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**SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING THE SON OF A FORMER GOVERNMENT
MINISTER AND A FRGF OFFICER**

1. On 14 May 95 two Rwandese Citizens named FAUSTIN NDUWIMANA and NGABO YVES BIZIMUNGU reported to a ZAMBATT location in the Rwamiko area and requested protection. They claimed that they were connected with the Former Government and have been in Kibeho camp since Aug 94 and had been part of the mass flight of IDPs that broke the RPA cordon of Kibeho camp on 22 Apr 95. Initial investigations by ZAMBATT revealed Faustin Nduwimana to be a Second Lieutenant in the Former Rwandan Government Forces (FRGF) and Ngabo Yves Bizimungu to be son of Mr Cazimiya Bizimungu, former Rwandan Government Minister of Health.
2. These individuals agreed to be interviewed by UNAMIR regarding the incident at Kibeho camp and to give information about FRGF/Interhamwe activity in the camps. UNAMIR asked the individuals if they wished to give evidence before the International Commission investigating the events of 22 Apr 95 at Kibeho camp. They volunteered to give evidence before that Commission. Accordingly, they were brought to Kigali in a helicopter, kept in UNAMIR custody and interviewed by the Commission on 15 May 95.
3. After appearing before the Commission they were questioned by UNAMIR personnel to establish if they had committed any crimes with a view to handing them to the government if they were suspected in accordance with established procedures. After investigation it could not be established that they were implicated in the genocide.
4. At that stage, because no criminal guilt was suspected, they were not handed over to the civil authority. They were further informed that UNAMIR could not offer indefinite protection and were therefore offered the choice of being taken to the Rwandan civil authority or being allowed to go free. They initially requested to be taken to Zaire, via Burundi, however, this request was refused outright by UNAMIR. They then requested to be taken to the Ruhengeri area. It was assumed that this was the area of their home commune and therefore the request was approved. They were taken by helicopter to Matura (TUNBATT HQ) and released.

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5. Subsequently, it has been learnt that the two men have been arrested by the RPA, who suspect that the men did in fact participate in the genocide.

6. **Why they were moved to Kigali.** The individuals were brought to Kigali for interview rather than possibly wasting limited time and resources in sending an interview team from UNAMIR and the International Commission to Rwamiko. It was also the intention to pass these individuals over to Rwandan government authorities, according to agreed procedures, if they were found to have been involved in genocide or insurgent activities.

7. **Dress, Transport and Accommodation.** When the individuals reported to ZAMBATT they were dressed in dirty civilian attire which they remained in when appearing before the Commission and at the time of their release from the TUNBATT location in Matura. At no time were the two individuals given UNAMIR uniforms. A UNAMIR helicopter on routine duties was used to transport the two from Gikongoro to Kigali and Kigali to Matura. They were interviewed by UNAMIR personnel at the MP compound in Kigali. They were accommodated at ZAMBATT Tac HQ Gikongoro on the night 14 May 95 and INDBATT location (SOALTEE) on night 15 May 95.

8. **Why they were taken to the Ruhengeri area.** After being advised that UNAMIR could not offer indefinite protection or take them out of the country (to Zaire, via Burundi) they requested to be taken to the Ruhengeri area. It was assumed that this was the area of their home commune.