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United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for
the former Yugoslavia

AUTOPSY REPORT
KOZLUK GRAVE SITE

CASE NO: KK3 424B

AUTOPSY DATE: 10.08.99
MORTUARY: Visoko

SUMMARY:

Partly skeletonized human remains with some mummified tissues on the front and back of the trunk, the pelvic region and the thighs. The skull, the limbs, and the trunk are connected together by soft tissue, however, there were loose bones, particularly limb bones, and fragments of skull bones and a clavicle.

Sex is determined from the presence of shaft of the penis. The estimated age is 31 – 71 years and the estimated height is 171.5 +/- 7.7 cm by the anthropologist. There are articulating bones to constitute an individual but the skeletal remains are contaminated with additional small skull fragments; right clavicle (found loose), right forearm and additional carpal and metacarpal bones, from at least 3 individuals in total. However, contaminated bones were separately identified, and except for a piece of skull bone, no injuries were identified in other contaminated bones. The lower thoracic vertebrae, T11 – T9 and T8 – T7 are found to be fused due to osteophyte formation and similar osteophyte formation is in the cervical spine to a lesser degree. In view of this the deceased would have had some noticeable difficulty while walking and also restricted moments of neck during life.

There is evidence to conclude that the deceased had sustained two high velocity firearm injuries (bullet) to his trunk, from behind. A bullet and fragments of a bullet recovered corresponding to these two injuries. It appears that the injury in the pelvis is a penetrating injury of the abdomen and possibly the other part of the bullet had emerged through the body. However, the other bullet injury in the back of the shoulder area appears to be a non-penetrative injury since the bullet is lodged in the soft tissue around the scapula. The gutter-like injury in the skull appears to be due to a bullet grazing through the back of the head side-wise without going into the skull. Out of all 3 firearm injuries, the one found in the pelvis is the fatal injury.

The other significant finding was the piece of band-like cloth found wrapped around the skull.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

It is my determination that the cause of death in case number **KK3 424B** was:
Firearm injury to the trunk

This formal report is based upon the autopsy report that I prepared at the time of my examination. Both reports truly and accurately reflect my findings.

Signed:.....*John V. ...*.....

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