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Dear Mr Gruden,

In response to the Alert published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe on 28 November 2019 concerning the case of journalist Miodrag Sovilj, I would like to convey the following information received from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia:

The Ministry has checked its official records and established that the described events in which Mr Sovilj's rights had been, as claimed on the Platform, violated through a smear campaign and criticism by the media and the officials that are close to the Government, have not been recorded or reported.

Therefore, according to its competence, this Ministry has not taken any related measures or actions.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Ambassador

Mr Matjaž Gruden  
Director of the  
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