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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY FLETCHER BURTON, POLCOUNS, REASON

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2. (C) SUMMARY: IN VIEW OF PERSISTENT RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT THE BOSNIAK MILITARY IS PURSUING BILATERAL ARMS DEALS WITH MALAYSIA OR OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PARDEW METWITH GENERAL DELIC IN SARAJEVO ON NOVEMBER 13. PARDEW REITERATED U.S. POLICY ON FEDERATION WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, AND EMPHASIZED TO DELIC THAT ANY BILATERAL ARMS OR MILITARY TRAINING SOLICITATIONS UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM ARE UNACCEPTABLE. DELIC VEHEMENTLY DENIED THAT HE IS PURSUING ANY BILATERAL DEALS OUTSIDE THE FEDERATION FRAMEWORK, AND CLAIMED THAT ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD BY HIM WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN STRICTLY WITHIN THE FEDERATION FORMAT. DELIC PROMISED CLOSER COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. ON ANY FUTURE MILITARY ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) AT A MEETING WITH FEDERATION ARMED FORCES COMMANDER RASIM DELIC ON NOVEMBER 13, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PARDEW REITERATED THE FOLLOWING U.S. POSITIONS ON WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AND THEIR USE:

-- MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS TO BE OBTAINED, TRANSPORTED, AND STORED THROUGH OPEN AGREEMENTS. WE SUPPORT NO SECRET ARMS DEALS.

-- PROCUREMENT IS NOW A FEDERATION ISSUE. ALL PARTIES - U.S., CROATS, BOSNIAKS, AND MPRI - ARE TO BE FULLY AWARE
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OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES, AND INVOLVED IN THE
PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

-- WEAPONS DECISIONS ARE FEDERATION DECISIONS, AND MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH AN AGREED FEDERATION FORCE STRUCTURE.

-- WEAPONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE FORCES UNTIL A FORCE STRUCTURE IS AGREED AND NECESSARY TRAINING IS COMPLETED.

- ALL EQUIPMENT ENTERING BOSNIA MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE FEDERATION MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
- EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE MANAGED USING THE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE U.S. EQUIPMENT DELIVERY.
- ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE HANDLED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ESTABLISHED IFOR AND OSCE PROCEDURES.
- WEAPONS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ARMS CONTROL PROCESS. MODERNIZATION OF INDIRECT FIRE SYSTEMS IS ALLOWED, IF EXISTING SYSTEM REDUCTION OFFSETS ARE IDENTIFIED FOR NEW SYSTEMS.
- THE U.S. TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY PROCUREMENT ACTIONS OUTSIDE THESE PARAMETERS.

4. (C) PARDEW EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS UNDERLINING THESE POINTS TO DELIC DUE TO PERSISTENT ALLEGATIONS IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE THAT THE BOSNIAKS ARE CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL ARMS DEALS OUTSIDE THE TRAIN AND
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EQUIP PROCESS. DELIC VEHEMENTLY DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THESE ALLEGATIONS, AND CHARACTERIZED THE RECENT NEW YORK TIMES STORY ALLEGING THAT TURKISH AND MALAYSIAN HOWITZERS ARE BEING SMUGGLED INTO BOSNIA AS "EXTREMELY NAIVE," GIVEN THE OBJECTIVE REALITIES OF ROSNIA'S NEAR TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON ACQUIESCENCE FROM CROATIA AND HVO COMMANDER BUDIMIR FOR ACCESS TO SUPPLIES.

5. (C) DELIC ALSO EXPLICITLY DENIED THAT HE OR HIS PEOPLE HAD UNDERTAKEN ANY "BILATERAL" ARMS NEGOTIATIONS DURING HIS JUST-COMPLETED VISIT TO MALAYSIA. WHILE ADMITTING THAT HE HAD TALKED TO THE MALAYSIANS ABOUT MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS, DELIC INSISTED THAT HE HAD DONE SO STRAIGHTFORWARDLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERATION, NOT JUST THE BOSNIAKS, MOREOVER, HE CLAIMED THAT THIS STANCE WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR TO THE MALAYSIANS, WITH WHOM HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED A PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING OF A MIXED UNIT OF ABOUT 35 BOSNIAK AND HVO (CROAT) OFFICERS AND NCO'S. DELIC NOTED THAT THE

MALAYSIANS HAD INVITED HIM, NOT BUDIMIR, TO KUALA LUMPUR, AND OBSERVED THAT BRINGING BUDIMIR ALONG ON A VISIT TO ANY ISLAMIC COUNTRY WOULD BE A KISS OF DEATH INsofar AS ANY HOPES OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS CONCERNED.

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6. (C) ON THE UAE SHIPMENT, DELIC STATED THAT HE IS
WORKING CLOSELY WITH HVO REPRESENTATIVES TO COORDINATE
THE UNLOADING AND SUBSEQUENT STORAGE OF THE UAE ARMS
SHIPMENT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CROATIA WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS. PARDEW THANKED DELIC FOR HIS FRANKNESS, BUT
STRESSED THE NEED FOR DELIC TO KEEP ALL PARTIES INFORMED
IN ADVANCE OF ANY BOSNIAK EFFORTS TO SOLICIT OR NEGOTIATE
DONATIONS OR PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING.
ANYTHING LESS FOSTERS SUSPICION AND POTENTIALLY
UNDERMINES THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. WHILE ARGUING
THAT THIS FUNCTION SHOULD PROPERLY BE PERFORMED BY THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, NOT HIM, DELIC PROMISED TO
COORDINATE WITH PARDEW AND EMBASSY PRIOR TO ANY FUTURE
FOREIGN VISITS OR NEGOTIATIONS.

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