

17 you know, our interest is 1992. You have mentioned the Catholic Church.
18 During the course of 1992 were you aware that numbers of mosques were
19 being blown up in various municipalities?

20 PR: Yeah, I knew that.

21 JK: Did you bring that to the attention of anybody?

22 PR: Of course I did.

23 JK: To whose attention did you bring it?

24 PR: Who ever I thought could do something to prevent it. But, the madness that
25 was not a speciality of the Serbs. This spread from Slavonia here. In Slavonia
26 and Croatia it spread here. All the orthodox churches there had been
27 destroyed and it just continued here.

28 JK: But I'm talking about the area in which you held a position of responsibility:
29 Banja Luka and the surrounding areas. Who did you speak to about the
30 destruction of the mosques?

31 PR: First of all I have to say that Banja Luka was the last town in Republika
32 Srpska where mosques were destroyed. A year after every where else. And
33 this was always -, I was always told that this was my fault. I was always told
34 that this was my fault. How could I allow to have mosques standing when
35 every where else in Republika Srpska there was not a single mosque left.

1 JK: Who said to you it was you fault that there were still mosques in Banja Luka?
2 PR: Everyone.
3 JK: Who's everyone?
4 PR: The Serbs here. When they were in the end destroyed at *Durdevdan* 93 and I
5 came on to the radio to talk about it, they asked me questions, they asked me
6 if I'd gone crazy to cry for mosques.
7 JK: Right, what I want to kniw is what was the purpose, as you understood it, of
8 destroying mosques?
9 PR: Same as the destruction of orthodox churches: to destroy the faith, so that
10 people wouldn't go back. That was the /unintelligible/. Destroy the spiritual
11 basis and they won't be coming back. It's crazy.
12 JK: And why were people saying it was your fault that the Banja Luka mosques
13 weren't blown up until 1993? What were you doing to stop it?
14 PR: Who said that?
15 JK: You told us that people were saying to you that it was your fault that the
16 mosques in Banja Luka remained standing until 1993.
17 PR: The Serbs were blaming me.
18 JK: Why were, they blaming you?
19 PR: Because I tried, I prevented them from being destroyed.
20 JK: How did you prevent them from being destroyed?
21 PR: Whenever somebody talked about the possibility of them being destroyed or
22 anything like that, I would always say: "No, you cannot do that" and they
23 would ask me: "What are you thinking when you say that?" and I would say
24 that I'm thinking of Article 10 of the law of Republika Srpska which says that
25 all people are the same before the law.
26 JK: OK but who was talking to you about blowing up mosques?
27 PR: You are asking me who said it. Everybody, even those in the highest
28 authority. There was complaining, they said, they always said, "RADIĆ,
29 Banja Luka's fine. You're doing well. The only problem is, you still have the
30 mosques there!" And, but, and the first thing that I took the last USSR
31 ambassador to see, when he just before USSR fell apart, first thing I took,
32 first thing I showed him was the Ferhatpaša mosque, 'cause it was a building
33 under UNICEF protection and it was one of the greatest treasures we had in
34 Banja Luka.

- 1 JK: I'm sorry, I still want to ask you this. You said people higher up were talking
2 to you about destruction of the mosques. Who do you mean by people higher
3 up?
- 4 PR: They didn't talk about the destruction as much as objecting to me for having,
5 for still having mosques a year after they were all destroyed. They all said it,
6 and don't ask me for names, from the highest authority all the way down to
7 the lowest.
- 8 JK: All right, does it include Mr. KARADŽIĆ, Mr. KRAJIŠNIK?
- 9 PR: They are wise enough not say it out loud, but they had their emissaries who
10 they sent all the time. And one of them was especially persistent.
- 11 PG: Who was that?
- 12 PR: Ask the CSB and ask the judges, they know everything. I cannot believe that
13 IPTF went in and didn't -, because unlike everywhere else there was a police
14 and a court report made for all the mosques.
- 15 JK: Mr. RADIĆ, I mean, if you don't want to tell us, you don't have to. But we'd
16 like to know who you say that KARADŽIĆ and KRAJIŠNIK sent as an
17 emissary.
- 18 PR: Again you're asking me to rat on people.
- 19 JK: I am. I am so Mr. RADIĆ, you were prepared to talk to us, because you
20 wanted to assist us. It's clearly important, who was sending, who Mr.
21 KARADŽIĆ and Mr. KRAJIŠNIK were sending to say that the mosques
22 should be destroyed.
- 23 PR: I don't know if they sent him here, but Velibor OSTOJIĆ was on my back all
24 the time.
- 25 PG: Who?
- 26 Interpreter: Velibor OSTOJIĆ.
- 27 PG: And he is from where?
- 28 PR: He was like a political-commissioner in the old Russian sense of the word. He
29 was from Foča. He was, he was, he held a high position.