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Premier-President of the Serbian Government
Mirko Marjanovic
Predsednik Vlade Republike Srbije
Nemanjina 11, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia

Dear President:

I am writing because of the case of Husno Bihorac, a member of the Stranka Demokraske Akcije (SDA), who was severely beaten by police in Novi Pazar, Raska, and Kraljevo. Mr. Bihorac, a Muslim, was accused of hiding weapons, but no weapons were ever found in police searches. As a result of police torture, Mr. Bihorac was severely bruised on his back and feet.

I ask that you call for prompt investigation of these beatings by an independent, impartial group. All results of the investigation should be made public, and any police officer who participated in torture or other ill-treatment should be suspended and brought to justice. Mr. Bihorac should receive full and prompt compensation for his ill-treatment.

I know that these are troubled times in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but torture is no way to restore order and harmony. Please remember that Yugoslavia ratified the *United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*. Please make it clear to all members of the police, military and other security forces that torture will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

I am very interested in this case. Please send me any information you have on it, and do your best to bring it to a fair resolution.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jennifer O'Loughlin

cc: Muslim National Council of Sandjak