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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

HELD AT SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

ON 25 AUGUST 1995

Present:	Ambassador S. Khan	SRSG	Special Guest
	Col Maj A. Tomia	DFC/CMO	Chairman
	Col C. A. Nelson	DCMO	Member
	Lt-Col M. Ahsannulla	SOO	"
	Lt-Col E. Castro	Comd, 1A	"
	Lt-Col R. V. Blanchette	Comd, 1B	"
	Lt-Col E. A. Mahachi	Comd, 2A	"
	Lt-Col R. M. Manzl	Comd, 2B	"
	Lt Col Nestor Sainz Tranto	Commd, 3A	
	Lt Col D.J.K.Akplor	Commd, 4	"
	Lt-Col V. Belski	Comd, 5B	"
	Lt-Col B. Coulibali	Comd, 5C	"
	Lt-Col G. Adjei	SMPO	"
	Maj K.B.S.Sirohi	Act Commd	"
	Maj Z.Alam	Act Commd	"
	Maj H. P. Zimba	SLOGO	"

In attendance:

Lt-Col	T. J. Fox	CHAO	
S/Supt	D. S. Njase	CIVPOL	
Lt-Cdr	Y. D. Gunat	G3 Med	
Maj	M. Fensom	FMO	
Maj	S. Saklayen	SO to DCMO	
Maj	R. Munir Khan	Sig Offr	
Maj	H. Oueslati	Ops Offr, 1B	Secr
Maj	G. Dube	Team Ldr, 1B	Secr

DISCUSSION

ACTION

ITEM 1. WELCOME ADDRESS BY COMD SECTOR 1B

1. Lt-Col Blanchette welcomed all present and gave a short history of Kabgayi and its place into the modern Rwandese history.

ITEM 2. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. The chairman made his opening remark in French. He expressed his honour to have the SRSG present and explained the purpose of the monthly Sector Commanders' Conference. Within two weeks of the mandate half point,

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the Chairman said that it was a good time to review our role and efficiency.

3. He covered the following points:

- a. The situation in Rwanda is improving and the international community is paying a lot of attention to Rwanda;
- b. The economy is picking up but inflation is felt;
- c. The security situation is of concern but it is understandable when considering the war trauma syndrome;
- d. The suspension for one year of the arms embargo has incited Zaire to threaten and to actually forcibly return refugees to Rwanda. The Chairman invited Milobs to pay particular attention to the gathering of information related to this movement of population;
- e. The risk of an external attack has diminished;
- f. The slow pace of reconciliation raises the specter of internal insecurity and the justice system is at the centre of the challenge. The various actors of the judiciary are slowly moving into position and some international help is being made available to speed up the process; and
- g. UNAMIR is doing its tasks according to its mandate.

All Sect
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ITEM 3. REMARKS BY THE SRSG

4. The SRSG stated that he trusted the assessments made by Milobs and that his decisions were often based on such assessments. The SRSG stressed the need to establish good relations with Rwandese authorities in relation to the new mandate. He emphasized the importance of the following points on which he would like to receive specific feedback:

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- a. The improvement of the penitentiary system;
- b. The return of refugees (which he had discussed with the Rwandese President);
- c. The delay in pledges made by the international community to assist the Rwandese government (not a point that Milobs can influence);
- d. The difficulties with the reconciliation process; and

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e. The possible enlargement of existing transit centers and eventual establishment of new centers.

5. At the end of the SRSG's address, the DCMO asked the SRSG to comment on the mine problem in Rwanda. The SRSG advised that the issue was tackled by the US demining team since UNAMIR engineer resources are too limited.

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ITEM 4. DCMO'S REMARKS

6. The DCMO introduced two of the Sector Commanders who were not present at the last conference, namely Cdr Sector 2B (Lt-Col Manz1) and Cdr Sector 4 (Lt-Col Akplor).

ITEM 5. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 1A

7. The Sect Cdr reported that the operational situation in sector 1A has changed drastically for the better as most locals and RPA have become more friendly with UNAMIR personnel.

8. Problems in the sector are:

- a. Lack of funds to pay government workers;
- b. Poor road network linking the various communes making difficult the monitoring of the development; and
- c. Lack of resources for the reconstruction of various infrastructure.

9. Returnees into the sector are gradually integrating themselves into their home communes. Some arrests linked to the genocide and banditry have been reported. Most of the returnees have lost almost all of their property.

10. The Sect Cdr cited the words of the Ugandan President who stated that the division between the Tutsi and Hutu was caused by those whom he called exploiters who support "a divide and rule system" to fulfil their interests. The Ugandan President also encouraged the Rwandese to stay together as one to improve the economy of the country.

11. In concluding, Lt-Col Castro underlined the following problems:

- a. The repatriation of Milobs and posting early in August caused a lot of changes in key personnel in the Sector;
- b. The Sect Comd requested another six vehicles to be able to operate smoothly; and

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c. His new offices require some cooling system, toilet facilities closer than those at INDBATT and a fridge to store cold water.

ITEM 6. REMARKS BY COMMANDER 1B

12. The Sect Cdr stated that in general, the situation in the sector was tense due to numerous killings, arbitrary arrests and acts of banditry. The population shows signs of insecurity throughout the Gitarama prefecture. The RPA does not have the support of the population at large and the local RPA Bde Cdr admits that he is not "winning the battle for the hearts and minds".

13. The Sect Cdr stated that the most significant problem in the prefecture is still the overcrowding of the Gitarama prison. No serious improvement has taken place since the movement of 225 prisoners to Nyanza prison on 14 July 95. Human Rights representatives have indicated that a movement of more than 2 000 inmates was being considered to the temporary detention facilities in Kigali in the first weeks of September. This will be a major undertaking for this sector's resources which will need to be reinforced for the task at hand.

14. Since the last report, the most important change in the prefecture has to do with increased pressure from FRGF forces or its fifth column. Several acts of sabotage have now been investigated and confirmed by Milob teams. They are mostly related to the electrical network where expensive transformers are emptied of their oil, turned on and burnt. Eucalyptus forest burning has also been reported. In line with what could be construed as "economy sabotage", it was also reported that peasants are instructed and pressured not to produce more than what they require to survive. Large towns then lack supply and prices go up, as noted throughout the country.

15. In the same vein, deep FRGF incursions into the northern communes have been reported and confirmed by milob patrols which have verified the information with locals. This new factor was initially reported by the RPA Bde Cdr who was explaining why they had "slightly tightened the screw". The alleged FRGF patrols are apparently not armed to facilitate their movement but they are travelling with radio equipment.

16. The minister of the interior's announcement concerning the disbandment of "local defence forces", made on Radio Rwanda during the weekend 12 and 13 august 95, is not being followed in this prefecture. The prefet does not seem to want to make waves about the fact that the LDFs may have been disbanded *de jure*, but *de facto* they are alive and kicking. Citizens night

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patrols are still sent in the various sectors where banditry is suspected. It turns out, however, that these patrols are often accompanied by RPA soldiers and proceed with arbitrary arrests at night time. The RPA Bde Cdr, Lt-Col Kayonga, who is also chairing the war counsel (military tribunal for serious offenders from the rank of private to captain inclusive), is only paying lip service to the disbandment order. He was responsible for the training of this personnel but, as he puts it, that is where his input ended since the LDFs were paid by the communes. The Minister of the Interior, to say the least, is not a popular man with the RPA.

17. There has also been a lot of pressure being exerted on various civilian authorities. At the top level, the Prefet is obviously heavily relying on UNAMIR observers to provide him at least an "institutional protection". In that respect, he often visits the Sector 1B HQ and seizes every opportunity to be seen with UNAMIR. The murder of the Ruhango sous-prefet has made a serious dent in whatever little confidence the political class had. The dismissal of the Mugina bourgmestre by the Minister of the Interior was seriously contested through organized demonstrations which could have easily turned violent. The bourgmestre of Bulinga commune is now fearing for his life, following his decision to dismiss his IPJ who was accepting bribery.

18. In Kabgayi, a clear tug-of-war is being witnessed between the RPA and the Catholic Church. In the aftermath of the killing of a priest in Taba commune, this tension was crystallized with two arbitrary arrests which were cancelled following interventions by the Bishop directly to the Prime Minister. The Bde Cdr, in a private conversation, said that he considers the Bishop to be Interhamwe. Obviously, the RPA keeps a close eye on Kabgayi which is seen as a hotbed of nationalist Hutu intellectuals.

19. On the humanitarian scene, there has been little change since the last report when it was reported that a critical point had been reached where supply can no longer meet demand. There is a growing sense of frustration at the bourgmestre level which translates into more difficulties in obtaining information or visiting commune cachots. From Sector 1B's perspective, however, the transport support provided by INDBATT resources has been outstanding. A monthly coordination and security meeting with NGOs has been institutionalized and has proved to be a success.

20. As requested, complete updated statistics concerning returnees were provided to Milob HQ. These numbers are being constantly reviewed everytime commune offices are visited. With regards to the upcoming wave

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of returnees, the local population shows mixed emotions, that is to say happiness of possible reunions but fears of reprisal. No major changes are reported on the situation of returnees, IDPs and rescapes.

21. As explained in the last report, it is difficult to make such an assessment which is obviously based on "gut feeling". The lifting of the arms embargo has obviously changed the strategic or at least the operational disposition of the sub-region. The Zairian decision to force the return of refugees is speeding up what ultimately needs to happen but the risk of "slippage" in conducting these operations, both in Zaire and in Rwanda, is high. The RPA Bde Cdr is of the opinion that the RPA is facing a stiff disciplinary challenge but that they can be up to this challenge, just like they did during the war.

22. Sector 1B was privileged with a UNHCR sponsored seminar on arrest procedures and this subject is obviously the corner stone of an "orderly reconciliation". Milobs should be very familiar with the distinction between an arbitrary arrest and an illegal arrest. At all levels, milobs are sending the clear message that illegal arrests will continue because of a lack of means but that arbitrary arrests must stop. To achieve this, the RPA must use their newly installed IPJs and be familiar with what constitutes an illegal arrest. In parallel with this, Sector 1B has a serious problem with a complete void of gendarmes. The Prefet is working hard at obtaining the deployment of a gendarme group in the prefecture but progresses are slow. The current national recruitment of communal police is seen as an encouraging sign but locals do not foresee the RPA conceding too much of its authority.

23. The Ugandan President's visit has been perceived, at least in this very politicized prefecture, as a reflection of the sub-region's instability. The increasing pressure from the neighboring countries adds to the expectation of renewed fighting. Both the FRGF and the Rwandese government are exaggerating the risk of invasion, thus creating what is labelled as a "war dynamics". This results in a climate where both Hutu and Tutsi can hardly consider reconciliation when rumors of war are looming.

24. The level of tension in the population can still be perceived through casual discussions. The impression that worse days lay ahead of them is quite symptomatic of a very slow reconciliation process, perhaps even a regressing one.

25. The departure of all Mali Coy troops from sector 1B has been delayed with the 63 soldiers remaining in Kabgayi. The transition to the new perimeter, much

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smaller, with the very walls of the Petit Seminaire, is going smoothly.

26. Sector 1B is now manned with only 21 officers and its strength will go down to 17 as of 26 August 95, that is to say only 60 % of its authorized strength. The Sect Cdr expressed hope that the reinforcement plan be known as soon as possible.

27. There is a certain amount of uncertainty concerning the FC's letter dated 7 Aug 95 that expressed that "all sector MILOBs are under direct command and control of the formed troop (sic) Commanding Officer". This letter was not followed by any change of situation on the terrain but it would be advantageous to clarify the command and control relationship, especially if the theater of operations "heats up" in the future.

28. Lt-Col Blanchette concluded in saying that he has now completed his observation period and that there was a clear feeling amongst Milobs that a lot of action lay ahead of them.

ITEM 7. REMARKS BY COMMANDER 2A

29. The Sect Cdr explained that the situation was relatively calm. Relationships with local authorities and other agencies are very cordial and the general security situation has tremendously improved. The prefecture has not yet been affected by the exodus of refugees from Zaire.

30. Developments and projects are road construction, rehabilitation of schools, health centers and drilling of bore holes. There are three orphanages in the prefecture.

31. There is a tremendous improvement of the general living conditions in most of the communes in the Sector. There is a continuous flow of returnees from the neighboring countries. Their accommodation is provided by UNHCR, WFP and ADRA whilst on transit. Milobs continue to monitor the returnees in their new places of settlement to ensure that they are peacefully integrated into the community.

32. Problems that are common to all communes are lack of essential services such as potable water and electricity. There is a lot of loose explosive ordnance and unmarked mines in some communes, thus resulting in the injury or death of livestock and human beings.

33. The only computer and fax terminals allocated to the Sector often break down and create serious delays in reporting. Three of the vehicles allocated to the sector have been in the workshop since April 95.

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Manpower shortage has also hit Sector 2A due to a large number of Milobs who have been repatriated without replacement.

34. Lt-Col Mahachi concluded by recommending that additional computers be allocated to his Sector, that the replacement of repatriated Milobs be speeded up and that cannibalization be authorized to facilitate the repair of vehicles that have been in the workshop for a long period.

ITEM 8. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 2B

35. The Sect Cdr reported that the security situation in his sector is more than calm and that it is actually peaceful. He left his written text to talk about the history of his sector and some of the peculiar inhabitant of the swamps which make the largest part of his sector. In his written report, the Sect Cdr explained that the rate of intimidation and indiscriminate arrests of locals has been reduced. However some cases of infiltration by armed elements of the FRGF, with the aim of taking their relatives to Tanzania, have been reported.

36. In response to an anticipated FRGF threat, the RPA has deployed its troops along the Southern border with Burundi and Tanzania. The relationship between UNAMIR and the RPA has improved considerably.

37. So far, 1574 returnees have been registered in August. Their overall condition is quite satisfactory. They face problems of accommodation and a shortage of cultivation equipment. Returnees are being assisted by NGOs in terms of health, educational aid, food distribution, reunion of lost family member and establishment of local cooperatives. There have been positive signs of reconciliation between the two ethnic groups.

38. The Sect Cdr expressed the same concern about the command and control of Milobs and Formed troops as expressed by Cdr Sect 1B. He explained that he loosely interpreted this letter since he could not understand how the Commanding Officer of formed troops could actually tell him how to run his sector. In his written brief, the Sect Cdr stated that the security of Milobs was a matter of some concern. This could be overcome to a certain extent by co-locating Milobs with formed troops when feasible.

39. Lt-Col Manz1 concluded in making reference to problems of accommodation, lack of adequate food storage facilities, inadequate office and communication equipment and slow repair of vehicles at the workshop.

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40. The SRSG asked three questions to the Sect Cdr. Firstly, he wanted to know if there were any potential prison facilities in Sector 2B. Secondly, he inquired whether Radio UNAMIR was heard in his sector and thirdly whether he knew anything about an old cross-over area which could greatly facilitated the movement of population if a bridge could be built thereto. The Sect Cdr said that he would find answers to these questions.

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ITEM 9. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 3A

41. The Sect Cdr announced that the security situation in all the communes has remained stable since the last conference. In his written brief, the killing of the Sous-prefet was noted as a serious indicator of tension within the communes.

42. There still exists two camps in the prefecture, with 2150 and 420 returnees. The NGOs, other UN Agencies and UNAMIR operating in the sector supervised the evacuation of the Murambi Camp IDPs which began on 7 Aug 95. So far, 354 families of approximately 1450 persons have been evacuated to their home communes namely, Kivu, Mubuga and Rwamiko. The evacuation of the remaining 185 families (400 people) which was scheduled to resume on 16 Aug was postponed because of a perceived insecurity in Rwamiko commune. This development resulted, as far as the Sect Cdr can assess, in the arrest of between 100 and 130 people in the communes suspected of having been involved in the Genocide.

43. There are clear indications that some NGOs are doing everything possible to rehabilitate the returnees by providing food and shelter in their communes. The Sect Cdr stated that the gradual increase in the commune population has made the health care and the food delivery system grossly inadequate. Most of the clinics are short of drugs and facilities to cope with patients. The withdrawal of ZAMBATT formed troops which used to assist the clinics has worsened the situation. The locals need seeds, farm implements and fertilizers. Most of the schools in the prefecture are functioning at 80%.

44. The Sect Commd concluded his remarks by reporting that the logistic situation in his sector is most unhealthy. Out of nine vehicles allocated to the sector, five are presently in the workshop.

ITEM 10. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 3B

45. The Acting Sect Cdr reported that the situation in all 20 communes is generally stable and calm. Milob teams still face problems with the RPA in performing

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their day to day duties. The security of material especially UN property transported out of SENBATT location on its departure is of concern.

46. A team from the Force Engr Coy has started work at the rehabilitation center in Butare. The Reconnaissance of two bridges was also carried out by Force Engr Coy representatives. No progress report have been heard of since then.

47. The flow of the returnees into the sector has been slow and gradual. Since the closure of IDP camps in April 1995, a total of 73,303 of them have registered. A large number of humanitarian activities were undertaken in coordination with UN agencies and NGOs. There are two prisons in the prefecture. As of 24 Aug 95, one is holding 6660 and the other one 1067.

48. Major Sirohi concluded by stating that he was facing an acute shortage of vehicles as there are only six vehicles while eight patrol teams need to operate.

ITEM 11. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 4

49. The Sect Cdr indicated that he had just taken command of his sector and that the general situation was relatively calm. However, a series of continuous banditry activities ranging from household robberies, stolen livestock and farm products to indiscriminate killings, including political killings, have taken place in the Bugarama subsector. There, bandits have clearly focussed their action on traders and returnees with money as well as livestock who are being systematically targeted. RPA soldiers are still suspected of having committed some of these crimes.

50. In terms of political killings, one took place in Gishoma commune on 5 Aug 95 and an attempted one in Mukinbangiro sector where the counsellor was seriously wounded by unknown individuals for reasons suspected to be political. On 30 July 95, a firefight took place between unidentified elements and the RPA at Kamembe commune. Rifle launched grenades were used and the commune office sustained damages.

51. Airspace violations continued during the period from 16 to 30 June where 19 sightings of unidentified aircraft violating the Rwanda airspace were reported. 15 other sightings were reported during the period 1-31 July. In August, there were seven sightings. All of these aircraft are of a grey metallic color and no clear markings have been observed.

52. On 9 August at Kirangira sector, the bodies of four suspected FRGF soldiers were photographed by UN personnel along the Rwanda-Burundi border and a joint

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UNAMIR/UNHCR investigation was launched. These soldiers are alleged to have been shot by the RPA.

53. All refugees arriving from Zaire in Sector 4, both in Bugarama and Rusizi I and II, are processed through the Nyagatare transit camp. This camp has been developed to accommodate 10,000 refugees and the another one at Nyarushishi can accommodate 15,000 refugees.

54. The Sect Cdr assesses that the FRGF does not possess the force preparedness and the necessary logistic support from the Zairian Government to launch major offensives in the Cyangugu Prefecture. The military option is fading although it is expected that political killings and low level operations to disrupt command, control and communication systems will continue under the cover of "bandit" activities. Also, acts of terrorism and intimidation of the population along the border areas will continue as a warning not to overtly support the Government of Rwanda.

55. Lt-Col Akplor ended his remarks by stating that there is a lack of vehicles in Sector 4.

ITEM 12. REMARKS BY COMMANDER 5A

56. The Acting Sect Cdr described the operational situation in his sector during the past month as quite satisfactory. Rumors of FRGF invasion has considerably died down. There was a peaceful demonstration on 31 July in the town of Ruhengeri by government employees and civilians against the promotion of the Ruhondo and Kigombe bourgmestres to the respective positions of Ruhengeri and Kibuye subprefects.

57. There has been some tension at the RPA occupied former TUNBATT position in Nemba, including the hospital area run by an NGO. The general humanitarian situation has improved tremendously. The general situation in the communes is considered to be similar to the national average. Although there are three hospitals and 26 Health Centers in the Prefecture, the area is still not adequately covered.

58. The reconciliation process is apparently gaining root but its success will likely take a long time, depending on the people's attitude towards the arrival of returnees.

59. Major Alam concluded by stating that his sector had vehicle, computer, telephone and fax problems.

ITEM 13. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 5B

60. The Sect Cdr stated that the overall situation may be deemed as tense. Incidents include infiltration,

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patrol clashes, sabotage, mine explosions and killings of suspected FRGF by the RPA. The relations between Milobs and the RPA has remained at a distance and guarded.

61. The refugee figures increased considerably over the last few days to approx 2,000 per day. It was observed that a large percentage of the refugees are women, children and aged males. The contingency plan for the large repatriation of returnees was put into effect.

62. The plan included the setting up of two transit camps at Nkamira and at the College Complex, depending on the number of returnees. In addition, NGOs have made plans for the distribution of food, water and medical care at the border posts and transit camps. The NICOY was incorporated in the plan to provide necessary security and additional transport. It is understood that UNHCR officials in Goma consulted the Chief of security in Zaire and learnt that authorities are going to interrupt forced repatriation for the present. They were going to encourage voluntary return as of 26 Aug 95. The Goma border remained closed to all Milobs and Humanitarian food convoys.

63. The conditions in the Gisenyi Prison are considered good when compared to other prisons in Rwanda.

64. The Sect Cdr stated that from June to 24 August 95 a total of 12,925 have returned to the Sector. The main problem the returnees are facing is the distribution of land.

65. The problem of reconciliation, though not simple, is not being addressed in the correct perspective. The RPA, the local authorities and the Government have made it clear that the perpetrators of the Genocide would be brought to courts but the arbitrary arrests that are being perpetrated are seriously hindering the reconciliation process.

66. There is a propaganda campaign going on in the GOMA camps. Led by the politically active refugees, the campaign aims at discouraging the returnees from leaving. The propaganda also relies on the fact that UNHCR and NGOs are providing greater accessibility to education for children, free and better medical care than what is available in Rwanda.

67. It is estimated that the FRGF's strength in the Goma area is approximately 30 000 but they are poorly equipped, not receiving any significant arms deliveries. There are about 40 AMLs and 25 artillery pieces (presumably 105 mm) located immediately west of GOMA and guarded by some Zairian soldiers. This equipment is serviceable, however it is felt that there is a limited

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amount of ammunition available. Consequently, the chances for the FRGF to launch a massive organized attack across the border are very little.

68. The presence of FRGF in the area of the Gishwati Forest is suspected. This assessment has been reinforced by a few recent incidents which have forced Milobs to avoid certain locations. The presence of mines is also strongly suspected.

69. Lt-Col Belski concluded by stating that he needed Force Engrs for the following tasks:

- a. Demining of road Kayove - Kibuye;
- b. Illumination of the area near the border post and the transit camp; and
- c. Improvement of the road circuit at the Nkamira transit camp.

ITEM 14. REMARKS BY COMMANDER SECTOR 5C

70. The Sect Cdr said that the period under review was calm but that there had some serious moments of tension. In his written brief, he stated that the general security situation which earlier seemed to be improving, later started to deteriorate. The recent mass killing of the mine workers by RPA soldiers and a mine explosion in Rutsiro commune has changed the situation abruptly. In a separate development, rumors are on the increase that the FRGF will be launching an attack by infiltration in the near future.

71. A significant development is the deterioration of the security situation in Rutsiro commune where nearly 1080 returnees have arrived in the past three months. The population is facing problems related to a lack of piped water, medical centers, accommodations, arable land and education facilities and materials.

72. The reconciliation process has not changed in its perception by the local population. Nothing is really materializing although the situation appears to be calm. The Hutu population feels that the reconciliation is not required because they anticipate that the FRGF will return and save them from persecution and harassment from the Tutsi RPA.

73. The Sect Cdr stated that a high percentage of his vehicles are off road at any given time. The creation of a mobile repair teams or the establishment of a repair element is recommended. The sector needs two more computer sets.

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74. Lt-Col Coulibali concluded by saying that the situation was not conducive for the dreamt development to take place. The frequent harassment, arrests and killings of local people are still jeopardizing the establishment of a durable peace.

ITEM 15. DEPARTING REMARKS OF THE SRSG

75. Before his departure, the SRSG emphasized on the following points:

a. Although transit camps are functioning but he needs the inputs from Milobs as regard to where new ones should be established or existing ones be enlarged;

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b. Bourgmestres and prefets may not be quite ready to accept the large number of returnees we can expect and that a "gentle pressure" could be the right action for Milobs to execute when dealing with these civilian authorities;

c. There is a need to review the situation of Milob sectors which are without formed troops, both in terms of security and resources available to cater for humanitarian needs.

d. Relations with local authorities seem to be relatively good throughout the country and this should actually spread to all NGOs operating in a given sector;

e. The penitentiary system needs a lot of attention, both in the short and the long terms. The expansion of prison should be preferred to the creation of new ones since the latter require a lot more personnel and efforts.

ITEM 16. REMARKS BY THE FORCE MEDICAL OFFICER

76. The FMO informed the conference that Casevac by helicopter was available and explained the procedures by handing out some written documentation. She emphasized the prioritization system which can best ensure that the operational efficiency of resources available is optimized.

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Sect Cdrs

77. The DCMO noted that priority would be given according to the seriousness of the injuries, independently of the person who needs the evacuation. He also asked that the FMO review the situation of Milob group which operate away from formed troops. The discussion evolved towards the need of emergency first aid kits and Maj Fensom said she would look into the matter.

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ITEM 17. REMARKS BY THE CHAO

78. The CHAO emphasized the need to work at the lower level when contacting authorities to prepare the arrival of returnees. He considers that a lot more can be achieved at the counsellor level than at the prefet level for example.

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79. MILOBS have to continue to collect as much information as possible and Sect Cdrs have to do a proper screening of priorities. In the same vein, Milobs were reminded not to make any promises since it was causing a lot of frustration and was actually quite counter-productive.

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80. Lt-Col Fox concluded in announcing in a nutshell that he needed the help of Milobs if he wanted to be able to help Milobs.

ITEM 18. REMARKS BY THE CIVPOL SUPERINTENDANT

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Cdrs

81. The acting CIVPOL Superintendant stressed his concern on the shortage of CIVPOL personnel in the sectors. He explained that the bulk of his CIVPOL personnel were actually needed at the Ruhengeri Gendarmerie Training Institute.

82. He also explained, in answering a remark by Cdr Sect 1B, that CIVPOL had absolutely nothing to do with either the gendarmerie recruiting or posting process. He realized that the void created by a lack of gendarmes in most prefectures was very much linked to insecurity and this was probably the reason why the new UNAMIR mandate had specified this need of training a national gendarmerie.

83. In terms of the use of CIVPOL members among a Milob group, a discussion developed and it was felt that there were actually little difference between what a CIVPOL and a Milob have to do in their observation duties. The suggestion came out that CIVPOL could advantageously be employed in investigation linked to criminal action but that the Sect Cdr would always have the prerogative of using this specialized resource as he best sees fit.

84. The DCMO asked that the CIVPOL Superintendant prepare a study on how to best employ CIVPOL resources in the UNAMIR context. S/Supt Njase said that he would inform Col Diarrha of this request.

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ITEM 19. REMARKS OF THE SOO

85. The SOO informed the forum that Milob Group HQ is now located at UNAMIR HQ Ops Branch. He advised that all Milobs have to have an updated knowledge of current

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events and that for this reason information had to be passed precisely and in a timely manner. He announced that Channel 12 has to be reprogrammed on all sets as soon as possible. Humanitarian requests have to be followed up by the sectors. He emphasized the need to coordinate and cooperate closely with UN Agencies and NGOs. He suggested, like it is done in some sectors, that joint patrols and meetings be coordinated and executed. He stressed the need to give correct grid references in the daily SITREPs and to remember that UNAMIR HQ is using a small scale map and that all features and names cannot be found on this map. Additionally, a prompt and early warning when a significant incident occurs.

All Sect
Cdrs

86. Lt-Col Ahsannulla concluded in reminding everyone that a high priority must be given to the gathering of information concerning IDPs and returnees.

ITEM 20. REMARKS BY THE SMPO

87. The SMPO said that the most significant issue since the last conference was the repatriation of 81 Milobs in August 95 and that 28 more were expected to be repatriated in September 95. This situation has affected Milobs strength in all sectors and branches except MILOB GP HQ. He also said that Milobs overdue for posting will be considered for deployment after the situation stabilizes in all sectors. He stated that Milobs would have a minimum stay of six months in each sector.

All Sect
Cdrs

88. Unless a fax message is received at Milob GP HQ about a Milob's extension of tour of duty, they will assume that Milobs are repatriating on their DDMS. To avoid confusion, Milobs should coordinate these matters long before their DDMS.

89. The MSA is likely to be late in view of the movement of finance to Traffipro. A discussion was initiated by Cdr Sect 2B to the effect that this was his first Peacekeeping Mission where MSA was not being paid on the first of the month since this money was required to pay rents which are due on the first of the month. The DCMO acknowledged the problem and tasked Cdr Sect 2B to prepare a correspondence which should reach the new CAO.

Cdr Sect
2B

90. Lt-Col Adjei concluded in saying that he hoped the Milobs shortfalls will stabilize by mid-Sep 95.

ITEM 21. REMARKS BY SLOGO

91. The SLOGO stated that after the vehicle allocation meeting, the vehicle strength for Milobs was increased

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from 89 to 107. The registered holding is 94 but only 55 are serviceable. He stressed the need to take more care of the vehicles in the sectors and encouraged Sect Cdrs to supervise closely the use and maintenance of vehicles. Accident reports are to be forwarded within 24 hours in Kigali and its neighborhood or, at the latest, within 48 hours in sectors further away.

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92. Major Zimba concluded in requesting that a list of all Milobs without a driving permit be forwarded by sectors ASAP to Milob Group HQ.

ITEM 22. REMARKS BY THE DCMO

All Sect
Cdrs

93. In articulating his closing remarks, the DCMO emphasized the following points:

a. After three Sect Cdrs' conferences, he is now convinced that information does not actually filter down to individuals. Sect Cdrs have the responsibility of not only passing this information but also to ensure that it is well understood. In that respect, all Milobs need to be thoroughly familiar with the UNAMIR mandate and its five main parts;

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b. There is a need for better leadership and discipline. The problem is not that the personnel is not aware of the rules. Rather, there is too often only a weak enforcement of these regulations. Accordingly, negligence will not be tolerated anymore, especially in the mishandling of vehicles which, with communication means, are actually the only weapons or tools to accomplish our mission with. As of 1 Sep 95, there will be no more tolerance in that area of activity and driving licenses will eventually be withdrawn.

c. CTO has to be deserved and Sect Cdrs should allocate it accordingly.

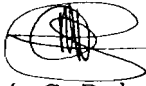
d. In terms of Command and Control, in response to the questions raised by two of the Sect Cdrs, the DCMO suggested that if any problem were encountered in implementing the recent FC directives, there was always the possibility of faxing immediately the details of the communication obstacle to the Milobs HQ. Meanwhile, the DCMO will review the impact of the new command and control instructions in coordination with UNAMIR authorities.

DCMO

e. Col Nelson concluded the conference by requesting Sect Cdrs to brief their Milobs as soon as administratively possible and to have the minutes of the meeting available to all for their

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perusal. He then thanked all the participants and the hosts of the conference. The next two monthly conferences will respectively be held in Kibuye (Sector 5C) and Ruhengeri (Sector 5A).


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Major
Secretary

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UNAMIR - MINUAR

MILOB GP HQ

TO : SRSG

DATE : 21 MAY 95

FROM : MILOB GP HQ

FILE : 643/0ps/95

SUBJECT : MEETING OF MILOB SECTOR CDRS WITH SRSG ON 20 MAY 95

1. The meeting of Milob Sector Commanders with HE Mr Shahryar Khan SRSG was attended by the following :-

(a) Col Charles A Nelson	DCMO	
(b) Maj Ashish Ghosh	Offg Sec Cdr Sec 1)
(c) Maj Vijay Pande	Offg Sec Cdr Sec 2)
(d) Col S A Hasnain	Sec Cdr Sec 3)
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(k) Lt Col T J Fox		
(l) Sqn Ldr F A Ayamgha	SLOGO	
(m) Maj H S Ratnaparkhi	SOO	

2. The SRSG directed that the issues discussed be formulated subject wise and submitted for his perusal. The same is attached herewith.

3. Best Regards.

Harish
(H S Ratnaparkhi)

Major

Senior Ops Offr

for DCMO

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ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF
MILOB SECTOR CDRS WITH SRSG ON
20 MAY 95

GENERAL SITUATION

1. The general situation in the entire country was reported to be calm . The sector cdr Sector 3 however added that this appears to be temporary as the present government appears to give a false impression to the world that everything is fine here. Sector Cdr 4C indicated that the cases of banditry,looting and killings from persons across the border are common in his sector.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

2. The Military Observers have undertaken a number of humanitarian initiatives. Routine humanitarian assistance in terms of transportation of medicines , school material and food has continued as before. Some felt that the humanitarian efforts are not exactly tangible and what has really emerged is the excellent rapport the Military Observers enjoy with the local government , NGOs and the population. In the absence of a coordinating agency like UNREO, the observers have been instrumental in refocussing the attention of aid agencies to places where the aid is needed and also advise on precisely what kind of aid is needed. Another important task was to constantly monitor the influx of refugees and also the settling of IDPs into their home communes. During the Kibeho episode the Milobs were instrumental in coordinating the return of IDPs and helping in their settling down in the home communes.

3. Difficulties. The following difficulties were faced :-

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(a) The response of NGOs at best can be termed as lukewarm. In Gitarama sector it was reported that nobody except CARITAS and ICRC were physically present. It was acknowledged by all that

the NGO presence in Rwanda is largely due to the presence of UNAMIR.

(b) There are no resources available with UNAMIR to help the locals. They are dependant on the aid agencies or ask the HQ for help and the help asked is generally not given. This erodes the credibility of UNAMIR. Some funds to give assistance like sports goods, furniture was recommended.

(c) Due to lack of coordination between the government and the aid agencies, a lot of effort is wasted. There is a need of a coordinating agency for this.

3. Achievements. The following achievements of UNAMIR were cited :-

(a) Transportation of IDPs.

(b) Restoration of electricity in Sector 1.

(c) Due to the presence of UNAMIR the economic activity has picked up and people are feeling more secure.

(d) Milobs in Giseyni have been able to coordinate efforts of the large team of UN agencies NGOs into one towards one goal.

(e) The help given in digging garbage pits in Giseyni and assistance to Electrogaz.

4. Recommendations. The following recommendations were put forth :-

(a) The country needs large scale assistance to reconstruct destroyed assets and the same be provided.

(b) The RPA could be given non lethal assistance like Clothing, training and repair of military barracks.

(c) To improve functioning of government at lower levels some aid like motorcycles, office eqpt, communication be provided.

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(d) Revival of judicial system can only take place if UN takes active interest.

(e) The formed troops be actively involved in construction

activity and be equipped as such in the new mandate.

(f) Creation of Aid Rwanda fund was suggested by Sec Cdr Sec 4A.

(g) Assistance in improvement of water supply, educational facilities and reconstruction of buildings of national significance like the Parliament Building at Kigali.

(h) Effective utilization of media to project positive image of UNAMIR.

(j) Training to medical staff.

(k) Medical assistance in terms of a field hospital and improved medical assistance by air.

(l) Improvement in prisons.

(m) More interpreters will be of great help.

5. New Mandate . The following views were expressed :-

(a) Reduced UNAMIR presence would mean reduced NGO presence.

(b) Any intransigence against UN would further delay the efforts to bring to book the persons involved in the genocide.

(c) The old government will sooner or later try to come to power and the presence of UN will help the present government.

(d) The present government in Rwanda must seek a reduced UN presence under chapter 6 and seek a peace building mandate.

(e) The best arms of the UN in the field are the Observers and their presence costs little while their worth in humanitarian coordination is as yet unrealized.

6. SRSCs Remarks. The SRSC thanked all the participants and said that the inputs provided at grassroots levels balance off the negative elements. He addressed the following three basic frustrations :-

(a) Lack of justice and the RPA being the only authority.

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- (b) Financial aid to Rwanda is not coming as expected.
- (c) Activities from across the border.

He mentioned that the prisons in Rwanda like the Kibeho IDP camp are future flash points and may go the Kibeho way if steps are not

taken to improve the conditions in the prisons. He cited the example of the help being given at Gitarama prison by UNAMIR and expressed that this kind of direct assistance is much better than those involving big bureaucratic chains. He also said that the UN will only stay at the wishes of the present sovereign government and in whatever form it has to stay will be clear in a couple of weeks. He also emphasized that the reconciliation must come at the lower levels to ensure long lasting peace.

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SECTOR 1 MILOB HQ (BYUMBA)

BRIEF FOR SRSG's CONFERENCE
WITH MILOB SECTOR COMMANDERS
ON SAT 20 MAY 95

INTRODUCTION

1. Your Excellency, MILOB Sector One (BYUMBA PREFECTURE) is one of the oldest sectors . It graduated from the former RPF sector to what it is today . From then and till now the Milobs have been continuously performing the tasks assigned to them by UNAMIR .
2. This essentially entails acting as the "*Eyes and Ears of the UNAMIR*" even in the most remotest of places , within the AOR . We have been constantly monitoring the situation , observing and reporting on the state of affairs.

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3. The aim of this breif is to acquaint you with the steps taken by Milob Sector One , to improve Humanitarian aspects in Rwanda and assistance provided to the Govt as mentioned in our mission.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

4. Sir, keeping in mind our role and also the material resources available, what we have been able to achieve in keeping with UNAMIR Humanitarian efforts, are as follows :-

a. **Establishment of Good Rapport.** An excellent rapport has been established with the Prefecture, Commune and Sector authorities by constant liaison and also by showing our concern regarding their administrative problems. The authorities now approach the Milob HQ at Byumba of their own accord seeking help. This is a big achievement considering their initial mistrust.

b. **Compilation of Database.** Compilation of a wide database of administrative, humanitarian and civil affairs of each commune. An example of which is attached to this brief. This acts as a ready reference to discern the Humanitarian needs of each commune in particular. The active cooperation of the civil administration with the Milob HQ to enable its compilation is another achievement.

c. **Responding to Needs of Govt.** Refocussing and drawing attention of NGOs and UN Agencies to areas of concern of the local government, some examples are :-

(i) WFP was requested to provide food aid to certain sectors which were facing an acute shortage but were being neglected.

(ii) CARITAS was requested to include certain type of seeds which the local farmers preferred over the others being provided.

d. **Reception of Returnees.** We constantly monitor the inflow of returnees from Uganda and Tanzania and their registration as well as reception at the reception centres of Matimba and Nyagatare. The appalling sanitary and shelter situation at these reception centres were rectified after we requested the HACs and UNREOs intervention in this regard.

e. **Resettling of IDPs.** With the recent developments we have now started to constantly monitor the resettling of IDPs in their home communes. This is greatly appreciated by the IDPs who feel there is someone genuinely interested in their welfare and it boosts their morale.

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f. **Routing Requests to Formed Troops.** Acting as the interface between NIBATT and the local populace . In this regard it is through us that the bulk of requests for transportation of material , EOD , demining of areas, engineer assistance to NIBATT is routed .

g. **Coordination of NGOs.** In the absence of an UNREO or UNDP representative in the sector we have been trying to coordinate the activities of UN Agencies and NGOS. In this regard we have achieved partial success , as out of the 38 registered NGOs in the prefecture only 17 turned up for our joint meeting at the prefecture on 12 of this month. However we must say we have managed to streamline the functioning of Medical NGOs within the sector by holding monthly meetings at the prefecture on regular basis.

h. **Routing Requests to UNAMIR.** Last but not the least acting as interface between the local govt authorities and the UNAMIR . Requests from the local govt are constantly passed on to UNAMIR through our HQ. These are essentially those which can not be tackled by NIBATT . Examples of such requests are:-

- (i) Repair of the UN built bailey bridge at Gatuna.
- (ii) Repair of two stretches on the Kigali - Gatuna road.
- (iii) Project proposals from the prefecture , like food for road repairs.
- (iv) Requests for repairs of certain water pumps for restoration of piped water to communes.

DIFFICULTIES

5. The difficulties faced by us in the execution of both the tasks of improving the Humanitarian response as well as to help the Rwandese Govt are as follows :-

(a) **Response from NGOs.** The response from NGOs ,to our efforts of coordinating the Humanitarian response in our sector can at best be called lukewarm . While some have responded favourably some have ignored the effort altogether.

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(b) **Response from Formed Troops.** Previously the NIBATT had been reacting favourably to Engr requests from the local populace routed through us , however recently even small Engineer Tasks have to be cleared from the Force Engrs Office before execution, which leads to a lot of breaucratic delay. Their response in other fields however continues to be excellent.

(c) **Response from UNAMIR.** The UNAMIR has to be more responsive to requests of the local populace or govt authorities routed through us. Delay in doing so erodes the credibility of the Milobs in particular and that of UNAMIR in general.

(d) **Lack of Material Resources.** The Milobs lack material resources from which to donate certain welfare items of sports , clothing , food , etc to school students and other vulnurable sections of society. These actions help generate a lot of goodwill and establish better raport.

SUGGESTED STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE

6. Some of the steps suggested by us to improve both our Humanitarian response as well as to help the Rwandese Govt , are as follows :-

(a) **Coordination of Humanitarian Aid Agencies.** The Humanitarian UN agencies and NGOs must be able to project a coordinated response to the humanitarian aid needs of the local govt. In the absence of an UNREO representative , this task can, most suitably be executed by the Sector Commander in concert with the prefect . The NGOs must then be instructed to respond similarly .

(b) **Response of UNAMIR.** UNAMIR has to respond more expeditiously to the requests of the locals routed through the Milobs . Even a negative answer is better than no answer at all.

(c) **Response of Formed Troops.** Formed Troops must respond to the locals request for engineer, medical and transportation help , routed through the Milobs.

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(d) **Provision of Material Aid.** Milob Sector Commanders must be provided with the following:-

- (i) Sports goods like Footballs , Volleyballs ,etc.
- (ii) T Shirts for school children with logos in vernacular stating " UNAMIR for excellence of Rwandese Sports " , etc.
- (iii) Entertainment Fund , for entertaining local officials periodically . Milobs continue to spend out of their pockets till date.
- (iv) Certain Food stocks , be kept at Sector level for distribution to the needy.

(e) **Transportation.** The biggest problem being faced by the local govt is the lack of transportation. If the local govt is provided with vehs on loan with UN logo painted on them , the locals even in the deep hinterland will notice that MINUAR is helping them.

7. In addition to actually helping the locals , we must be seen to be helping them . For example, The restoration of electricity in the commune must be accompanied by media coverage . Veh provided to the local govt must display the fact that it is a UNAMIR veh. These actions will improve the image of UNAMIR in the eyes of the locals.

CONCLUSION

8. The importance of keeping ones eyes and ears open at all times , can not be over emphasised. If UNAMIR responds favourably and timely to the requests routed by the Milobs , they will , Sir I assure you produce the results desired .

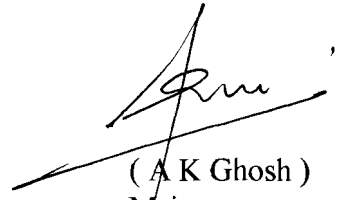
9. We can help achieve the dual aim of UNAMIR , that is of improving the Humanitarian response and of helping the local government only if our own agencies respond favourably to us.

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10. Sir, Thank You for listening , I am willing to take on any questions that you may have.



(A K Ghosh)
Maj
Actg Sect Comd

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FROM : Sector 1 Milob HQ (Byumba) **DATE :** 20 May 95

SECTOR ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 20 APR 95 TO 20 MAY 95

1. GENERAL SITUATION

(a) The sector faced certain periods of tension during the period due to certain reports following the Kibeho camp incident as also due to certain anti UNAMIR demonstrations and propoganda. Presently the sector is experiencing a period of relative calm.

(b) Border Situation. Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA remained open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic. There has been a slight change in the number of returnees crossing over from Uganda through the Kagitumba border. The average daily crossing figures have changed from 700 to 250 persons and from 800 to 150 heads of cattle.

2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Military Activities of RPA. The Bde HQ from Murambi has shifted to Kibongo .There is a change in the attitude of the RPA soldiers manning the Rd Blocks , they have resorted to noting down particulars and checking of UNAMIR vehs.

3 (b) Attitude of the RPA. The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is unpredictable , they had been generally friendly and cooperative in the past but refused to recognise the Milobs and started to subject our vehs to through search . These have now stopped.

3. OWN ACTIVITIES

4 (a) Deployment. The sector has now deployed at two outstations at Ngarama and Nyagatare, with a team each. We are colocated with the NIBATT at both places.

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Date : 16 MAY 95

FROM : DCMO, MILOB GP HQ

File : Ops/Conf-45

SUBJECT : MEETING WITH SRSG AND SECTOR CDRS CONFERENCE.

1. The next meeting with the SRSG and Sector cdrs conference will be held at KIGALI in Sec 6 on 20 May 95 as per the following programme :-

0900-1000	Arrival at KIGALI	By road/air
1030-1130	Meeting with the SRSG	At Force HQ briefingroom
1130-1200	Move to Sector 6 HQ	
1200-1330	Sector Cdrs Conference	Sector 6 HQ
1330-1430	Lunch	Under arrangements Sec 6
1430-1500	Move to helipad	
1500	Departure	

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2. SRSBs Conference. The sector cdrs are requested to give a brief of activities in their sectors for approximately 10 min to cover the following (written brief may be submitted to the SOO immediately thereafter) :-

(a) Achievements.

(b) Difficulties.

(c) Steps to be taken to improve Humanitarian aspects in Rwanda and how better we can assist the govt as mentioned in our mission.

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3. Agenda for Sector Cdrs Conference.

1145	Arrival of participants	Tea /Coffee
1200	Welcome address	Sect Cdr 6
1205	Opening Remarks By CMO	
1205-1210	Briefing by HAC	HAC
1215-1245	Any points from Sector Cdrs and Staff Offrs will be discussed as briefing has already taken place in the morning	
1300-1310	DCMOs Remarks	
1310-1320	CMOs Closing Remarks	
1320-1330	Spare	
1330-1430	Lunch	

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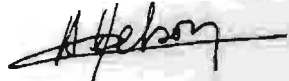
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4. Move and Conc. Please submit requests for helicopter to reach this HQ by 1700h on 17 May 95.

5. SLOGO. Please provide one Minibus to Sector 6 for transportation of sector cdrs from Helipad to the places mentioned above as per the programme till they depart by air.

6. Best Regards.


(Charles Nelson)
Colonel
DCMO

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MINUTES OF THE CONTINGENT COMD'S
DURBAR HELD ON 29 APR 95

Present:

Lt Col SA Katung	Comd	Chairman
WO2 HABU Jonathan	RSM	member
All sldrs not on essential duties		Member
Capt JA Asemota	AO	Secretary

OPENING REMARKSACTION

1. The Commander welcomed the soldiers and told them that although he had spoken to them on previous occasions either personally or through the 2i/c, he had decided to hold this durbar formally in order to seriously advise them prior to the payment of the contingent's first monthly (April) allowance. He reminded them that whether at home or abroad, the aim of durbar is to rub minds and ensure smooth administration and collective participation. He stressed that in a mission area (like Rwanda) the need for regular durbar becomes imperative to ensure that troops are adequately informed and alert to their responsibilities. The Commander regretted that 1 and 2 platoons were not represented because the durbar was not planned in advance. He however said that he would visit the platoons and hold durbar with them shortly. He added that he had arranged the agenda of the durbar in such a way that he would first brief the troops on some developments in the mission area, let them know what is expected of them at all times, and then give each person the opportunity to ask questions.

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ITEM 1 WORKING RELATIONSHIP

2. The Commander stressed the need for very good working relationship among soldiers; between soldiers and officers, and above all, between the Contingent and the people of Rwanda. He particularly urged the Warrant Officers and SNCOs to work hand in hand with their soldiers; pass down orders and information adequately so as to reduce any incidence of information gap.

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is on a peace mission within the Command Structure of UNAMIR. Therefore, cooperation with the people and government of Rwanda was of paramount importance. He said that although UNAMIR vehicles and personnel are not supposed to be subjected to searches at road blocks, the RPA soldiers (either because of low training or language barrier) do not know this. The Commander urged all to always exhibit a high sense of maturity and discipline by stopping at RPA road blocks and allowing them to search. He warned that he would not want to receive any report of clash or confrontation with RPA soldiers because of provocation at road blocks or any where else.

ITEM 2: VISIT TO NAIROBI

4. The Commander told troops that he and the Finance Officer went to Nairobi to collect the Contingents April allowances. He said he had directed the Finance Officer to pay everybody in the evening after the civilian workers have closed, to reduce undue publicity. He reminded everybody of the advice given by the CTOP - DHQ, Maj Gen Kupolati in his farewell address to the Contingent at Ikeja airport that everyone should endeavour to return home with his/her allowances and make wise and prudent use of the money. The Commander told all that from his experience in Nairobi, things were relatively cheaper in Nigeria. And there is no electronics that cannot be purchased at ALABA market back home. He urged soldiers to think seriously whether going on a spending spree in Rwanda should take precedence over the welfare of the family they left behind in Nigeria.

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ITEM 3: DISCIPLINE

5. The Commander warned that he would not tolerate a situation where the payment of allowances is allowed to introduce indiscipline and reduce security consciousness into the contingent. He drew the attention of all to the Camp Rules which is on the notice board and advised them to go and read it if they have forgotten. He warned that he meant every word of the rule to be obeyed, and any person who disobeys any of the rules would be charged, tried and repatriated to Nigeria.

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ITEM 4: CONTINGENT MAGAZINE

6. The Commander informed soldiers that the contingent intends to publish a magazine which will encapsule the activities of NIBATT II in Rwanda. The APRD was still planning

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the form the publication would take. However, soldiers with good writing skills should write articles about their experiences in Rwanda and submit for vetting and eventual publication.

ITEM 5: PASSPORTS

7. The Commander directed all soldiers to submit their individual International Passports to be kept centrally. He said that some had already done so, but those who were yet to comply were warned to submit theirs to the AO immediately. This was to prevent the kind of situation where some soldiers who went for peace keeping mission in Yugoslavia were reported to have deserted. The Commander reminded the soldiers that since they have voluntarily elected to be soldiers, they should make the very best out of the career, and avoid thinking of deserting in foreign land.

ITEM 6: LEAVE

8. The Commander told soldiers that after three months in Mission area they were each entitled to some days leave. They are free to travel to Nairobi if they wish. But the only assistance the contingent can give is to drop the intending traveller at Kigali airport. Thereafter, he is on his own. The Commander however advised everyone to think carefully before travelling because of the high expenses involved. He told them that a taxi drop from Nairobi airport cost 20 US Dollars while the cheapest Hotel attracts 35 US Dollars. He advised that it would be better for soldiers to send officers travelling to Nairobi with money to buy whatever they want if such item is very essential - otherwise they should reserve their money for shopping back home in Nigeria.

ITEM 7: COMBAT RATION

9. The Commander told soldiers that he was informed that soldiers were in the habit of demanding for Combat ration each time they were on duty outside the Camp. He made it clear that by military standard, Combat ration was for soldiers who are on 24 hours duty where meals are not available. The policy for the contingent on combat ration henceforth is that it will be made available only to officers and soldiers who are on any duty outside the camp that will involve missing two meals

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ITEM 8: PROMOTION

10. The Commander said that he returned from Nairobi to meet

promotion recommendation on his table even though the Contingent was just three weeks old in Rwanda. He reminded all that promotion was an incentive to hard work designed to encourage the person promoted and stimulate challenge to hard work in the person not promoted. He promised to give promotion adequate attention when the time is due. Everyone qualified would be screened and their recommendations forwarded to Lagos for consideration.

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ITEM 9: SECURITY OF UNIFORMS

11. The Commander told soldiers that he had received information that some people were looking for UNAMIR caps, scarfs and arm bands to steal and use for robberies by impersonating UNAMIR personnel. He charged everyone to ensure that all their uniforms including UNAMIR items issued to them were properly protected.

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ITEM 10: MEDICAL

12. The Commander informed soldiers that there were sufficient drugs in the MRS. Any soldier who falls sick must report immediately. No one should conceal any type of illness to avoid minor illness degenerating into something serious and to avoid spreading preventable deceases.

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ITEM 11: RE-LOCATION OF NIBATT II

13. The Commander told troops that the Catholic Mission which owns the present school housing the contingent was planning to re-open the school. If this happens, the contingent may have to move from the present site in due course. He added that he had gone out with the MILOBS sector Comd to look at an alternative site in case the mission carries out it's plan to reopen the school. Everyone should be prepare to move if the need arises.

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ITEM 12: BUTARE OPERATION

14. The Commander commended own drivers who took part in the evacuation of refugees from Kibeho during the recent refugees/RPA crisis. He said he was aware of the difficulties they went through, and was happy that they all returned to base safely. He also told the soldiers that the Deputy Force Commander (DFC) had told him to prepare a plan

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toon on standby for possible reinforcement. But since the crisis appears to have subsided, reinforcement may not be necessary. All the same, every one should be prepared to move at short notice.

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ITEM 13: FC ON LEAVE

14. The Commander told troops that the Force Commander (FC) was on 15 days leave in Canada. In his absence, the Deputy Force Commander (a Ghananian) is acting - and may soon visit the contingent. The DFC is an officer who sees Nigerians as his brothers and everyone must be prepared to receive him and listen to his professional advice.

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ITEM 14: FOOTBALL

15. The Commander informed all that the Nigerian under 23 football team were playing their Kenyan counterparts at Mombasa in Kenya today. He said everyone at the Nigerian High Commission in Kenya was heading for Mombasa to cheer our National team. He urged all to pray for the teams victory.

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ITEM 15: BODY ARMOUR

16. The Comd told soldiers that Body armour had been approved for the contingent and would soon be collected by the logistic officer. More will be supplied later and shared to everybody. The Comd warned soldiers who may wear the body armour during exchange of fire never to expose themselves to bullets because the jacket is designed merely to reduce the effect of bullet wound and not to stop it completely.

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ITEM 16: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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a. Uniforms: On why each soldier has only one pair of camouflage uniform: The Comd said that the contingent did not have enough time to take all its equipment from Lagos. Even items which were supposed to be inherited from NIBATT I, (like sleeping bags) were taken away. The Comd added that he was aware that AHQ authorized ordinance to sew camouflage jackets for the contingent. Two signals had been sent from here to AHQ requesting that the uniforms be forwarded to the contingent.

contingent.

b. UN Berrets. On why some soldiers were not issued with UN Berrets in Nigeria: The Comd said he was not aware that some soldiers did not get the berrets. He however said that since there were some in the store, the logistic officer should issue berrets to the affected soldiers immediately.

c. Matresses. On the fact that some soldiers were still sleeping on the floor: The Comd said he was quite aware of this and that two signals have been sent to AHQ requesting that the 83 matresses left behind in Nigeria be sent to the contingent. In addition, the Comd said he briefed the FC during the FC's last visit to Byumba and showed the FC some rooms with soldiers sleeping on bare floor. The FC also promised to help. Those affected should be patient.

d. Monthly Allowances: On how much each soldier is entitled to per day: The Comd said every soldier is entitled to 15 US Dollars per day in addition to 1:28 US Dollars as UN daily allowance.

e. Communication with Drivers. On why drivers sent on duties outside the camp are not given radio comm to keep in touch with the camp; the Comd said it was because of insufficient number of motorola radio sets. The Force Comd has promised more, and as soon as they are supplied, that problem would be solved.

ITEM 17: CLOSING REMARKS

18. The Comd expressed his delight at the durbar, and hoped that all he had told them would be adhered to. He reiterated that all must obey the camp rules and be prudent with their money in order to go back home happily after the completion of our mission in Rwanda.

SUMMARY OF COMD'S DURBAR

19. a. Durbar is intended to rub minds and ensure smooth administration and collective participation.
- b. Durbar with the platoons would hold soon.
- c. There must be good working relationship among soldiers; between officers and soldiers and between the contingent and the government and people of Rwanda.

- d. All must stop at RPA road blocks, and maturity and tolerance must prevail at all times in the face of provocation by RPA soldiers.
- e. Where RPA soldiers insist on searching, they should be allowed to do so. A report should later be made about the incident.
- f. April allowance has been brought from Nairobi, but payment must not lead to indiscipline.
- g. Soldiers should be prudent and endeavour to take their money home to Nigeria.
- h. Camp rules must be obeyed strictly. Disobedience will be punished and the offender repatriated.
- i. Contingent magazine, soon to be published. Interested soldiers could forward good articles for inclusion.
- j. All soldiers yet to submit their passports should do so immediately. No desertion will be tolerated.
- k. A few days leave is granted to each soldier after three months. But all must note that a visit to Nairobi is very costly.
- l. Combat ration is henceforth to be issued to those who will miss two meals as a result of duties outside the camp.
- m. Promotion recommendation will be considered at the appropriate time.
- n. Uniforms, arms, ammo including UNAMIR caps, scarfs and arm bands must be properly secured to avoid theft/loss.
- o. Sick soldiers to report immediately. No concealment of any illness.
- p. Contingent may be re-located if the mission decides to re-open school which now houses the contingent.
- q. Own drivers on evacuation mission to Butare did a good job.
- r. Body armour soon to be issued. But it is no license for any soldier to expose himself to bullets.
- s. Efforts are being made to get uniforms and mattresses flown in from Nigeria.

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- t. UN Berrets to be issued to soldiers who did not get.
- u. Every soldier is entitled to 15 US Dollars daily plus 1:28 US Dollars a day as UNDA.
- v. When there is sufficient motorola radio, drivers on errand outside the camp will hold radio to aid link with the camp and other UNAMIR locations.

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JA ASEMOTA
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TO : See Distribution File Ref : Sectcdrc.onf
FROM : Sector 1 Milob HQ (Byumba) DATE : 20 Apr 95

SECTOR ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 08 MAR 95 TO 20 APR 95

1. GENERAL SITUATION

(a) The sector faced certain periods of tension during the period , this was primarily due to certain incidents involving Nibatt and due to the events of the " Anniversary of Genocide " celebrations.

(i) Following the grenade attack of 05 Mar was the murder of a civilian employee of Brown and Root by a Nibatt soldier on 20 Mar. This was soon followed by a hit and run case involving a Nibatt truck and a local woman on 02 Apr 95 . The events had created an atmosphere of distrust and fear amongst the locals as regards the UN formed troops.

(ii) The newly inducted Nibatt after replacing them are making sincere efforts to regain the confidence and trust of locals. As a result of this a local who had come to pray at the Nibatt mosque on 14 Apr informed them to expect an attack on the Camp at night by the RPA. The RPA Bn 2IC was confronted with this info , he was genuinely surprised and ordered his own patrols to operate around the camp to ensure nothing untoward happens.

(iii) To add to the tensions generated by these incidents was the general apprehension of Rwandese locals about what would happen during the " Anniversary of Genocide" week , entire families from Kigali moved into the communes out of fear.

(iv) Presently after all the vitriolic rehetoric spewed forth by various leaders during their speeches on radio or otherwise there has been a change in the attitude of locals in the hinterland . They feign ignorance about everything asked and pretend not to understand French , English or Swahili . They gather around the Milob patrols jeering and hooting with derisive laughter at them as they try to go about their business.

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(b) Border Situation. Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA remained open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic. There has been a slight change in the number of returnees crossing over from Uganda through the Kagitumba border. The average daily crossing figures have changed from 700 to 750 persons and from 800 to 600 heads of cattle.

2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Military Activities of RPA. In general there is no change in the deployment of the RPA in this Sector. there is a general decline in the number of Rd Blocks , only one or two exist on the main roads.

(b) Attitude of the RPA.

(i) The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is unpredictable , they had been generally friendly and cooperative in the past but did a complete volte face turned very hostile and refused to recognise the Milobs after the incidents involving Nibatt occurred.

(ii) Their cooperation in the Nicoy grenade incident was good. However the RPA did voice their disapproval regarding soldiers mixing with their womenfolk.

(iii) They behaved aggressively after the shooting and hit and run incidents by erecting roadblocks and cordoning off the camp . Although their ire was directed at the Nibatt , the Milobs had to suffer collaterally.

3. OWN ACTIVITIES

(a) Deployment. The sector had to vacate its accomodation at Gituza where it had established its Ngarama Sub Sector HQ due to the prevailing security situation . The strength at the temporary OP established at Nyagatare has been increased to 04 Milobs and is now being manned on weekly basis wef 16 Apr 95. A temporary accomodation is being tied up with the Nibatt Coy at Ngarama where it is planned to place another team on weekly basis.

(b) AOR. Our sector Milobs are really not being able to do justice to the two communes of Kigali prefecture namely Mugambazi and Rutongo communes. We quite frankly have not been able to meet either the prefect of Kigali or the RPA Bn Cdr at Kigali to date. There is a need to revise the Southern boundary of our Sector with Sector 6.

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(c) Patrols. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted and helipatrols throughout Sector 1. Special emphasis was laid on reaching the deep hinterland and neglected communes.

(d) Misc.

(i) The Milob Teams conveyed , supervised and collected the grade 6th examination papers within the prefecture.

(ii) The Milobs were instrumental in giving Engr help to various communes through Nibatt.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

(a) Reception Centre MATIMBA and NYAGATARE. The Min of Rehabilitation had decided to close down the Reception centre for Returnees at Matimba but have now granted it a further extension of a month . The govt has decided to operate only one such centre at Nyagatare .

(b) Resettlement of Returnees.

(i) The govt wants to settle refugees in the area West of road Gabiro - Kagitumba , they want to keep all returnees now at Nyagatare till the demarcation of land can be completed. The govt has started to demarcate and allot plots to some of the returnees . Some of them are beeing allotted greater tracts in the guise of making collective farms. Many of the returnees allege that some of the heavyweights among them are getting these bigger plots whereas the rest have to make do with 1 and 1/2 Acres.

(ii) Meanwhile Increasingly large number of Nomads and cattle are seen settling down in the National Park area, along both sides of the Road Rwamagana - Kagitumba.

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) Setting up of Judiciary. The First Tribunal is ready with all the three judges and the prosecutor having been appointed . The cases of 148 undertrials lodged in the Byumba prison are being processed by him. Attempts are made

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by all the communes to produce the prisoners at Byumba within the stipulated 72 hrs .

(b) Prisons. The prison is now under Gendamarie control and a civilian supervisor oversees its functioning. The " Cache Communal " are also functioning well. The ICRC intimated that plans were afoot to decongest the Kigali prison and 300 to 400 prisoners may be transferred to Byumba prison.

(c) Schools.

(i) Primary schools have reopened in most of the communes.

(ii) There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment. UNICEF has distributed certain stationery but it is not enough.

(iii) Most of the teachers have now been paid .

(iv) Some School buildings are in a state of disrepair mainly roofs.

(v) Some Sec Schools have reopened as follows:-

(aa) Mission Secy Schools - out of 05 only one opened at Byumba on 18 Apr 95.

(ab) Public Secy Schools - out of 03 - None.

(ac) Pvt Secy Schools - out of 12 only 04 have opened.

(vi) Classes are overcrowded as most of the trained teachers are still to return from Zaire and Tanzania.

(d) Deforestation. Increasingly greater tracts of land is being deforested for either charcoal or farming. This is likely to increase with the settling down of more people . NGOs must be directed to supply fuel for cooking purposes.

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(e) Bridges.

(i) Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA there are two bridges which need repair. These are at WALAFU on the Nyagatare -Byumba Road and GASUMO on the Kigali - Byumba Road.

(ii) The UN constructed Bailey Bridge at Gatuna needs repair as a section of the decking has fallen through.

(f) Road Conditon. The road stretch , between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on the Byumba - Gatuna road needs repair.

(g) Public Transportation. The main factor retarding the economic activity within the prefecture is the lack of public transport. More places at least all the commune HQs must be linked up with a transport network.

(h) Electricity. The electric supply has been restored to 1/3 of the prefecture . The main problem is the theft and vandalism which took place immediately after the war in which transformers , insulators , long lengths of cable and some poles were destroyed or stolen.

(j) Mine Nuisance. Mine accidents recur frequently . People continue to lose life and limb as well as cattle to these. Wheresoever these are reported the locals are being told as to why it is not possible to remove entire minefields with our limited resources and presently only demarcating the area as an interim measure is being undertaken.

6. LOGISTIC

(a) Sheltered Accomodation. There is a need for a Weather heaven at Nyagatare .Inspite of our best efforts we could only procure three 110 Kg canvas tents. We request the personal intervention of the SLOGO in the procurement of the same.

(b) Communications. The communication at Nyagatare and Ngarama needs to be established in the form of two Base stations.

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(c) Transport. Out of our fleet of 10 vehs we have 07 on road. With the recently introduced system of A and B maintainance being carried out by the formed troops our maintainance problems have greatly reduced.

7. PERSONNEL STATE We presently have 34 Milobs posted to us as against the authorised strength of 37 and as such the situation is good.

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Sector Commander

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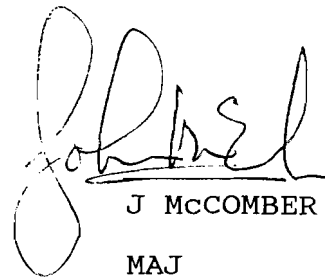
TO : ALL SECTORS

DATE : 24 MAR 1995

FROM : MILOB GP HQ

SUBJECT : MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDRS' CONFERENCE HELD IN
NYAMASHEKE (SECTOR 4C) ON 08 March 1995

1. Please find attached the Minutes of the Sector
Commanders' conference held in Nyamasheke on 08 March 1995.
2. For your information.



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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN
NYAMASHEKE (SECTOR-4C) ON 08 March 1995

Present:	COL UA MOHEEN	-DCMO (CHAIRMAN)
	COL SA HASNAIN	-COMD SECTOR 3
	LT COL ASHANULLA	-COMD SECTOR 2
	LT COL E CASTRO	-COMD SECTOR 4A
	LT COL CO DIARRA	-COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
	LT COL EKWALOR	-COMD SECTOR 6
	LT COL E ESSIEN	-COMD SECTOR 5
	LT COL FOX	-COMD SECTOR 4C
	LT COL OPONG-KYEKYEKU	-SMPO
	MAJ AK GHOSH	-OPS O SECTOR-1
	MAJ KRISHNA	-A/COMD SECTOR-4B
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	-SDO3 for SOO
	MAJ JGS BOISSONNEAULT	-OPS O 4C (SECRETARY)

OPENING REMARKS

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1. The Comd of Sect 4C welcomed the participants in one of the Sect hot spots and expressed his pleasure in hosting this conference.

2. The DCMO explained that the DFC/CMO was not present because of other engagements but he had sent his best regards. He also thanked Sect Comd of Sect 4C for hosting in NYAMASHEKE with a view on the famous IJWI Island.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

3. SDO3 read out the salient points of the minutes of the last conference as follows:

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- a. Sect 1 has established its sub-sect at NGARAMA with HQ at GITUZA.
- b. Boundary between Sect 3 and 5 has been re-aligned.
- c. There is a lot of improvement on the reporting procedure and now sectors are forwardly prompt information on important incidents.
- d. The problem of MILOBS escorting BOR convoys has been resolved.
- e. The division of Sectors into sub-sectors and further down to areas of team responsibility has been done.
- f. Heli recce requests have now increased and sectors are making optimum use of this force multiplier

4. The minutes were approved.

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ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

5. All Sect Comds gave a detailed brief on the activities and happenings in their sectors. On conclusion of the same, the DCMO brought out the following points:

- a. The DCMO clarified the status and positions of UNAMIR in connection with mine clearance tasks.
- b. On the requirement of a tent for the ^{DP} at NYAGATARE the DCMO stated that the matter has been already taken up with the Force Logistics and the same was expected to be issued soon.
- c. In case of problem of access to any prison, the requisite information could be obtained from ICRC.
- d. The DCMO desired that all sectors forward their Security Plan to MILOBS GP HQ.

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- e. On the issue of Orientation Trg for newly arrived MILOBS, the DCMO said that the proposal to decentralise its conduct under aegis of sectors will be considered and outcome made known shortly. ALL SECTS
- f. The DCMO brought to the notice of all about the location of a RPA LO with the MILOB GP HQ. He added that his services could be called for anytime MILOBS have any functional problem with RPA or civil authorities. v ALL SECTS

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEF

6. SDO3. The SDO3 covered the following points:
- a. SITREPS are now being received in time and are fairly in detail. Care should be taken to avoid reporting "NTR". Also, while reporting an incident correct timings must be reflected. ALL SECTS
- b. Now that we have adapted ourselves to the FAX culture, it should be ensured that acknowledgement of important FAX should be obtained over radio. / ALL SECTS
- c. There is a need for further improvement of radio discipline. Ensure transmission are as short as possible to allow optimum use. ALL SECTS
7. SMPO stressed the fol pts:
- a. MSA can now be collected by one person for others using given form. ALL SECTORS
- b. We do not wait for replacements to rotate MILOBS. ALL SECTORS
- c. The check out clearance of a MILOB starts at sector level. ALL SECTORS
- d. Helping same nationality with admin on arrival is strongly recommended. ALL SECTORS
- e. Confidential Reports in respect of posted out MILOBS should be timely initiated and ~~forwarded~~ forwarded to the new sector of their posting. Simultaneously, a copy be endorsed to the MILO GP HQ. ALL SECTORS

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS

8. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

- a. A continuous review of security environment is most especially necessitated due to recent spurt in unlawful incidents in most sectors. A detailed security planning should be carried out in respect of UN property and personal safety of MILOBS. | ALL SECTORS
- b. The trend of reflecting "NTR" in PATROL REPORTS and SITREPS should be discouraged. It is extremely surprising to come across "NTR" in a PATROL REPORT as an end product of whole day's work. The DFC/CMO has issued certain directions on this issue which has been percolated down to sectors. | ALL SECTORS
- c. While forwarding an incident report, care should be taken to include all the details. There is yet a room for improvement in layout and content quality in most of such reports received at MILOB GP HQ. The DCMO appreciated the quality of reports received from sector 3 and expressed his expectations to receive similar kind in future from all other sectors. | ALL SECTOR.
- d. The DCMO highlighted the need for a review in methodology of obtaining information by our patrols. He advised the Sects Comd to look in to this matter with concern. He further advised that all the sources like, common man, civil authorities, civilian employees, UN Agencies, NGOs etc...should be tapped. | ALL SECTORS
- e. The DCMO informed that some additional vehicles have arrived from UNOMOZ and it was expected that a few of them would be allotted to MILOBS. He assured that a judicious distribution will be carried out with these, the problem of vehicle shortage would ease out. | ALL SECTORS
- f. The DCMO announced that the effort of providing TV and VCR to each sector has fielded success and now all sectors have those electronic gadgets. | ALL SECTORS

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CONCLUSION

9. The DCMO thanked everybody there for their support and cooperation during his tour in RWANDA. The assembly thanked the DCMO for his good work and his leadership during his time in the job.

10. The next conference will be held in GISENYI.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

TO : See Distribution File Ref : WKLYSIT.REP

FROM : SECTOR 1 HQ DATE : 08 Mar 95

1. GENERAL SITUATION

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3. OWN ACTIVITIES

(a) Deployment. The sector has found suitable accomodation at Gituza 7.5 Kms (10 mins drive) away from Nagrama and has established its Ngarama Sub Sector HQ there. A temporary OP has been established at Nyagatare and is being manned on daily basis wef 02 Mar 95.

(b) Patrols. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted patrols throughout Sector 1. Special emphasis was laid on reaching the deep hinterland and neglected communes.

(c) OP RETOUR. Our Milob Team deployed in Sector 4A for the ops has reverted back to us.

(d) Escorts. The Milob Teams conducted 02 Escort missions for Human Rights Teams during this period.

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(i) Increasingly large number of Nomads and cattle are seen settling down in the National Park area, along the Road Rwamwgana - Kagitumba.

(ii) There has been negligible resettlement of returnees in this sector from OP - RETOUR. However, bulk of returnees coming from Uganda are settling ~~here~~ with their cattle.

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(c) Medical Facilities.

(i) All the health centres that were functional before the war are now functioning well but all suffer from the lack of Ambulances , drugs , medical instruments water, electricity and trained local staff.

(ii) In the monthly coordinating meeting of medical NGOs within the prefecture the pay scale of all medical staff was decided. The UNICEF rep requested for Refrigerators for centres.

(d) Farming activities.

(i) The farming activity of the prefecture has picked up and ample food is being produced to enable the Export to other communes .However shortage of tools and implements for tilling the land continues.

(ii) Seeds for the forthcoming sowing season of Feb - Mar 95 have been distributed in most of the Sectuers.

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) Disposal of Mines and Unexploded Explosive Devices.

(i) People and cattle in the sector continue to loose their lives and limbs to this real menace . All information gathered by our Milob Teams is forwarded to Nicoy , and subsequently the places are revisited jointly for further disposal or recording.

(ii) The U S Demining Team had visited Byumba to identify on ground the existing minefields . However nothing further has come of it , meanwhile consolidated records are being maintained .

(c) Setting up of Judiciary. The First Tribunal is ready with all the three judges and the prosecutor having been appointed . The cases of 148 undertrials lodged in the Byumba prison are being processed by him. The prison is now under Gendamarie control and a civilian supervisor oversees its functioning. The " Cache Communal " are also functioning well. Attempts are made to produce the prisoners at Byumba within the stipulated 72 hrs .

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(g) Road Conditon.

(i) The **road stretch** , between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on the Byumba - Gatuna Road needs repair.

(ii) The Govt Road maintainance workers have now been paid. Road maintainance is now being carried out on a regular basis.

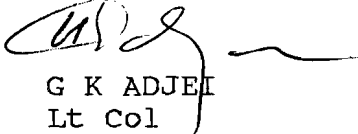
6. LOGISTIC

(a) Sheltered Accomodation. There is a need for a Weather heaven at Nyagatare . In fact the OP at Nyagatare needs the complete infrastructure for two Milobs to Operate round the clock. The hiring of Office space at Gituza by UNAMIR is yet to be finalised.

(b) Communications. The communication at both Gituza and Nyagatare needs to be established .

7. PERSONNEL STATE

(a)	Posted Strength	:	28
(b)	Present Strength	:	16
(c)	CTO/Leave	:	06
(d)	Outstation	:	06


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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	- DCMO
	LT COL ASHAN	- COMD DESIGNATE SEC 2
	LT COL A ANOCHKINI	- SOO
	LT COL ABDUL BASHEER	- 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
	LT COL TJ FOX	- COMD SEC 4C
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	LT COL SA HASNAIN	- COMD SEC 3
	LT COL HADJI KANTE	- COMD SEC 1
	LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU	- SMPG
	CAPT TURGEON	- SO TPTN
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	- SDO3 (SECRETARY)

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 grave concern over the failure of MILOBs in the driving test. He further directed that MILOBs rotation instructions must be implemented without undue delay. He then complimented all

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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.

SECTOR 2

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.

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SECTOR 2

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.

SECTOR 3

SECTOR 5

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.

SECTOR 4A

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

SECTOR 4B

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.

SECTOR 3

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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.

SECTORS 1, 2, 3

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Already fwd.

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 in 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 road situation had now improved.

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7. SMFO. The SMFO gave out a detailed briefing covering MILOBs' personnel state, CTO policy and the policy on retention 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 FHQ. The DFC/CMO clarified that all postings at FHQ 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 'MILOB family'.

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CONCLUSION

12 The Sector 3 Comd thanked the DFC/CMO, LCMO and all present for having come to his sector. The conference was concluded at 1230 hrs.


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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)
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COL S ILIYA - SOO
LT COL AM JUSTDAL - COMD SECTOR 5
LT COL S DUNKOV - COMD SECTOR 4A
LT COL FO LAWALOR - COMD SUB-SECTOR 1
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LT COL S MASANGANISE - COMD SECTOR 6
LT COL E QUIST - COMD SECTOR 4B
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MAJ UNGER - OPS OFFR SECTOR 2
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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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(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 IUWE 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/RUHENGARI).

(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 Cmd'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 advise 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.

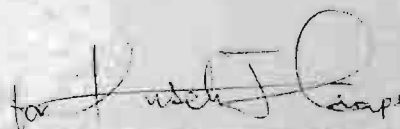
17. Welcoming Programme for Returnees. It was suggested that the

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
LT COL GORG - COMD SEC 2
LT COL MASANGANISIE - COMD SEC 6
LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU - SMPO
LT COL EC QUIST - COMD SEC 4B
LT COL K SALIYA - A/COMD SEC 3
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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 ~~satisfactor~~ 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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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:

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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request a heli to conduct recce of the GAFUNZO PENNINSULA.

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 RUHENGARI. 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.

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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 reccees. The

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 as 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.

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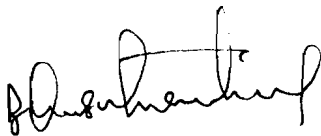
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tours of duty and welcomed the new commanders. He urged all MILOBs to continue the good work they had been doing in the year 1995.

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 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

Col KS Sivakumar COS

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Ops O —
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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.

ACTION BYITEM 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.

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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.

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ITEM FIVE : BRIEF BY SECTOR THREE

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

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.

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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.

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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.

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ITEM SEVEN : BRIEF BY SECTOR 4B

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 MILC GP HQ be informed of such activity whenever was planned for.

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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.

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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.

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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 communes around KIGALI still continue. Most of the schools have re-opened 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.

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ITEM ELEVEN : STAFF BRIEFS

23. S.O.O. Acting S.O.O. 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.

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24. S Log O. The S Log O assured the Sec Comd 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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 commands. 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.

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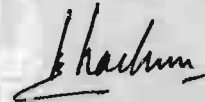
f. Cooperation with NGOs. While the DFC/CMO appreciated the need for close cooperation with the NGOs, he cautioned all that it should not be at the cost of own work and allegiance.

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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.



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1. GENERAL SITUATION

(b) Border Situation. Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA remained open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic. There has been an increase in the number of returnees crossing over from Uganda through the Kagitumba border. The average daily crossing figures are 800 persons and 1000 heads of cattle. This flow is likely to continue and may even increase as in a radio broadcast the President of Uganda has told all Rwandese to go back.

(b) Attitude of the RPA. The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is good . Minor problems that arise from time to time are amicably solved.

(a) Patrols. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted patrols throughout Sector 1. Special emphasis was laid on reaching the deep hinterland and neglected communes.

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(b) OP RETOUR. One Milob Team is presently deployed in Sector 4A for the ops.

(c) Escorts. The Milob Teams conducted 04 Escort missions during this period.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

(a) Short Time Camps. At present there are no refugees / displaced people camps in Sector 1. There are "Short Time" camps created for returnees at Tabagwe, Rukomo, Muvumba and Gatuza.

(b) Reception Centre MATIMBA. The UNHCR and ADRA are operating a Reception centre for Returnees at Matimba. The living conditions in this camp is alarming as the returnees staying there lack the following :-

- (i) Drinking water.
- (ii) Shelter.
- (iii) Adequate bedding.
- (iv) Sanitary Facilities.
- (v) Innoculation against diseases.

(c) Resettlement of Returnees.

(i) Increasingly large number of Nomads and cattle are seen settling down in the National Park area, along the Road Rwamwgana - Kagitumba.

(ii) There has been negligible resettlement of returnees in this sector from OP - RETOUR. However, bulk of returnees coming from Uganda are settling ~~here~~ with their cattle.

(d) Medical Facilities.

(i) The health centres are functioning well but all suffer from the lack of Ambulances , drugs , medical instruments , water and electricity.

(ii) There is a general shortage of trained local staff in dispensaries and hospitals. Main diseases treated are diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis, bronchitis.

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(ii) The entire activity of medical NGOs within the prefecture is coordinated monthly in a meeting chaired by Capt Dr Mark at Byumba . We are also invited to attend.

(e) Farming activities.

(i) Although limited to **Subsistence farming** only, this can be observed in most of the areas.

(ii) Shortage of tools and implements for tilling the land continues.

(iii) 800 ltrs of pesticides was ferried by us for the spraying of coffee plants in this sector. Pesticides for the Potato crop is urgently required.

(iv) Seeds for the forthcoming sowing season of Feb - Mar 95 have been distributed in some Sectuers only.

(f) Animal Husbandary. An epedemic named **Contagious Bovine Pleuro Pneumonia (PPCB)** is affecting the cattle here. This desease is believed to have originated amongst the cattle in **Chad** and **Sudan** and in turn migrated alongwith the cattle in **Uganda** into **Rwanda**. Immunisation has been undertaken by **Action NORD SUD** and a total of **114,749** heads of cattle have been immunised in Byumba Prefecture so far.

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) Help to Prefect. The Sub Prefect of Byumba has requested help from UNAMIR in terms of the following :-

(i) As the veh for his use is a gift from UNAMIR the repair facilities in the UNAMIR Wksp Kigali could be extended for the same .

(ii) As his only means of transportation was the single veh , in case of breakdown provisioning of an alternate car.

(iii) As the prefecture lacked funds , provisioning of 80 ltrs of diesel for this use every week.

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(b) Disposal of Mines and Unexploded Explosive Devices.

(i) This continues to be a real menace in this Sector. All information gathered by our Milob Teams is forwarded to Nicoy , and subsequently the places are revisited jointly for further disposal or recording.

(ii) The U S Demining Team had visited Byumba to identify on ground the existing minefields . The RPA and Nicoy EOD Team in addition to our Milob Team conducted them around . Many places were not visited due to lack of time. However consolidated records are being maintained .

(c) Setting up of Judiciary. The Human Right activists have met the prefect for the setting up of a local working group . This group will look into the establishment of a judicial court in this place. The initial outlay is of US\$ 50,000/-.

(d) Schools.

(i) Primary schools have reopened in most of the communes.

(ii) There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment.

(iii) Most of the teachers have now been paid .

(iv) Some School buildings are in a state of disrepair mainly roofs.

(v) Secy Schools are likely to open sometime in Feb 95.

(vi) Classes are overcrowded as most of the trained teachers are still to return from Zaire and Tanzania.

(e) Deforestation. Increasingly greater tracts of land is being deforested for either charcoal or farming. This is likely to increase with the settling down of more people . NGOs must be directed to supply fuel for cooking purposes.

(f) Bridges.

(i) Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA there are two bridges which need repair. These are at **WALAFU** on the Nyagatare - Byumba Road and **GASUMO** on the Kigali - Byumba Road.

(ii) The approach ramps of the UN constructed **Bailey Bridge** at **Gatuna** needs repair as the earth is getting washed away with rainwater.

(g) Road Conditon.

(i) The **road stretch** , between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on the Byumba - Gatuna Road needs repair.

(ii) The Govt Road maintainance workers have now been paid. Road maintainance is now being carried out on a regular basis.

6. LOGISTIC The Radio of the Base Station gets held up due to weak battery . This needs an additional battery provided with recharging facilities from **gen sets** . The solar panel does not produce sufficient electricity to charge it as Byumba remains cloudy most of the time.

7. PERSONNEL STATE

(a) Posted Strength	:	42 (09 addl Milobs have not reported)
(b) Present Strength	:	24
(c) CTO/Leave	:	04
(d) Outstation	:	05
(e) Total	:	33



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TO : See Distribution File Ref : WKLYSIT.REP
FROM : SECTOR 1 HQ DATE : 14 Jan 95

SUBJECT: SITREP COVERING THE PERIOD 21 DEC to 14 JAN 95

1. GENERAL SITUATION

(a) Situation in the area of Sector 1 remained calm and unchanged.

(b) Border Situation. Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA remained open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic ,except for the few days during the currency exchange phase from 03 to 08 Jan 95 .

(c) The headcount of returnees crossing the Gatuna and Kagitumba border into Rwanda is taken frequently by Milob Teams.

2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Military activities of RPA. In general there is no change in the deployment of RPA in Sector 1. There was intense activity for the few days of the money exchange . There is a general decline in the num of permanent Rd Check points , only one or two exist on the Main Rds. Temporary rd check points however are erected at random in irregular frequency .

(b) Attitude of RPA. The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is generally good.

3. OWN ACTIVITIES

(a) Patrols. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted and Helipatrols throughout Sector 1. Special emphasis was laid on reaching the deep hinterland and neglected communes.

(b) OP RETOUR. One Milob Team is presently deployed in Sector 4A for the ops.

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(c) Escorts. The Milob Teams conducted 06 Escort missions during this period.

(d) Info Gathered. The situation in the area was calm. Following observations were made:-

(i) Schools.

(aa) Primary schools have reopened in most of the communes.

(ab) There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment.

(ac) Teachers have not been paid regularly and therefore some have left for other jobs.

(ad) Some School buildings are in a state of disrepair mainly roofs.

(ae) Secy Schools are likely to open sometime in Feb 95.

(ii) Farming activities.

(aa) The activity is limited to Subsistence farming . This however can be observed in most of the areas.

(ab) There is a general shortage of tools and implements for tilling the land.

(ac) There is an acute shortage of seeds for the forthcoming sowing season of Feb - Mar 95.

(ad) With the stoppage of food distribution by NGOs the farmers have resorted to early harvest of unripened crops. This is likely to lead to problems in the future.

(ae) Animal Husbandary. About 2.5 million heads of cattle have entered Rwanda from Gatuna and Kagitumba as per the border authorities. The bulk of these are located in the Mutara Zone.

(iii) Tea Factory KINIHIRA. The factory is under renovation. According to local workers it is planned to reopen this facility in Jan 95. However this is likely to get delayed further .

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(iv) Mines and unexploded devices.

(aa) These remains of the past wars are a hazard in some of the areas in Sector 1. Some of these have been cleared. The RPA Bn located at Byumba has identified on ground some more such Mined areas.

(ab) On 31 Dec 94 Indian Engrs cleared some unexploded devices near Gatuna border outpost.

(v) Bridges.

(aa) Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA there are two bridges which need repair. These are at WALAFU on the Nyagatare - Byumba Road and GASUMO on the Kigali - Byumba Road.

(ab) The approach ramps of the UN constructed Bailey Bridge at Gatuna needs repair as the earth is getting washed away with rainwater.

(vi) Road Conditon. The road stretch , between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on the Byumba - Gatuna Road needs repair.

(b) RWAMAGANA SUB SECTOR

(i) Decision has been taken to close down the Sub Sect at Rwamagana wef 14 Jan 95 , due to administrative problems.

(ii) The contract for Office accommodation w a s finally concluded by Force HQ. As per the contract the hotel needs a months notice before vacation. Action to do so is in hand.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

(a) At present there are no refugees / displaced people camps in Sector 1. There are "Short Time" camps created for returnees at Tabagwe, Rukomo, Muvumba and Gatuza.

(b) Various UN organisations and NGOs continue to provide relief assistance in the Sector. The aid is however at a much lower scale compared to rest of Rwanda . The Red Cross has stopped the distribution of food to the local population.

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(c) UNHCR is operating a reception centre in Nyagatare and Tabagwe. Incoming returnees are handed over to civil administration for further resettlement.

(d) German Medical Team established a new hospital at Kiziguro. The Measles epidemic there is now under control.

(e) There is a general shortage of trained local staff in dispensaries and hospitals. Main diseases treated are diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis, bronchitis.

(f) There is no dispensary at Mukarange and Biswege Communes.

(g) Hospital at Rutongo needs assistance in terms of drugs and trained staff.

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) The Sub Prefect of Byumba has requested help from UNAMIR for the following :-

(i) Disposal of Mines and Unexploded Explosive Devices. These are lying in and around Byumba. The RPA Bn has volunteered to identify these on ground for our EOD teams as and when they undertake this task.

(ii) Repair of Road Stretch. The stretch between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on road Byumba-Gatuna needs repair.

(b) LAW AND ORDER. There has been no significant law and order problem in this Sector so far . Recently however certain reports of banditry , kidnapping , cattle lifting and theft have been recieved from Biswige commune only . This was further investigated jointly by RPA and Milobs. From the investigation it emerged that there was man killed in Sept by 11 men including a soldier with a gun . No one could be identified . There was a robbery at the All Sisters Protestant Church two weeks back.

(c) CURENCY CONVERSION. The complete exercise was conducted brilliantly and effeciently . Sufficient money exgchange points were established , some even deep inside the hinterland. There were no reported breaches of security during the whole exercise.

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6. LOGISTIC The Radio of the Base Station gets held up due to weak battery . This needs an additional battery provided with recharging facilities from gen sets . The solar panel does not produce sufficient electricity to charge it as Byumba remains cloudy most of the time.

7. PERSONNEL STATE

(a)	Posted Strength	:	41 (09 addl Milobs have not reported)
(b)	Present Strength	:	32
(c)	CTO/Leave	:	07
(d)	Outstation	:	06
(e)	Total	:	32
(f)	<u>Repatriation</u>	:	05



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TO : See Distribution File Ref : WKLYSIT.REP
FROM : SECTOR 1 HQ DATE : 21 Dec 94

SUBJECT: SITREP COVERING THE PERIOD 03 DEC to 21 DEC 94

1. GENERAL SITUATION

(a) Situation in the area of Sector 1 remained calm and unchanged.

(b) Border Situation. Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA are open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic, from and to Gatuna. Gatuna Border mainly used by NGO convoys, business traffic and visitors.

(c) The headcount of returnees crossing the Gatuna border into Rwanda is taken daily by Milob Teams.

2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Military activities of RPA. In general there is no change in the deployment of RPA in Sector 1. The area of GUESTHOUSE GABIRO is used as a training camp for new recruits. There is a general decline in the num of Rd Blocks only one or two exist on the Main Rds.

(b) Attitude of RPA. The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is generally good.

3. OWN ACTIVITIES

(a) Patrols. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted patrols and also Helipatrols throughout Sector 1.

(b) OP OVERTURE. Three Milob Teams participated in the recently concluded ops. Two of our teams stayed behind for an additional two days to maintain prescence in the Ops area.

(c) Escorts. The Milob Teams conducted 08 Escort missions during this period.

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(d) Info Gathered. The situation in the area was calm. Following observations were made:-

(i) Schools. Have opened in most of the communes. There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment, however UNESCO has carried out a survey in the area and promised supply with required items. Up to now this has not materialized.

(ii) Farming activities. This activity and restoration of houses can be observed in most of the areas, there is a general shortage of tools and implements for tilling the land.

(iii) Tea Factory KINIHIRA. The factory is under renovation. According to local workers it is planned to reopen this facility in Jan 95.

(iv) Mines and unexploded devices. These remains of the past wars are a hazard in some of the areas in Sector 1. Some of these have been cleared. The RPA Bn located at Byumba has identified on ground some more such Mined areas .

(v) Bridges. Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA the bridges are in good condition. The approach ramps of the UN constructed Bailey Bridge at Gatuna needs repair as the earth is getting washed away with rainwater.

(vi) Road Conditon. The road stretch between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on the Byumba - Gatuna Road needs repair.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEAM AT RWAMAGANA Team at Rwamagana was deployed on 03 Dec 94. The problems faced are as under:-

(i) Contract. The contract for Office accommodation has not yet been concluded by Force HQ.

(ii) Security. We have notified that the security sit in this Sub Sect is not assured. The antennae of car No UNAMIR 1022 was stolen from outside the Sub Sect office within the hotel premises , the ae has since been recovered and handed back to us by the RPA security pers.

(iii) Communication. Of prime concern is the lack of satisfactory comn between the Sub Sectors. We have repeatedly reflected the need for a Base Station being erected at Rwamagana immediately.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

(a) At present there are no refugees / displaced people camps in Sector 1. There are "Short Time" camps created for returnees at Tabagwe, Rukomo, Muvumba and Gatuza.

(b) Various UN organisations and NGOs continue to provide relief assistance throughout the Sector. The **Red Cross** has decided to stop the distribution of food to the local population wef 19 Dec 94.

(c) UNHCR is operating a reception centre in Nyagatare and Tabagwe. Incoming returnees are handed over to civil administration for further resettlement.

(d) German Medical Team established a new hospital at Kiziguro. They carried out vaccination of the locals against Measles as an epidemic had broken out.

(e) There is a general shortage of trained local staff in dispensaries and hospitals. Main diseases treated are diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis, bronchitis.

(f) There is no dispensary at Mukarange Commune.

(g) Hospital at Rutongo needs assistance in terms of drugs and trained staff.

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS. The Sub Prefect of Byumba has requested help from UNAMIR for the following :-

(a) Disposal of Mines and Unexploded Explosive Devices. These are lying in and around Byumba. The RPA Bn has volunteered to identify these on ground for our EOD teams.

(b) Repair of Road Stretch. The stretch between the Rushaki and Mukarange village turn offs on road Byumba - Gatuna needs repair.

6. LOGISTIC

(a) The Sector is facing an acute vehicle shortage. Two vehicles are presently in the workshop at Kigali.

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(b) Radio Communication eqpt in two cars ,namely UNAMIR 1232 and 805 is defective and needs to be attended to by the Radio Tech immediately.

(c) A Base Station has to be set up at Rwamagana urgently.

7. PERSONNEL STATE

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| (a) | Posted Strength | : | 26 (09 addl Milobs have not reported) |
| (b) | Present Strength | : | 22 |
| (c) | CTO/Leave | : | 04 |
| (d) | Total | : | 26 |
| (e) | <u>Repatriation:</u> | | |
| | (i) Dec 94 | : | 04 Officers |
| | (ii) Jan 95 | : | 05 Officers |

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TO : See Distribution
FROM : SECTOR 1 HQ

File Ref: DEC155.per
DATE : 10 Dec 94

SUBJECT: SITREP COVERING THE PERIOD 03 DEC to 10 DEC 94

1. (a) Situation in the area of Sector 1 remained calm and unchanged.

(b) Border Situation: Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA are open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic, from and to Gatuna. Gatuna Border mainly used by NGO convoys, business traffic and visitors.

(c) The headcount of returnees crossing the Gatuna border into Rwanda is taken daily by Milob Teams.
2. (a) Military activities of RPA: In general there is no change in the deployment of RPA in Sector 1. The area of GUESTHOUSE GABIRO is used as a training camp for new recruits. There is a general decline in the num of Rd Blocks only one or two exist on the Main Rds.

(b) Attitude of RPA: The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is generally good.
3. OWN ACTIVITIES

(a) During the period MILOB Sector carried out short distance and long distance veh mounted patrols and also Helipatrols throughout Sector 1. The Milob Teams conducted 05 Escort missions during this period. The situation in the area was calm. Following observations were made:
 - (i) Schools: Have opened in most of the communes. There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment, however UNESCO has carried out a survey in the area and promised supply with required items. Up to now this has not materialized.
 - (ii) Farming activities This activity and restoration of houses can be observed in most of the areas, there is a general shortage of tools and implements for tilling the land.
 - (iii) Tea Factory KINIHIRA: The factory is under renovation. According to local workers it is planned to reopen this facility in Jan 95.

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(iv) Mines and unexploded devices: These remains of the past wars are a hazard in some of the areas in Sector 1. Especially civilians working off mains roads are exposed to these devices. Sector has identified such locations and some of these have been cleared.

(v) Bridges: Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA the bridges are in good condition. British Engineers replaced Gatuna border wooden bridge by Bailey Bridge.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEAM AT RWAMAGANA Team at Rwamagana was deployed last Saturday 03 Dec 94. Contract for Office accommodation for the Team has not yet been concluded by Force HQ. We have notified that the security sit in this Sub Sect is not assured. Last Tuesday the antennae of car No UNAMIR 1022 was stolen from outside the Sub Sect office within the hotel premises, the ae has since been recovered and handed back by the RPA security pers.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

(a) At present there are no refugees / displaced people camps in Sector 1. There are "Short Time" camps created for returnees at Tabagwe, Rukomo, Muvumba and Gatuza.

(b) Various UN organisations and NGOs continue to provide relief assistance throughout the Sector.

(c) UNHCR is operating a reception centre in Nyagatare and Tabagwe. Incoming returnees are handed over to civil administration for further resettlement.

(d) German Medical Team established a new hospital at Kiziguro.

(e) There is a general shortage of trained local staff in dispensaries and hospitals. Main diseases treated are diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis, bronchitis.

(f) There is no dispensary at Mukarange Commune.

(g) Hospital at Rutongo needs assistance in terms of drugs and trained staff.

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6. LOGISTIC

(a) The Sector is facing an acute vehicle shortage. Two vehicles are presently in the workshop at Kigali.

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(b) Radio Communication eqpt in two cars ,namely UNAMIR 1232 and 805 is defective and needs to be attended to by the Radio Tech immediately.

7. PERSONNEL STATE

a.	Posted Strength	:	26 (09 addl Milobs have not reported)
b.	Present Strength	:	22
c.	CTO/Leave	:	04
d.	Total	:	26
e.	Repatriation:		
	(i) Dec 94	:	04 Officers
	(ii) Jan 95	:	05 Officers

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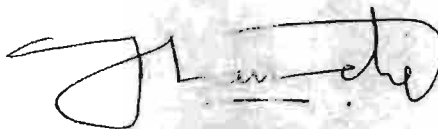
FROM : MILOB GP HQ

Ref : 6464.0/OPS

SUBJECT : MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
MILOB GP HQ (KIGALI) ON 3RD DECEMBER 1994

1. Attached please find copy of mentioned Minutes.

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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
MILOB GP HQ (KIGALI) ON 3RD DECEMBER 1993

PRESENT:	BRIG	H K	ANYIDHOHO	-	DFC/CMO - CHAIRMAN
	COL	U	MOEEN	-	DCMO
	COL	C B	YAACHE	-	CHAO
	COL	S O	DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
	LT	P K	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL	K	OPONG-KYEKYEKU	-	SMPO
	LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
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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	MUSTAFI	-	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.

6. SECT HQs. As decided during the previous Conference, all Sector HQs would be collocated with formed troops HQs. The DCMO said that Sectors 2 and 3 would maintain their HQs.

7. FORMED TROOPS. It was reemphasized that Formed Troops were not under the command of MILOBs but under operational control only.

8. ESCORT BY FORMED TROOPS. After a long deliberation, it was agreed that formed troops would undertake tasks of escorting Brown and Roots convoys. The DCMO said the final decision as to who should escort Brown and Roots convoy would be taken by the Sect Comd on the ground.

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9. CHAIN OF COMD. The CMO expressed dissatisfaction about the manner in which Sectors were corresponding directly to FHQ. He said this was an indication that there was no need for MILOB GP HQ. He pointed out that the idea of integrating MILOB GP HQ was drawn out of the this acts of direct correspondence between some Sectors and FHQ. He warned that if this was not ceased a confused situation could be created. He directed that mails going to FHQ must necessarily pass through MILOB GP HQ.

10. JACKS FOR VEHS. All Sect Comds were to collect jacks for their vehs from the workshop. This was done except Sect 5 which said that the CTO insisted that a could only be issued with jack when it was sent for maintenance. The CMO said the workshop had no jacks and anytime the jacks arrived they would be issued.

11. HELICOPTER RECCE/ OPS. The DCMO said it was agreed that hel would be made available for Recce and Observation Post duties with effect from next week. The CMO added that the hels were for operations purposes. He pointed out that if they were not requested for, it would be assumed that they were not needed. He urged Sect Comds to put the request for hel through MILOB GP HQ for follow-up action.

ITEM 2 - SECT BRIEFS

11. SECT 1

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in the Sector was calm and the borders were opened to all traffic. He added that the RPA troops in the Sector were cooperating very well with MILOBs.

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b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA coopera-ACTION BY
ted well with MILOBs within the period. Their
deployment had not changed in the Sector and the
GAIBIRO GUEST HOUSE continued to be used as a
Military Training Camp for new recruits.

c. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs
carried out short and long distance patrols thro-
ughout the Sector. He said observations made
during the patrols include low activities in
schools due to shortage of book, furniture and
other equipment. He said UNESCO carried out a
survey and promised to supply the required items.
He mentioned that farming activities have were
going on and families were rehabilitating their
homes. He patrols observed that the Tea Factory at
KINIHIRA was being renovated and local workers
hinted that the factory would open soon.

d. Mines and Unexploded Devices. The Sect
Comd said presence of unexploded ordinance devices
remained a serious hazard in some parts of the
Sector. He said children and farmers were vulner-
able and many mines accidents occurred in the
Sector some in the past month. He added that those
which were identified were removed.

e. Bridges. The Sector Comd said the main brid-
ges in the Sector were in good condition. He said
the wooden bridge at GATUNA was replaced with a
Bailey bridge by the BRITCON ENGRS.

f. Humanitarian Activities. The Sect Comd
said there were no refugees camps in the Sector.

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However, there were transit camps for returnees created by NGOs at TABAGWE, RUKOMO, MUVUMBA and GATUZA. He said UNHCR was operating a reception centre at NYAGATARE and TABAGWE for returnees who were later handed over to local authorities.

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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 MIIBs 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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| <p>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 refugee 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.</p> | |
| <p>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.</p> | SMPO |
| <p>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.</p> | SLOGO |
| <p>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</p> | |

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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.

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 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	<u>ACTION BY</u>
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	SECT 4A
co-ordination of escort tasks between the Sectors	
went on well.	

d. <u>Logistics.</u> 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.	SLOGO
He requested for additional vehicles, office equip-	
ment, spare tyres and tools kit for the vehicles.	SLOGO

17. SECT 4B

a. <u>Gen Sit.</u> 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. <u>RPA.</u> 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 con-	
tinued 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 sold-	
iers 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 GISOVU 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

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<p>NYAMISHABA Camp near KIBUYE. He said UNHCR was co-ordinating their evacuation to KIGALI. He said 40 orphans were also evacuated to GITARAMA.</p>	<p><u>ACTION BY</u></p>
<p>h. <u>NGOs Activities.</u> 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.</p>	
<p>i. <u>Problems.</u> 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.</p>	
<p>18. <u>CMO's Response.</u> 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.</p>	<p>INDIAN CONT COMD SECT 4B</p>
<p>19. <u>SECT 4C</u> a. <u>Gen Sit.</u> 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.</p>	

- 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 Burun-
dese refugees home, the Sector had no refugee
problem. The Sect Comd said the number of DPs cont-
inue to swell with the daily average of 200 DPs ent-
ering the Sector. He said the emergency phase of
NGOs operation in the Sector was over and the emp-
hasis 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 commnu- |
 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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Sector should be addressed to MILOB GP HQ. On Consoli- ACTION BY
dated 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- SECT
ordination and follow-up action. COMDS

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 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.

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

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

CONCLUSION

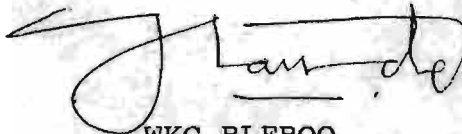
32. The CMO took the opportunity to bid out-going

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 ACTION BY
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.

33. The Conference ended at 1328hrs.



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