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PULITZER PRIZE WINNER'S ARTICLE LABELED AS "DISINFORMATION"

Toronto - A Newsday article written by Roy Gutman, a former CIA agent who came in from the cold to ply his trade in the media, was labeled as "disinformation" by UN spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Aikman.

"To me it [the report] reeks of disinformation. I don't think this could have happened. To be honest I don't think UN troops could have done that," said Lt.-Col. Aikman.

Gutman won the coveted Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles exposing "Serbian atrocities" in the former Bosnia-Herzegovina. Follow up investigations of Gutman's allegations by the National Security Agency, UNPROFOR, UNHCR and the International Red Cross proved them to be false.

When contacted about the story, Zeljko Grujic - a SRNA (Serbian Republic News Agency) editor - stated they were aware of the story but would not be commenting on it. "Obviously, this is a direct attack on UNPROFOR and we are peripheral to the story. UNPROFOR is slandered and they should respond." Asked about brothels on Republic of Srpska territory, Mr. Grujic said "None exist. The concept of white slavery and brothel keeping is morally repugnant to us, both as a nation and as Christians."

Mr. Grujic added the name Branislav Vlaco, who Gutman identified as the Vogosca police chief and alleged "brothel" keeper, was not familiar to him. Gutman is notorious for utilizing unidentified sources, a fact witnessed by his article which is corroborated by "14 unidentified witnesses".

Gutman's latest "disinformation" expose certainly raises questions about previous articles which won him the Pulitzer Prize.

One of Gutman's favorite targets is Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie (ret'd), former commander of UN peacekeeping forces for Bosnia-Herzegovina. This recycled and sanitized article once again attempts to smear Gen. MacKenzie in a roundabout fashion. Gutman publicized Sarajevo based Muslim government "war crimes" charges against Gen. MacKenzie for, allegedly,

raping Muslim women, taking them in his UNPROFOR APC in an unknown direction and eventually murdering them.

Gutman returns to this theme in his article stating " ... on some occasions young Muslim or Croat women were forced into UN armored personnel vehicles or civilian cars that followed the UN vehicles to an unknown destination ... ".

No doubt Gutman's latest indirect attack of Gen. MacKenzie's is the result best-selling biography "Peacekeeper: The Road to Sarajevo" which contradicts Gutman's articles as well his own recently published book "A Witness to Genocide". His self-serving attempt to discredit, by innuendo, Gen. MacKenzie is more than obvious and patently embarrassing.

Gutman liberally attributes quotes to Borislav Herak, an alleged Serb soldier who, in a Muslim show trial, confessed to raping and murdering Muslim and Croat women. In a 27 November 1992 NY Times article written by John Burns, Herak makes reference to areas outside Vogosca but does place himself in Vogosca nor does he mention "Sonja's Kon-Tiki Restaurant and Boarding House". Still, Gutman places Herak in Sonja's stating " ... he visited Sonja's two or three times a week, raping women there. He said that on one occasion he saw UN personnel at Sonja's."

Herak, a JNA deserter, petty criminal and pathological liar, was not a member of the Bosnian Serb Army nor was he a member of any Serb paramilitary force. His January show trial only served to expose Muslim duplicity and the extent of their propaganda efforts.

Roy Gutman's expose is reminiscent of another Pulitzer Prize winning article, also an expose about a nine year old heroin addict published in the Washington Post. The article proved to be a figment of the authors imagination and an embarrassed Pulitzer Prize committee took back the award. Following the UN description of Gutman's article as "disinformation", might the Pulitzer Prize committee be reviewing Gutman's award?

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