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Kigali 3 November 1994

Dear General,

I am in receipt of a letter from your liaison officer, Major Kamanzi, dated 2 November 1994 which outlines a number of concerns that the RPA has with regard to UNAMIR operations. The letter also makes allegations against troops of my force. I have passed the letter to my Deputy Chief of Staff Operations who will investigate the matters and respond directly to Major Kamanzi, keeping me informed.

I am extremely concerned, however, with the final paragraph of the letter, which passes an instruction from your Ministry of Defence to me. You may not yet be aware of the letter, and so I enclose a copy. The issue is one of use of APCs by UNAMIR, and seeks to restrict my operation of this equipment.

I consider this matter unacceptable and one which I must discuss with you at the earliest opportunity. The free movement of UNAMIR personnel and equipment is clearly laid out in Paragraph 12 of the Status of Forces Agreement, which was signed by your government. The mandate of UNAMIR, under Resolutions 917/1994 and 925/1994, requires not only freedom of movement, but the capability to move the necessary forces to extend protection to people at risk.

As always I am prepared to meet you day or night. I look forward to our early meeting to resolve this misunderstanding.

Yours sincerely,

G. C. Tousignant  
Force Commander

H.E. Paul Kagame  
Vice President  
Ministry of Defence  
Kigali

cc: SRSG

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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

UNAMIR

TO: KHAN, UNAMIR, KIGALI  
FROM: ANNAN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK  
DATE: 1 November 1994  
NUMBER: UNAMIR: 3589

SUBJECT: RPA Restriction - Use of APC

1. Thank you for your FAX MIR-2258 dated 1 November 1994. We consider this incident very serious and any attempts to restrict your freedom of movement is unacceptable.

2. The FC should take a firm position with the Defence Minister during your scheduled meeting on 2 November. The mandate of UNAMIR under resolutions 917 (1994) and 925 (1994) requires not only freedom of movement, but the capability to move the necessary forces to extend protection to people at risk.

3. Kindly inform us of the outcome of your meeting with the Minister of Defence, so that we decide on the further action which may be required. Best regards.

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SRSG

THE FORCE COMMANDER  
UNAMIR - KIGALI.

Dear Sir,


SUBJECT : PERSISTENT INDISCIPLINE BY UNAMIR PERSONNEL

Ref. my previous reports of gross indiscipline by UNAMIR personnel and drivers; I would like to recall some of the most serious and recent incidents:

1. On 13th October 1994, UNAMIR Soldiers driving in convoy refused to stop at an RPA Check Point (GR.C96 95) and threatened to use their weapons.
2. On 16th October 1994, a vehicle Reg. N°. 49762 driven by the Australian medical team knocked down an RPA Soldier one Sgt BIZIMUNGU; the soldier sustained a fractured femur. They simply drove off ignoring the advice of our soldiers at the scene to call the Gendarmerie and record their statements.
3. On 25th October 1994, in Commune TABA, Secteur Kamonyi one Mr. BYUMA Amos (52) was knocked and killed on spot by a Zambian soldier driving in convoy from Gitarama to Kigali. They did not even stop to see what damage they had caused.
4. On numerous occasions your truck drivers have deliberately driven into VIP motorcades with near fatal consequences; this has continued despite constant reminders that this kind of action is definitely very dangerous.
5. On the night of 31st October 1994 A UNAMIR APC commanded by a Lt. refused to stop at an RPA Check-Point (GR.D 1281) and stopped only after being intercepted by our own troops. In the first place the mission of the APC is unclear so far and besides we have always explained to you that the APCs are responsible for destruction of our roads which are already in poor condition in some areas.

As a result the Ministry of Defence has asked me to inform you that the APCs may not be driven on our roads unless clear permission is sought in advance and your drivers should show respect for the Rwandese people and the National laws.

Sir, be assured of my highest consideration.



KAMANZI M.  
MAJOR  
LIAISON OFFICER (RPA - UNAMIR)

02-11-94

C.C: Ministry of Defence  
Kigali - Rwanda.