



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

Case No. IT-95-5/18-T

Date: 20 April 2012

Original: English

THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL

Before: Judge Theodor Meron, President

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Order of: 20 April 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**ORDER ON REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF
REGISTRAR DECISION AND FOR SUMMARY REVERSAL**

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger and Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Accused

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

Standby Counsel

Mr. Richard Harvey

I, THEODOR MERON, President 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 “Request for Review of Registrar Decision and for Summary Reversal”, filed by Radovan Karadžić (“Karadžić”) on 18 April 2012 (“Request”), in which Karadžić requests review of a decision by the Registrar of the Tribunal (“Registrar”) denying his request to employ two individuals as investigators for his defence team;¹

NOTING that Karadžić asserts, *inter alia*, that I should not permit the Registrar to provide a “reasoned decision” on the Request, pursuant to Rule 33(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), as “[t]his would provide an unfair procedure for an accused, who is required to seek review without having adequate information as to the basis of the decision”;²

NOTING that Rule 33(B) of the Rules permits the Registrar, in the execution of his functions, to make written representations to the President on any issue arising in the context of a specific case which affects or may affect the discharge of such functions;

CONSIDERING that, as Karadžić seeks review of a decision of the Registrar, it is in the interests of justice to allow the Registrar to file a submission addressing relevant contentions and to allow Karadžić the opportunity to reply to the Registrar’s submission;³

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

HEREBY DENY the Request, in part, insofar as it requests that I prohibit the Registrar from providing a submission on the Request pursuant to Rule 33(B) of the Rules;

ORDER that the Registrar shall have ten days from the date of this Order to file a submission, if any, on the Request; and

ORDER that Karadžić shall have five days from the filing date of the Registrar’s submission, if any, to file a reply, if any, to the Registrar’s submission.

¹ Request, para. 1.

² Request, para. 9.

³ Cf. *Prosecutor v. Vojislav Šešelj*, Case No. IT-03-67-T, Order on the Letter to the President by the Legal Advisor to Vojislav Šešelj, 23 February 2012, p. 1.

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



Judge Theodor Meron
President

Dated this 20th day of April 2012,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.

[Seal of the Tribunal]