20 APR, PRESIDENT KARADZIC STATED THAT THE SAFE AREAS WERE NOT SAFE, BUT INSTEAD MUSLIM STRONG POINTS FROM WHICH GOVERNMENT FORCES CARRIED OUT ATTACKS AGAINST BOSNIAN SERBS. THE SERB OPERATION AGAINST GORAZDE WAS NOT AN OFFENSIVE, BUT A RESPONSE TO MUSLIM PROVOCATION. CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON BOSNIA, KARADZIC SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT FORCES HAD ENOUGH WEAPONS, BUT WOULD GET MORE, AS WOULD THE SERBS AND THEY QUOTE WOULD FIGHT ENDLESSLY, AND RESOLVE NOTHING UNQUOTE.
MOUNT IGMAN REMAINS STABLE BUT TENSE. BOSNIA HERCEGOVINA COMMAND REPORTS THAT THE BOSNIAN MUSLIM (BIH) PROVOCATION OF THE BOSNIAN SERB ARMY (BSA) CONTINUED. HOWEVER, THE BSA IS REPORTED TO BE EXERCISING RESTRAINT. BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS AND TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS REMAIN, AS DOES THE POSSIBILITY OF A RENEWED OUTBREAK OF LOCALIZED FIGHTING.
10. (C/REL NATO) THE SERB AND BOSNIAN SERB NEGOTIATORS PRESENTED A TERRITORIAL CONCESSION OFFER TO THE MUSLIMS AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE AND FINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CROATS AND BOSNIAN CROATS. THE LAND DEAL MET THE MUSLIM MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR 33.3 PERCENT OF B-H, BUT SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL MUSLIM DEMANDS FOR ACCESS TO THE SAVA RIVER, AS WELL AS THE SEA, PROVED UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SERB NEGOTIATORS. ALTHOUGH THE ELECTION VICTORY BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF SERB PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC HAS STRONGLY ENFORCED THE SERBIAN
ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MILOSEVIC HAS BEEN URGING RESTRAINT, HIS LEVERAGE WITH THE BOSNIAN SERBS APPEARS TO BE, AT THIS POINT, LIMITED. THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY APPEAR TO BE FULLY ON THE SIDE OF GENERAL MLADIC. CFA BELGRADE ASSESSES THAT THE VJ IS ALMOST SPOILING FOR A FIGHT. DURING THE GORAZDE CRISIS THE VJ PROVIDED ADDITIONAL ADVISORS, EQUIPMENT, AND VOLUNTEERS TO THE BOSNIAN SERB FORCES. IN THE EVENT OF AIR STRIKES, PARTICULARLY SHOULD FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF SERBIAN AIR SPACE OCCUR, THEN THE ACTIVE INTERVENTION OF THE VJ IS POSSIBLE.
10. (S/REL NATO) IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MUSLIMS WILL REJECT A PROPOSAL TO SITE LOCATING RADARS AND MORE OBSERVERS WITH THEIR FORCES IN SARAJEVO, AS THIS WOULD CLEARLY IDENTIFY THEM AS THE MAIN AGGRESSOR IN THESE AREAS. CLOSER MONITORING OF THE SITUATION WOULD PREVENT THE MUSLIMS FROM PROVOKING THE SERBS. THIS COULD HANICAP THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR STRIKES.
GOOD FORTUNE WITH PROBABLE ERROR FOR RANGE, TIME OF FLIGHT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HITTING A BUILDING IN LINE WITH THE MARKET ON THE DESCENDING ARM OF THE TRAJECTORY. WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PROOF THAT THIS BOMB SCENARIO OCCURRED, BUT IT IS PLASIBLE AND WOULD CLEARLY HAVE BEEN A MUSLIM ORCHESTRATED INCIDENT. WE DO KNOW THAT MUSLIM FORCES OUTSIDE OF SARAJEVO HAVE, IN THE PAST, PLANTED HIGH EXPLOSIVES IN THEIR OWN POSITIONS AND THEN DETONATED THEM UNDER THE GAZE OF THE MEDIA, CLAIMING SERB BOMBARDMENT. THIS HAS THEN BEEN USED AS A PRETEXT FOR MUSLIM QUOTE COUNTER-FIRE UNQUOTE AND ATTACKS ON THE SERBS.
8. (S/REL NATO) THERE IS A DISTURBING PATTERN TO EVENTS IN SARAJEVO. AS EACH NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS APPROACHES (WITH THE NEXT ON 10 FEB), INCIDENTS AGAINST THE UN AND CIVILIANS INCREASE. WE KNOW THAT THE MUSLIMS HAVE FIRED ON THEIR OWN CIVILIANS AND THE AIRFIELD IN THE PAST IN ORDER TO GAIN MEDIA ATTENTION. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IZETBEGOVIC IS INVARiABLY DELAYED IN LEAVING SARAJEVO BY QUOTE SERB UNQUOTE SHELLING. WE KNOW THAT THE SERBS WANT A PEACE SETTLEMENT AND THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. CLEARLY, SHELLING SARAJEVO HAS NOT HELPED THEM ACHIEVE THIS IN THE PAST. THIS SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO THEM, THUS WE CAN SEE NO REASON FOR THE SERBS TO CONDUCT SUCH ACTIVITY WHEN THE INEVITABLE RESULT IS INCREASED WESTERN PRESSURE AGAINST THEM COUPLED WITH MUSLIM NEGOTIATING INTRANSIGENCE. THIS RUNS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO THEIR KNOWN POLITICAL AIMS. A POSSIBILITY WHICH CANNOT