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Via Electronic Mail

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УПРАВА ЗА РАДНИК ПООСЛОВЕ  
РЕПУБЛИКЕ СРБИЈЕ  
БЕОГРАД  
БРОЈ: 24.07.2020

713-03-3629-18-08

Re: Request from Serbia for Assistance in the Matter of Peresic Momcilo  
Serbian Reference Number: 713-03-3629-18-08  
U.S. Reference Number: CRM-182-71252

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Dear Assistant Minister Davidovic:

On November 7, 2019, the U.S. Central Authority, the Office of International Affairs (OIA), received the above-referenced request under cover of a transmittal letter which referenced two letters, dated October 11, 2018 and July 17, 2019. At the outset, please be advised that OIA has no record of having received these two letters.

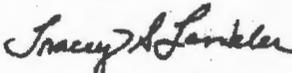
In the request, from the Higher Court in Belgrade, Serbian authorities seek assistance in a criminal proceeding based on the offense of espionage, under Article 128, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. As you are aware, espionage is a widely recognized political offense. Therefore, we are unable to execute this request. We assure you that this decision was based on a careful analysis of the offense and that we aim to exercise our discretion to deny assistance for political offenses in a consistent manner among our law enforcement partners.

Please forward this information to the appropriate Serbian authorities and inform them that we are closing our case for the stated reason. We greatly appreciate the assistance Serbia has granted the United States in criminal justice matters over the years and look forward to continuing this cooperative relationship. Please do not hesitate to contact Senior Trial Attorney

Linda Otani McKinney, at (202) 353-0346 or [Linda.McKinney@usdoj.gov](mailto:Linda.McKinney@usdoj.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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