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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I copies of all correspondence between the CIA and the EPA regarding the chemical plant in Tuzla Bosnia and Herzegovina discussed in the 7/7/1992 Intelligence Memorandum titled Tuzla, Bosnia and Hercegovina: A Review of the Geographical Realities. It was produced by the Office of Resources, Trade, and Technology. I have included a copy of the relevant page with the relevant portion bracketed in pen.

I wish that you limit your search to the records of the Office of Resources, Trade, and Technology and from the date range of 4/1/1992 - 7/7/1992.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$25. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hood



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Intelligence Memorandum

Office of Resources, Trade, and Technology

7 July 1992

Tuzla, Bosnia and Hercegovina: A Review of Geographical Realities

Summary

Two geographic factors are key considerations in analyzing the risks involved in military operations in the Tuzla area:

- A large chemical plant is located in the western part of the city and the 500 tons of chlorine gas stored there could kill people as far as 20 kilometers away if it were quickly released when the winds were light, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. Tuzla's summer winds are light and often come from the west, and its terrain could funnel the chlorine gas through the city.
- The city's location in a narrow valley makes it and the roads approaching it vulnerable to sniper fire from the surrounding hills, which can also serve as artillery and mortar positions. The hills and mountains around the city typically have forested crests, which could provide concealment for personnel and equipment.



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