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ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTOR 1B

BRIEF FOR THE DCO

ON 15 AUGUST 1995

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GENERAL

1. SECTOR 1B CONSISTS OF 17 COMMUNES ALL WITHIN THE PREFECTURE OD GITARAMA. THE SECTOR SHARES ITS BOUNDARIES WITH 1A, 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B AND 5C. THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE SECTOR IS CALM ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NUMEROUS KILLINGS, ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND ACTS OF BANDITRY. THE POPULATION IN GENERAL DOES NOT APPRECIATE THE RPA IN TERMS OF PROTECTING THEM AS THEY ALLEGE THAT THE RPA ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALMOST ALL THE ARRESTS.

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2. THE AIM OF THIS BRIEF IS TO HIGHLIGHT YOU ON THE SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SECTOR 1B.

SCOPE

3. THE BRIEF WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
- A. SECURITY SITUATION AND INCIDENTS.
 - B. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
 - C. HUMANITARIAN ISSUES
 - D. RETURNEES AND IDPS (AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE)
 - E. PROGRESS ON RECONCILIATION.
 - F. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES.
 - G. CONCLUSIONS.

A. SECURITY SITUATION AND INCIDENTS

4. THE SECURITY SITUATION GENERALLY IS CALM ALTHOUGH IN THE NEAR PAST THERE HAS BEEN A WAVE OF ISOLATED KILLINGS WITHIN THE COMMUNES. THE MURDER OF SUBPREFECT OF RUHANGO ON 27.. 95 IS ONE GOOD EXAMPLE. THE MURDER OF THE KAMONYI PRIEST ON July 95 AND THE RECENT TORTURE TO DEATH OF TWO PRISONERS IN NYABIKENKE COMMUNE CACHOT ARE OTHER RECORDED CASES AMONGST MANY.

5. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, COMMUNE CACHOTS ARE TAKING AN UPWARD GRAPH THOUGH SOME TIME BACK MOST BOURGOMRSTRES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED BY THE PREFECT NOT TO CARRY OUT ANY MORE ARRESTS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF SPACE IN PRISONS AND CACHOTS. THE STATISTICS OF THE PRISONERS BY COMMUNES IS AT ANNEX B.

6. A FEW ACTS OF SABOTAGE HAVE BEEN RECORDED AND THESE WILL BE COVERED LATER IN THIS BRIEF.

B. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

7. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN THE PREFECTURE IS STILL THE OVERCROWDING OF THE GITARAMA PRISON. NO SERIOUS IMPROVEMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE MOVEMENT OF 225 PRISONERS TO NYANZA PRISON ON 14 JULY 95. HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INDICATED THAT A MOVEMENT OF MORE THAN 2 000 INMATES WAS BEING CONSIDERED TO NSINDA PRISON IN KIBUNGO SOME TIME THIS MONTH. THE TENTATIVE DATE IS 21 SEP 95.

8. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE PREFECTURE HAS TO DO WITH INCREASED PRESSURE FROM FRGF FORCES OR ITS FIFTH COLUMN. SEVERAL ACTS OF SABOTAGE HAVE NOW BEEN INVESTIGATED AND CONFIRMED BY MILOB TEAMS. THEY ARE MOSTLY RELATED TO THE ELECTRICAL NETWORK WHERE EXPENSIVE TRANSFORMERS ARE EMPTIED OF THEIR OIL, TURNED ON AND BURNT. EUCALYPTUS FOREST BURNING HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED. IN LINE WITH WHAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS "ECONOMY SABOTAGE", IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT PEASANTS ARE INSTRUCTED AND PRESSURED NOT TO PRODUCE MORE THAN WHAT THEY REQUIRE TO SURVIVE. LARGE TOWNS THEN LACK SUPPLY AND PRICES GO UP, AS NOTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

9. IN THE SAME VEIN, DEEP FRGF INCURSIONS INTO THE NORTHERN COMMUNES HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND CONFIRMED BY MILOB PATROLS WHICH HAVE VERIFIED THE INFORMATION WITH LOCALS. THIS NEW FACTOR WAS INITIALLY REPORTED BY THE RPA BDE CDR WHO WAS EXPLAINING WHY THEY HAD "SLIGHTLY TIGHTENED THE SCREW". THE ALLEGED FRGF PATROLS ARE APPARENTLY NOT ARMED TO FACILITATE THEIR MOVEMENT BUT THEIR TRAVELLING WITH RADIO EQUIPMENT.

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10. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE DISBANDMENT OF "LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES", MADE ON RADIO RWANDA DURING THE WEEKEND 12 AND 13 AUGUST 95, IS NOT BEING FOLLOWED IN THIS PREFECTURE. THE PREFET DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT TO MAKE WAVES ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE LDFs MAY HAVE BEEN

DISBANDED *DE JURE*, BUT *DE FACTO* THEY ARE ALIVE AND KICKING. IN SOME COMMUNES CITIZENS NIGHT PATROLS ARE STILL SENT IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS WHERE BANDITRY IS SUSPECTED. IT TURNS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PATROLS ARE OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY RPA SOLDIERS AND PROCEED WITH ARBITRARY ARRESTS AT NIGHT TIME. THE RPA BDE CDR, LT-COL KAYONGA, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRING THE WAR COUNSEL (MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR SERIOUS OFFENDERS FROM THE RANK OF PRIVATE TO CAPTAIN INCLUSIVE), IS ONLY PAYING LIP SERVICE TO THE DISBANDMENT ORDER. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF THIS PERSONNEL BUT, AS HE PUTS IT, THAT IS WHERE HIS INPUT ENDED SINCE THEY WERE PAID BY THE COMMUNES. THE EX-MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, TO SAY THE LEAST, WAS NOT A POPULAR MAN WITH THE RPA.

11. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A LOT OF PRESSURE BEING EXERTED ON VARIOUS CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES. AT THE TOP LEVEL, THE PREFET IS OBVIOUSLY HEAVILY RELYING ON UNAMIR OBSERVERS TO PROVIDE HIM AT LEAST AN "INSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION". IN THAT RESPECT, HE OFTEN VISITS THIS HQ AND SEIZES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BE SEEN WITH UNAMIR. THE MURDER OF THE RUHANGO SOUS-PREFET HAS MADE A SERIOUS DENT IN WHATEVER LITTLE CONFIDENCE THE POLITICAL CLASS HAD. THE DISMISSAL OF THE MUGINA BOURGMESTRE BY THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR WAS SERIOUSLY CONTESTED THROUGH ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH COULD HAVE EASILY TURNED VIOLENT. THE BOURGMESTRE OF BULINGA COMMUNE IS NOW FEARING FOR HIS LIFE FOLLOWING HIS DECISION TO DISMISS HIS IPJ WHO WAS ACCEPTING BRIBERY.

12. HERE IN KABGAYI, A CLEAR TUG-OF-WAR IS BEING WITNESSED BETWEEN THE RPA AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE KILLING OF A PRIEST IN TABA COMMUNE, THIS TENSION WAS CRYSTALLIZED WITH TWO ARBITRARY ARRESTS WHICH WERE CANCELLED FOLLOWING INTERVENTIONS BY THE BISHOP DIRECTLY TO THE EX-PRIME MINISTER. THE BDE CDR, IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, SAID THAT HE CONSIDERS THE BISHOP TO BE INTERHAMWE. OBVIOUSLY, THE RPA KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON KABGAYI WHICH IS SEEN, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, AS A HOTBED OF NATIONALIST HUTU INTELLECTUALS.

C. HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

13. A CRITICAL POINT HAD BEEN REACHED WHERE THE SUPPLY CAN NO LONGER MEET THE DEMAND. THERE IS A GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION AT THE BOURGMESTRE LEVEL WHICH TRANSLATES INTO MORE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING INFORMATION OR VISITING COMMUNE CACHOTS. FROM THIS SECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE, HOWEVER, THE TRANSPORT SUPPORT PROVIDED BY INDBATT RESOURCES HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. A MONTHLY COORDINATION AND SECURITY MEETING WITH NGOS HAS BEEN INSTITUTIONALIZED AND HAS PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS. REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORT FROM BOTH THE PREFECT AND BOURGOMESTRES IS AN ALARMING DEMAND. SEE ANNEX C.

D. RETURNEES AND IDPS (AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE)

14. AS REQUESTED, COMPLETE UPDATED STATISTICS ARE PROVIDED TO MILOB HQ. THESE NUMBERS ARE BEING CONSTANTLY REVIEWED EVERYTIME COMMUNE OFFICES ARE VISITED. WITH REGARDS TO THE UPCOMING WAVE OF RETURNEES, THE LOCAL POPULATION SHOWS MIXED EMOTIONS, THAT IS TO SAY HAPPINESS OF POSSIBLE REUNIONS BUT FEARS OF REPRISAL. NO MAJOR CHANGES ARE REPORTED ON THE SITUATION OF RETURNEES, IDPS AND RESCAPEES. FOR STATISTICS SEE ANNEX ~~B~~. A

E. PROGRESS ON RECONCILIATION

15. IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE SUCH AN ASSESSMENT WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY BASED ON "GUT FEELING". THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO HAS OBVIOUSLY CHANGED THE STRATEGIC OR AT LEAST THE OPERATIONAL DISPOSITION OF THE SUB-REGION.

16. THIS SECTOR WAS PRIVILEGED WITH A UNHCR SPONSORED SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES AND THIS SUBJECT IS OBVIOUSLY THE CORNER STONE OF AN "ORDERLY RECONCILIATION". MILOBS SHOULD BE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN AN ARBITRARY ARREST AND AN ILLEGAL ARREST. AT ALL LEVELS, MILOBS ARE SENDING THE CLEAR MESSAGE THAT ILLEGAL ARRESTS WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF MEANS BUT THAT ARBITRARY ARRESTS MUST STOP. TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE RPA MUST USE THEIR NEWLY INSTALLED IPJs AND BE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ILLEGAL ARREST. IN PARALLEL WITH THIS, THIS SECTOR HAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH A COMPLETE VOID OF GENDARMES. THE PREFET IS WORKING HARD AT OBTAINING THE DEPLOYMENT OF A GENDARME GROUP IN THE PREFECTURE BUT PROGRESSES ARE SLOW. THE CURRENT NATIONAL RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNAL POLICE IS SEEN AS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN BUT LOCALS DO NOT FORESEE THE RPA CONCEDING TOO MUCH OF ITS AUTHORITY.

17. THE LEVEL OF TENSION IN THE POPULATION CAN STILL BE PERCEIVED THROUGH CASUAL DISCUSSIONS. THE IMPRESSION THAT WORSE DAYS LAY AHEAD OF THEM IS QUITE SYMPTOMATIC OF A VERY SLOW RECONCILIATION PROCESS, PERHAPS EVEN A REGRESSING RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS

18. THIS SECTOR IS NOW MANNED WITH ONLY 21 OFFICERS. HOWEVER, THIS SECTOR IS HOPEFUL THAT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH THE SITUATION WILL HAVE STABILIZED AS DISCUSSED DURING THE LAST SECTOR COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD HERE ON 25 AUG 95. AND ITS STRENGTH WILL GO DOWN TO 17 AS OF TOMORROW, THAT IS TO SAY ONLY 60 % OF ITS AUTHORIZED STRENGTH. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HEAR ABOUT THE REINFORCEMENT PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

19. THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING THE FC'S LETTER THAT EXPRESSED THAT "ALL SECTOR MILOBS ARE UNDER DIRECT COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE FORMED TROOP (SIC)

COMMANDING OFFICER". THIS LETTER WAS FORTUNATELY FOLLOWED BY NO CHANGE OF SITUATION ON THE TERRAIN BUT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO CLARIFY THE COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIP.

G. CONCLUSION

20. THERE IS NEED OF AN ATTACHMENT OF AT LEAST ONE TRUCKS FROM INDBATT FOR ONE WEEK TO CLEAR THE REQUESTS ON ANNEX C.



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ANNEX A

RETURNEES UPDATE AS FROM 12 SEP 95

SER NO	COMMUNE	TOTAL	CONFIRMED	KILLED	%
				ARRESTS	
a	b	c	d	e	f
1.	NYAMABUYE (7570)	79	79	NIL	-
2.	KAYENZI (8389)	02	-	-	-
3.	KIGOMA (7649)	36	36	-	-
4.	BULINGA (6679)	30	30	-	-
5.	MASANGO (6254)	27	27	01 ARRESTED	-
6.	MUGINA (9267)	20	20	NIL	-
7.	MUKINGI (7160)	38	31	-	-
8.	MURAMA (6749)	55	55	01 KILLED	-
9.	MUSAMBIRA (8274)	34	22	NIL	-
10.	NTONGWE (9057)	139	139	02 ARRESTED	-
11.	NYABIKENKE (7292)	61	60	NIL	-
12.	NYAKABANDA (6597)	47	46	NIL	-
13.	RUNDA (9882)	30	30	NIL	-
14.	RUTOBWE (7781)	89	89	NIL	-
15.	TABA (8883)	30	30	-	-
16.	TAMBWE (7653)	126	126	02 ARRESTED	-
17.	MUSHUBATI (6970)	78	76	NIL	-
TOTAL		921	898		

ANNEX B

TO DCO'S BRIEF

PRISONERS UPDATE AS OF 13 SEP 95

SER NO	COMMUNE	GR	No OF PRISONERS
1	BULINGA	6679	40
2	KAYENZI	8389	133
3	KIGOMA	7649	32
4	MASANGO	6254	168
5	MUGINA	9267	156
6	MUKINGI	7160	83
7	MURAMA	6749	263
8	MUSAMBIRA	8274	105
9	MUSHUBATI	6970	61
10	NTONGWE	9057	269
11	NYABIKENKE	7292	74
12	NYAKABANDA	6597	45
13	NYAMABUYE	7570	124
14	RUNDA	9882	188
15	RUTOBWE	7781	27
16	TABA	8883	67
17	TAMBWE	7653	120
	TOTAL		1955

ANNEX C

REQUESTS ON CARGO TRANSPORTATION

1. PREFECT OF GITARAMA REQUESTED US FOR ASSISTANCE IN MOVING SCHOLAR MATERIALS FROM GITARAMA TOWN TO SOME COMMUNES OF THIS PREFECTURE (TOTALLY 555 CARTONS WEIGHT ABOUT 20 KG EACH).
2. NYABIKENKE BOURGMESTRE'S REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTING OF THREE TONS OF FERTILIZERS FROM KIGALI TO NYABIKENKE COMMUNE (7292).
3. TRANSPORTING OF FOOD FROM KIGALI TO NYAKABANDA COMMUNE (6597) FOR THE BENEFIT OF "GROUPE SCOLAIRE".
4. RUNDA COMMUNE BOURGOMESTRE'S REQUEST TO TRANSPORT BUILDING MATERIAL FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION FROM SHOLI SECTOR (9379) TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE (9882).
5. MOVING BUILDING MATERIAL FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE COMMUNE OF NYABIKENKE (7292) FOR THE BENEFIT OF NYABIKENKE BRANCH OF "ASSOCIATION DE PARENTS POUR LA SCOLARISATION".
6. THE PREFECT'S REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF 2.9 TONS OF SEEDS FROM KIGALI TO GITARAMA.
7. THE PREFECT'S REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF 50 TONS OF FERTILIZERS FROM KIGALI TO GITARAMA.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL OPS BRANCH STAFF OFFRS
FROM : DCOS(OPS)
FILE : 3000.10(OPS)
DATE : 4 SEP 95
SUBJECT : STAFF MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

1. STAFF MEETINGS/CONFERENCES will be held twice every month in Briefing Room.
2. Conference will be held on every first Wednesday and the last Wednesday of the month.
3. The Conference will start at 1000 hrs each Conference day and end at 1100 hrs.

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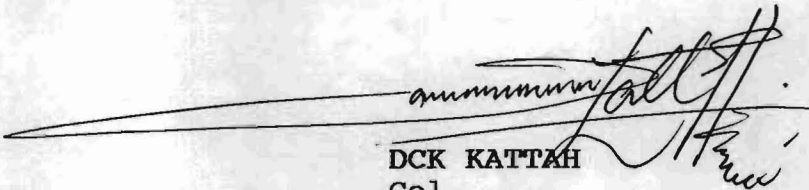
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FROM: UNAMIR HQ/G2 INFO//

21 AUG 95

SUBJECT: HQ UNAMIR WEEKLY INFOSUM

Reference: UNAMIR HQ/G2, SECTOR ROUTINE INFORMATION REPORTS,
12 MAY 95 (attached)

1. THE NEW INTELLIGENCE LINE UNIT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WILL PRODUCE A WEEKLY INFOSUM. AS A RESULT, THE REQUIREMENT AT REFERENCE FOR A BI-WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE FORECAST IS RESCINDED FORTHWITH. THE REMAINDER OF THE REPORTING PROCEDURES ARE TO REMAIN IN PLACE. THE REQUIREMENT FOR A UNIT WEEKLY ASSESSMENT HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

2. ATTACHED PLEASE FIND THE FIRST OF SUBJECT INFOSUMS.

ATTACHMENTS

ANNEX A: UNAMIR HQ/G2, SECTOR ROUTINE INFORMATION REPORTS,
12 MAY 95

ANNEX B: HQ UNAMIR WEEKLY INFOSUM 13 - 19 AUG 95

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12 MAY 95

SECTOR ROUTINE
INFORMATION REPORTS

REFERENCE: INFORMATION OFFICERS' WORKING GROUP, 10/11 MAY

1. AS DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S WORKING GROUP (REF) THIS MESSAGE IS HARD COPY OF THE SCHEDULE OF REPORTING EXPECTED FROM EACH UNIT/SECTOR MILOB INFORMATION OFFICER:

A. 15/30 OF EACH MONTH: INFORMATION SUMMARY (INFOSUM). THIS IS TO BE A QUICK OVERVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN YOUR SECTOR DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS. BREVITY AND ACCURACY ARE EXPECTED. YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION, BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION, WILL BE HIGHLY VALUED. SPECULATION OR "GUT FEELING" IS USEFUL, BUT REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY IT AS SUCH. IF MORE THAN ONE POSSIBILITY EXIST, LIST EACH, IN ORDER OF PROBABILITY, USING WORDS SUCH AS "PROBABLE", "POSSIBLE", "UNLIKELY", ETC.

B. EVERY DAY: DAILY UNIT/SECTOR SITUATION REPORT (SITREP). TRY TO INCORPORATE ANY ANSWERS TO THE FORCE COMMANDER'S PIR/IRS YOU MAY HAVE DISCOVERED OR ASSESSED.

C. IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING OF A SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT. INFORMATION REPORT (INFOREP). AS DISCUSSED AT REFERENCE, THIS IS THE IMMEDIATE "HEADS UP" TO UNAMIR HQ TO LET US KNOW THAT SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT MAY BE GOING ON. THE REPORT SHOULD TRY TO ANSWER THE "5WH" QUESTIONS (WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY AND HOW) ALTHOUGH TIMELINESS IS MORE IMPORTANT IN THIS REPORT THAN COMPLETENESS. WHEN FURTHER DETAILS AND ANSWERS ARE LEARNED, TRANSMIT THOSE THROUGH A SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REPORT. PLEASE USE A CONTROL NUMBER FOR EACH REPORT TO AVOID CONFUSION BETWEEN DIFFERENT OR SIMILAR EVENTS.

D. UPON LEARNING MORE ABOUT A SPECIFIC INCIDENT. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REPORT. THIS REPORT WILL FOLLOW YOUR INFOREP WITH GREATER DETAIL AND AN ASSESSMENT, IF POSSIBLE. YOU MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF SUPINFOREPS FOR A GIVEN INFOREP. REMEMBER TO BALANCE TIMELINESS WITH COMPLETENESS.

E. ON ORDER. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS TO PERIODIC INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE PRODUCTION. THE INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE IS A PLANNING TOOL FOR YOUR UNIT/SECTOR USE AS THE FIRST STEP IN DIRECTION. YOU ARE

CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ONLY THE ONE INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE DISCUSSED AT REF FOR DISTRIBUTION TO UNAMIR HQ/G2. THEREAFTER, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUOUSLY REVIEW (FIRST PRINCIPLES).

2. THIS BRANCH WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING ROUTINE REPORTS:

A. DAILY INFOSUM: WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN THE DAILY UNAMIR HQ INFOSUM, DISTRIBUTED TO ALL UNITS AND MILOBS ON A DAILY BASIS (PROBLEMS WITH MILOB DISTRIBUTION DISCUSSED AT REF WILL BE REMEDIED);

B. BI-WEEKLY INFOSUM: 17 AND 02 OF EACH MONTH AND WILL BE BASED UPON ALL UNIT/SECTOR INFOSUMS.

C. INTREP/SUPINTREP: AS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF INFORMATION VALUE ARE IDENTIFIED. DISTRIBUTION MIGHT BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE UNITS AFFECTED/NEED TO KNOW.

D. COLLECTION TASKS: ALTHOUGH NOT REALLY A REPORT, THESE TASKS WILL BE INFORMATION REQUIREMENT DIRECTION TO YOUR UNIT/SECTOR. THE TIME INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY IS A BALANCE BETWEEN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEED TO GIVE YOU ENOUGH TIME TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION. YOUR REPORTS MUST ARRIVE AT UNAMIR HQ/G2 NO LATER THAN THE TIME/DATE SPECIFIED. IT IS MORE ACCEPTABLE THAT YOU SUBMIT AN INCOMPLETE REPORT ON TIME THAN A COMPLETE REPORT LATE.

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HQ UNAMIR WEEKLY INFOSUM 13 - 19 AUG 95

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GENERAL SITUATION

1. (R) THE OVERALL SITUATION IS STABLE. DESPITE A LOW LEVEL OF ONGOING INSURGENT/BANDIT ACTIVITY IN WESTERN RWANDA, THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRMLY IN CONTROL. RPA SOLDIERS AT SOME CHECKPOINTS ARE INSISTING ON SEARCHING UN VEHICLES AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE. THE MASS EXODUS OF UP TO 50,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE AND TANZANIA, WHICH HAD BEEN PREDICTED BY SOME AID AGENCIES FOR 15 AUG 95, FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. THE PRESIDENT OF UGANDA ARRIVED FOR A STATE VISIT FROM 14 TO 16 AUG 95. HE IMploRED RWANDANS TO BURY THE PAST AND FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. ON 16 AUG 95, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL VOTED TO SUSPEND THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST RWANDA EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED IN IT'S ENTIRETY ON 1 SEP 96. FEARING INCURSIONS INTO ITS TERRITORY BY RPA FORCES INTENT ON NEUTRALIZING THE INSURGENT EX-FAR THREAT, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS REACTED STRONGLY TO THE DECISION, THREATENING TO FORCIBLY REPATRIATE RWANDAN REFUGEES.

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2. (R) THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE EVENT OF THIS PAST WEEK WAS THE UNSC DECISION TO SUSPEND THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST RWANDA. COMMENT. THIS DECISION SHOULD STABILIZE THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. THE EX-FAR WILL BE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO INVADE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE, AS ANY DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE RPA ON RWANDAN SOIL WILL LIKELY ONLY LEAD TO THEIR DEFEAT IN DETAIL. THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA (GOR), WILL BE RELUCTANT TO INVADE ZAIRE TO PUSH BACK THE REFUGEE CAMPS AS IT IS AWARE THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO COULD BE EASILY REIMPOSED, AND IT HAS MUCH WORK TO DO TO BRING THE RPA UP TO THE

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STANDARD OF A NATIONAL ARMY.

3. (R) THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO WILL HAVE OTHER TANGIBLE BENEFITS. BETTER TRAINING WILL LEAD TO BETTER DISCIPLINE, AND HOPEFULLY THE INSTANCES OF BANDITRY AND MURDER WILL DECREASE. IN MANY AREAS THE RPA BEHAVES LIKE AN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, AND THEY WILL NEVER BE A NATIONAL ARMY AS LONG AS THE POPULATION THEY SERVE FEARS THEM.

4. (R) THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE, REACTING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, HAS THREATENED TO FORCIBLY REPATRIATE THE RWANDAN REFUGEES. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT YESTERDAY THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY EXPELLED 200 REFUGEES INTO THE FRONTIER BETWEEN ZAIRE AND RWANDA. COMMENT. IF SUCCESSFUL, WE MAY SEE A REPETITION OF YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT, BUT THESE ARE SMALL BITES OF A VERY BIG PROBLEM - THERE ARE 700,000 REFUGEES IN THE GOMA AREA ALONE.

MILITARY

5. (R) THE MOST TENSE SECTORS CONTINUE TO BE SECTORS 1B AND 5. SECTOR 1B HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF KILLINGS, AND THE LOCAL RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER HIMSELF DESCRIBED THE PREFECTURE AS 'SMOLDERING', SAYING THAT THE KILLINGS WERE A RESULT OF ETHNIC TENSIONS. HE ALSO WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF CASES OF SABOTAGE COMMITTED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS BY THE EX-FAR, INCLUDING THE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS, THE BURNING OF EUCALYPTUS FORESTS (IMPORTANT AS A CHARCOAL SOURCE), THE BURNING OF GENOCIDE SURVIVORS' HOUSES AND PLANTATIONS, AND THE MOVEMENT OF INTERHAMWE THROUGH THE AREA. COMMENT. SOME LOCALS IN GITARAMA PREFECTURE HAVE LIKENED THE RECENT MOOD TO THAT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE WAR. AS A FOOTNOTE, THE TRANSFORMERS WERE DESTROYED BY DRAINING THE COOLING OIL FROM THEM, THEN TURNING THEM ON. THE SABOTEURS APPEAR TO HAVE STOLEN THE OIL, AS THERE WAS NONE FOUND ON THE SCENE. ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER OIL IS LACED WITH POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, POPULARLY KNOWN AS PCB. PCBs ARE STRONGLY LINKED TO CANCER.

6. (R) THERE WERE TWO MINE INCIDENTS IN SECTOR 5C. ONE OCCURED AT BWIZA (GR 386 923) ON 12 AUG. A TOYOTA PICK-UP TRUCK WITH EIGHT PERS ON

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BOARD (INCLUDING 3 RPA) STRUCK A MINE AND WAS BADLY DAMAGED. THREE PEOPLE WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. THERE WERE NO FATALITIES IN THIS INCIDENT. THE OTHER INCIDENT OCCURED ON 17 AUGUST, ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN KAYOVE COMMUNE AND KIBUYE. AN NGO VEHICLE BELONGING TO MEMISA STRUCK A LARGE ANTI-TANK MINE, KILLING TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES, AND CRITICALLY INJURING A THIRD PERSON. THE VEHICLE WAS THROWN 15 METERS BY THE BLAST. THE INJURED WOMAN, EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT, WAS AIR-EVACUATED BY A UN HELICOPTER, BUT DIED ENROUTE TO KIGALI. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINE WAS LAID JUST PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION, AND DELIBERATELY TARGETTED THE NGO. THREE NGO WORKERS WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER FROM GISENYI THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER THEIR LIVES WERE THREATENED, APPARENTLY IN RELATION TO THE MINE INCIDENT. ONE THING REMAINS CLEAR - THE AREA BETWEEN KIBUYE AND THE GISENYI IS TENSE, AND UNAMIR PERSONNEL SHOULD EXERCISE MUCH CAUTION WHEN IN THERE.

CONCLUSION

7. (R) THE RPA AND THE EX-FAR ARE IN A RELATIVE STALEMATE FOR NOW. THE EX-FAR CANNOT ATTACK RWANDA BECAUSE IT LACKS THE STRENGTH. THE RPA WOULD PREFER NOT TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AND ATTACK THE CAMPS IN ZAIRE BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, AND A DESIRE TO AVOID ANOTHER ARMS EMBARGO. THE EX-FAR WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO PRESSURE THE GOR THROUGH A LOW-INTENSITY INSURGENCY CAMPAIGN, FED WITH WEAPONS AND MANPOWER FROM THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THIS IS A DIFFICULT BALANCE - IF THEY PUSH TOO HARD, THE GOR MAY BE FORCED TO ACT DESPITE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. THE GREATEST THREAT TO SECURITY IN THIS REGION IS THE EXISTENCE OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS SO CLOSE TO THE BORDER OF RWANDA.

8. (R) THE PRESENT SITUATION COULD POSE A THREAT TO UNAMIR TROOPS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH MINING OF ROADS. FURTHERMORE, THE RPA MAY BECOME MORE ANXIOUS, WHICH COULD CAUSE DELAYS AT CHECKPOINTS. THE DELIBERATE TARGETTING OF UNAMIR TROOPS BY EITHER RPA OR EX-FAR IS ASSESSED AS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME.

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MINUTES OF SECTORS COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD
AT BUTARE ON FRI 30 JUN 95

Present		-DFC/CMO	Chairman
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:Col-Maj A Toumia			
Col CA Nelson		Comd Sector 4B	"
Lt Col I Abubakar		" " 1	"
Lt Col GK Adjei		SOO	"
Lt Col M Ahsanullah		Comd Sector 4A	"
Lt Col E Castro		" " 3	"
Lt Col T Fox		" " 4C	"
Lt Col A Jounitsyn		" " 6	"
Lt Col EA Mahachi		SMPO	"
Lt Col K Opong-Kyekyeku		Comd Sector 2	"
Lt Col AB Sibanda		Ag Comd Sector 5	"
Maj MK Carswell		SLOGO	"
Sqn Ldr FA Ayamgha		MILOBS Sector 4B	Sec
Maj L Adekagun		" " Asst Sec	
Capt S Dubreuil			
In attendance :	Col H Osae-Addae	CHAO	
	Lt Col C Ahmed	MA - DFC	
	Lt Col C Bakary	Dy Comd Sector 3A	
	Lt Col V Curren	G3 Med Ops	
	Lt Col VS Dadhural	Dy Comd Sector 4C	
	Lt Col H Kaute	Dy Comd Sector 2B	
	Lt Col SE Keita	Dy Comd Sector 4B	
	Mr Donald Stead	FSA Butare	

ITEM 1 WELCOME ADDRESS BY COMD SECTOR 4B

1. The Comd Sector 4B welcomed all participants to the conference. He wished the conference had been scheduled for 2 or more days so that he could take participants round Butare city on sightseeing. He however counselled for short briefs which should not exceed 10 minutes in view of the limited time available.

ITEM 2. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. The Chairman expressed happiness to be at the conference even though he was not new to

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the Mission but had just taken over as DFC/CMO barely one week from the outgone DFC/CMO(Brig-Gen Anyidoho). He stressed the calmness of the situation generally except for the increase in banditry acts while check points were on the decrease.

3.He intimated the conference that a paper had already been issued out on the new UNAMIR mandate and called for vigilance and keeping in place of all security measures. He stressed that more responsibilities had been added for the MILOBS which required more dedication, imagination and commitment. He cautioned against inadequate/destructive rumour peddling in the name of information gathering.

4.The Chairman noted that UNAMIR was set up for reconciliating assistance to Rwanda and not as a spying outfit. Been the field operatives of UNAMIR, MILOBS were enjoined to produce detailed and accurate information on which actions would be based. He promised more logistics support from defunct formed troops resources towards the enhancement of the duties of MILOBS.

ITEM 3. BRIEFS FROM THE SECTORS

5. The various commanders presented briefs on the activities of their sectors seriatim.

a. Sector 1

- (1) The sector experienced relative calm since the last sectors comds' conference till date while the negative propaganda against UNAMIR on Radio Rwanda seemed to have died down. The locals who fled the prefecture (Byumba) had been returning and presently engaged in various agricultural and commercial activities. However 45% of the prefecture were mine infested and this hampered agriculture.

(2) The prefecture seriously lacked essential services like portable water, electricity, adequate transportation and medical facilities which was consequent upon the aftermath of the war. The destroyed communes offices were yet to be rehabilitated. The government officials in the prefecture had since embarked on reconciliation campaigns for which a six-day seminar was held for the youths in May 95.

(3) The sector's duties could best be carried out with additional logistics support/facilities like an additional radio base station, fax machine, telephone, more vehicles, fuel dumps, electric generator, portable water supply among others.

b. Sector 2

(1) The operational situation within the sector had been quite satisfactory within the past month. Arrests of locals and returnees had considerably decreased. Except for the Mugesera Bourgmestre who gave instruction that UNAMIR vehicle should not cross a particular check point without his specific authorization, other RPA/militias at the check points were cooperative. RPA deployment at the border had been increased.

(2) Primary and secondary schools had since re-opened but they lack qualified teachers. The remuneration for the available teachers were inadequate and irregular. Some NGO had been providing infrastructural and other assistance to the schools.

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(3) The prefecture lacked adequate social services of pipe borne water electricity and transport whilst the population had steadily been on the increase with the return of so many people including those that departed the prefecture since 1959/60. The number of returnees was put at 2,526 by UNHCR which MILOBS could not verify due to their denial of access to the border crossing figures with the government officials.

(4) No case of illegal occupation of peoples houses was reported within the period. The local authorities embarked on reconciliatory campaigns which yielded cordial living relationship among the locals including the returnees. However the ration usually doled out to these returnees at Transit camps hardly lasted more than a month. Farming implements should be supplied to them towards attaining self sustenance/sufficiency.

(5) The prefecture had 21,250 registered orphans scattered all over the communes including 9 orphanages that were been supported/ maintained by the NGOs.

(6) The sectors interpreters holding was reduced to one by Messrs Brown and Root which terminated their employments. An urgent provision of more interpreters would enhance the sector's performance.

c. Sector 3A

(1) The situation in the sector was calm but tense due to apprehension among locals of arrest and harassment by the RPA soldiers.

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Agricultural activities increased due to the support of the NGOs who provided initial food aid, tools and seeds to the locals.

(2) Inadequate social services was the main problem within the prefecture. The water supply system destroyed during the war were yet to be resuscitated. Inavailable teachers and teaching materials hampered education while no medical centres in some secteurs thereby compelled carriage of the sick to distant commune hospitals without transport facilities.

(3) The prefecture received over 2,000 refugees and ex-IDPs from Gisenyi and Kibeho respectively including those of 1959/60 cases with incidental accommodation problems. There were reported cases of forceful grabbing of other people's property with the active connivance of the RPA.

(4) There seemed to be mutual mistrust amongst the two main tribes which was not helpful to the expected reconciliation.

(5) The sector required some mentioned additional logistics support to enhance its duties.

d. Sector 3B

(1) The prefecture in which the sector is located had an estimated 775,400 people on a land mass of 2,339 square kilometres before the war of which about 200,000 died in the 1994 war. The reburial of the dead had since commenced throughout the secteurs.

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(2) About 10,200 people of different categories returned to the commune within the last three months with the attendant accommodation problem. Those suspected of genocide acts resorted to banditry to survive while living as fugitives in the neighbourhood.

(3) The last sector comd(Col Hassnain) built a good relationship with the RPA local Bde comd which had been maintained as evidenced in the last week visit of the RPA Bde Comd to the sector. This good relationship informed courteous attitudes from the RPA soldiers at the check points to all UN members.

(4) The prefect of Gitarama though a moderate Hutu, friendly and amiable had been exploiting his relationship with the sector for selfish ends. MILOBS in the sector had good working relationships with the NGOs and other UN agencies.

(5) The prisons were overcrowded with kids and babies among the inmates and of which 16 people died within the past one week.

(6) The so-much desired reconciliation could be achieved through education of the people and justice.

e. Sector 4A

(1) After the forceful closure of all the IDP camps in the sector, the activities of the sector changed drastically from monitoring IDPs in the camps to monitoring and assessing their general well being in their home communes. The local administrators had so far kept the

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communes under effective control but their efforts were hampered by lack of expertise and resources.

(2) The returnees experienced initial hardships due to loss of personal effects enroute and the consequential impact of food supply. Some NGOs had since come to their assistance with foods aid. However some of the NGOs who functioned at the camps had withdrawn their services.

(3) The President of Rwanda and the Prime Minister jointly visited the prefecture on reconciliation campaign within the period.

(4) Among the problems faced by the prefecture during the material time were lack of funds for civil servants salaries and poor or non-existing infrastructures.

(5) The sector's duties would best be facilitated with additional logistics support especially vehicles as five of the sector's vehicle had been in the workshop for a relatively long period.

f. Sector 4B

(1) The sector was pre-occupied with monitoring resettlements of ex-IDPs in their home communes after the forced closure of the IDP camps in Apr 95. The RPA and Commune officials were hostile to patrol teams for alleged spying against the government to the extent that an interpreter that accompanied a patrol team was detained sometimes ago. However, with the intervention of the minister of Internal

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Affairs, the situation had since normalized.

(2) The calm situation that prevailed in the sector was recently disturbed by robbery incidents by men dressed in RPA uniforms. NGOs (females) were the main targets.

(3) In line with the new mandate, the sector liaised with the NGOs to get desired aids material and even on occasions transported same to their respective destinations.

(4) The Force Engineer Company team was used to mend some of the bad roads within Butare town as requested by the local RPA Brigade Commander. This act was a right step in the right direction.

(5) A total of over 2,000 returnees from Burundi, Uganda and Tanzania, 518,623 ex-IDPs and a lot of orphans were received/registered in the sector within the last 3 months. Their problems were similar to those of the ex-IDPs and these were housing, farmland, tools, seeds etc. The NGOs had been assisting to resettle them. Initial hostilities to ex-IDPs had since died down.

(6) The returnees and ex-IDPs were reported fast settling down and this had been facilitated by commendable rehabilitation campaigns of most of the Bourgmestres.

(7) Most of the social services utilities had broken down and required rehabilitation. Some commune offices also required rehabilitation. Though schools had since re-opened but remunerations for teachers were inadequate and

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irregular.

(8) Unconfirmed report had it that some FRGF and militia organised themselves at the refugee camps in Burundi to stop refugees from returning home.

g. Sector 4C

(1) The sector experienced relative calm since the last conference, however banditry, robbery and killing incidents were on the increase with 50 reported cases of killings as against 40 of the previous month.

(2) The sector recorded 15 sightings of unidentified aircrafts within the airspace of the sector. The aircrafts were suspected to belong to either the FRGF or Zairean government and were on air recce/taking of air photographs missions. The aircraft always came from the direction of Zaire and returned there after some interval.

(3) The prefecture appeared to be a stronghold of FRGF and Interahamwe sympathizers even though its prefect enjoyed the trust and confidence of local RPA authorities. Rebuilding the prefectures damaged infrastructures did not appear to be given any attention yet.

(4) Two battalions of RPA soldiers were deployed within the prefecture while their uncooperative officers attempted stopping the locals and NGOs from giving information to MILOBS.

5. A total of 672 returnees were received at the Nyagatare transit camp in the prefecture within the past three months. The refugees came from Burundi and Zaire.

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Repatriation meetings were held on monthly basis by UNHCR representative. The prefect of Cyangugu and the Deputy Governor of South Kivu recently held a meeting to improve relations between them.

(6) Population survey would be conducted in the prefecture at a future date. The prisons at Kamembe and Cyangugu had more inmates than they were built for.

(7) Reliable and increased vehicle fleet would be a sine-qua-non to whatever tasks that would be assigned to MILOBS in the sector.

h. Sector 5

(1) The operational situation in the sector remained relatively unchanged since the last conference. Constant rumours of FRGF invasion, reduction of armed troops and unavailability of resources to perform duties created uncertainty within the NGO community.

(2) RPA deployment to forward positions in defensive posture had checkmated armed incursions from Zaire. However, elements of the FRGF were suspectedly operated in gang of between 13 to 30 persons to cause havoc. The sector however had good relationship with the RPA.

(3) The MILOBS were in constant liaison and cooperation with the NGOs. A combined MILOBS/WFP team went on a flight of the general area and it observed imminence of harvest of crops.

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(4) A total of 11,004 returnees were registered in the sector. Various NGOs were on hand to aid resettlement of these returnees. However, the commune offices did not are well in matter of stationery stock. HR and UNHCR conducted a seminar on arrest and detention of subjects last week. This was aimed at enhancing reconciliation. Similar informal programmes were conducted for the gendamerie by the CIVPOL on proper arrest and investigation procedures.

(5) The sector could not obtain independent information on happenings at the neighbouring country's refugees camps hence reliance was placed on what the NGO could provide. However their information were somehow contradictory with high suspicion of deliberate disinformation/distortion.

(6) The sector required additional 5 radio-equipped Toyota 4x4's vehicles and communication equipment to facilitate its duties. As at date the sector had no computer and photocopier.

i. Sector 6

(1) The situation in the sector was generally calm and fairly stable. Except for some minor incidents of robberies and harassment of locals at Kanombe commune, there were no major banditry acts reported. Though the arrest of genocide crime suspects continued but on a little scale.

(2) INDBATT and Australian EOD continued providing engineering and

disposal ammunition assistance creditably.

(3) RPA had been rehearsing for the National Day celebration fixed for 1 Jul 95 at the stadium. They intensified patrols and checkpoints which reduced the robbery on UN and members property.

(4) The population was on the increase but could not be monitored due to the cosmopolitan nature of Kigali. A number of returnees were received in the sector and settled in Kanombe. The locals in the city communes engaged in commercial activities while those in the rural communes engaged in agriculture. Damaged private buildings were observed been repaired just as new ones were springing up in the cities. Some houses were abandoned in the villages. However, no rehabilitation observed on damaged government buildings yet ostensibly due to lack of money.

(5) The prisons continued to be overcrowded and required urgent attention. The NGOs could not be easily tracked down for liaison due to the constant changes in their addresses. The available ones had been responding positively to issues taken up with them.

(6) Water supply was hampered by unstable electricity supply just as the rural roads were only motorable to 4 wheel drive vehicles. Nothing concrete seemed to have been done on the high number of orphans who out of neglect resorted to organising and fending for themselves.

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(7) Reconciliation efforts were being hampered by property disputes. Returnees who fled the country in 1959 and now in occupation of other people's houses were not prepared to vacate same and this had become the main source of contention. Radio transmission continued hampering on genocide thus rekindled hostilities among locals especially after the April reburials.

(8) The main problem of the sector had been that of inadequate logistics support especially vehicles and lack of sufficient number of interpreters.

ITEM 4 REVISED MANDATE AND REORG OF MILOBS SECTORS

6. The new mandate of UNAMIR divested it of involvement in the security of the nation which should be left with the Rwandese government. The mandate resulted in the reduction of formed troops but increased responsibilities to MILOBS. Each prefecture would become a sector with emphasis on humanitarian and reconciliatory assistance. MILOBS GP HQ was in receipt of all sectors' inputs to the reorganisation exercise but verbal discussion thereon would be better.

7. Decision. It was decided that all sectors commanders should verbally discuss their recommendations for the reorganisation at this meeting.

All Sectors Comds

ITEM 5. SECTOR COMD'S COMMENTS ON THE REORGANISATION

8. The sector commanders presented various comments whose summary were as follows :

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- a. The exit of formed troops in some sectors would badly affect communication, fuel and water supply support for MILOBS since reliance was hitherto placed on the formed troops resources.
- b. The decision of Messrs Brown & Root on laid off interpreters would have adverse effect on sectors' activities.
- c. The severance of Kibuye from Gitarama was a saluted decision as the prefectures could now interact in a natural way.
- d. Almost all the sectors had inadequate logistics back-up especially vehicles, hand held radios etc.
- e. Special equipment like binoculars would be required to view happenings in Burundi from hill tops in Rwanda borders.
- f. The out post team of sector 4A colocated with the about-to-move Zambian troops in school building would be disadvantaged with schools imminent resumption.
- g. Proposed sectors 2A & 2B were big enough to have much formed troops and MILOBS.
- h. Each sector should deal with communes within its prefecture boundary.
- i. The sub sector in Rilima required immediate fold up just as the sector 4A (new 2A) outpost. Sector 4A required relocation for security reasons.

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- j. A lot of indiscipline acts were observed on the radio for private and personal matters to the detriment of official messages. Necessity for separate administrative and operations net was stressed.
9. Decisions. The conference agreed that :
- a. Field services officials to relocate near sectors for possible logistics support. FSA
 - b. Available interpreters would be equitably distributed among sectors after the exit of formed troops. Two interpreters to a sector would be the minimum standard S00
 - c. Sector comds would personally check outposts if and when deployed as a result of absolute necessity. All Sectors Comds
 - d. Incoming GHANBATT would provide accommodation for sector 2 from its office building. DFC/CMO
 - e. The vehicles and other assets of defunct troops would be shared among sectors. DFC/CMO
 - f. Sectors would operate in conjunction with local officials and not in antagonism. All Sectors Comds
 - g. The outpost in sector 4A to be withdrawn after some time, thereafter patrols should be sent there on scheduled periods. Comd Sector 4A
 - h. Both the Forces HQ and UNO office in New York were informed of the unidentified aircraft activities. Possible enquiries were already on. DFC/CMO

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ITEM 6 BRIEFS FROM THE STAFF OFFICERS

10. The staff officers at MILOBS GP HQ presented their brief seriatim.

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(1) Some sectors were used to forwarding their sitreps and other vital reports late.

(2) Some sectors sent letters to higher headquarters to the embarrassment of MILOBS GP HQ which was oblivious of such correspondences.

(3) Actions/utterances of some MILOBS portrayed ignorance of contents of official mails/directives.

(4) Some sectors evolved local methods of performing duty contrary to MILOBS GP HQ directive.

(5) MILOBS GP HQ was kept in the dark on the movement of sector commanders.

(6) Letters piled up for sectors at the MILOBS GP HQ uncollected.

b. SMPO

(1) The MSA for the month of Jun 95 would be paid on 5 Jul 95. Manpower problem militated against payment at sectors by the finance section.

(2) No favouritism intended with the latest redeployment, rather need to avoid destabilising MILOBS due for repatriation in Jul & Aug 95 necessitated it.

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(3) Decision should be taken on what to do with the balance of money contributed by MILOBS and used to buy items in aid of Rwandese orphans.

(5) MILOBS needed not to procure more than basic necessities to facilitate their duties in Rwanda.

(5) Medical assistance for MILOBS needed to be worked out in view of moving out of formed troops in some areas.

c. S LOGO

(1) Over speeding and unauthorized parking cases had commendably declined.

(2) Delays on receipts back of vehicles sent to workshop were caused by inavailability of spare parts and other sundry problems.

(3) Programme for move of newly posted MILOBS already issued out.

(4) Some logistic officers of sectors failed to adhere to guidelines on requisitions and indenting.

11. Decisions. It was decided that :

a. Sitreps should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ at the latest 1800 hrs daily. Fax or even telephone could be utilised there for.

All Sectors Comds

b. Laid down procedures on sitreps should be followed. Occurrence reports should be promptly sent and be sufficiently detailed enough.

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c. Channel of communication should be adhered to. In case of absolute

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necessity for its breach, the MILOBS GP HQ should be sent information copies.

- d. All MILOBS should see all mails for adequate information. Furthermore each sector must have "daily prayers" at whatever time it chose.
- e. A three-man duty team should be established in every sector. The radio set should be manned round the clock while a MILOBS team should patrol 2 or 3 communes daily and this accounted for number of MILOBS deployed to each sector.
- f. MILOBS GP HQ should be informed of the absence of sector commander from the sector and an acting sector commander should be appointed and communicated to the MILOBS GP HQ.
- g. MILOBS were to be enjoined to check for both official and personal mails for their sectors at the HQs whenever they are opportuned to be around Kigali.
- h. Every MILOBS were now entitled to 100 kilograms of accompanied baggages on coming to the mission and 100 kilograms of unaccompanied baggages on repatriation from the mission at UN expense. (These excluded whatever the airlines offered)
- i. Balance from the money contributed to assist Rwandese orphans should be used to produce commemorative plaques as souvenirs and to be purchased by MILOBS.
- j. Information should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ on MILOBS admitted in the

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hospital so that he could be paid get-well visits by HQ staff which could lift morale and speed up recovery.

- k. NGO's in hospitals and available formed troops would continue to give medical cover to all MILOBS. Possibility of issuing first aid kits to MILOBS would be viewed.
- l. UN equipment with defunct formed troops would be shared among the sectors.
- m. Recalcitrant logistic officers would be surcharged for indenting and collecting unauthorized items.
- n. Newly posted MILOBS would be moved with effect from Tue 4 Jul 95 as per programme already issued out. Necessary changes be timely communicated to MILOBS GP HQ.
- o. Sector commanders placed under obligation to take interest in the activities of their logistics officers.

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ITEMS 7. BRIEF FROM HAC

12. Receipt was acknowledged of daily sitreps on humanitarian affairs. Need for accurate, concise and unambiguous weekly reports stressed to avoid loss of confidence as some weekly report contained exaggerations. Patrols to schools, villages and medical centres to interview people directly involved could facilitate accurate reporting.

13. Appointment of 2 MILOBS as Humanitarian Affairs Officers in a sector suggested for continuity sake because of inadvertent absences like CTO, leave or even repatriations. Inaccuracies in reports could

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be avoided if sector commanders had gone through them before despatch.

14. Establishment of good cordial working relationship with RPA local commanders, Bourgmestres, Prefects and even NGOs would yield good, positive and desired results.

15. Decision It was decided that special format proforma as desired by HAC be made for use by the Humanitarian Affairs Officers.

ITEMS 8. DCMO'S REMARKS

16. Every sector would face various insecurities consequent upon reduction of formed troops strength hence every MILOBS was enjoined to be prepared. MILOBS would continue to be the ears and eyes of UNAMIR even in neighbouring countries if UNO decided to extend UNAMIR mandate there after Special Envoy's report.

17. Notice was taken on observed change in some government officials attitudes. Need to be closer with these officials was emphasized.

18. Decision. It was decided that all sectors would operate closely and in liaison with governmental officials at whatever level notwithstanding the uncooperative attitudes of some.

ITEM 9. ARRANGEMENT FOR NEXT CONFERENCE

19. Every sector commander who had not hosted the conference wanted to be considered to be the next host who would take over the mantle of hostship from commander sector 4B.

20. Decision It was decided that the next conference would hold at Gikongoro and its date and other details would be communicated to all as soon as they were worked out.

21. Summary of decisions. The conference decided that :

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| a. All sectors commanders should verbally discuss their recommendations for the reorganisation at this meeting. | All Sectors Comds |
| b. Field services officials to relocate near sectors for possible logistics support. | FSA |
| c. Available interpreters would be equitably distributed among sectors after the exit of formed troops. Two interpreters to a sector would be the minimum standard. | S00 |
| d. Sector comds would personally check outposts if and when deployed as a result of absolute necessity. | All Sectors Comds |
| e. Incoming GHANBATT would provide accommodation for sector 2 from its office building. | DFC/CMO |
| f. The vehicles and other assets of defunct troops would be shared among sectors. | DFC/CMO |
| g. Sectors would operate in conjunction with local officials and not in antagonism. | All Sectors Comds |
| h. The outpost in sector 4A to be withdrawn after some time, thereafter patrols should be sent there on scheduled periods. | Comd Sector 4A |
| i. Both the Forces HQ and UNO office in New York were informed of the unidentified aircraft activities. Possible enquiries were already on. | DFC/CMO |
| j. Sitreps should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ at the latest 1800 hrs daily. Fax or even telephone could be utilised there for. | All Sectors Comds |

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| k. | Laid down procedures on sitreps should be followed. Occurrence reports should be promptly sent and be sufficiently detailed enough. | All Sectors Comds |
| l. | Channel of communication should be adhered to. In case of absolute necessity for its breach, the MILOBS GP HQ should be sent information copies. | All Sectors Comds |
| m. | All MILOBS should see all mails for adequate information. Furthermore each sector must have "daily prayers" at whatever time it chose. | All Sectors Comds |
| n. | A three-man duty team should be established in every sector. The radio set should be manned round the clock while a MILOBS team should patrol 2 or 3 communes daily and this accounted for number of MILOBS deployed to each sector. | All Sectors Comds |
| o. | MILOBS GP HQ should be informed of the absence of sector commander from the sector and an acting sector commander should be appointed and communicated to the MILOBS GP HQ. | All Sectors Comds |
| p. | MILOBS were to be enjoined to check for both official and personal mails for their sectors at the HQs whenever they are opportuned to be around Kigali. | All Sectors Comds |
| q. | Every MILOBS were now entitled to 100 kilograms of accompanied baggages on coming to the mission and 100 kilograms of unaccompanied baggages on repatriation from the mission at UN expense.
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| <p>r. Balance from the money contributed to assist Rwandese orphans should be used to produce commemorative plaques as souvenirs and to be purchased by MILOBS.</p> | <p>SMPO</p> |
| <p>s. Information should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ on MILOBS admitted in the hospital so that he could be paid get-well visits by HQ staff which could lift morale and speed up recovery.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>t. NGO's in hospitals and available formed troops would continue to give medical cover to all MILOBS. Possibility of issuing first aid kits to MILOBS would be viewed.</p> | <p>G3 MED OPS</p> |
| <p>u. UN equipment with defunct formed troops would be shared among the sectors.</p> | <p>DFC/CMO
SLOGO</p> |
| <p>v. Recalcitrant logistic officers would be surcharged for indenting and collecting unauthorized items.</p> | <p>SLOGO</p> |
| <p>w. Newly posted MILOBS would be moved with effect from Tue 4 Jul 95 as per programme already issued out. Necessary changes be timely communicated to MILOBS GP HQ.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>x. Sector commanders placed under obligation to take interest in the activities of their logistics officers.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>y. Special format proforma as desired by HAC be made for use by the Humanitarian Affairs Officers.</p> | <p>CHAO</p> |
| <p>z. All sectors would operate closely and in liaison with government officials at whatever level notwithstanding the uncooperative attitudes of some.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |

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aa. The next conference would hold at Gikongoro and its date and other details would be communicated to all as soon as they were worked out.

Comd Sector 4A/S00

ITEM 10. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

18. The chairman thanked everybody at the conference for frank/genuine discussions and deliberation. He reiterated his earlier call for dedication for duty and promised solutions to the enumerated problems within available resources. He wished everybody 'bon voyage' back to their stations.


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Sector 3A(Gikongoro)

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Sector 4(Cyangugu)

Sector 5A(Ruhengeri)

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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN
NYAMASHEKE (SECTOR-4C) ON 08 March 1995

Present:	COL UA MOHEEN	-DCMO (CHAIRMAN)
	COL SA HASNAIN	-COMD SECTOR 3
	LT COL ASHANULLA	-COMD SECTOR 2
	LT COL E CASTRO	-COMD SECTOR 4A
	LT COL CO DIARRA	-COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
	LT COL EKWALOR	-COMD SECTOR 6
	LT COL E ESSIE	-COMD SECTOR 5
	LT COL FOX	-COMD SECTOR 4C
	LT COL OPONG-KYEYKU	-SMPO
	MAJ AK GHOSH	-OPS O SECTOR-1
	MAJ KRISHNA	-A/COMD SECTOR-4B
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	-SDO3 for SOO
	MAJ JGS BOISSONNEAULT	-OPS O 4C (SECRETARY)

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OPEN NG REMARKS

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1. The Comd of Sect 4C welcomed the participants in one of the Sect hot spots and expressed his pleasue in hosting this conference.

2. The DCMO explained that the DFC/CMO was not present because of other engagements but he had sent his best regards. He also thanked Sect Comd of Sect 4C for hosting in NYAMASHEKE with a view on the famous IJWI Island.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

3. SDO3 read out the salient points of the minutes of the last conference as follows:

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- a. Sect 1 has established its sub-sect at NGARAMA with HQ at GITUZA.
- b. Boundary between Sect 3 and 5 has been re-aligned.
- c. There is a lot of improvement on the reporting procedure and now sectors are forwardly prompt information on important incidents.
- d. The problem of MILOBs escorting BOR convoys has been resolved.
- e. The division of Sectors into sub-sectors and further down to areas of team responsibility has been done.
- f. Heli recce requests have now increased and sectors are making optimum use of this force multiplier

4. The minutes were approved.

ALL SECTORS

ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

5. All Sect Comdr gave a detailed brief on the activities and happenings in their sectors. On conclusion of the same, the DCMO brought out the following points:

- a. The DCMO clarified the status and positions of UNAMIR in connection with mine clearance tasks.
- b. On the requirement of a tent for the at NYAGATARE the DCMO stated that the matter has been already taken up with the Force Logistics and the same was expected to be issued soon.
- c. In case of problem of access to any prison, the requisite information could be obtained from ICRC.
- d. The DCMO desired that all sectors forward their Security Plan to MILOBS GP HQ.

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- e. On the issue of Orientation Trg for newly arrived MILOBS, the DCMO said that the proposal to decentralise its conduct under aegis of sectors will be considered and outcome made known shortly. ALL SECTS
- f. The DCMO brought to the notice of all about the location of a RPA LO with the MILOB GP HQ. He added that his services could be called for anytime MILOBS have any functional problem with RPA or civil authorities. ALL SECTS

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEF

6. SDO3. The SDO3 covered the following points:
- a. SITREPS are now being received in time and are fairly in detail. Care should be taken to avoid reporting "NTR". Also, while reporting an incident correct timings must be reflected. ALL SECTS
- b. Now that we have adapted ourselves to the FAX culture, it should be ensured that acknowledgement of important FAX should be obtained over radio. ALL SECTS
- c. There is a need for further improvement of radio discipline. Ensure transmission are as short as possible to allow optimum use. ALL SECTS
7. SMPO stressed the fol pts:
- a. MSA can now be collected by one person for others using given form. ALL SECTORS
- b. We do not wait for replacements to rotate MILOBS. ALL SECTORS
- c. The check out clearance of a MILOB starts at sector level. ALL SECTORS
- d. Helping same nationality with admin on arrival is strongly recommended. ALL SECTORS
- e. Confidential Reports in respect of posted out MILOBS should be timely initiated and forwarded to the new sector of their posting. Simultaneously, a copy be endorsed to the MILO GP HQ. ALL SECTORS

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS

8. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

- a. A continuous review of security environment is most especially necessitated due to recent spurt in unlawful incidents in most sectors. A detailed security planning should be carried out in respect of UN property and personal safety of MILOBS. | ALL SECTORS
- b. The trend of reflecting "NTR" in PATROL REPORTS and SITREPS should be discouraged. It is extremely surprising to come across "NTR" in a PATROL REPORT as an end product of whole day's work. The DFC/CMO has issued certain directions on this issue which has been percolated down to sectors. | ALL SECTORS
- c. While forwarding an incident report, care should be taken to include all the details. There is yet a room for improvement in layout and content quality in most of such reports received at MILOB GP HQ. The DCMO appreciated the quality of reports received from sector 3 and expressed his expectations to receive similar kind in future from all other sectors. | ALL SECTORS
- d. The DCMO highlighted the need for a review in methodology of obtaining information by our patrols. He advised the Sects Comds to look in to this matter with concern. He further advised that all the sources like, common man, civil authorities, civilian employees, UN Agencies, NGOs etc...should be tapped. | ALL SECTORS
- e. The DCMO informed that some additional vehicles have arrived from UNOMOZ and it was expected that a few of them would be allotted to MILOBS. He assured that a judicious distribution will be carried out with these, the problem of vehicle shortage would ease out. | ALL SECTORS
- f. The DCMO announced that the effort of providing TV and VCR to each sector has fielded success and now all sectors have those electronic gadgets. | ALL SECTORS

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CONCLUSION

9. The DCMO thanked everybody there for their support and cooperation during his tour in RWANDA. The assembly thanked the DCMO for his good work and his leadership during his time in the job.

10. The next conference will be held in GISENYI.

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU - 27 FEBRUARY 1995

1. I had a one hour meeting with President Bizimungu at his residence. In brief: (a) I commended the Rwandese delegation's projection of its economic and political policies that had led to generous response from the international community at the UNDP Round Table in Geneva; (b) I expressed my opinion that on the issue of reconciliation, Rwanda's stand had been better understood. Nevertheless the Government's achievements needed to be projected more emphatically; (c) At the President's request, I briefed him on the background to UNHCR taking over the role of improving law and order in Zairian and Tanzanian camps, as also the results of my visit to Zaire with Mme. Ogata; (d) the excellent Action Plan that had been negotiated at Bujumbura; and (e) on the negative side, I referred to the increased xenophobia and criticism against the international community.

2. The President's response is summarized below:



(a) On the success at Geneva, the President graciously, thanked me for helping to project Rwanda's policies. He said Rwanda's statements are often seen as propaganda but a Third Party's views are given due weight. He agreed with me that Rwanda's relations with France had improved [President Bizimungu has been invited by President Mitterand to pay an official visit to France to attend the National Day Celebration on May 8th].

(b) On reconciliation, the President took the traditional line of not negotiating with those who had not even disavowed genocide and must therefore, be seen to condone it. He repeated that the door was open to all those who had a clear conscience. He agreed with me that Rwanda's achievements at reconciliation needed to be projected in a more spirited campaign at home and abroad.

(c) On Zaire, the President agreed that bilateral relations had deteriorated. He stated that Mobutu had no right to call for 'a multiparty set-up' in Rwanda when Zaire's own political framework was rotten to the core. On the refugee camps, President Bizimungu added that UNHCR neither had the mandate nor was it capable of suppressing violence in the refugee camps. He regretted that UN had abdicated this role to UNHCR. President Bizimungu added that he was concerned at the increase in raids from Zaire into western Rwanda. Interahamwe terrorists had recently attacked a Tunisian UNAMIR post and had committed numerous acts of sabotage before returning to their sanctuaries in Zaire. He said that the increase of these cross-border raids coincided with the recruitment of special Zairian troops by UNHCR.

(d) On the Action Plan emerging from the OAU/UNHCR Conference in Bujumbura, I suggested that Rwanda should fulfil its obligation by completing arrangements on safe corridors and transit camps. The President agreed and said Rwanda was ready to receive refugees.

(e) With regard to the increased tension, the President asked me to be more specific. I replied that I was not intending to complain over small issues but when he insisted, I referred to the non-implementation of agreements, stand off between troops and a general atmosphere of rancour against UNAMIR and UN Agencies. The President replied that Rwanda greatly valued



cooperation with UNAMIR. The tension could be due to minor friction which was aggravated by boorish behaviour. It should be dealt with at the appropriate level through mutual consultation. Agreements would be respected and as far as the Urugwero Village was concerned, he pleaded guilty on behalf of his office as it had been decided to move it to the village. [Incidentally the precise position on the village is that the agreement has not been cancelled but we have been denied access to effect repairs. No action should be taken at your end until the facts are clarified].

3. The meeting was held in a particularly warm and friendly atmosphere.
4. Best regards.

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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 3 HEADQUARTERS (GITARAMA) ON 02 FEB 95

Present: BRIG GEN HK ANYIDHO	- DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL S ILIYA	- CHAC
COL JA MOEEN	- DCMO
LT COL ASHAN	- COMD DESIGNATE SEC 2
LT COL A ANOCHKINE	- SOO
LT COL ABDUL BASHER	- COMD SEC 4B
LT COL E CASTRO	- COMD SEC 4A
LT COL CO DIARRA	- COMMISSIONER CIVIL
LT COL EKWALOR	- COMD SEC 6
LT COL E ESSIEN	- COMD SEC 5
LT COL TJ FOX	- COMD SEC 4C
LT COL GORG	- COMD SEC 2
LT COL SA HASNAIN	- COMD SEC 3
LT COL HADJI KANTE	- COMD SEC 1
LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU	- SMPO
CAPT TURGEON	- SO TPTN
MAJ KIRON THACKER	- SDO3 (SECRETARY)

OPENING REMARKS

1. The Comd Sec 3 welcomed the participants and expressed pleasure in hosting the conference.
2. The DFC/CMO in his opening remarks expressed grave concern over the failure of MILOBs in the driving test. He further directed that MILOBs rotation instructions must be implemented without undue delay. He then complimented all

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MILOBs for good work and encouraged all to achieve higher standards in future.

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ALL SECTORS
ALL BRANCHES

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST CONFERENCE

3. The SOO read out the salient points of the minutes and on conclusion the following decisions were given:

a. The DCMO said that all newly-arrived MILOBs must procure a driving permit within one month of completion of their orientation training. Failure of which will warrant repatriation.

ALL SECTORS

b. On the issue of communication problem with Sector 2, the DFC/CMO assured the conference that the matter would soon be resolved.

SECTOR 2

c. The DFC/CMO stressed upon the need for all MILOBs to learn the local language and highlighted its advantages in day to day functioning.

ALL SECTORS

ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

4. All Sector Commanders gave a detailed brief of prevailing situation, events and MILOB activities in their sectors. The decisions arrived at are summarised by sectors as follows:

a. Sector 1. The DFC/CMO expressed the necessity of a suitable site for establishing a sub-sector. For this purpose, he directed recce to be undertaken immediately. The DCMO submitted that this recce had already been planned and the issue was being dealt with separately. Also, the DFC/CMO directed CHAC to arrange provision of seeds to the farmers who were

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SECTOR 1

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reported to be complaining of shortage of these.

b. Sector 2. The DFC/CMO assured all possible logistics assistance to Sector 2 since RWAMAGANA had been declared to be part of the sector. Further, he conveyed his appreciation and best wishes to Lt Col Gorg since he was due to be repatriated and also welcomed his relief, Lt Col Ashan.

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SECTOR 2

c. Sector 3. On the proposal of the Sector Commander on the re-alignment of the boundary with Sector 5, the DFC/CMO directed that the proposal be reviewed keeping in mind the communication aspects and the availability of formed troops and then projected through MILOB GP HQ. About OP RETOUR, the DFC/CMO said that the sector must monitor the movement of IDPs even after their arrival in the home communes in order to ascertain that they were not disappearing. The DFC/CMO directed that MILOBs were not to conduct patrols at night except in cases of emergency.

SECTOR 3

SECTOR 5

d. Sector 4A. The DFC/CMO directed that the report on progress of OP RETOUR should be sent regularly and that particular attention must be paid to the correctness of the facts and figures reflected in it.

SECTOR 4A

e. Sector 4B. The DFC/CMO advised the Sector Comd to take necessary action on recruitment of interpreters to solve the language problem.

SECTOR 4B

f. Sector 4C. The DFC/CMO instructed that whenever an important incident occurred, the initial information must be sent to MILOB GP HQ as soon as possible. Later, this information could be built up

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whenever more information had been received or some progress had been made in investigation. He further

said that allegations against any agency, whenever made, must be supported by relevant facts and figures.

g. Sector 5. The DFC/CMO directed that the proposal of boundary realignment between Sectors 3 and 5 should be examined in detail on similar lines of that of Sectors 1 and 2, and thereafter forwarded for his approval. On the issue of communication problems with neighbouring sectors, the DCMO advised that the MILOB GP HQ should be used as a relay station for urgent messages. He added that the maximum use should be made of telephone facilities.

h. Sector 6. The DFC/CMO agreed with the constraints of the MILOBs in providing escorts to the Brown and Roots admin convoys and ruled that formed troops should take over this responsibility.

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEFS

5. SOO. The SOO covered the following points:

a. Sectors 1, 2, 3, and 5 were instructed to forward their proposals on boundary realignment.

b. The daily SITREPs need to be more detailed and the grid reference of each location mentioned must be indicated.

c. Important incidents must be promptly reported as first hand information. Later more details could be added.

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d. Use of the radio should be, as far as possible, confined to official purposes only.

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e. Proper attention should be paid to security in office work and unnecessary photocopying of official letters must be avoided.

6. S Log O Transportation. The SO transportation gave out the transport state of MILOBs. He added that any vehicle which went to the workshop for repairs due to an accident normally took approximately two months for its repair. This prolonged down time would hamper MILOBs' activities. Further, he informed the forum that the overall diesel situation had now improved.

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ALL SECTORS

7. SMPO. The SMPO gave out a detailed briefing covering MILOBs' personnel state, CTO policy and the policy on rotation of MILOBs. He urged the sectors improve upon the quality of the forms being used in forwarding reports and returns to MILOB GP HQ. He also reminded all sectors of their obligation to contribute \$20 towards a fund for the war victims of RWANDA.

ALL SECTORS

8. Commissioner CIVPOL. The commissioner CIVPOL introduced himself and gave a brief account of CIVPOL activities. He thanked the DFC/CMO, DCMO and MILOBs for all the cooperation and assistance being extended to him and his team.

ALL SECTORS

9. CHAC. The CHAC gave a comprehensive brief on the ongoing humanitarian activities and appreciated the support rendered by the MILOBs.

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS.

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10. DCMO. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

a. Accidents Involving Civil Vehicles. Help can be extended to civilians injured personnel if action does not involve drain on own resources.

ALL SECTORS

b. Radio Procedure. All possible use of codes and nicknames must be made during radio communications.

ALL SECTORS

c. Organisation of MILOBs. He said that the organisation of MILOBs was under revision and asked sector commanders to forward need for additional MILOBs, if any.

ALL SECTORS

d. The DCMO announced that the next conference would be held at CYANGUGU under arrangements of Sector 4C.

ALL SECTORS

11. DFC/CMO. After having thanked Sector 3 Comd for hosting the conference, the DFC/CMO made the following closing remarks:

a. Sub-Division of AOR. All sectors must divide the AOR into sub-sectors and further down to team level. This will enable each team to have a dedicated AOR and ensure continuity in its operation. He directed all sectors to forward a trace showing above the MILOB GP HQ.

ALL SECTORS

b. Postings to FHQ. The DFC/CMO clarified that all postings at FHQ were only stop gaps and a temporary measure.

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c. Use of Helicopter for Recce. He said that sectors must make optimum use of helis for recce. The sectors should not hesitate to put in request for helis. He informed the forum that soon two additional helicopters would be added to the existing fleet.

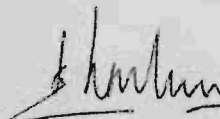
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d. Lastly, the DFC/CMO appreciated the work of MILOBs and the quality of reports that were received by him. He urged all present to continue the sincere work towards achieving normalisation in RWANDA. He concluded by conveying his best wishes to all MILOBs due to be repatriated and welcomed those who recently joined the 'MILOB family'.

ALL SECTORS

CONCLUSION

12. The Sector 3 Comd thanked the DFC/CMO, DCMO and all present for having come to his sector. The conference was concluded at 1230 hrs.



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Secretary

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MINUTES OF MILOBS SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE
HELD AT SECTOR 2 HQ - KIBUNGO ON WED 21 DEC 94

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Present:	BRIG HK ANYIDOHO	-	DFC/CMO
	COL AU MOEEN	-	DCMO
	COL CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL ANOCHKINE	-	SDO1
	LT COL S DUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL FOX	-	COMD SECT 4C
	LT COL R CORC	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL HADJI KANTE	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL HASNAIN	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL MASANGANISE	-	COMD SECT 6
	MAJ ANNAN	-	OPS OFFR SECT 5
	MAJ MURIRO	-	OPS OFFR SECT 4B
	MAJ TRAORE	-	D LOG O
	MAJ ZAMAN	-	ASMPD
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	-	SECRETARY

GENERAL

1. The Comd Sector 2 welcomed the participants to the conference and expressed his pleasure in hosting the conference. In his opening remarks the DFC/CMO took the opportunity to introduce Col KS Sivakumar, the newly arrived COS, and thereupon called SDO1 to review the minutes of the last conference.

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ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. The SDO1 read out the salient points of the previous conference and on conclusion the chairman stressed on the following:

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a. Driving by MILOBs. The chairman ruled that MILOBs who are not in possession of driving licenses shall not be allowed to drive. He expressed grave concern over the increase in the rate of vehicle accidents. He pointed out that if this alarming momentum of accidents continued, by the third quarter of 1995, UNAMIR will have no vehicles on road.

ALL SECTORS

b. Newly Appointed Sector Commanders. Before taking over the sector, a newly appointed Sec Comd will form part of a MILOB team for two weeks. This will enable him to familiarize himself with the sector as well as the activity of MILOBs. This procedure will facilitate the smooth performance of his task when he actually assumes command.

ALL SECTORS

3. The minutes of the previous conference were adopted.

ITEM THREE: BRIEF OF SECTOR 1

4. Sector 1. The Sec Comd gave a thorough brief about the activities in his sector. He said that the overall situation was calm. He further said that the liaison with NGOs and RPA was being done regularly and relations with them were cordial. He brought out that RWAMAGANA Sub-Sector was established on 3 Dec 94 with one MILOB team consisting of four MILOBs. However, he added that there were associated problems of security, communication and refuelling of vehicles.

5. DCMO's Response. The DCMO highlighted the following:

a. Establishment of RWAMAGANA Sub-Sector. T h e communication facility existing in the sub-sector was by way of a base station. However, the problem was because of certain comm dead zones. As for the problem of refuelling of vehicles, this will be automatically

taken care of once formed troops are deployed there and advised them as a temporary measure, they could store the POL in barrels.

b. Telephone Facility. The telephone facility for making international calls was existing in KIGALI at a reasonable rate. MILOBs could avail themselves of the same in turns utilizing those vehicles which had to come to KIGALI. In addition, all MILOBs must give the telephone number of MILOB GP HQ/FHQ to their families back home, to call in times of necessity.

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SECTOR 1

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ITEM FOUR : BRIEF BY SECTOR TWO

6. Sector 2. During his detailed briefing, the Sec Comd brought out that the general situation in his sector was calm. He said that at RUSUMO, many refugees preferred to cross over in private vehicles since they wanted to avoid reception centres and proceed directly to their home communes. His problem areas were vehicles and shortage of MILOBs.

7. DCMO's Response. The DCMO suggested that the best way to resolve problems connected with the workshop was by means of personal liaison. He said that the admin and logistics officer should keep a continuous rapport with the personnel at the workshop in KIGALI.

ALL SECTORS

8. Decisions by the CMO. The DFC/CMO said that the practice of refugees returning in private vehicles and going straight to their homes thereby by-passing reception centres should be discouraged. They need to be convinced since their reporting at the reception centres enables the local administration to monitor and exercise command and control.

SECTOR 2

ITEM FIVE : BRIEF BY SECTOR THREE

9. Sector 3. The Sec Comd commenced his briefing with a

resume of OP HOPE, highlighting the role of his sector. Further, he said that the prefect of the area had requested for plastic bags for exhumation of the bodies found in mass graves, one each located at MUNGINA Commune Church and BITSIBO. Also, he pointed out that the current division of the sector into sub-sectors was causing some admin problems. He therefore requested a re-alignment of the sub-sector boundary. The Sector has shortage of vehicles and MILOBs.

10. DCMO's Response. The DCMO asked the Sec Comd to forward his proposal for the sub-division of his sector. He further said that a few new MILOBs have reportedly arrived who would be posted to sectors.

11. Decision of DCMO. The DFC/CMO ruled out the idea of helping the Prefect of GITARAMA with plastic bags for the exhumation of bodies from mass graves. He said that such tasks should be best performed by experts or else there will be danger of some epidemic.

ITEM SIX : BRIEF BY SECTOR 4A

12. Sector 4A. The Sector Comd gave a detailed brief on the situation and other MILOB and RPA activities in his sector. He observed that the RPA activity in his sector over the recent past has been on the increase. He maintained that except for a few incidents of banditry, the sector is almost calm. However, he agreed to be facing the same general problem of shortage of MILOBs and vehicles.

13. DCMO's Response. The DCMO expressed his satisfaction with his previous visit to the sector and the manner in which MILOBs were carrying out their tasks. He further added that a vehicle might be provided to the Prosecutor from GIKONGORO to KIBEHO whenever the request was made as this would expedite investigation of detainees of OP HOPE.

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SECTOR 3

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SECTOR 3

SECTOR 4A

ITEM SEVEN : BRIEF BY SECTOR 4B

14. Sector 4B. The Sec Comd said the general situation was calm and economic activity was observed returning to normal. The MILOBs carried out their tasks diligently. Further, he suggested that there should be a rotation of MILOBs in all sectors and also the Sec Comd and other MILOBs to be given the opportunity to carry out inter-sector reconnaissance.

15. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that in Jan 95, there would be an almost 33% rotation of MILOBs. He agreed with the sector comd about his suggestion of inter-sectoral reconnaissance and gave his consent. However, he added that the MILOB GP HQ be informed of such activity whenever was planned for.

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ITEM EIGHT : BRIEF BY SECTOR 4C

16. Sector 4C. The Sec Comd after having introduced himself gave a thorough brief about his sector. He said the general situation in the northern part of the sector was far from satisfactory due to some banditry activities. RPA had put restriction on the use of Lake KIVU which has caused some worry among in the local populace. He was glad to announce that the reimbursement of accommodation allowance now to the MILOBs had helped raise their morale and he expressed his gratitude to the DFC/CMO and DCMO for resolving the issue. However, he expressed his concern over POL shortage and in that he suggested that his sector be permitted to purchase the same from commercial gas stations. Finally, he also pointed out that there has been a case of indiscipline in his sector.

17. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that discipline is the bedrock of all armies and as such, no cases of indiscipline be accepted. He directed that the instance of indiscipline be taken up with the MILOB GP HQ immediately.

ALL SECTORS

ACTION BY

18. CMO's Decision. The DFC/CMO ruled that the sector will not resort to local purchase of POL, instead necessary arrangements to dump POL in the sector should be made.

ALL SECTORS

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ITEM NINE : BRIEF BY SECTOR 5

19. Sector 5. The officiating Sec Comd briefed that the general situation in the sector was calm. He also said that the prefects are being helped with transport whenever they request and added that the relations with the RPA and NGOs were good. He brought out the same problem of vehicles.

ITEM TEN : BRIEF BY SECTOR 6

20. Sector 6. The Sec Comd gave a detailed brief of his sector. He said that the overall situation in KIGALI and adjoining areas was calm and normal. A few mines and unexploded explosives devices were reported in his sector and these are being demolished by engineers. He further said that night curfew in some communes around KIGALI still continue. Most of the schools have re-opened and number of students increased. He had the following recommendation to offer:

- a. His sector should not be given the task of escort duty to far distant destinations.
- b. In order to ensure presence of experienced hands, the tour of duty of a few MILOBs who were due to for repatriation in Jan/Feb 95 should be extended.
- c. A guard from formed troops should be provided at night for the security of his Sector HQ.

21. DCMO's Response. The DCMO agreed to the arrangement suggested by the sector comd to reduce the turnaround time of his MILOB teams while on escort duty. Issue on the security of his HQ was raised to FHQ.

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22. Decision of the CMO. The DFC/CMO expressed his reservations over the issue of extending the tour of duty of certain MILOBs as recommended by the Sec Comd. The General said that it was a complex issue since approval of the same would come from New York and the respective government of the country.

SECTOR 6

ITEM ELEVEN : STAFF BRIEFS

23. SOO. Acting SOO assured all that the escort tasks are distributed very judiciously by MILOB GP HQ and no particular sector is over tasked. He also re-iterated the restriction imposed on movement at night. He further advised since channel 12 is quite heavily subscribed, there is a need to observe proper radio discipline. Finally, he said we may utilize the vehicles of UNHCR to perform escort duties.

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24. S Log O. The S Log O assured the Sec Comds that best efforts are being made to ease the workshop-related problems of the vehicles. He further submitted that all MILOBs should be in possession of driving licenses and sectors must organize periodic checks to ensure this. Finally, he advised that MILOBs should not sleep in UN-hired accommodation. He assured all that the problem of accommodation of Sector 2 MILOBs would be taken up and resolved.

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25. SMPO. The Acting SMPO highlighted the problem of shortage of MILOBs and informed that as against an authorized strength of 320 MILOBs, only 297 were posted. Further he announced that though NAIROBI has now been accepted as part of the mission area, nothing has come in writing on this issue.

ALL SECTORS

26. Decision of the DFC/CMO. The DFC/CMO announced the confirmation of NAIROBI as part of the mission area. He said all sectors would soon be notified in writing.

ALL SECTORS

ITEM TWELVE : CLOSING REMARKS

27. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

a. OP HOPE. He congratulated all MILOBs on their active and useful participation in 'OP HOPE'. He added that he had received a letter of appreciation from the DFC/CMO on this subject which he circulated to all sectors.

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b. Vehicle Accidents. The DCMO expressed his deep concern over the alarming rate of accidents involving MILOB vehicles. He said that presently total number of serviceable vehicles with the MILOBs were only 36. He cautioned all MILOBs to refrain from driving if not in possession of a proper UNAMIR driving permit.

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S LOG O

c. Movement at Night. He impressed upon all MILOBs to avoid movement after 2000 hrs unless due to some emergency.

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d. Address for Correspondence. He advised all MILOBs to ensure that in the address on their incoming personal mail, the word 'MILOB' must be mentioned. This will facilitate sorting out at UNAMIR HQ.

e. Cooperation with CIVPOL. The DCMO said that all sector HQ have a CIVPOL liaison officer. He emphasized upon the need for better cooperation and utilization of this arrangement.

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f. Miscellaneous. The DCMO concluded by wishing all MILOBs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Lastly, he implored all MILOBs to continue with the good job and keep up the name of 'MILOB Family'.

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28. DFC/CMO. The DFC/CMO called upon the forum to observe a minute's silence as a mark of homage for the departed

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soul of Sqn Ldr Abdul Issifu, 4C who died recently after an attack of malaria. Thereafter, he gave out the following rulings/points:

a. OP HOPE. The DFC/CMO appreciated the useful contribution of MILOBs towards the successful conduct of OP HOPE.

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b. Anti-Malaria Precaution. He said that all officers are supposed to be fully aware of the anti-malaria precaution and directed that all must abide these known precautions.

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c. Liaison with RPA. The DFC/CMO highlighted the need for periodic meetings with the local RPA comds. He directed that minutes of such meeting be sent to him for his perusal.

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d. Need for correct Reporting. He highlighted the need for correct and timely reporting of incidents and implored all to observe this strictly.

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e. Discipline. The DFC/CMO expressed his concern over the instances of indiscipline coming to his notice. He said that discipline is the backbone of all good armies and all uniformed people must take pride in this. He directed that no cases of indiscipline will be sheltered and assured all that such cases will attract strong action.

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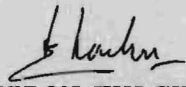
f. Cooperation with NGOs. While the DFC/CMO appreciated the need for close cooperation with the NGOs, he cautioned all that it should not be at the cost of own work and allegiance.

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g. Miscellaneous. The DFC/CMO concluded by wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CONCLUSION

29. The conference was finally concluded by a vote of thanks from Comd Sec 2 and the DCMO nominating BYUMBA as the venue for the next conference.


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