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Further information (4) on UA 281/96 (EUR 70/35/96, 3 December 1996) and follow-ups EUR 70/37/96, 9 December, EUR 70/38/96, 12 December and EUR70/40/96, 16 December - Possible prisoners of conscience / Legal concern / Ill-treatment / Health concern / Prisoner of conscience

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA Dejan BULATOVI

It is reported that Dejan Bulatovi_ was released on 30 December 1996 after having served his sentence of 25 days in Padinska Skela prison.

Dejan Bulatovi_ has reportedly confirmed allegations that he was severely ill-treated during his detention at November 29 Street police station in Belgrade, when, following his arrest on 6 December, police beat him and forced a rubber truncheon up his rectum and put a gun barrel in his mouth, threatening to shoot him. He reportedly stated that he had not been ill-treated by guards while serving his sentence in Padinska Skela prison.

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

- welcoming the release of Dejan Bulatovi_;
- calling for a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation into allegations that Dejan Bulatovi_ was physically ill-treated by police officers following their arrest in Belgrade (on 6 and 11 December respectively) and for any officers responsible for his ill-treatment to be brought to justice;
- further, urging that all such allegations of ill-treatment of citizens by police be properly investigated, and that explicit instructions be issued to members of police forces to act in accordance with international standards for law enforcement, in particular the *United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials*, which states in Article 5: "No law enforcement official may inflict, instigate or tolerate any act of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment...".

If possible also:

- emphasizing that Articles 19 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia recognizes as legally binding) guarantee the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly, and urging the authorities to uphold these rights.

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and to diplomatic representatives of 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 10 February 1997.