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MINUTES OF THE SRSG'S CONFERENCE WITH
MILOBS HELD AT FORCE HQ ON 11TH JANUARY 1995

Present: MR SHAHARYAR KHAN - SRSG (CHAIRMAN)
BRIG-GEN H ANYIDHO - DFC/CMO
COL S ILIYA - SOO
LT COL AM AUSTDAL - COMD SECTOR 5
LT COL S DUNKOV - COMD SECTOR 4A
LT COL FO EKWALOR - COMD SUB-SECTOR 1
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MR RANDOLPH KENT - UNREO REP
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OPENING REMARKS

1. Aim.. The DFC/CMO said the aim of the conference was to update the SRSG on the operational situation in all Sectors/Prefectures prior to his departure for a conference in Geneva. He expressed his appreciation to all the MILOBS present for making themselves available at short notice.

ITEM ONE: POLITICAL UPDATE

2. The SRSG spoke on the highlights of the recently ended conference in Uganda. He said that the conference was attended

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by seven heads of State. The President of Zaire had however been absent.

3. The SRSG said that two options had been considered for the provision of security for the refugees living outside Rwanda. The first option, which was considered better, involved the provision of 5000 strong force from the international community to provide security. The drawbacks of this option were the difficulty in finding countries willing to provide troops. The cost of maintaining such a force was also considered prohibitive. The second option was the provision of troops from the host nations of the refugee camps namely Zaire and Tanzania. He said Zaire had offered to provide 2,500 elite forces while Tanzania had offered a 2000 strong mixed force of military and civilian police. Both countries were now looking up to the UN to provide the logistic support for the operation.

3. The SRSG said it had been agreed that transit camps were to be established inside the borders of Rwanda to receive refugees proceeding along corridors from GOMA and BUKAVU. These would be located inside the Rwandan border opposite GOMA, near KIBUNGO and about 100 km from GISENYI. The exact locations are yet to be coordinated. Returnees would be provided food, accommodation, and security in these camps. From there they would be evacuated to their home communes in a fashion similar to what pertains in OP RETOUR. He acknowledged that there were many problems involved.

4. On the conference in Nairobi, the SRSG said certain issues had been agreed upon. First, that the International tribunal should begin to function as early as possible to make the population feel that justice was being done. Secondly, an International Donors conference aimed at providing economic assistance for Rwanda had been planned for 12-18 Jan 95. The need for the opening of transit camps had also been confirmed. A process of separating the innocent refugees from the trouble makers within the camps would also be set in motion. The reconciliation process would also commence. This, the SRSG said was the crux of the matter. He was of the opinion that the

success of OP RETOUR was crucial to the success of the reconciliation process.

5. MILOBs from the sectors were then invited to brief the conference on their respective sectors.

ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFS

6. Detailed briefing notes for all sectors have been submitted. Highlights of sector briefings are as follows:

a. Sector 1. The main points of the Ops Offr's brief were as follows:

(1) RPA troops are in control of the security situation, however locals appear to be intimidated by RPA. They are afraid to speak to UNAMIR personnel especially during investigations of incidents.

(2) No Militia activity has been reported in the sector.

(3) There were no established DPCs in the sector. Only transit camps for returnees had been established by UNHCR.

(4) The distribution of humanitarian assistance was adequate in most areas. Bad roads however hinder humanitarian assistance to remote areas.

(5) Some NGOs in the sector had announced their intention to withdraw from the sector by Jan/Feb 95. There is therefore a need to persuade ICRC to take over the operations of departing NGOs.

(6) The sector has the largest concentration of mines and unexploded ordinance. NICOY engineers were active in de-mining the area but more assistance was required

to increase the rate of de-mining operations. The presence of large numbers of mines was a hindrance to farming activities.

(7) The civil administration is picking up. However, the resources are lacking.

b. Sector 2. Briefing by the Ops Reps covered the following:

(1) There is room for improvement in the relationship between RPA and UNAMIR. RPA command in the sector not keen on meeting with MILOBs. There had also been several reported cases of restriction on the movement of MILOBs and NGOs in the sector. The general security situation within the Prefecture was satisfactory.

(2) Few cases of banditry were reported in the sector. RPA often arrested locals and returnees suspected to have committed atrocities during the war. The prefect of KIBUNGO had even requested NGOs to assist in the construction of a prison for detainees. Some returnees were reported have disappeared recently from ORCs. RPA troops did not appear to be interested in locating them.

(3) Little improvement had been reported in the conduct of local commercial and economic activity despite the opening of commune markets and restaurants.

(4) The supply of electricity and water in most parts of the sector was being hampered by the lack of fuel to run the generators and other machinery. NGOs had been requested to assist.

(5) Information from local authorities indicated that in BUGASERA and KIBUNGO, 40% of the returnees were old

case loads that is those who fled in before 1970, 40% were those who fled in the recent war and the remainder was made up of new case loads.

(6) The activities of NGOs operating in the sector was very well coordinated by the prefect of KIBUNGO.

(7) The civil administration at the level of Prefecture functioning fairly well. The lower levels are yet to make any impact.

c. Sector 3.

(1) The security situation in the sector was assessed as satisfactory. In the BUTARE Prefecture this was largely attributed to OP HOPE. Some Militia activity had been reported in MUGINA Commune. Locals in the area were reported to be leaving for Sector 5.

(2) The relationship between the RPA and UNAMIR was reported as cordial at the higher levels of command. It however appeared that directives and instructions from the RPA were not being passed down to their lower ranks. This often resulted in difficulties for MILOBs and NGOs operating in the sector.

(3) RPA and local authorities were reported to be eagerly awaiting the commencement of the tribunals for war crimes. The delay in the commencement is reported to be affecting the credibility of MILOBs in the sector and UNAMIR in general. In the past there have been several reported cases of RPA atrocities. On investigations these appeared to be personal acts of revenge committed by individual RPA soldiers.

(4) About 40% of the returnees in the BUTARE Prefecture are reported to be those old case loads from conflicts in 1973 and before. The rest are

returnees from BURUNDI who fled during the recent war.

(5) The locals are mostly engaged in subsistence farming. There are however a few large plantations and livestock rearing.

(6) The supply of food to the locals by NGOs was assessed as adequate. Only one NGO is reported to be trying to provide accommodation. Presently there are sufficient unoccupied houses to accommodate returnees, but with the planned return of several thousands of refugees and DPs, accommodation could become a problem.

(7) Tutsis in the area are reported to be resentful towards UNAMIR for not intervening during the massacre. Hutus are reported to be friendly towards UNAMIR but are often intimidated by the RPA Tutsi locals.

(8) Economic activity was reported to be mainly petty trading. However several restaurants are now operating in the sector. BUTARE township now enjoys uninterrupted electricity and water supply. The main problem seems to be the provision of medical facilities. MSF has performed creditably in this regard, however more assistance is required from other NGOs.

(9) The activities of the Prefect of GITARAMA are largely dictated by the RPA commanders on the ground. The civil administration is not given the freedom to discharge their functions.

d. Sector 4A. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

(1) The security situation in the sector was

satisfactory. The recent attack on BUSANZE camp by misguided RPA troops had however frightened DPs. Many of them are more reluctant to return home. Some are reported to be drifting into BURUNDI and other DPCs in the sector.

(2) The sector comd assessed that the success of OP RETOUR was being impeded by the lack of coordination between the various agencies. He cited as an example that during the recent week, even though a large number of vehicles were provided, only a few DPs had actually been conveyed from the DPCs. He doubted that the objective of the operation could be achieved at the present rate of DP evacuation.

(3) The use of firearms and grenades in recent incidents of banditry casts doubts on the success of OP HOPE in dispossessing DPs of all lethal weapons.

(4) RPA had also showed a marked distrust for francophone NGOs. Two of these had already been already been ordered to leave the sector.

(5) There also appears to a conflict of interest between UNAMIR objectives and the objectives of the NGOs. The dissolution of the DPCs, while achieving UNAMIR's objectives would make the continued operations of NGOs irrelevant and create unemployment for their employees.

(6) Little cultivation is taking place in the sector. This was attributed mainly to the supply of free food to the locals and DPs by NGOs.

e. Sector 4B. The main points raised by the Sector Comd in his brief are as follows:

(1) The main problem is insecurity due to the

presence of a large Tutsi population before the war. The Prefecture seems to have been largely neglected in the development of its infrastructure. Roads in the sector are very poor. The cessation of the barge service on the lake has also been detrimental to commercial and economic activity as well as the distribution of humanitarian assistance by NGOs.

(3) The relationship between the RPA and the locals is reported to be good. this was attributed largely to the rigid enforcement of discipline by local RPA commanders. MILOBs and RPA also have a good relationship, however RPA appears to distrust FRAFFBATT. It was recommended that FRAFFBATT should make serious efforts to court the trust of RPA by frequent interaction especially in social activities such as sports.

(3) Local authorities have complained about not being given prior information of the return of DPs to the area. Some harassment of returnees has been reported but this is difficult to verify.

(4) A total of 12 NGOs are reported to be quite productive in the sector. However some are too small to make the necessary impact and often required assistance from other NGOs or UNAMIR. An example was cited of an orphanage which is run solely by a man and his wife.

(5) The proportion of new returnees to old ones was about 50% each.

(6) Economic activity was described as being mainly on the subsistence level. Only 50% of the schools are reported to be operating. Many of the school buildings have been looted and a large proportion of them are reported to be without roofs.

(7) In KIBUYE township, there is a serious shortage of accommodation. This is due to the way in which various local authorities and agencies are grabbing houses. It is feared that if a large number DPs are evacuated into the prefecture in future, accommodation will pose a serious problem to their early resettlement.

f. Sector 4C (CYANGUGU). The Sector Representative raised the following points:

(1) The security situation in the sector is unsatisfactory due to frequent acts of banditry involving the use of fire arms especially during the past 2-6 weeks. There have also been several attacks being viewed as the beginning of low intensity operations by FRGF from the IJWE Island. The island is reported to be populated by about 45,000 persons. RPA troops have however been successful in providing security for the prefecture. Important decisions in the sector are also dictated to local authorities by the RPA to the extent that the civil structure is not left with much initiative. There is a need for the establishment of an effective legal system to cater for present and potential legal cases.

(2) There are no DPCs in the sector except for transit camps for returnees. 90% of the returnees left the country between 1960 and 1992. Of these 60% are Tutsis. The remainder of the returnees fled during the recent war.

(3) About 17 NGOs are operating in the sector. Some of the NGOs are reported to be focusing their attention on specific areas or fields and are quite effective. UNREO has been effective in coordinating the efforts of all NGOs operating in the sector.

(4) The closeness of the sector to BUKAVU is considered to be an advantage for commercial activities. However fishing activities are impeded by RPA restrictions on the use of the lake.

(5) The infrastructure is reported to be poor due to excessive looting during the war.

g. Sector 5 (GISENYI/RUHENGERI).

(1) The general security situation is good, however the recent cases of cattle rustling and stealing farm produce are sources of potential insecurity. There have also been some minor infiltrations which have been dealt with by the RPA.

(2) UNAMIR/Local Authorities relationship is good. Most of the important decisions on reconstructions are handled by a representative of the Ministry of Rehabilitation. There is also reported to be easy access to local authorities. Indeed, the civil administration has done and is doing well.

(3) RPA commanders in the sector are not keen on routine meetings, however they are always available for the discussion of particular issues.

(4) The population of the sector is estimated to be between 1.2 million and 1.3 million. This is larger than the pre-war figure. Returnees are usually registered and given homes by a committee set up by the local authorities. The intention is to hand them over to the original owners on their return.

(5) There is as yet no UNREO representative in the sector. ICRC has ceased the issue of food in the sector, however WFP is responding to emergency requests for food as well providing seed and farming

implements. The lack of good communications and infrastructure impedes the distribution of humanitarian assistance.

(6) There is a strong requirement for the provision of furniture and teaching aids in all schools. Government offices also require accommodation. Electricity and potable water also need to be provided to several areas in the sector. Markets are operating in the sector and there appears to be no shortage of food and basic essentials for sale.

h. Sector 6 (KIGALI). The Sector Comd's brief covered the following:

(1) KIGALI Prefecture is the most populated area in the country. there is a large concentration of RPA troops as well as gendarmerie in the city. RPA troops are reported to be largely uncooperative with MILOBS. The locals are under intimidation by the RPA. Most of the returnees are accommodated in unoccupied houses in the city and its suburbs. This has created problems of ownership of property.

(2) NGOs in the city are mostly concentrated in the suburbs on the outskirts of the city. More assistance is however required assist widows with children, orphans and unaccompanied children and old and despondent people in the city.

(3) There are also too few schools to cater for the school-going members of the population. Even though most of the hospitals are operating there is an additional requirement for assistance especially for ambulances and drugs.

(4) The sector commander made recommendations for NGOs to cooperate more with MILOBS and act on

information provided by MILOBs. He also asked for NGOs to increase their activities in KIGALI Sector and to include the training of medical staff and teachers in their programmes.

(5) The Sector Commander also recommended that the Rwandan Government should seek the advice of UNAMIR on expatriate assistance for industry.

ITEM FOUR: SRSG'S REMARKS

7. The SRSG observed re-iterated the observation that higher level decisions taken in the RPA were not being filtered down. He directed the DFC/CMO to take this up in future meetings with the RPA command.

8. On OP RETOUR, the SRSG stressed the importance of the dissolution of the DPCs. He said the recent incident BUSANZE was unfortunate. He said that the Vice President has reassured UNAMIR of RPA commitment to their promise of not dissolving DPCs by force.

9. The SRSG emphasised the need for UNAMIR to strengthen the feelings of friendship with the local population and the RPA. This would depend largely on the conduct and activities of UNAMIR personnel in the course of their duties and in their private lives.

10. The SRSG advocated the need for a welcoming attitude by RPA and local authorities to returnees. He asked MILOBs for their recommendations on how this could be achieved.

11. MILOBs were directed to provide feedback on problems pertaining to the ownership of houses. He said he had been briefed by Government officials that housing committees were to ensure that houses are returned to their rightful owners on their return.

12. The SRSG also announced the establishment of radio UNAMIR. He was of the opinion that this had a powerful potential for the promotion of UNAMIR public relations. He asked MILOBs come up with suggestions on how the facility could be best utilised.

13. It was observed that the private sector of the Rwandan economy is picking up. However the public sector is still experiencing problems mainly due to the lack of finance.

14. On the reconciliation effort, the SRSG said it was as important at lower levels as it was at higher levels of command and government. He tasked MILOBs to look into ways in which this could be achieved.

15. A suitable site be located to enable the construction of a bridge to enhance the return of refugees from the Northern part of NGARA in Tanzania.

ITEM FIVE: DISCUSSIONS ON POINTS RAISED

15. Reconciliation Effort. It was suggested that UNAMIR and RPA jointly issue ID cards to returnees after they had been screened to ensure their confidence and freedom. It was further suggested that RPA initiate joint programmes and communal activity with the locals to bring about a feeling of togetherness and mutual trust. One Sector Comd was of the opinion that too much pressure should not be put on the RPA to rush the reconciliation process since the war ended only about 6 months ago. He was of the opinion that they should rather be constantly reminded of reconciliation in all aspects of their operations.

16. Image of UNAMIR. It was suggested that photo exhibitions and Radio UNAMIR should be used more exhaustively in all sectors and communes as a way of promoting the image of UNAMIR. To this, the SRSG replied that plans were far advanced and should be implemented by the end of the month.

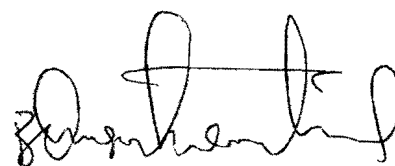
17. Welcoming Programme for Returnees. It was suggested that the

welcoming for returnees should be jointly planned by UNAMIR and RPA/Govt authorities at the higher level and passed down the chain of command for implementation in the communes.

CONCLUSION

18. The SRSG expressed satisfaction with the quality of brief given by the Sector Reps. He indicated that the various briefs were highly informative. He directed that there should be more of such conferences in the future. He ended by charging all MILOBs not to rest on their oars.

19. The DFC/CMO thanked the SRSG for creating time to talk directly with the MILOBs. His presence would serve as added incentive for the MILOBs to redouble their efforts while discharging their duties in Rwanda.



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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD
AT SECTOR 1 HQ (BYUMBA) ON SAT 14 JAN 95

Present: BRIG GEN H ANYIDHOHO - DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL S ILIYA - SOO
COL CB YAACHE - CHAC
LT COL AM AUSTDAL - COMD SEC 5
LT COL A ANOCHKINE - SDO
LT COL BASHAR - COMD SEC 4B (INCOMING)
LT COL CASTRO - COMD SEC 4A (INCOMING)
LT COL DUNKOV - COMD SEC 4A
LT COL FOX - COMD SEC 4C
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LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU - SMPO
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MAJ AK GHOSH - OPS OFFR SEC 1
MAJ TRAORE - SLOGO
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1. In his introductory remarks, the DFC/CMO urged all MILOBs to remain innovative in the performance of their

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duties. He also announced the satisfaction of the SRSG with the briefing he had received from all sectors earlier in the week prior to his departure to GENEVA for a conference. He also said MILOBS would hold a monthly briefing session with the SRSG. The exact dates would be coordinated later.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. The SDO reviewed major decisions taken during the last conference as follows:

a. Driving by MILOBS Without Permits. The names of MILOBS without UN driving permits had been submitted to MILOB GP HQ. Sectors 2, 3, 4B, and 5 which were yet to submit their returns were directed to do so. Those without driving permits would be given a month in which to pass their driving tests.

b. Refuelling of Vehicles for RWAMAGANA Sub-Sector. The Comd Sector 1 announced his intention to close down the Sub-Sector due to refuelling and other administrative problems. The DFC/CMO however directed that the sub-sector remain open. It was further directed that the SLOGO should make 2-5 drums available per week to carry fuel to the RWAMAGANA outpost.

c. Communication Problems in RWAMAGANA and KIBUNGO. The mentioned locations were still experiencing comms problems. The DFC/CMO announced the imminent installation of a V-SAT base station to cover the two locations. He hoped that this would adequately solve the present problems.

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SECTOR 5

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d. Provision of Transport for GIKONGORO Prosecutor. It was directed that the human rights team in Sector 4A should be strongly persuaded to provide transport for the prosecutor on request.

SECTOR 4A

e. Rotation of MILOBs. The SMPO informed the conference that an application made to UN HQ in NEW YORK for 44 MILOBs due to rotate in Jan 95 to wait for their relievers had been approved. On the arrival of the new MILOBs, there would be a handing over period of 2 weeks. Rotation date for the MILOBs in question had been scheduled for 7 Feb 95.

f. Posting of MILOBs. The SMPO announced that there would be inter-sector postings of MILOBs planned for the end of Jan 95. MILOBs who had stayed at their posts for more than 4 months would be affected. Only some Sector Ops Offr would be affected by the planned postings. He said postings of MILOBs in Sector 4B had already been effected.

g. Liaison with RPA. All Sectors were reminded to forward minutes of liaison meetings with RPA commanders in their respective sectors to MILOB GP HQ. The difficulty of holding formal meetings with RPA commanders was pointed out by various sector commanders. The DFC/CMO instructed that a report on important discussions held even in an informal atmosphere with RPA commanders should be forwarded to MILOB GP HQ. He said it was important that a record be kept of all RPA pronouncements for future planning purposes and

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as a way of teaching RPA offers the need to keep records. He also agreed to a suggestion that meetings should be orchestrated to include commanders of UNAMIR formed troops as well as MILOBs.

h. Applications for Extension of Tour of duty of MILOBs. It was announced that approval for the extension of the tour of duty of any MILOB was the prerogative of the respective permanent missions in NEW YORK, UN HQ and the home governments. MILOBs seeking extensions were directed to handle their applications for extensions accordingly. It was pointed out that the FC's policy of a one-year tour of duty was still valid, however exceptions were necessary in some cases.

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ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

1. All Sector commanders summarised the events and activities that had occurred in their sectors over the past two weeks. The following are the discussions and decisions taken in respect of each sector.

2. Sector 1. The DFC/CMO referred to earlier reports that large numbers of locals were being treated by UNAMIR medical facilities due to the shortage of medical facilities in the sector. He said this was a source of concern for the Force medical Offr. He promised to contact WHO officials to assist in the provision of medical facilities to be used in treating locals. The option of moving NGOs to the sector for this purpose was not seen as favourable since most of the NGOs claimed that their operations were confined to the DPCs.

3. Sector 2. The DFC/DCMO had no objections to the sector commander's proposal to include local authorities in heli recces of the border areas. The SOO cautioned the Sector Comd not to allow the RPA to use UNAMIR helis for operational purposes. On OP RETOUR, the CHAC informed the conference that a total of 8,000 DPs had returned since the commencement of the operation.

SECTOR 2

4. Sector 3. The DFC/CMO expressed surprise that banks in the country were still not functioning despite the currency exchange exercise. He also invited the DCTO to comment on the repair of tyres. The conference was informed that receipts for tyres repaired and locally paid for should be submitted to his office for reimbursement. The amount should however not exceed \$50 on one receipt.

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5. Sector 4A. The DFC/CMO led a discussion on the possibility of speaking to the RPA Army Comd about the previous good conduct of Maj Filbert of RPA as a way of mitigating any disciplinary action that might be taken against him for his troops' attack on BUSANZE Camp. Several diverse opinions were expressed. It was decided that it was not proper to do so while investigations into the incident were still in progress. The DFC added that it was necessary to warn RPA command of any potential sources of dissent in their ranks. On the establishment of forward maintenance teams, the DFC/CMO suggested that mechanics from formed troops should be trained to take up this assignment. The DCTO revealed that the establishment of forward repair teams had been planned. The shortage of staff and spare parts had however made this presently impossible.

6. Sector 4B. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief included the following:

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a. The Sector comd complained about the large number of French Speaking MILOBS his sector. This made communication difficult. He requested that more English speaking MILOBs be posted to the sector. It was also requested that lessons should be organised to teach MILOBs to speak Kenyarwanda to increase their ability to communicate with the locals.

b. The Sector Comd announced the intended movement of his Sector HQ to a hotel in KIBUYE. He also informed the conference of his imminent departure from the mission and took the opportunity to introduce his reliever, Lt Col Bashar.

c. The SMPO was tasked to examine the possibility of employing teachers to give MILOBs training in the local dialect.

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7. Sector 4C. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

a. The sector comd reported on the deteriorating security situation in his sector. He requested that the MILOB team attached to Sector 4A for OP RETOUR should be returned to him to enable him effectively patrol the trouble spots. He also said that a joint deployment programme for RPA troops in the sector and ETHIOBATT would soon be completed.

b. The DFC/CMO commented on the volatile security in the sector which had prompted the COS and the Ambassador to visit the area to assess the situation on 14 Jan 95. He directed that the MILOB team attached to Sector 4A from the Sector should be returned with immediate effect. The Sector Comd was also directed to

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8. Sector 5. Main points of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

a. It was reported that there was a substantial amount of de-forestation due to recent logging activities in the sector. The sector comd also noted that Rwandan born RPA soldiers appear to be more sympathetic and not so heavy-handed in their attitudes and handling of the local population as their counterparts born in UGANDA and elsewhere. The recent arrest of two Bourgemestres on allegations connected to the currency exchange exercise and the subsequent release of one of them was also reported.

b. The Sector comd also proposed the reduction of MILOB presence in RUHENGIRI. He proposed to dominate the area by deploying MILOBs there on 24-hr rotational basis.

9. Sector 6. Included in the Sector commanders brief was a report on a meeting held with the RPA Director for Operations and Training on the RPA's role in the reconciliation process in Rwanda. The DFC/CMO commended the Sector comd and tasked him to submit a full report on the meeting as soon as possible.

COMD SECTOR 6

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEFS

10. SDO. The SDO's brief covered the deficiencies in reports received from the sectors at MILOB HQ. He reminded all sectors to submit border crossing figures on a daily basis and to submit reports on all helicopter recces. The

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SDO also reminded all sectors of the need for strict radio discipline and the prompt submission of SITREPS and other returns. The conference was also informed of a planned periodic conference for all MILOB Ops Offrs.

11. SLOGO. The SLOGO briefed the conference as follows:

a. The HQ had received 4 polaroid cameras for MILOBs' operations. Sectors 3, 4A and 4C are to receive one each. The last one would be kept at MILOB GP HQ but would be available to other sectors on request.

b. Out of the 5 vehicles recently allocated to MILOBs, Sector 4A had received 2, Sector 1 had been issued with 1 and sector 4C had been issued with 2. The HQ was yet to receive stationery.

12. DCTO. The UNAMIR DCTO on invitation briefed the conference a follows:

a. There was a shortage of manpower and spare parts. He also requested that MILOBs adhere to the instructions on the servicing of vehicles due to the poor quality of engine oil available in the theatre. This had compelled his outfit to reduce the mileage for regular servicing of vehicles to 2,500 km.

b. The DCTO also informed the conference that it was planned to write off old vehicles from UNOMUR. However this would depend on the availability of vehicles in the theatre. He said that the workshop had jacks and wheel spanners and asked all sectors to contact the workshop for these tools to be issued to their vehicles.

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13. SMPO. The SMPO briefed the conference as follows:

a. Leave/CTO. The conference was informed that CTO cannot be accumulated. The SMPO also requested that all Leave/CTO application forms should be properly filled. He reminded all offrs that leave and CTO days include the first and the last days. He also warned that any MILOB who overstayed on Leave/CTO would have their MSA deducted accordingly. He asked sector comds to report any illegal absence of MILOBs to MILOB HQ.

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b. Repatriation. The SMPO said that MILOBs whose repatriation had been postponed for the purpose of waiting for their reliefs should not be granted leave/CTO until their relievers arrived.

c. Postings. The SMPO announced that it was intended to post all MILOBs who had been at their posts for more than 4 months to other sectors. It was decided that an exception would be made for MILOBs in Sectors 4B and 4C who opted to remain at their posts and MILOBs due for repatriation in Feb 95.

SECTOR 4B

d. Returns. The SMPO asked Sectors 3, 4C and 6 to submit their personnel returns to MILOB HQ returns by Mon 16 Jan 95. He also asked all sectors to submit returns on the receipt of medals and certificates to the HQ by the same date.

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e. Collection of Mail. All sectors were reminded to pick up their mail from the duty room MILOB HQ whenever their personnel came to KIGALI.

f. Donations to the War Victims of Rwanda. It was

decided that each MILOB should contribute US\$ 20 towards the fund for the war victims of Rwanda. Sector comds were instructed to collect the contributions and forward them to MILOB HQ by 31 Jan 95.

g. Collection of MSA. MILOBs were informed that the Finance Office was not responsible for keeping their MSA for them. They were advised to collect their MSA as soon as it was ready. MILOBs were also informed of the possibility of submitting requests for heli to convey Finance Office personnel to their respective sectors for payment of MSA.

14. CHAC. The CHAC took the opportunity to inform the conference of his imminent departure from the mission due to the completion of his tour of duty. He thanked all MILOBs for their various contributions and cooperation to the success of his assignment.

15. DFC/CMO's Remarks. The DFC tasked all MILOBs to contribute articles and items to the UNAMIR news letter and radio UNAMIR both of which are to be introduced shortly. He also made a comment on recent ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of certain MILOBs. He reminded all MILOBs that despite disagreements between MILOBs the situation should never degenerate into violent behaviour. He threatened to take disciplinary action against any offr who would be guilty of ungentlemanly behaviour.

ITEM FOUR: CONCLUDING REMARKS

15. In his concluding remarks, the DFC/CMO thanked the MILOBs for their contributions to the success of the conference. He also congratulated the CHAC and outgoing Sector Comds for their performance during their respective

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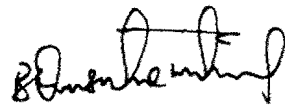
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tours of duty and welcomed the new commanders. He urged all MILOBs to continue the good work they had been doing in the year 1995.

16. It was decided that the next conference would take place in Sector 3 HQ in GITARAMA on 28 Jan 95.

16. The conference ended at 1505 hrs.



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

Present: BRIG GEN HK ANYIDHOHO - DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL S ILIYA - CHAC
COL UA MOEEN - DFC
LT COL ASHAN - COMD DESIGNATE SEC 2
LT COL A ANOCHKINE - SEC
LT COL ABDUL BASHER - COMD SEC 4B
LT COL E CASTRO - COMD SEC 4A
LT COL CO DIARRA - COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
LT COL EKWALOR - COMD SEC 6
LT COL E ESSIEN - COMD SEC 5
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LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU - SMPO
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MAJ KIRON THACKER - SDO3 (SECRETARY)

1. SITREPS.
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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 his concern over the failure of MILOBs in the district and further directed that MILOBs remain functional and implemented without undue delay.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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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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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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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b. Postings to FHO. The DFC/CMO clarified that all postings at FHO 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.

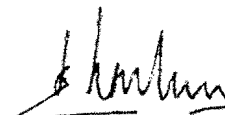
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d. Lastly, the DFC/CMO appreciated the work of MILOBs and the quality of reports that were received by him. He urged all present to continue the sincere work towards achieving normalisation in RWANDA. He concluded by conveying his best wishes to all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

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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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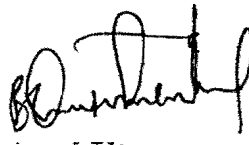
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1. Enclosed are two copies of writing notes from each sector as directed after the RSG/ on 11 Jan 95.

2. Please accept for our records necessary action.

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REPORT FOR THE SRSG ASSESSMENT

General

1. Sector 1 is the largest Sector in Rwanda and ironically the most peaceful. It has a total of 24 communes out of which 17 are of Byumba prefecture and the rest part of Kibungo and Kigali prefectures.
2. Effort is made in this brief to give ~~an~~ broad overview of the situation in this sector.

RPA

3. There is RPA presence in some of the communes in platoon and section strength. However there is a Brigade of RPA at Muhura and a battalion located at Byumba. The RPA Forces are in firm control of sector 1 area of responsibility.
4. The attitude of RPA is generally cordial and co-operative with UNAMIR personnel. Though the locals are still sceptical and at times terrified by the high handedness of RPA soldiers. This has led to the feeling of insecurity amongst the locals at times. Working relationship and co-operation with local authorities is cordial.

Militia Activity

5. There are no militia activities noticed in any part of the sector. This is probably due to the fact that the border areas of Tanzania and Uganda is not conducive for the conduct of such Operations.
6. Occasional reports of RPA harassing locals have been reported in some communes.

Population

7. Byumba prefecture has a population of about 195000 as at Dec 94. This showed a little increase in the population figure from the pre-war estimates.
8. The sum total of the population living within the sector, which includes the entire Byumba prefecture and some part of Kigali and Kibungu prefectures is about 230,000.

Schools

9. Almost all the existing primary schools before the war have been reopened. The number of schools in a commune depends on the size of the commune and varies from 6 to 15 primary schools. Byumba alone has 11 primary schools. The Secondary schools are yet to reopen. The local authorities expect them to commence functioning from Jan - Feb 95.

10. The common problems in all the schools are lack of qualified teachers and teaching materials. The teachers have not received their salaries regularly which has led to the gradual disappearance of the existing qualified teachers.

Hospitals

11. There are hospitals in almost all the communes within the sector. The hospitals and clinics are being managed by some NGOs but the staffing is mainly from the locals. However lack of medicines and qualified staff are the general complaint.

12. The hospitals are facing acute shortage of water and electricity supply. The Nigeria Contingent at Byumba has a well equipped Hospital which is taking care of about 300 locals daily (out patients). The NGOs managing most of the hospitals are ICRC, MSF, MDM, GOAL (IRELAND), AMREF, Italian Corporation, PSF, UNICEF, SOS Italy and World Vision.

Cultivation

13. Generally the crops being cultivated are beans, potatoes, sorgham, and cassava. A large portion of the land had been cultivated. Though there are indications that the harvest may not be sufficient for the year. There is therefore the need for assistance in future.

14. The general complaint by the locals are non-availability of seedlings and farming implements. This is the area we suggest the NGOs and UN should concentrate on.

15. **Animal Husbandary** It was estimated that about 2.5 Million heads of cattle have been brought into Rwanda from Uganda and Tanzania. This was confirmed by the border authorities at Kagitumba and Tabagwe border posts. The bulk of these cattle are located at Mutara Zone.

Commercial Activity

16. There are well established markets in almost all the communes and secteurs. This is probably due to long existing peace and security in these areas.

17. The Tea Factory at Kinihira will start production from next month according to the factory management.

DP Camps

18. There are no displaced peoples' camps in this sector. All the DP Camps have been dismantled and the people resettled at their homes. There are times when "short-term" camps are created for returnees. In such camps, the returnees are concentrated for a period of about 3 - 4 days before they are evacuated to their homes.

19. Milobs HQ of sector 1 has arranged with Nigeria Contingent to provide trucks biweekly for conveyance of returnees at KAKITUMBA border post. This exercise had been going on for the past two months.

Orphanages

20. There are still orphanages at Gahini, NGARAMA and NYAGAHANGA are being run by UNICEF, ICRC and SOS kinderdorf. The orphanages at KAGEYO-Byumba and Rutare have been moved to KIGALI.

Aid Distribution

21. The NGOs responsible for the distribution of food in this sector are; ICRC, WFP, World Vision and Samaritans purse. Out of these the ICRC played a major role in this aspect. The Red Cross which was the main supplier of food in this sector indicated that they will stop distribution of food as from Jan 95. This decision will have a lot of adverse effect on the locals whose crops are not yet ready for harvesting. The UN should make an effort to convince the NGOs to extend their period of distribution till the end of Jan 95. ICRC should also provide more seedlings and farming tools.

Essential Services

22. There is electricity supply in most of the big communes within the sector. Electro-gas has reactivated most of the broken down plants.

23. **Water.** There is potable water in almost all the communes and secteurs. Others collect water from springs and rivers. OXFAM is putting in a lot of effort to bring water to rural areas such as Karama Tababwe, and Shonga in Muvumba commune.

24. **Transport.** There are few buses plying between Byumba, Kigali and other villages within the Sector.

25. **Postal Services & Telecommunication.** Postal services is almost non existent in the general area of the sector. The telephone services between Byumba and Kigali is now operational.

Roads and Bridges

26. **Roads.** Except for the two main metal roads Kigali - Rukomo - Gatuna border, and Kigali - Rwamagana - Kakitumba border all others are dirt tracks. These tracks generally provide good going except during rainy season.

27. **Bridges.** Most of the bridges are locally made of logs and cannot sustain heavy traffic. There are two important bridges that need repair. They are the bridge at Walufu on the Nyagatare - Byumba road and Gasumo on Kigali - Byumba road.

Mass graves

28. The only mass grave of significance in the sector is located at Kizigiro.

Conclusion

29. The situation is calm through out the sector. RPA has a firm control over the entire communes, in sector 1. The security is observed to be alright except that the locals are sceptical about the sincerity of RPA. There is good co-operation between the NGOs, RPA, Milobs, and contingent in the sector.

MEETING WITH SRSG

Briefing on the activities in the prefectures

1. The contents of this letter are intended to give a short overview of the situation in sector 2 (Kibungo prefecture and Bugesera subprefecture) and will try to answer the following questions:

2. Cooperation with prefectures

Humanitarian aid

- a. The relation to the Kibungo prefecture as well as to the Bugesera subprefecture is considered satisfactory in regard of cooperation in humanitarian aid. Both prefectures make efforts to work together with the international community.
- b. General meetings were held in the prefectures on a regular basis every month with all international organisations. Submeetings covering health, relief, social affairs, rehabilitation & integration and development are also held usually on a weekly basis.
- c. The local authorities reserve the right to organise the distribution of humanitarian help, therefore all NGOs must apply to the prefecture for permission to work in the prefecture.

Reintegration of returnees

Despite the prefectures assures that returnees are welcome into their areas, some problems in the cooperation with the local authorities are developing towards the reintegration of IDPs from the camps in the south-west of the country. According to our observations the central government is very interested to empty the camps and bring the people back to their original home, while on the other side the prefectures are not really prepared to receive them. In particular the issue of land/housing is not being addressed very quickly and is a fundamental problem as most of the houses are already occupied (by old caseloads) or destroyed. Therefore UNAMIR, UNHCR and UNREO with support of the international organisations is working virtually without any real help of the local authorities in getting the people re-established in their homes.

Security

It is very difficult to find a common basis in the question of security as it is shown in para 9.

Support of UNAMIR for better cooperation

It is considered that humanitarian help, security and human rights are closely connected. It is therefore difficult to understand how help from the international community is received with open hands, while UNAMIR, other UN organisations and international agencies are treated rudely and the rights of the general population are neglected. The statements of the central government are often very different to the reality in the country.

3. Refugees

- a. According to our assessments, which are only a sample, the distribution of the population is generally 40/40/20
- b. For Bugesera subprefecture, where most of the returnees are IDPs from within the country, the percentage of returnees can be estimated as 40 % old caseload refugees, 40 % IDPs and 20 % new caseload refugees.
- c. For Kibungo prefecture, it is believed that most of the former population is presently in the refugee camps in Tanzania and burundi. The population in this prefecture has increased since the end of the war from approximately 70 000 to a current estimate of about 300 000. The percentage of returnees is estimated to be 40 % old caseload, 40 % new caseload and 20 % IDPs.
- d. it should be noted that UNHCR has not yet started any action to return refugees from Tansania or Burundi.

4. NGO

Besides the UN organisations working in the prefectures, the following NGOs are actively seen to be assisting the local authorities. It should be noted that performance can be difficult to assess and that less visible organisations maybe missing:

Kibungo Prefecture:

ICRC
IRC
IMC
LWF/WCA
AEF
SASO
AHA
Compassion Int.
Citizen Network
Bambini de Rwanda
Belgian Red Cross

Bugesera Subprefecture:

ICRC
IRC
Oxfam Quebec
ZOA/Medair
World Vision
Cuamm
Accord

5. Relationship of civ administr./RPA, NGOs, UNAMIR and locals

While the relationship with civil administration is considered quite good as far as they do not concern security matters, relations between RPA and UNAMIR not improving very fast. It must be noted that in matters of security and protection of local people the reality in the field is often very different to the statements of higher ranking officers or officials. It appears sometimes that the international community is only tolerated as the donor and is considered to be interfering if it becomes involved in internal affairs. This not only with regard to the cooperation with the authorities but also has been noticed in the behavior of the local population. This position can also be seen in the attitude of the local church, which demands rental of a parish ground to set up the Sector HQ in Kibungo at 10 000 US\$ per month and for the rental of a parish ground in Sake to establish an ORC (for humanitarian purposes) at 4000 US\$ per month.

6. Economic and social rating

No remarkable improvement in the economic and the social rating are noticeable apart from opening of local markets on a frequent basis in different communes. Most of the items traded are agricultural products but relief items, distributed by the international aid are also readily available.

7. Humanitarian requirement

- a. Water supply, especially in the Kibungo area is considered the most important priority. Particularly since the reorganization of the electrical system will not take place in the near future. The question of water supply is very closely connected with fuel supply to operate the generators for the pumping stations. As it seems, the government will not have the necessary means to provide a proper water supply system without fuel, particularly in the major towns.
- b. Also, another large problem is the rehabilitation of houses, which has to be seen in connection to the return of IDPs and refugees.

8. Availability of infrastructure and social amenities

Infrastructure and social amenities are very poor. In some places very simple restaurants have opened and act as centers of social life, however in most cases the social life is limited in the contact of the close family or community. Even in Kibungo, a major centre in the region, there are no amenities worth mentioning.

9. General security situation

- a. The security situation is not improving, on the contrary the incidents are increasing. There are no incidents

attributable to banditry and in the most cases it is believed that the RPA is involved.

b. It is the fact that many people were killed during the genocide and many people had committed atrocities or were involved during this time. Local authorities and RPA are making all efforts to catch these people. This happens very often without observing the international recognized rules of humanity and in violation of the human rights regulations.

c. It is the fact that no trials have taken place yet to judge these people, who are presently in custody of the local authorities. Consequently the prefect of Kibungo asked once that the international organisations working in Kibungo assist him in building a prison to relieve the stress on existing prisons.

d. some authorities, either RPA or civil administration are believed to be making their own justice by killing people who are considered as war criminals. This has not though be proven.

e. although no legal system exists, when HR officials or UNAMIR try to demonstrate these misdeeds, they are considered to be acting as an enemy.

f. We have learned that the RPA has their own jurisdiction without following the official legal system as far as one exist.

g. Following incidents happened recently in Kibungo/Bugesera area:

- returnees disappear while on their way to their home communes or already on their destination. Family members or UN investigators are not able to trace their whereabouts. Local authorities claim the responsibility about the reception centers but refuse to take over their responsibility if people disappear during their stay in this centers.
- 12 people were killed in Kigarama, allegedly by the local bourgrestre and RPA
- harrassements of UN HR officials and Milobs in this commune by local population and RPA as consequence of their investigations in this case
- detainement of Milobs in the vicinity of the Kibungo prison 2 times as consequence of this case and the imposition of a curfew by the local authority due to security
- harrassements of international staff of UN and other int organisations in Kibungo, ie threatening and beating an int. staff member of WFP in Kibungo
- local authorities in concert with RPA attacking a group of families in Rilima/Bugesera, beating and arresting people, most of them returnees. Other family members searching protection under UNAMIR in Rilima.
- RPA arrest people and imprison them in their camp in Kibungo which is not a prison and which cannot be entered by UNAMIR or ICRC.

TO : MILOBS GP HQ, KIGALI

DATE : ~~2 DEC 94~~

FROM : SECTOR 3 HQ

REPORT FOR THE SRSG

ASSESSMENT

General

1. Sector 3 has a total of 31 communes. 11 communes belong to the Gitarama Prefecture and 18 to Butare Prefecture. An update on 12 communes of Butare Prefecture and 9 of Gitarama Prefecture is being forwarded.

2. Though a complete assessment is not possible at this stage due to certain gaps in information, however a fair analysis can be achieved through extrapolation.

RPA

3. There is RPA presence in every commune varying from platoon upto a company plus strength depending on their threat perceptions. Besides, there are two RPA Bde HQ located one each at Gitarama and Butare Prefecture.

4. The attitude of RPA is generally cordial and co-operative with UNAMIR personnel. The locals are still sceptical about the RPA activities. Incidents of RPA high handedness are reported occasionally. The local authorities however claim that the RPA does not interfere with the local administration. Even the arrests of suspects are done by the local authorities and not RPA.

Militia Activity

5. Banditry has affected the communes which lie along the borders of Burundi and Sector 4A. RPA has intensified their night patrolling to check these incursions.

6. Occasional reports of tribal reprisals, claiming lives on certain occasion, have been reported. These have been investigated by UNAMIR. The local jurisdiction on such cases lie with the Bourgemestres of the communes.

Population

7. There has been a general drop of approx 20 - 25 % in the population figure from the pre-war estimates. In certain communes, however, the figures have shown an increase of approx 30% This

could be attributed to the relative security existing in the concerned communes even during the war, which has attracted an exodus of DPs from other communes.

Schools

3 The number of schools in a commune depends on the size of the commune and varies from 8 to 14 primary schools and 0 to 2 secondary schools. Most primary schools have started functioning. The number of students attending has the same proportional drop as the decrease in population. The secondary schools have yet to reopen. Local authorities expect them to commence functioning from Jan 95.

9 The schools are faced with problems of shortage of qualified teachers and stationery. Some stationery is being distributed by NGOs. Non payment of teachers is also a major concern. Most teachers have been paid their salary only for the month of Sep 94 but no arrears have been received by them.

Hospitals

1 The existing medical facilities in the communes have been partially resuscitated by the NGOs. However, lack of medicines and equipment are the general ailments. Some new facilities have been set up by the NGOs but are facing acute water problems. The NGOs involved are ICRC, MSF, Medicos en Catastrophe and

the crops being cultivated are beans, potatoes, maize and coffee. However, the scale of cultivation of the produce is likely to be barely sufficient for themselves. Although the harvesting season commences, lack of availability of food has compelled a large number of farmers to carry out early harvest. This is alarming and may have an adverse effect on the cultivation pattern of food in the future.

Under cultivation varies from 40 to 80 % depending on the security enjoyed during the war and post-war period. There is a general complaint regarding shortage of these by the communes and the people.

Markets

Market activity is limited to vegetable markets and animal markets. Some communes even have night clubs.

Communes have a system of tax collection from these markets. The taxes are sent to the Prefecture where they are distributed equally to all communes. This form of

socialism of a rich commune contributing indirectly towards a poorer commune will, however, reportedly be discontinued from Jan 95. From Jan 95, each commune is supposed to raise its own taxes to provide for their its expenditure.

DP Camps

15. There are only a couple of formalised DPCs in the Sector. Most of the DPs are in the form of returnees who either go back to their homes if still intact or are housed under the arrangements of the local authorities in vacant houses in the commune. The problem of establishment of ownership as and when it arises is resolved by the Bourgemestre. There is no uniform procedure being followed resulting in some communes having a very efficient system of disposing such disputes, while others are at best, slipshod.

Orphanages

16. Most communes do not have proper orphanages, and resort to adoption of the orphans by commune families. They are aided by the NGOs for the upkeep of the orphans, in most cases. Lack of an organisational set up to provide material assistance generally inhibits the possibility of establishing orphanages. Notwithstanding the above, there are a few well run orphanages by CONCERN, PHARMACIES SANS FRONTIERES and CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Aid Distribution

17. The main actors involved in aid distribution within this sector are WFP, MSF, AICF, CRS, CARITAS, ICRC, CONCERN, CICR and CATHOLIC CHURCH. This aid takes the form of agricultural tools, food, seeds and medicines. The beneficiaries range from orphanages to DPs and entire communes. There appears to be no form of coordination amongst the NGO community in balancing the aid between the various communes, resulting in some secteurs in a few communes going relatively unaided. The response of the NGO community to specific requests made by the Sector HQ is generally positive eg. MSF was quick in ensuring the inoculation of close to 1000 children in Rugogwe Secteur, once the Sector HQ reported the outbreak of measles in the area.

Essential Services

18. Electricity. It is almost non existent in most parts of the Sector. Some communes have electricity in certain principal secteurs but in most there is no electricity.

19. Water. In 90% of the communes the availability of water is only from springs. This water is untreated resulting in a high percentage of people suffering from water borne diseases.

20. Transport. The number of private cars in the communes on an average are approx 1 to 2. There are certain private taxis which ply besides the public buses. But most locals travel on foot or on

bicycles.

Roads and Bridges

21. Roads . Except for the road running from Gitarama to the Burundi border and some stretches in the Prefecture towns, all other roads are dirt tracks. These tracks generally provide a good going except during monsoons.


22. Bridges. Most of the bridges are made of logs and cannot sustain heavy traffic. In some places they have given way either due to age or by deliberate demolition.

Mass Graves

23. Existence of mass graves is a certainty in every commune. The mass graves have been visited by the HR teams. Presently there is a drive being contemplated by the local authorities to exhume the graves and give the bodies a proper burial. It is felt that this action may lead to the spread of diseases as well as reopen old wounds and affect the fragile peace existing.

Conclusion

24. The situation is calm in all the communes. Life is limping back to normalcy. The goods have started appearing in the markets and routine life is returning inspite of all the shortcomings and the hardships. The number of returnees have shown a definite proportional increase over the past few weeks.


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BRIEF FOR SRSG's MEETING

SECTOR 3A BUTARE.

1. Butare prefecture has a total of 20 communes. Between Aug. 4, 1994, when sub-sector 3A was formed and now, the prefecture has had 3 prefects (one military and 2 civilian). The current Prefect is a Hutu.

2. A complete assessment of the situation of the prefecture based on SRSG's proforma requirement be difficult for several reasons. Some of these are:

a. Frequent changes of personnel in the administration (civil and military).

b. Attitude of the local authority (Bourgmestres) towards the Milob teams.

c. Tac HQ presence has now formed a link between the Milobs and the Rwandese authority, both military and civil. Milobs have to some times go through Tac HQ to be able to reach the appropriate people. To them, there is no difference between both.

d. The location of Milobs office in Butare does not project us sufficiently to the public whom we are supposed to be relating with often. Tac HQ has resisted Milobs sharing an office with them.

e. Lack of vehicle for frequent patrols.

However, through interpolation and our knowledge of the general area, a fair analysis can be achieved.

AIM.

2. The aim of this brief is to acquaint the SRSG with the general activities in Butare prefecture.

SECURITY.

3. General. There has been remarkable improvement in the security situation in the prefecture. However, there is a lot of room for improvement. And until some of the loopholes being exploited, such as arrests at individual initiative by the RPA soldiers, and some section of the locals and summary trials are checked, there will still be apprehensions of Government's intentions by a larger section of the people.

4. R.P.A.: There is RPA's presence in all the communes varying from platoon to company strength. Though the HQ of 302 Bde is in Butare, the comd and his staff spend most of the time in CYANGUGU where threat within his area of operation is greatest. Soldiers,

as earlier indicated, still arrest people and sometimes summarily dispose of such cases. Locals, in attempt to settle personal scores arbitrarily report people as suspects to RPA and sometimes summarily dispose of such cases too.

5. Militia activities. Acts of banditry are common, especially along the prefecture border with GIKONGORO prefecture (sector 4A) and BURUNDI. RPA has as a result intensified patrols along these areas. The presence of UNAMIR formed troops in some of the communes have also helped in checking this acts and also restoring confidence in the people.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION.

6. Resettlement of returnees. There has been an improvement in the number of returnees, especially since the review of OPS RETOUR. However, the real problem of the returnees is with the fact that many come back to meet their property already occupied especially in urban areas. The procedure for settling such cases is not very clear, but there have been reported cases of victimisation. Resettlement of returnees will for a long time remain one of the thorniest issues for the present Government. Many returnees are those displaced since 1959 and have therefore moved into houses that are not theirs.

7. Water. The major source of water is the spring in almost of the communes. As a result, there are cases of water borne diseases, as the people share water with domestic animals from the same source. Butare metropolis however, has pipeborne water provided by UNICEF. The AICF (USA) is working to reactivate the water plant in KIBILIZI in NYARUHENGURI commune.

8. Electricity. Electricity is almost non-existent in the prefecture. A few commune HQ however, have light. Butare metropolis has near constant power supply, at least, the situation is better than most parts of Kigali.

9. Medical. Many clinics have been partially resuscitated. The emphasis has been at least one clinic per commune. The problems in the clinics reactivated are; lack of adequate drugs, equipment as almost all were looted, trained staff and portable water. The NGOs involved in Butare are the MSF, ICRC, Medicos, AICF, Catastrophe. There are no ambulances to facilitate medical evacuation. Infact, the UNAMIR helo that brought the DCMO on 1st January 95, assisted in med-evacuating a seriously ill patient from Butare to Kigali. The teaching hospital had no ambulance for this.

10. Aid distribution. Some of the NGOs have distributed some relief materials to most of the communes. But these have been grossly inadequate. Locals in most communes complain that they have only received relief materials once (sometime in Sept./Oct. 1994.) As a result, seeds, cultivating equipment and other items are hardly available. ICRC when contacted, promised to conduct a fresh census in Dec 94 and subsequently distribute items in January 1995, which

is the next planting season. Lack of food for the returnees in their homes has been one of the reasons those spoken to have been reluctant to return.

11. Orphanages. There are 4 orphanages in Butare metropolis and one in Ruhashya commune. The orphanage in Nyaruhengeri commune has placed the orphans in fostered parents and the commune assist in giving them food and cloths where available. However, the problem has been that of food, cloths and medical support for them. The UNAMIR and NGOs should look at the issue of locating the parents and relations of the children, as many are only displaced.

12. Schools. The number of primary schools vary between 2-10 in the communes and 0-2 secondary schools. The pupil/student population is according to the population of the communes. All the schools lack stationary, equipment, while most school buildings require maintenance.

13. Roads and Bridges. Except for the GITARAMA-BUTARE-KANYARU HAUT border and BUTARE-GIKONGORO roads, all other roads are earth roads. All require repairs. The locals in some communes have been carrying out minor repairs. Almost all bridges are wooden and many are broken requiring repairs.

NGOs OPERATION.

14. There are about 21 NGOs and 4 UN Agencies and the ICRC with offices in Butare. Recently, EQUILIBRE was directed to close business by Government. Many NGOs, especially the UN agencies have been doing very well; mostly in the areas of evacuation of returnees and provision of life support facilities in some cases. Many NGOs seem to exist in name. However, the presence of NGOs have been very visible in the urban centres rather than the rural areas where their presence are needed most. Poor road network may be a ready excuse. The names of the agencies and NGOs are as follow:

A. Agencies

- (1) UNHCR
- (2) UNICEF
- (3) WFP
- (4) UNREO
- (5) ICRC

B. NGOS

- (1) AICF (USA)
- (2) CARE AUSTRALIA
- (3) CONCERN WORD WIDE
- (4) MSF
- (5) TERRE DES HOMMES
- (6) BTA
- (7) CARE INTERNATIONAL
- (8) INTERNATIONAL SOS
- (9) IMC
- (10) CARITAS
- (11) L'ASSOCIATIONS SANS
- (12) CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
- (13) AVSI (ITALY) (AVI)
- (14) AICF (FRANCE)
- (15) PSF
- (16) CENTRE INTIGANDA
- (17) WORLD VISION
- (18) CHILDREN WELFARE MISSION FROM HOLLAND
- (19) CITIZEN NET WORK
- (20) FEED THE CHILDREN
- (21) KINDER NOT HILFEA

INTER-CO-OPERATION

15. With RPA. Relationship with RPA has improved since OPS HOPE, though they are still reluctant to open up to the UNAMIR.

16. With the Locals. The attitude of the locals towards the MILOBS depends on ethnic group. While the Hutus are happy with the UNAMIR, the Tutsis look at the UNAMIR as people who watched them being slaughtered and turned round to protect the murderers. It is therefore warm and cold. The locals are often reluctant to supply vital information due to fear of reprisals. Both ethnic groups see and interpret issues based on their interests.

17. NGOS. It has not been very warm. Many are reluctant to supply necessary information to the MILOBS.

18. Local ^{Butt} Authentic. The bourgoumestres in most cases feel they have had enough of the MILOBS. They accuse MILOBS of always asking too many questions but do nothing to help them. For most of the information required, MILOBS are normally referred to NGOs whom they claim assist them.

ECONOMIC/ SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

19. Economic/ Commercial Activities. These are only limited to retail. No industry or factory is opened. Financial houses are not opened either.

20. Social Activity. In the urban centres, social activities are opening up. A few clubs are opened also, but most close quite early.

CONCLUSION

21. Butare prefecture like others is gradually recovery from the effects of the war. Much still remains to be done to return life to normal. There still exists mutual suspicion between the 2 ethnic groups. It will take time to heal the wounds of war. UNAMIR and international assistance is very necessary for fast recovery from the effects of war.

UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

TO: SRSG
 FM: SECTOR COMMANDER
 SECTOR 4A
 DATE: 11 JANUARY 1995
 SUBJECT: SECTOR 4A BREIFFING

1. THIS BREIFFING WILL COVER THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN GIKONGORO PREFECTURE. SEE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. KILLING PEOPLE FROM 01 OCT 94 TO 10 JAN 95:

RESPONSIBLE	DATE	LOC	VICTIMS
<u>RPA:</u>	11 NOV 94	MUSEBEYA	7
	11 NOV 94	MUSANGE	13
	07 JAN 95	BUSANSE	12
<u>OTHERS:</u>	25 OCT 94	NYABYIONI	5
	01 NOV 94	RUKO	4
	05 DEC 94	MBOGO	5
	05 DEC 94	MUYIRA	7
	02 JAN 95	GIHETA	4

B. UNAMIR SUPPORT / RELATIONSHIP:

MAIN TARGET OF UNAMIR IN SECTOR 4A IS OP RETOUR. THE OP RETOUR IN THE BEGINNING WAS QUIET EFFECTIVE BUT THE FIGURE OF THE PEOPLE BROUGHT OUT DECREASE DRASTICALLY.

THE RELATIONSHIP IS AS UNDERMENTIONED:

- (1) RPA / NGO'S: RPA IS CONCERNED THAT SEVERAL NGO'S ARE NOT INTERESTED TO SUPPORT OP RETOUR AND DECLARED SOME DP'S CAMP TO THEIR UNTOUCHABLE AREA. ESPACIALLY SOME TENSION IS BETWEEN FRANCOPHONE NGO'S AND RPA IS PRESENT.
- (2) LOCAL AUTHORITIES / NGO'S: COOPERATION IS GOOD, WEEKLY MEETING TAKES PLACE IN BETWEEN NGO'S AND THE PREFECT TO COORDINATE SECURITY PROBLEMS, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND WATER SITUATION. BUT THE PREFECT MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY NGO'S WHICH DOESN'T WANT TO COOPERATE WILL BE KICKED OUT.
- (3) UNAMIR / NGO'S:
 - (A) FORMED TROOPS: SOME DIFFICULTIES EXISTED IN THE BEGINNING WHEN FORMED TROOPS REFUSED TO PROVIDE ESCORT AND ASSISTANCE TO NGO'S WITH

SEVERAL EXCUSES. SITUATION HAS IMPROVED NOW.

- (B) MILOBS: ACCORDING TO SUB PARA 1, MILOBS TOOK OVER RESPONSABILITY OF FORMED TROOPS, MILOBS IN GENERAL ASSIST NGO'S WHEREVER REQUIRED (TO PROVIDE GUIDES, TO PROVIDE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT AND TO BE A LINK IN BETWEEN NGO'S AND FORMED TROOPS). MILOBS IN RESPECTIVELY HUM CELL ALSO ATTEND DAILY MEETING REF OP RETOUR AT BUTARE AND THE WEEKLY MEETING WITH NGO'S AT BUTARE. REF OP RETOUR MILOBS ESCORTED CONVOYS TO AND FROM THE CAMPS AND ASSIST FORMED TROOPS TO GUARANTY A SMOOTH EVACUATION.

C. LIST OF NGO'S / INVOLVEMENT:

- (1) WATER AND SANITATION: MSF, TROCAIRE, OXFAM, AICF, MERLIN, BDA, ICRC, PWSS (UNICEF).
- (2) SEEDS AND TOOLS DISTRIBUTION: ICRC, TROCAIRE, CARITAS, WORLD VISION.
- (3) NON-FOOD ITEMS: CARE, SOLIDARITE, AICF, WV, FTC, ICRC, SCF, CARITAS.
- (4) FOOD: CARE, SOLIDARITE, CARITAS, AICF, ICRC, SCF.
- (5) ROAD AND BRIDGES: MSF AND CARE.

NOTE: THE MOST EFFECTIVE NGO'S ARE MSF, ICRC AND CARITAS.

D. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RATING: BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS DP CAMPS, AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF INSTABILITY LOCAL POPULATION HARDLY WORK ON THE FIELDS, HOWEVER VERY SLOW THGE SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL. THE ONLY LARGE TEA FACTORY STILL IS INOPERATIONAL.

E. HUMANITARIAN REQUIREMENT:

- (1) DP'S CAMP: THEY ARE VERY WELL SUPPORTED, ALSO, THEY DON'T NEED MORE SUPPORT MORE OVER, IT HAS AN OVERALL NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE EFFORTS OF UNAMIR TO PERSUADE THE DP'S TO LEAVE FOR THEIR HOME COMMUNES.
- (2) LOCAL POPULATION: AS PER NGO'S ENGAGEMENT THEY SHOULD PASS FROM AN EMERGENCY PHASE TO A REBUILT AND RECONSTRUCTION PHASE AND TO CONCENTRATE THEIR RESOURCES ON THE AGRICULTURE WITH EMPHASIS ON PERMANENT SETTLERS.

- F. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITIES: ALTHOUGHT, DUE THE FACT TO THE POST WAR SITUATION THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN SECTOR 4A IS MORE OR LESS WORKING. BECAUSE OF OP TURQUOISE THERE IS NO DAMAGE TO ANY GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES: ROADS, PETRO STATION, HOSPITAL, PREFECTURE, ELECTROGAZ, ETC.
- G. SECURITY SITUATION: GENERALLY CALM, EXCEPT THE AREA SOUTH TOWARDS THE BURUNDI'S BORDER (BUSANSE).

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BRIEF ON SECTOR 4A

INTRODUCTION

1. General Situation in the Sector 4'A' is calm but acts of banditry still occur in some of the DP camps and areas adjacent. The recent atrocities committed by the RPA at Busanze DPs camp in the Southern part of our Sector had a double effect on the DP's conduct. On the one hand, some of them utilised the mentioned incident as an excuse to stay in the camps because of their general fear of RPA harassment, on the other hand it served as a push for some of the DPs to depart from the camps, again because of the fear that they will succumb similar to the victims of Busanze misfortune.

SITUATION

2. The Information Campaign in conjunction with the Representatives of various Ministries code name OP RETOUR ended even though they were not able to cover all the DP camps.

3. OP RETOUR Phase-2 was launched about three weeks ago with concentration on the Northern half of the Sector. The result was far from encouraging and due to the recent massacre at Busanze camp which has created panic in most of the Sector's Northern part. The Sector considers that time schedule for the DP extraction from the camps as per OP RETOUR is not likely to be fulfilled in time. For example in course three days UN agencies are mobilising from thirty to forty buses and trucks however the number of refugees transported is either less or slightly over 100. There is still agitation carried out in the camps by either rivals to the present government or simply scared people against returning to their home communes and all efforts of the MILOBS of the Sector to dissuade this agitation and encourage the DPs to return home are in vain so far. Some of the IDPs are moving to the South, the rest stay put in their familiar locations. The Sector received unconfirmed reports which are subject to our investigation that some of the DPs are leaving for Burundi through the forest passes. But we've got no information either from our team deployed in the South or through liaison with RPA that the above mentioned activities have taken place.

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SECTOR ACTIVITIES

4. In addition to routine activities this Sector has been informing the superior HQ since the formation of Sector 4A, new tasks have been introduced of late with the inclusion of missions under OP RETOUR.

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| a. | Patrols | 26 |
| b. | Road Recce | 17 |
| c. | Monitoring and Assistance for
evacuation of DPs from the camp | 09 |
| d. | Monitoring of Border crossing by
refugees and armed individuals groups | 21 |
| e. | Escorts or Transporting of dignitaries | 03 |
| f. | Investigation | 02 |
| g. | OP RETOUR (IDP camp) | 17 |
| h. | Liaison with RPA, UN agencies and NGOs through the whole
period under review. | |

6. The Sector is very grateful to the MILOB HQ for detailing two teams on attachment from other Sectors, namely Sector-1 and Sector 4C to be engaged in the OP RETOUR as well as allocation of two vehicles in addition to available pool of four. These measures enable us to do our best in actively participate in UNAMIR efforts in bringing stability in Rwanda.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

7. The problems of manpower has been improved due to the attachment of two teams each from Sector 1 and 4C.

8. Strength-27 MILOBS, Effective strength 17, CTO-5, yet to join-03, attachment from Sector 1 and 4C- 05. Overall strength on the ground is 22.

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LOGISTICS

9. The overall vehicle situation in the Sector is as follows:

- a. On charge 07 vehicles.
- b. On the ground 04 vehicles.

- c. On loan 02 vehicles.
- d. Teams attached 02 vehicles.

That means that the Sector can detail simultaneously 7 to 8 teams to cover the area under OP RETOUR.

ACCOMODATION

10. Accomodation is available to all posted and attached MILOBS in the Sector.

PROBLEMS

11. Remains the same as has been reported previously.

CONCLUSION

12. With the resources available considering the manpower and vehicles, especially attached teams and vehicles on loan, the Sector is capable of accomplishing missions assigned in general and under OP RETOUR in particular.

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BRIEF/DISCUSSIONS WITH SRSG - 11 JAN 94

INTRODUCTION

1. Since the end of the civil war, the Rwandese Interim Govt has been making efforts to return the country to normalcy. These efforts have been hampered by quite a number of problems namely money and the lack/absence of professionals/skilled manpower.

2. Even though the UN, UN Agencies and other countries are helping to put things back on track, a lot is yet to be achieved.

AIM

3. The aim of this brief is to appraise the SRSG on the activities in the KIBUYE Prefecture.

SCOPE

4. Areas to be covered will be :

- a. Problems identified and how best UNAMIR can act to support.
- b. Matters related to Returnees to the Prefecture.
- c. NGOs and How Productive they Have Been.
- d. Relationship of Civil Administration vis-a-vis RPA, NGOs, UNAMIR and the locals.
- e. Economic and Social Rating Within the Prefecture.
- f. Humanitarian Requirements.
- g. General Security Situation.

IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS

5. The biggest problem at the moment among the locals seem to be that of insecurity. In addition, the KIBUYE Prefecture seems to have been neglected over the years. The roads are very bad and so do not seem to be attracting the big names among the NGOs and UN Agencies. This notwithstanding, the efforts of the few operating in the area are commendable. Should the barge operations be resumed, this may attract more NGOs as well as increase the tonnage of relief items being delivered to the area.

6. The acute shortage of accommodation is also hampering humanitarian efforts. This is due to the indiscriminate way in which property is being grabbed by some groups of people.

7. In this vein, it may be appropriate to accommodate RPA troops in selected areas as well as a coordinated resettlement of returnees by the Min of Rehabilitation.

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8. The issue of road construction is a long term one but should be given due consideration and the utmost priority when funds become available.

MATTERS RELATED TO RETURNEES

9. It has been very difficult to come by the exact figures, but it appears that out of the current population in the Prefecture as at now, about 50% are the original inhabitants while the other 50% are new settlers. People keep coming in but they come in trickles and with their own means.

10. Some reports about the harassment of returnees have been received but these cannot be confirmed because the RPA refuses to talk about this.

NGOs AND HOW PRODUCTIVE THEY HAVE BEEN

11. The NGOs operating in the area are :

- a. ADRA (Not very active now).
- b. MSF (Medical and Health Matters).
- c. CARITAS (Food Distribution).
- d. AFVP (Production of Office Furniture and Road Repairs).
- e. ICRC (Medical and Humanitarian Assistance).
- f. Swiss Disaster Relief. (Seed and Food Aid).
- g. Enfant du Mond (Running of Orphanages).
- h. CRWRC (Christian Reformed World Relief Committee) - Food Clothing, Seeds.
- i. IOM (Movement of IDPs).
- j. UN Agencies WFP and UNHCR.

12. It can be said that the big names have been quite productive while the smaller one are grappling with some problems.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, NGOs UNAMIR RPA And THE LOCALS.

13. This has greatly improved so far among the various groups. It appears that some measures recently taken by the local RPA commander have been working and this is gradually building confidence in the locals.

14. The new Prefect held his last meeting with NGOs last month and he commended them for their efforts. He also issued some guidelines for their operations.

15. There is no problem between MILOBs and the RPA but it appears that the relationship between the RPA and FRAFBATT is still not too

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good and remains fragile.

16. As suggested in an earlier paper, FRAFBATT must be seen to be doing more to win the confidence of the RPA.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RATINGS

17. There aren't too many rich people in the Prefecture. Most of the people are poor and are mostly peasant farmers who live below the poverty line.

HUMANITARIAN REQUIREMENTS

18. A suggested priority for the Prefecture will be :

- a. Health Needs.
- b. Education.
- c. Survival (Food Aid, Clothes etc).
- d. Housing.
- e. Professionals/Skilled Manpower.
- f. Transportation.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITIES

19. A lot of the infrastructure were damaged/vandalized during the war. About 50% of schools are without roofs, all the schools are without furniture and teaching aids/text books. Hospitals are without the required professionals and drugs.

20. The local administrations have similar problems of professionals, office equipment and means of transportation.

21. Efforts should be made to provide these equipment and the professionals to bring the people some decent living.

22. Social amenities are non existent in this Prefecture. All that can be found are the numerous drinking spots that are dotted all over the towns/villages.

GENERAL SITUATION

23. The overall situation has gradually improved and efforts should be made to improve upon it. As is being discussed on the international front, more pressure must be put on the regional heads to help in finding a lasting solution to the Rwandese problem since the stability of Rwanda will add to the overall stability of the region.

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CONCLUSION

24. People still feel insecure in the Prefecture despite the efforts being made by the RPA to alleviate their fears.

25. The bad roads in this Sector coupled with the suspension of the barge operations has contributed to the Prefecture lacking behind in the receipt of Humanitarian assistance.


26. The ratio of original inhabitants and new settlers is 1:1.

27. There are a number of NGOs operating within the Sector but not all have been finding their feet. Relations with all have been cordial but it still appears that the RPA is still harbouring some ill feelings about FRAFBATT.

28. People in the area are generally poor and live below the poverty line. This makes the demand on humanitarian requirements to the area rather high.

29. A lot of the infrastructure was damaged during the war and need repairs in order to give the people some decent life. Social amenities are non existent. On the whole the general situation can be said to have improved.

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INFORMATION ON PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES

MEETING WITH SRSG

11 JAN 95

BACKGROUND

1. THE PREFECTURE OF CYANGUGU (SECTOR 4C) IS ONE OF THE AREAS OCCUPIED BY FRENCH FORCES IN SW RWANDA DURING THE PERIOD OF HOSTILITIES AND SERVED AS HUMANITARIAN PROTECTIVE ZONE (A NAME IDENTIFIED BY FRENCH, NOT UNAMIR). PRIOR TO FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AREA, THEY HAD CONSTITUTED A STRUCTURE OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE "ZONE" NAMED THE INTERIM PREFECTORIAL COMMITTEE (IPC). THE COMMITTEE WAS DRAWN FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND CONSISTED OF RESPONSIBLE OPINION LEADERS WHO APPEARED TO GAIN EARLY AND READY ACCEPTANCE WITH THE LOCAL POPULACE. THE COMMITTEE SERVED THE SAME BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE PREFECTURE, CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY ON PASSAGE OF INFORMATION AND IDENTIFYING CONCERNS.

2. THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH WITNESSED AND INCREASED EXODUS OF A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE RWANDAISE PEOPLE FROM AND THROUGH SECTOR 4C TO ZAIRE AND BURUNDI. THE FUNCTION OF THE IPC, THEREFORE, WAS DICTATED BY EVENTS OF THAT TIME: ASSISTING THE NGO'S AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE REFUGEE CRISIS

3. THIS WAS THE SITUATION IN THE PREFECTURE UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER WHEN AN APPOINTED PREFET REPORTED TO CYANGUGU WITH AN ESCORT OF ABOUT 50 RPA SOLDIERS. THIS WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE SSUCCESSIVE DEPLOYMENTS OF RPA INTO THE SECTOR. IN A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND ESTIMATED 1500-2000 RPA SOLDIERS DEPLOYING INTO THE 11 COMMUNES OF THE PREFECTURE. THE PREFET WAS RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME DUE TO CONTINUED ABSENCES TO KIGALI. THE RPA ASSUMED A DIRECT ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AS WELL AS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SECURITY IN THE SECTOR. THE FUNCTION OF PROVIDING SECURITY WAS ALWAYS THE PRIORITY AND THIS FURTHER WORSENERD THE SITUATION AND THE PERCEIVED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PREFET. ALL ISSUES CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION WERE REFFERED TO THE RPA FOR CLARIFICATION AND APPROVAL. THIS TREND CONTINUED UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER WHEN A NEW PREFET WAS APPOINTED.

4. THE NEW PREFET HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN THE CYANGUGU PREFECTURE, EMPLOYED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CEMENT FACTORY AT BUGARAMA. HE IS WELL KNOWN AND ACCEPTED BY THE LOCAL POPULACE AND HAS THE HONEST INTENT TO MAKE THINGS WORK. HIS APPOINTMENT ALSO CAME AT A TIME WHEN THE EMERGENCY PERIOD WAS REGARDED AS BEING OVER. THE PERIOD MARKED THE BEGINNING OF CAUTIOUS REHABILITATION IN A RELATIVELY UNSTABLE ENVIRONMENT AND NO FUNDS.

INCIDENTS

KILLING of 13 LOCALS BY RPA - INV:
KAMEMBE COMM. - MID NOV 94

NGO INFORMATION

5. LIST OF CURRENT NGO AND COORDINATING AGENCIES ARE:

- A. UNREO
- B. UNHCR
- C. UNHCHR MONITOR DUTIES/LEGAL GUIDANCE AND SP
- D. ICRC PRISONER SP/2 CLINIC/FOOD SP TO COMMUNE AND PRISONS
- E. MSF (FRANCE) 5 CLINIC/VACC PGM
- F. MSF (SPAIN) " " " "
- G. IOM DIR SP TO UNHCR
- H. BDA DIR SP TO UNHCR
- I. MDM PROVIDE SERVICE TO CURRENT CLINIC AND ASSUME SOME HSF AT NPA GIHUNDWE/ORPHANAGE
- J. NPA REHAB GIHUNDWE HOSP/3 STAGES/ETHIOBAT MOVE
- K. IRC NKOMBO ISLE/6 CLINICS, MOSTLY GAFUNZO/
- L. HSF CLOSING 15 JAN/
- M. GED CLINIC/ORPHANAGE
- N. HELP BUSHENGE HOSP
- O. UNICEF*
- P. WFP*
- Q. PSF*

6. RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN SECTOR 4C CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS GENERALLY POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE. OCCASSIONAL PROBLEMS EXIST BETWEEN LOCALS AND NGO IN MATTERS OF RWANDAISE EMPLOYEES AND THEFT. INCIDENT AT APEEDUC ORPHANAGE DISPLAYS THE POTENTIAL FOR AN EXTREME REACTION AND THE UNDERLYING ATTITUDES, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DIRECTED AT AN NGO PERSON, BUT RATHER THE AGENCY OR ITS PROJECT. RPA AND LOCALS HAVE GOOD RELATIONS IN THE LARGE CENTRES, BUT LESS SO IN RURAL AREAS. THIS IS DUE MAINLY TO THE SECURITY SITUATION AND THE RPA POLICIES OF CURFEWS AND EXTREME NON-TOLERANCE OF ANY BOATING ACTIVITY ON LAKE KIVU. LESS TOLERANCE AND MORE ASCERTIVENESS BY RPA TOWARD NGO'S HAS BEEN NOTICED, BUT NOTHING UNUSUAL HAS OCCURED CAUSING GREAT CONCERN. UNAMIR (ETHIOBAT AND MILOBS) AND RPA HAVE GENERALLY A GOOD WORKING REALTIONSHIP, HOWEVER IT REQUIRES CONTINUED EFFORT OF OPEN TRANSPARENCY, PERSISTENCY IN CONDUCTING MEETINGS, AND DIFFICULTY OF COORDINATING UNAMIR REQUESTS WITH RPA DUE MAINLY TO THEIR LIMITED ACCESSIBILITY. UNAMIR AND LOCAL POPULACE RELATIONS ARE DEEMED AS VERY GOOD. LIAISON WITH MILOBS AND NGO AGENCIES IS ALSO WELL RECEIVED AND PRODUCTIVE. THE ONLY REAL LIMITATION IS THE LACK OF TRANSPORT TO MILOBS. THERE ARE 30 MILOBS AND FIVE VEHICLES AVAILABLE IN ALL OF SECTOR 4C.

SOCIAL/ECONOMICS

7. TOWN OF KAMEMBE (REFERRED TO AS CYANGUGU) IS LOCATED CLOSE TO ZAIRE BORDER AT BUKAVU, AND 1.5 HOURS FORM BURUNDI BORDER OF ROAD TO BUJUMBURA. BUSINESSES ARE OPERATING WITH MOST SUPPLIES APPARENTLY TRANSPORTED FROM BUKAVU. RURAL AREAS ARE NOT FULLY RECOVERED, AND THE RPA POLICY OF NON-TOLERANCE ON THE LAKE HAS CAUSED THE VIRTUAL "LEGAL" LIVILIHOD OF FISHERMAN TO CEASE. THE

MONEY EXCHANGE PROCEDURE HAS HURT MANY LOCALS WHEN THE MONEY RAN OUT FOR EXCHANGE BY THE GOVT. THE LACK OF SECRECY DURING THE ACTUAL ECHANGE PROCEDURE ALSO CAUSED THE IDENTITY OF THOSE PERSONS TO BE KNOWN WITH LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. THE SECURITY SITUATION ALSO AFFECTS THE SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE TO AN EXTENT, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SOCIAL CENTRES/RESTAURANTS/CLUBS IS EXTREMELY LIMITED THROUGHOUT THE PREFECTURE.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE IN CYANGUGU WAS SEVERELY LOOTED, MORE SO THAN ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. ROADS WERE NOT DAMAGED BY WAR, NOR WERE ANY BUILDINGS. HOWEVER, THE HOMES AND BUSINESSES AND GOVT OFFICES WERE LOOTED AND MANY DESTROYED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE PREFECTURE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE LOCAL GOVT AND RWANDAN GOVT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET GIVEN FUNDS FOR REPARATIONS. THIS IS AIMED TO CREATE THE NEED FOR THE PEOPLE TO BRING THE GOODS/MATERIALS BACK. THERE IS A LARGE PROBLEM WITH THE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS OF UNAMIR AND NGOS AND GOVT OFFICIALS IN THE PREFECTURE.

PRIORITIES

9. THE OFFICIALS OF THE PREFECTURE, RPA AND NGO NEED TO DISCUSS PROJECTS AND AIMS FOCUSED ON SHORT AND LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS. THIS HAS BEEN INITIATED AT LEAST FROM THE PROPOSAL SIDE, BUT ONLY LIMITED ACTION SO FAR ON THE DECISION SIDE. NGO SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNES IS CONDUCIVE TO THE NEEDS THUS FAR. PRIORITIES FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WILL LIKELY BE AIMED AT HEALTH, LEGAL, AND COMMUNICATIONS. MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY DILIGENT EFFORTS OF NGO ON HEALTH RELATED PROJECTS; HOWEVER, MUCH MORE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT IS REQD FOR COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS, AND TO ATTACK THE HUGE PROBLEM OF SUPPORT TO THE LEGAL/JUSTICE SYSTEM AT ALL LEVELS (VIA UNHCHR TEAMS), ESPECIALLY IF/WHEN IDP'S AND DP'S RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNES.

10. THERE IS NO REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THE PREFECTURE, IN THAT THERE ARE NO IDP CAMPS IN THE SECTOR. THERE ARE ONLY TWO TRANSIT CAMPS, ONE AT NYAGATARE AND ONE AT BUGARAMA, WHICH RECEIVE PEOPLE FROM BURUNDI AND ZAIRE BORDERS.

GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION

11. THE SITUATION CAN BE BEST DESCRIBED AS UNSTABLE. THE POPULATION IN THE NORTHERN AREAS ALONG THE LAKE ARE NERVOUS AND MANY SLEEP IN THE FIELDS, DUE TO ATTACKS OF BANDITRY AND SHOOTINGS BY RPA, RGF/INTERAHAMWE AND COMMON THIEVES. THERE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED ACCOUNTS OF RGF RAIDS INTO RWANDA AGAINST RPA POSITIONS, BUSINESSMEN, AND GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTS. THERE HAS BEEN ONE INCIDENT OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM HAVING AUTO WEAPONS FIRED TOWARD THEM BY RPA. ALTHOUGH THE LOC COMMANDER WAS ARRESTED BY RPA, IT DISPLAYS THE TENSE ATTITUDES AMONGST THE DEPLOYED SOLDIERS IN THESE RURAL AREAS AND OF THE POTENTIAL AMONGST THE POPULACE AND INSURGENTS. IT IS FELT THAT THE SITUATION WILL NOT IMPROVE FOR A LONG TIME AND THE INTENTIONS OF THE RPA AND THEIR CAPABILITIES IN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE PREFECTURE IS UNCERTAIN. GENERAL CONTINGENCY PLANS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED AMONGST NGO, BUT NO PLAN HAS

BEEN ISSUED IN AS MUCH AS DETAILS OF LOCATIONS, TRANSPORT, FOOD, RV, ETC. ETHIOBAT STAFF, MILOBS, UNREO MUST BE OFFERED MORE DETAILS FOR AWARENESS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE INFO WHEN THE ALERT STATUS REQUIRES IT.

CONCLUSION

12. NGO PRODUCTIVITY IN THE SECTOR IS EFFECTIVE AND WELL RECIEVED BY THE POPULACE AND OFFICIALS. THE NEW PREFET IS READILY AVAILBLE AND IS VERY PROACTIVE. MILOBS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED BY TRANSPORT, BUT ARE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO NGO'S. DUE TO TRANSPORT, THE NEED FOR NGO TO PASS INFO TO MILOBS IS MORE APPARENT.

13. UNAMIR CAN BEST ASSIST NGO BY ASSISTING IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF CONCERNS AND PASS THEM TO UNREO FOR ACTION OR INFO AS REQUIRED. TO KEEP A GOOD AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN NGO ACTIVITIES IS BOTH A COMMITMENT AND A REQUIREMENT.



DATE: 11 JAN 95

MEETING OF SECTOR 6 COMMANDER WITH SRSG

1. I WOULD LIKE TO OUTLINE THE PROBLEMS OF SECTOR 6 WHICH CONSISTS OF KIGALI PREFECTURE AND KIGALI RURAL PREFECTURE AND IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULATED IN COMPARISON WITH OTHERS. KIGALI PREFECTURE IS DIVIDED INTO 3 COMMUNES WHICH ARE SUBDIVIDED INTO 19 SECTORS. THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR SECTOR ALSO INCLUDES A PART OF KIGALI RURAL PREFECTURE WHICH CONSISTS OF 5 COMMUNES, EACH COMMUNE HAS 8 TO 10 SECTORS. THUS IT IS DIFFICULT TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AT LEAST 50 SECTORS OF OUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

2. AS IT WAS OUTLINED BEFORE, THE KIGALI CITY IS DENSELY POPULATED. THE COMMUNES OF KIGALI CITY ARE POPULATED BY THE ORIGINAL POPULATION AND FORMER REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI, UGANDA, ZAIRE AND TANZANIA IN PERCENTAGES OF 10 - 50%. (KIMIHURURA: 50% OF RETURNEES, MUHIMA: 15% OF RETURNEES, CHYAHAFI: 70% OF RETURNEES). HENCE THE RETURNEES OCCUPY THE EMPTY HOUSES WHICH RAISES THE PROBLEM OF LEGAL PROPERTY FOR FORMER OWNERS. THIS FACT INCREASES THE TENSION INSIDE THE CITY. OTHERWISE THERE IS NO CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT AS AT NOW.

3. THERE ARE MANY OTHER PROBLEMS IN KIGALI PREFECTURE SUCH AS:

a. THERE ARE A LOT OF ORPHANS IN EACH SECTOR RANGING FROM 5 TO 10% OF SECTOR POPULATION.

b. THERE ARE MANY WIDOWS WITH CHILDREN, THESE ARE THE POOREST FAMILIES THAT ARE COMPOSING THE SPECIAL LIST IN EACH SECTOR AND NEED AID FROM NGOS, GOVERNMENT AND UNAMIR. THE NUMBER OF THEM IS 5 - 8% OF THE POPULATION OF A SECTOR. THEY NEED FOOD, CLOTHES, SHELTER.

c. SOME OF THE SECTORS ARE NOT SUPPLIED BY ELECTRICITY AND WATER NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE THE PIPELINES.

d. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COMBAT ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND KIGALI THERE ARE MANY UNEXPLODED MUNITIONS. IT IS THE REASON OF INCREASED DANGER FOR THE POPULATION PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

e. MANY SCHOOLS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE STILL NOT OPENED BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE CAUSED DURING THE HOSTILITIES. THOSE WHICH ARE OPEN FACE THE PROBLEM OF THE STAFF AND EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE.

f. THERE IS A GREAT NEED OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, HOSPITALS,

7. AS A MATTER OF FACT ADMINISTRATIONS OF ALL LEVELS ARE NOT COOPERATIVE TO CONTACT WITH AND USUALLY ASK FOR A WRITTEN PERMIT OF HIGHER LEVEL AUTHORITY. RPA AND GENDARMERIE ARE NOT PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION AT ALL. BESIDES THE LOCAL POPULATION IS ALSO AFRAID TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION SPECIALLY WHEN SOMEBODY FROM LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OR RPA ARE AROUND.

8. THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT BEING REALIZED HENCE THE GOVERNMENT MUST DESIGN PROGRAMS TO REACTIVATE NORMALCY.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UNAMIR SHOULD DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF NGOS ON THE BASIS OF THE INFO COLLECTED BY MILOBS.

2. NGOS SHOULD INCREASE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN KIGALI PREFECTURE AND KIGALI RURAL PREFECTURE IN A WAY TO PROVIDE FOOD, MEDICAL AND SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, CLOTHES, SEEDS, TOOLS TO THE POPULATION.

3. NGOS SHOULD FIND THE POSSIBILITY TO TRAIN STAFF FOR MEDICAL CLINICS, SCHOOLS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. THE NGOS ARE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN REOPENING OF CLOSED HEALTH CENTERS.

4. NGOS SHOULD ASSIST IN COOPERATION OF RESIDENCE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

5. UNAMIR IS TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE NEED FOR EXPATRIATE SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS, IN INDUSTRY AND WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURES.

6. A DYNAMIC POLITICAL PROGRAMME WHICH SEEMS TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE GAINS ON SOURCING SUPPORT IS LIKELY TO OVERSHADOW MILITARY NEGATIVE ACTIONS. IF PROPERLY EXECUTED MIGHT ERASE FEAR AMONGST THE POPULATION, THEN THE PEOPLE BECOME CONVICTED TO DEVELOPMENT WHILE THE ARMY CONCENTRATES ON DEFENCE ISSUES. RPF LAUNCHED THE POLITICAL DRIVE, IT IS HIGH TIME THEY MUST EXPLOIT THIS PATH AND GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THEIR PEOPLE. Co-opting civilian security strategic planning centres must not be ruled out.

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31 Dec 94

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

Present:	BRIG HK ANYIDHO	-	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 GORG	-	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	-	ASMPO
	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.

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.

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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.

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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. The 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.

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.

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.

ITEM FIVE : BRIEF BY SECTOR THREE

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

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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.

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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.

SECTOR 3

SMPO

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.

SECTOR 1

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.

SECTOR 4A

ITEM SEVEN : BRIEF BY SECTOR 4BACTION BY

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

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.

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 communities around KIGALI still continue. Most of the schools have reopened 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. SDO. Acting SDO 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.

ALL SECTORS

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.

ALL SECTORS

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

SMPO

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.

ALL SECTORS

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

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 meetings 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.

ALL SECTORS

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.

ALL SECTORS

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.



KIRON THACKER

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	LT COL	K	OPONG-KYEKEYEKU	-	SMPO
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	LT COL	W	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	R	GORG	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	B K	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT SOL	S A	HASNAIN	-	INCOMING COMD SECT 3
	LT COL	S	DOUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	E C	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	A M	AUSTDAL	-	COMD SECT 5
	LT COL	R	MUSTAFIZ	-	SOMD SECT 6
	MAJ	B	KONE	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
	MAJ	H	OUESLATI	-	SECT 1
	CAPT	T	ACHEAMPONG	-	SIG OFFR
	CAPT	W	BLEBOO	-	SECRETARY

GENERALACTION BY

1. The DCMO gave a short welcome address and said the DFC/CMO would join the Conference after an appointment at the FHQ.
2. The Conference began at 0830hrs.

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ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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3. MSA. The DCMO said he went to NAIROBI to with the necessary documents to solve the problem. He said everything went well and the problem with accommodation was resolved. He gave the assurance that every MILOB would get refund of MSA deducted.

4. CTO/LEAVE. The DCMO said monies deducted for CTO/Leave had also been adjusted and refunds would be effected with effect from November.

5. REPATRIATION. On Travel Claims for Repatriation, the DCMO said according to finance procedures, these claims were normally paid after the journey had been made. He said after a long discussion, it was agreed that travel allowances would be paid before departure of MILOBs being repatriated. He added that MILOBs who were repatriated were paid their travel allowances.

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where possible. On replacement of MILOBs being repatriated, the DCMO said more MILOBs were leaving the AO than the replacements. He said MILOBs strength problem would remain for some time.

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14. SECT 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation had changed from tense to very calm. He attributed the change to the visits paid to the Sector by the President and the Vice President. He added that the expanded deployment of MALICOY and MALAWICOY also contributed to the calm situation. He said by expanding their deployment, MALICOY and MALAWICOY were showing UNAMIR presence in the communes.

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c. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said electricity and water has now reached most parts of the Prefecture. He said efforts were being made to re-open the Post Office at GITARAMA. He added that payment of salaries to teachers and civil servants were also going on smoothly.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said 3 of the Sector's 9 vehicles were at the workshop. He requested for additional vehicles to enhance effective patrolling. On accommodation, he said the owner of the house which was being used as MILOBs Office at BUTARE wanted the house back. He said 3 build-

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ing were being used by MILOBs, CIVPOL and formed ACTION BY
troops at RUHANGO. He mentioned that the contracts
for the 3 buildings had not yet been finalized.

15. CMO's Response. The CMO said accommodation was
still a problem and UNAMIR used taking a long time to
sign contracts. He said if the building could be acqui- SECT
red for office accommodation, the civilian admin could COMDS
be made to act quickly on finalizing the contracts. SLOGO
On maintenance of vehicles, the CMO said MILOBs did not
keep to servicing schedules. He advised that servicing SECT
schedules should be maintained to keep the vehicles in COMDS
better conditions.

16. SECT 4A

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said although the
evacuation of displaced persons had increased,
more displaced persons had now arrived in Camps
in the Sector. He said this was due to the deter-
iorating security situation in adjacent prefect-
ures. He pointed out that presence of former
INTERAHAMWE in camps was a serious treat to secu-
rity in the camps. He said he was glad FHQ had
initiated action to deal with the problem. FHQ

b. RPA. RPA rotation was completed and
MILOBs maintained good relationship through liaison
with them. The Sect Comd said the indiscipline of
RPA troops was the main factor for the insecurity
in the Sector.

c. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out
patrols, route recce, escort tasks, border moni-
toring, investigations and assistance and evacuat-

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ion of displaced persons during the period. The Sect Comd said the Sector launched OP RUBY at RUNYOMBYI to cover the Borders and the Southern parts of the with extensive patrolling. He said co-ordination of escort tasks between the Sectors went on well.

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d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said the Sector took delivery of a rack and file cabinet. He said request for spare tyres had not yet been met. He lamented that 4 of the Sector vehs that required replacement of parts were still at the workshop. He requested for additional vehicles, office equipment, spare tyres and tools kit for the vehicles.

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17. SECT 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the past three had been quite calm but a shoot out ensued in the RPA Camp at KIBUYE on 27 Nov 94. He said the shooting lasted for about one hour. This adversely affected the morale the troops in the camp and created tension in their ranks.

b. RPA. The treat in the Sector remained unchanged. RPA troops continued their foot and mobile patrols during the period. The Sect Comd said RPA recruit training in KIBUYE continued and there were about 300 recruit in the camp. He continued that several arrest were made during the period. The Sect Comd elaborated on the shooting incident in RPA Camp at KIBUYE and said it was almost a mutiny. He said a group of RPA Hutu soldiers attacked the residence of the Bn 2IC to kill him. He said one of the attackers was killed and

4 others arrested. He added that the whereabouts of the 4 was not known since RPA refused to give information on the incident.

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c. Political. The Sect Comd said a new Prefect had assumed office on 8 Nov 94 and organized a two-week seminar for all the Bourgemestres and Sous Prefects in the Prefecture. He said the new Prefect had also toured the Prefecture. The Sect Comd said UNAMIR Political Adviser also visited the Sector and held discussions with the Prefect.

d. Local Population. The Sect Comd said the local population was apprehensive of RPA due to the latter's activities. He the locals refused to talk to MILOB patrols at KIBUYE and CISOVU for fear of possible reprisal action by the RPA.

e. Operations. The Sect Comd said MILOBs carried out patrols, escorts and conducted investigations during the period. He said heavy rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable and added that one helicopter patrol was conducted. He requested that hel be made available on call.

f. Armed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said armed troops patrolled their AOR. He mentioned that RPA denied them access to NYAMINAGA and KIVUMU. FRAFBATT handed over a quantity of weapons to the new Prefect and local Bn 21C on 16 Nov 94.

g. Humanitarian Matters. The Sect Comd said there were about 4,000 displaced persons in the KIBUYE Prefecture. He said 2,500 were in

NYAMISHABA Camp near KIBUYE. He said UNHCR was co-ordinating their evacuation to KIGALI. He said 40 orphans were also evacuated to GITARAMA. **ACTION BY**

h. NGOs Activities. The new Prefect met reps of all NGO in the Sect and appealed to for assistance to furnish and reactivate the office of the local administration. He said distribution of food and other aid items continued in the Sector during the period.

i. Problems. The Sect Comd said the 20km road from GITARAMA to KIBUYE needed immediate attention. He said the Sector was without office accommodation because the RPA was not co-operating in the acquisition of accommodation. He elaborated on veh problems the Sector faced and said if nothing was done about this it would be impossible to withdraw MILOBs from the Sector at short notice.

18. CMO's Response. The CMO said the issue of the road was noted. He said there were hopes that the Indian contingent would bring engineer equipment to undertake road rehabilitation. He urged the Sect Comd to be monitoring the situation with the RPA closely and feed the HQ with necessary information when required. **INDIAN
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19. SECT 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was reported calm. He said the influx of about 5,000 refugees who fled the disturbances in the CIBITOKI Province in Burundi could adversely affect the security situation in the Sector.

- b. Threats in the Sector. The Sect Comd said ACTION BY the successful closure of MURURU Camp by RPA sparked off movement of DPs into Zaire. He said the indiscriminate shooting by Zairian troops at their side of the border into Rwanda resulted in the killing of 13 persons.
- c. Political. The Sect Comd said political activities had been stepped up by the inauguration of political cadres in all Communes and the re-opening of most primary schools. He added that the visits of Ministers and officials was an encouragement to the locals.
- d. Own Activities. MILOBs and formed troops patrolled the Sector. The Sect Comd said the poor nature of roads made some areas inaccessible. He mentioned that a massive landslide blocked the road linking BUTARE to CYANGUGU on 28 Nov 94 for some time.
- e. Humanitarian. With the return of Burundese refugees home, the Sector had no refugee problem. The Sect Comd said the number of DPs continue to swell with the daily average of 200 DPs entering the Sector. He said the emergency phase of NGOs operation in the Sector was over and the emphasis was now on rehabilitation. He said efforts were being made to get the Prefect of CYANGUGU to identify areas where these rehabilitation would be needed most.
- f. Logistics. The Sect Comd said an office accommodation had now been acquired and the con-

Bn Comd were both involved in the Military Tribunals. He said this makes them always moving to and from KIGALI. As a result they were most of the time not available in the Prefecture. ACTION BY

e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continue to deteriorate fast due to the bad roads in the Sector. He said the Sector now had 2 interpreters to be deployed at GISENYI and RUHENGARI. He said the contracts for office accommodation for GISENYI and RUHENGARI were still yet to be finalised. He said communication with the sub-sector was not good and requested that the mast be raised a bit higher than it was. SIG OFFR

21. CMO's Response. The CMO said it was necessary to get the letter for the Barge operation to be streamlined. He said this would pave the way for better barge operation and foster better working relationship between MILOBs and the RPA in the Sector. The DCMO talked about the communication problem between GISENYI and RUHENGARI and advised that the mast could be mounted on top of a tree.

22. SECT 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was calm and there was serious threat during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA carried out morning training, patrolled and the city and mounted snap road blocks on principal streets. He said the level of discipline among the troops was not good enough.

c. Local Population. People outside KIGALI ACTION BY
 complained of lack of NGO activities in the commu-
 nes. He said the city now accommodate too many
 people and the people complained of accommodation
 and food. He said although all the NGOs operating
 Rwanda had their Headquarters in the capital,
 their activities did not cover the capital.

d. MILOBS Ops. The Sect Comd said MILOBS
 escorted displaced persons to destinations outside
 KIGALI. He said 23 missions were carried out and
 a total of 43,000 DPs were evacuated. He mentioned
 that MILOBS had the problem of not meeting offici-
 als responsible for the DPs at the dispersal point
 during week-ends.

23. CMO's Response. The CMO said NGOs had their
 own schedule of work and it appeared they did not work
 on week-ends. He said this problem would be sorted out
 in due course. The CHAO highlighted on the problems of
 NGOs and said IOM and UNHCR reps were to be at the
 centres. He said the reps were to be responsible for
 the displaced persons and direct where they should be
 dropped. The CMO said some of the DPs did not know
 where they were going so the escorts wait for the reps MILOBS
 of UNHCR before starting their journey.

ITEM 2 - STAFF BRIEFS

24. SOO. The A/SOO pointed out certain problems
 with submission of SITREP. He highlighted on References
 to previous SITREPs and advised that details of the
 references should be quoted clearly. He touched on
 channel of communication and said all mails from the

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25. SIGS OFFICER. The Signals Officer said all Sector Radios were working well except Sector 2 which had the problem of darkness and rainy weather because of the use of Solar powered batteries. He mentioned that the were problems of voice procedure with the CIVPOL who also operate on MILOB channel. He said Canadian Sigs were still at post and could still be of help in transmitting long messages. He said satellite dishes were mounted at GITARAMA, GIKONGORO, CYANGUGU, KIBUYE and BYUMBA. He talked about welfare telephone facility and said if Sect Comds could take the responsibility, this could be made available for MILOBs. He said a number of photocopiers were received but all were not yet serviceable. He said when repairs on them were completed, they would be distributed.

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26. SLOGO. The SLOGO said out of 80 vehicles on charge to the HQ, 68 were serviceable. 8 were involved in accidents and 4 lacked spare parts. He entreated all to take good care of the vehicles and be extra careful when driving. He said vehicle maintenance schedules should be adhered to because if this was not done, vehicles would be delayed at the workshop. On equipment to be returned to the HQ, the SLOGO said these should be tended in on 07 Dec instead of 15 Dec. He said a number tablet chairs had been issued to the

HQ and asked Sect Comds to make arrangements to collect ACTION BY them. On stationery, the SLOGO said as soon as some were received, sectors would be informed to collect their share.

27. SMPO. The SMPO said the Finance Office had warned that individual explanation on MSA discrepancies was no longer acceptable to them though such shortfalls might exist. Affected persons were therefore to send their queries to MILOB HQ in time for necessary action to be taken. He said a total of 107 MILOBS would be repatriated by end of Dec but not the same number were due in to replace those going. He said postings have to be effected immediately for certain appointments to be filled. Some people may be called from the sectors to take up certain appointments. SMPO

On CTO/Leave, the SMPO said problems still existed. He said the Admin Instrs Feb 94 (Guidelines for Contributing Countries) stated that leave must be earned. Leave at home cannot be taken at UN expense. The regulation stated that the UN cannot pay travel expenses and not that MSA would be forfeited. CTO could also not be accumulated and must be earned. He said the implications were not that MILOBS should take CTO after staying in the mission area for 30 days. They must have worked continuously for 30 days to earn it. The SMPO said a letter had already been sent on Repatriation Procedures. He said 6 days permitted MILOBS before repatriation was an administrative measure to enable proper clearance to be carried out. If MILOB had no leave balance, he should not be granted CTO for the last 36 days. On traffic offences, the SMPO asked all to keep within regulations to avoid getting embarrassed

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30. CIVPOL. The Commissioner mentioned that the CIVPOL office had been moved from the former place to a new location near MILOB GP HQ. He said he had problems with language. He added that some CIVPOL would be deployed at CYANGUGU and KIBUYE. He urged Sect Comds to SECT COMDS deploy them alongside the MILOBs and also for police duties and investigations.

31. Summary of Decisions

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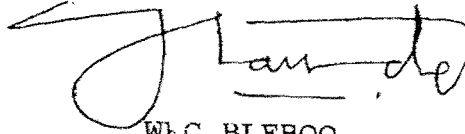
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efforts departing MILOBs put in as individuals and as

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2. The Conference began at 0830hrs.

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g. Logistics. The Sect Comd said there was urgent need for vehicles in order to sustain the momentum of operations in the Sector. He said two vehs were under repairs and maintenance.

12. DCMO's Response. The DCMO tasked the Sect Comd to make the necessary contacts for the deployment of MILOBs at NYAGATARE. On movement of returnees from the borders into the country, the CHAO said if NICOY could continue conveying them without problem they should go ahead. However if they needed assistance, HAC was ready to take up the task. CMO said UNHCR had the responsibility to move returnees but their mode of operation was rather sluggish. He advised that UNHCR could be contacted to provide a number of buses from their fleet.

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13. SECT 2

a. Gen Sit. The situation in the Sector was reported calm and relationship with locals also improved during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA had one coy deployed at NYARUBUYE. He said 12 persons were reported killed North of KIBUNGO. Investigation conducted by Sector MILOBs revealed that RPA assisted civilians to kill people they suspected to be former INTERAHAMWE.

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| c. <u>Humanitarian Activities.</u> | The Sect Comd said he had requested for DIESEL for the local authorities to pump water to the towns but his request was not met. He said this had adversely affected the confidence of local authorities in UNAMIR. On the movement of refugees, he said there was a marked increase in the influx of returnees into the Sector. He said thousands of returnees from refugees camps in Tanzania crossed the Akagera River at 5 crossing points North-east of RUSUMO into Rwanda in the past two weeks. He said the reason was for this mass movement was the deteriorating conditions in refugee camps in Tanzania. | |
| d. <u>Own Activities.</u> | Sector MILOBs carried out patrols, border monitoring, investigation and recce missions during the period. The Sect Comd said due to repatriation, MILOBs strength had reduced. He asked for additional MILOBs to augment present strength. | SMPO |
| e. <u>Logistics.</u> | The Sect Comd said there were still problems of accommodation and office furniture. He requested for assistance to acquire office accommodation and furniture. | SLOGO |
| 13. <u>CMO's Response.</u> | On request for diesel for the local authority to pump water to the communes, the CMO said UNAMIR had been requested to see which of its resources could be used to assist the locals. He pointed out that UNAMIR resources were not enough to go round but Sect Comds should use their initiative and offer some level of assistance to the locals in the Sectors | |

where possible. On replacement of MILOBs being repatri- | ACTION BY
 ated, the DCMO said more MILOBs were leaving the AO |
 than the replacements. He said MILOBs strength problem |
 would remain for some time. |

14. SECT 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation had |
 changed from tense to very calm. He attributed the |
 change to the visits paid to the Sector by the |
 President and the Vice President. He added that |
 the expanded deployment of MALICOY and MALAWICOY |
 also contributed to the calm situation. He said by |
 by expanding their deployment, MALICOY and MALAWI |
 COY were showing UNAMIR presence in the communes. |

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA deployment had |
 not changed during the period. He said the RPA, |
 being aware that some locals had taken refuge in |
 UNAMIR camps and that MILOBs were aware of their |
 acts, had toned down on their activities. |

c. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said |
 electricity and water has now reached most parts |
 of the Prefecture. He said efforts were being made |
 to re-open the Post Office at GITARAMA. He added |
 that payment of salaries to teachers and civil |
 servants were also going on smoothly. |

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said 3 of the |
 Sector's 9 vehicles were at the workshop. He req- |
 uested for additional vehicles to enhance effect- |
 ive patrolling. On accommodation, he said the owner |
 of the house which was being used as MILOBs Office |
 at BUTARE wanted the house back. He said 3 build-

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ing were being used by MILOBs, CIVPOL and formed troops at RUHANGO. He mentioned that the contracts for the 3 buildings had not yet been finalized.

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15. CMO's Response. The CMO said accommodation was still a problem and UNAMIR used taking a long time to sign contracts. He said if the building could be acquired for office accommodation, the civilian admin could be made to act quickly on finalizing the contracts. On maintenance of vehicles, the CMO said MILOBs did not keep to servicing schedules. He advised that servicing schedules should be maintained to keep the vehicles in better conditions.

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16. SECT 4A

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said although the evacuation of displaced persons had increased, more displaced persons had now arrived in Camps in the Sector. He said this was due to the deteriorating security situation in adjacent prefectures. He pointed out that presence of former INTERAHAMWE in camps was a serious treat to security in the camps. He said he was glad FHQ had initiated action to deal with the problem.

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b. RPA. RPA rotation was completed and MILOBs maintained good relationship through liaison with them. The Sect Comd said the indiscipline of RPA troops was the main factor for the insecurity in the Sector.

c. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out patrols, route recce, escort tasks, border monitoring, investigations and assistance and evacuation.

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ion of displaced persons during the period. The Sect Comd said the Sector launched OP RUBY at RUNYOMBYI to cover the Borders and the Southern parts of the with extensive patrolling. He said co-ordination of escort tasks between the Sectors went on well.

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d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said the Sector took delivery of a rack and file cabinet. He said request for spare tyres had not yet been met. He lamented that 4 of the Sector vehs that required replacement of parts were still at the workshop. He requested for additional vehicles, office equipment, spare tyres and tools kit for the vehicles.

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17. SECT 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the past three had been quite calm but a shoot out ensued in the RPA Camp at KIBUYE on 27 Nov 94. He said the shooting lasted for about one hour. This adversely affected the morale the troops in the camp and created tension in their ranks.

b. RPA. The treat in the Sector remained unchanged. RPA troops continued their foot and mobile patrols during the period. The Sect Comd said RPA recruit training in KIBUYE continued and there were about 300 recruit in the camp. He continued that several arrest were made during the period. The Sect Comd elaborated on the shooting incident in RPA Camp at KIBUYE and said it was almost a mutiny. He said a group of RPA Hutu soldiers attacked the residence of the Bn 2IC to kill him. He said one of the attackers was killed and

4 others arrested. He added that the whereabouts of the 4 was not known since RPA refused to give information on the incident.

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c. Political. The Sect Comd said a new Prefect had assumed office on 8 Nov 94 and organized a two-week seminar for all the Bourgemestres and Sous Prefects in the Prefecture. He said the new Prefect had also toured the Prefecture. The Sect Comd said UNAMIR Political Adviser also visited the Sector and held discussions with the Prefect.

d. Local Population. The Sect Comd said the local population was apprehensive of RPA due to the latter's activities. He the local refused to talk to MILOB patrols at KIBUYE and GESOVU for fear of possible reprisal action by the RPA.

e. Operations. The Sect Comd said MILOBs carried out patrols, escorts and conducted investigations during the period. He said heavy rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable and added that one helicopter patrol was conducted. He requested that hel be made available on call.

f. Armed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said armed troops patrolled their AOR. He mentioned that RPA denied them access to NYAMINAGA and KIVUMU. FRAFBATT handed over a quantity of weapons to the new Prefect and local Bn 21C on 16 Nov 94.

g. Humanitarian Matters. The Sect Comd said there were about 4,000 displaced persons in the KIBUYE Prefecture. He said 2,500 were in

NYAMISHABA Camp near KIBUYE. He said UNHCR was co-ordinating their evacuation to KIGALI. He said 40 orphans were also evacuated to GITARAMA.

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h. NGOs Activities. The new Prefect met reps of all NGO in the Sect and appealed to for assistance to furnish and reactivate the office of the local administration. He said distribution of food and other aid items continued in the Sector during the period.

i. Problems. The Sect Comd said the 20km road from GITARAMA to KIBUYE needed immediate attention. He said the Sector was without office accommodation because the RPA was not co-operating in the acquisition of accommodation. He elaborated on veh problems the Sector faced and said if nothing was done about this it would be impossible to withdraw MILOBs from the Sector at short notice.

18. CMO's Response. The CMO said the issue of the road was noted. He said there were hopes that the Indian contingent would bring engineer equipment to undertake road rehabilitation. He urged the Sect Comd to be monitoring the situation with the RPA closely and feed the HQ with necessary information when required.

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19. SECT 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was reported calm. He said the influx of about 5,000 refugees who fled the disturbances in the CIBITOKÉ Province in Burundi could adversely affect the security situation in the Sector.

- b. Threats in the Sector. The Sect Comd said ACTION BY the successful closure of MURURU Camp by RPA sparked off movement of DPs into Zaire. He said the indiscriminate shooting by Zairian troops at their side of the border into Rwanda resulted in the killing of 13 persons.
- c. Political. The Sect Comd said political activities had been stepped up by the inauguration of political cadres in all Communes and the re-opening of most primary schools. He added that the visits of Ministers and officials was an encouragement to the locals.
- d. Own Activities. MILOBs and formed troops patrolled the Sector. The Sect Comd said the poor nature of roads made some areas inaccessible. He mentioned that a massive landslide blocked the road linking BUTARE to CYANGUGU on 28 Nov 94 for some time.
- e. Humanitarian. With the return of Burundese refugees home, the Sector had no refugee problem. The Sect Comd said the number of DPs continued to swell with the daily average of 200 DPs entering the Sector. He said the emergency phase of NGOs operation in the Sector was over and the emphasis was now on rehabilitation. He said efforts were being made to get the Prefect of CYANGUGU to identify areas where these rehabilitation would be needed most.
- f. Logistics. The Sect Comd said an office accommodation had now been acquired and the con-

Bn Comd were both involved in the Military Tribunals. He said this makes them always moving to and from KIGALI. As a result they were most of the time not available in the Prefecture. ACTION BY

e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continue to deteriorate fast due to the bad roads in the Sector. He said the Sector now had 2 interpreters to be deployed at GISENYI and RUHENGARI. He said the contracts for office accommodation for GISENYI and RUHENGARI were still yet to be finalised. He said communication with the sub-sector was not good and requested that the mast be raised a bit higher than it was. SIG OFFR

21. CMO's Response. The CMO said it was necessary to get the letter for the Barge operation to be streamlined. He said this would pave the way for better barge operation and foster better working relationship between MILOBs and the RPA in the Sector. The DCMO talked about the communication problem between GISENYI and RUHENGARI and advised that the mast could be mounted on top of a tree.

22. SECT 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was calm and there was serious threat during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA carried out morning training, patrolled the city and mounted snap road blocks on principal streets. He said the level of discipline among the troops was not good enough.

c. Local Population. People outside KIGALI ACTION BY
complained of lack of NGO activities in the commu-
nes. He said the city now accommodate too many
people and the people complained of accommodation
and food. He said although all the NGOs operating
Rwanda had their Headquarters in the capital,
their activities did not cover the capital.

d. MILOBS Ops. The Sect Comd said MILOBS
escorted displaced persons to destinations outside
KIGALI. He said 23 missions were carried out and
a total of 43,000 DPs were evacuated. He mentioned
that MILOBS had the problem of not meeting offici-
als responsible for the DPs at the dispersal po nt
during week-ends.

23. CMO's Response. The CMO said NGOs had their
own schedule of work and it appeared they did not work
on week-ends. He said this problem would be sorted out
in due course. The CHAO highlighted on the problems of
NGOs and said IOM and UNHCR reps were to be at the
centres. He said the reps were to be responsible for
the displaced persons and direct where they should be
dropped. The CMO said some of the DPs did not know
where they were going so the escorts wait for the reps MILOBS
of UNHCR before starting their journey.

ITEM 2 - STAFF BRIEFS

24. SOO. The A/SOO pointed out certain problems
with submission of SITREP. He highlighted on References
to previous SITREPs and advised that details of the
references should be quoted clearly. He touched on
channel of communication and said all mails from the

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Sector should be addressed to MILOB GP HQ. On Consolidated Reports on MILOBs activities in the Sectors, he said the reports should be submitted in three parts because of time limitation. The A/SOO elaborated on Helicopter recce and procedure for requests. He said the requests should be directed to MILOB GP HQ for co-ordination and follow-up action.	<u>ACTION BY</u>
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25. <u>SIGS OFFICER</u> . The Signals Officer said all Sector Radios were working well except Sector 2 which had the problem of darkness and rainy weather because of the use of Solar powered batteries. He mentioned that there were problems of voice procedure with the CIVPOL who also operate on MILOB channel. He said Canadian Sigs were still at post and could still be of help in transmitting long messages. He said satellite dishes were mounted at GITARAMA, GIKONGORO, CYANGUGU, KIBUYE and BYUMBA. He talked about welfare telephone facility and said if Sect Comds could take the responsibility, this could be made available for MILOBs. He said a number of photocopiers were received but all were not yet serviceable. He said when repairs on them were completed, they would be distributed.	SECT
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26. <u>SLOGO</u> . The SLOGO said out of 80 vehicles on charge to the HQ, 68 were serviceable. 8 were involved in accidents and 4 lacked spare parts. He entreated all to take good care of the vehicles and be extra careful when driving. He said vehicle maintenance schedules should be adhered to because if this was not done, vehicles would be delayed at the workshop. On equipment to be returned to the HQ, the SLOGO said these should be tended in on 07 Dec instead of 15 Dec. He said a number tablet chairs had been issued to the	
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HQ and asked Sect Comds to make arrangements to collect ACTION BY them. On stationery, the SLOGO said as soon as some were received, sectors would be informed to collect their share.

27. SMPO. The SMPO said the Finance Office had warned that individual explanation on MSA discrepancies was no longer acceptable to them though such shortfalls might exist. Affected persons were therefore to send their queries to MILOB HQ in time for necessary action to be taken. He said a total of 107 MILOBS would be repatriated by end of Dec but not the same number were due in to replace those going. He said postings have to be effected immediately for certain appointments to be filled. Some people may be called from the sectors to take up certain appointments. SMPO

On CTO/Leave, the SMPO said problems still existed. He said the Admin Instrs Feb 94 (Guidelines for Contributing Countries) stated that leave must be earned. Leave at home cannot be taken at UN expense. The regulation stated that the UN cannot pay travel expenses and not that MSA would be forfeited. CTO could also not be accumulated and must be earned. He said the implications were not that MILOBS should take CTO after staying in the mission area for 30 days. They must have worked continuously for 30 days to earn it. The SMPO said a letter had already been sent on Repatriation Procedures. He said 6 days permitted MILOBS before repatriation was an administrative measure to enable proper clearance to be carried out. If MILOB had no leave balance, he should not be granted CTO for the last 36 days. On traffic offences, the SMPO asked all to keep within regulations to avoid getting embarrassed

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28. S PLANS/TRG OFFR. The S PLANS/TRG Officer said ACTION BY some Duty Officers' could not work well in the sectors. He advised Sect Comds to put appropriate officers in position to keep the work going. He said there was the need to review the current rotation system. On dissemination of information, he said Sect Comds should make use of facilities at their disposal to pass on information to MILOBs. He elaborated on the security alarm system and said this should be read in conjunction with MILOBs instructions. The S Plans O highlighted the importance of MILOB Sector Consolidated Report for the SRSG. He said due to time factor, the report should be broken down into three part. He said the first part should be ready by Tue, the second part on Tue the following and the last parts later.

29. HAC. The Chief Humanitarian Assistance Officer (CHAO) said humanitarian activities now required local initiative. He pointed out that NGOs were difficult to work with and would never want to co-operate with MILOBs. He urged Sect Comds to make use of resources and facilities in Sectors and get the work going on at the local level.

30. CIVPOL. The Commissioner mentioned that the CIVPOL office had been moved from the former place to a new location near MILOB GP HQ. He said he had problems with language. He added that some CIVPOL would be deployed at CYANGUGU and KIBUYE. He urged Sect Comds to SECT COMDS deploy them alongside the MILOBs and also for police duties and investigations.

31. Summary of Decisions

- a. No MILOB would be allowed to send any vehicle

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whilst on CTO/Leave. Sect Comds should leave	<u>ACTION BY</u>
their vehicles in the Sector when proceeding on CTO	SECT
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b. Sect Comds should train new MILOBs on driving	
and vehicle procedure. Those who did not have the	SECT
training should not be permitted to drive.	COMDS
c. In-coming Sect Comds should be with MILOB	
Teams for at least 2 weeks before taking over com-	SECT
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d. Sect Comds should inform MILOB GP HQ before	
leaving their Sectors for KIGALI.	SECT
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e. Sect Comds should request for UNAMIR helicop-	
ter whenever they needed it with reasons clearly	
stated.	COMDS
f. Out-going Sect Comds should ensure handing-	OUT-GOING
over was properly done before appearing on CMO's	SECT
interview.	COMDS
g. Personal file should be kept at MILOB GP HQ	
for every MILOB.	SMPO
h. Sect Comds should hold routine meetings with	SECT
RPA local commanders. Minutes of meetings should	
be forwarded to the MILOB GP HQ.	

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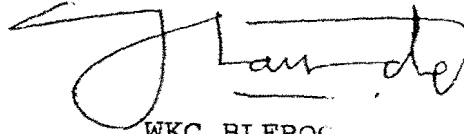
32. The CMO took the opportunity to bid out-going

Sect Comds and MILOBs farewell. He commented on the
efforts departing MILOBs put in as individuals and as

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a group in the most trying moments of the mission and expressed his appreciation for their dedication to duty for the course of peace. He thanked all present and urged MILOBs to maintain the momentum of the work. ACTION BY

33. The Conference ended at 1328hrs.



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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 4A HQ (GIKONGORO) ON SAT 12 NOVEMBER 1994

PRESENT :	BRIG	H A	ANYIDHO	-	DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
	COL	U	MOEEN	-	DCMO
	LT COL	A	ANOCHKINE	-	SDO1
	LT COL	K	OPONG-KYEKYEKU	-	SMPO
	LT COL	W	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	S	DOUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	A	DOUMBIA	-	COMD SECT 4C
	LT COL	AM	AUSTDAL	-	COMD SECT 5
	MAJ	D	TRAORE	-	A/LOGO
	MAJ	DJ	MACNEIL	-	HAC
	MAJ	A	RYSHKOWSKI	-	SECT 2 (OPS OFFR)
	MAJ	S	HAIDER	-	SECT 3 (OPS OFFR)
	MAJ	T	MURIRO	-	SECT 4B (OPS OFFR)
	MAJ	A	PETROUNOVSKI	-	SECT 6 (OPS OFFR)
	CAPT	WKC	BLEBOO	-	SECRETARY

GENERAL

1. In his opening address, the Comd Sect 4A warmly welcomed the DFC/CMO and all present to the HQ Sect 4A GIKONGORO. He thanked the CMO for giving him the opportunity to host the conference.

2. The Conference started at 0850hrs.

ITEM 1 - CMO'S COMMENTS

3. The CMO, in his remarks, craved the indulgence of all present to allow him to comment of some pertinent issues affecting MILOBS operations and administration.

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<p>4. <u>Minutes</u>. He said that certain points discussed at MILOBs Conference which required the attention of UNAMIR higher authorities which were not actioned because copies of Minutes of these Conferences were not forwarded to the appropriate quarters. He directed that copies of minutes of MILOBs Conferences should be forwarded to the highest possible office for required actions to be taken.</p>	SOO
<p>5. <u>MSA</u>. On MSA, the CMO said the issue had amply been explained by Mr Medilli at the previous conference to the understanding of all. He said that he and other authorities concerned had done all that was necessary to resolve the issue. He was optimistic that the necessary actions would be taken to refund the monies deducted. He continued that he was informed that some MILOBs were communicating the MSA issue directly to their permanent mission in New York. He said this was not in anybody's interest and added that it was better to follow laid down procedure and present a united front in dealing with such problems. He said there was no way any MILOB could lose MSA but the individuals could be blamed at times. He warned that financial issues were very sensitive and therefore must be handled well.</p>	DCMO
<p>6. <u>Postings</u>. The CMO said that no MILOB had the right or would be given the chance to decide or influence where he should be posted to unless on extreme compassionate grounds. He added that MILOBs were posted to where they should be for fairness and operational efficiency of the MILOB GP as a whole. He said that Sect Comds should keep MILOBs informed of issues discussed at conferences so as to prevent misconception of important issues.</p>	DCMO SMPO SECT COMDS

7. MILOBs Rotations. The CMO said that a lot of information on rotations had been circulated. He said UN HQ, New York noted that Ghana and Bangladesh observers were too many in UNAMIR that there was the need for national balance. As such other countries were to provide observers and some of whom have started arriving. He said some observers will repatriate without replacement.

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8. In his contribution, the DCMO said MILOBs postings was meticulously done and no individual's interest was considered. He said the necessary actions have been taken to solve every issue affecting the welfare of MILOBs. He said no individual's interest was paramount and urged Sect Comds to pass on all necessary information to MILOBs in their various Sectors.

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9. Complaints. On complaints, the CMO said MILOBs who went about complaining about issues which could be discussed with him or the DCMO personally, had no justification for doing so. He said that any MILOP who was not clear with anything should see him for a tête à tête discussion. He added that this might not be the best means for addressing individual MILOBs problems but necessary complaints were not acceptable.

MILOBs

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

10. The main decisions taken during the previous conference were read and deliberated upon. The following points were accepted by all present:

- a. Four Samples of the Souvenir for MILOBs would be circulated and one of them selected. This would be made and sold to all MILOBs before their DDM.

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| b. Sector 1 MILOB patrols should cover KAGITUMBA border every other day. MILOBs should also go with NICOY to convey returnees from time to time. Comd Sector 1 was to establish a post at RWAMAGANA. | ACTION BY
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| c. Sector 2 MILOB patrols were to cover RUSUMO border daily. | COMD
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| d. Sectors were to submit returns on MILOBs accommodation as soon as possible for further action on the refund of the deducted MSA. | ALL SECTORS |
| e. Declaration of KENYA as part of the AO was to be supported with a document. | SMPO |
| f. All Sectors were to draw fuel from formed units. | |
| g. Mr Medilli was making efforts for MILOBs to repatriate with 100kg accompanied baggage. | SMPO |
| h. UN HQ New York would soon state whether MILOBs could accumulate CTO or not. | SMPO |
11. The Minutes of the previous conference was adopted.

ITEM 3 - SECTOR BRIEFS**12. Sector 1**

- a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in his Sector was calm and the RPA was in control of general security of the area.
- b. Borders. The Sect Comd said GATUNA border which had been closed following the BRITCON troops misbehaviour at the post, has now been re-opened

to all traffic. He said MILOBs were to cross the border in civil clothes and with valid travel documents.	ACTION BY
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c. <u>Unexploded Ordinance Devices (UXD)</u> . The Sect Comd said a lot of EOD were scattered all over the Sector and locals especially children and farmers were being killed and injured every day. He requested for Field Engineers assistance to locate and clear these devices.	
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d. <u>Humanitarian Sit.</u> The Sect Comd said there were no refugees/displaced persons camps in the Sector. He said RPA units in the Sector carried out an exercise and the displaced persons were conveyed to where they chose to go. He continued that he had arranged with NICOY which provided trucks for conveying returnees to destinations within the Sector and beyond. He said it was realized Ugandans were using this facility just to go to KIGALI for business but efforts were being made to stop that. The Sect Comd touched on the outbreak of Malaria in the Sector. He said NGOs were contacted and they were reaching the affected areas with drugs. He said the situation was under control.	
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e. <u>Logistics</u> . The Sect Comd said his logistics problems were solved. He said the Sector now operates on Channel 5 and communication with the KAGITUMBA border post was good.	
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13. <u>DCMO's Response</u> . On unexploded devices, the DCMO said that NGOs also talked about it and the SRSG was informed. He said actions were initiated to send specialists on contract to all Sectors to clear these dangers in order to make the country-side safe for	
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farming and other economic activities. The CMO remarked | ACTION BY
 that unexploded bombs were common in the capital also. |
 He said unless something positive was done about this, | SOO
 we would be failing in our duties. The DCMO said |
 that Sector 1 has the greatest concentration and UN HQ |
 New York was aware. He said a contract had already been |
 awarded as a long term solution to the problem. |

14. On the issue of malaria and dysentery, he said the |
 NGOs, UNAMIR medical staff and Ministry of Health and |
 Hygiene were visiting the affected areas throughout the |
 country. |

15. Sector 2 |

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Ops Offr said that the sit |
 in the Sector could only be said to be relatively |
 calm. He said fresh killings were being carried |
 out. He said the locals were scared to the extent |
 that even children scattered when they saw RPA |
 troops |

b. Ops Activities. The Ops offr said when |
 the UN fuel tanker was hijacked, RPA denied having |
 any knowledge of it. However, when hel search was |
 conducted and the tanker found in one of their |
 camps, they wrote a letter indicating they had |
 arrested and confiscated the tanker. He said the |
 vehicle has since been retrieved and sent to |
 KIGALI but the RPA claimed that the tanker belonged |
 to an enemy so it would be confiscated to the |
 state. Commenting on hel support, the Sect Ops |
 Offr said it was necessary to put one hel at the |
 disposal of the Sector for patrolling | SOO
 inaccessible areas. |

c. RPA. The Ops Offr said the RPA in the Sector could not be said to be open and co-operative with MILOBs. He added that they have attached a Liaison Officer to the Sect HQ but their co-operation was seriously lacking. ACTION BY

d. NGOs. The Ops offr said there was regular meeting between the NGOs in the Sector. He said the NGOs were receiving VIPs regularly and their organization of refugee camps was quite good.

16. CMO's Response

a. The CMO in his response commented on the inability of the helicopter to respond to their call on time. He said the poor reaction by the helicopter crew to the call was not good enough.

b. On the issue of RPA not co-operating with MILOBs in the Sector, the CMO said there would soon be a weekly meeting for their Principal Staff Officers at the Force HQ. He said all such issues would be discussed and resolved at these meetings.

c. The DCMO said more returnees were being evacuated to Sector 2 and this may complicate the security situation in the Sector.

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d. On CTO/Leave, the DCMO reminded Sect Comd to ensure that only 25% of their strength went on CTO at any given time so that more MILOBs remained on the ground to continue the work. He emphasized that pers on posting to the Sectors should not be allowed to proceed on CTO/Leave until they reported for work in the Sectors. However, MILOBs with extreme humanitarian problems could be allowed to take their CTO before reporting. SECT COMDS

e. The CMO talked on security of MILOBs in the Sector and said that a battalion would soon be deployed in the sector to provide security to MILOBs.

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17. Sector 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Ops Officer said the sit in the Sector deteriorated over the period. He said killings, banditry and mass arrests were on the increase. He mentioned that although the sit was not stable, more returnees continue to enter the Sector. He said 2,112 persons crossed the Burundi border into Rwanda in the last 2 weeks.

b. Political. The Sect Ops Officer said that the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare visited GITARAMA on 9 Nov 94, met local leaders and talked to about 15,000 locals at a durbar. He said the Minister explained Govt programme for national reconstruction and urged the people to assist the Govt to rebuild the country.

c. RPA. The Ops Officer said the RPA have been the main cause of insecurity in the Sector. He said that RPA troops have been involved in killings, arrests, robbery and molestation of civilians. He added that there were unexploded devices scattered all over the Sector killing and injuring children and farmers. He said RPA troops were making efforts to prevent infiltration by militias and armed elements from Burundi and Zaire.

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d. Own Activities. The Ops Offr said Sector MILOBs carried out regular patrols, escort duties, monitoring, investigation and assisted NGOs during the period.

e. <u>Humanitarian Activities.</u>	He said NGOs	<u>ACTION BY</u>
have stepped up their relief efforts in the Sector		
and as a result more food, seeds and farm imple-		
ments were reaching the people. He mentioned that		
the rate of land cultivation was not encouraging.		
He talked about displaced persons in the Sector		
and said there were 7 DPs Camps in the Sector. He		
added that the DPs were reluctant to return home		
due to the security situation in the area.		HAC

18. <u>CMO's Response.</u>	The CMO said that Human Rights	
teams seemed not to have known exactly what to do in		
the present human rights situation in the country. He		
urged all Sect Comds to monitor and report human rights		SECT COMDS
violations in the Sectors.		

19. Sect 4A

a. <u>Gen Sit.</u>	The Sect Ops Officer said the situ-	
ation in the Sector has not changed during the		
period. He said there was increased flow of people		
from adjacent Prefectures to the DPs Camps.		
He attributed this flow of people to the dete-		
riorating security situation in other Prefectures.		
He said a lot of former INTERAHAMWE were hiding		
inside the Camps committing acts of banditry,		
looting and killing the witnesses to of their		
atrocities.		

b. <u>RPA.</u>	The Ops Officer said the former RPA	
Battalion was rotated. He said the incoming Bn		
Comd promised more coordination and cooperation		
with the Sect Comd. The local population was very		
sensitive to rumours and RPA troops' misconduct		
and thus making the situation in the Sector very		
unstable. He said MILOBs were doing everything		
possible to encourage the locals to have confi-		
dence in UNAMIR.		

21. <u>Sect 4B.</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
a. <u>Gen Sit.</u> The situation in the Sector was calm. The Sect Ops Officer said the locals in the Sector were apprehensive of the RPA because of the manner in which RPA troops handled issues in the area. He said there were arrests and summary executions by the RPA troops who also burnt down the DPs Camp at RUGABANO.	CMO
b. <u>Treats in the Sector.</u> The Sect Ops Officer said infiltration across Lake KIVU by armed elements remained the main concern for the RPA in the Sector. He added that the RPA claimed there were elements of the INTERAHAMWE operating in the area.	
c. <u>Political.</u> The Ops Officer said a new Prefect had taken office on 9 Nov 94. He said the Prefect requested the NGOs operating in the area to streamline their modus operandi and introduce FOOD FOR WORK programme.	HAC
d. <u>RPA.</u> The Ops Officer said the RPA troops were carrying out indiscriminate arrests with the allegation that the victims were members of the INTERAHAMWE. He said it was common knowledge in KIBUYE that the RPA were carrying out summary executions at the Gendarmerie Camp (GR 276718). He said the RPA forced DPs out of the RUGABANO Camp and burnt it down on 29 Oct 94. On RPA deployment, he said there has not been any change. He said the RPA continued to train recruits at the KIBUYE Camp.	CMO/HAC
e. <u>Own Activities.</u> The Ops Officer said that the current rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable. This, he said reduced MILOBS	

routine operations in the Sector. He said hel patrols were conducted on 6 and 8 Nov 94. He commented on the establishment of Observation Posts (OP) in the Sector and suggested that the problem of communication be solved and a contingency plan for extricating MILOBs from the OPs be put in place before MILOBs were deployed at the OPs.

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f. Humanitarian Matters. The Ops Officer said there were about 1,600 DPs in NYAMISHABA Camp although the Camp had been closed down for some time. He said some of the people in the Camp claimed they had been out of the country since the 1959 crisis. He mentioned that there were about 500 orphans who were being taken care of by NGOs in 4 towns in the Sector.

g. NGO Activities. He said NGOs continued to distribute food, drugs and seeds in the Sector.

RP officials indicated that they would open an office in the Sector and start the FOOD FOR WORK programmes. He mentioned that Human Rights teams visited mass grave sites and conducted investigations into alleged killings by RPA.

22. DCMO's Response. The DCMO commented on the establishment of OPs in the Sector and said that Hel would drop MILOBs at the OPs and wait on call at KIBUYE. Whenever there was a problem, the hel would extricate the MILOBs from the OPs.

23. Sect 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said although there had been some killings, the situation in the Sector remained calm during the period. He said

there was a new Prefect for CYANGUGU. He mentioned that social activities were going on and schools were running normally at CYANGUGU. He said there were reports of INTERAHAMWE activities along the Burundi and Zaire borders.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA was in control of the area and holding meetings with the people within the Sector. He said through these meetings, the RPA was explaining certain actions they took and were trying to win the confidence of the local population.

c. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said routine operations were conducted during the period. He said although the local population continue to distrust UNAMIR in the Sector, efforts were being made to harness their confidence. He mentioned that co-operation by the RPA would be improved by holding weekly meetings with the leadership in the Sector.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said few logistics problems continued to hamper operations in the Sector. He said the Sector had no office equipment and furniture. He requested for a photocopier and asked for authority to be changing batteries at Ethiobatt location.

24. CMO's Response. The CMO said he would emphasize the need for cooperation between MILOBs and Ethiobatt. He said the Ethiopia Army was yet to be transformed into a well seasoned Regular Army. He added that language was another problem facing Ethiobatt. He implored MILOBs in the Sector to relate with Ethiobatt persons with tact and patience.

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25. Sect 5 | ACTION BY
- a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in the Sector was calm but there has been increase in robbery over the past two weeks . He said the rich, traders and locals working with NGOs were being targeted. This led to fear and feeling of insecurity among the locals.
- b. Political. The Sect Comd said new Prefects were appointed for RUHENGARI and GISENYI. He said the two Prefects were former Rwandese Diplomats and were working towards reconciliation and reconstruction.
- c. RPA. The Sector Comd said MILOBs' relationship with the RPA has been good. He added that the RPA has attached a liaison officer to the RUHENGARI Sub-sector.
- d. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said because of problems with vehicles and to avoid duplication, MILOBs had to carry out joint patrols with Tunbatt.
- e. Refugees. The Sect Comd said the rate of influx of returnees remained at about 1,000 per day. He added that "boat people" were mainly the 1959/60 Rwandese refugees who were in Zaire. He said 100 returnees came from Uganda and 100 entered the country by footpaths.
- f. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continued to breakdown due to the condition of roads in the Sector. He said frequent posting of MILOBs needed to be carefully looked at | SOO

because MILOBs have been making advance	<u>ACTION BY</u>
payment for hired accommodation. He said too	SMPO
frequent changes in postings made things a	S PLANS
bit difficult for MILOBs.	& TRG

g. <u>Confidential Report.</u> The Sect Comd said	
the issue of Confidential Reports should be sorted	
out so that MILOBs could read them before leaving	SMPO
the mission area.	

26. <u>CMO's Response.</u> The CMO said there would be	
the need to establish coordinating points along Sector	SOO
boundaries and along the borders. On confidential re-	
ports, the DCMO said that it had now been streamlined.	SMPO
He said Sect Comds would write for MILOBs to read and	
initial. He said these should then be forwarded to the	
MILOB GP HQ where the MILOBs would be call on DCMO or	SMPO
DFC/CMO's interview.	

27. Sect 6

a. <u>Gen Sit.</u> The Sect Op- Officer said the sit-	
uation was calm during the period.	

b. <u>RPA.</u> The Ops Officer said KIGALI should	
be considered as the largest training centre for	
the RPA. He said large number of recruits were	
being trained in Camps located in the capital. He	
added that the RPA had also increased patrol and	
other activities in KIGALI especially during the	
the night.	

c. <u>Local Population.</u> On local population, he	
said KIGALI served as the largest transit centre	
through which thousands of displaced persons were	
passed to other destinations in the country-side.	
He said utility services had been improved,	

social and economic activities were also spreading| ACTION BY
 throughout the capital. He said although life in |
 the capital has improved, other areas in the |
 Sector lacked basic amenities like potable water, |
 medical care and education facilities. He said |
 people living outside KIGALI lived in poor sanitary
 conditions, had problems of malaria and dysentery
 and lacked food. | HAC

d. Own Activities. He said MILOBs tasks were |
 mainly escorts of displaced persons, UN and other |
 convoys. MILOBs also conducted a few patrols and |
 established contacts with authorities of the |
 KIGALI Prefecture to facilitate coordination
 and co-operation between MILOBs and the authori-
 ties. |

e. NGO Activities. The Sect Ops officer said |
 about 120 NGOs operating in Rwanda had their |
 offices in KIGALI but were not operating in the |
 capital itself. He added that people living out-
 side the capital needed humanitarian aid just as
 those living in the country-side. |

28. CMO's Response. The DCMO said MILOBs of the |
 Sector should know all the streets within the capital |
 so as to be able to escort anybody anytime to any part | COMD
 of the capital. He urged Sector MILOBs to report any | SECT 6
 unusual incident especially mine explosions and located |
 unexploded bombs to the MILOB GP HQ. He said formed | SOO
 troops would share escort tasks with MILOBs. |

ITEM 4 - STAFF BRIEFS

29. A/SOO. The A/SOO said Sectors must adhere to the |
 SITREP format and details must be clear. He said incid- |
 ents being reported should indicate " what, when, where | SECT COMDS

who and what done about it". He said all escorts tasks | ACTION BY
 would be co-ordinated so that one sector was not | SECT
 over-tasked. He advised against misuse of the MILOBs | OPS OFFRS
 Ops Net and said conversations on the radio should be |
 brief. He reminded Sect Comds to keep stand-by teams | SECT COMDS
 for emergencies. |

30. SLOGO. The A/LOGO said MILOBs vehicle holding |
 was 75 and that it was not possible to have additional |
 vehicles before December 1994. He said maintenance was |
 a problem and advised Sect Comds to keep to servicing | SECT COMDS
 schedules. He said jacks were available at the new |
 UNAMIR workshop. On stores, he said Sectors should |
 submit returns before 15 Dec 94. He mentioned that some |
 stores including generators, computers and photocopiers |
 were being expected from Somalia to augment the current |
 stock. |

31. SMPO. The SMPO commented on channel of commu- |
 nication and said Sectors should desist from sending |
 certain documents directly to FHQ. He elaborated on the | CMC/PTMO
 CTO/Leave issue and said CTO remained 6 days for 30 |
 days of continuous duty. He said MILOBs who were due |
 for repatriation have been catered for so they could be | SECT COMDS
 granted CTO even if the individual did not perform 30 |
 days continuous duty. On repatriation, he said many |
 MILOBs would be repatriated between November and |
 December without replacement. He said this would reduce |
 MILOBs total strength so CTO would be granted according |
 to the exigencies of work. |

32. HAC. The A/CHAO commended MILOBs for excel- |
 lent reporting of humanitarian issues in the Sectors. |
 He said most UNREO staff were new in the AO and there- |
 fore needed assistance from MILOBs. He said a command |
 post would be set up to keep track of humanitarian

quickly to avoid MILOBs losing their money.

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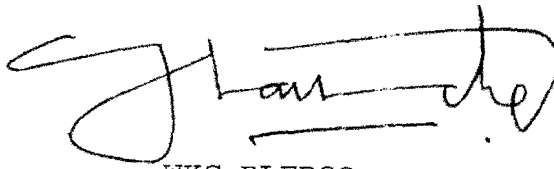
j. The next Conference to be hosted by MILOB GP HQ in KIGALI on 03 December 1994.

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CONCLUSION

34. The CMO expressed his gratitude to all present and said the conference could be started at 0800hrs so that it could be ended earlier. He re-emphasized some points raised by the DCMO and said personal records should be straightened to enable administrative issues be pursued effectively in the interest of all MILOBs.

35. The Conference ended at 1410hrs.



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MINUTES OF MILOBS SECTOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCE

HELD AT SECTOR 4B HQ (KIBUYE ON 29 OCTOBER 1994)

PRESENT : BRIG H K ANYIDHO - DFC/CMO/CHAIRMAN
COL A MOEEN - DCMO
COL C B YAACHE - CHAC
LT COL DIARRA - CIVPOL COMMISSIONER
LT COL S ILIYA - SOO
LT COL K OPONG-KYEKEYEKU - SMPO
LT COL M J MASANGANISE - S PLANS & TRG O
LT COL P K NYAAKU - SLOGO
LT COL W PURTSCHER - COMD SECT 1
LT COL R GORG - COMD SECT 2
LT COL B K GBORGLAH - COMD SECT 3
LT COL DOUNKOV - COMD SECT 4A
LT COL E C QUIST - COMD SECT 4B
LT COL M AUSTDAL - COMD SECT 5
LT COL MUSTAFIZ - COMD SECT 6
MAJ KONE BROULAYE - A/COMD SECT 4
MAJ LENHARDT - SECT 4A
MR MIKE MINTA - LEGAL ADVISER/OSRSG
MAJ C F BARI - SECRETARY

IN ATTENDANCE : MR MEDILLI - DD FOD (DPKO)
MR GOLO - OIC ADMIN
AND 4 OTHERS

GENERAL

1. The conference began at 0945hrs with a welcome address by the Sect Comd Lt Col EC Quist. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity given to him to host the MILOB HQ Conference.

2. In his remarks, the DCMO thanked the CMO for being present at the conference inspite of his busy schedule. He reiterated the aim of the conference which was to provide an indept analysis on the activities of the Military Observer Group on the ground. He was particu-

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larly pleased that Mr Medilli who had recently arrived from New York was to attend the conference. ACTION BY

3. The DFC/CMO expressed his happiness for being at the conference. He also expressed his satisfaction about the good job MILOBS were doing in various Sectors. He told Sect Comds that MILOBS should work in cohesion in order to achieve results. He said he was not happy about the way MILOBS leave for home without reading their efficiency report nor coming on his interview before their departure. He warned he would not accept incompetent MILOBS and was ready to repatriate incapable ones. He urged all to work hard in order to achieve good working relation with the contingents and the RPA.

ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. Souvenirs for MILOBS. At the last conference, Sect Comds were given the responsibility to submit the design for souvenirs which could be presented to MILOBS on termination of their tour of duty. It was gathered that only KIGALI Sector had responded. The DCMO proposed that 3 or 4 designs out of these be selected and circulated to all others for their comments.

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1/5*

*3 next try
way done*

6. Decision. Four designs out of those submitted by KIGALI Sector were to be circulated to the sectors for comments.

7. Comms for Sect 5. Comd Sect 5 inform the house that comms in his Sector had improved.

8. MILOBS Postings. Comd Sect 2 said he was not happy that MILOBS especially those at Force HQ had not yet joined. The DCMO said all was being done to get all released to report to their sectors.

*Canadian
MILOBS.*

9. Functioning of Schools in Sectors 4A & B. Comd Sect 4B said most schools though opened were not

functioning either due to lack of teachers or equipment. Comd Sect 4A said that he could not say much on this issue. The DCMO asked him to go back and work on this. The DCMO further urged Sect Comds to encourage parents through the Prefects to let their children go to school.

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report on schools
by Comd Sect 4A.

SECT COMDS

10. MSA. The SMPO informed the house that the MSA of those MILOBs which was cut will be adjusted in the current month. He however informed all that, those who travelled outside the mission area will lose 50% of their MSA.

SMPO to
explain position.

11. Efficiency Report. The SMPO reminded all Sect Comds about the writing of efficiency report on each MILOB when posted away or completion of tour of duty. He informed all that on completion of the tour of duty all the reports would be compiled and sent to the CMO for writing of the final report. The DCMO emphasized this point and said MILOBs would be interviewed by DCMO on arrival, and on completion of tour of duty, be interviewed by both the DCMO and CMO. He said all MILOBs would be given 12 days time off for clearance and preparation before their DDM.

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12. The minutes of the previous conference was adopted.

ITEM 2 - SECTORS BRIEF

13. Sect 1

a. General. The Sect Comd said the general situation was calm in the area. Both GATUNA and KAGITUMBA border posts remained opened to all traffic during the day. Between 01 May and 15 Oct 94, about 4,000 people were registered entering Rwanda

through KAGITUMBA border post. In addition, about one million cattle entered Rwanda through the northern frontier with Uganda. ACTION BY

b. Political. No remarkable change other than the division of BYUMBA into two administrative centres namely BYUMBA and NGARAMA.

c. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said that he expected to meet the RPA Bde Comd in the coming week at MURAMBI. He further said no clearance had been obtained from RPA to set up a sub-sector headquarters at NYAGATARE.

*Sect Comd have
you managed to
have a conference
with Rde Comd.*

d. Own Activities. Besides routine patrols, MILOBs provided assistance to NGOs and continued to liaise with local civilian authorities. MILOBs patrolled the border areas on regular basis to monitor the security situation. He said that GATUNA Border crossing remained an important exit/entry point between Uganda and Rwanda. MILOBs were not allowed to remain at these check points for long periods due to the demand from Rwandese border authorities for a letter of authority from the Govt or RPA liaison officer. He said the daily monitoring of KAGITUMBA border crossing was not feasible from BYUMBA due to the distance and that it would be better done from NYAGATARE or KAGITUMBA but the problem of suitable accommodation had prevented this.

14. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that the RPA had been approached to allow MILOBs to deploy at NYAGATARE. He instructed S Plans Offr to contact the RPA LO to get the necessary clearance. He directed that till such a time, MILOBs should go there every alternate day in order to collect the needed data that would enhance planning. He also instructed that an outpost be located at KAGITUMBA so that teams could stay on longer to

*S Plans instr
sector due in
Kwamega.*

monitor the border post.

ACTION BY

15. Sector 2

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said the area had been calm during the period. He said relations with the Prefects of KIBUNGO and BUGESERA had been good.

b. RPA. No remarkable RPA activity in the area except RPA securing the general area NASHO near Tanzania Border. Efforts were being made to get in contact with RPA Bde and Bn Comds to enhance better co-ordination/Liaison.

c. Own Activities. He said that he had deployed 3 teams at RILIMA and 4 teams at KIBUNGO and would maintain a good working relationship with the Prefect and also make contact down to commune level.

d. Hum Activities. He said there were no refugee camps in his sector. NGOs were working in KIBUNGO and BUGESERA area.

e. Problems. The problem of furniture, accommodation and office equipment existed and these needed to be supplied soonest. He also talked about lack of potable water in the area. In his response, the DCMO promised him some furniture and instructed SLOGO to issue other items whenever available. The CHAO informed the Sect Comd that a German Engineering Company was working on the water facilities.

Senior would be
comment on
my review,
Water situation
SLOGO

16. Sect 3

a. Gen Sit. The general situation in the area has been calm. There was however a state of fear among the population due to RPA activities and arbitrary arrests.

b. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said he had identified 3 types of threats in the area, namely the militia, RPA and banditry. He reported a couple of grenade incidents in the area. He said MILOB teams have been conducting routine patrols in the area. He reported theft of a vehicle antenna and a UN flag and the removal engine and parts of an accident UN vehicle.

ACTION BY

17. Sect 5

a. Operations. A total of 90 patrols tasks were carried out during the period. The Sect Comd said that the barge operations remained suspended. He said there were evidence of new mines in the area of KAREBA (4125).

b. Returnees. He stated that a lot of returnees were coming back from Zaire as the situation in GOMA continued to deteriorate and NGOs were planning to withdraw. He further said these could lead to a massive refugee traffic in the sector. The local authority he said was looking at the possibility of resettling some returnees at some identified areas. It was decided that the Sect Comd should follow the events closely.

Letter would be
forwarded on
the 140-
crisis and
resettlement
programme.

c. Relationship With RPA and Other Agencies.
The sector comd said this was excellent.

SECT COMD

18. The DCMO in his response asked the Sect Comd whether he was aware of a planned Hutu meeting at GOMA. The DCMO then asked the Sect Comd to monitor and confirm this information. On when a new sub sector HQ would be established at RUHENGIERI, the Sect Comd said this would be done by Mon 31 Oct 94.

Letter would

COMD

SECT 5

18. Sector 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation i

KIGALI city and the whole area of responsibility remained calm during the period.

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b. Military. AOR remained under the firm control of the RPA, Gendarmerie and local admin. In the remote areas of the country however, banditry and other crimes are prevalent due to the absence of RPA and local police.

c. RPA Activities. RPA was recruiting new soldiers from different places of Rwanda. Large numbers of recruits were brought to KIGALI Military Camps for training and the reinforcement of units deployed in the city.

d. State of Local Population. There was no refugee camp in the sect. One orphanage with 250 children was located in RUBANGO. The population in KIGALI was increasing. Life in the city was improving as more shops were opening and many foreign businessmen had returned to the country. Schools and hospitals in the city were functioning.

e. MILOB Activities. Emphasis were laid on patrolling and getting acquainted with the area of responsibility. Priority was also given to assistance to UNHCR to convey displaced persons to their homes.

f. Admin. The Sect Comd stated that the morale of MILOBs has been affected to the arbitrary deductions in MSA by the finance section. MILOBs felt the deductions were unjustifiable.

19. Sector 4A

a. Gen. The general situation remained calm with acts of banditry in certain areas. The RPA continued to conduct searches for arms and ammo and also manned road blocks.

b. Operations. Besides routine patrols and route recce, they had monitored and provided assistance to DPs in camps. The Sect Comd said there were total of 35 Camps with about 300,000 DPs in his area. One or two teams were detailed for OP HOMEWARD every day. So far 3,460 DPs had been evacuated. He said some refugees were not interested in leaving the camps. The 4 crossing points to Burundi in the area of responsibility were manned by RPA. It had been observed that not than 20 to 30 pers crossed the border every day.

ACTION BY

c. RPA Activities. There were 5 RPA Coys deployed in the area. Contacts with RPA were not maintained regularly due to unco-operative attitudes of the RPA Comds. The situation with the Prefect was no different. He said the RPA believed there were quite a number of Interahamwes in the camps being shielded by UNAMIR and NGOs from prosecutions and punishment. It was for this reason they wanted the DPs Camps closed.

d. Problems. The Sect Comd said there was problem of water in GIKONGORO. The generator for pumping water needed 200 litres of fuel every day. The issue of who should provide fuel remained unresolved. He also needed 4 more vehicles and 2 base stations and requested for a forward repair team at BUTARE.

*fuel level to
200 litres -
lowest point
of water*

20. DCMO's Response. The DCMO directed the Sect Comd to establish a sub-station in the Southern part of his Sector. He asked the SLOGO to give the Sector one more Four Runner so that the office could opened by Wed 02 Nov 94. On the issue of fuel for pumping water, Col Yaache said Ghanbatt should continue to supply the fuel for the time being. Sect Comd should follow this up.

*Deployment in to
South of Akany*

SLOGO

COMD SECT

4A

21. Mr Medilli and his team from New York arrived at this point and were received by the DCMO.

ACTION BY

22. Sector 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd stated that the situation in the Sector had deteriorated in the past 3 weeks. A number of incidents were reported including the driving away of DPs from NDABA Camp. He reported that tension had risen between the RPA and locals GISOVU and KARONGI.

b. RPA Activities. The Sect Comd reported that a 22 year-old lady was killed by the RPA at BIRAMBO on 15 Oct 94. On 18 Oct, RPA cordoned off NDABA Camp and fired indiscriminately wounding 4 persons, expelled DPs from the camp and set fire to the huts. On the night of 18/19 Oct, RPA soldiers and shot wounded a man for refusing to answer questions about the whereabouts of his brother. In another incident at GISOVU on 19 Oct, an RPA soldier was killed and another wounded in an incident where they went to demand money from the villagers. In an apparent retaliation, on 25 Oct, the RPA was reported to have killed 19 people in RUSHISHI and GISOVU. The RPA was also alleged to have shot a 15 year old boy at KARONGI on 25 Oct 94.

How far are you with the investigation?

c. Formed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said during the period, the RPA Bde Comd wrote a letter to FRAFFBATT HQ asking them to withdraw from GISOVU and BIRAMBO. FRAFFBATT has since withdrawn from the area and the situation was deteriorating.

d. MILOBs Activities. Routine patrols were conducted during the period. Investigations were also conducted into reports received as mentioned. MILOBs also escorted DPs as well as Brown and Root trucks to KIGALI.

23. DCMOs Response. The DCMO wanted to know whether the Sect Comd required more MILOBs due to the general situation in the area. The Sect Comd said he did not since he maintained close contact with Fraffbatt and the local RPA Comd.

ACTION BY

24. Sector 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Acting Sect Comd said that the area of responsibility was calm, but a state of fear still existed among the population. He said that the local population were being harassed by some uniformed people in the area. He said before the French troops left, the locals were assured that security would be provided by UNAMIR but this had not been the case.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA troops were causing insecurity in the area and this was making people to go back to the camps. He also said the relationship between RPA and Ethiobatt had not been very cordial.

c. Logistics. The Sect Comd requested the use of the INMARSAT phone of CAN SIGS by MILOBs. He also raised the point of MSA deduction from MILOBs in the name of house rent.

*As you will
have problems
with the phone*

25. DCMO's Response. The DCMO informed the house that the CAN SIGS officer has been approached to work out the modalities of using these phones.

ITEM 3 - STAFF RESPONSE

26. SOO. In view of inadequate time only the SOO was allowed the chance to make remarks. He raised the issue of conducting night patrols. He conceded that there were some equipment and vehicles constraints these should not prevent the conduct of night patrols. The subject was debated at length. The problems of identi-

fication and night vision devices were highlighted. It was suggested that night patrols could start in the urban areas before going down to the communes. The DFC agreed that these patrols could serve as deterrent to would be criminals.

ACTION BY

ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION WITH FOD (DPKO) STAFF

28. The DCMO after welcoming the Deputy Director, FOD, Mr Medilli and his team, highlighted on a few points of worry to MILOBs. These were as follows:

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	LT COL	P K	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
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	LT COL	R	GORG	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	B K	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL		DOUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	E C	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	M	AUSTDAL	-	COMD SECT 5
	LT COL		MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 6
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	MR	GOLO	-	OIC ADMIN
	AND 4 OTHERS			

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3. The DFC/CMO expressed his happiness for being at the conference. He also expressed his satisfaction about the good job MILOBS were doing in various Sectors. He told Sect Comds that MILOBS should work in cohesion in order to achieve results. He said he was not happy about the way MILOBS leave for home without reading their efficiency report nor coming on his interview before their departure. He warned he would not accept incompetent MILOBS and was ready to repatriate incapable ones. He urged all to work hard in order to achieve good working relation with the contingents and the RPA.

ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. Souvenirs for MILOBS. At the last conference, Sect Comds were given the responsibility to submit the design for souvenirs which could be presented to MILOBS on termination of their tour of duty. It was gathered that only KIGALI Sector had responded. The DCMO proposed that 3 or 4 designs out of these be selected and circulated to all others for their comments.

6. Decision. Four designs out of those submitted by KIGALI Sector were to be circulated to the sectors for comments.

7. Comms for Sect 5. Comd Sect 5 inform the house that comms in his Sector had improved.

8. MILOBS Postings. Comd Sect 2 said he was not happy that MILOBS especially those at Force HQ had not yet joined. The DCMO said all was being done to get all released to report to their sectors.

9. Functioning of Schools in Sectors 4A & B. Comd Sect 4B said most schools though opened were not

functioning either due to lack of teachers or equipment. Comd Sect 4A said that he could not say much on this issue. The DCMO asked him to go back and work on this. The DCMO further urged Sect Comds to encourage parents through the Prefects to let their children go to school.

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SECT COMDS

10. MSA. The SMPO informed the house that the MSA of those MILOBs which was cut will be adjusted in the current month. He however informed all that, those who travelled outside the mission area will lose 50% of their MSA.

11. Efficiency Report. The SMPO reminded all Sect Comds about the writing of efficiency report on each MILOB when posted away or completion of tour of duty. He informed all that on completion of the tour of duty all the reports would be compiled and sent too the CMO for writing of the final report. The DCMO emphasized this point and said MILOBs would be interviewed by DCMO on arrival, and on completion of tour of duty, be interviewed by both the DCMO and CMO. He said all MILOBs would be given 12 days time off for clearance and preparation before their DDM.

12. The minutes of the previous conference was adopted.

ITEM 2 - SECTORS BRIEF

13. Sect 1

a. General. The Sect Comd said the general situation was calm in the area. Both GATUNA and KAGITUMBA border posts remained opened to all traffic during the day. Between 01 May and 15 Oct 94, about 4,000 people were registered entering Rwanda

through KAGITUMBA border post. In addition, about one million cattle entered Rwanda through the northern frontier with Uganda. ACTION BY

b. Political. No remarkable change other than the division of BYUMBA into two administrative centres namely BYUMBA and NGARAMA.

c. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said that he expected to meet the RPA Bde Comd in the coming week at MURAMBI. He further said no clearance had been obtained from RPA to set up a sub-sector headquarters at NYAGATARE.

d. Own Activities. Besides routine patrols, MILOBs provided assistance to NGOs and continued to liaise with local civilian authorities. MILOBs patrolled the border areas on regular basis to monitor the security situation. He said that GATUNA Border crossing remained an important exit/entry point between Uganda and Rwanda. MILOBs were not allowed to remain at these check points for long periods due to the demand from Rwandese border authorities for a letter of authority from the Govt or RPA liaison officer. He said the daily monitoring of KAGITUMBA border crossing was not feasible from BYUMBA due to the distance and that it would be better done from NYAGATARE or KAGITUMBA but the problem of suitable accommodation had prevented this.

14. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that the RPA had been approached to allow MILOBs to deploy at NYAGATARE. He instructed S Plans Offr to contact the RPA LO to get the necessary clearance. He directed that till such a time, MILOBs should go there every alternate day in order to collect the needed data that would enhance planning. He also instructed that an outpost be located at KAGITUMBA so that teams could stay on longer to

monitor the border post.

ACTION BY

15. Sector 2

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said the area had been calm during the period. He said relations with the Prefects of KIBUNGO and BUGESERA had been good.

b. RPA. No remarkable RPA activity in the area except RPA securing the general area NASHO near Tanzania Border. Efforts were being made to get in contact with RPA Bde and Bn Comds to enhance better co-ordination/Liaison.

c. Own Activities. He said that he had deployed 3 teams at RILIMA and 4 teams at KIBUNGO and would maintain a good working relationship with the Prefect and also make contact down to commune level.

d. Hum Activities. He said there were no refugee camps in his sector. NGOs were working in KIBUNGO and BUGESERA area.

e. Problems. The problem of furniture, accommodation and office equipment existed and these needed to be supplied soonest. He also talked about lack of potable water in the area. In his response, the DCMO promised him some furniture and instructed SLOGO to issue other items whenever available. The CHAO informed the Sect Comd that a German Engineering Company was working on the water facilities. SLOGO

16. Sect 3

a. Gen Sit. The general situation in the area has been calm. There was however a state of fear among the population due to RPA activities and arbitrary arrests.

b. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said he had identified 3 types of threats in the area, namely the militia, RPA and banditry. He reported a couple of grenade incidents in the area. He said MILOB teams have been conducting routine patrols in the area. He reported theft of a veh antenna and a UN flag and the removal engine and parts of an accident UN veh.

ACTION BY

17. Sect 5

a. Operations. A total of 90 patrols tasks were carried out during the period. The Sect Comd said that the barge operations remained suspended. He said there were evidence of new mines in the area of KAREBA (4125).

b. Returnees. He stated that a lot of returnees were coming back from Zaire as the sit in GOMA continued to deteriorate and NGOs were planning to withdraw. He further said these could lead to a massive refugee traffic in the sector. The local authority he said was looking at the possibility of resettling some returnees at some identified areas. It was decided that the Sect Comd should follow the events closely.

SECT COMD

c. Relationship With RPA and Other Agencies. The sector comd said this was excellent.

18. The DCMO in his response asked the Sect Comd whether he was aware of a planned Hutu meeting at GOMA. The DCMO then asked the Sect Comd to monitor and confirm this information. On when a new sub sector HQ would be established at RUHENGGERI, the Sect Comd said this would be done by Mon 31 Oct 94.

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a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation i

KIGALI city and the whole area of responsibility remained calm during the period.

ACTION BY

b. Military. AOR remained under the firm control of the RPA, Gendarmerie and local admin. In the remote areas of the country however, banditry and other crimes are prevalent due to the absence of RPA and local police.

c. RPA Activities. RPA was recruiting new soldiers from different places of Rwanda. Large numbers of recruits were brought to KIGALI Military Camps for training and the reinforcement of units deployed in the city.

d. State of Local Population. There was no refugee camp in the sect. One orphanage with 250 children was located in RUBANGO. The population in KIGALI was increasing. Life in the city was improving as more shops were opening and many foreign businessmen had returned to the country. Schools and hospitals in the city were functioning

e. MILOB Activities. Emphasis were laid on patrolling and getting acquainted with the area of responsibility. Priority was also given to assistance to UNHCR to convey displaced persons to their homes.

f. Admin. The Sect Comd stated that the morale of MILOBs has been affected to the arbitrary deductions in MSA by the finance section. MILOBs felt the deductions were unjustifiable.

19. Sector 4A

a. Gen. The general situation remained calm with acts of banditry in certain areas. The RPA continued to conduct searches for arms and ammo and also manned road blocks.

b. Operations. Besides routine patrols and route recce, they had monitored and provided assistance to DPs in camps. The Sect Comd said there were total of 35 Camps with about 300,000 DPs in his area. One or two teams were detailed for OP HOMEWARD every day. So far 3,460 DPs had been evacuated. He said some refugees were not interested in leaving the camps. The 4 crossing points to Burundi in the area of responsibility were manned by RPA. It had been observed that not than 20 to 30 pers crossed the border every day.

ACTION BY

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SLOGO

COMD SECT

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ACTION BY

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ACTION BY

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ITEM 3 - STAFF RESPONSE

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