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For my mother

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- DokKSHS* *Dokumenti o postanku Kraljevine Srba, Hrvata i Slovenaca 1914–1919*, compiled by F. Šišić, Zagreb, 1920
- DokSPKS* *Dokumenti o spoljnoj politici kraljevine Srbije*, vol. VII-2, Belgrade, 1980
- ISN* *Istorija srpskog naroda*, 2nd edn, vols 1–6/II, Belgrade, 1994
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