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**DISTRICT COURT IN BELGRADE
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Investigating Judge Goran ČAVLINA
Kri no. 1156/01**

Further to your request for a forensic expert opinion regarding the remains of a large number of NN /unidentified/ bodies recovered on the grounds of the *13. Maj* police centre in Batajnica near Belgrade, in connection with case Kri no. 1156/01, a team of experts from the Institute for Forensic Medicine of the Medical Faculty in Belgrade, formed specially for this purpose, acted in keeping with your order, and compiled a record of recovery of dead bodies (which forms an integral part of this record), and hereby forwards you the following record:

**R E C O R D
of an NN body labelled
BA-36-1**

DATE OF EXHUMATION: 22 June 2001**DATE OF AUTOPSY:** 26 June 2001**METAL DETECTOR:** Positive – metal parts detected

GENERAL EXAMINATION – Whole body of a female child, about 70 cm long. Bodies of two children and a children's blanket found inside a white linen cover (most likely a duvet) (bodies labelled **Ba-36-1** and **Ba-36-2**).

(ITEMS OF) CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ITEMS FOUND ON THE BODY:

Green children's sweatshirt with a collar and a number of pictures on the front. White overalls made of ribbed terry-cloth with a zip and a hood, label reads *Molli*. White round-neck terry-cloth sweatshirt. White round-neck cotton T-shirt with short sleeves and two metal press-studs on the left shoulder. White cotton V-neck pyjama top with a light-blue floral pattern. Light-green tracksuit bottoms with a dark-blue ribbing. Pink terry-cloth pyjama bottoms. Plastic pants with a piece of white linen in place of a diaper. Woollen socks, the colour of natural wool, with extensions in the form of strings tied around the ankle. Synthetic socks with a black and white rhombus pattern.

All the described items of clothing found on the body were in their normal position, with a number of smaller and bigger defects and tears found in the clothing. All the items of clothing on the lower part of the body have multiple tears on the left trouser leg and a few tears on the right trouser leg.

A pink plastic necklace was around the neck with a white-handled pink pacifier on it, label reads *Eris*.

ITEMS SUBMITTED WITH THE BODY:

Children's blanket, white on one side, light-blue on the other side, label reads *Otex Ohrid*.

Grey double-breasted jacket, pocket lining with purple stripes. In the upper left pocket of the jacket was a black plastic comb bent out of shape, in the lower right pocket a black metallic ball-point pen, a strip of 500 g Analgin tablets, a strip of 5 mg Diazepam tablets, a see-through plastic bag with white powder and a driver's licence with the following personal details still visible: Morina MIFT..., year of birth 1954, place of birth Orahovac, personal identification number 0108954950048, place of residence Prizren, issued on 11 December 1996 in Prizren to a B category driver, driving test passed on 21 February 1976, serial no. CP02757769.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

Soft tissue of the whole body for the most part preserved, saponified, parts of soft tissue of the head and left arm missing.

Head and neck – Light-brown hair, about ten centimetres long. All bones of the skull disjointed, contents of the skull cavity saponified.

Trunk – In the lower left quarter of anterior stomach is a 9cm defect of the stomach wall with the edges of preserved skin charred.

In the region of the left breast is a 18x10 mm wound with uneven edges, and a small metal foreign body was found in the darkened subcutaneous tissue of the wound.

Thoracic and abdominal organs are saponified. All bones of the trunk present, no fractures but bones disjointed in a number of places.

Arms – Soft tissue of the arms for the most part preserved, saponified, partly missing in the area of the left forearm and left hand.

In the middle third of the left upper arm, on the transition point between the anterior and interior side of the bone, is a 14x9 mm wound with uneven edges, and a square-shaped foreign body made of yellowish metal with 8 mm sides was found in the darkened subcutaneous tissue.

No fractures on the bones of the arms.

Right leg – Transversal fracture of the upper section of the right femur, surrounding soft tissue saponified, dirty-grey and yellowish in colour. No fractures noted on the other bones of the right leg.

On the interior side of the right thigh, just above the right knee, is a 12x10 mm wound with uneven edges, and a 10x8 mm rectangular foreign body made of yellowish metal was found in the darkened subcutaneous tissue of the wound.

Left leg – In the upper third of the left thigh, on the transition point between the anterior and the interior side of the bone, is a 10mm wound with uneven edges, and a 15x5x2 mm foreign body made of yellowish metal, conical, with a thread, was found in the darkened subcutaneous tissue of the wound together with three other

similar-looking small metal foreign bodies and a cylindrical foreign body made of light-grey metal, 5 mm long, base 4mm in diameter. The surrounding soft tissue is torn, darkened. Irregular fracture of the body of left femur consistent with the defect. No fractures of the other bones of the left leg.

In the upper half of the left lower leg, on the transition point between the anterior and interior side of the bone, is a 15x10 mm wound with uneven edges, track extending downward and to the left, and in the torn and darkened soft tissue of the tract were two foreign bodies made of yellowish metal, surface partially turned green, one foreign body rectangular, 7x8 mm, the other conical, 10x5 mm in diameter.

SAMPLES TAKEN: Hair
Pacifier
Metal foreign bodies found
DNA - femur

ANTROPOLOGICAL REPORT FOR Ba-36/1

Date of analysis: 26 June 2001

Individual age of skeletal remains analysed on the basis of the following:

- epiphysial-diaphysial junctures – no ossification of epiphyses
- maximum length of the long bones – femur 13 cm, tibia 11.9 cm
- dental status – only lower and upper incisors appeared, first molar at gingival level
- total length of the body – about 70 cm.

Description of the x-ray of the remains labelled Ba-36/1

Panoramic x-ray shows the bone structure of the upper and lower jaw with the tooth buds of deciduous teeth. The only teeth found in both jaws are partially erupted incisors, roots only half-formed. The pericoronal follicular sack of primary molars reaches up to the gingival level. Crowns of deciduous teeth only partially mineralised.

Conclusion: Given the level of jaw development and the maturity of the deciduous teeth found in the jaws, it may be concluded that the skeleton belongs to a child between nine and 12 months of age.

I Skeletal remains belong to a child aged about 12 months.

II The body was in an advanced stage of putrefaction, which is why the cause of death could not be established on the basis of autopsy alone.

III The autopsy revealed that certain parts of the body have been exposed to high temperature – fire.

IV The autopsy revealed that the fractures of the bones were inflicted with a blunt instrument.

V Wounds of the trunk and the extremities with metal foreign bodies found inside are consistent with gunshot wounds.

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**R E C O R D
 of an NN body labelled
 BA-36-2**

DATE OF EXHUMATION: 22 June 2001
DATE OF AUTOPSY: 26 June 2001
METAL DETECTOR: Negative

GENERAL EXAMINATION – Female child – head and most of the trunk, arms and parts of the legs (part of the right leg and left foot missing).

The bodies of two children and a children's blanket found inside a white linen cover (most likely a duvet) (bodies labelled **Ba-36-1** and **Ba-36-2**).

(ITEMS OF) CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ITEMS FOUND ON THE BODY:

Turquoise woollen hat with a pompon and extensions in the form of a scarf, with which it is tied. Pink woollen sweater with a knitted pattern and a collar. Dark-green cotton jersey with long sleeves and two blue buttons on the left shoulder, label reads *68 ELO PRODUCT*. Long-sleeved pyjama top, white with a reddish pattern resembling circles. Green tracksuit bottoms with black pin-dots and yellow ribbing on the trouser legs. White linen long johns. Plastic pants with a piece of white cloth in place of a diaper.

All the described items of clothing were found on the body in a their normal position, some parts of the clothing are partially charred.

Hair pulled back in a ponytail with a white scrunchy, twisted around twice, fixed into place with three plastic hair clips with two flowers attached, red, white and blue /as printed/.

A leather bracelet with white plastic beads is around the right wrist, in the region of the neck are parts of a necklace of the same appearance as the bracelet.

CLOTHING AND ITEMS SUBMITTED WITH THE BODY:

Children's blanket, white on one side, light-blue on the other side, label reads *Otex Ohrid* (as described in Ba-36-1).

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

Head and neck – Soft tissue partially present, saponified. Light-brown hair, about 17 cm long, pulled back in a ponytail.

Bones of the skull primarily disjunct along the cranial sutures, with multiple fractures of the frontal bone and facial bones, broken off fragments and the surrounding tissue is partially missing.

Soft tissue and organs of the neck are missing.

Trunk – Considerable deformation of the rib cage. Bodies of the thoracic vertebrae for the most part destroyed, with pieces of foreign material resembling some kind of fibrous cloth found in the saponified remains of the organs of the thorax. The lower section of the thoracic vertebrae and the lumbar vertebrae are destroyed, the trunk is split in two here.

The first nine ribs on the right are present but disjunct. The first five ribs on the left are present, disjunct, multiple fractures of the posterior part.

Both clavicles and both shoulder blades intact.

Inside the plastic pants are the remains of saponified soft tissue of the pelvis and both pelvic bones, where parts are disjunct along the sutures, and the dislocated parts of the sacral bone.

Right arm – Humerus, radius and bones of the hand are present, ulna missing. Parts of the soft tissue in the region of the forearm and hand are missing.

Left arm – Left arm entirely preserved with soft tissue saponified.

Right leg – Right femur present with epiphysis charred, remains of the soft tissue present, partially charred. Rest of the right leg missing.

Left leg – Femur present together with the bones of the lower leg, no indication of fractures, remains of soft tissue present. Left foot missing.

SAMPLES TAKEN: Hair

Hairclip and scrunchy

Part of necklace

Bracelet

DNA – femur

ANTHROPOLOGICAL FINDINGS FOR Ba-36/2

Date of analysis: 26 June 2001

Skeletal remains consist of fragments of the right half of the upper and lower jaw. The individual age of skeletal remains was analysed on the basis of the following:

- epiphysial-diaphysial junctures – no ossification of the epiphyses
- maximum length of the long bones - femur 15.7 cm, tibia 13 cm (1.5-2 years)
- dental status – in the preserved parts of the jaws the lower incisors, upper and lower canines and first deciduous molars have erupted, the second lower deciduous molar are beginning to erupt, at the gingival level
- total length of the body – about 70 cm

DESCRIPTION OF THE X-RAY OF THE REMAINS LABELLED BA-36/2

The lateral x-ray of the right lower jaw reveals the presence of deciduous teeth and of tooth buds of some of the permanent teeth. Central and lateral incisors, canine and first deciduous molar erupted, second deciduous molar only partially erupted. Already formed crowns of the tooth buds of permanent incisors and canines and of the first molar.

Conclusion: On the basis of erupted and partially erupted deciduous teeth it can be concluded that the described part of the jaw belongs to a child between two and two and a half years old.

CONCLUSION

I Skeletal remains belong to a child about two years old.

II The body was in an advanced state of putrefaction, and the cause of death could not be established on the basis of autopsy alone.

III The autopsy revealed that certain parts of the body have been exposed to high temperature - fire.

IV – The autopsy also revealed fractures of the bones inflicted with a blunt instrument.

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