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TO : ALL MILOB SECTORS

15 0930 B SEP 94

FROM : MHQ

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INFO : FHQ (PERS BR)

SUBJECT: MILOB PERSONNEL OFFRS CONFERENCE (.)

ONE (.) THERE WILL BE A COORD CONFERENCE FOR ALL MILOB SECT PERS OFFRS AT THE MILOB GP HQ ON MON 19 SEP 94 AT 0900 HRS (.)

TWO (.) **ALPHA** (.) THE CONFERENCE IS TO STREAMLINE ALL PERSONNEL MATTERS OF MILOBS.

BRAVO (.) CHECK THE RECORDS OF ALL MILOBS AND PRODUCE A STANDARD APPROACH TO ALL MATTERS OF MILOBS (.)

THREE (.) PERS OFFRS ARE TO BRING ALONG THEIR NOMINAL ROLL TO INCLUDE APPTS CMM DEPLOYMENT AND LEAVE PLAN OF THEIR SECTORS (.)

FOUR (.) EACH SECTOR PERS OFFR SHD BE PREPARED TO GIVE A 10 MINS BRIEF ON ALL ASPECTS OF PERS AND ADMIN MATTERS IN HIS SECTOR (.)

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MILOB GP HQ

MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE

HELD AT SECTOR 4 CHARLIE HEADQUARTERS - CYANGUGU

ON FRI 09 SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT :	COL ID TICOKA	-	CMO
	COL CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL TRAORE	-	CIV POL
	LT COL MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4 B
	LT COL B GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
	LT COL NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL MASAGANISE	-	PLANS&TRG
	MAJ AWADEY	-	COMD SECT 4 A
	MAJ KONE	-	COMD SECT 4 C
	CAPT WEISSENBOCK	-	COMD SECT 5
	10 MILOBS		
	CAPT NAT DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

	<u>ACTION BY</u>
1. The participants to the conference were welcomed to the Sector by Maj Kone, the Acting Sector Commander who expressed his gratitude to the CMO for selecting his area as host to the second conference. He said that his Sector is the most volatile in our area of operation due to the refugees situation in the area. He wished all a happy and fruitful deliberation.	MAJ KONE

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2. In his opening remarks, the CMO thanked the Sector | ACTION BY
Comd and his staff for hosting the Conference and seized |
the opportunity to welcome Colonel Yaache and all other | CMO
participants to the Conference. He also introduced |
Lt Cols Dounkov and John Masaganise who have been appoin |
ted as CMPO and OIC PLANS and TRAINING respectively to |
the gathering. |
3. He urged all participants to be specific in their |
briefing and directed that any decisions made at the | ALL
Conference must be implemented immediately. The Confere- |
nce started at 1125hrs. |

ITEM II - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

4. The SOO who read through the previous Minutes, | SOO
touched on selected important decisions arrived at duri- |
ng the maiden Conference. |
- a. Provision of Vehs. He said that the situation |
has not changed much since only one vehicle each |
has been provided to the various Sectors. |
- b. Comms. He remarked that the problem with |
comms remains the same and reiterated the need for |
repeaters to be installed at vantage points to fac- |
ilitate comms between base stations and patrols. |
He advised all to continue to rely on the facili- |
ties of the Canadian Sig Sqn and other formed units |
until a solution is found by Force HQ to the prob- |
lem. On the provision of Satellite Telephone, the |
SOO admitted that the issue is a big problem since |
the facilities available belong to the Canadians |
and not UN. He assured all that efforts will be | SOO

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made to get users of the Canadian facilities to probably pay a token fee.

c. Stationery and Maps

(1) The SOO said that the issue of provision of Maps and Stationery has been reasonably solved. He advised all Sector Comds to call at the MILOB GP HQ for Maps of their Sectors.

(2) The CMO disagreed and directed that all demands should be put in immediately and the Ops Cell must despatch the Maps to the various Sector locations.

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ITEM III - SECTOR COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

5. The various Sector Comds and Staff Officers at the MILOB GP HQ took their turns and briefed.

a. Sector 4 B

(1) The Comd who took over on Mon 5 Sep 94, admitted that his Sector has been inactive. He said that the general situation has been quite calm. According to him, the acts of banditry and killings which were reported by the Congolese tps have abated and he is conducting a recce of the Sector to send out patrols to cover whole Sector. He however observed that the cooperation between MILOBs and the formed troops has not been the best and promised to deal with the overall comd to streamline the issue.

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(2) Political Front

(a) On the political front, the Sect Comd said that the newly appointed prefect escorted by a platoon of RPA troops and an LO, arrived in KIBUYE Prefecture on Wed 07 Sep 94. He said that the Prefect visited GISHITA on Thu 08 Sep 94 to establish his maiden contact with the population.

(b) He said that the overall impression is that the population is still scared and very apprehensive of the RPA presence in the area and assured the gathering that he will continue to monitor all political activities in the Sector with keen interest.

(3) Humanitarian Activities

(a) According to the sector commander, only two agencies are operating in the area. These are the Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA) which runs a hospital in KIBUYE and Mediciens Sans Frontieres which has a camp at BABANZA. He said that the population in the area are in dire need of food, medicals and water. He said the humanitarian assistance efforts subsided after the departure of the French although the Senegalese contingent still provide certain needs such as drinking water.

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(b) He observed that there is no relationship between MILOBS and the NGOs in the sector but promised to liaise with them so that all essential requirements of the population will be collected and forwarded to the HQ for further action.

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(3) Administration. The sector commander said that his main administration problem is accommodation for his MILOBS. He said that no hotels were functioning due to the security situation. He therefore requested that the eleven newly posted MILOBS be held up in GITARAMA until the situation improves. He also requested for office equipment although he has no office yet for the sector.

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(4) Sitreps. The Sector Comd questioned the rational behind the decision that his sector should not send SITREPS to MILOB HQ. The SOO said that all SITREPS from the sector should be sent to overall comd in the area but requested that an info copy be forwarded to MILOB HQ. He tasked the Sector Comd to confirm whether certain displaced persons are still moving towards the island in his sector.

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b. Sector 4C. The Sector Comd's briefing covered the general situation in the sector, the activities of the Ethiopia Contingent, MILOBs' activities, admin and logistics and the security situation in the area.

(1) General Situation. He said that the general situation was relatively calm.

He said that the working relationship between the MILOBs, the NGOs and the Ethiopian Contingent was quite good.

- (2) Ethiopian Contingent activities. On the activities of the Ethiopian Contingent, the Sector Comd said that after two weeks of hesitation, the contingent is now fulfilling its functions very well with the setting up of Check Points to control movement in the area. He was however of the view that they go to extremes on certain issues. He said that the Ethiopians for instance do not want the francophone battalions to enter their AO without prior notice. The Sector Commander said that the Ethiopian Contingent also refused to provide escorts for UNHCR convoys claiming that the area was safe. UNHCR therefore had to cancel the transportation of displaced persons. On the attitude of the Ethiopians towards the francophone troops, the CMO said that all UN vehs and pers are free to go to any territory of their choice. He therefore did not see the problem with the Ethiopians. He however, suggested that the various Battalion Comds can exchange routine patrol programmes. BN COMDS

(3) MILOBs Activities

- (a) MILOBs continued with their routine activities. The Sect Comd said that with arrival of new MILOBs, he has organized his set up into humanitarian and security cells. He said that the humanitarian cell attends all NGO meetings. He said that during the week,

they recorded 6839 returnees while 970 crossed into Zaire. In addition, the British transported 186 persons to KIGALI UNHCR evacuated 285 persons to Land for Zaire and 3221 used public transport to KIGALI.

(b) On the issue of command, the Sect Comd requested the CMO to give clear instructions to eliminate the rift between him and the Comd of the Ethiopian Contingent. He cited the example of the refusal of the contingent comd to host the prefect and 45 RPA soldiers on 8 Sep 94 claiming that the responsibility was not his. On the problem of command, Col Yaache said that the Ethiopian Comd must be made to understand that he is in control and as a result should not shirk his responsibilities. CMO

(c) The Sect Comd requested that he is given prior warning on the move of any of the RPA authorities and the government. He was not particularly happy about the unorderly manner in which the movement of the Prefect and his escorts was organized. The SOO intervened and Land said that the problem on the deployment of the Prefect ~~and~~ was a result of lack of coordination by US the RPF and promised that efforts would be made to give prior information in future. SOO

(4) Admin and Logistics. On admin and logistics, the Sect Comd said that he is presently holding 4 vehicles for 22 MILOBS.

Due to the lack of vehicles, he intended to deploy one team at the Coy HQ at the Tea Factory and the other at NYAMASHEKE. Each of the teams was to be given one veh. The SOO disagreed with him and suggested that he deploys a team in the Tea Factory with two vehs and leave out the northern part which can be covered by the team in the Tea Factory until he receives more vehs. The Sect Comd requested for a computer and a photocopier to set up his office. The SLOGO said that he did not have any in stock so the CMO directed that the computer in his office should be given to the Sector. He asked the SLOGO to follow up the returns on office equipment so that he can get a computer for the Sector. The Comd Sector 2 promised to release one of his computers to Sector 4C. SLOGO

(5) Security

(a) The Sector Comd said that during the week, all the gendarmes were disarmed by the Ethiobatt and this has created a big security gap since the Ethiopians cannot provide adequate security for the area.

(b) The CMO admitted that they are thinly deployed and said that he will raise the issue up at FHQ to probably request for an additional company to boost up the strength of the troops on the ground. The Sector Comd was asked to advise the commander of the formed troops on all security matters but must not however go too far so as not to interfere with command. CMO
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c. Sector 4A. The briefing was done by the acting Sector Comd Maj Perry Awadey. He covered the general sit, political, humanitarian, civilian affairs, MILOBs activities, admin and logistics.

(1) General Sit. He said the situation was calm and acts of banditry also reduced. Those arrested had been handed over to the prisons authorities. He said that the Prefect of GIKO-NGORO arrived and the people were apprehensive about the presence of 58 RPA soldiers. According to the Sector Comd, the RPA have given indications that their strength is inadequate and by next week, they will receive about 4000 troops.

(2) Political. He said that, politically, all seems to be going on quite well in the Sector. Meetings were organized with Commune leaders, priests, doctors and other opinion leaders. He added that the Bourgmater has already toured the northern part and his next tour would be in the south. He said the displaced people at KIBEHO were happy about his visit.

(3) Humanitarian Sit

(a) He said the Sector has about 504,000 displaced pers in 30 Camps with 10 NGOs administering them. 2,000 displaced pers left for other parts of the country during the week. The evacuation op was however, suspended on 8 Sep 94 due to the outbreak of meningitis among the displaced pers. He said the evacuation would resume on 19 Sep 94.

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(b) The Sect Comd said that the main problems facing the humanitarian action are the supply of POL and the state of some of the roads which ^{Lare} still deteriorating. He said UNAMIR used to supply POL to the NGOs but this has ceased so the distribution of food generally has been adversely affected. He added that British Engr Det has started repairing some of the roads. According to the Sect Comd, repair works on all the bridges have been completed and the only problem is with a bridge in the north ^{whose} ~~which~~ repairs was estimated to cost 2,500,000RWF. He said about \$200,000 would be required for the repair works. He said CARITAS and some NGOs are assisting with the funding.

(4) Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that rumours were spreading in the area that some judges who were evacuated to help set up the national judicial system have been detained at BUTARE so one of the judges who was to be evacuated to join them has refused to be to evacuated. He said that all Commune Police were disarmed prior to the arrival of the RPA. This issue, he said, was being discussed with the Prefect because the Bourgmasters are scared and unhappy about the absence of low level security system. He was of the view that since the RPA lacked local knowledge of the area, it will be advisable to rearm the Commune Police to continue their security duties.

(5) MILOBs Activities. Routine activities were carried out during the period.

(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd complained about the veh state and the stoppage of issue dry ration and water. He said that despite the size of the Sector and the presence of a lot of displaced pers, he has only 3 vehs which are road-worthy. He, therefore, requested that the newly posted MILOBs should be kept at GITARAMA until additional 5 vehicles were issued to the Sector. He said food and water ~~were~~ could not be found on the local market except the relief food for the displaced pers. The CMO advised that all Sect Comds could use a day to arrange for food and water from other towns outside their sectors. The Sect Comd requested that reps from UNAMIR Log Cell should be invited to the sectors to assess the food situation.

d. Sector 5. Capt Weissenbock deputised for the Sect Comd and did the briefing.

(1) General Sit. He said the sit was calm. He added that the deployment at RUHENGARI would be done when comms facilities were put in place. He said that information received indicated that the Tunisian Platoon was not expected to deploy within the next one month.

(2) Capt Weissenbock mentioned that the RPA Northern Bde deployed 7th Bn at RUHENGARI with C Mobile Force to the south of the town. The CMO directed that all Sectors should up-date their maps showing the current strengths and dispositions of the RPA. The CMO said that RPA have 5 Bdes deployed almost in line with the UNAMIR Force. In addition, Capt Weissenbock said that the RPA hinted that letters received

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indicate clandestine grenade attacks in RWERERE and other key positions in the sector. This, he said brought about extra security measures by the RPA. The RPA intensified patrols and placed restriction on movement except UNAMIR pers. He said that about 4,000 former RGF troops were reported to be in a camp north of GOMA.

(3) Humanitarian Activities. He said the humanitarian situation has been good and a lot of medical and food supply points were set up on the road GISENYI-RUHENGARI. He added that the NGOs have transport problems especially when it comes to transportation of displaced persons to other parts of the country. He mentioned that 1,200 returnees were awaiting evacuation at GISENYI. He said that the NGOs have started recce of the Northern and Southern parts of the Sector for supply of drugs, food and seeds for farming. Col Yaache advised that the NGOs should be told to ensure that the staging areas do not become permanent refugee camps.

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(4) Civilian Affairs. About 2,000 returnees crossed into Rwanda from Zaire and about 300 come by foot through the volcano areas daily. He mentioned that water and electricity supply are working at GISENYI and RUHENGARI areas under the supervision of ICRC. ^{This was with} ~~Those would be~~ handed over to the local administration by on 8 Sep 94.

(5) Ops and Admin problems. On these problems he said that the main points of concern are the presence of mines in the N En Sector territory.

He said that the RPA were alleged to have arrested 50 suspects at RUHANGO before and on 4 Sep 94. He said that according to the ICRC, arrests are also going in the BUTARE area. MILOBs are investigating these arrests. The Sect Comd added that a lot of shooting was recorded in BUTARE and MILOBs complained to the RPF LO. He said that RPA once came to the Sect HQ looking for the owner of the Fuel Station that UNAMIR intended to use. The man was evacuated to KIGALI.

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On the RGF, the Sect Comd said that defectors were still coming in and 19 ex-RGF soldiers were handed over during the week. On the issue of RPA pers refusing to sign handing/taking over papers on the defectors, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to liaise with FHQ to ensure that UNAMIR SOP covers all categories of defectors.

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He said that the RPA hinted that militias who took refuge in the marshlands and the NYABARANGO valley were still a treat and the source of harassment to the people of MUGINA and other communes. He mentioned that two pers were killed in grenade explosions at VUNGA on 5 Sep 94 and the RPA intended to launch an operation to flush them out of the area. The CMO said that the situation is a complex one and wished that the judicial system is put in place to deal with such cases.

(4) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs discovered 3 more mass graves each suspected to have about 40 bodies. Further investigation was being carried out into RPA

allegation that about 2,000 bodies have been buried in the MEKAJURE forest.

(5) Humanitarian Sit. The humanitarian aid to the people in the area was said to be poor. He said that there was an element of discrimination in the distribution of humanitarian aid about 50,000 pers were in dire need of aid. He said that 10 pers needed evacuation to GISENYI. According to the Sect Comd, Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres and Bernard Kouchner's relief organization came on recce to house 250 orphans from GOMA the rainy season begins. On the current sit in GITARAMA, Col Yaache said that he would follow up and that the NGOs have sectorised their activities.

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(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd requested for continuation of ration issues to MILOBs, the immediate deployment of the new MILOBs currently at his location and the streamlining of the radio net. The CMO directed that with the exception of CYANGUGU MILOBs, the rest should be deployed immediately after the training. The SOO was also tasked to ^{sort} ~~sort~~ out the radio net issue.

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f. Sector 1

(1) MILOBs Activities. The Sector Comd said that MILOBs carried out routine activities and held meetings with the Prefect and NGOs. He said that NGOs' activities were limited in the sector and that the RPA would not accept UNAMIR deployment in the area unless they

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received specific order from their high command because they have a big training camp in the area. According to the Sect Comd all mines on the main road near KINIHIRA have been cleared. He said MILOBs investigated a report of an explosion at RUSIKA on 7 Sep 94. In his reaction to the deployment of issue, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to write to the RPA high comd. PLANS

(2) Humanitarian Situation. According to the Sector Commander, food distribution by the WFP and ICRC although limited, is still in progress. He said that returnees continue to arrive and some petty trading is going on. The Sector Commander added that on 7 Sep, the owner of the HQ premises requested that MILOBs should occupy the whole building for safety reasons. He said that BYUMBA Prefect has to authorize. The CMO tasked Plans & Trg Officer to get more details on the issue and write to the authorities. PLANS

(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd raised the issues of transport and generator for MILOBs. The CMO tasked SLOGO to provide a generator to the Sector and get UNAMIR technicians to inspect the big generator at the BYUMBA Catholic Church for use by MILOBs. SLOGO

g. Sector 2

(1) Gen Sit. The situation was reported calm and normal life returning to the area. The Sect Comd said that a lot of NGOs were still operating in the city.

According to the Sect Comd, the rapport between the RPA and MILOBs at KIBUNGO was not healthy. The CMO requested that the Sect Comd arranged a meeting between him and the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO as soon as possible. The Sect Comd said that some areas in the sector established a system of local government to handle local admin issues.

(2) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs strength for the sector was 44 and 6 attached to KIGALI Airport ATC outfit. 9 MILOB were yet to join from GITARAMA. He said that most tasks for the sector were to the North and West so there was no time to monitor the East since tasks for the sector were so much. The CMO tasked the SOO to streamline the tasking procedure so that tasks could be given to MILOBs in the sectors in which they fall. The CMO also tasked the Sect Comds to submit ~~re-~~ returns on movement of displaced pers into and out of Tanzania and wished that a team be deployed at the entry point for this task.

(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd talked about the state of UNOMUR vehs on charge to him and the time taken to service a veh in the garage. He pointed out that the UNOMUR veh were not good for long distances and asked for their replacement. The CMO agreed and tasked the SLOGO to liaise with FHQ for Land Cruisers and 4 Runners for exchange.

h. Humanitarian Cell. In his brief, the Chief Humanitarian Officer, Col Yaache dilated on the

current humanitarian situation in the country and said that it had improved a lot. He implored all Sect Comds to use local initiative and rely on the local resources available to carry out certain humanitarian tasks instead of falling^{on} the FHQ.

j. CIVPOL. The Comd CIVPOL said that CIVPOL strength was low and that the deployment would start the following week in Sectors 4A, 4B and 4C with 4 monitors each. He asked the MILOBs to do the initial liaison with the Prefects prior to the arrival of the police monitors. The CMO said that the CIVPOL have now been mandated to train people down to commune level. He said that they also have the primary role of maintaining law and order and added that they would be deployed alongside MILOBs who would be responsible for their admin. He tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the Prefects for accommodation and training areas for the CIVPOL. In addition, he tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the RPA and local authorities and the Bn Comds for details about the Bourgmasters and local police commanders where necessary.

k. Response by SOO. The SOO pointed out command problems especially when dealing with formed units. He requested all Sect Comds to submit details on reaction of people to the deployment of Prefects, refugee camps, number of refugees in the sectors, NGOs in the areas and the various entry points being used by the returnees. He highlighted the deployment plan of MILOBs and said that some MILOBs in Sector 5 would be deployed at RUHENGARI. He asked for the details of RPA deployment, up to platoon level, in each sector. The CMO tasked the SOO to

liaise with the RPA to provide a LO for MILOB GP HQ | SOO
to work with the Info Cell. |

1. SLOGO. The SLOGO said that he distributed |
5 vehicles and issued some stationery to all sectors |
during the week. He requested all Sect Comds to |
ensure prompt submission of requests and returns on |
trip tickets. |

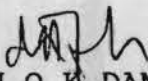
m. Brief by SMPO. The SMPO said that henceforth, |
personnel returns should be submitted daily. He |
also asked for the submission of monthly balance of |
accumulated leave to enable the HQ to appreciate |
the leave situation so that at least 75% of MILOBs |
can be maintained at each particular time. He said |
that Leave/CTO for MILOBs from other mission areas |
has been cancelled. He said that any MILOB sick |
case should be reported only to the nearest UN |
Medical Centre to facilitate easy transfer of pat- |
ients for treatment outside Rwanda in case of re- |
ferral. On repatriation of MILOBs, he said that all |
MILOBs are entitled to 100kgs unaccompanied baggage. |
However, efforts were being made to make the 100kgs |
accompanied baggage. On the finances of MILOBs, he |
said that there has been a big mess due to the se- |
curity situation in Rwanda. In view of this, the CMO |
said ~~an~~ /appointment of MILOBs Finance Officer to *announced the* |
streamline all financial issues. |

ITEM IV - CLOSING REMARKS BY CMO

6. In his closing remarks, the CMO thanked all present |
for their contribution and reiterated that all decisions |
taken should be implemented immediately. He requested |
Sect Comds and Staff Officers to put their briefing on |
paper to ease the work of the secretary. |

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7. He announced that the next Conference will be held at BYUMBA. The conference ended at 1600hrs


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Secretary

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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 1 HEADQUARTERS - BYUMBA ON FRI 16 SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT :	COL		MOEEN	-	DCMO/CHAIRMAN
	COL	CB	YAACHE	-	CHAO
	COL		DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
	LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL		MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	EC	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	BK	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL		PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL		DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
	LT COL	M	MASANGANISE	-	S PLANS&TRG O
	LT COL	PK	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	MAJ		WALCH	-	A/COMD SECT 4A
	SQN LDR		ADELAKUN	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
	MAJ		MACCOMBER	-	A/COMD SECT 5
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	CAPT	NAT	DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

1. The Sector Comd welcomed participants to the conference at 0915hrs and wished all a fruitful deliberations. In his opening remarks, the DCMO who chaired the conference, thanked the Sect Comd for hosting the conference which he said was a good forum for exchange of ideas.	<u>ACTION BY</u>
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| 2. The SOO touched on the following points: | |
| a. Sect Comds were yet to put in demands for maps. | |
| b. The vehicle state has not improved. | |

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c. Comms in Sects 3 and 4 has improved with the restoration Channel 12. Comms in the area South of BUGESERA is still a problem.

d. Comd problems in the area where MILOBs are co-located with formed troops discussed by CMO with FC. The DCMO came in and said that all MILOBs will be made directly responsible to MILOB HQ to eliminate this problem.

e. Local initiative required when Ex-RGF soldiers surrender. The DCMO added that any surrendered wpn should be kept and handed over to the government and not to the prefect of the area.

ITEM 11 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

3. Sect 4A

a. The Acting Sect Comd said that the general situation in the area was calm although there were rumours of the presence of militias. He said the RPA have intensified their activities to convince the people to stay in Rwanda. He observed that the liaison with the Prefect was not easy since he is the sole authority and therefore has a tight schedule. He said that the Prefecture cannot handle the CIVPOL training which is scheduled to begin soon due to the lack of qualified personnel.

b. On the humanitarian front, he said that there were 26 main camps and 6-7 smaller ones in the Sector with about 420,000 persons. He said that the Sector finds it very difficult to coordinate activities with the NGOs due to the problem of transport.

c. The A/Sect Comd requested for additional transport to facilitate their operations, a photocopier, UN flags, the servicing of the computer and the payment of the full MSA for the newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO reacted that 20 UNOMUR vehicles will soon arrive for distribution at BYUMBA and promised that the sector will not be left out. He directed that all the UN flags being held in stock be distributed immediately.

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4. Sector 4B

- a. General Sit. The general situation was calm but the population was still apprehensive of increased RPA unannounced presence in the area.
- b. Relationship with FRAFBATT. This has improved. The FC and DCMO visited the Sector during the week.
- c. Patrols. Patrols were conducted up to MABANZA (North-west of KIBUYE) and along the road KIBUYE-KIRAMBA-CYANGUGU and discovered new RPA Check Points within the last three days. FRAFBATT also reported a coy strength of RPA at MYUDO.
- e. A 10yr old boy was beaten to death on Wed 14 Sep 94 at the outskirts of KIBUYE. In another incident a man was arrested for possessing RGF uniform. Investigations in progress.
- f. CIVPOL. CIVPOL training in the Sector may not materialize due to lack of qualified pers who can speak English and French.
- g. Comms. Comms in the Sector has improved with the installation of a base station. He requested for 4 more handy-talkies for the teams.
- h. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that 9 more camps have been identified with approximately 82,000 displaced pers. He said that the movement of displaced pers to the west is virtually ceasing. He added that a meeting is held once a week with the Contact Committee. A total of 5 NGOs are operating in the area. He said that most displaced pers are desirous to go home but the lack of transport is holding them up.

5. Sector 4C

- a. General Sit. The A/Sect Comd said that the situation in the Sector was generally calm.
- b. Deployment of MILOBs. On MILOBs deployed at BUTARE, he said that the team is enjoying very good working relations with the local armed police.

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He said that the team which monitors the Burundi-Rwanda/Zaire-Rwanda border has discovered the presence of militias who were preventing the displaced pers from returning.

c. Humanitarian. On the humanitarian front, he said that few displaced pers returned home due to lack of transport. He said that the UNHCR has promised 3 trips a week. A total of 1041 returnees were evacuated from CYANGUGU to KIGALI while 648 pers used their private means . A total of 4,109 returned from Zaire, 74 moved out to Zaire 2,861 pers were awaiting evacuation at CYANGUGU. He said that a lot of displaced pers at BUGARAMA were eager to return home but were scared of bandits and the Zairean authorities who may confiscate their property. According to the Sect Comd, UNHCR has suggested that UNAMIR takes over the payment of the salaries of the locally employed staff at the borders. The CHAO reacted that this may take a long time to materialize and advised Comds to exploit the possibility of getting some NGOs to take care of that.

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d. Political. On the political front, he said that the Prefect has established contact with the Interim Prefectorial Commettee which was set up by the French with very good results. He said that the RPA which has increased its strength in the area are holding rallies frequently at BUGARAMA to build confidence in the people.

e. Admin. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles to facilitate his operations and a base station at BUGARAMA to improve on communication in the Sector.

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6. Sector 5

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation in the sector was calm and the RPA continued their routine activities.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that routine foot and mobile patrols were conducted. The Tunisian Recce Team located RPA company/platoon within the area. He said UNAMIR has launched it's ferry boat from GISENYI to KIBUYE. The ferry moves on Tuesdays.

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He said that the Sector maintained liaison with the French. On mines, the Sect Comd mentioned that one child died everyday in the BUTARO area. He said that the sector was not yet tasked to take over the GISORO border crossing from UNOMUR and added that the Zairean authorities no longer insisted on visas before MILOBs crossed into GOMA. He said due to comms problems the move to RUHENGIRI will be delayed. He therefore, requested for installation of a repeater and 2 patrol boats to patrol the lake. The DCMO assured that all efforts will be made to meet his request.

c. Humanitarian Sit. He said that there were about 600,000 refugees in 6 Camps at GOMA, 8,000 ex-RGF pers with an effective fighting force of about 4,000 soldiers with HQ at GOMA. On the average, 1,600 returnees enter Rwanda daily. He said that weekly meetings were held with NGOs who intend to organize technical training for certain medical staff in the sector.

7. Sector 3

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and devoid of political activities during the period. The RPA deployment continued from this sector to sector 4 and they conducted cordon and search operation at the KABGAYI Mission area during the period. The aim for the operation was not disclosed. He said about a Bn str of RPA moved from BUTARE to GIKO-NGORO.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs and Malawian Coy conducted routine ptls. He said some displaced pers were moved from Sect 3 to 4 to find their families. He pointed out that comms in the sector improved but radios needed some technical inspection. On relationship with RPA, the Sect Comd said that restrictions were placed on MILOBs movement until authority was sought from their comds. He mentioned the incidents at KIBEHO and NYAKIZU on 13 Sep 94 and the experience of the Malawian Coy who were stopped for security reasons. He requested that the issue of restriction on movement be taken up. In his remarks, the DCMO expressed surprise at the RPA's acts and said that instructions from the Govt on this issue will be sent to the RPA Bde Comds. SOO

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c. Humanitarian Sit. On the humanitarian situation, the Sect Comd said that, UNHCR reported on the 13 Sep 94 on the presence of about 250,000 Rwanda refugees in Northern Burundi willing to return but apprehensive of likely RPA retaliation. He said efforts were however, being made to move them in soon. He said 1,600 pers returned from Burundi and that the situation has improved. He praised ICRC for doing a good job in the GITARAMA area. He said food was supplied to the 1,300 displaced pers at KABGAYI who were desirous to leave but have no homes. This issue he said, came out during the FC's visit to the camps. The Sect Comd said that the NGO (CONCERN) came out during the week that they were solely responsible for the distribution of seed and farming implements and not food. Finally, he said that 45 pers were tpt from WAKIRA area to GITARAMA and KIGALI.

d. Sector 2

(1) General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and the Govt was getting hold of the situation. He said the RPA continued their secret deployment during the week. Effort to get the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO to meet the CMO failed. He said this would be pursued.

(2) Operations. He said Sector MILOBs executed 57 missions during the period and requested that Ops Branch should scrutinize requests for escorts before passing them on. He said he intended to deploy teams at BUGESERA and KIBUNGO but certain logistics issues including comms, transport and generator must be tackled first.

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(3) Humanitarian. He said that MILOBs monitored Tanzania and Burundi crossing points for 72hrs and observed that there was no large scale movement of returnees/refugees in the area. He said that NGOs activities are only limited to KIGALI and very inactive at the outskirts.

(4) Admin and Log. On admin and log he reiterated the need for good quality tpt, quick

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release of vehicles from the garage and the improvement of comms in the eastern part of the Sector. In addition, the Sect Comd requested for tents and MRE for monitoring teams to the borders, postal and telephone contact with families at home, mission souvenirs and official declaration of Kenya as part of the mission area so that MILOBs who spend CTO/Leave in NAIROBI do not lose part of their MSA. The DCMO said that it is a difficult problem but efforts would be made again to get it done. On the issue of tents and MRE, the DCMO said that UNAMIR will soon receive worn out tents from UNOMUR for distribution to the Sector HQs and promised some reserved MRE will be issued to the Sect HQs for monitoring teams soon.

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9. Sector 1

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the Sector remained calm and the RPA were training new recruits in two camps with approximately 50 recruits in each camp. He said that there was no RPA presence at TUMBA, MOYEMEBI and KINIHIRA after their secret withdrawal from the area. He said that according to NGOs there were suspected minefields at RUHENGE and KIYAME.

b. Own Activities. He said that patrols and escort missions were executed with the newly arrived MILOBs participating. He said that comms among the patrols continued to be difficult.

c. Humanitarian Sit. The Sect Comd said that there were 19 NGOs in the area and food distribution to the displaced camps at KIVUYE and RUGARAMA was good. He added that there was urgent need for med staff and drugs for the big hospital at NGARAMA. He said that the ICRC was trying to re-activate the water system in NYAGATARE. On the activities of the Nigerian Contingent, he said that the Medical Officer was organizing a programme to provide consultancy services to the locals. The humanitarian rep said that no NGO is taking care of the orphanage at RUTARE which has 400 children and complained about an Asian NGO which makes empty promises to the population in the Sector. The CHAO requested for the name of the NGO for a follow-up in KIGALI.

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d. Admin and Log. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles and a photo-copier machine.

10. a. SMPO. The SMPO said he was not happy about the inability of Sect Comds to submit their daily pers returns. He said that since Sect Comds were given the authority to grant CTO/Leave, his outfit has been neglected totally and requested that MILOB HQ is informed about all CTO/Leave granted by Sect Comds. On postings, he said that a system of pers record was being implemented to avoid the concentration of certain nationals in one sector and added that the newly arrived MILOBs were sent to GITARAMA because they were yet to be issued with UN ID Cards. He said that MILOBs request for advance MSA takes time before all requests reach NAIROBI for action. The SMPO requested all Sect Comds to write the confidential reports of all MILOBs under comd and advised that MILOBs were interviewed before reports were written on them. On the distribution of mails, the Comd of Sect 4B suggested the use of hel to drop official mails at least once a week at distant Sectors. The CHAO said that the Force Signals Officer was exploring the possibilities of running a regular courier service within the AO.

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b. Plans and Trg. The OIC Plans and Trg said the outfit is now operational and requested all comds to respond to the instructions that will be released soon. He said that the HQ was not satisfied with the distribution of appointments in the Sectors and requested for the returns from the comds for an eventual re-organization. The Comd of Sect 4B requested the Plans outfit to come out with a contingency plan to meet any eventuality.

c. SLOGO. The SLOGO was happy about the returns from the various Sectors. He said that a message has been sent to the DFC to retrieve 10 MILOBs vehs currently being used at the FHQ and frantic efforts were being made to collect more computers and photocopiers for MILOBs. On ration and water, he said that the demand has been put in for reserve ration to meet any eventuality. He informed all about the monthly logistics confere-

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nce and requested all to submit returns during the conference. The A/Comd of Sect 4C requested for fragmentation jackets for some newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO directed that immediate issues are made to the Sector.

d. SOO. The SOO, in his brief, mentioned the anticipated amendments in Sector AOs and the submission of SITREP and returns. He said the Sect Comds should closely monitor RPA deployment and advised Comds to maintain close liaison with all the Prefects and suggested that where possible comds can attach monitoring teams to the various prefectures. On deployment, he said that plans were afoot to do some redeployment and amendment in some Sectors cited Sectors 2 and 3 as examples. He requested for the deployment of the Nigerian Contingent Comd to assist in planing his deployment. The Comd said that he was encountering some problems with the RPA especially in the NYAGATARE area where they have refused UNAMIR deployment. The OIC Plans said that a letter will be forwarded to the RPA High Comd to that effect. On the submission of returns/SITREP, the SOO was quite satisfied with the weekly SITREP from the Sectors and requested for returns on all main entry/exit points on daily basis where possible, as well as more reports on the political situation in the various Sectors. In his contribution, the DCMO said that pers at the various Sector HQs will be reduced to 7 during the impending reorganization exercise.

11. CIVPOL. During his briefing, the CIVPOL rep requested all Sect Comds to get the various Prefects informed about the deployment of the CIVPOL to train the communal police. He said that the lack of adequate transport is holding up the deployment. The Sect 3 Comd suggested that proper liaison was done with the govt to get the message down to the Prefects to save UNAMIR from all administrative problems.

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12. Humanitarian Sit. In his brief, the CHAO once again advised Sect Comds to use local resources to assist the people. He said that his cell intended to carry out a massive exercise in Sect 4A to evacuate the displaced pers. He tasked the Sect Comd to ensure that all the people were registered, and the necessary security checks were carried out in the camps on the

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day of the evacuation and if possible to get the NGOs to issue food to the people in the camp before take-off. He asked all Sect Comds to forward their tpt requests to his outfit. He said that BRITCON, IOM and UNHCR had enough tpt to meet their requests and added that he was seeking authority from the FC to use the tpt resource of ZAMBATT.

13. Summary of Decisions/Suggestions. The following decisions/suggestions were made:

- a. 20 vehs from UNOMUR to be sent to BYUMBA for distribution.
- b. 20 UN flags to be distributed immediately.
- c. Sect 5 to be provided with a repeater.
- d. Copies of letters on the free movement of UNAMIR pers in Rwanda to be forwarded to the Bde Comd of RPA.
- e. Tents from UNOMUR to be distributed to Sector HQs when they arrived.
- f. Reserved MRE too be issued to Sect HQs for monitoring teams.
- g. OIC Plans to write to RPA High Comd on the deployment of UNAMIR in the NYAGATARE area.
- h. Returns to be submitted on the distribution of appointment in the Sectors.

14. Closing Remarks. In his closing remarks, the DCMO implored all to do their possible best to assist the returnees. He admitted that due to the lack of logistics, MILOBs will continue to be less committed and suggested joint patrols with formed troops and an increase in the strength of pers per veh during missions.

15. He announced that KIGALI Sector would host the next conference. The conference ended at 1515hrs.


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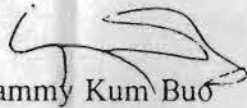
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Meeting with the President of the Republic on Thursday, 21 July 1994

1. At the invitation of President Bizimungu, UNAMIR, along with UNHCR, WFP and UNREO (United Nations Rwanda Emergence Office) met with the President at his official residence at Kanombe, near Kigali, at 14H00 on Thursday, 21 July 1994. With the President were the Vice President and Defence Minister, Major General Paul Kagame and the Minister of Interior, Mr. Seth Sendashonga.
2. After welcoming the United Nations representatives, the President explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to consider the problems of Rwandese refugees and displaced persons and what could be done to encourage them to return to their homes. He said the Government was very concerned about the situation, which was at the top of its priorities, and wanted very much to hear the views of concerned United Nations agencies on the matter.
3. In the course of a detailed exchange of views on the issue, several specific ideas and suggestions were considered. At the end of the meeting, the President summarized the discussions by highlighting a number of specific measures the Government intended to take to try to deal with the problem, including the following:
 - (a) Government was requesting UNHCR to coordinate and lead efforts to try to convince and encourage refugees and displaced persons to return to their homes and to discourage other Rwandese from leaving to displaced communities or refugee camps. In this connection, Government would request UNHCR to make available buses and other transportation means to move refugees and displaced persons willing to return home.
 - (b) Government would appreciate if SRSR could seek the cooperation of all neighbouring countries in facilitating the safe return of refugees.
 - (c) Government would like to seek the personal intervention of Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to help open dialogue at the highest possible levels between the Government of Rwanda and the Government of Zaire.
 - (d) Government would intensify pacification and reconciliation broadcasts over its radio network. It would welcome assistance to enhance the technical capacity of its radio network to enable it to cover the entire country and perhaps beyond, to the neighbouring states as well, especially as there were many Rwandese refugees in the sub-region.
 - (e) Government would like to request the assistance of the international community in dealing effectively with the problem of negative or hurtful broadcasts which incited or caused panic and hate or encouraged Rwandese to flee their homes.
 - (f) Government would establish an inter-ministerial committee on social affairs and rehabilitation issues and would also appoint liaison officers specifically for international humanitarian agencies to facilitate their contacts and other dealings with concerned Government departments.

- (g) Government would write to the current OAU Chairman (Tunisian President Ben Ali) and OAU Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim to seek their support and assistance.
4. With regard to point 3(c), the President, at the end of the meeting, gave UNAMIR's Executive Director, Dr. Abdul Hamid Kabia, his satellite telephone number and requested him to transmit it to New York to facilitate direct communication with the Secretary-General, at his (the Secretary-General's) convenience.
5. Just before the meeting ended, the President said he had a very important specific request to make to UNAMIR, on behalf of his entire Government: could UNAMIR assist in restoring basic utility services (water, electricity and telecommunications)? It was noted, in this connection, that the country was currently without functioning water, electricity and telecommunications systems. Dr. Kabia agreed that the request was indeed important and promised to forward it immediately to New York. It was also pointed out that a senior United Nations delegation headed by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Peter Hansen, planned to visit Kigali soon and it was suggested that the visit could provide a valuable and timely occasion for a review and/or assessment of Rwanda's immediate and longer term needs for rehabilitation and reconstruction.
6. The meeting, which lasted over 90 minutes, was held in a very warm and cordial atmosphere.
7. In the absence of the SRSG, the Executive Director, Dr. Kabia, led the UNAMIR team which also included the Political Adviser, Sammy K. Buo.



Sammy Kum Buo
Political Adviser
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MILOB GP HQ**MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE****HELD AT SECTOR 4 CHARLIE HEADQUARTERS - CYANGUGU****ON FRI 09 SEPTEMBER 1994**

PRESENT :	COL ID TICOKA	-	CMO
	COL CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL TRAORE	-	CIV POL
	LT COL MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4 B
	LT COL B GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
	LT COL NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL MASAGANISE	-	PLANS&TRG
	MAJ AWADEY	-	COMD SECT 4 A
	MAJ KONE	-	COMD SECT 4 C
	CAPT WEISSENBOCK	-	COMD SECT 5
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	CAPT NAT DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

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1. The participants to the conference were welcomed to the Sector by Maj Kone, the Acting Sector Commander who expressed his gratitude to the CMO for selecting his area as host to the second conference. He said that his Sector is the most volatile in our area of operation due to the refugees situation in the area. He wished all a happy and fruitful deliberation.	MAJ KONE

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Maj. DIAKATE - CIVPOL

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2. In his opening remarks, the CMO thanked the Sector | ACTION BY
Comd and his staff for hosting the Conference and seized |
the opportunity to welcome Colonel Yaache and all other | CMO
participants to the Conference. He also introduced |
Lt Cols Dounkov and John Masaganise who have been appoin |
ted as CMPO and OIC PLANS and TRAINING respectively to |
the gathering. |
3. He urged all participants to be specific in their |
briefing and directed that any decisions made at the | ALL
Conference must be implemented immediately. The Confere- |
nce started at 1125hrs. |

ITEM II - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

4. The SOO who read through the previous Minutes, | SOO
touched on selected important decisions arrived at duri- |
ng the maiden Conference. |
- a. Provision of Vehs. He said that the situation |
has not changed much since only one vehicle each |
has been provided to the various Sectors. |
- b. Comms. He remarked that the problem with |
comms remains the same and reiterated the need for |
repeaters to be installed at vantage points to fac- |
ilitate comms between base stations and patrols. |
He advised all to continue to rely on the facili- |
ties of the Canadian Sig Sqn and other formed units |
until a solution is found by Force HQ to the prob- |
lem. On the provision of Satellite Telephone, the |
SOO admitted that the issue is a big problem since |
the facilities available belong to the Canadians |
and not UN. He assured all that efforts will be | SOO

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made to get users of the Canadian facilities to probably pay a token fee.

c. Stationery and Maps

(1) The SOO said that the issue of provision of Maps and Stationery has been reasonably solved. He advised all Sector Comds to call at the MILOB GP HQ for Maps of their Sectors.

(2) The CMO disagreed and directed that all demands should be put in immediately and the Ops Cell must despatch the Maps to the various Sector locations.

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ITEM III - SECTOR COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

5. The various Sector Comds and Staff Officers at the MILOB GP HQ took their turns and briefed.

a. Sector 4 B

(1) The Comd who took over on Mon 5 Sep 94, admitted that his Sector has been inactive. He said that the general situation has been quite calm. According to him, the acts of banditry and killings which were reported by the Congolese tps have abated and he is conducting a recce of the Sector to send out patrols to cover whole Sector. He however observed that the cooperation between MILOBs and the formed troops has not been the best and promised to deal with the overall comd to streamline the issue.

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(2) Political Front

(a) On the political front, the Sect Comd said that the newly appointed prefect escorted by a platoon of RPA troops and an LO, arrived in KIBUYE Prefecture on Wed 07 Sep 94. He said that the Prefect visited GISHITA on Thu 08 Sep 94 to establish his maiden contact with the population.

(b) He said that the overall impression is that the population is still scared and very apprehensive of the RPA presence in the area and assured the gathering that he will continue to monitor all political activities in the Sector with keen interest.

(3) Humanitarian Activities

(a) According to the sector commander, only two agencies are operating in the area. These are the Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA) which runs a hospital in KIBUYE and Medicins Sans Frontieres which has a camp at BABANZA. He said that the population in the area are in dire need of food, medicals and water. He said the humanitarian assistance efforts subsided after the departure of the French although the Senegalese contingent still provide certain needs such as drinking water.

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(b) He observed that there is no relationship between MILOBS and the NGOs in the sector but promised to liaise with them so that all essential requirements of the population will be collected and forwarded to the HQ for further action.

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(3) Administration. The sector commander said that his main administration problem is accommodation for his MILOBS. He said that no hotels were functioning due to the security situation. He therefore requested that the eleven newly posted MILOBS be held up in GITARAMA until the situation improves. He also requested for office equipment although he has no office yet for the sector.

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(4) Sitreps. The Sector Comd questioned the rational behind the decision that his sector should not send SITREPS to MILOB HQ. The SOO said that all SITREPS from the sector should be sent to overall comd in the area but requested that an info copy be forwarded to MILOB HQ. He tasked the Sector Comd to confirm whether certain displaced persons are still moving towards the island in his sector.

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b. Sector 4C. The Sector Comd's briefing covered the general situation in the sector, the activities of the Ethiopia Contingent, MILOBs' activities, admin and logistics and the security situation in the area.

(1) General Situation. He said that the general situation was relatively calm.

He said that the working relationship between the MILOBs, the NGOs and the Ethiopian Contingent was quite good.

- (2) Ethiopian Contingent activities. On the activities of the Ethiopian Contingent, the Sector Comd said that after two weeks of hesitation, the contingent is now fulfilling its functions very well with the setting up of Check Points to control movement in the area. He was however of the view that they go to extremes on certain issues. He said that the Ethiopians for instance do not want the francophone battalions to enter their AO without prior notice. The Sector Commander said that the Ethiopian Contingent also refused to provide escorts for UNHCR convoys claiming that the area was safe. UNHCR therefore had to cancel the transportation of displaced persons. On the attitude of the Ethiopians towards the francophone troops, the CMO said that all UN vehs and pers are free to go to any territory of their choice. He therefore did not see the problem with the Ethiopians. He however, suggested that the various Battalion Comds can exchange routine patrol programmes. BN COMDS

(3) MILOBs Activities

- (a) MILOBs continued with their routine activities. The Sect Comd said that with arrival of new MILOBs, he has organized his set up into humanitarian and security cells. He said that the humanitarian cell attends all NGO meetings. He said that during the week,

they recorded 6839 returnees while 970 crossed into Zaire. In addition, the British transported 186 persons to KIGALI. UNHCR evacuated 285 persons to and 3221 *Zaire and from Zaire* used public transport to KIGALI.

(b) On the issue of command, the Sect Comd requested the CMO to give clear instructions to eliminate the rift between him and the Comd of the Ethiopian Contingent. He cited the example of the refusal of the contingent comd to host the prefect and 45 RPA soldiers on 8 Sep 94 claiming that the responsibility was not his. On the problem of command, Col Yaache said that the Ethiopian Comd must be made to understand that he is in control and as a result should not shirk his responsibilities. CMO

(c) The Sect Comd requested that he is given prior warning on the move of any of the RPA authorities and the government. He was not particularly happy about the unorderly manner in which the movement of the Prefect and his escorts was organized. The SOO intervened and *L Said that* the problem on the deployment of the Prefect and was a result of lack of coordination by the RPF and promised that efforts would be made to give prior information in future. SOO

(4) Admin and Logistics. On admin and logistics, the Sect Comd said that he is presently holding 4 vehicles for 22 MILOBs.

Due to the lack of vehicles, he intended to deploy one team at the Coy HQ at the Tea Factory and the other at NYAMASHEKE. Each of the teams was to be given one veh. The SOO disagreed with him and suggested that he deploys a team in the Tea Factory with two vehs and leave out the northern part which can be covered by the team in the Tea Factory until he receives more vehs. The Sect Comd requested for a computer and a photocopier to set up his office. The SLOGO said that he did not have any in stock so the CMO directed that the computer in his office should be given to the Sector. He asked the SLOGO to follow up the returns on office equipment so that he can get a computer for the Sector. The Comd Sector 2 promised to release one of his computers to Sector 4C. SLOGO

(5) Security

- (a) The Sector Comd said that during the week, all the gendarmes were disarmed by the Ethiobatt and this has created a big security gap since the Ethiopians cannot provide adequate security for the area.
- (b) The CMO admitted that they are thinly deployed and said that he will raise the issue up at FHQ to probably request for an additional company to boost up the strength of the troops on the ground. The Sector Comd was asked to advise the commander of the formed troops on all security matters but must not however go too far so as not to interfere with command. CMO
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c. Sector 4A. The briefing was done by the acting Sector Comd Maj Perry Awadey. He covered the general sit, political, humanitarian, civilian affairs, MILOBs activities, admin and logistics.

(1) General Sit. He said the situation was calm and acts of banditry also reduced. Those arrested had been handed over to the prisons authorities. He said that the Prefect of GIKO-NGORO arrived and the people were apprehensive about the presence of 58 RPA soldiers. According to the Sector Comd, the RPA have given indications that their strength is inadequate and by next week, they will receive about 4000 troops.

(2) Political. He said that, politically, all seems to be going on quite well in the Sector. Meetings were organized with Commune leaders, priests, doctors and other opinion leaders. He added that the Bourgmater has already toured the northern part and his next tour would be in the south. He said the displaced people at KIBEHO were happy about his visit.

(3) Humanitarian Sit

(a) He said the Sector has about 504,000 displaced pers in 30 Camps with 10 NGOs administering them. 2,000 displaced pers left for other parts of the country during the week. The evacuation op was however, suspended on 8 Sep 94 due to the outbreak of meningitis among the displaced pers. He said the evacuation would resume on 19 Sep 94.

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(b) The Sect Comd said that the main problems facing the humanitarian action are the supply of POL and the state of some of the roads which ^{Lare} still deteriorating. He said UNAMIR used to supply POL to the NGOs but this has ceased so the distribution of food generally has been adversely affected. He added that British Engr Det has started repairing some of the roads. According to the Sect Comd, repair works on all the bridges have been completed and the only problem is with a bridge in the north ^{whose} ~~which~~ repairs was estimated to cost 2,500,000RWF. He said about \$200,000 would be required for the repair works. He said CARITAS and some NGOs are assisting with the funding.

(4) Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that rumours were spreading in the area that some judges who were evacuated to help set up the national judicial system have been detained at BUTARE so one of the judges who was to be evacuated to join them has refused to be to evacuated. He said that all Commune Police were disarmed prior to the arrival of the RPA. This issue, he said, was being discussed with the Prefect because the Bourgmasters are scared and unhappy about the absence of low level security system. He was of the view that since the RPA lacked local knowledge of the area, it will be advisable to rearm the Commune Police to continue their security duties.

(5) MILOBs Activities. Routine activities were carried out during the period.

(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd complained about the veh state and the stoppage of issue dry ration and water. He said that despite the size of the Sector and the presence of a lot of displaced pers, he has only 3 vehs which are road-worthy. He, therefore, requested that the newly posted MILOBs should be kept at GITARAMA until additional 5 vehicles were issued to the Sector. He said food and water were could not be found on the local market except the relief food for the displaced pers. The CMO advised that all Sect Comds could use a day to arrange for food and water from other towns outside their sectors. The Sect Comd requested that reps from UNAMIR Log Cell should be invited to the sectors to assess the food situation.

d. Sector 5. Capt Weissenbock deputised for the Sect Comd and did the briefing.

(1) General Sit. He said the sit was calm. He added that the deployment at RUHENGARI would be done when comms facilities were put in place. He said that information received indicated that the Tunisian Platoon was not expected to deploy within the next one month.

(2) Capt Weissenbock mentioned that the RPA Northern Bde deployed 7th Bn at RUHENGARI with C Mobile Force to the south of the town. The CMO directed that all Sectors should up-date their maps showing the current strengths and dispositions of the RPA. The CMO said that RPA have 5 Bdes deployed almost in line with the UNAMIR Force. In addition, Capt Weissenbock said that the RPA hinted that letters received

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indicate clandestine grenade attacks in
RWERERE and other key positions in the sector.
This, he said brought about extra security
measures by the RPA. The RPA intensified patrols
and placed restriction on movement except
UNAMIR pers. He said that about 4,000 former
RGF troops were reported to be in a camp north
of GOMA.

(3) Humanitarian Activities. He said the humanitarian situation has been good and a lot of medical and food supply points were set up on the road GISENYI-RUHENGARI. He added that the NGOs have transport problems especially when it comes to transportation of displaced persons to other parts of the country. He mentioned that 1,200 returnees were awaiting evacuation at GISENYI. He said that the NGOs have started recce of the Northern and Southern parts of the Sector for supply of drugs, food and seeds for farming. Col Yaache advised that the NGOs should be told to ensure that the staging areas do not become permanent refugee camps.

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(4) Civilian Affairs. About 2,000 returnees crossed into Rwanda from Zaire and about 300 come by foot through the volcano areas daily. He mentioned that water and electricity supply are working at GISENYI and RUHENGARI areas under the supervision of ICRC. ^{this was} These would be handed over to the local administration by 07
8 Sep 94.

(5) Ops and Admin problems. On these problems he said that the main points of concern are the presence of mines in the N En Sector.

He said that there are also the problems of Zairean Immigration officials demanding that UNAMIR pers should possess visas before ~~cro~~-crossing into Zaire, and the need for additional veh. He requested for mine clearing team to clear all mines in the area and educate the locals on mines awareness. He also requested that efforts should be made at higher level to clear the issue on visas for UNAMIR pers since there is still liaison with the French and NGOs at GOMA.

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e. Sector 3

(1) Gen Sit. The was relatively calm but there were few sporadic shooting and grenade explosions carried out by pers. There were also allegations against the RPA for killings and arrests. The RPA's relationship with the local population has not been good.

(2) On the political situation, the Sect Comd said that the election of the Bourgmater and advisers was in progress and that only about 50% had been completed. He said that the Prefect of the area held his first meeting with his subordinates and the issues raised include security and humanitarian situation in the prefecture.

(3) RPA, RGF and Militia Activities. The Sect Comd said that held a meeting with local commander at GITARAMA. He said that the local commander complained of about inadequate humanitarian activities in the area and threatened to hijack all food trucks crossing his territory.

He said that the RPA were alleged to have arrested 50 suspects at RUHANGO before and on 4 Sep 94. He said that according to the ICRC, arrests are also going in the BUTARE area. MILOBs are investigating these arrests. The Sect Comd added that a lot of shooting was recorded in BUTARE and MILOBs complained to the RPF LO. He said that RPA once came to the Sect HQ looking for the owner of the Fuel Station that UNAMIR intended to use. The man was evacuated to KIGALI.

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On the RGF, the Sect Comd said that defectors were still coming in and 19 ex-RGF soldiers were handed over during the week. On the issue of RPA pers refusing to sign handing/taking over papers on the defectors, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to liaise with FHQ to ensure that UNAMIR SOP covers all categories of defectors.

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He said that the RPA hinted that militias who took refuge in the marshlands and the NYABARANGO valley were still a treat and the source of harassment to the people of MUGINA and other communes. He mentioned that two pers were killed in grenade explosions at VUNGA on 5 Sep 94 and the RPA intended to launch an operation to flush them out of the area. The CMO said that the situation is a complex one and wished that the judicial system is put in place to deal with such cases.

(4) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs discovered 3 more mass graves each suspected to have about 40 bodies. Further investigation was being carried out into RPA

allegation that about 2,000 bodies have been buried in the MEKAJURE forest.

(5) Humanitarian Sit. The humanitarian aid to the people in the area was said to be poor. He said that there was an element of discrimination in the distribution of humanitarian aid about 50,000 pers were in dire need of aid. He said that 10 pers needed evacuation to GISENYI. According to the Sect Comd, Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres and Bernard Kouchner's relief organization came on recce to house 250 orphans from GOMA/the rainy season begins. On the current sit in GITARAMA, Col Yaache said that he would follow up and that the NGOs have sectorised their activities.

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(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd requested for continuation of ration issues to MILOBs, the immediate deployment of the new MILOBs currently at his location and the streamlining of the radio net. The CMO directed that with the exception of CYANGUGU MILOBs, the rest should be deployed immediately after the training. The SOO was also tasked to ^{Sort} ~~sought~~ out the radio net issue.

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f. Sector 1

(1) MILOBs Activities. The Sector Comd said that MILOBs carried out routine activities and held meetings with the Prefect and NGOs. He said that NGOs' activities were limited in the sector and that the RPA would not accept UNAMIR deployment in the area unless they

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received specific order from their high command because they have a big training camp in the area. According to the Sect Comd all mines on the main road near KINIHIRA have been cleared. He said MILOBs investigated a report of an explosion at RUSIKA on 7 Sep 94. In his reaction to the deployment of issue, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to write to the RPA high comd. PLANS

(2) Humanitarian Situation. According to the Sector Commander, food distribution by the WFP and ICRC although limited, is still in progress. He said that returnees continue to arrive and some petty trading is going on. The Sector Commander added that on 7 Sep, the owner of the HQ premises requested that MILOBs should occupy the whole building for safety reasons. He said that BYUMBA Prefect has to authorize. The CMO tasked Plans & Trg Officer to get more details on the issue and write to the authorities. PLANS

(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd raised the issues of transport and generator for MILOBs. The CMO tasked SLOGO to provide a generator to the Sector and get UNAMIR technicians to inspect the big generator at the BYUMBA Catholic Church for use by MILOBs. SLOGO

g. Sector 2

(1) Gen Sit. The situation was reported calm and normal life returning to the area. The Sect Comd said that a lot of NGOs were still operating in the city.

According to the Sect Comd, the rapport between the RPA and MILOBs at KIBUNGO was not healthy. The CMO requested that the Sect Comd arranged a meeting between him and the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO as soon as possible. The Sect Comd said that some areas in the sector established a system of local government to handle local admin issues.

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(2) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs strength for the sector was 44 and 6 attached to KIGALI Airport ATC outfit. 9 MILOB were yet to join from GITARAMA. He said that most tasks for the sector were to the North and West so there was no time to monitor the East since tasks for the sector were so much. The CMO tasked the SOO to streamline the tasking procedure so that tasks could be given to MILOBs in the sectors in which they fall. The CMO also tasked the Sect Comds to submit ~~re-~~ returns on movement of displaced pers into and out of Tanzania and wished that a team be deployed at the entry point for this task.

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(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd talked about the state of UNOMUR vehs on charge to him and the time taken to service a veh in the garage. He pointed out that the UNOMUR veh were not good for long distances and asked for their replacement. The CMO agreed and tasked the SLOGO to liaise with FHQ for Land Cruisers and 4 Runners for exchange.

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h. Humanitarian Cell. In his brief, the Chief Humanitarian Officer, Col Yaache dilated on the

current humanitarian situation in the country and said that it had improved a lot. He implored all Sect Comds to use local initiative and rely on the local resources available to carry out certain humanitarian tasks instead of falling^{cm} the FHQ. | SECT
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j. CIVPOL. The Comd CIVPOL said that CIVPOL strength was low and that the deployment would start the following week in Sectors 4A, 4B and 4C with 4 monitors each. He asked the MILOBs to do the initial liaison with the Prefects prior to the arrival of the police monitors. The CMO said that the CIVPOL have now been mandated to train people down to commune level. He said that they also have the primary role of maintaining law and order and added that they would be deployed alongside MILOBs who would be responsible for their admin. He tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the Prefects for accommodation and training areas for the CIVPOL. In addition, he tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the RPA and local authorities and the Bn Comds for details about the Bourgmasters and local police commanders where necessary. | SECT
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k. Response by SOO. The SOO pointed out command problems especially when dealing with formed units. He requested all Sect Comds to submit details on reaction of people to the deployment of Prefects, refugee camps, number of refugees in the sectors, NGOs in the areas and the various entry points being used by the returnees. He highlighted the deployment plan of MILOBs and said that some MILOBs in Sector 5 would be deployed at RUHENGARI. He asked for the details of RPA deployment, up to platoon level, in each sector. The CMO tasked the SOO to | SECT
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liaise with the RPA to provide a LO for MILOB GP HQ | SOO
to work with the Info Cell. |

1. SLOGO. The SLOGO said that he distributed |
5 vehicles and issued some stationery to all sectors |
during the week. He requested all Sect Comds to |
ensure prompt submission of requests and returns on |
trip tickets. |

m. Brief by SMPO. The SMPO said that henceforth, |
personnel returns should be submitted daily. He |
also asked for the submission of monthly balance of |
accumulated leave to enable the HQ to appreciate |
the leave situation so that at least 75% of MILOBs |
can be maintained at each particular time. He said |
that Leave/CTO for MILOBs from other mission areas |
has been cancelled. He said that any MILOB sick |
case should be reported only to the nearest UN |
Medical Centre to facilitate easy transfer of pat- |
ients for treatment outside Rwanda in case of re- |
ferral. On repatriation of MILOBs, he said that all |
MILOBs are entitled to 100kgs unaccompanied baggage. |
However, efforts were being made to make the 100kgs |
accompanied baggage. On the finances of MILOBs, he |
said that there has been a big mess due to the se- |
curity situation in Rwanda. In view of this, the (MO |
~~said an~~ appointment of MILOBs Finance Officer to |
streamline all financial issues. |

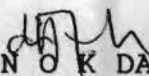
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6. In his closing remarks, the CMO thanked all presen |
for their contribution and reiterated that all decision |
taken should be implemented immediately. He requested |
Sect Comds and Staff Officers to put their briefing on |
paper to ease the work of the secretary. |

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7. He announced that the next Conference will be held at BYUMBA. The conference ended at 1600hrs


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