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FROM : SECTOR 5C, KIBUYE FILE : OPS/GEN/95

TO : MILOB GP HQ DATE : /6 NOV 95

SUBJECT : REPORT ON TREATMENT OF PATROL AT KARENGERA-
16 NOV 95

1. A PTL OF 3 MILOBS AND AN INTERPRETER LEFT KIBUYE LZ BY HEL AT 1200HRS ON PTL TO KARENGERA (QT 1350) TO ASSESS THE GEN SIT AT THE HEALTH POST. THE HEL LANDED ON A HILL, CLOSE TO THE HEALTH POST. WHILE PTL WAS GOING DOWN HILL TO THE HEALTH POST, THEY MET THE CONSEILLE. AS SOON AS PTL STARTED TALKING TO HIM, THREE (3) RPA SOLDIERS ARMED WITH AK 47 RIFLES, CAME RUNNING TO MEET THEM, DEMANDING THEIR MISSION. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY CAME TO VISIT THE HEALTH POST. THE SOLDIERS THEN ESCORTED THEM TO THE HEALTH POST, AND STAYED WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY THERE.

2. AS THE PTL WAS LEAVING THE HEALTH POST TOWARDS THE HEL, SOMEONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE LOCAL RPA COMD AND SEVEN (7) OTHERS MET THEM. THE SAID COMD INSISTED THAT THE PTL SHOULD HAVE INFO HIM BEFORE COMING. THE PTL LDR EXPLAINED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE BOUGREMESTRE'S OFFICE IF THEY HAD COME BY RD BUT THAT WAS NOT POSSIBLE BY HEL. THE SAID COMD AND HIS TPS FOLLOWED THE PTL TO THE HEL.

3. ON ARRIVAL AT THE LANDING PT, THEY MET FOUR (4) OTHER SOLDIERS SURROUNDING THE HEL. THEY HAD TWO (2) RPG AND TWO (2) AK 47. THE SAID COMD INSISTED THE HEL SHOULD NOT TAKE OFF. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THEY SHOULD WAIT TILL THEY LICK THEIR OWN SWEAT. WHEN THE PILOT EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS TO PICK SOME SNR OFFRS FROM ELSEWHERE, THE RPA COMD REPORTEDLY SAID, "IF THEY ARE SNR OFFRS, I AM ALSO THE COMD ON THE GROUND". HE THEN ALLEGEDLY INSTRUCTED THE SOLDIERS TO SHOOT DOWN THE AC IF IT ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OFF. THE SOLDIERS THEN CORKED THEIR WPNS.

4. THE PILOT AGAIN EXPLAINED THAT ALL FLIGHT PLANS ARE CLEARED WITH THE RPA LO IN KIGALI BEFORE TAKE OFF. THE COMD THEN RETORTED THAT ARRANGEMENT IS IN KIGALI AND THAT THEY WERE PRESENTLY IN HIS DOMAIN. THE PILOT AT THIS STAGE ENTERED THE AC TO INFO KIGALI ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENTS BUT WAS ORDERED OUT OF THE AC. OUR INTERPRETER WAS AT THIS STAGE THREATENED TO SHUT UP OR ELSE BE BEATEN.

5. THE PTL WAITED AROUND THE AC FOR ABOUT 45MINS WHEN THE RPA COMD IN RWAMATAMU AND THE BOUGREMESTRE TOGETHER WITH FIVE (5) OTHER ARMED SOLDIERS WERE BROUGHT IN. THIS MADE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TPS TO 20, ABOUT 16 OF THEM ARMED.

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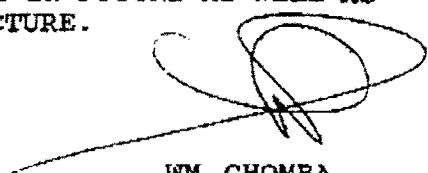
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6. THE BOUGREMESTRE DEMANDED TO KNOW WHY HE WAS NOT INFO BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PTL. THE PTL LDR AGAIN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE BY HEL. HE WANTED TO KNOW THE QUESTIONS THAT THE PTL ASKED THE CONSEILLER. THE PTL LDR THEN TOLD HIM THAT THEY ONLY ASKED FOR THE SECURITY SIT AND HE SAID EVERYTHING WAS CALM. THEY INSISTED THAT THIS WAS NOT TRUE AND BROUGHT IN THE CONSEILLER AND INTERROGATED HIM IN THEIR PRESENCE. THE CONSEILLER ADMITTED THAT HE WAS ASKED WHETHER ARRESTS ARE GOING ON IN THE AREA AND WHO MAKES SUCH ARRESTS AND WHETHER THOSE ARRESTED ARE BEATEN. THE PTL DENIED THIS AND INSISTED THAT THE CONSEILLER WAS ADMITTING THOSE THINGS OUT OF FEAR.

7. AT THIS STAGE, THE BOUGREMESTRE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE BRIEFED DURING THEIR LAST SECURITY MEETING AT KIBUYE THAT ALL MILOB PTLs WILL FIRST SEEK CLEARANCE FROM THE BOUGREMESTRES BEFORE ENTERING ANY COMMUNE. THE PTL LDR STILL INSISTED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE BY HEL. THE BOUGREMESTRE THEN ADVISED THAT, NEXT TIME, THE PTL SHOULD HOLD A WRITTEN PERMIT FROM THE PREFECT OF KIBUYE BEFORE COMING TO THE COMMUNE. THE PTL WAS THEN RELEASED AT 1420HRS,


8. COMMENT. THERE APPEARS TO BE A COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN BETWEEN THE RPA LIAISON OFFICE IN KIGALI AND THOSE IN THIS PREFECTURE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROCESS OF PASSAGE OF INFO BETWEEN THEM BE STREAMLINED TO AVOID SUCH INCIDENTS IN FUTURE AS WELL AS FACILITATE THE JOB OF MILOBS IN THE PREFECTURE.



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DIARRHOEA AND MALARIA OUTBREAK IN
MABANZA COMMUNE IN KIBUYE PREFECTURE

Reference:

A. MED 1080/95 dated 10 Nov 95.

1. The Nicoy 2 medical officer was tasked to visit Mabanza commune to investigate the outbreak of diarrhoea and malaria vide reference A above. The task was carried out on 11 Nov 95.
2. Investigation conducted revealed that at Rukoko in Kivumu commune, 6 people had diarrhoea in September. They were admitted at Nyange and Ruyabano hospitals, treated and discharged in the same month. No deaths occurred during the incidence of diarrhoea in Rukoko during the period in question. In Mukura which is in Mabanza commune, 3 children died as a result of diarrhoea in September. No new cases have been seen in any of the communes since the September incidence.
3. The above goes to show that the information given regarding the incidence of diarrhoea and malaria causing the death of 50 people between in September and October is a false alarm. There was a similar false alarm raised about a month ago regarding the outbreak of cholera and measles in Nyagahima of Kibuye Prefecture.
4. The MILOBs do not get their health information from sector leader or religious leaders who are in better position to do so. Such information obtained from individuals are likely to be exaggerated. It is also necessary to subject the health information to test possibly by visiting the area under consideration and seeing those affected.
5. It is recommended that the medical branch should ensure that the mentioned conditions are satisfied before tasking the medical officer to avoid unnecessary cost to the United Nations and also to avoid exposing the medical team to unnecessary risk as there have been many incidences of mine explosion in Nicoy 2 AOR.
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