



International Tribunal for the
Prosecution of Persons
Responsible for Serious Violations of
International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of
Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No. IT-02-60-T
Date: 7 July 2003
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER I, SECTION A

Before: Judge Liu Daqun, Presiding
Judge Volodymyr Vassilenko
Judge Carmen Maria Argibay

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 7 July 2003

PROSECUTOR

v.

**VIDOJE BLAGOJEVIĆ
DRAGAN JOKIĆ**

CONFIDENTIAL

**DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S NOTICE OF
IDENTIFICATION OF HANDWRITING ANALYSIS EXPERT
AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
REPORTS OF HANDWRITING EXPERT AND DEAN
MANNING**

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Counsel for the Accused:

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Mr. Miodrag Stojanović and Ms. Cynthia Sinatra for Dragan Jokić

TRIAL CHAMBER I, SECTION A, (“Trial Chamber”) of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (“Tribunal”),

BEING SEISED of the “Prosecution’s Notice of Identification of Handwriting Analysis Expert and Motion for Extension of Time to File Reports of Handwriting Expert and Dean Manning”, filed by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) confidentially on 20 June 2003 (“Motion”),

NOTING that the Motion provides notice that the Prosecution “will call Kate Bar, of the Birmingham, U.K., laboratory ‘Document Evidence’, to provide expert testimony concerning handwriting analysis in this case”,

NOTING that the Motion submits that “[g]iven the guilty pleas entered by Dragan Obrenović and Momir Nikolić, and the key documents recently obtained from Dragan Obrenović and disclosed by the Prosecution (including a critical Zvornik Brigade Duty Officer log book), the focus of the handwriting expert’s analysis has changed significantly”, wherefore the Prosecution requests “an extension of one month – to Friday, 18 July 2003, to file the expert report of its handwriting analysis”,

NOTING that the Motion further requests an extension until 25 August 2003 to file the updated report of expert witness Dean Manning (“updated report”) submitting that the completion of the updated report depends on the review of “updated information to be provided by Dr. Jon Sterenberg, a forensic archaeologist whose report will address exhumations performed since the close of the Krstić trial”, which he has not received yet, and that Dean Manning will not be called to testify until the final weeks of the presentation of the Prosecution case,

NOTING the “Prosecution’s Notice Regarding Status of Updated Expert Reports”, filed on 22 April 2003, and the “Prosecution’s Notice of Disclosure of Expert Witness Statements under Rule 94 *bis*, filed on 30 May 2003,

NOTING that no date was ever set for the filing of a handwriting analysis expert report and the updated report,

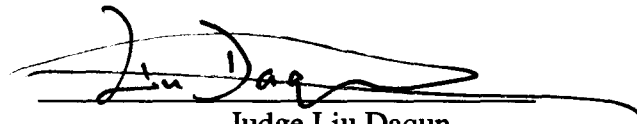
HEREBY GRANTS the Motion; and

ORDERS (1) the Handwriting Analysis expert report to be filed no later than Friday, 18 July 2003;

(2) Dean Manning's expert report to be filed no later than Monday, 25 August 2003.

Done in French and English, the English version being authoritative.

Dated this seventh day of July 2003,
At The Hague
The Netherlands



Judge Liu Daqun
Presiding

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