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Further information on UA 178/93 (EUR 70/10/93, 2 June 1993) - and follow-ups:
EUR 70/11/93, 14 June 1993, EUR 70/12/93, 22 June 1993 and
EUR 70/14/93, 7 July 1993. Legal concern/Ill-treatment

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA: Vuk Draškovi_, President of the Serbian Renewal
Movement (SP0)
Danica Draškovi_, his wife

Vuk and Danica Draškovi_ were released from custody on 9 July 1993, after Serbian President Miloševi_ signed an official presidential pardon. Earlier that same day, the Belgrade Supreme Court had decided to reject an appeal to release the couple filed by a 10-member medical committee which had been examining them recently. The President's pardon overruled this decision: the charges of incitement to riot (see EUR 70/14/93, 7 July 1993) with which both Vuk and Danica Draškovi_ had been indicted were dropped, but Vuk Draškovi_ is still charged with assaulting a police officer. It is unclear at present if and when he will be tried.

Because of their poor medical condition, Vuk and Danica Draškovi_ remain in the Neurological clinic in Belgrade

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- welcoming the President's decision to release Vuk and Danica Draškovi_ from custody;

- urging the authorities to initiate a prompt, independent and impartial inquiry into their ill-treatment and to bring those responsible to justice;

- urging that police be informed of, and required to implement, international standards for the use of force.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of the Republic of Serbia:

Mr Slobodan Miloševi_
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11000 Beograd
Yugoslavia

Telegrams: Serbia President Miloševi_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Faxes: + 38 11 682 167

Salutation: Dear President

2) Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia:

Mr Zoran Sokolovi_
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Telegrams: Serbia Minister Sokolovi_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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3) Premier - President of the Serbian Government:

Mr Nikola Šainovi_
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Telegrams: Serbia Prime Minister Šainovi_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Faxes: + 38 11 682 167

Salutation: Dear Premier

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Federal Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs:

Ms Margit Savovi_
Bulevar Lenjina 2
11000 Beograd
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Humanitarian Law Fund:

Terazije 6/III
11000 Beograd
Yugoslavia

and to diplomatic representatives of the FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 August 1993.