength and units participating will be decided by the Commandant of the 8th OG. Organise and carry out the following tasks:

1. Organise forces of certain strength (according to your decision), from the free area of the villages of Blječeva village (as the starting point), to carry out an attack along the following axis: village of Blječeva, village of Blažijevići-tt.532-village of Radukići-village of Magašići, and destroy the Chetniks in the sector of the Magasici village and along the axis of the attack. Organise coordination with the inserted forces.
2. Organise stronger forces (according to your decision) from the free area of the villages of the Jagličići, Šušnjari, and Kojšina (tt.516) to carry out an attack along the village of Jagličići-Lupoglav (tt.676))-Ravna Gora-village of Đermani general axis, and then proceed with the attack along the following three axes:
  - Village of Đermani-Menjak-village of Kojičići
  - village of Đermani-tt 568-village of Šiljković-village of Kravica
  - village of Đermani-village of Bare-village of Mratinjci

As tasked, disperse the Chetniks along the axes of the attack and destroy them in the sectors of the villages of Kojičići, Kravica, and Mratinjci, cut off Bratunac-village of Kravica communication, and secure the corridor from intervention from the direction of Bratunac. Organise coordination of the inserted forces.

3. Engage a certain strength (according to your decision) from the free areas between the villages of Poljanci and Šušnjari, along the following basic axis: ravna Buljina<sup>16</sup>[sic]-village of Josikovča-village of Brezanci-village of Lipenovići, attack the Chetniks, disperse them along the axis of the attack and destroy them in the sector of Lipenovići.  
Organise coordination with the inserted forces.

<sup>16</sup> t/n: actual name of the place is Ravni Buljin

4. Engage a certain strength (according to your decision) from the free areas of the village of Bukovica-Lupoglava (tt.816) line along the axes of Bukovica-Village of Kruncići-village of Koprivno-village of Pavlovići and Lupoglav-Lisina-village of Kostrača-village of Jerimići-Rogač, disperse the Chetniks along the axes of the attack and destroy them in the sectors of the village of Koprivno, village of Jeremići, and Rogač, and set a defence line there to secure the corridor.  
For solving the issues on Rogač, individually prepare and insert a group into the background, into the sector of Dubačko, tasked to operate from the background at Rogač feature.
5. Engage a certain strength (according to your decision) from the free areas of Osoje(tt-581)-village of Podgaj line along the following basic axis: Podgaj-village of Bešiči-v.Gradina<sup>17</sup>(tt-650)-Rupovo brdo [sic], tasked to disperse the Chetniks along the axis of the attack and destroy them in the sector of the village of Rupovo Brdo. Part of Žepa forces from the sector of the village of Podravno is to be coordinated with.  
Forces that hold the line from the village of Podgaj, across the village of Zedanjsko, to the village of Podosoje, deploy under combat onto a new line: village of Limiči-village of Pomol-village of Gaj-tt.831-Ravna Gora. In Ravna Gora sector, on the Stedrić Brook, establish coordination with Žepa forces.
6. Forces that hold the line from the village of Kovačica-across Viogor, across the village of Staroglavica, to the village of Podosoje, deploy under combat onto a new line: village of Kovačice-village of Šaraci-village of Bučje-village of Bjelo [sic] Polje. Take control of the convenient features, fortify themselves, block, and secure the corridor in that line. In the sector where the brooks of Dol and Zmajevac meet, organise coordination with Žepa forces.
7. Plan and arrange the tasks listed under numbers 5 and 6 directly with the Commandant from Žepa and acquaint him personally with the basic idea and tasks that refer to him.
8. Additionally fortify and block the current line from the village of Kovačice, across the village of Rajne, village of Vukosavljevići, Kvarac feature, Zenik (tt.831)-Čauš (tt-773), until the village of borići [sic], and block the Chetnik raid from the following axes: village of Jadar (south of Srebrenica),Ljubovije, across Gradina and Bratunca towards the village of Borići.
9. With individually inserted groups and coordination from the front, neutralise the tanks and artillery in the sectors of Lađa (tt-436) and Jelovci.
10. In the wider sector of Srebrenica, have as back up stronger forces for intervention on endangered axes and in endangered sectors.
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The strength and the units to participate are decided by the Commandant of the 1st Žepa Brigade. Organise and carry out the following tasks:

1. Forces that hold the current line of the village of Podprisjek, across Javornik (tt-1401)-across Petrovačka greda, until the sector of Oglavci, deploy under combat onto a new line:  
village of Podprisjek-crossroad 1 kilometre northern of the village of Prisjek-Stedrova vrelo and Miloševa OS, eastern slopes 500 m-Sokolica-Izgorjela stn.  
On that line, take control of the convenient features, engineeringly adapt them and block them. Secure the corridor in that line and prevent the Chetnik raid from the direction of Han Pjesak [sic] and Vlasenica. Arrange coordination with Srebrenica forces on the brook of Stedrić in the sector of Izgorela stn.
2. Engage a certain strength (as decided by the Commandant of the 1st Žepa Brigade) from the free areas of the Radava sector, along the Radava-Oglavci-Jazavičija Rupa-Karaula-village of Podravno-village of Rupovo Brdo axis, attack the Chetniks, disperse them along the axis of the attack (if there are any), and coordinate with the 8th OG Srebrenica forces in order to destroy the Chetniks in the sector of Rupovo Brdo village. Agree this coordinated action personally.

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<sup>17</sup> t/n: this refers to Velika Gradina



Engage parts of the main forces from the side and coordinate the 6th OG with the 8th OG along the following axes: village of Bulatovci-village of Mahala; village of Hajvazi-village of Caparde (crossroad); Lom (tt-528)-village of Planinci; and village of Panduri-village of Korduni-Markovača (tt.372).

The auxiliary forces along the following basic axis: village of Nezuk-village of Delići- village of Okruglić-village of Čiraci-village of Hodžići-Perčini;

Engage parts of the auxiliary forces from the side and secure it from the left side along the following axes: village of Dugi dio- village of D.Baljkovica<sup>19</sup>; village of Okruglić-Vjenačac (tt-492)- village of Radave; village of Čiraci-village of Grbavci; village of D.Grbavci<sup>20</sup>-village of Cer; and village of Hodžići-village of Jordan.

As a part of the closer task, in coordination with the inserted forces, get to the following line: village of Caparde (crossroad)-Metaljka (tt-568)-village of križevići-vjenačac(tt.492)-village of Radave;

As a part of the next task, in coordination with the inserted forces and forces of the 8th OG Srebrenica get to the following line: Bjelobara-Markovača (tt-372)- village of D.Glumina-Perčin- village of Jordan.

Task: On the axis of the attack, disperse and destroy the Chetnik forces and secure the corridor along the line of the next task and the left border of the zone of attack. Choose convenient features and engineeringly adapt them so as to block the positions and prevent Chetnik intervention and counterattacks from the directions of Zvornik, Karakaj, Tisce, and Kozluk.

#### c) Muslim Podrinjska Brigade

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Is to attack from the individual axis of the free territory of Kladanj along the following general axis:

Turlici- village of Klještani- village of Grabovica-village of Misari, with the task of liberating a part of the territory and connecting the Chetnik forces from Vlasenica and the village of Tišća.

#### d) The 121st brigade of Kladanj (without one battalion)

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From the free territory of Kladanj, it is to attack from an individual axis along the following general axis: Palemis-Radić Brdo-Debelo brdo [sic] (tt.749)-village of Jakovice, with the task of liberating a part of the territory and connecting the Chetnik forces from Tišća and Šekovići.

#### 4. GENERAL NOTES AND TASKS

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- 4.1.This is the basic idea for carrying out the entire operation where you should realistically consider your place and role in the operation, and especially in the preparation of the operation, and should give your opinion, propositions, and realistic objections.
- 4.2.The operation is very complex and requires perseverance and accuracy in work without exceptions. It is complex in its actualisations and especially in its preparation and requires a great, great deal of perseverance, and that is where your place and role are extremely significant and irreplaceable. As for the operation, you should dedicate yourself to it to the maximum along with your cooperates whom you are to give only excerpts from your tasks from time to time, when those tasks are ongoing, to the extent and scale necessary.
- 4.3.The plan of operation for time and place of the execution of tasks will be worked out separately and delivered to you subsequently.
- 4.4.Create plans individually for each of this operation's tasks that refer to you and designate those who are to carry them out. Deliver us the plans to give our opinion and approval.
- 4.5.An important and basic precondition to carry out this operation is your supply with the minimum quantity of ammunition and UBS. In relation to that, your role in transporting those assets is irreplaceable. I believe that you understand that and that you objectively expect that they will not be served on a platter. A plan is to be made, men designated, and that issue dealt with from day to day. Send a man who will deal with that issue from day to day and connect that work with the people of the 6th OG and 4th OG and with me.

<sup>19</sup> t/n: this refers to Donja Baljkovica

<sup>20</sup> t/n: this refers to Donji Grbavci

The time required for your supply of ammunition and USB will be dictated by the time of the start of the operation. The men who are to be dealing with that work you are to reward from the monetary fund that you will get.

- 4.6. All units that participate in this operation have already begun with the preparations and they will prepare it all very soon as well.
- 4.7. Apart from the task of bringing in the ammunition and UBS, it is necessary for you to immediately embark upon the organisation of reconnaissance in the depth of the enemy and the features which are to be seized, and the insertion of men who will later participate in the tasks. Report on the results of the work regularly and promptly.
- 4.8. We have realistic information that the Chetniks are preparing to attack you, but we do not know yet when or how. Should this be the case, a troublesome defence lies in store for you in the final breakthrough from the encirclement, which is a very complex operation because you will have the people on your back, you will lose free territory, and you will have to move through the occupied territory. Compared to that, this operation does not have such significant problems. It is essential that we commence the operation before the Chetniks decide to attack. We can and indeed we will help you to break through the encirclement, but certainly on a smaller scale and less effectively than in the execution of the operation.
- 4.9. Keep this document to yourself. Any leaks from the document will be your personal responsibility. From it, you can issue tasks in segments to those who are to carry them out. The entire operation and its objective must not be given to anyone until the specified moment and without our approval. After you study it, you may destroy it at your discretion or keep it secure and destroy it when you see fit.
- 4.10. Through regular correspondence we can clarify all the details of this document. Send us your stance and objections to this document as soon as possible.
- 4.11. All tasks that refer to Žepa you are to coordinate personally with the Commandant of the 1st Žepa Brigade.
- 4.12. If the time serves us well, the use of helicopter will be allowed only right before the beginning of the operation for the delivery of ammunition and UBS, and during the operation for getting the severely wounded men out.
- 4.13. Calculate the necessary ammunition, UBS, medical supplies and deliver [the estimate] to us as soon as possible.
- 4.14. All relevant factors, complete with the people, are to be gradually animated for this task.

[I am wishing you] hairli<sup>21</sup> work!

Until victory and freedom!

EH<sup>22</sup>/AK<sup>2324</sup>

DEPUTY COMMANDANT  
ALSO CHIEF OF SVK<sup>25</sup>  
Brigade general  
Enver Hadžihasanović

<sup>21</sup> t/n: the word is of Turkish origin, and literal translation of it would be along the lines of good, honest

<sup>22</sup> t/n: initials of Enver Hadžihasanović

<sup>23</sup> t/n: initials of Amir Kubura

<sup>24</sup> t/n: probably an ICTY code for the proceedings against Enver Hadžihasanović and Amir Kubura

<sup>25</sup> t/n: Staff of the Supreme Command