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UNAMIR-MINUAR

The Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary-General  
P.O. Box 749  
Kigali, Rwanda  
Telephone: 212 - 963 - 3930  
Fax: 212 - 963 - 3090

Kigali, 28 March 1996

Dear Col. Kattah,

Please convey to Col. I. Abubakar the Special Representative's congratulations on his recent promotion to the rank of Substantive Colonel.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

Isel Rivero  
Special Assistant to the Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General in Rwanda

Col. D.C.K. Kattah  
COS  
UNAMIR Headquarters  
Kigali

*Linden mayes*

*You might find their appraisal  
interesting. The facts are ~~still~~ still  
all relevant at this time.*

*Best regards*

*Copy of this  
Sent to Lindenmayes*

RECEIVED

- 9 MAR 1996

OFFICE OF THE SRSG

UNAMIR

FROM : COS

TO : All civilian & Military Heads of Branches and  
Depts, UN AGENCIES & ICTR.

INFO : SRSG  
FC  
CAO

DATE : 8 March 1996

SUBJECT: MORNING PRAYERS AND SITUATION REPORTS

1. The daily Morning prayers will continue after the 8th of Mar 96 at the FHQ Briefing Room starting at 0800 hrs.

2. The briefing will take the following form:

a. Info Brief: By G2 Information.

b. OPS Briefing: By OPS Branch to cover security of personnel and equipment to include military police report.

c. Logistics Support Brief: To be given by a rep from the Log Branch to include.

(a). Liquidation progress report to cover.

(i) Mov of pers and equipment/stores.

(ii) Any problems or amendments to the liquidation schedule.

(b). Strength returns.

(c). Medical report.

d. Political Brief: From the OSRSG (if any).

3. The DCOS (OPS) is to produce daily sitrep to DPKO UN NY using the format under:-

a. POLITICAL

1. ....

2. ....

b. SY OF PERSONS AND EQUIPMENT

3. ....

4. ....

ED  
Isc  
JMK.

Mr Jari Khan must  
continue to provide political  
reports punctually. It is not  
necessary to meet with me or look at  
my schedule to understand  
political developments. There can  
be attained by keeping ED  
open for discussion with a  
short notice. I shall continue  
available to be regular.  
Reports punctual  
Sincerely  
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c. LIQUIDATION PROGRESS REPORT

5. Mov of personnel

a. ....

b. ....

6. Mov of Stores/Equipment

a. UNOE: .....

b. COE .....

d. LOGISTICS SUPPORT

7. Essential Force Reserve Level

8. Medical.

e. OTHER DETAILS

9. ....

10. ....

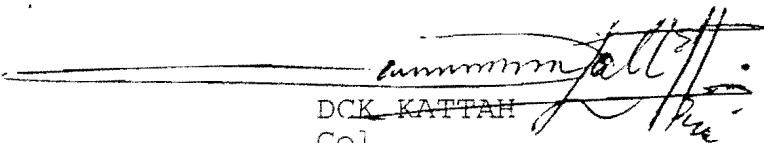
f. Comments

11. ....

12. ....

4. The DCOS (SP) is requested to Co-ordinate the returns that will be submitted for the briefing by the Liquidation Team.

5. The morning prayers will be done three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

  
DCK KATTAN  
Col  
Chief of Staff

**MEMORANDUM**

*done*  
*any Shendashonga*  
*has been*  
*18/2/96*

TO : A/FC Tel: 11124  
FROM : FPAO *Adm Bond*  
INFO : COS, CMO, DCOS(OPS), A/DCOS(SP), SMPO, CO INDBATT,  
CO GHANCOY, CO NICOY, CO MALAWICOY, OC INDENGRCOY,  
OC INDSIGCOY, OC MPCOY, MILOB SECTORS 1, 2, 3, 4,  
5.

DATE : 28 February, 1996

SUBJECT : NEWS SUMMARY FROM 270800 - 280800 FEB 96

1. GREAT LAKES REGION

a. Unknown assailants attacked Seth Shendashonga (?) former Rwandan Minister of Interior in Nairobi. Mr Shendashonga escaped with a shoulder injury while a nephew travelling with him was critically injured. Mr Shendashonga is blaming members of the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA).

b. The Zairian Interior Minister was one of the 23 ministers who lost their portfolios in a major cabinet shake-up yesterday. His departure is linked to the failure of measures applied by his ministry to persuade Rwandan refugees to return home. The new Minister of Interior is identified as a hardliner and a more uncompromising policy is expected in due course.

*23 ministers*  
*Out -*

c. Sadako Ogata, head of the UNHCR, is in Addis Ababa to meet leaders from the Great Lakes Region to discuss ways of persuading millions of Rwandan refugees in the region to return home.

d. The French daily "Liberation" has reported that over 100,000 Hutus may have been killed since the end of the civil war in 1994. "Liberation" claims that in Gitarama Prefecture alone 17,000 persons were killed.

e. Gen Omar Hassan El-Bashir of Sudan has paid a working visit to Nairobi. In a meeting with President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, Gen El-Bashir called for a speedy resumption of talks to end the civil war in S. Sudan. Political analysts discount that possibility given Sudan's strained relations with Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, other major participants in the talks.

f. The summit planned for Tunis next month for leaders of the Great Lakes Region has been postponed. No reason was given.

2. REST OF THE WORLD

a. A Sudanese military plane has crashed 40kms south of Khartoum killing all 91 persons on board. The Hercules C-130 aircraft was returning from a flight to the southern Kordofan region.

b. An An-12 aircraft crashed in N. Angola yesterday killing the 5-men Russian crew and 3 Angolans on board. The Angolan government claims the plane was shot down. UNITA has denied responsibility.

c. Angolan President Eduardo Dos Santos and UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi will meet in Libreville, Gabon on Friday to review progress of their peace treaty. Meanwhile reports indicate that 16,000 UNITA troops have reported for quartering at the 4 UN-designated camps thus paving the way for further progress in the much-delayed peace process.

3. REST OF THE WORLD

a. Cuba has called for an emergency meeting of the General Assembly of the UN to state its case over the shooting of the 2 light aircraft. The Cuban foreign minister declined to state Cuba's case to the Security Council because Cuba regards the Council as partisan.

b. The US has expressed concern about the counterfeiting of American \$100 notes. The US believes that the practice will affect confidence in the US currency as a safe haven. Iran has been blamed as a major source of counterfeit dollars.

c. Dozens of opposition MPs walked out of parliament in protest at the refusal of Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao to address the bribery scandal which has led to the resignation of 7 ministers and the institution of criminal proceedings against 24 senior politicians.

4. SPORT

In the Cricket World Cup Australia defeated India by 16 runs and Zimbabwe overwhelmed Kenya by 5 wickets.

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UNAMIR - MINUAR

**MILOB GROUP HQ : OPS BRANCH**

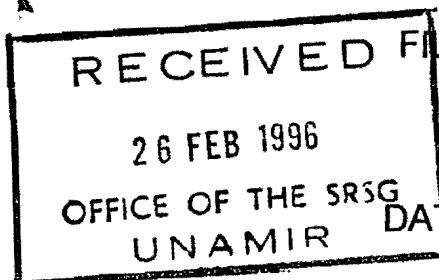
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Radio  
Spokesman  
SA/SASG  
26/2/96

FROM : CMO

TO : Office of SRSG

INFO : MA to A F C  
ADCOS(OPS)



○ **REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES DURING 95 / 96**

1. Please refer to your memo of 23 Feb 96 on above subject.
2. **Details of Returnees.** Almost two million refugees left Rwanda during the Rwandan crisis in 1994 and settled in refugee camps in Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire. However, only limited number of them have returned to Rwanda. Their details are given below :

(a) **For the Year 1995.** A total of 240,388 refugees returned to Rwanda in 1995. Monthly figures are :

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Returnees</u>
Jan	34477
Feb	26421
Mar	30347
Apr	23051
May	23245
Jun	11199
Jul	10829



Aug	27044
Sep	20468
Oct	13022
Nov	6702
Dec	13583
Total	240,388

(c) For the Year 1996. During 1996 the following returnees came back to Rwanda :

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Returnees</u>
Jan	13264
Feb	25498 ( up to 22 Feb )

3. Assistance Provided By MILOBs / UNAMIR. The MILOBs monitor the movement of returnees from the border up to their home communes. MILOB patrols visit the border posts regularly (almost everyday for the active border posts and at reasonable frequency for other border posts ). Thereafter they visit the transit camps to check the figures as well as to assess the requirements of returnees.


4. UNHCR requests for transport whenever the number of returnees are large. UNAMIR has been frequently assisting them by providing transport for the movement of returnees from border posts to transit camps. UNAMIR uses both first line and second line transport for this purpose.

5. MILOB patrols visiting communes check on the resettlement of returnees. They also assess their needs and try to coordinate these with necessary NGOs who could support those needs. UNAMIR has also undertaken other important tasks like dozer works in transit camps and improvement on roads and bridges to assist refugee repatriation.

6. MILOBs have also tried to reunite the orphans with their parents.

7. MILOB visits to communes also act as a great source of confidence and inspiration

to the returnees who are otherwise very apprehensive.

  
CHARLES NELSON  
Col  
CMO



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ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

MISSION POUR L'ASSISTANCE AU RWANDA

Minute

**From:** Col W J Fletcher  
COS *[Signature]* Extn 11112

**To:** SA/SRSG

**Info:** CAO, Mr Nkuba, LO (Zorillo)

**Date:** 10 Feb 96

1. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon with the Director of the Bank. The CO MP Coy, Chief of Claims Unit, UNAMIR Underwriter and LO were in attendance. Apparently the Bank Director was not satisfied with the proposed settlement to the family of the deceased and left threatening legal action against UNAMIR.

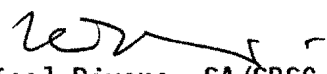
2. The situation, as I understand it, is now that UNAMIR will proceed with the settlement action which had been ongoing prior to the intervention by the Bank Director in his letter of 18 Jan 96. Minutes of yesterday's meeting will be produced for the record by the Claims Unit. The issue is quite correctly a matter for resolution by the LO and Claims Unit and as such no further military input is anticipated save for military police involvement to clarify points which may arise with respect to the accident investigation conducted by the MP Coy.

*copy ED Binfo*  
*10-2-96*

NOTE

AFC (for attention Military Police)  
CAO  
Mr. Nkuba  
LO(Zorrilla)

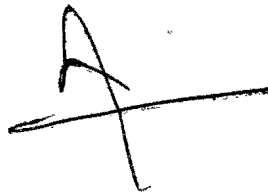
Attached is the missing letter from the Banque de Commerce. The matter is most likely in the pipeline with the Claims Board, however, an acknowledgement should be made since they are threatening with the Tribunals.

  
Isel Rivero, SA/SRSG  
7 February 1996

cc. ED

COS

please check. I think it was a HR veh.  
What is the progress on C of I/BOI and  
initial mp investigations.



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**BANK OF COMMERCE, DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY**  
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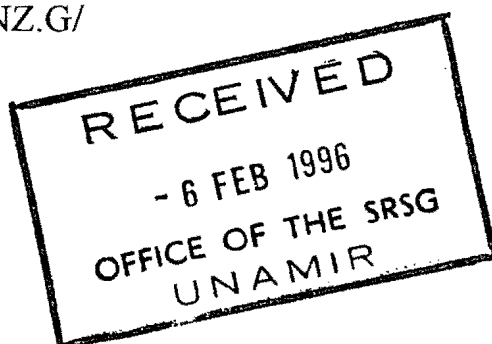
**B.P. PO.BOX.3268 KIGALI.RWANDA**

Kigali, le 30.01.1996

ED - CAC  
~~ABE NKVIR~~

Réf.DA/NZ.G/

1-2-96



Monsieur le Représentant  
de la MINUAR  
KIGALI


Monsieur le Représentant,


*Itadman* Nous ne voyons pas sauf erreur de notre part, avoir reçu à ce jour la réponse à  
notre correspondance du 18.01.96 dont ci-joint photocopie. > *Trying to obtain copy.*

Nous vous remercions de revoir et éventuellement nous fixer sachant que sans  
réponse de votre part sous huitaine, nous nous verrons dans l'obligation de  
renoncer à tout arrangement à l'amiable de ce sinistre.

- L'affaire devra dans ces conditions suivre son cours au niveau des Tribunaux  
compétents auprès desquels nous nous constituerons partie civile et réclamerons  
une juste indemnisation de tous des préjudices qui nous ont été causés.

Dans l'attente de vous lire, nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur le Représentant,  
l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

  
Benoît G. GATETE,  
Fondé de Pouvoir Principal

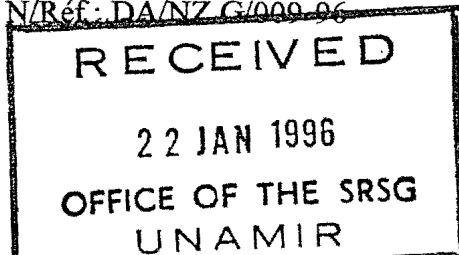
  
Gilles NZIE NGUIAMBA,  
Directeur Général

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N/Réf: DANZ G/009 96



Kigali, le 18/01/1996

Monsieur le Représentant de la MINUAR  
KIGALI-RWANDA

ED  
AFC  
CAD  
LO  
22.1-95

Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance ce qui suit :

En date du 14 décembre 1995, sur la route nationale KIGALI-BUTARE, à hauteur de NTENYO/TAMBWE, un véhicule de la MINUAR effectuant un mauvais dépassement a heurté violemment un véhicule de la B.C.D.I. qui venait en sens opposé. Cet accident a occasionné le décès d'un de nos agents et blessé gravement deux autres.

Immédiatement après l'accident, le véhicule et les passagers de la MINUAR laissaient les victimes sur la chaussée en promettant l'envoi d'une ambulance qui ne vint jamais.

C'est grâce à l'assistance d'autres automobilistes que la dépouille mortelle et les blessés furent évacués à l'Hopital de Kabgayi et ensuite à Kigali.

Sur notre insistance la MINUAR a accepté d'hospitaliser et de soigner Monsieur NYABENDA Damien au NORMED HOSPITAL.

Nous tenons ici à vous remercier pour l'assistance de votre équipe médicale qui a pris en charge notre blessé avec une extrême diligence et tous les moyens à sa disposition. Notre agent est actuellement en convalescence.

Mais depuis lors, nous sommes sans nouvelles des suites que vous auriez réservé à cette affaire que nous qualifions d'homicide involontaire.

Nous avons pensé que la MINUAR nous approcherait pour discuter des modalités de la réparation des dommages corporels et matériels causés et notamment de l'indemnisation des ayants droits de la principale victime de cet accident qui, nous vous le rappelons, est décédée.

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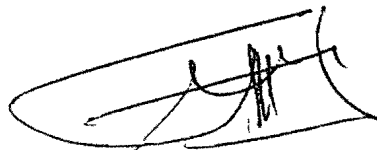
Pour essayer d'en savoir davantage sur l'évolution de cette affaire, nous avons pris contact avec MARK KIEJNA qui nous a appris que le dossier de ce sinistre n'a pas encore été transmis dans ses services.

Nous avons plusieurs raisons de croire que le dossier est traité par vos collaborateurs avec le plus grand dilettantisme, c'est pourquoi nous sollicitons votre intervention auprès de vos services en leur demandant d'instruire cette affaire avec la diligence qu'elle requière.

Nous attendons votre réaction à ce sujet et vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur le Représentant l'expression de notre considération distinguée.



GATETE G. Benoît  
Fonde de Pouvoir Principal



NZIE NGUIAMBA Gilles  
Directeur Général.

**translation (original: French)**

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**To:** 'The Representative of UNAMIR', KIGALI, Rwanda.  
**From:** B.C.D.I. (Bank of Commerce, Development and Industry),  
Kigali, Rwanda  
signed by: GATETE, Benoît G., Managing Director, and NZIE NGUIAMBA,  
Gilles, General Manager.  
**Date:** 18.01.1996  
**Ref.:** DA/NZ.G/009-96

**Text:**

Dear Sir,

We have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 14 December 1995, on the KIGALI-BUTARE trunk road, at NTENYO/TAMBWE, a UNAMIR vehicle, while overtaking incorrectly, violently collided with a B.C.D.I. vehicle traveling in the opposite direction. The accident caused the death of one of our officials and serious injuries to two others.

Immediately after the accident the UNAMIR vehicle and passengers left the victims in the road and promised to send an ambulance that never came.

It is thanks to other motorists that the corpse and the injured were evacuated first to Kabgayi and then to Kigali.

Upon our insistence UNAMIR accepted to admit and treat Mr NYABENDA, Damien, at the NORMED hospital.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the assistance of your medical team who took care of our injured employee with extreme diligence and all the means at its disposal. Our official is now convalescing.

However, since then we have no news of your follow-up to this matter which we consider to be a case of manslaughter.



We thought that UNAMIR would contact us to consider modalities for reparation for the bodily and material damage caused and, in particular, compensation for the dependents of the main victim of this accident who, we remind you, is deceased.

To try and know more on the developments in this matter we contacted Marc KIEJNA who informed us that this accident claim has not been transmitted to his department.

We have many reasons to think that this matter is being handled by your officials with great dilettantism which is why we are requesting you to intervene to urge the departments concerned to process this matter with the diligence it requires.

We await your reply on this subject etc.

Signed:       GATETE, Benoît G.  
                  Managing Director  
                  NZIE NGUIAMBA, Gilles  
                  General Manager

**translation (original: French)**

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**To:** 'The Representative of UNAMIR', KIGALI, Rwanda.

**From:** B.C.D.I. (Bank of Commerce, Development and Industry),  
Kigali, Rwanda

signed by: GATETE, Benoît G., Managing Director, and NZIE  
NGUIAMBA, Gilles, General Manager.

**Date:** 30.01.1996

**Ref.:** DA/NZ.G/

**Text:**

Dear Sir,

We have not seen unless we are mistaken any answer to our letter of 18.01.96  
of which we include a photocopy.

We would be grateful to you to review and perhaps give us a decision as,  
without any answer from you within a week, we will find ourselves compelled to  
forgo any amicable settlement of this accident.

In that case, the matter will have to follow its course through the competent  
courts whereupon we shall concurrently bring a civil action to obtain just  
compensation for all the damage we have incurred.

Awaiting your reply, please receive, Mr Representative, the expression of our  
distinguished salutations.

Signed: GATETE, Benoît G.

Managing Director

NZIE NGUIAMBA, Gilles

General Manager

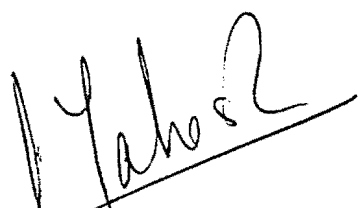
FROM : CAMP COMMANDANT  
TO : ALL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL;  
AMAHORO COMPLEX  
DATE : 15 JAN 96

INVENTORY OF FURNITURE:AMAHORO COMPLEX

1. As you are aware due to the drawdown of UNAMIR, there have been a lot of changes in the appointments held by various personnel. This has resulted in the shifting of offices on a large scale. A need therefore arises to inventory the furniture afresh to regularise the loss/misplacing of the same.

2. You are therefore requested to forward to this office at the earliest a list of the furniture present in your room. Also indicate whether the furniture belongs to the Amahoro hotel or has been drawn by you. Please do add your expected date of departure from the mission.

3. Expecting your fullest cooperation as always. Regards.

  
(K Mahesh)  
Capt  
Camp Commandant



TO: **INDBATT**, FEC, FSC

Date: 05 Jan 96

FROM: Maj Deepak Das  
FWO

RECEIVED  
08 JAN 1996  
OFFICE OF THE SRSG  
UNAMIR

SUBJECT: FUN-FORTNIGHT GAMES: JANUARY 1996

A fun - farewell officers games fortnight is being organised between UNAMIR HQ Staff/ MILOBs, INDBATT, Force Engr Coy and Force Sig Coy. The programme for the games, approved by the A/FC is attached as Appendix. Ambassador Shaharyar Khan and Brig KS Sivakumar have kindly consented to partake in the events.

Please confirm availability of ground and stores and whether any special assistance is required to organise the event.

*Best regards and Happy 1996 !*

cc: MA/FC

**O/SRSG**

# PROGRAMME

Date	11 Jan 96 Thursday	12 Jan 96 Friday	13 Jan 96 <del>Saturday</del>	16 Jan 96 Tuesday	17 Jan 96 Wednesday
Event	Hockey/ Badminton	Volleyball/ Basketball	Cricket	T/Tennis	Tennis
Time (Hrs)	1715/1900	1730/1900	1300	1730	1600
Responsibility/ Loc	FEC	INDBATT/ SOALTEE	INDBATT/ BEHIND AMAHORO STADIUM	FSC	BBC
Teams	A total of three teams will be fielded by INDBATT, HQ Staff/MILOBS & FEC/FSC (Combined) except for cricket. There will be two teams for cricket-INDBATT and FEC/FSC/HQ Staff (Combined).				
Modus Operandi	<b>Hockey.</b> Each match will be for 30 mins duration. <b>Badminton.</b> Two doubles combinations to be fielded by each team. Each doubles combination to play one exhibition match each.	Three matches on round robin basis amongst the three teams.	Limited 25 overs contest.	Three doubles combination per team to play one exhibition match each.	Three doubles teams (one match each).

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BRIEFING 18 NOV 95

KIBUYE PREFECTURE

1. THE PREFECTURE OF KIBUYE IS CERTAINLY THE POOREST IN ALL OF RWANDA. THIS PREFECTURE ALSO SAW THE WORST OF THE 1994 GENOCIDE, WITH A MINIMUM OF 200 000 PEOPLE KILLED. KIBUYE PREFECTURE IS ISOLATED BOTH BY GEOGRAPHY AND A LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE. IT IS THIS ISOLATION THAT ALLOWED THE MOST EFFECTIVE EXECUTION OF THE GENOCIDE AND THE FREE HAND THAT BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS ENJOY IN THE AREA. WITH THESE CURRENT CONDITIONS, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY MILITARY OBSERVERS, NGOs, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, UNAMIR PERSONNEL WILL PERSIST. IN ADDITION, ANY RETURNEES FROM 1994 WILL BE AT RISK.

PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THE UN

AND RELIEF COMMUNITY

2. RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL NOTABLE INCIDENTS OF THREATS AND INTIMIDATION DIRECTED TOWARDS MILITARY OBSERVERS AND NGOs. IN MID NOVEMBER, A MILOB HELICOPTER PATROL WAS DETAINED FOR 70 MINUTES. THE RPA COMMANDER ON SCENE WAS BELLIGERENT TOWARDS THE MILOBS AND THREATENED TO HAVE THE HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN IF IT ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE. THE PILOT WAS ALSO THREATENED WHEN HE

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ATTEMPTED RADIO CONTACT TO INFORM HIGHER OF THE SITUATION AND GET INSTRUCTIONS. IN EARLY DECEMBER, A DUTCH NGO WAS HARASSED AND PHYSICALLY SEARCHED BY MEMBERS OF THE RPA. LAST WEEK, A MILOB PATROL WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A LAISSEZ-PASSER FROM THE BOURGEMIESTER OF THE COMMUNE THEY WERE VISITING BY THE LOCAL RPA COMMANDER. WHEN THE MILOBS INFORMED THE RPA COMMANDER THAT THEY DID NOT REQUIRE PERMISSION TO COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED IF THEY RETURNED WITHOUT A PASS FROM THE BOURGMIESTER.

3. MOST LOCALS FEAR TALKING TO MILOBS OR UNAMIR PERSONNEL. THERE IS A POLICY SET DOWN BY THE RPA THAT NO ONE IS TO TALK TO ANY UN PERSONNEL. THOSE THAT ARE CAUGHT ARE ARRESTED AND/OR KILLED. IN OCTOBER, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE IN DEFENCE OF UNAMIR WAS PUBLICLY TORTURED AND KILLED.

RETURNEES AND ARRESTS

4. THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW RETURNEES IN KIBUYE PREFECTURE. MOST OF THE EARLY RETURNEES WERE TAKEN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNE OFFICES, QUESTIONED AND ARRESTED. WORD OF THE HIGH ARREST RATE AMONG RETURNEES SPREAD QUICKLY, AND THIS HAS LEAD TO VERY FEW RETURNING TO THE PREFECTURE. THERE IS ALSO A MASS ARREST CAMPAIGN

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THROUGHOUT KIBUYE PREFECTURE. MOST MALES ARE TARGETS, ESPECIALLY HUTUS AND OF COURSE THIS INCLUDES THE RETURNEES. MOST WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES BUT MOST OF THE MEN ARE ARRESTED. MANY LOCALS THINK THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE ARRESTED ARE TAKEN INTO THE BUSH AND KILLED. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTS OF THIS, BUT HOW WIDE SPREAD THIS PRACTICE <sup>IS</sup> ~~GOES ON~~ IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

5. AS MOST MALE RETURNEES ARE ARRESTED, THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN COMMUNAL CACHOTS SWELLS. MANY OF THESE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE PREFECTURE PRISON IN KIBUYE. BECAUSE THE ICRC HAVE COMPLETED AN EXTERIOR PRISON, THERE IS NOW MORE ROOM. THE NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED FROM 2000 IN OCTOBER TO 2600 AT PRESENT. IF THERE IS A MASS INFLUX OF REFUGEES, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD USE TRANSIT CAMPS AS A HOLDING AREA FOR A PROCESSING CENTRE, AND FOR THE EXPECTED LARGE NUMBERS OF THOSE ARRESTED.

G2 COMMENT

6. THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN THE PREFECTURE OF KIBUYE TODAY ARE LIKELY TO PERSIST. BOTH THE PREFECT AND THE BOURGMIESTER OF THE SOUTHERN COMMUNES WATCHED THEIR FAMILIES BEING CUT DOWN DURING THE GENOCIDE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THESE OFFICIALS WERE VICTIMS THEMSELVES AND LEFT FOR DEAD. THE ISOLATION OF THE

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PREFECTURE ALLOWS FOR A TEMPTING OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK RETRIBUTION IT APPEARS THAT SOME HAVE TAKEN THIS OPPORTUNITY. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT SOME OF THE NEWLY RECRUITED MEMBERS OF THE RPA HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES. YOUNG SOLDIERS ON THEIR OWN MAY REGARD THEIR AREA OF OPERATION AS THEIR OWN KINGDOM WHERE THEY ARE THE LAW. THIS IS ALSO A TEMPTING CHANCE AT RETRIBUTION. THAT UNAMIR LEFT DURING THE GENOCIDE ONLY COMPLICATES THE SITUATION. MANY OF THESE ~~NEW~~ NEW, YOUNG RECRUITS WOULD HOLD UNAMIR IN CONTEMPT FOR LEAVING. THE AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT KIBUYE PREFECTURE HAVE THE MEANS TO SEEK RETRIBUTION. THEY ALSO HAVE THE MEANS TO CARRY OUT MASS ARRESTS WITHIN A LARGE SCALE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THE CONTEMPT FOR THE UN AND WIDESPREAD RETRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. UNTIL COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IS PUSHED INTO THE PREFECTURE, AND THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI ARE MADE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND ACT ON THIS KNOWLEDGE, THE SITUATION IN THE PREFECTURE WILL REMAIN THE SAME. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY WORSEN AS THOSE RESPONSIBLE ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE UNCHECKED.

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5 December 1995

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Lt. (N) Kent Page has worked for me throughout this year as the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) military spokesperson. He has expressed a keen interest in working with the United Nations as an Information Officer or Spokesperson, and I have no hesitation in recommending him for such a position.

Lt. (N) Page served as both the civilian and military spokesperson for UNAMIR during the absence of the Mission's Spokesperson and proved capable of handling these tasks. He has also proven to be a valuable team member working under extremely difficult and tense situations.

His relations with the media have been outstanding having conducted interviews with CNN, BBC, VOA and other services to my complete satisfaction. His versatility has proven a valuable asset to the Mission having provided photos and video footage to international wire services which have used them worldwide.

Lt. (N) Page is highly motivated and consistently shows enthusiasm in his work. His practical experience as well as military and academic qualifications will make him a valuable member to any international organization.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Shaharyar M. Khan', is positioned above the printed name.

**Shaharyar M. Khan**  
Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
for Rwanda

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OFFICE OF THE SRSG  
UNAMIR

MEMORANDUM

To: SRSG  
From: Force PAO, Lt(N) Kent Page  
Subject: Letter of Reference  
Date: 29 Nov 95

1. Sir. Yesterday, as requested, I provided the following data to Mr Javed Khan for the UNAMIR Achievement Summary for New York:

- i. UNAMIR Communiqués Military & Political: 1-5;
- ii. Do You Know How UNAMIR Helps The People Of Rwanda;
- iii. Medical Points For FC (Prepared by FMO);
- iv. Excerpts From Dr Laux's 1994 UNAMIR Medical Report;
- v. Excerpts From the DCos Ops Mission Closure Report;
- vi. The Numbers Game and The Facts Behind The Numbers;
- vii. SG Report on Integrated Structure System; and,
- viii. Humanitarian Assistance by UNAMIR.

2. I have discussed with the FC my interest in working with the UN again in the future in a civilian capacity as a senior information officer/spokesperson. This, because I have truly found my experience with UNAMIR to be challenging, satisfying and highly rewarding, both professionally and personally.

3. As such, if you consider it appropriate, I would very much appreciate receiving a letter of reference from you which might assist me in being able to contribute to the UN in such a capacity. And, if you have any suggestions about the best way to go about doing so, I would be happy to hear them.

4. I have attached some highlights of my work here for reference and am, as always, available to discuss this further if you wish.

5. Thank you for your consideration.

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talk to him  
+ prepare something  
showed you agree  
Yes, I will  
see you  
soon*

MEMORANDUM

To: SRSG

From: Force PAO, Lt(N) Kent Page

Date: 29 Nov 95

Subject: Military Spokesperson Highlights

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1. Sir. The following information is provided as summary of my military spokesperson's highlights during my tour from 26 Jan - 15 Dec 95:

2. In addition to the day to day activities of being a spokesperson (interviews - often live with CNN, BBC, VOA etc., background briefings, press conferences with foreign and local media and coordinating media visits, etc.), I highlight here high points and initiatives undertaken by myself during the year:

a. Kibeho Incident: Commencing 18 April 95. I believe that my public affairs activities during this international crisis indicate best my capability as a public affairs officer with the following points noted:

i. as the civilian spokesperson had to leave the day of the massacre, I coordinated all media visits to the site, interviews, and demands for the more than 50 international media outlets physically here in Kigali (not to mention those calling by phone) on my own as well as preparing detailed response to queries during the crisis;

ii. I was able to provide photo (The New York Times, Maclean's, Time, The Washington Post, The International Herald Tribune, The Ottawa Citizen, China Daily, etc.), video (CNN, BBC, CBC, ABC, CBS, etc.) coverage - now, looking back, I realize probably taken at personal risk - and first-hand radio/print (BBC, CBC, VOA, AP, etc.) coverage to the world about the incident via the world's media;

iii. I "killed" the erroneous Reuters world-distributed story about "the camp being burned to the ground" at the start of the cordon operation before the inaccurate report could do any damage;

iv. despite a rather potentially traumatizing incident, I worked through to the end of the incident, culminating in providing the only video and photo coverage for world distribution via Reuters, of Zambian troops providing water to the last children to leave the MSF compound; and,

v. after the incident, acted as a special witness for the Kibeho Commission and provided photos and video for evidence.

b. coordinated and conducted live international media (television and radio) interviews - CNN, BBC, VOA, WTN, CBC, etc.

- and print interviews - Reuters, AP, AFP, CP, etc. - for other high profile incidents including the Rubyiro massacre, the Kanama massacre and the Ile Iwawa attack;

c. was double-hatted and tasked by the 4th floor as both the civilian and military spokesperson - particularly during Kibeho and through Sep - Nov 95. Quadruple-hatted if you consider that I also act as the Canadian Contingent PAffO and the UNAMIR photographer/videographer;

d. established a UNAMIR Internet HomePage for global internet access;

e. monitored Radio Rwanda and prepared letters of correction for broadcast;

f. provided public affairs assistance to Rwanda government ministries including La Ministere de la Famille (International Women's Day) and Rwanda TV (April 7 Ceremonies);

g. prepare and distribute daily news summaries to keep all UNAMIR personnel abreast of regional and international developments;

h. drafted bullets for speeches and press conferences for yourself and the FC;

i. produced bi-weekly UNAMIR Communiques and distributed them to local/international media, embassies, Rwandan government ministries, NGO's, UN agencies and base newspapers;

j. published three editions of the UNAMIR REVIEW, with no budget or staff, for distribution amongst military personnel;

k. coordinated the UN 50th Anniversary Celebrations including photo stand displays, mine awareness training sessions, static displays and overall supervision and coordination with Maj Das;

l. enlarged my photos of UNAMIR interaction with the Rwandese and constructed the photo display in the lobby to liven up the HQ. Also painted the conference room, exterior walls and display boards in the lobby and put up the children's drawings about UNAMIR to brighten up our work environment;

m. designed and produced Certificates of Appreciation for civilian staff;

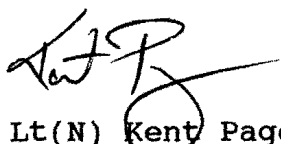
n. wrote letters to the editor to major Canadian daily newspapers on highlighting UNAMIR achievements;

o. wrote many articles about Canadian Forces personnel working with UNAMIR which were published in base newspapers across Canada;

p. distributed the above articles to the Canadian Press wire service resulting in their publication in The Ottawa Citizen, The Kingston Whig Standard, The Halifax Chronicle Herald, etc.;

3. Of equal importance are the issues that I kept out of the news media by proactive activity including: "killing" immediately the erroneous Reuters story about burnt down huts at Kibeho; removal of offensive, anti-UNAMIR children's drawings from the UN 50th Anniversary displays prior to the public's arrival; double-checking on whether the RPA had actually said they would shoot down our helicopters before issuing a media release protesting the fact, etc.

4. On my return to Canada, in addition to speaker's bureau engagements, I will be writing my M.A. (Communications) thesis on the role of the media in Rwanda. I am also investigating the possibility of writing and publishing, through the Canadian Peacekeeping Centre, a book relating the personal experiences of Canadian peacekeepers.



Lt(N) Kent Page  
UNAMIR Military Spokesperson

Attachments:

1. Kibeho Letter Of Appreciation - Reuters
2. Letter Of Appreciation - The New York Times
3. Letter Of Appreciation - Rwandan Ministry of Family and Women's Affairs
4. Letter Of Appreciation - CO AusMed

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Major-General Guy Tousignant  
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UNAMIR Headquarters  
KIGALI  
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Nairobi

31 May 1995

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Dear Major-General

This is to place on record our appreciation for the work of Lieutenant Kent Page, military public affairs officer for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR).

Lt. Page was particularly helpful during the crisis over the Kibeho camp for internally displaced Hutus.

His exclusive video film and photographs of the April 22 storming of Kibeho was quickly made available to Reuters and distributed to our television and photo clients around the world.

The film footage was used by all major broadcasters who were desperate for images because no television journalists were present at the camp. Lt. Page's photographs were used in numerous newspapers including on the front page of the New York Times.

On May 9, when the siege at Kibeho ended peacefully and UNAMIR troops were on hand to oversee the evacuation, Lt. Page again had exclusive video and photographic coverage. This too was sent around the world by Reuters.

You have doubtless received similar testimonials from other foreign media covering Rwanda who have learned to rely on Lt. Page's cooperation, but I wanted to express Reuters' own appreciation.

Yours faithfully

*N. Kotch*

Nicholas Kotch  
Bureau Chief, East Africa  
News and Television

② Lt (N) Page

*BZ from someone  
who appreciated it.  
Well done.*

*[Signature]*

*17 Jun 95*

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Letter of Appreciation:  
Lt(N) Kent Page, UNAMIR Military Spokesperson

To: Major General Guy Tousignant  
UNAMIR Force Commander

I met Lt(N) Kent Page when he first arrived in Rwanda in January 1995 and have worked closely with him throughout the year during numerous media trips and visits to and throughout Rwanda.

Having covered many military operations, I know that the relationship between a journalist and a military spokesperson can at times be tense and sometimes standoffish. This was never the case with Lt(N) Page. I always found him to be professional, keen on helping out - regardless of how small the matter - and always pleasant to work with.

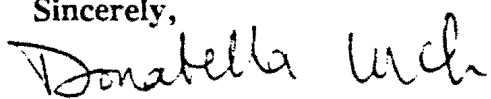
When the massacres occurred at the Kibeho internally displaced persons camp in April 95, and with live fire and hundreds of dead all around him, Lt(N) Page never lost his calm. He went out himself into the middle of the ongoing massacres to gather accurate information and evidence about what was happening (his photos were printed on the front page of The New York Times) and questioned a wide variety of witnesses until satisfied with the accuracy of the information he had gathered. He continued, on a 24 hour basis, to help out the many foreign journalists camped out at his office throughout the ensuing days of the crisis.

Lt(N) Page never balked at the added responsibilities of his job during this critical period and artfully managed to juggle and accommodate the various demands of a roomful of tired, demanding and aggressive journalists.

Each time I return to Rwanda, Lt(N) Page's office is my first stop. Regardless of what is happening, he always finds the time to brief me fully on what is happening in the country, even if we have to do it while running to a helicopter to go to the latest crisis point.

Please pass on my appreciation to Lt(N) Page for his outstanding assistance to The New York Times during this past year in Rwanda.

Sincerely,



Donatella Lorch  
Nairobi Bureau Chief



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Kigali, 20/04/1995

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To General TOUSSIGNANT  
At UNAMIR Headquarters  
Kigali/ Rwanda

Thru : Mr the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs and Cooperation

General TOUSSIGNANT,

I am honoured to express my sincere gratitude, for the assistance you accorded to the Ministry of Family and Women Affairs during its organisation of the International Day of Women on 8 th march, 1995.

We are grateful for the services rendered by Major Peter SEAMAN, Captain Kent PAGE and LCPL Robin WHITE, who tirelessly worked for four days along with the Ministry's team in charge of information.

Our Ministry would like to avail itself this opportunity to renew the good cooperation with your organisation.

Yours faithfully.

② PAO

Well done -  
Letter of Thanks  
to Ausmed.

FC  
20 Apr 95

Minister of Family and  
Women's Affairs

Aloysie IRENGA  
Secrétaire d'Etat  
Ministère de la Famille  
et de la Promotion Sociale



# Australian Medical Support Force — Rwanda UNAMIR II

From: Colonel Peter Warfe

Australian Services Contingent  
UNAMIR II  
KIGALI  
RWANDA

14 July 1995

Major General Guy Tousignant  
Force Commander  
UNAMIR II  
KIGALI  
RWANDA

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*Guy Tousignant*

I would like to express my appreciation for the support that the Force Public Relations Officer, Lieutenant (Navy) Kent Page, has given us during our tour of duty in Rwanda. Lieutenant Page has been of the greatest assistance to my Public Relations staff, particularly during the Kibeho crisis. His advice has been professional and his support unhesitating. He is a great ambassador for the Canadian Defence Forces. Please convey my thanks to him.

*Regards*

② PAO  
*Please note  
Your work is appreciated*

*Pete*

*W. J. P.  
17 Jul 95*

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