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DANGEROUS DRIVING INCIDENTS

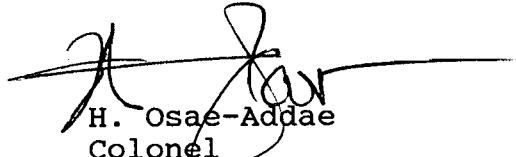
1. This Headquarters has been notified of two incidents where RPA vehicles, in the vicinity of Cyangugu, acted in a dangerous manner towards UN Agency vehicles.

2. The first incident was reported to have occurred on Saturday 15 October 1994 and was described by someone who was not directly involved hence not all the details are known. It appears that on the date in question, a UN motorcycle was proceeding through Cyangugu proper when two RPA trucks placed themselves in front of and behind the motorcycle and then shortened the spacing between them. Although no accident resulted, it was a dangerous situation which could have caused harm to the driver of the motorcycle. The motorcycle had UNHCR license plates and UN markings.

3. The second incident occurred on Wednesday 19 October 1994 at about 1145 hours near the 97 kilometer marker west of Cyangugu. This incident was reported first hand by the driver of the UN vehicle involved and was described as follows. A car carrying four RPA soldiers drove up behind the UN vehicle, approaching very close. Believing the RPA wanted to pass, the driver slowed down and the RPA vehicle passed but it swerved in front of the UN vehicle immediately. The driver of the UN vehicle was forced to steer to the verge of the road in order to avoid a collision and he actually left the verge of the road. Fortunately the ground did not fall away sharply so the vehicle did not roll over or cause any injury to the driver. The driver of the UN vehicle believes that the act was deliberate as he saw all four people in the vehicle look directly at him as they passed his vehicle. Again the UN vehicle was blatantly marked as a UN agency vehicle.

4. Attempting to find the perpetrators of these incidents would be fruitless as we believe that they were committed on impulse by individuals acting on their own volition. We ask however that you inform your soldiers to respect all UN and Non Government Organization vehicles and to refrain from any action which endangers life or property just as we enforce this policy within UNAMIR.

5. The safety and protection of the Non Government Organizations within Rwanda is our general concern. I therefore believe that you will cooperate fully on this issue.



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