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President A Izetbegovic  
Presidency of the Republic of  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

*hr President*

SUBJECT: BREAKING OF GENEVA CONVENTION

You will I am sure be aware that the firing of weapons from a hospital is against the Geneva Convention. I regret to have to inform you that for some time now I have been receiving reports that some mobile mortars have been operating from the vicinity of KOSEVO Hospital. This has sadly been confirmed and I now have concrete evidence from witnesses with signed statements that this was in fact the case at 1430 hours on Monday 11 January.

An 82 mm mortar had been set up on the western side of KOSEVO Hospital, within the hospital grounds. This mortar and its crew then proceeded to fire nine rounds, using the hospital as a screen. The direct consequence of this disreputable and cowardly act was that shortly afterwards the hospital came under fire from anti-aircraft gun fire, artillery fire and mortar fire.

I must point out to you the harm that such blatant disregard of the Geneva Convention does to your cause and insist that you take the strongest measures to prevent reoccurrences taking place. I am also becoming increasingly concerned at the recent increase in indications of a lack of discipline amongst your forces. I must urge you to take immediate preventive action.

I regret also to have to inform you I have been asked to pass the details of this particular incident to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

*With warm regards -*

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Major General  
Commander  
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