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SUBJ:

REPORT ON RPA KILLING OF 13 CIVILIANS 20 NOV 94, KAMEMBE
COMMUNE.

REPORT DATE: 20 NOV 94.

1. MILOB SECTOR 4C SITREP WAS FWD 22 AND 23 NOV TO MILOB HQ
KIGALI WHICH GAVE GENERAL INFO ON ALLEGED KILLING OF SEVERAL
VILLAGERS IN KARAMA (AREA OF GRID 825 329), KAMEMBE COMMUNE,
CYANGUGU. INITIAL INFO WAS OF A GRENADE INCIDENT BETWEEN RPA
PATROL AND GROUP OF MALE CIVILIANS. ETHIOPIAN BN WAS
SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCTING AN INITIAL REPORT AND HAS PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE SITE AND VICTIMS. ALL DECEASED VICTIMS SHOWED SIGNS OF
BULLETWOUNDS AND NO SIGN OF ANY FRAGMENT WOUNDS. THE INCIDENT
IS CONFIRMED TO HAVE OCCURED AT APPROX 2000 HRS ON 20 NOV 94.

2. AN INFORMAL MEETING THE RPA LO, LT GERARD, CFM RPA
KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT. IT WAS STATED

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THAT THE PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY A LOCAL GROUP, INITIALLY WITH STONES, THEN GRENADES. IT'S REPORTED THAT THE FIRST GRENADE FAILED TO DETONATE AND THEY TOOK COVER. THEY BEGAN FIRING THEIR WPNS INTO THE ATTACKERS WHEN A SECOND GRENADE WAS THROWN AT THE

SOLDIERS. THEY STATE THAT THE GROUP HAD WPNS; HOWEVER, THE RPA RECV NO CASUALTIES AND SEIZED NO WPNS.

3. LOCALS AT THE SITE REPORTED TO OBSERVERS THAT AT AROUND 2000 HRS, A GROUP OF MALES WERE RETURNING HOME FROM A NEARBY BANANA BEER HUT, WHEN AT FIRST SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD, AND THEN A SMALL EXPLOSION. ALL BODIES WERE FOUND CLOSE TO THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT. THEY WERE COLLECTED BY LOCALS AND BURIED TOGETHER IN SEPARATE PLOTS AT THE SITE, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE ROAD AT GRID 825 329. THE GRENADE CRATER WAS EXAMINED AND FROM ACCOUNTS OF TWO WITNESSES, THE CRATER IS SITUATED APPROX 30-50 METRES FROM THE 2PASSOLDIER AT THE TIME OF DETONATION.

4. THE TEAM WAS INFORMED OF A SOLE SURVIVOR. HIS NAME AND CURRENT LOCATION WILL REMAIN UNDISCLOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT. HE IS IN SERIOUS, BUT STABLE CONDITION WITH FRAGMENT WOUNDS TO THE REAR OF BOTH LEGS AND A BULLET WOUND TO THE SIDE. HE STATES ALL WERE YOUNG MEN IN THE GROUP, EXCEPT FOR TWO OLD AND WERE TOGETHER IN A LOCAL CABARET.

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CONSUMING BEER. AT APPROX 2000 HRS, A SINGLE WAS HEARD

OUTSIDE THE DOOR. SOLDIERS CAAME INTO THE HUT AND ORDERED EVERYONE OUTSIDE AND TO LAY DOWN ON THE DITCH ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE SHOOTING BEGAN AND A GRENAD WAS THROWN WHILE SOME MADE AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT OF THE, FRARMENTS OF WDICH STRUCK THE SURVIVING VICTIM. THE SURVIVOR WAS PRESUMED DEAD, AND WITH MANY OTHERS, WAS MOVED OFF THE ROAD AREA BY THE SOLDIERS. HE STATED THAT NO ONE HAD ANY WPNS, HAD NO PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH THE SOLDIERc, AND DID NOT KNOW ANY OF THEIR IDENTITIES. A TOTAL OF 12 OF THE DECEASED WERE KNOWN HUTU PERSONS, ONE WAS A TUTSI.

5. SUMMARY - A TOTAL OF 13 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, ALL BY SMALL A RMS FIRE. ONE GRENADE WAS DETONATED. NO ROCKS WERE SEEN WITHIN 200 METRES OF THE SITE, AND NO WPNS WERE SEIZED BY THE RPA. THE LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED BLIND GRENADE IS UNKNOWN. IT IS CFM THAT RPA WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING AND OF THIS DATE HAVE NOT INTERVIEWED THE SURVIVOR; THEREFORE, IT IS BRESUMED THAT THEY ARE UNAWARE.

6. COUMENT - BY WITNESS ACCOUNTS KND THE TYPE AND LOCATION OF INJURIES, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE GRENADE WAS THROWN BY RPA, NOT THE GROUP. THE SUCCESSFUL KILLING OF 13 PEOPLE BY A SURPRISED PATROL AT NIGHT AND UNDER DURESS OF ATTACK IS NOT LIKELY. TO

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KILL 13 OF 14 PEOPLE WITH SMALL ARMS AT CLOSE RANGE OF A STATIC GROUP AT NIGHT IS VERY POSSIBLE. NO ROCKS WERE FOUND IN THE VICINITY AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A GROUP OF PEOPLE WOULD

ANTAGONIZE A PATROL OF ARMED SOLDIERS IN THE DARK WITH ROCKS. IF THE GROUP WAS ARMED IN ANY WAY, IT COULD BE PRESUMED THEY WOULD HAVE USED LETHAL WEAPONS IN SUCH A CASE; OR HAVE USED ANY CONCEALED WPN AS A DEFENCE ONLY. THE FACT THAT NO WPN WAS SEIZED OR FOUND IN THE AREA ONLY REAFFIRMS THAT THE VICTIMS PROBABLY HAD NONE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WITHIN 1500 METERS OF ANOTHER INCIDENT ON 27 OCT, WHERE FIVE PERSONS WERE KILLED IN A HOUSE BY RPA. THIS INCIDENT IS A CONFIRMED INCIDENT OF RPA KILLING CIVILIANS OF A COMMUNE.

THIS, ALONG WITH OTHER CFM INCIDENTS AND REPORTS FROM THE AREA REAFFIRM THE DECREASE IN STABILITY AMONGST THE POPULATION AND MILITARYDISCIPLINE AND LOCAL COMMAND AND CONTROL.

7. RECOMMENDATION - DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF VICTIMS INVOLVED AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER KILLING IN THE SAME COMMUNE, A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BY UNAMIR WITH HUMAN RIGHTS TEAMS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. THE RPA SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE SURVIVOR'S NAME AND WHEREABOUTS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. THE COMPANY OF RPA IN AREA IN QUESTION SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY RPA

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