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I, Ljubo Peric, son of Pero, born November 25th, 1949 in Gornji Jasenjam, municipality of Mostar, residing in Potica, Borcina 19, in searching of the defence of Slobodan Praljak against which the International criminal tribunal court for criminals starting in the region of the former Yugoslavia, are conducting criminal proceeding, and warned that to speak truthfully only about the facts known to me.

Declaration

In June in 1992, I found myself in the duty as an aid to the assistant for logistical commander of the HVO, in the municipality headquarters HVO in Mostar.

In the afternoon hours on of June 8th 1992, Slobodan Praljak came into my office and ordered that during the night until the morning, and because of the importance of historical object, the Old Bridge had to be protected from the non-friendly artillery side, then it was the JNA.

In town there was chaos because there was constant grenade attacks on the town from the JNA side, we didn't have means of communication, or transportation, however I was able to find Mr. Ante Ivankovic, who was an aid to the chief engineer of the headquarters HVO, Mostar. I relayed the order from Slobodan Praljak to him for its execution. At the same time I pointed out to Mr. Ivankovic that logistical section currently does not have the ability to assure the technical material resource for executing the command. We did not have the ability for communication with neighbouring HVO formations, and Mr. Ivankovic plainly had to find a way and organize the execution of the command.

On June 9, 1992, in the headquarters of HVO I met with Mr. Ivankovic who had informed me that the command was executed and that the Old Bridge, during the night, was protected with planks 5 cm thick.

I have been warned about the consequences in giving false statements, and so with my signature I certify that my statement is truthful, to the best of my knowledge and memory.

Ljubo Peric

In Mostar, May 13, 2005