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ISSUES SRSG MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

- 1 Review of the current Mandate - Issues to be Considered.
 - a. Was the strength of Milobs and their role justified.
 - b. Was the duration of the extended mandate adequate.
 - c. What has been the achievement of Milobs in the current mandate.
 - d. Is there a need for UN to continue its presence - if so, in what form.
2. If Milobs have to stay for some reasons, then:
 - a. What should be their strength - role and which/how many sectors should be organised.
 - b. Should security without formed troops be a major concern for Milobs.
3. Why have the refugees not returned whether it is from Zaire/Burundi/Tanzania. Is the security situation in Rwanda actually calm/stable as it appears or is it a deceptive peace in the country.

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FILE : MILOB/OPS/48

INFO : MILOB GROUP SECTOR 2
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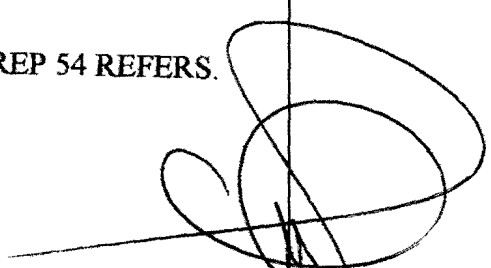
FROM : MILOB GROUP HEADQUARTERS
KIGALI

DATE : 24 FEB 96

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WITH SRSG

1. I am requested to inform you that, your request for audience with the Special Representative of the Secretary General has been granted. You are therefore requested to meet him in his office on Tuesday, 27 February 1996 at 1200 hours.

2. For MILOB GROUP Sector 2 only. Your SITREP 54 REFERS.



WM CHOMBA
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Senior Operations Officer

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TO : MILOB GR HQ

FROM: SECTOR IA
OPSO SEC 6

DATE, 18 NOV 95

SUBJ: SRSG RETURN FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 95

1. POPULATION/RETURNERS:

(a) RETURNERS. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF RETURNEES WHO HAVE COME INTO THE COMMUNES COVERED BY THIS SECTOR DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. THESE RETURNEES ARE GRADUALLY SETTLING DOWN IN THEIR HOME COMMUNES. SO FAR NO CASES OF INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT HAVE COME TO LIGHT.

(b) ACCOMMODATION FOR RETURNERS. THERE IS A PROBLEM AS REGARDS RECLAIMING OF PROPERTY. MOST OF THE RETURNEES ARE FINDING IT A PROBLEM TO GET THEIR HOUSES AND LAND BACK AS IT HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY OTHERS WHO MOVED IN EARLIER AND HAD BEEN SETTLED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN VACANT HOUSES WITHOUT GIVING MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERSHIP FACTOR. IN KANZENZE COMMUNE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ON THE PROBLEM OF HOUSING ONCE THE LONG EXPECTED INFLUX OF REFUGEES START RETURNING SOON AS RIGHT NOW HOUSING IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE COMMUNE.

(c) AGRICULTURE. MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN ALMOST ALL THE COMMUNES ARE BUSY WORKING IN THEIR FIELDS AT LEAST IN ORDER TO EARN A BUMPER HARVEST. MOST COMMUNES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED WITH SEEDS BY VARIOUS NGOS AND THE CROPS SO FAR SEEM PROMISING.

(d) SCHOOLS. SCHOOLS, THOUGH FUNCTIONAL, LACK STATIONARY, FURNITURE AND FUNDS. SOME EVEN REQUIRE FOOD FOR THE ORPHANS THAT ARE LEARNING AT THE SCHOOL AND HAVE NO WHERE TO GET FOOD. GISHAKA IS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE WHERE 90 ORPHANS ARE SCHOOLING AT THE SECTOR PRIMARY SCHOOL BUT HAVE NO WHERE TO GET THEIR FOOD. THIS TREND IS NOT FAVOURABLE IN THE LONG RUN AS IT DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE LITERACY LEVEL. RILIMA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IS BEING RENOVATED BY UNHCR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY FEBRUARY 1995. THE SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 200 PUPILS.

(e) TRANSPORT. THE COMMUNAL/ COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICE REMAINS TO BE GOOD ON MAIN ROADS AND A FEW TRACKS, HOWEVER THE

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SERVICES ON OTHER TRACKS, PRIMARILY, IN THE RURAL COMMUNES CONTINUES TO BE NEARLY NON-EXISTENT. VILLAGERS HAVE TO FOOT IT OUT A FEW KILOMETRES BEFORE THEY REACH A MAIN ROAD. WITH THE HEAVY RAINS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED COUNTRY WIDE MOST OF THE REMOTE COMMUNE ARE BECOMING ALMOST IMPASSABLE.

(f) BORDER CROSSING POINTS. THE BURUNDI BORDER ADJOINING NGENDA COMMUNE IS BEING MONITORED. THE MOVEMENT OF RETURNEES FROM BURUNDI HAS DECREASED DURING THE PAST MONTH. SO FAR NO CASES OF ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

2. GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

(a) TREATMENT OF RETURNERS BY RPA. NO CASE OF ILL TREATMENT OF RETURNERS BY RPA HAS COME TO LIGHT.

(b) OPINION LEADERS / INFO FLOW. PATROLS CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TEACHERS, MEDICAL PERSONALS AND LOCALS. THE INFORMATION GATHERED IS NOT VERY DETAILED AS MOST OF THOSE CONTACTED DO NOT DIVULGE INFORMATION PROBABLY DUE TO FEAR OF RPA. HOWEVER THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE FOR THE BETTER SINCE THE STRESS IS NOW MORE ON HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

(c) RUMOURS. NO RUMOUR OF SIGNIFICANCE HAS COME TO LIGHT DURING THE PERIOD COVERED.

(d) FREQUENCY AND WHO IS CONTACTED BY THE PATROLS. KEEPING IN MIND THE VEHICLE AVAILABILITY STATE AND THE NUMBER OF COMMUNES TO BE COVERED EACH COMMUNE IS PATROLLED AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

(e) LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPPORT. THEIR IS A SLIGHT CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE BETTER IN CASE OF SOME COMMUNES.

(f) GENERAL SITUATION (CRIME/ SABOTAGE/HR VIOLATIONS/ (ECONOMY). OVERALL THE SITUATION APPEARS TO BE CALM AND QUIET BARRING A FEW ISSUES LIKE BANDITRY, KILLINGS DUE TO PERSONAL RIVALRY ETC. THE LIFE OF THE INMATES IN VARIOUS PRISONS REMAINS TO BE PATHETIC DUE TO LACK OF SPACE, FOOD AND DEPLORABLE MEDICAL AND HYGIENIC CONDITIONS. THE ECONOMIC CONDITION SEEMS TO BE SHOWING AN UPWARD TREND ONLY AT GRASS ROOT LEVELS. MAJOR INVESTMENTS ARE STILL NOT BEING MADE BY BUSINESS MEN DUE TO FEAR OF ANOTHER TURMOIL IN THE COUNTRY.

(g) PUBLIC SERVICE BY GOVERNMENT. NO MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF PUBLIC SERVICE SEEM TO EXIST AT THE LOWEST LEVELS.

(h) PRISONS. EACH OF THE COMMUNES HAS A PRISON WHICH

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REMAINS ALWAYS OVERCROWDED AND SUFFER FROM PATHETIC HYGIENIC AND SANITATIONAL CONDITIONS.

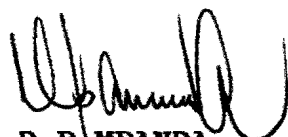
UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE AT KANZENZE INFORMED MILOBS THAT THE PRISON AT RILIMA HAS NOW 4,000 INMATES WHERE EVEN HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM HAS DIFFICULTIES TO VISIT THE PRISON.

(j) COOPERATION MIOBS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THE RAPPORT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IS GOOD ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL COMMUNES.

3. NGO AND UN AGENCIES.

(a) COOPERATION NGOs WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NGOs AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IS GOOD COUPLED WITH A FAIR DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO.

(b) COOPERATION- MILOBS AND NGOs. THE RAPPORT IS VERY GOOD AND NGOs DO HELP WHEN REQUIRED.


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ATTN: COL YADAV

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TO : MILOB GP HQ, KIGALI

FROM : SECTOR 2B, KIBUNGO

DATE: 21 SEP 95

SUBJECT : REPORT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR SRSG'S OFFICE

REFERENCE: Letter No MILOB/CONF/7 dated 28 Aug 95.

TRANSIT CAMP

1. There are two transit camps in this sector.

a. NYAKRAMBI TRANSIT CAMP 7448.

(1) Capacity: 1500

(2) Facilities available

(i) Water capacity : 25000 liters/running water available.

(ii) Adequate shelter is available.

(iii) Food and non food items are provided by AEF.

(iv) Health screening facilities are available under arrangement of AEF.

(v) Transport to and from the camp is provided by IOM.

(3) Adequate space is available for expansion.

b. BIRENGA TRANSIT CAMP 5959

(1) Capacity: 2000

(2) Facilities available

(i) Water Capacity : 15000 liters/running water connections are available but not yet functional.

(ii) 200 tents are available.

(iii) Food and non food items are provided by LWF.

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c. There are not yet any plans to establish new transit camp as the authorities are confident of handling the influx of returnees with expansion of the existing facilities.

COMMUNES

2. The following communes are affected/likely to be affected by the influx of returnees:-

a. BIRENGA

(1) No of Returnees: 12500 (In Aug 95- 2097)

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- (2) The commune faces acute water shortage in most of its sectors. Food/non food items as well as medical services are provided by NGOs.
- (3) Agencies
- (i) UNHCR : Supporting in resettlement of returnees, provision of food.
 - (ii) WFP : Provision of food.
 - (iii) ICRC : Medical assistance.
 - (iv) LWF : Provision of food.
 - (v) Red Barnet : Assistance to orphans.
 - (vi) IMC : Food and medical.
 - (vii) IRC : Construction works, medical and water supply.
 - (viii) MSF : Medical assistance.
- b. SAKE 4354
- (1) No of returnees : Aug 95 : 940
- (2) This commune suffers from acute water shortage. There is a requirement to repair the existing houses that were destroyed during the war to rehabilitate the new case loads. Few deaths were reported because of meningitis, however the situation now is under control.
- (3) Agencies
- (i) UNHCR : Resettlement of returnees.
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- c. RUKIRA 6658
- (1) No of Returnees : 12047/ Aug 95- 299.
- (2) The condition of roads require improvement.
- (3) Agencies
- (i) UNHCR : Resettlement of returnees.
 - (ii) WFP : Provision of food and food for work programme.
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- d. KAYONZA 5784
- (1) No of Returnees : 7511 / Aug 95 - 10
- (2) General area of RWINKWAVU 6782 has been earmarked for resettlement of old case loads. This area suffers from shortage of water. An unusually large No of meningitis cases were reported in this area. However the situation now is under control.
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PRISONS

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b. NSINDA PRISON

- (1) No of Prisoners : 943
- (2) Problems.
 - (i) Against the capacity of 150, the prison is holding 943 prisoners. However the capacity is being expanded to 5000 in near future.
 - (ii) Watch towers for guards are yet to be constructed.
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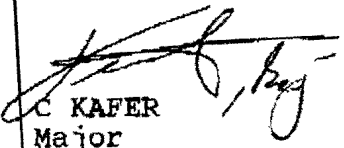
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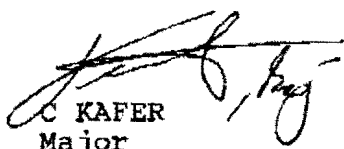
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