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1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW, EUR/TMS.  
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2. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO REFTEL QUERIES:

--MPRI - MPRI IS A MILITARY TRAINING, EDUCATION AND SERVICES COMPANY ENGAGED IN DEFENSE AND MILITARY-RELATED CONTRACTING WORLDWIDE. ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS ARE IN ALEXANDRIA, VA. ITS PRESIDENT IS MAJ. GEN. VERNON LEWIS, USA (RET). DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THE BOSNIA PROGRAM ARE: VP FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GEN. (RET) CARL VUONO, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY, AND VP FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS GEN. (RET) CROSBIE SAINT, FORMER CINC U.S. ARMY, EUROPE. LEADING THE MPRI CONTINGENT OF 170 TRAINERS/ADVISORS IN BOSNIA (ALL U.S. ARMED FORCES RETIRED) IS MAJ. GEN. (RET) WILLIAM BOICE, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE FIRST ARMORED DIVISION.

--MPRI IS WORKING, ALONGSIDE THE FEDERATION MILITARY, INSIDE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, PROVIDING INTER ALIA FORCE STRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC ADVICE. MPRI PERSONNEL ARE NOW MOVING OUT TO THE BRIGADES TO BEGIN INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES. SELECTION OF MANEUVER TRAINING AREA, SCHOOL, SIMULATION CENTER AND STORAGE SITES IS NOW UNDERWAY.

--A FIRST SEMINAR FOR SENIOR FEDERATION DEFENSE LEADERS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED. COMMAND AND STAFF, COMPANY COMMANDER AND NCO TRAINING WILL ALSO BE OFFERED. IN ADDITION, MPRI WILL TEACH BASIC AND ADVANCED SOLDIER SKILLS AND WILL CONDUCT UNIT TACTICAL TRAINING FROM THE COMPANY/PLATOON THROUGH THE BATTALION AND BRIGADE LEVELS. MPRI WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE INTEGRATION OF U.S. AND OTHER DONOR-PROVIDED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

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--NO FOREIGN TRAINERS HAVE YET BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE MPRI PROGRAM IN BOSNIA. (ONLY NON-U.S. TRAINING CONDUCTED SO FAR HAS BEEN IN TURKEY AND THE UAE). WE HAVE ASKED MPRI TO CONSULT WITH THE FEDERATION MILITARY AND GIVE US THEIR BEST JUDGMENT OF HOW AND WHEN THE PROFFERED INDONESIA TRAINING MIGHT BE INCORPORATED.

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--WHILE AWAITING THEIR ANSWER, WE WOULD HAZARD TO GUESS THAT THE ENGINEERING TRAINING MIGHT BEST BE PROVIDED WHEN THE FEDERATION RECEIVES DELIVERY OF LOADERS, SCRAPERS, GRADERS AND DUMP TRUCKS THAT IT WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO ACQUIRE IN EASTERN EUROPE BY YEAR-END. CONSIDERING DELIVERY TIME, ONE WOULD ASSUME A TRAINING PERIOD IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1997. WE WILL NEED, HOWEVER, TO GET A MORE DEFINITE RESPONSE FROM MPRI.

--RE MILITARY MEDICAL TRAINING, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO KNOW THE FOCUS OF THE GOL OFFERING. IF IT IS FOCUSED ON COMBAT FIRST AID, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE EARLY IN THE TRAINING CYCLE. IF IT IS ADDRESSED TO MORE SERIOUS HOSPITAL TREATMENT, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO AWAIT THE FORMAL CREATION OF A BOSNIAN MEDICAL CORPS (AS PART OF THE OVERALL FORCE RESTRUCTURING THAT IS TAKING PLACE WITH MPRI HELP.) PLEASE QUERY THE GOL RE THE FOCUS.

--REGARDING LODGING, MPRI HAS OBTAINED HOUSING ON THE OPEN MARKET AND USED A GOBH SUPPORT ORGANIZATION TO CONTRACT HOUSING. IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ON THE OPEN MARKET WHEN THE TRAINING SITES ARE SPECIFIED AT A LATER DATE. SECURITY FOR THE

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TRAINERS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOBH.

--TRAINING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED OUT OF STANDARD UNIFORM BECAUSE OF NEED TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH IFOR OR ANY FOLLOW-ON BODY.

--THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND PER DIEM SHOULD BE BORNE BY THE SENDING STATE (IN THIS CASE, INDONESIA) WHILE WE CANNOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL INTERNATIONAL PROVISION OF SUPPORT, CURRENT BOSNIAN EQUIPMENT NEEDS (ARTILLERY, AIR DEFENSE, ATGM'S, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT, TRUCKS, COMMO GEAR, AMMUNITION) ARE SO BROAD THAT WE ANTICIPATE A SHORTFALL OF INTERNATIONAL DONOR FUNDS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, SOME TRAINING PRIORITIES MIGHT HAVE TO BE DEFERRED UNLESS SENDING STATES CAN ABSORB COSTS. (UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, TURKEY AGREED TO FINANCE TWO BOSNIAN TROOP TRAINING CONTINGENTS BY ITSELF, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD WANTED

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FOREIGN SUPPORT AT LEAST FOR THE SECOND.)

--PLEASE THANK THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR SERIOUS APPROACH TO THEIR TRAINING OFFER, WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION TO THEM WHEN RECEIVED FROM MPRI AND THE FEDERATION.

--WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN INDONESIAN REPLY RE OUR SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE ARTILLERY (M109-155MM HOWITZER) DONATION/CONCESSIONAL SALE OFFER AND OF CASH DONATION TO BOSNIA FEDERATION DEFENSE FUND.  
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