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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ 7 DATE : 21 AUG 95

TO : MILOBS GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
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INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 201800Z AUG TO 211800Z AUG 95

1. SITUATION

4. GENERAL. TENSE.

D. BORDERS. THE FORCING OF THE REFUGEES TO GO BACK TO RWANDA IS HAVING AN INFLUENCE ON THE LOCAL POPULATION WHO ARE EXPECTING SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE PREFECTURE AS IT IS AN IMPORTANT HUB IN THE ROAD NETWORK.

2. FRACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. **POLITICAL.** THE MUGINA COMMUNE REMAINS WITHOUT A BOURGMESTRE AND THE MILOB PATROL WHICH WENT THERE TODAY COULD NOT ASCERTAIN THE LOCATION OF THE FORMER BOURGMESTRE.

b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA

(H) IT WAS LEARN'T TODAY THAT THE RPA ACTUALLY HAS ONE FULL COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NYAMABUYE COMMUNE (WHICH CONTAINS THE TOWN OF GITARAMA). OTHER COMMUNES ONLY HAVE ONE PLATOON IN EACH OF THEM, NOT ALL COMMANDED BY OFFICERS, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(b) WE HAVE RECEIVED A CONTRADICTORY REPORT ON THE TRAINING AREA CURRENTLY USED BY 31 RPA BATTALION. AN RPA OFFICER TOLD US TODAY THAT THIS BATTALION WAS ACTUALLY TRAINING IN BIRAMBO COMMUNE (6347), VERY CLOSE TO OUR SECTOR IN KIBUYE PREFECTURE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL THAT SECTOR 5C CONSIDER SENDING A MILOB TEAM TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE IF TRUE, HAVING TWO BATTALIONS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BE A SERIOUS INDICATOR

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OF THE IMPORTANCE THE RPA IS LABELLING THE SECTOR WITH.

(2) FRGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. NTR.

b. TEAMS

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MUGINA COMMUNE (9267) AND REPORTED THE SECURITY SITUATION AS STABLE. THIS IS RELATIVELY IMPORTANT SINCE THIS IS THE COMMUNE WHERE THE BOURGMESTRE WAS FIRED BY THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. THE ACTING BOURGMESTRE IS ONE OF THE COUNSELLORS AND HE IS OBVIOUSLY NOT MAKING WAVES, REPORTING THAT THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL.

(2) THIS TEAM VISITED SISTERS WHO REPORTED THAT A MAN WAS KILLED BY LOCALS ON 17 AUG 95 IN MBATI SECTOR. A MR/CIVPOL/MILOB TEAM WILL BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE TOMORROW. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WILL INVESTIGATE THE CASE OF A RETURNEE FROM ZAIRE WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST WEEK AND WHOSE FAMILY WAS VISITED BY THE MILOB TEAM TODAY. HIS WIFE CONFIRMED THAT THE ARREST MOTIVE WAS PARTICIPATION IN THE GENOCIDE.

(3) THE SECOND MILOB TEAM WENT TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (9057). THIS TEAM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR STEAD (FIELD OFFICER) TO DISCUSS MALI RENT PROBLEMS WITH THE BOURGMESTRE BUT MR STEAD NEVER SHOWED UP AT THE AGREED TIME. OUR MILOBS SPOKE TO THE BOURGMESTRE WHO WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE MATTER WAS BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY MR STEAD.

(4) THE TEAM MET A DOCTOR FROM MSF TO DISCUSS THE CASE OF THE PRISONER IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHO NEEDS TO GO TO KABGAYI HOSPITAL TO UNDERGO SURGERY FOR AN HERNIA. THE DOCTOR IS ADAMANT THAT THE PRISONER NEEDS TO BE OPERATED BUT THE LOCAL RPA PLATOON COMMANDER REFUSED THE TRANSFER UNLESS HE IS TOLD BY HIS BDE CDR. WE ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO GET THIS AUTHORITY FROM LT-COL KAYONCA SO THAT THE MOVE CAN TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, 24 AUG 95.

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(5) THE THIRD MILOB TEAM WENT TO MURAMA COMMUNE (6749) AND VISITED THREE SECTORS. APART FROM THE USUAL COMPLAINTS OF FOOD SHORTAGES, LOCALS REQUESTED IMPROVEMENT ON THE LOCAL HEALTH TREATMENT WHERE MEDICATIONS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY (ESPECIALLY FOR MALARIA) AND LONG DISTANCES HAVE TO TRAVELLED BY PATIENTS.

(6) THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 217 GENOCIDAIRE INMATES, INCLUDING THREE BOYS (13, 14 AND 15 YEARS OLD) AND EIGHT FEMALES ALL IN THE SAME ROOM. IN THE SECOND DETENTION ROOM, THERE WERE 35 COMMON CRIMES INMATES, INCLUDING ONE WOMAN. THIS IMPLIES THAT THERE HAS BEEN 162 ARRESTS SINCE 12 JUNE 95.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

a. FIVE TONS OF WFP FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO KAYENZI COMMUNE (8389).

b. FIVE TONS OF WFP FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO NYABIKENKE COMMUNE (7292).

c. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFRICAN HOUSING FUNDS VISITED US TODAY AND REQUESTED 60 PIECES OF PLASTIC SHEETS TO COVER THE 15 000 TILES THEY HAVE CONTRACTED IN THIS PREFECTURE TO BUILD 10 000 HOUSES IN SURROUNDING COMMUNES. THIS REQUEST SHOULD HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN THE IMMINENT RAINY SEASON. THERE WILL ALSO BE A REQUIREMENT TO MOVE THESE BRICKS FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

d. ELECTROGAZ REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED SOME HELP TO MOVE THE TRANSFORMERS WHO WERE RECENTLY SABOTAGED IN THE PREFECTURE. APPARENTLY, THESE ARE VERY HEAVY AND THEY WOULD NEED TO BE MOVED FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO GITARAMA TO BE REPAIRED.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICSVEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	01
SERVICEABLE	06

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7. PERSONNEL STATE. WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTION CONCERNING CAPT DEMBELE AS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

POSTED	21
LEAVE/CTO	03
PRESENT	18

8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. THERE IS A NEED TO HAVE AN ALTERNATE MEANS OF TRANSMITTING SITREPS OTHER THAN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. THIS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED AND IS NOT AN EFFICIENT WAY OF PASSING INFORMATION DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND POOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT A INMARSAT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS HQ, ESPECIALLY WITH THE OPERATIONAL SITUATION WHICH IS DEVELOPING.

b. AT 1400 HRS TODAY, A MILOB WAS DRIVING UNAMIR VEHICLE 1049 (FOUR RUNNER) BACK TO OUR SECTOR HQ AT KABGAYI IN GITARAMA. INSTEAD OF USING THE USUAL ROAD TO THE HQ, HE DECIDED TO TAKE A "SHORTCUT" BY CLIMBING A STEEP HILL WITH NUMEROUS OBSTACLES. AT THE TOP OF THE HILL, HE HIT A TREE STUMP WITH HIS RIGHT FORWARD WHEEL AND THE VEHICLE ROLLED OFF ONTO THE DRIVER'S SIDE. LUCKILY, THE VEHICLE WAS PREVENTED FROM ROLLING FURTHER DOWN BY TWO TREES, THUS AVOIDING SOME INJURIES TO THE DRIVER AND SERIOUS DAMAGES TO THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE HAS A DENT ON THE ROOF AND THE STEERING SYSTEM HAS BEEN DAMAGED. THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS RELATED TO THIS KIND OF ACCIDENT WILL UNFOLD AS USUAL. A SEPARATE REPORT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE CONTINGENT COMMANDER WITH AN INFO COPY TO DCMQ CONCERNING THE OFFICER WHO COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS ACCIDENT.



R.V. BLANCHETTE
LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ

DATE : 19 AUG 95

TO : MILOBS GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI ✓
HAC

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT
CO INDENGRS COY

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 181800B AUG TO 191800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. TENSE.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. NTR.

b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA. AT GR 945898 (RUNDA COMMUNE) A MILOBS PATROL MET AN RPA COMPANY AND SPOKE TO THE COMPANY COMMANDER. THE TROOPS WERE ON A MARCHING EXERCISE. THE COMPANY COMMANDER DESCRIBED THE SITUATION IN THE AREA AS CALM AND QUIET. NO SPECIAL REASONS WERE GIVEN FOR THE UNIT'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA.

(2) FRGF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. NTR.

b. TEAMS

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MASANGO COMMUNE (6254) AND REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION WAS CALM. IN NYAKOGO (6255) AND JOMA (6351) SECTORS, THE TEAM SPOKE TO SOME LOCALS WHO STATED THAT NO BANDITRY ACTIVITY AND NO ARRESTS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA

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RECENTLY. HOWEVER, THEY COMPLAINED OF FOOD SHORTAGE. ACCORDING TO THEM, NO DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOOD DONATED BY THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM TOOK PLACE YET.

(2) ONE LOCAL MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN RUKINA SECTOR (6358), AS SUSPECTED GENOCIDAIRES. THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT CONFIRMED BY ANYBODY ELSE, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITIES AS THE COMMUNE OFFICE WAS CLOSED.

(3) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM VISITED RUNDA COMMUNE (9882) AND REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION WAS CALM AND QUIET. ALL OFFICES WERE CLOSED AS IT IS THE WEEKEND. ALL LOCALS MET BY MILOBS STATED THAT THE AREA WAS SECURE AND CALM. MILOBS ALSO VISITED A HEALTH CENTER RUN BY "MEDICUS MUNDI" WHERE THEY WERE TOLD THAT NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN SINCE THE LAST MILOBS VISIT.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

a. TEN TONS OF WFP FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO NYAKABANDA COMMUNE (6597).

b. INDBATT TRUCKS ALSO TRANSPORTED TWO TONS OF BRICKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF "FOND AFRICAIN POUR L'HABITAT", AN NGO INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES. THEY REQUESTED TRANSPORT TO MOVE BRICKS FROM GITARAMA TO KIGALI.

c. UNHCR TRUCKS CONTINUED THE DELIVERY OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

6. LOGISTICS

VEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	21
LEAVE/CTO	03
PRESENT	18

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. A TEAM FROM INDENGRS COY HAS REPAIRED THE ROAD LEADING TO THE "PETIT SEMINAIRE" IN KABGAYI, THE MILOBS HQ LOCATION IN GITARAMA. THIS QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR NEEDS WAS VERY MUCH WELCOME. TO FURTHER THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT, THE INDIAN ENGR NCO AGREED THAT A ROAD ROLLER COULD FURTHER COMPACT THE RELATIVELY LOOSE COMPOSITION OF THE DIRT ROAD BEFORE THE RAINY SEASON. YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER, BEFORE THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

b. TODAY, FIVE OF OUR MILOBS LEFT GITARAMA TO KIGALI TO BE REPATRIATED NEXT WEEK.

c. AT 1850 HRS TONIGHT, A MINIBUS FROM HCHR (PLATE 1991 HR) IN KIGALI ARRIVED AT OUR LOCATION TO OBTAIN FUEL. THEY WERE COMING BACK FROM A REBURIAL CEREMONY IN BUTARE. THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE, NSENGIMANA ANICET (ID CARD HRL 007) WAS OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERING THIS HQ AS A USUAL FUEL STOP ON HIS ROUTE. HE WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO EVEN HELP THE MILOB (DUTY OFFICER) WHO HAS TO LOOK AFTER THE FUEL TANK AFTER DUTY HOURS. THIS DRIVER OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED THE MILOB TO BE A PUMPIST WORKING FOR HIM. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT A REPORT BE SENT TO HR HQ TO LET THEM KNOW THAT "LE PETIT SEMINAIRE" IS NOT A REFUELING POINT ON THE SOUTH-WEST ROUTE. IT MAY ALSO BE WORTH NOTING THAT THE CO-DRIVER WAS HEAVILY INEBRIATED.

d. IT IS REQUESTED THAT A CONFIRMATION OF THE SRSG'S PRESENCE AT THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE BE OBTAINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOBS GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC
INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

DATE : 18 AUG 95

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 171800B AUG TO 181800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. TENSE.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL.
- b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA

(a) A DELEGATION OF THREE RPA OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE BDE AND BATTALION CDRs, ATTENDED A "HAPPY HOUR FUNCTION" ORGANIZED BY MILOBS AND THE SITUATION HAS MUCH IMPROVED.

(b) THE RPA BDE CDR ATTENDED THE CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES.

(2) FRGE. NTR.(3) OTHERS. NTR.3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER PARTICIPATED TODAY IN THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES SPONSORED BY THE UNHCR AT KABGAYI.

b. TEAMS

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED NYABIKENKE COMMUNE (7292) AND REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION IS CALM. THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS SEVEN

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PRISONERS ALL ARRESTED IN AUGUST. THE CURFEW TIME IN THIS COMMUNE IS FROM 2100 HRS TO DAWN.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED KIYUMBA SUB PREFECTURE (7093) AND MET THE RPA PLATOON CDR WHO SAID THAT HE LOOKS AFTER THE WHOLE COMMUNE AND IS PRESENTLY THE OIC OF THE SUB PREFECTURE. THE CACHOT WAS VISITED AND HOLDS 66 PRISONERS, OUT OF WHICH TWO ARE ONLY 14 YEARS OLD AND TWO OTHER PRISONERS WHO ARE FROM KIGALI COMMUNE. THE PLATOON CDR WANTS THE TWO FROM KIGALI TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR HOME COMMUNE.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED KABUYE SECTOR (6886) AND REPORTED THAT TEN LOCALS WERE TAKEN BY RPA SOLDIERS LAST MONTH TO THE COMMUNE CENTRE AND WERE ACCUSED OF BEING INTERHAMWE. LOCALS CONFIRMED THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO OCCUPY THE HOUSES OF REFUGEES PRESENTLY IN ZAIRE.

(4) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM VISITED TAMBWE COMMUNE (7653) AND MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO ASKED FOR TRANSPORT FOR FOOD AND LOGS. THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 149 PRISONERS INCLUDING 11 FEMALES.

(5) THE TEAM VISITED KIGOMA COMMUNE (7649) AND MET THE BOURGMESTRE AND THE MANAGER OF ELECTROGAZ. IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT AN ACT OF SABOTAGE TOOK PLACE ON 5 AUG 95. THE BOURGMESTRE ASKED ABOUT BRIDGE REPAIRS FOLLOWING THE ENGR RECCE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THIS AREA. HE WAS TOLD THAT PRIORITIES WERE BEING REVIEWED. IN BOTH THESE TWO COMMUNES (TAMBWE AND KIGOMA), NO CURFEW TIME EXISTS BUT PEOPLE PERFORM NIGHT PATROLS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM ROBBERS.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

a. TEN TONS OF WOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM NYABIKENKE COMMUNE (7292) OFFICE TO THE "GROUPE SCOLAIRE" WITHIN THE COMMUNE.

b. FIVE TONS OF WFP FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO MUGINA COMMUNE (9267).

c. UNHCR TRUCKS CONTINUED THE DELIVERY OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE UNHCR MEETING ON ARREST PROCEDURES CONCLUDED ITS WORK TODAY AND IT WAS DEEMED A RELATIVE SUCCESS.

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6. LOGISTICSVEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	26
LEAVE/CTO	05
PRESENT	21

8. MISCELLANEOUS. TWO NEW GHANAIAN MILOBS HAVE REPORTED TODAY BUT FIVE OF OUR MILOBS WILL BE GOING TO KIGALI TOMORROW TO BE REPATRIATED NEXT WEEK.



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LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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To MILOB GP HQ

17 Aug 95

FORCE HQ BIGHALI HALL

INFO FORCE HQ GOORD (MILITARY)
CO IND BATT

C (1) Situation

(a) (1) Gen (1) tense (1)

(b) (1) Border (1) NA (1)

Factional activities

(a) Political (1) Sector Commander discussed
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Judiciaire) who are proceeding with.
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8. CASUALTIES NSTR.

9. COMMENTS NSTR.

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and RPA Bele Commander, the saturation
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There has been a delay in the
pick up the two new Gananiyan.

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take place tomorrow

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better analysed through various
tests and it appears ^{there} are
still serious problems with Band
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TO : MILOBS GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 17 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 161800B AUG TO 171800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. TENSE.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. THE SECTOR COMMANDER DISCUSSED WITH THE GITARAMA PREFET THE SECURITY SITUATION OF THE BULINGA BOURGMESTRE WHO FEELS THREATENED FOLLOWING HIS DECISION TO FIRE HIS IPJ (INSPECTEUR DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE) WHO WAS PROCEEDING WITH ARBITRARY ARRESTS. THE PREFET EXPLAINED THAT THE IPJ IS NOW BEING EMPLOYED BY THE PREFECTURE PARQUET IN SOME RELATIVELY MUNDANE TASKS WHERE HE COULD DO LITTLE HARM. THE PREFET SAID THAT HE WAS INVESTIGATING THIS CASE WHERE BRIBERY IS ALSO ALLEGED.

b. MILITARY.(1) RPA.

(a) FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECTOR COMMANDER AND THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER, THE SITUATION AT CHECK POINTS HAS GREATLY IMPROVED (INCLUDING THE MUSHUBATI CHECK POINT). WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TODAY THE LONG AWAITED LETTER TO FREELY VISIT COMMUNE CACHOTS.

(b) THE RPA DELEGATION TO THE UNHCR SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES WAS IMPRESSIVE IN NUMBERS WITH MORE THAN TEN OFFICERS AND NCOs BUT IT WAS A BIT DECEIVING IN TERMS OF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION SINCE THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER WAS A LIEUTENANT.

(2) FRGE. NTR.

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(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER PARTICIPATED TODAY IN THE SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES SPONSORED BY THE UNHCR AT KABGAYI.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) AND REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION IS CALM. IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION OF WFP FOOD TO COMMUNE OFFICE FROM THE GITARAMA WAREHOUSE WAS COMPLETE. THE FOOD IS BEING CENTRALLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCALS FROM THE COMMUNE OFFICE.

(2) IN THE SAME COMMUNE, THE TEAM VISITED GITIKABISI SECTOR AND THE LOCALS REVEALED THAT THEY COULD NOT RETURN TO RESCAPEES THE ANIMALS THEY ATE DURING THE WAR. SOME LOCALS SUFFER FROM MALARIA AND REQUIRE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. THE NEAREST MEDICAL CENTER IS TEN KM AWAY AND MEDICATIONS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THEM.

(3) THE TEAM VISITED THE RPA POST IN THIS SECTOR AND IT WAS LEARNT THAT ONE PLATOON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS COMMUNE. THE OIC (OFFICER IN CHARGE), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SYSTEM EXPLAINED IN PREVIOUS SITREPS, IS BASED AT GITARAMA.

(4) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM WENT ON A HELIPATROL TO THE EASTERN COMMUNES TO FAMILIARIZE NEW MILOBS WITH THE AOR. DUE TO FUEL LIMITATIONS, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO LAND ANYWHERE.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

a. FOUR TONS OF FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO MURAMA COMMUNE (6749) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORKERS IN THE TWO COMMUNE HEALTH CENTERS.

b. TEN TONS OF WFP FOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM GITARAMA TO MUGINA COMMUNE (9267).

c. UNHCR TRUCKS CONTINUED THE DELIVERY OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.

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5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE UNHCR MEETING ON ARREST PROCEDURES HAD A SHAKY START WITH LATE ARRIVALS AND NO SHOW BY VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF UNHCR (INCLUDING MR URASA, THE UNHCR DELEGATE). IT MUST BE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT A MAGNIFICENT SPEECH WAS GIVEN BY MS RAINA LUFF, THE LOCAL HR SPECIALIST WITH THE GITARAMA PARQUET. SHE DESCRIBED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND ILLEGAL ARRESTS, A DISTINCTION WHICH A LOT OF PEOPLE DID NOT UNDERSTAND AND UPON WHICH HINGES THE WORSENING OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE PREFECTURE. SHE DID NOT HESITATE TO CRITICIZE THE RPA IN A VERY OPEN WAY WHICH SHOWED BOTH HER PERSONAL COURAGE AND DESIRE TO SEE THINGS CHANGED IN THE PREFECTURE. THERE WAS NO SERIOUS REBUTTAL OF HER VERY CONVINCING ARGUMENTS THAT THE RPA SHOULD CEASE PROCEEDING WITH ARRESTS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF AN IPJ. THIS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE IN HER GRASP OF THE RWANDESE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND SHE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A GUEST SPEAKER IN OTHER FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE SEMINAR CONTINUES TOMORROW.

6. LOGISTICSVEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. THANK YOU FOR THE CONFIRMATION THAT FRIDAY 25 AUG 95 IS NOW THE DATE FOR THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN GITARAMA.

b. THERE HAS BEEN A DELAY WITH THE PICK UP THE TWO NEW GHANAIA N MILOBS AT MILOBS HQ WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

c. THE COMMUNICATION SITUATION HAS BEEN BETTER ANALYZED THROUGH VARIOUS TESTS AND IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH HANDHELD RADIOS, ESPECIALLY FOR EMITTING. THE REPEATER IN BUTARE IS USEFUL FOR VEHICLES AND THE BASE STATION BUT FAILS TO HELP COMMUNICATIONS FOR HANDHELD EMISSION. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE REPEATER THAT WAS INITIALLY PLANNED FOR THE PETIT SEMINAIRE BE INSTALLED. THIS IS ALSO A SECURITY REQUIREMENT SINCE

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FIVE OF THE MILOBS HOUSES CANNOT CONTACT OUR HQ IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY.



R.V. BLANCHETTE
LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 16 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 151800B AUG TO 161800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. TENSE. THIS STATEMENT STEMS FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECTOR COMMANDER AND THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER TODAY (SEE BELOW).

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. THE RPA BDE CDR, LT-COL KAYONGA, CONTENTS THAT THE DISMANTLING OF LDF (LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES) WAS AN INITIATIVE OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, AS OPPOSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE SECTOR COMMANDER BY AN RPA CONTACT WHO HEARD IT ON RADIO RWANDA). THIS IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING SINCE THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IS ALSO THE ONE BEHIND THE DISMISSAL OF THE MUGINA BOURGMESTRE WHO WAS SEEN AS A "HARDLINER" BY LOCALS. THIS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT A POPULAR MAN WITH THE RPA AT THIS TIME. AT ANY RATE, THE RPA BDE CDR SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH LDFs AND THAT THEIR DISMANTLING WAS EFFECTIVE FORTHWITH AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF THESE CIVILIANS WHO WERE ANSWERING DIRECTLY TO THE BOURGMESTRE/PREFET CHAIN OF COMMAND. HE NOW FEELS THAT THE PREFET HAS NO LATITUDE IN THE SENSE THAT THE PREFECTURE IS WITHOUT GENDARME, WITHOUT COMMUNAL POLICE (THE RECRUITMENT OF THESE IS NOW BEGINNING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) AND NOW WITHOUT LDFs. THIS LEAVES THE RPA TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER.

b. MILITARY.(1) RPA.

(a) THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS AND RECEIVED A

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LOT OF INFORMATION. THE FIRST OFFICIAL DISCUSSION POINT WAS THE "KIBUYE HELICOPTER INCIDENT". ABOUT THIS, THE BDE CDR SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN SATISFIED WITH THE REPORT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE CO OF 2 RPA BATTALION (AS OPPOSED TO 92 RPA BATTALION AS REPORTED IN THE LETTER FROM THE KIBUYE SECTOR COMMANDER DATED 1 AUG 95) AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER WITH THE SECTOR COMMANDER IN KIBUYE.

(b) THE NEXT SUBJECT WAS THE MOVE OF PRISONERS FROM THE CACHOT WHERE THEY ARE CURRENTLY HELD TO THEIR HOME COMMUNE CACHOTS. TWO TYPES OF CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE INITIATED TO DEAL WITH THIS FILE. ONE ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WHEN THE MOVE GOES BEYOND THE PREFECTURE'S LIMITS AND ANOTHER ONE ADDRESSED TO THE GITARAMA PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR THOSE MOVES INTERNAL TO THE PREFECTURE. IN BOTH CASES, THE RPA WILL BE AN INFO ADDRESSEE SINCE THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE ESCORTS WITH OUR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. THIS WILL HELP IMPROVE THE SITUATION OF PRISONERS WHO ARE ACTUALLY STARVING IN SOME OF THE CACHOT (INFORMATION CONFIRMED BY THE ICRC).

(c) THE NEXT SUBJECT WAS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN GENERAL. WHEN PROMPTED TO GIVE HIS EXPLANATION TO THE RISE OF TENSION IN GITARAMA, THE BDE CDR EXPLAINED THAT HE, AND IT IS APPARENTLY A SHARED VIEW WITHIN THE RPA, SAW THIS PREFECTURE AS A "SMOLDERING" ONE. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE DESPISED HAVING TO REFER TO ETHNIC DIVISIONS BUT THAT BOTH ETHNIC GROUPS HAD REASONS TO COMMIT CRIMES AND THAT THE WAVE OF KILLINGS WAS A RESULT OF THESE TENSIONS. HE THEN REVIEWED SOME SPECIFIC CASES WHICH REVEALED FEW NEW ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION. ONE OF THEM IS THAT THE TWO GUARDS WHO WERE IMPORTANT WITNESSES IN THE KILLING OF THE PRIEST ON 2 AUG 95 WERE NOT ARRESTED BUT ARE BEING KEPT BY THE RPA FOR THEIR PROTECTION. THE SECTOR COMMANDER OPINED THAT THIS WOULD BE AN INTERESTING SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES IN KABGAYI TOMORROW. ON THE MUSAMBIRA CASE WHERE THE MAN WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS, THE BDE CDR WAS OBVIOUSLY ILL AT EASE AND DECLARED THAT THIS MAN WAS A CRIMINAL AND THAT HE HAD EVADED ARREST FOR A LONG TIME.

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(d) THE BDE CDR ACCEPTED THE PROPOSITION THAT SOME OF OUR INVESTIGATORS COULD ACTUALLY HELP THE RPA IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES. THIS WAS INITIALLY SUGGESTED BY MAJ JOHNSON AND WO BAYNE (CANADIANS BASED IN TRAFIPRO) WHO ARE SPECIALISTS IN THE MATTER AND WHO VISITED THIS SECTOR LAST WEEK.

(e) IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, IT WAS LEARNT THAT THE RPA WAS LAST PAID IN JUNE 95 AND IT WAS THE PAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 94.

(f) THE BDE COMMANDER ASCERTAINED THAT HE WOULD PRESS HIS BATTALION CDR TO PRODUCE THE LONG AWAITED LETTER TO LET MILOBS VISIT THE COMMUNE CACHOTS.

(g) THE MUSHUBATI CHECK POINT PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS PROPOSED SOME SOPs TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MEET AN RPA OFFICER AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT. THESE WILL BE TESTED SHORTLY, UNDOUBTEDLY.

(h) FINALLY, THE QUESTION OF URUGWAGWA DRINKING BY PRISONERS WAS DISCUSSED AND THE BDE CDR SAID THAT HE WILL INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

(2) FRGF. THE RPA BDE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT NUMEROUS CONFIRMED ACTS OF SABOTAGE HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN THE GITARAMA PREFECTURE IN THE PAST MONTHS. THESE WERE:

(a) SIX ELECTROGAZ STATIONS HAD THEIR TRANSFORMERS EMPTIED OF THEIR OIL WHICH CAUSED THEIR DESTRUCTIONS. EACH IS WORTH 8 000 000 FRW. (OUR HUM OFFR WILL CROSS CHECK THIS INFORMATION).

(b) THE SYSTEMATIC CRIMINAL BURNING OF EUCALYPTUS FORESTS (CHARCOAL SOURCE) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY MILOBS IN MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274).

(c) THE BURNING OF RESCAPEES' HOUSES AND PLANTATIONS (NEVER REPORTED TO US).

(d) THE MOVEMENT OF "ROGUE ELEMENTS" IN NYAKABANDA (6597), NYABIKENKE (7292) AND KAYENZI (8389) COMMUNES. THESE INTERHAMWE FORCES HAVE

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BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING RIFLE GRENADES AND WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE BASES OF OPERATIONS IN GISENYI AND RUHENGIRI PREFECTURES (NEVER REPORTED TO US EXCEPT FOR SOME UNIDENTIFIED FIRE DISCHARGES IN NYAKABANDA COMMUNE).

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET TODAY THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER AT 1500 HRS AND WILL PARTICIPATE TOMORROW IN THE UNHCR SPONSORED SEMINAR ON ARREST PROCEDURES.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED BULINGA COMMUNE (6679) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS UNSTABLE. THE TEAM VISITED BULINGA SECTOR (6476) AND REPORTED THAT ON 13 AUG 95 (AT AN UNKNOWN TIME -- MORE TO FOLLOW ON THIS) AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ARMED UNIFORMED MEN BROKE IN AND LOOTED A LOCAL SHOP AFTER BEATING THE OWNER. THE ARMED MEN THEN WENT TO THE OWNER'S HOUSE AND FIRED AT IT, FORCING HIM TO ESCAPE TO THE NEARBY BANANA PLANTATION. TWENTY 7.62 MM CASINGS WERE RETRIEVED FROM THE AREA AROUND THE HOUSE. THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO THE COMMUNE AND THE RPA AUTHORITIES WHICH APPARENTLY DID NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE.

(2) IN THE SAME SECTOR, LOCALS REPORTED THAT FIVE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED ON 10 AUG 95 BECAUSE THE RPA FAILED TO ARREST A MAN WHO WAS SEEN WITH A RADIO HANDSET (MOTOROLA TYPE). LOCALS EXPRESSED NO CONFIDENCE IN THE RPA AND WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EVENTUAL UNAMIR'S WITHDRAWAL.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO STATED THAT HIS RELATION WITH THE RPA WAS SOUR AND THAT THE RPA HAD INCITED THE LOCAL TUTSI POPULATION TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST HIM AND TO LABEL HIM AS AN INTERHAMWE. THE BOURGMESTRE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE IPJ (INSPECTEUR DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE) WHO HAD ARRESTED LOCALS WITHOUT INFORMING THE BOURGMESTRE. AS A RESULT, THE IPJ WAS REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNE AND SENT TO GITARAMA.

(4) THE TEAM'S DISCUSSION WITH THE BOURGMESTRE ALLOWED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURFEW SYSTEM THROUGHOUT

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THE PREFECTURE. AT THE PREFECTURE LEVEL, IT WAS LEARNT THAT THE CURFEW IS AT 0000 HRS UNTIL DAWN. IN THIS COMMUNE, IT IS FURTHER RESTRICTED TO 2200 HRS UNTIL DOWN AND AGAIN FURTHER RESTRICTED TO 2000 HRS IN SOME SECTORS.

(5) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM WENT TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (9057). CRS WAS DISTRIBUTING AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL TODAY. THEY MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PAID FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL OCCUPIED BY MALI COY SINCE LAST FEB 95. THE FIELD OFFICER, MR STEAD, WAS BRIEFED TODAY ABOUT THIS SITUATION WHERE THE BOURGMESTRE IS KEEPING THE "SPRUNG SHELTER" AS A "HOSTAGE" UNTIL HE RECEIVES THE PAYMENT FOR THE RENT WHICH HE REQUIRES TO REOPEN THE SCHOOL.

(6) THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WITH HR REPRESENTATIVES. 261 MALE PRISONERS WERE CRAMMED IN A JAIL WITH A DENSITY OF THREE PRISONERS PER SQUARE METER. THE 15 WOMEN WERE SLIGHTLY BETTER OFF WITH ABOUT ONE PRISONER FOR EACH SQUARE METER. 27 PRISONERS ARE FROM OTHER COMMUNES WITHIN THE PREFECTURE. THE TEAM FETCHED A DOCTOR FROM MSF AND CONVINCED THE BOURGMESTRE AND THE IPJ TO ALLOW ONE OF THE PRISONERS WHO NEEDS SURGERY FOR AN HERNIA TO BE BROUGHT TO KABGAYI HOSPITAL ON MONDAY, 21 AUG 95.

(7) THE BOURGMESTRE, WHO IS ACTUALLY AN UNPREDICTABLE CHARACTER, WAS IN A GOOD MOOD AND INVITED THE TEAM TO HIS UPCOMING WEDDING ON 2 SEP 95.

(8) THE STANDBY MILOBS TEAM WAS DISPATCHED WITH CIVPOL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO MASANGO COMMUNE (6254) TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED MURDERS. THE TEAM COULD NOT FIND ANY EVIDENCE OF MURDERS BUT FOUND OUT THAT ONE PRISONER IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT HAD DIED OF RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS ON 12 AUG 95. THE MURDER ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO A MALI OFFICER WHO COULD NOT LOCATE HIS INFORMANT IN MASANGO. THIS FILE IS CONSIDERED CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION COMES UP.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

a. EIGHT TONS OF BRICKS WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM SHYGOE (KABGAYI) TO GITARAMA BUS STATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES.

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b. EIGHT TONS OF WOOD WERE TRANSPORTED BY INDBATT RESOURCES FROM MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) TO JAM INTERNATIONAL ORPHANAGE AT KABGAYI.

c. UNHCR TRUCKS CONTINUED THE DELIVERY OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS REQUESTED PERIODIC VISITS OF THE GITARAMA PRISON BY MSF. THIS ORGANIZATION SEEMS TO HAVE SOURED THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE RPA WITH SOME COMMENTS THEY MADE DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 15 JUL 95. THE SECTOR COMMANDER IS TRYING TO "ARRANGE THINGS" BETWEEN MSF AND THE RPA BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUSLY ADVANTAGEOUS THAT MSF BE ALLOWED TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION AT THE PRISON SINCE THEY ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HANDLING OF THE WORST CASES AT THE KABGAYI HOSPITAL. THE RPA BDE CDR SAID THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH HIS AUTHORITIES BEFORE GIVING HIS APPROVAL.

6. LOGISTICSVEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
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8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. AS DISCUSSED WITH THE SOO TODAY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HAVE A CONFIRMATION THAT FRIDAY 25 AUG 95 IS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN GITARAMA.

b. A NEW MILOBS FROM KIBUNGO, LT-CDR TALUKDER, HAS REPORTED TO THIS SECTOR TODAY. WE WILL PICK UP THE TWO NEW GHANAIAN MILOBS AT MILOBS HQ TOMORROW.



R.V. BLANCHETTE
LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ

DATE : 15 AUG 95

TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HACINFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATTSITREP COVERING
PERIOD 141800B AUG TO 151800B AUG 951. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL.
- b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA.

(a) ANOTHER ATTEMPT WAS MADE TODAY TO CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RPA. THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER HAS STILL HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE WRITTEN REQUEST (AND NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS) BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER TO MEET HIM. THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, HAS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED AT THE MUSHUBATI CHECK POINT WHERE NO PROBLEMS WERE REPORTED TODAY.

(b) THE OWNER OF "THE FLORIDA" RESTAURANT DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRENADE INCIDENT. THE SECTOR COMMANDER AND THE OPS OFFICER WILL GO ON A SPECIAL "PRIMUS" PATROL TO MEET HIM AT THE RESTAURANT TONIGHT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAN IS AFRAID TO CONTACT MILOBS BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM HIS FORMER PATRONS (RPA SOLDIERS).

(c) SEE PARA 3b.(5).

(2) ERGF. NTR.(3) OTHERS. NTR.1/4
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3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER CAME BACK FROM KIGALI AT 1400 HRS.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MUKINGI COMMUNE (7160) AND REPORTED THAT TWO DAYS AGO TWO LOCALS FROM MUHARORO SECTOR WERE ARRESTED WHEN THEY WENT TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE TO LOOK FOR THEIR SONS. THEIR SONS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED FOR GENOCIDE MOTIVES. FATHERS AND SONS (TOTAL OF FOUR) ARE NOW IN THE SAME CACHOT. ASKING INFORMATION ABOUT IMPRISONED RELATIVES IS OBVIOUSLY NOT AN OFFENSE AND HR OFFICERS WILL BE FOLLOWING THIS MATTER.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED MR THEOPHILE NDACYAYISABA'S FATHER IN MUHARORO SECTOR. THIS IS A CASE WHERE THE FATHER IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF HIS SON WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE FRGF. HE CAME BACK ONE MONTH AGO FROM ZAIRE. HE WENT TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE WITH RPA SOLDIERS TO BE REGISTERED. HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN EVER SINCE. THE BOURGMESTRE SAID THAT HIS SON WAS SENT TO A MILITARY TRAINING CAMP IN GAKARAZO TRAINING CAMP IN THE SAME COMMUNE SINCE 23 JULY 95. THE FATHER WISHES TO HAVE A CONFIRMATION THAT HIS SON IS ALIVE. OUR INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

(3) THE SECOND TEAM VISITED MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AND REPORTED THE SITUATION AS UNSTABLE DUE TO NUMEROUS CASES OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND RELATED BLACKMAILING. IT APPEARS THAT MORE AND MORE RESCAPEES, AND IN SOME CASES RETURNEES (FIFTY-NINERS), ARE PRESSURING OTHER LOCALS TO GIVE THEM MONEY TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR THEFTS, DAMAGES OR ANY OTHER ILL TREATMENT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SUFFERED DURING THE WAR. IF THE LOCALS DO NOT COMPLY, THEN THEY ARE FORMALLY ACCUSED AND BROUGHT IN FRONT OF THE BOURGMESTRE, THE APPROPRIATE COUNSELLOR AND AN RPA OFFICER. THESE INFORMAL TRIBUNALS IN THE COMMUNE OFFICE ARE FEARED BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF ARREST, THUS MAKING THIS BLACKMAILING A POTENTIALLY VERY LUCRATIVE RACKET.

(4) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GATIZO AND NIAMYAGA SECTORS AND REPORTED THAT BANDITS HAVE STARTED IGNITING BRUSH FIRES. LOCALS FEAR THIS KIND OF ACTION WHICH HAD NOT BEEN REPORTED BEFORE. WE ARE NOT SURE TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVE BEHIND THIS KIND OF ACTION. WE WILL MONITOR

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THE SITUATION WHICH WILL OBVIOUSLY NOT BE AS CRITICAL WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE RAINY SEASON. THE CURFEW IN THIS COMMUNE IS REPORTED AS BEING FROM 2000 TO 0500 HRS.

(5) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED TABA COMMUNE (8883) AND THE CURFEW THERE IS FROM 2130 HRS TO 0400 HRS AS THE SECURITY SITUATION IS FAIRLY STABLE. THE TEAM MET AN RPA PLATOON 2IC AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY EXTENDS TO MUGINA (9267), MUSAMBIRA (8274), TABA (8883) AND KAYENZI (8389). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS AN AD HOC ORGANIZATION WHERE AN OFFICER (USUALLY A LIEUTENANT) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A "REGION" COMPOSED OF THREE OR FOUR COMMUNES. IN EACH OF THESE COMMUNES, THIRTY OR FORTY SOLDIERS ARE COMMANDED BY SERGEANTS. ONE OF THESE PLATOONS IS COMMANDED BY THE OFFICER WHO HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGION.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. THE LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED US YESTERDAY THAT THEY WOULD MAKE TWO LARGE TRUCKS AVAILABLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES. UNHCR WAS NOT AWARE THAT WE WERE ALREADY HELPING THE PREFECTURE WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS FOOD. THESE TWO TRUCKS REMAINED IDLE TODAY AS IT WAS A RWANDESE HOLIDAY. TOMORROW, WE WILL COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN TASKS, NAMELY THE TRANSPORT OF BRICKS AND FIREWOOD FOR KABGAYI ORPHANAGE.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE UNHCR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, IN COORDINATION WITH HR, IS CHAIRING A TWO DAY SEMINAR AT KABGAYI ON LEGAL ARREST PROCEDURES ON 17 AND 18 AUG 95. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL ATTEND AND SUBSEQUENTLY BRIEF ALL MILOBS. IF INTERESTING MATERIAL IS OBTAINED, COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOUR HQ.

6. LOGISTICS.

VEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. AS REQUESTED YESTERDAY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HAVE A CONFIRMATION THAT FRIDAY 25 AUG 95 IS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN GITARAMA.

b. TO ANSWER THE SOO'S QUESTION CONCERNING THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT "LDFs", BE ADVISED THAT THESE FORCES WERE FIRST DESCRIBED TO THE SECTOR COMMANDER BY THE PREFET DURING A ROUTINE VISIT ON 7 AUG 95. THE PREFET HAD EXPLAINED THAT THESE LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES, WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS "NIGHT PATROLS" BY CIVILIANS IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES, WERE UNARMED BUT THAT FIVE PEOPLE IN EACH COMMUNE HAD ACCESS TO WEAPONS KEPT AT A CENTRAL LOCATION (NORMALLY THE COMMUNE OFFICE). THEY ARE TRAINED BY THE RPA BUT ARE PAID BY THE COMMUNE. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. THE PREFET, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PREVIOUS RPA BDE CDR (LT-COL GAUGA), HAD AUTHORIZED THIS SYSTEM BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS WAS A PREFECTURE INITIATIVE OR SOMETHING ORGANIZED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT THIS SYSTEM IS NOW FORBIDDEN FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT DURING LAST WEEKEND.

c. THE COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN THE SECTOR HAS IMPROVED A LOT. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT THIS ABOUT AFTER IMPROVEMENT. THE MILOBS SIGNAL OFFICER IS THANKED FOR HIS GOOD SUPPORT.

d. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE SPECIAL SITREP WE SENT YOU AND UNAMIR HQ ON 8 AUG 95 CONCERNING THE GITARAMA PRISON TO THE MA TO DFC, LT-COL SHABIR (11122).



R.V. BLANCHETTE
LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 12 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 111800B AUG TO 121800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL. NTR.
- b. MILITARY.
 - (1) RPA. NTR.
 - (2) FRGE. NTR.
 - (3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

- a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER ATTENDED THE INDBATT SIGNAL COY MEDAL PARADE IN THE MORNING AND THE MILOBS FAREWELL FUNCTION IN THE AFTERNOON.
- b. TEAMS.

(1) A MILOBS TEAM VISITED KIGOMA COMMUNE (7649). GENERAL SITUATION IS CALM. IN KIRULI SECTOR (7049) THE LOCALS DESCRIBED SECURITY SITUATION AS SATISFACTORY. NO ACTS OF BANDITRY RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO THEM LAST ARRESTS TOOK PLACE IN JULY WHEN SOME SIX IDPS WHO RETURNED FROM KIBEHO WERE ARRESTED. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE IDPS RETURNED TO THE SECTOR IS 20, ALL OF THEM CAME BACK FROM KIBEHO AFTER APRIL. THERE ARE ALSO THREE RETURNEES FAMILIES WHO CAME FROM UGANDA LEAVING THEIR CHILDREN THERE. NUMBER OF ORPHANS IN THE SECTOR IS 315, 65 OF THEM LOST BOTH PARENTS, NONE OF THEM ARE

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UNACCOMPANIED. NUMBER OF WIDOWS IS 65. THE MAIN HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS ARE FOOD AND WATER. THE POPULATION HAS TO TAKE THE WATER FROM RIVERS. THE LAST FOOD DISTRIBUTION WAS CONDUCTED IN JANUARY BY THE ICRC.

(2) IN MUKINGO SECTOR (7345) THE LOCALS DID NOT COMPLAIN OF THE PRESENT SECURITY SITUATION. THE LAST ARRESTS TOOK PLACE IN MAY. BEFORE THAT TIME SOME 200 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR SUSPICION IN GENOCIDE. AROUND 100 IDPS RETURNED TO THE SECTOR IN JUNE FROM KIBEHO, NO REFUGEE RETURNEES REGISTERED. THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ORPHANS IN THE SECTOR. SOME OF THEM ARE IN THE GITAGARA ORPHANAGE, THE REST IS LIVING IN FAMILIES. THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IS THE SAME AS IN KIRULI SECTOR. THE LAST FOOD DISTRIBUTION TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY (BY CARITAS AND CARE INTERNATIONAL).

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GATAGARA HANDICAPED CENTER (HOME DE LA VIERGE DES PAUVRES) IN NGWA COMMUNE (7147), A VERY WELL RUN ESTABLISHMENT POSSESSING A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND REACH CAPABILITIES. THERE ARE 170 CHILDREN FROM SIX TO 20, AMONG WHOM 60 ARE THE BLINDS AND THE REST ARE CRIPPLES (MUTILATION OF LEGS). THE CENTER HAS TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS (FOR THE BLINDS AND FOR THE CRIPPLES) AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE CRIPPLES, WHICH ARE ALSO VISITED BY 150 CHILDREN FROM ADJACENT AREAS. THE CENTER ALSO RENDERS ASSISTANCE FOR THE CRIPPLES ELDER THAN 20 REPAIRING OR PROVIDING ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR THEM. THE CENTER IS SUPPORTED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT (FUNDS), AVSI (FRESH VEGETABLES) AND ICRC (TRACING PROGRAM). CARITAS WAS PROVIDING FOOD BEFORE JUNE. THE CENTER WAS VISITED BY THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN OCTOBER 95' WHO DONATED DM 18,000. THE PROBLEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(a) FOOD. CHILDREN HAVE MEAT SOME FOUR OR FIVE TIMES A YEAR ONLY;

(b) LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL;

(c) SPORT EQUIPMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

(4) THE TEAM LEARNED THAT MR PIERRE-DAMIAN NZABIKIRA, THE RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION IN THE CENTER, WAS ARRESTED APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF MONTH AGO BEING ACCUSED BY AN RPA SOLDIER FOR KILLING HIS BROTHER. NO MORE DETAILS WERE COLLECTED. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FOLLOWED UP.

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4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. INDBATT TRANSPORTED 10 MORE TONS OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO RUTOBWE COMMUNE (7781) AND SEVEN TONS TO MUGINA COMMUNE (9267). AS IT WAS AGREED WITH THE INDBATT, TOMORROW INDIAN SOLDIERS WILL COME BACK TO KIGALI FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDAL PARADE AND CELEBRATING THE INDIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THE TRUCKS WILL COME AGAIN ON 16 AUG 95 AND STAY IN SECTOR 1B UP TO 22 AUG 95.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. TODAY IN THE AFTERNOON WE WERE TOLD THAT ON 10 JUN 95 LATE IN THE EVENING A GRENADE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE "FLORIDA" RESTAURANT IN THE CENTER OF GITARAMA TOWN. SOME LOCALS ALLEGED THAT ONE MILITARY MAN THREW ONE GRENADE PURSUING ANOTHER PERSON. MILOBS WHO VISITED THE SCENE OBSERVED SIGNS OF EXPLOSION. THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL GOING ON. } STATE INFO

b. AT APPROX 1800 HRS ONE CIVILIAN MINIBUS OVERTURNED THREE KM AFTER GITARAMA TOWN ON THE ROAD TO KIGALI. FOUR LIGHTLY INJURED PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT BY MILOBS TO KABGAYI HOSPITAL.

6. LOGISTICS. TWO 15 KW GENERATORS WERE INSTALLED FOR SECTOR 1B HQ PURPOSES ONLY. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED, IF THE ALREADY EXISTING 100 KW GENERATOR COULD REMAIN FOR THE CONVENT, AS UNAMIR IS NOT DEMANDED TO PAY FOR THE SECTOR OFFICES.


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UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	08

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
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8. MISCELLANEOUS. NTR.


G. HATZENBICHLER
MAJ.

ACTING COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 13 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 121800B AUG TO 131800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL. NTR.
- b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA. THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER STILL HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER TO MEET HIM. THE RPA BATTALION COMMANDER WAS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRENADE INCIDENT IN FRONT OF THE FLORIDA RESTAURANT. THIS RESTAURANT, TO COMPLETE THE INFORMATION PASSED YESTERDAY, IS ON THE MAIN ROUTE AT THE MAIN INTERSECTION OF GITARAMA (SEE PARA 5).

(2) FRGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER IS BACK FROM KIGALI AS OF 1600 HRS TODAY.

b. TEAMS.

(1) A MILOBS TEAM VISITED MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274). THEY VISITED GIHEMBE SECTOR (8376) AND SPOKE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCALS. THE SECURITY SITUATION IS REPORTED AS UNSTABLE, AS REPORTED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THIS IS THE COMMUNE WITH THE INTERIM BOURGMESTRE WHO IS

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OBVIOUSLY OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. ARRESTS STILL CONTINUE AND ACTS OF BANDITRY ARE ON THE RISE. THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ABOUT LAST WEEK MURDER IN THIS COMMUNE BECAUSE OFFICIALS, ON A SUNDAY, WERE NOT CONTACTED. THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE USUAL SHORTAGES OF FOOD, WATER, DRUGS AND ELECTRICITY.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GATIZO SECTOR (8677) WHERE THE SECURITY SITUATION WAS NOTICED. THE SECTOR COUNSELLOR EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS INFORMING THE BOURGMESTRE OF ALL THE SECURITY PROBLEMS.

(3) THE TEAM MET A GROUP OF WIDOWS IN THE SAME SECTOR AND LEARNED THAT CARITAS WAS SUPPORTING THEM IN TERMS OF FOOD. THEIR HOUSES WERE DESTROYED DURING THE WAR AND THEY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR THE REBUILDING PROCESS.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. A THEORY HAS SURFACED TO EXPLAIN THE GRENADE INCIDENT IN FRONT OF THE FLORIDA RESTAURANT. IT APPEARS THAT THE OWNER OF "THE FLORIDA" IS A HUTU AND THAT HE NOW HAS SOME STIFF COMPETITION FROM ANOTHER CAFE CALLED "NECTAR" WHICH IS OWNED BY A TUTSI. RPA SOLDIERS WERE KNOWN TO OFTEN GO TO THE FLORIDA AT NIGHT. FOR AN UNKNOWN REASON, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A RIFT BETWEEN THE OWNER AND HIS PATRONS. IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, THE FLORIDA HAS BEEN EMPTY AND THE NECTAR HAS BEEN CROWDED. OBVIOUSLY MORE INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED AND MILOBS WILL BE SENT TOMORROW TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE.

6. LOGISTICS.

VEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
PRESENT	19

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE DCMO AND THE SECTOR COMMANDER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT FRIDAY 25 AUG 95 BE CONFIRMED AS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN GITARAMA.

b. THE SECTOR COMMANDER, WHILE AT UNAMIR HQ, HEARD FROM THE SRSG'S POLITICAL ADVISOR THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN UN NEW YORK TO REVIVE THE INITIATIVE TO HAVE OBSERVERS IN RWANDA NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THIS RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE DIFFERENT SINCE THE OBSERVERS WOULD NOT BE LOCATED ON THE TERRITORY OF THESE COUNTRIES ON A PERMANENT BASIS. INSTEAD, THEY WOULD BE PART OF A MIXED COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY) WHICH WOULD GO FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER FOR A MANDATE EXTENDING SIX MONTHS.



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COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 14 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDEBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 131800B AUG TO 141800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. THE SECTOR COMMANDER, IN A DISCUSSION WITH AN RPA OFFICER, HAS LEARNT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL "LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES" (LDF) NOW HAD TO BE DISSOLVED AND THAT ALL OF THEM HAD TO TURN IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARD THEY WERE ISSUED. APPARENTLY, THIS WAS ANNOUNCED ON RADIO RWANDA. THIS IS DEEMED A VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED IN ALL SECTORS SINCE THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A FEW INCIDENTS/KILLINGS RELATED TO THESE FORCES OFTEN OPERATING DURING NIGHT PATROLS.

b. MILITARY.(1) RPA.

(a) THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER STILL HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE WRITTEN REQUEST (AND NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS) BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER TO MEET HIM. THE SITUATION IS BECOMING CRITICAL IN THE SENSE THAT THE COOPERATION FROM THE RPA SEEMS TO BE DISAPPEARING. AS AN EXAMPLE, IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE OF OUR MIXED TEAMS (MILOBS, HR, CIVPOL AND INTERPRETER) TO ACTUALLY CROSS A CHECK POINT AT MUSHUBATI, JUST WEST OF GITARAMA, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO A DETAILED SEARCH. THE TEAM REFUSED TO BE SEARCHED AND ACCORDINGLY DID NOT CROSS THE CHECK POINT. WE DO NOT WISH TO ESCALATE THE TENSION AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION.

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(b) THE OWNER OF "THE FLORIDA" RESTAURANT WAS AWAY TO KIGALI TODAY AND COULD NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE GRENADE INCIDENT IN FRONT OF THE FLORIDA RESTAURANT.

(2) FRGF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL TRAVEL TO KIGALI TONIGHT TO ATTEND THE INDIAN NATIONAL DAY EVE FUNCTION AT SOALTEE. THE ACTING COMMANDER, UNTIL HIS RETURN TOMORROW AT 0900 HRS, IS COMMANDANT OUESLATI.

b. TEAMS.

(1) A MILOBS TEAM VISITED NYAMABUYE COMMUNE (GR 7570) AND REPORTED THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM IN SOME SECTORS. THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 102 PRISONERS INCLUDING TWO WOMEN AND 3 CHILDREN. THE BOURGMESTRE REPORTED THAT 10 PRISONERS SUSPECTED TO BE GENOCIDAIRE STILL WAITING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED RULI ORPHANAGE CENTER WHICH HAS 70 ORPHANS. THE AUTHORITIES REQUESTED CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN, MEDICINES AND FOOD. CONCERN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS FACILITY IN TERMS OF FOOD.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED RULI (6974), RWAMARABA (6476) AND SHYOGWE (6674) SECTORS AND SPOKE WITH LOCAL POPULATION WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGE OF FOOD, POTABLE WATER, ELECTRICITY, SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS. THE TEAM VISITED THE VETERINARY CLINIC IN RULI SECTOR AND REPORTED THAT THIS FACILITY HAS ONE DOCTOR AND 3 ASSISTANT, GIVING SUPPORT FOR ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS IN THE AREA IN TERMS OF TREATMENT.

(4) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM VISITED KAYENZI COMMUNE (8389) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION TO BE UNSTABLE. THE TEAM MET THE SISTER IN KAYENZI CHURCH WHO STATED THAT THE ARRESTS ARE STILL GOING ON. THERE WERE A LOT OF FALSE ACCUSATION AGAINST SOME LOCALS BY RESCAPEES AND RETURNEES.

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(5) THE TEAM ALSO MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO CONFIRMED THE BANDITRIES ACTIVITIES IN SOME SECTORS. TWO LOCALS WERE ARRESTED LAST WEEK. THE COMMUNE CACHOT HOLDS 70 PRISONERS AS COMPARED TO 64 LAST WEEK.

(6) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE SALVATION ARMY OFFICE AND MET THE RESPONSIBLE WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS UNSTABLE. TWO LOCALS WERE STRONGLY BEATEN LAST WEEK BY RPA SOLDIERS IN CIVILIAN DRESS CLOSE TO THE CHURCH WITHOUT ANY REASON. HE REPORTED THAT THE BROKEN DOWN GENERATOR WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNICATION COMPOUND IN KIGALI TO BE REPAIRED.

(7) THE HUMAN RIGHT FIELD OFFICER TRANSFERRED TODAY 11 PRISONERS SUSPECTED TO BE GENOCIDAIRE AND TWO COMMON CRIMES FROM MUGINA, MUSHUBATI, NYAMABUYE COMMUNES TO TAMBWE, NTONGWE, RUTOBWE THEIR HOME COMMUNES. THESE PRISONERS WERE TRANSFERRED IN THEIR HOME COMMUNES TO PERMIT THE RELATIVES TO BRING THEM FOOD AND VISIT THEM.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. SEE PARA 2 b (b)6. LOGISTICS.VEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	00
SERVICEABLE	07

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE DCMO AND THE SECTOR COMMANDER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT FRIDAY 25 AUG 95 BE CONFIRMED AS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN GITARAMA.

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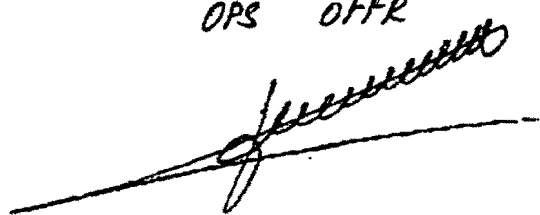
b. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED THE EVENING BRIEFING IN THE SECTOR HQ AND EXCHANGED INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNE CACHOT IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNES.

R.V. BLANCHETTE
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For COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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Mission pour l'Assistance au Rwanda

TO : MILOB GP HQ/OPS

DATE: 12 AUG 95

INFO: UNAMIR HQ
UNAMIR HQ/OPS

FROM: MILOB SECTOR 2A HQ (BYUMBA)

SUBJECT: DAILY SITREP COVERING PERIOD 1181800B TO 121800 B AUG 95.1 SITUATIONa. GENERAL CALM.b. BORDERS KAGITUMBA, GATUNA AND BUZIBA BORDER POSTS
REMAINED OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIESa. POLITICAL NILb. MILITARY.RPA CONTINUES TO CONDUCT VEH AND FOOT PATROLS IN THE AOR
BOTH BY DAY AND NIGHT.3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIESa. SECTOR HQ COORD OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES IN THE SECTOR.b. TEAMS

(i) TEAM THREE VISITED KINYAMI COMMUNE

(ii) TEAM TWO VISITED MUHURA COMMUNE

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIESa. KINYAMI COMMUNE WORLD VISION AND CARITAS CONTINUE TO
OPERATE IN THE COMMUNE.

b. MUHURA COMMUNE. THE PATROL VISITED THE HEALTH CENTRE AND WERE INFORMED THAT THE SISTERS CONGREGATION, A VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION FROM ITALY, WAS TAKING OVER RUNNING OF THE HEALTH CENTRE AS INTER-SOS WAS MOVING TO KIBUYE. THE HEALTH CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON CARITAS AND REGION SANITAIRE BASED AT BYUMBA FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITIES FORESEE A PROBLEM DUE TO THE NON AVAILABILITY OF AN AMBULANCE ONCE INTER-SOS PULLS OUT

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

NTR

6. MISC

a. DETAILS OF BORDER CROSSING

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RETURNEES</u>	<u>INFLOW</u>	<u>OUTFLOW</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>GATUNA</u>	20	-	-	11/08/95

b. STRENGTH

(1) MILOBS

(a)	PRESENT	17
(b)	LEAVE/CTO	05
(c)	TOTAL STRENGTH	22

(2) CIVPOL: 02

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 11 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 101800B AUG TO 111800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. TODAY, THE PREFET HELD A MEETING WITH ALL BOURGMESTRES, ALL THE CIVILIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF "LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES" (LDF) AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT VARIOUS LEVELS.

b. MILITARY.(1) RPA

(a) THE RPA BDE CDR WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH THE SECTOR COMMANDER AFTER THE MEETING REPORTED AT PARA 2.a. THE BDE CDR DID NOT SHOW UP BECAUSE THE MEETING IS STILL GOING ON. IT NOW HAS BEEN FOUR DAYS THAT THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS TRIED TO MEET WITH HIM (INCLUDING WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE). THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE PREFECTURE. IN PARTICULAR, THE BEHAVIOUR OF RPA SOLDIERS AT VARIOUS CHECK POINTS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE, TO THE EXTENT THAT TODAY TWO FEMALE HR OFFICERS WERE SUBJECTED TO A DETAILED SEARCH, INCLUDING THEIR DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE, HOWEVER, NOT READ.

(b) THE UNHCR REP IN GITARAMA HAS INFORMED US THAT A RETURNEE FROM ZAIRE IN MUKINGI COMMUNE (7160) WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE BY THE RPA FOR REGISTRATION AND HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THEN. THE UNHCR REP IS ASKING US TO

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INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THIS WILL BE DONE ON
TUESDAY 15 AUG 95.

(2) FRGF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER CHAIRED A MEETING WITH 11 NGOS OPERATING IN THE PREFECTURE. THE NEW MANDATE WAS EXPLAINED TO THEM (INCLUDING MILOBS TASKS), THE SECURITY SITUATION WAS REVIEWED, THE NGOS BRIEFED ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AND, FINALLY, THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RPA WAS ANALYZED. IT WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AND ALL NGOS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING THAT SHOULD BE HELD IN ONE MONTH TIME. THE SALVATION ARMY REPRESENTATIVE, WHO OPERATES IN KAYENZI COMMUNE (8389), ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE HIS RADIO REPROGRAMMED TO THE FREQUENCY USED BY INDBATT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. THE SECTOR COMMANDER SAID THAT TO REVEAL FREQUENCIES HAS SECURITY IMPLICATIONS BUT THAT THE SUGGESTION HAD SOME MERIT AND THAT UNAMIR HQ WOULD BE CONTACTED TO ASSESS FEASIBILITY. YOUR FEEDBACK WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MURAMA COMMUNE (6749) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM VISITED GACU (6941) AND RUNYANGANDO (6744) SECTORS AND SPOKE WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION WHO REPORTED THAT LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES (LDF) ARE ORGANIZED AT THE CELLULE LEVEL FOR SECURITY REASONS. LOCALS COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGES OF FOOD, DRUGS, SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS. THERE IS NO HEALTH CENTRE IN GACU SECTOR AND PATIENTS HAD TO GO AS FAR AS 10 KM FOR TREATMENT.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED BIRAMBO SECTOR (6643) AND INTERVIEWED THREE RETURNEES FROM ZAIRE. TWO OF THEM ARE WITHOUT A HOUSE AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY ASSISTANCE UNTIL NOW. TWO LADIES REQUESTED HELP TO FIND THEIR CHILDREN WHICH THEY LAST SAW DURING THE WAR IN 1994. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED TO THE APPROPRIATE NGOS.

(3) THE TEAM LOCATED A DAMAGED BRIDGE AT 679 460 WHICH LINKS THE COMMUNE OFFICE TO THE REST OF THE SECTOR. WE WILL REVIEW THE PRIORITY FOR BRIDGE REPAIRING IN THE SECTOR AND WILL ADVISE YOU ACCORDINGLY.

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(4) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM WENT TO MUGINA COMMUNE (9267) AND REPORTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECURITY SITUATION (SEE OUR SITREP 5 JUL 95 WHERE WE DESCRIBED THE "THREE DAY ULTIMATUM" THAT THE GITARAMA PREFET WAS GIVEN BY THE LOCAL POPULATION). IT WAS LEARNT THAT THE BOURGMESTRE'S DISMISSAL THAT WE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON WAS LINKED TO THE 9 JULY 95 MURDER CASE (SEE OUR SITREP 15 JUL 95) IN THIS SAME COMMUNE. IT APPEARS THAT THE BOURGMESTRE IS THE ONE WHO WOULD HAVE ORDERED THAT THIS VICTIM BE EXECUTED, THUS HIS DISMISSAL. APPARENTLY, THE KILLER, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN AN RPA SOLDIER ACCORDING TO OUR INITIAL INVESTIGATION, WOULD BE IN THE CACHOT BUT THIS COULD NOT BE VISUALLY CONFIRMED. MORE TO FOLLOW.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

a. TODAY, INDBATT TRANSPORTED 10 TONS OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (9057) AND 10 MORE TONS TO RUTOBWE COMMUNE (7781).

b. WE RECEIVED FEEDBACK TODAY THAT THE HAC WAS STILL REVIEWING THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING THE 100 KW GENERATOR IN PLACE AT KABGAYI. THESE EFFORTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE FIELD SERVICE BE INFORMED THAT NO DECISION TO CHANGE THE GENERATOR HAS YET TO BE MADE AND THAT THE GENERATOR SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AWAY OR REPLACED UNTIL SUCH TIME OF AN HAC'S DECISION.

c. IT WAS LEARNT FROM OUR INDIAN MILOBS THAT AN ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH INDBATT TO HAVE TWO TRUCKS AVAILABLE TO US STARTING ON 16 AUG 95 (AFTER THE INDIAN NATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATIONS) FOR ONE WEEK. THIS FLEXIBILITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AS IT WILL ALLOW US TO COMPLETE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WFP DONATIONS.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICS.

SLOGO | a. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE CABLES TO MAKE THE TWO 25 KW GENERATORS OPERATIONAL. IT HAS NOW BEEN TWO DAYS THAT THESE GENERATORS WERE BROUGHT HERE WITHOUT PROPER CABLES AND WE ARE STILL NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT IN TERMS OF POWER, THUS CREATING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF SITREPS AND OTHER OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

b. WE RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS TODAY THAT TWO OF OUR VEHICLES WERE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE WORKSHOP. THIS WILL GREATLY

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ENHANCE OUR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND THOSE WHO MAY HAVE ANSWERED OUR "DISTRESS MESSAGES" SHOULD BE THANKED FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING US WITH SERVICEABLE VEHICLES. THE VEHICLE STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	03
SERVICEABLE	05

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	24
LEAVE/CTO	05
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL ATTEND THE INDBATT SIGNAL COY MEDAL PARADE TOMORROW MORNING AND THE MILOBS FAREWELL FUNCTION IN THE AFTERNOON. HE WILL SLEEP IN KIGALI AND RETURNED AT 1600 HRS ON SUNDAY 13 AUG 95. THE ACTING SECTOR COMMANDER DURING THIS PERIOD WILL BE MAJ HATTENBICHLER.

b. WE ARE NOW EXPERIMENTING THE NEW COMMUNICATION SITUATION NOW THAT A REPEATER HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN BUTARE. WE WILL PROVIDE FEEDBACK AS SOON AS VARIOUS OPERATIONAL SITUATIONS HAVE BEEN TESTED.



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COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC
INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

DATE : 10 AUG 95

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 091800B AUG TO 101800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. CALM. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE INSECURITY CREATED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN THE SECTOR CAN STILL BE FELT.

b. ORDERS. NA.

2. FACIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. TOMORROW, THE PREFET WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH ALL BOURGMESTRES, ALL THE CIVILIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF "LOCAL DEFENCE FORCES" (LDF) AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT VARIOUS LEVELS.

b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA

(a) SEE PARA 3b.(1) REFERENCE PARTICIPATION IN KILLING IN MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE.

(b) A BELGIAN SISTER INFORMED US TODAY THAT THE RPA HAD ARRESTED THE TWO GATE GUARDS WHO WERE AT THE HOUSE OF THE RWANDESE PRIEST KILLED IN KAMONYI SECTOR LAST WEEK.

(2) FRGF. NTR.(3) OTHERS. NTR.3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WENT ON A HELICOPTER PATROL TO THE NORTHERN COMMUNES ALONG WITH NEW MILOBS.

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D. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM, JOINED BY CIVPOL, VISITED MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AND GATHERED EVIDENCE THAT RPA SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF MR JOHN TWAGIRAYEZU (MUSAMBIRA SECTOR 8275 IN THE COMMUNE OF THE SAME NAME) WHOSE MURDER WE REPORTED YESTERDAY. IT APPEARS THAT SIX ARMED RPA SOLDIERS, ONE COMMUNAL POLICE AND THREE CIVILIANS WENT TO VICTIM'S HOUSE AROUND 2200 HRS ON 7 AUG 95. THEY KNOCKED AT THE DOOR AND SAID THAT THEY CAME WITH THE BOURGMESTRE TO ARREST THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM AND HIS WIFE REFUSED TO OPEN THE DOOR AND ESCAPED THROUGH ANOTHER DOOR TO THE VICTIM'S FATHER-IN-LAW'S HOUSE. THE GROUP FOLLOWED THEM AND CIRCLED THE FATHER-IN-LAW'S HOUSE. THE VICTIM WAS HIDING IN ONE OF THE ROOM WITH HIS WIFE AND ANOTHER WOMAN. THE GROUP FORCED THEIR WAY INTO THE HOUSE AND DRAGGED THE TWO WOMEN OUT OF THE ROOM. THEN, "A FEW" ROUNDS WERE FIRED INTO THIS ROOM BUT THE VICTIM WAS UNSCATHED. THE VICTIM MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THIS ROOM AND OUT OF THE HOUSE. OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, HE ATTEMPTED TO JUMP A FENCE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS HIT BY SEVERAL BULLETS ON HIS ENTIRE BODY. HE FELL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE AS THE RPA SOLDIERS KEPT ON FIRING WHILE CIVILIANS WERE THROWING STONES. BOTH THE RPA SOLDIERS AND THE CIVILIANS THEN ASKED MONEY TO THE FATHER-IN-LAW WHO SAID THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY. THEY THEN TOOK MONEY FROM THE VICTIM'S POCKET WHO HAD 55000 FRW (THIS WAS HIS RECENT SALARY AS A MASON AT THE LOCAL CHURCH). THE VICTIM'S WIFE WAS HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A ROCK AND SHE ALSO HAS WOUNDS ON HER ARMS. THE MILOBS TEAM INTERVIEWED HER AND BROUGHT HER TO KAGAYI HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED. SHE HAS NOW RETURNED TO HER HOUSE WHERE SHE FEARS FOR HER LIFE. ALL THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM THE WIFE, THE FATHER-IN-LAW AND FOUR NEIGHBORS WHO WERE VISUAL WITNESSES. WE CAN BE POSITIVE IN SAYING THAT THESE WERE RPA SOLDIERS, AS OPPOSED TO "MEN IN UNIFORM", BECAUSE CIVPOL DID CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH AN RPA SOLDIER AT THE COMMUNE OFFICE WHO ADMITTED HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING. MAJ JOHNSON (UNAMIR INT) AND WO PAYNE (INVESTIGATOR) WHO ARE VISITING THE SECTOR WENT TO THE CRIME SCENE AND GATHERED SOME HARD EVIDENCE FOR THE INVESTIGATION.

(2) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM WENT TO TAMBWE COMMUNE (7653) AND THE GENERAL SITUATION IS REPORTED AS CALM. THEY MET WITH THE NEW RURANGO SOUS-PREFET WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF INDANGABUREZI PRIVATE SCHOOL IN MUNINI SECTOR (7654). THE NEW SOUS-PREFET, MR NTEZIRYAYO

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ANASTASE, APPEARS TO BE A DIPLOMAT WHO DID NOT WISH TO DIRECTLY ANSWER ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THE SECURITY SITUATION FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF HIS PREDECESSOR.

(3) A HELIPATROL WAS CONDUCTED TODAY TO NYAKABANDA COMMUNE (6597) WHERE THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET THE BOURGMESTRE FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE BOURGMESTRE SEEMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW RPA SOLDIERS IN THE AREA. THERE WERE SOME DISCREPANCIES IN THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN THE CACHOT AND THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS THE BOURGMESTRE REPORTED. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP IN ANOTHER PATROL. THE HELIPATROL THEN WENT TO KAVENZI COMMUNE (8389) WHERE THERE WAS A VERY DIFFERENT TYPE OF RECEPTION WITH SOLDIERS CARRYING WEAPONS AT THE READY POSITION. ONE MAN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES ABRUPTLY TOLD US THAT THE BOURGMESTRE WAS GONE TO KIGALI. UPON FURTHER QUESTIONING THE MAN ADMITTED THAT HE WAS AN RPA NCO. A LOCAL TEACHER, OBVIOUSLY UNDER A LOT OF STRESS THEN TOLD US THAT THE BOURGMESTRE WAS AT HIS HOUSE. WE WALKED 500 M TO MEET HIM THERE. THE BOURGMESTRE, A TUTSI, SHOWED LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR OUR VISITING PARTY. TENSION IN THIS COMMUNE CAN BE FELT. THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE A JUDGE WAS KILLED ON 1 JUL 95 AND PRISONERS "FORCED TO ESCAPED USING LOGS IN FIRE SO THAT THEY COULD SHOOT THE ESCAPEES".

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES-

a. TODAY, INDBATT TRANSPORTED 14 TONS OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AND 10 MORE TONS TO NTONGWE COMMUNE.

b. WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE HAC CONCERNING THE 100 KW GENERATOR THAT IS BEING LENT TO THE KAGAYI BISHOP FOR THE RUNNING OF THIS CAPITAL RWANDESE INSTITUTION (PLEASE SEE YESTERDAY'S SITREP). AN IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN HEARD THAT THE FIELD SERVICE WAS ABOUT TO COME AND CHANGE THIS GENERATOR FOR A SMALLER ONE WHILE WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE HAC.

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5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICS.

a. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE CABLES TO MAKE THE TWO 25 KW GENERATORS OPERATIONAL.

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b. AS REPORTED BEFORE, THE PATROL VEHICLE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. THE NUMBER OF PATROLS PERFORMED IN THIS SECTOR (BOTH PLANNED AND UNEXPECTED ONES) REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST SIX SERVICEABLE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN ESTIMATED TIME OF DELIVERY FOR NEW VEHICLES TO THE SECTOR. THE VEHICLE STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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7. PERSONNEL STATE

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LEAVE/CYO	06
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. WE ACKNOWLEDGE A REQUEST FROM MR DON STEAD, THE FSA IN BUTARE WHO REQUESTS THAT WE SEND A MILOBS TEAM TO NTONGWE TO SEE WHY THE PREFET REFUSES TO HAVE THE UNAMIR RUSHALL REMOVED FROM THE LOCATION THAT HAS BEEN VACATED BY THE MALI PLATOON. HOWEVER, WE ALSO HAVE SEEN A COVERING FAX ON THIS REQUEST STATING THAT MR ALEX MUJYAMBERE WILL BE GOING TO THE BOURGEMESTRE TOMORROW TO GET A WRITTEN REFUSAL FROM HIM. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY TO SEND ONE OF OUR TEAMS TO MEET THE BOURGEMESTRE AT THIS TIME.

b. WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE MILOBS SIGNAL OFFICER CONCERNING OUR SERIOUS COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS IN THE SECTOR. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE MILOBS SIGNAL OFFICER HAD PROMISED TO HAVE A REPEATER INSTALLED IN GITARAMA BY 7 AUG 95. RIGHT NOW, WE CANNOT CONTACT ANY OF THE PERSONNEL IN THEIR HOUSE UNLESS THEY WOULD SLEEP IN THEIR CARS. ACTUALLY, WE DO NOT ALLOW VEHICLES TO BE LEFT AT HOUSES OVERNIGHT, ERGO DENYING EVEN THIS POSSIBILITY. IT IS NOW CLOSED TO ONE MONTH THAT THIS SECTOR HAS HAD NO RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS IN A VERY BUSY OPERATIONAL PERIOD.

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c. TOMORROW ON FRIDAY, 11 AUG 95, ALL NGOS IN THE SECTOR HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND A BRIEFING BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER THAT WILL COVER COORDINATION POINTS, THE NEW UNAMIR MANDATE AND THE SECURITY SITUATION.

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LT-COL

COMMANDER SECTOR 18 GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 09 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 081800B AUG TO 091800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. CALM. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE INSECURITY CREATED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN THE SECTOR CAN STILL BE FELT. A NEW MURDER REPORTED TODAY COULD LEAD US TO DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AS TENSE IF THIS TREND PERSISTS.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. YESTERDAY THE PREFET WENT TO MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AGAIN TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY PROBLEM WITH THE ACTING BOURGMESTRE. THIS ACTING BOURGMESTRE IS THE PERSON WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON AS HAVING MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN ASSUMING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HIS COMMUNE.

b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA

(a) THERE IS AN INCREASED RPA PRESENCE IN THE CITY OF GITARAMA AND IN KABGAYI. IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN IF THIS "VISUAL" INCREASE CORRESPONDS TO AN ACTUAL RPA STRENGTH INCREASE IN THE AREA.

(b) TODAY A MILOBS TEAM CHALLENGED THE RPA IN A FRIENDLY VOLLEYBALL MATCH. THE MILOBS WERE VERY ASTUTE IN THEIR PUBLIC RELATION CAMPAIGN IN ALLOWING THE RPA TO BEAT THEM IN VERY TIGHT MATCHES.

(2) FRGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

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3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR HQ WAS BUSY WITH THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE FIXING OF THE LEAKING 5000 LITERS FUEL TANK AND THE INSTALLATION OF TWO GENERATORS IN THE PETIT SEMINAIRE. } 55096

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM, JOINED BY CIVPOL, VISITED MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AND FOUND THE SECURITY SITUATION TENSE. IT WAS LEARNT THAT ON 8 AUG 1995 AT 0400 HRS, A GROUP OF TEN TO FIFTEEN MEN, SOME OF THEM IN UNIFORM, HAVE ALLEGEDLY KILLED ONE LOCAL, MR JOHN TWAGIRAYEZU, FROM KAMAYANZA CELLULE (8277) IN MUSAMBIRA SECTOR (8275). THE VICTIM WAS ACCUSED OF BEING AN INTERHAMWE. THE VICTIM'S WIFE WAS HIT ON THE HEAD BUT SURVIVED. SHE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY CIVPOL WHO ALSO SAW THE VICTIM'S BODY WHO WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS FROM HEAD TO TOES. MORE DETAILS NEED TO BE COLLECTED TOMORROW IN A MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATION. OBVIOUSLY, THE WIFE IS FEARING FOR HER LIFE.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO WENT TO THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 105 PRISONERS (78 GENOCIDE CASES AND 27 COMMON CRIMES). 26 COMMON CRIME OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED LAST WEEK.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED BIRAMBO AND GATIZO SECTORS AND SPOKE WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION WHICH COMPLAINED OF SHORTAGE OF FOOD, POTABLE WATER, SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL.

(4) THE TEAM ALSO WENT TO RUNDA COMMUNE (9882) AND VISITED RUYENZI AND GIHARA SECTORS. AT THE GIHARA HEALTH CENTER, THE TEAM MET MR BIZIMANA WHO WE REPORTED ON BEFORE AS HE WAS SERIOUSLY BEATEN BY THE RPA IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO THIS HEALTH CENTER TO BE TREATED. HE WAS IN A COMA FOR ONE MONTH AND ONE OF HIS ARMS IS NOW PARALYZED WITH NO CHANCE OF RECOVERY. IT APPEARS THAT THE RPA NOW WANTS HIM TO BE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNE CACHOT.

(5) THE SECOND MILOBS TEAM VISITED MASANGO COMMUNE (6254) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION CALM. THEY REPORTED GOVERNMENT PAID ROAD MAINTENANCE.

(6) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED NYAKOGO AND RWOGA SECTORS AND SPOKE WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION WHICH COMPLAINED

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ABOUT USUAL SHORTAGES. SECURITY WAS REPORTED AS BETTER THAN MUSAMBIRA'S.

(7) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GITWE COLLEGE IN NKOMERO SECTOR (6749). IT IS A PRIVATE COLLEGE SUPPORTED BY THE FEES FROM THE STUDENTS' FAMILIES. IT HAS 750 STUDENTS, 568 OF THEM BEING ON ROOM AND BOARD. REQUESTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY
- (b) LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR SCIENCE
- (c) BUILDING MATERIAL TO REPAIR CLASSROOMS AND THE NURSING ROOM
- (d) FOOD (THE SCHOOL MAY ACTUALLY CLOSE IF THERE IS NO ASSISTANCE BEFORE 15 AUG 95)

THIS COLLEGE, WHICH IS EXTREMELY WELL RUN, SHOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM AN NGO. IT PRODUCES DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS WHICH CAN GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING THIS COUNTRY'S REBUILDING.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

a. THE TRANSPORT OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (9057) TODAY WORKED VERY WELL. 25 TONS WERE MOVED IN TWO ROUND TRIPS. AGAIN, WE RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM INDBATT ELEMENTS AND THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW MORNING.

b. A MILOBS TEAM PARTICIPATED IN A SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE "ORGANISATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DE LA LIBERTE PUBLIQUE" (ADL). WE LENT OUR ONLY TV AND VCR FOR THE PROJECTION OF A CANADIAN PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY ON THE GENOCIDE CALLED "LA PART DE DIEU ET LA PART DU DIABLE". THIS VIDEO IS TRULY OUTSTANDING AND SHOULD BE VIEWED BY AS MANY MILOBS AS POSSIBLE.

c. WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE HAC CONCERNING THE 100 KW GENERATOR THAT IS BEING LENT TO THE KABGAYI BISHOP FOR THE RUNNING OF THIS CAPITAL RWANDESE INSTITUTION. THE BISHOP HAS WRITTEN A LETTER EXPLAINING HIS CASE AND THE SECTOR COMMANDER STRONGLY SUPPORTS HIS ARGUMENT TO HAVE THE 100 KW GENERATOR TO STAY HERE UNLESS THERE IS A BETTER USE FOR THIS MAJOR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE MISSION. THIS GENERATOR'S CAPACITY IS FULLY USED, HAVING ACTUALLY TO DISCONNECT SOME OF THE USERS NOT TO OVERLOAD IT.

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THE HAC IS REMINDED THAT THIS GENERATOR IS PROVIDING POWER TO THE KABGAYI HOSPITAL WHICH TREATS THE GITARAMA PRISONERS, ONE MATERNITY WARD, DOCTORS' HOUSES, CHURCHES AND TWO ORPHANAGES. IT IS TRUE THAT THE BISHOP IS ALSO USING ITS POWER FOR A CARPENTER SHOP AND A PRINTING SHOP. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE INGRAINED IN THE KABGAYI'S VOCATION AND ALLOW THIS INSTITUTION TO SURVIVE. IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BISHOP HAS NEVER CHARGED ANYTHING TO THE UN FOR ALL THE FACILITIES USED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE ITS ARRIVAL HERE. TO REPLACE THIS GENERATOR WITH A SMALLER ONE WOULD BE A TERRIBLE BLOW TO THIS INSTITUTION WHICH IS AN ENORMOUS PLAYER IN THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS. AN IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN HEARD THAT THE FIELD SERVICE WAS ABOUT TO COME AND CHANGE THIS GENERATOR FOR A SMALLER ONE WHILE WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE HAC.

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5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICS.

a. TWO 25 KW GENERATORS WERE DELIVERED TO THE PETIT SEMINAIRE TODAY. IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE THIS PERSONNEL TO INSTALL THE GENERATORS WHERE WE WANTED THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN THAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. THIS TEAM DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CABLE FOR THE INSTALLATION, WITH THE RESULT THAT OUR HQ IS STILL NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS ORGANIZATION CONDUCT RECCES TO INCREASE ITS EFFICIENCY.

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b. AS REPORTED BEFORE, THE PATROL VEHICLE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. THE NUMBER OF PATROLS PERFORMED IN THIS SECTOR (BOTH PLANNED AND UNEXPECTED ONES) REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST SIX SERVICEABLE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY. THE VEHICLE STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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B. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. LAST NIGHT, BROWN & ROOT PERSONNEL WORKED UNTIL 0030 HRS TO EMPTY THE 5000 L FUEL TANK THAT WAS DAMAGED. TODAY, IT HAS BEEN FIXED AND FILLED UP AGAIN. THESE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND GOOD REACTION TO WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT.

b. THE HAND HELD COMMUNICATION SITUATION IN THE SECTOR IS OF SERIOUS CONCERN. THE MILOBS SIGNAL OFFICER HAD PROMISED TO HAVE A REPEATER INSTALLED IN GITARAMA BY 7 AUG 95. RIGHT NOW, WE CANNOT CONTACT ANY OF THE PERSONNEL IN THEIR HOUSE UNLESS THEY WOULD SLEEP IN THEIR CARS. ACTUALLY, WE DO NOT ALLOW VEHICLES TO BE LEFT AT HOUSES OVERNIGHT, ERGO DENYING EVEN THIS POSSIBILITY. IT IS NOW CLOSED TO ONE MONTH THAT THIS SECTOR HAS HAD NO RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS IN A VERY BUSY OPERATIONAL PERIOD. THE SECTOR COMMANDER REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE REVIEWED FORTHWITH.

c. ON FRIDAY, 11 AUG 95, ALL NGOs IN THE SECTOR HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND A BRIEFING BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER THAT WILL COVER COORDINATION POINTS, THE NEW UNAMIR MANDATE AND THE SECURITY SITUATION.



R.V. BLANCHETTE
LT-COL

COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 08 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 071800B AUG TO 081800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. CALM. HOWEVER, THE INSECURITY CREATED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN THE SECTOR CAN STILL BE FELT.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. NTR.

b. MILITARY

(1) RPA. THE 11 RPA BATTALION IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DEPLOYMENT. IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES, THE LOCAL RPA ELEMENTS HAVE INTRODUCED THEIR TEAMS TO THE BOURGMESTRES AND SECTOR COUNSELLORS TO DISCUSS SECURITY MATTERS. THIS COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A GOOD SIGN OF COOPERATION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES. RPA BDE CDR COULD NOT BE REACHED TODAY TO DISCUSS THIS NEW DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(2) FRGF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR HQ WAS BUSY WITH THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY A LEAKING 5000 LITERS FUEL TANK.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED NTONGWE COMMUNE (9050) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM VISITED MUSAMO SECTOR (5279) AND SPOKE WITH SOME

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LOCALS WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGE OF FOOD, POTABLE WATER AND PERMANENT ABSENCE OF NGOS IN THE AREA.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GIKOMA SECTOR (5380) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS STABLE. THE TEAM MET A PRIEST WHO STATED THAT WIDOWS ARE CREATING COOPERATIVES TO REBUILD ALL HOUSES DAMAGED DURING THE WAR. THE PRIEST MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE NO ORPHANAGES IN THE AREA AND THAT ORPHANS ARE LIVING WITH RELATIVES AND VOLUNTEER FAMILIES. THEY ARE IN SHORTAGE OF FOOD, CLOTHES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GO TO SCHOOL.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED NTONGWE COMMUNE OFFICE AND MET THE SECRETARY WHO REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY IN THE COMMUNE IS STABLE AND THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPs REGISTERED IN THE COMMUNE IS 3453 (ALL FROM KIBEHO CAMP). AS FAR AS THE PREVIOUS MALI TROOPS ACCOMMODATION (SECONDARY SCHOOL) IN NTONGWE IS CONCERNED, THE LETTER MADE BY THE FIELD OFFICER INDICATES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO REPLACE GLASSES, TO PAINT WALLS AND SURROUNDING AREAS AND TO REPAIR THE EXISTING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. THE BOURGMESTRE EXPECTS TO OPEN THIS SECONDARY SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(4) THE TEAM WENT TO THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 270 PRISONERS INCLUDING 14 WOMEN WITH FOUR INFANTS. 258 ARE ACCUSED OF BEING GENOCIDAIRE (INCLUDING 30 IDPs) AND 12 ARE HELD FOR COMMON CRIME. THE TEAM WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT THE INSIDE OF THE CACHOT BECAUSE OF THE IMPOSSIBILITY TO PRODUCE THE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE NEW RPA BATTALION COMMANDER. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT 26 PRISONERS IN THIS CACHOT ARE NOT FROM THIS COMMUNE AND ARE THEREFORE NOT BEING SUPPORTED IN TERMS OF FOOD FROM THEIR FAMILY. WE WILL COORDINATE WITH THE RPA THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THESE PEOPLE TO THEIR HOME COMMUNE.

(5) THE SECOND MILOB TEAM VISITED BULINGA COMMUNE (6679) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS STABLE. THE TEAM VISITED RUGINDABALI SECTOR (9785) AND MET SOME LOCALS WHO COMPLAINED OF SIMILAR SHORTAGES AS ABOVE REPORTED.

(6) THE TEAM VISITED THE COMMUNE OFFICE AND MET WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO REPORTED THAT AFTER THE RECENT WAVE OF KILLINGS IN THE COMMUNE THE SECURITY SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. ONLY THREE LOCALS WERE ARRESTED IN THE LAST 15 DAYS. THE BOURGMESTRE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO OPEN A PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL (ASSOCIATION POUR LA

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CONTRIBUTION AU DEVELOPPEMENT SOCIO-CULTUREL). 2668 IDPs WERE REGISTERED IN THE COMMUNE SINCE 15 APRIL 1995.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

a. THE TRANSPORT OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO TWO COMMUNES TODAY WORKED VERY WELL. 12 TONS WENT TO MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) AND 23 TONS WENT TO MUKINGI COMMUNE (7160). WE RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM INDBATT ELEMENTS AND THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW MORNING.

b. TO CLARIFY THE ARRANGEMENT, THIS SECTOR UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT THAT IS PROVIDED BY INDBATT IS PROVIDED ON A BASIS OF SPECIFIC AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN SECTOR 1B AND INDBATT, AS IT WAS DONE IN THIS CASE BETWEEN THE SECTOR COMMANDER AND CO INDBATT. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING OUR NEEDS FOR NEXT WEEK AND WILL MAKE A REQUEST ACCORDINGLY.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

6. LOGISTICS. THE PATROL VEHICLE SITUATION HAS AGAIN BECOME CRITICAL. THE NUMBER OF PATROLS PERFORMED IN THIS SECTOR (BOTH PLANNED AND UNEXPECTED ONES) REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST SIX SERVICEABLE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY. THE VEHICLE STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. THE 5000 L FUEL TANK WAS DAMAGED YESTERDAY WHEN IT WAS MOVED FROM THE ECONOMAT TO THE PETIT SEMINAIRE. THE DAMAGE WAS IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO MR STEAD, THE UNAMIR FIELD OFFICER. HE THEN INFORMED BROWN AND ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. THE BROWN AND ROOT PERSONNEL NOW IN LOCATION (WHO ARRIVED AT 1500 HRS) ASSESS THAT THE DAMAGE TO THE BOTTOM VALVE HAS BEEN UNDERESTIMATED AND THAT THE TANK SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FILLED TODAY. NOW THE TANK IS FULL AND HAS ONLY TWO THREADS HOLDING THE PRESSURE. THE LEAKING FUEL IS PICKED UP IN A

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CONTAINER AND SOME QUICK FIX WOOD SUPPORT HAS BEEN DEVISED TO RELIEF THE PRESSURE ON THE TWO THREADS. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS REQUESTED THAT BROWN AND ROOT PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRS IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF THE THREAD NOT TO HOLD THROUGH THE NIGHT. AN URGENT REQUEST WAS MADE TO 95 CMSG AT 1615 HRS TO SEND AN EMPTY POD TO EMPTY THE TANK, REPAIR IT AND FILL HER UP AGAIN. WE HAVE FILLED UP ALL VEHICLES IN ANTICIPATION OF DIFFICULTIES WITH THE REPAIRS. AT 1845 HRS, WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE PARTY HAD NOT DEPARTED KIGALI YET BECAUSE THEY WERE WAITING FOR AN ESCORT.

b. A SPECIAL SITREP ON THE GITARAMA PRISON HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR HQ TODAY.



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LT-COL

COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ

DATE : 07 AUG 95

TO : MILOB GP HQ ✓
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HACINFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATTSITREP COVERING
PERIOD 061800B AUG TO 071800B AUG 951. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. TENSE. THE PREFET VISITED THE SECTOR COMMANDER AGAIN TODAY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY IN THE PREFECTURE. HE SAID THAT HE LOST THREE KILOS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROBLEMS. HE LINKS THE WAVE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW RPA BATTALION.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACIIONAL ACTIVITIESa. POLITICAL.

(1) IN HIS VISIT TO THE SECTOR COMMANDER, THE PREFET EXPLAINED THAT MOST OF THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO ARRESTS IN THE PREFECTURE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF A WELL TRAINED GENDARMERIE GROUP WOULD HAVE PROCEEDED WITH THE ARRESTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN A NORMAL GROUP OF GENDARMERIE (WHICH CAN RANGE FROM 40 TO 60 IN STRENGTH), SOME OF THE GENDARMES ARE FORMED AS "OFFICIERS DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE" (OPJ) AND HAVE POWERS OF ARREST. THE PREFET HAS ALREADY MADE HIS REQUEST FOR SOME OF THE NEWLY FORMED GENDARMES

(2) HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS GOING TO HAVE A MEETING ON SECURITY WITH ALL BOURGMESTRE ON 11 AUG 95. AT THAT TIME, THEY WILL REVIEW WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS "NIGHT PATROLS" BY CIVILIANS IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES. THESE ARE ACTUALLY REFERRED TO AS "LOCAL DEFENCE OFFICERS" WHICH ARE UNARMED BUT WHICH HAVE ACCESS TO ARMS KEPT AT A CENTRAL LOCATION (NORMALLY THE COMMUNE OFFICE). THE PREFET, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PREVIOUS RPA BDE CDR (LT-COL GAUGA), HAD AUTHORIZED FIVE PERSONS IN EACH OF THE COMMUNE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE WEAPONS, ONLY IF REQUIRED. THEY ARE TRAINED BY

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THE RPA BUT ARE PAID BY THE COMMUNE. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

(3) HE ADDED THAT THE PREFECTURE DOES NOT HAVE ANY "POLICIERS COMMUNAUX" BUT THAT THE RECRUITING FOR THEM WOULD BEGIN ON 12 AUG 95, AS ORCHESTRATED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. THESE POLICIERS HAVE NO POWERS OF ARREST UNLESS QUALIFIED AS OPJ.

(4) TO COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION, A SPECIALIZED HUMAN RIGHT OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF "INSPECTEURS DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE" IS ONGOING IN THE PREFECTURE AND THAT SIX OUT OF 17 (ONE FOR EACH COMMUNE) HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. THESE HAVE MORE POWER THAN THE OPJ AND WILL THEREFORE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF THEY PROCEED WITH ARRESTS INSTEAD OF THE RPA.

b. MILITARY(1) RPA

(a) AS REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTER DATED 7 AUG 95, THE NAME OF THE 305 RPA BDE COMMANDER, HEADQUARTERED IN NYAMABUYE COMMUNE (CLOSE TO THE GITARAMA PREFECTURE OFFICE), IS LT-COL CHARLES KAYONGA.

(b) THE NAME OF THE CO OF THE 11 RPA BATTALION (NEW ONE, STILL DEPLOYING) IS MAJOR WILSON KAZUNGU. HIS UNIT WOULD HAVE COME FROM CYANGUGU (AS REPORTED BY THE PREFET). THE PREVIOUS BATTALION COMMANDER WAS MAJOR MUBARAK WHO HAS NOW LEFT WITH HIS UNIT (31 RPA BN) TO GABIRO AREA (SECTOR 2) FOR TRAINING.

(2) FRGE. NTR.(3) OTHERS. NTR.3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIESa. SECTOR HQ. SEE PARA 2a.b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED RUTOBWE COMMUNE (7781) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM MET THE ASSISTANT OF THE BOURGMESTRE WHO STATED

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THAT LOCALS COMPLAINED OF SHORTAGE OF FOOD, SEEDS, POTABLE WATER AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GEIKO SECTOR (7884) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS STABLE. MANY LOCALS FROM MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) MOVED TO THIS SECTOR FOR SECURITY REASONS. THE SECTOR COUNSELLOR CONFIRMED THE ARRIVAL OF TWO PERSONS FROM ZAIRE TO GEIKO SECTOR LAST WEEK. HE SAID THAT THESE RETURNEES HAD REPORTED THAT A LOT OF REFUGEES WERE IMPEDED FROM COMING BACK FROM ZAIRE. THE TEAM COULD NOT SPEAK TO THESE PEOPLE. THE NEXT PATROL TO THIS AREA, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GITARAMA UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, WILL INTERVIEW THESE PEOPLE TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE REFUGEES IN ZAIRE.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 42 PRISONERS AS COMPARED TO 27 PRISONERS LAST WEEK. ALL NEW ARRESTEES ARE SUSPECTED TO BE GENOCIDAIRES. THE TEAM WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT THE CACHOT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE A LETTER SIGNED BY THE NEW BATTALION CO (NOT AVAILABLE YET).

(4) THE SECOND TEAM WENT TO MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) AND VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 59 PRISONERS IN THREE SEPARATE ROOMS. THE FIRST ROOM HAD 39 PRISONERS FOR A DENSITY OF .78 P/SQ M. THE SECOND ROOM HAD 15 PRISONERS AND A DENSITY OF .75 P/SQ M. THE LAST ROOM WAS FOR FIVE FEMALES AND HAD A DENSITY OF .83 P/SQ M.

(5) THE TEAM REPORTED THAT THREE PRISONERS HAD VERY BAD SORES AND WOUNDS TO THEIR THIGHS AND BUTTOCKS. THEY ONLY RELUCTANTLY SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN BEATEN BECAUSE OF THE RPA SOLDIER WHO WAS MONITORING THE INTERVIEW. THERE WERE NO HR OFFICERS ON THIS PATROL TO CONDUCT OR AT LEAST REQUEST A PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH THESE PRISONERS WHO HAVE, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD SUFFERED TORTURE. A HUMAN RIGHT TEAM WITH CIVPOL WILL BE SENT TOMORROW.

(6) IN REACHING GIFUMBA SECTOR (6989), THE TEAM WAS STOPPED AT ONE OF THE RPA CHECK POINTS. THE MILOBS WERE FORCED TO BE SEARCHED AS WELL AS INSIDE THE VEHICLE. THE TEAM LEADER REFUSED TO HAVE HIS PERSONAL BAG SEARCH AS IT CONTAINED PATROL REPORTS AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN VERY EMBARRASSING TO LET THE RPA GO THROUGH THEM. THE SITUATION WAS VERY TENSE AND WAS FINALLY DEFUSED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A SECOND LIEUTENANT WHO WAS

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VERY ARROGANT AND WHO REFUSED TO GIVE HIS NAME. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE RPA BDE CDR AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBILITY.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. THE TRANSPORT OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES DID NOT START THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF THE PREFECTURE REPRESENTATIVE. THE PREFET OFFERED HIS APOLOGIES AND THE MOVEMENT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW MORNING. NEVERTHELESS, THE TRANSPORT RESOURCES PROVIDED BY INDBATT WERE PUT TO GOOD USE BY MOVING LOGS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE IN MUKINGI COMMUNE (7160).

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BISHOP OF KABGAYI, MONSEIGNEUR SIBOMANA, HAS REAPPEARED TODAY. AS EXPLAINED IN YESTERDAY'S SITREP, IT WAS A LIKELY SCENARIO TO DEVELOP. THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET WITH FATHER VJEKO, THE KABGAYI ACCOUNTANT, TO DISCUSS THE BISHOP'S SAFETY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE BISHOP WILL MINIMIZE HIS CONTACTS WITH THE OUTSIDE BUT THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO "GO IN HIDING".

6. LOGISTICS. THE VEHICLE SITUATION HAS AGAIN BECOME CRITICAL. THE NUMBER OF PATROLS PERFORMED IN THIS SECTOR (BOTH PLANNED AND UNEXPECTED ONES) REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST SIX SERVICEABLE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY. MILOBS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE PRIORITY IN THIS ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS MATTER BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF UNAMIR HQ. THE VEHICLE STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	03
SERVICEABLE	05

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	06
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. AN UNEXPLODED DEVICE HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE NURSES SCHOOL AT KABGAYI. A CURSORY INSPECTION BY AN ENGINEER SUGGESTS THAT IT COULD BE A MORTAR BOMB FUSE. AN EOD TEAM IS REQUIRED ASAP.

b. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAD A MEETING WITH THE MALI CONTINGENT COMMANDER TO DISCUSS COMMAND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE 63 MALI TROOPS REMAINING AT THE PETIT SEMINAIRE. COMMANDANT KEITA ACCEPTED TO LET HIS TROOPS PERFORM LOCAL CHOIRS BUT REFUSED TO HAVE THEM PARTICIPATE IN HUMANITARIAN

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ASSISTANCE IN THE PREFECTURE WHICH IS OUTSIDE OF HIS NEW AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS DEEMED UNFORTUNATE, ESPECIALLY THAT WE COULD USE THESE TROOPS FOR ANOTHER THREE WEEKS, ESPECIALLY IF UNAMIR COULD PROVIDE US WITH SOME TRUCKS TO ANSWER SOME OF THE HUMANITARIAN REQUESTS THAT WE KEEP ON RECEIVING.

c. AS REQUESTED YESTERDAY, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF WE COULD FIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE. WE NEED TO PREPARE SOME FACILITIES. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE LAST CONFERENCE MINUTES.

d. PLEASE ADVISE UNAMIR HQ THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER RECEIVE FAXES AND TELEPHONE CALLS FOR THE MALI COMPANY NOW IN GIKONGORO.



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TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
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DATE : 06 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 051800 AUG TO 061800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. TENSE.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL. NTR.
- b. MILITARY
 - (1) RPA. NTR
 - (2) FRGF. NTR.
 - (3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

- a. SECTOR HQ. NTR
- b. TEAMS.

(1) A MILOBS TEAM VISITED KAYENZI COMMUNE (8389). THE GENERAL SITUATION IS APPARENTLY CALM. THE TEAM MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO ASKED FOR AID TO MOVE 18 TONS OF FOOD (DONATED BY WFP) FROM GITARAMA. HE ALSO REQUESTED SOME BUILDING MATERIAL TO CREATE ONE MORE ROOM IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH IS BADLY OVERCROWDED WITH A DENSITY OF 4.55 PRISONERS PER SQ METER (68 PRISONERS). IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT A COMMUNE CACHOT WAS VISITED WHERE THE MORALE WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THIS COULD BE

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EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT THE PRISONERS ARE ALLOWED TO DRINK URUGWAGWA, THE LOCAL BANANA BREW.

(2) THE POPULATION COMPLAINED OF FOOD SHORTAGE BECAUSE OF POOR HARVEST. THE BEANS AT THE MARKET ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR MANY FAMILIES DUE TO HIGH PRICE (300 FRW/KG).

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. IT APPEARS THAT THE BISHOP OF KABGAYI, MONSEIGNEUR SIBOMANA, HAS GONE INTO HIDING OR AT LEAST HAS MADE NO PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE THE BURIAL OF THE MURDERED PRIEST ON 3 AUGUST 95. THE SECTOR COMMANDER ALSO FAILED TO MEET HIM. SECURITY MEASURES AT THE "CENTRE ST-ANDRE" WHICH WAS A USUAL CONTACT POINT TO SEE THE BISHOP (ELSE THAN HIS OFFICE AT THE ECONOMAT) HAVE CLEARLY BEEN HEIGHTENED AND THERE IS NOBODY TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE BISHOP'S WHEREABOUTS. THE NONCIATURE APOSTOLIQUE IN KIGALI HAS ALSO LOST CONTACT WITH THE BISHOP. THE BISHOP, IN THE PAST, HAS DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A "GYPSIE" BECAUSE HE IS OFTEN ON THE ROAD AND HE OFTEN SLEEPS WHEREVER HE RECEIVES HOSPITALITY, WHICH IS IN ANY PARISH HE VISITS. HE COULD THEREFORE BE ON ONE OF THESE TOURS BUT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MONSEIGNEUR SIBOMANA IS A REPORTER WHO HAS WON AN INTERNATIONAL AWARD FROM "REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS". HE IS INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AND THIS STATUS COULD PROVIDE HIM SOME PROTECTION. HE IS CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER BUT THIS IS NO PROTECTION AS IT WAS ALSO THE CASE WITH THE RUHANGO SOUS-PREFET.

6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	02
AWAITING RECOVERY	01
SERVICEABLE	05

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	06
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. SIX SOLDIERS FROM INDBATT WITH TWO THREE-TON TRUCKS ARRIVED TODAY IN SEC 1B HQ AND WERE ACCOMMODATED IN THE SEC HQ COMPOUND. DURING NEXT WEEK THEY WILL TRANSPORT 416 TONS OF FOOD DONATED BY WFP (SEE OUR PREVIOUS REPORTS).

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b. THE HCHR HAS STRENGTHENED ITS TEAM IN GITARAMA WITH SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS BECAUSE OF THE RECENT WAVE OF INCIDENTS IN THE SECTOR.

c. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF WE COULD FIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE NEXT SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE. WE NEED TO PREPARE SOME FACILITIES. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE LAST CONFERENCE MINUTES.

d. WE ARE ALSO FORWARDING A HELICOPTER REQUEST FOR THURSDAY, 10 AUG 95. THIS WILL ALLOW THE SECTOR COMMANDER TO LIAISE WITH SOME OF THE BOURGMESTRES HE HAS YET TO MEET AND FOR THE NEW MILOBS TO BETTER FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE SECTOR.



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CO INDBATT

DATE : 05 AUG 95

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 041800 AUG TO 051800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. TENSE. NUMEROUS INCIDENTS AND REACTIONS TO THE DISMISSAL OF THE MUGINA (9267) BOURGMESTRE ARE INDICATORS OF CONTINUED TENSIONS IN THE SECTOR. THERE IS APPREHENSION AMONGST THE POPULATION THAT THE SITUATION IS GRADUALLY DETERIORATING TO THE PRE-GENOCIDE ERA. EVEN IN THE CALM AREAS, PEOPLE ARE VERY UNEASY ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. NTR

b. MILITARY

(1) RPA. WE WERE SURPRISED TODAY TO MEET RPA OFFICERS FROM THE 31 RPA BATTALION WHICH WE WERE TOLD HAD BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE COUNTRY. IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE 11 RPA BATTALION HAS INDEED REPLACED THE 31 RPA BATTALION BUT THAT THE LATTER BATTALION IS ACTUALLY SENT TO AN UNKNOWN TRAINING AREA. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY THE OVERALL DEPLOYMENT OF RPA FORCES IN OUR SECTOR.

(2) FRGF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER ATTENDED THE FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR DEPARTING CANADIAN MILOBS. THIS MORNING, HE LIAISED WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES IN KIGALI AND HAS RETURNED

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HERE AT 1200 HRS. TOMORROW, HE WILL BE IN KIGALI BETWEEN 0900 AND 1200 HRS.

b. TEAMS.

(1) A MILOBS TEAM VISITED MASANGO COMMUNE (6254). THE SITUATION IS CALM, BUT THE POPULATION IS FEARFUL BECAUSE OF THE RECENT KILLINGS THROUGHOUT THE PREFECTURE.

(2) IN RUKINA SECTOR (6358), THE TEAM GATHERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

i) THE ARRESTS IN THE AREA HAVE STOPPED.

ii) THERE ARE NO IDPS IN THE SECTOR.

iii) THERE IS A PROBLEM OF WATER, FOOD AND RESOURCES FOR THE REPAIR OF HOUSES DAMAGED DURING THE WAR.

iv) A LOG BRIDGE LOCATED AT 6358 IS UNDER REPAIR AND IS FINANCED BY THE PRIEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.

(3) IN GISEKE SECTOR (6464) THE LOCALS REPORTED THAT THE BANDITRY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA HAVE CEASED AND THEY COMPLAINED OF FOOD SHORTAGE.

(4) THE TEAM PASSED THROUGH MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) AND OBSERVED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION WAS APPARENTLY CALM.

4. **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.** ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD HAVE BEEN MADE WITH INDBATT WHICH WILL PROVIDE TWO TRUCKS DURING ALL NEXT WEEK TO MOVE 416 TONS OF FOOD DONATED BY THE "WORLD FOOD PROGRAM" FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES. SUPPLEMENTARY TRANSPORT REQUESTS WILL BE SENT TO INDBATT IF THESE RESOURCES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. A JOINT MILOBS/CIVPOL/HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO MUGINA COMMUNE (9267) TO INVESTIGATE THE KILLING OF THREE PERSONS ON 23 JUL 95. THE TEAM HAS MET WITH THE LOCAL PRIEST AND NUNS WHO TOLD THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE COMMUNE WAS VERY TENSE DUE TO THE DISMISSAL OF THE BOURGMESTRE ON 31 JUL 95 (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). NUMEROUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTS OF PROTEST HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNE OFFICE. THE PREFECT OF GITARAMA

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VISITED THE COMMUNE ON 1 AND 3 AUG 95 AND ADDRESSED THE LOCALS WHO WERE PROTESTING THE DISMISSAL OF THE BOURGMESTRE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DISMISSAL. HOWEVER THE POPULATION WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION AND GAVE THE AUTHORITIES A THREE DAYS ULTIMATUM EXPIRING ON 6 AUG 95 TO LEARN ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND THE DISMISSAL. OTHERWISE, LOCALS HAVE WARNED THAT PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD INTENSIFY. LOCALS HAVE BLOCKED THE ROAD LEADING TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE WITH TREES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE DISMISSED BOURGMESTRE WAS CONSIDERED A "HARDLINER" WHO HAD CONDUCTED MANY ARRESTS, SOME OF THEM CONTESTED. THE RUMOR IS THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN RELIEVED BY THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO CURTAIL THE NUMBER OF IMPROPER ARRESTS.

b. CONCERNING THE AIM OF PATROL, IT WAS LEARNED FROM THE SAME SOURCE THAT TWO LADIES AND ONE INFANT WERE KILLED BY RPA SOLDIERS IN CYERU SECTOR (9461) LATE ON 23 JUL 95. ONE LADY AND THE INFANT WERE KILLED INSTANTANEOUSLY, WHILE THE OTHER LADY DIED LATER IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 24 JUL 95 AT THE CLINIC NEAR THE COMMUNE OFFICE. ALL THREE WERE ATTACKED WITH A SPADE OR A SHOVEL. THE JOINT TEAM PROCEEDED TO CYERU SECTOR AND VISITED THE CRIME SCENE, A MARKET PLACE 2 KM FROM THE RPA COY HQ. THE SITUATION WAS TENSE AND A LARGE NUMBER OF RPA SOLDIERS WERE MONITORING THE AREA. LOCALS ADMITTED THAT THE INCIDENT DID OCCUR BUT REFUSED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE SOLDIERS.

c. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT A BOY WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY AN RPA SOLDIER ON 9 JUL 95. APPARENTLY IT WOULD BE A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY WITH ANOTHER BOY WHO WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ONE OF THE SECTOR COUNSELLORS.

6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	02
AWAITING RECOVERY	01
SERVICEABLE	05

7. PERSONNEL STATE

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	06
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS. TODAY SOME COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL CAME FROM UNAMIR HQ TO SEE OUR COMMUNICATIONS SITUATION. THEY ONLY SPOKE TO THE LOCAL ELECTRICIAN (IT WAS DURING OUR DAILY PRAYERS) AND

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ADVISED HIM THAT THEY WERE GOING TO REMOVE THE SATELLITE ANTENNA BECAUSE THE MALICOY WAS NOW GONE AND THAT A "FEW" MILOBS DID NOT JUSTIFY HAVING THE SATELLITE ANTENNA. THE SECTOR COMMANDER IS NOT SURE OF THE AUTHORITY LEVEL WHICH MAY WANT TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A DECISION BUT THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING SINCE THIS ANTENNA IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION LINK WITH YOUR HEADQUARTERS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS MATTER BE SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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FORCE HQ KIGALI
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CO INDBATT

DATE : 04 AUG 95

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 031800 AUG TO 041800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. TENSE. IN DISCUSSION WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCALS, NGOS AND UN AGENCIES, IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO REFER TO THE SITUATION AS BEING "CALM" IN THE PREFECTURE. THE SUCCESSION OF MURDERS, ARRESTS AND THREATS TO PERSONAL SECURITY INDICATE A DEFINITE TREND.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL. NTR
b. MILITARY
- (1) RPA NTR
- (2) FRGF. NTR.
- (3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

- a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET TODAY INDBATT COMMANDING OFFR IN KIGALI IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE TO SECTOR 1 B AS THIS SECTOR IS NOW DEPENDENT ON INDBATT IN TERMS OF BASIC RESOURCES. AS THE RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION THE FOLLOWING DECISION WERE TAKEN:
- (1) PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FOR CARRIAGE OF FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.
(2) MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF SITREPS TO KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED.
- b. TEAMS.
- (1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED NYABIKENKE COMMUNE

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(7292) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM . THE TEAM VISITED GROUPE SCOLAIRE "A.P.S." AND TALKED TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WHO REQUESTED FOR 20 SHEET TO BE USED BY AGRICULTURE STUDENTS FOR CAMPING WHEN THEY GO OUT FOR FIELD WORK. THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT " RWANDA EDUCATION 2000 " ASSISTED THE SCHOOL .

(2) THE TEAM ALSO MET THE BOUGMESTRE WHO REPORTED THAT LOCALS COMPLAIN OF SHORTAGE OF FOOD , POTABLE WATER AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL. HE SAID THAT ONE PERSON WAS ARRESTED IN KIGINA SECTOR FOR CATTLE STEALING, HE CAME FROM KAYENZI COMMUNE (8389) AND WAS HANDED OVER TO HIS HOME COMMUNE AUTHORITIES.

(3) THE BOURGMESTRE SHOWED CONCERN ABOUT ENGINEERS WHO HAVE NOT YET STARTED WORK ON THE BRIDGE AND SAID THAT RAIN SEASON IS ABOUT TO CAME AND THE COMMUNE MAY BE CUT OFF FROM OTHERS AREA.

(4) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HAVE 69 PRISONERS ALL OF THEM SUSPECTED TO BE GENOCIDAIRE.

(5) THE TEAM MET ALSO THE COMMUNE" KANANZA PARISH" WITH FATHER PIERRE NTWAZA WHO SAID THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS UNSTABLE AND PEOPLE ARE NOW LEAVING IN FEAR ACCORDING TO THE RECENT KILLING.

(6) THE SECOND TEAM VISITED KIGOMA COMMUNE (7649) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO ASKED ABOUT THE ENGINEERS WHO HAVE NOT YET STARTED WORK ON THE BRIDGE LINKING SOME SECTORS TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE. HE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF TIMBERS AND NAILS.

(7) THE BOURGMESTRE STATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS REGISTERED IN THE COMMUNE IS 1629. THE NUMBER OF IDPS RETURNED SINCE 15 APR IS 984. THEY ARE LIVING IN THEIR HOUSES AND COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGE OF FOOD, SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL.

(8) THE TEAM VISITED ALSO THE COMMUNE CACHOT WHICH HOLDED 29 PRISONERS SUSPECTED TO BE GENOCIDAIRE OUT OF WHICH 13 IDPS RETURNED FROM KIBEHO CAMP.

(9) THE TEAM VISITED ALSO KIGOMA, GAHOMO AND BITARE SECTORS AND SPOKE WITH SOME LOCALS WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, FOOD, POTABLE WATER AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL.

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THE TEAM ALSO VISITED GAHOMBO PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH HAS 950 STUDENTS, THE STAFF STRENGTH IS 14 TEACHERS OUT OF WHICH THREE ARE QUALIFIED. THE DIRECTOR REQUESTED BOOKS AND STATIONARY FOR 167 ORPHANS COMING FROM VARIOUS SECTORS. HE ALSO REQUESTED FOR DESKS TABLES AND BUILDING MATERIALS TO REPAIR THE CLASSROOMS.

c. MALICOY . NTR.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, 435 TONS OF FOOD ARE AWAITING TRANSPORT RESOURCES TO BE MOVED FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS PER DAY TO SUPPORT THIS TASK. NOTHING WAS TRANSPORTED TODAY.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).MILOBS:

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	02
SERVICEABLE	06

7. PERSONNEL STATEMILOBS

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	06
PRESENT	19

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

WE WILL STOP REPORTING MALICOY STRENGTH AS PART OF OUR SITREP DUE TO ITS DEPARTURE TO GIKONGORO. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS TO DISCUSS WITH THE MALI CONTINGENT COMMANDER THE COMMAND RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL HAVE TO BE APPLIED TO THESE 63 PERSONNEL REMAINING AT THE PETIT SEMINAIRE. YOU WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS AN UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED.

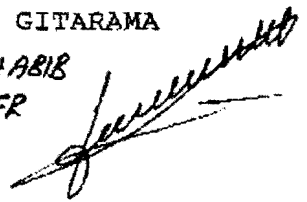
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TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 03 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 021800 AUG TO 031800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL. TENSE. IN DISCUSSION WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCALS, NGOS AND UN AGENCIES, IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO REFER TO THE SITUATION AS BEING "CALM" IN THE PREFECTURE. THE SUCCESSION OF MURDERS, ARRESTS AND THREATS TO PERSONAL SECURITY INDICATE A DEFINITE TREND.

b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. THE SECTOR COMMANDER MET WITH THE RPA BDE CDR TODAY. THE LATTER STATED THAT A UGANDAN NEWSPAPER (THE SUNDAY VISION, 30 JUL 95) QUOTED THE UNAMIR SPOKESMAN, MR DIALLO, AS SAYING: "OUR MILITARY ADVISERS SAW ONE GOVERNMENT SOLDIER IN UNIFORM OUTSIDE THE HOUSE", TALKING OF THE RUHANGO SOUS-PREFET'S HOUSE. THE BDE CDR WAS UPSET THAT AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN WOULD REPORT THAT THE UNIFORMED MAN WAS A "GOVERNMENT SOLDIER". HE IS RIGHT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROOF YET THAT THIS UNIFORMED MAN WAS AN RPA SOLDIER. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT UNAMIR HQ BE CAREFUL IN NOT EQUATING "UNIFORMED MEN" WITH "RPA SOLDIERS" IN ANY OFFICIAL INTERFACE WITH THE PUBLIC. THIS WOULD HELP IMPROVE RPA COOPERATION ON THE TERRAIN.

b. MILITARY

(1) RPA

(a) AS REPORTED IN OUR INCREP TODAY, THREE RPA SOLDIERS "ARRESTED" TODAY TWO WOMEN. ONE WAS FATHER VJEKO'S SECRETARY AT THE KABGAYI ECONOMAT. THE OTHER ONE WORKED FOR MSF AS A LABORATORY TECHNICIAN. THE FIRST LADY WAS INTERROGATED BY THE RPA AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED BECAUSE OF THE BISHOP'S INTERVENTION AUPRES THE PRIME

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MINISTER WHO THEN CONTACTED THE VICE-PRESIDENT. THE RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER WAS PHONED AT HOME FROM KIGALI AND TOLD TO RELEASE THIS WOMAN. HE REACTED VERY QUICKLY BUT HE NOW SHOWS THE SIGN OF A MAN WHO "HAD HIS FINGERS SLAPPED" AND WHO IS VERY BITTER TOWARDS THE BISHOP WHO WENT TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI (AND APPARENTLY TO SOME EMBASSIES) TO SOLVE A PROBLEM WHO COULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THIS RAISED LEVEL OF TENSION WAS OBVIOUS AT THE MEETING WITH THE SECTOR COMMANDER.

(b) THE BDE CDR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE UNAMIR HELICOPTER IN SECTOR 5C WHERE SOMEONE FROM UNAMIR (THE BDE CDR SPECIFIED THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT THIS PERSON WAS NOT WEARING A UNIFORM) WOULD HAVE INCITE LOCALS NOT TO REPORT INTERHAMWE ACTIVITIES TO THE RPA.

(2) FRGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WAS BUSY VISITING THE RPA BDE COMMANDER AND ATTENDING THE BURIAL OF THE PRIEST KILLED IN KAMONYI.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOBS TEAM VISITED MUKINGI COMMUNE (7160) AND MET THE BOURGMESTRE WHO STATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS IS SEVEN FAMILIES, COMPRISING 12 PEOPLE, ALL ARRIVING AFTER 15 APR 95. TWO IDPS WERE ARRESTED AND ARE NOW IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES IS 17 FAMILIES COMPRISING 88 PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN VARIOUS SECTORS, SOME OF THEM LIVING IN ABANDONED HOUSES.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT AND REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS IS 80 MEN AND THREE WOMEN. THE PRISON HAS FOUR ROOMS FOR A TOTAL SURFACE OF 510 SQ METERS. THE DENSITY IS THEREFORE .15 PRISONERS PER SQ METER (WHICH IS QUITE REASONABLE). ALL PRISONERS ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING GENOCIDAIRES.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED MAHEMBI SECTOR (7159) AND

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SPOKE WITH SOME LOCALS WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF FOOD AND POTABLE WATER.

(4) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE ONLY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE SECTOR AND LEARNED THAT THE SCHOOL HAS EIGHT CLASSES FOR A TOTAL OF 430 STUDENTS. THE STAFF STRENGTH IS EIGHT TEACHERS, OUT OF WHICH SEVEN ARE QUALIFIED. THE SCHOOL LACKS BOOKS, STATIONARY AND DESKS TO EQUIP ALL EIGHT CLASSES.

(5) THE SECOND MILOB TEAM VISITED MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (8274) AND REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION HAS APPARENTLY IMPROVED. THE GITARAMA PREFET GAVE THE LOCALS THE ASSURANCE THAT INEFFICIENT COUNSELLORS, WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THEIR OFFICES WITHIN TWO WEEKS TIME. THIS PROMISE WAS MADE ONE WEEK AGO, AFTER A SECURITY MEETING, AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED AS OF YET.

(6) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED KAMONYI SECTOR IN TABA COMMUNE (8883) TO FOLLOW UP ON THE MURDER OF THE PRIEST IN THIS AREA TWO DAYS AGO AND FOUND THAT A CHURCH SERVICE WAS BEING CONDUCTED. THE BURIAL CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT KABGAYI CEMETERY AND WAS ATTENDED BY AT LEAST 2000 PEOPLE. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE BDE CDR, THE SECTOR COMMANDER LEARNED THAT RPA SOLDIERS HAD PICKED TWO EMPTY CASINGS AT THE MURDER SCENE AND THEY WERE 7,62 MM CALIBER.

(7) THE MILOB STANDBY TEAM WAS DEPLOYED TO MASANGO COMMUNE (6254) TO INVESTIGATE A REPORT THAT A PRIEST HAD BEEN KILLED IN THIS AREA. THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

(a) THE VICTIM IS A LOCAL, MR BIRENYIMONA FRANCOIS, KILLED ON 1 AUG 95 AT 2200 HRS AT HIS RESIDENCE BY RPA SOLDIERS.

(b) THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS. THE FIRST ONE, FROM THE BOURGMESTRE, CONTENTS THAT THE VICTIM HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING A GENOCIDAIRE BY ANOTHER LOCAL WHO ACCOMPANIED THREE RPA SOLDIERS WHO WENT TO THE VICTIM'S HOUSE. THE VICTIM WOULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GRAB A GRENADE WHEN HE SAW THE SOLDIERS AND HE WOULD HAVE THEN BEEN SHOT BY ONE OF THE RPA SOLDIERS.

(c) THE SECOND VERSION, FROM THE VICTIM'S WIFE, CONTENTS THAT THE TEN RPA SOLDIERS, ACCOMPANIED BY 11 TUTSI ARRIVED AT HER HOUSE. HER HUSBAND WOULD

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HAVE OPENED A WINDOW TO SPEAK TO THE SOLDIER. THEN THE SOLDIERS WOULD HAVE FORCED THEIR WAY IN THE HOUSE AND WOULD HAVE KILLED HER HUSBAND. SHE ALSO REPORTS THAT SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE WHERE SHE WAS TORTURED AND FORCED TO SIGN A DECLARATION MATCHING THE FIRST VERSION HEREIN REPORTED.

c. MALICOY. THE MALI COY PLATOON DEPLOYED AT MASANGO (6254) DEPARTED TODAY TO GIKONGORO. THE OTHER PLATOONS WILL MOVE TOMORROW FROM GITARAMA AND RUHANGO TO THE NEW STATION.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, 435 TONS OF FOOD ARE AWAITING TRANSPORT RESOURCES TO BE MOVED FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS PER DAY TO SUPPORT THIS TASK. NOTHING WAS TRANSPORTED TODAY.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).

a. MILLOBS:

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	02
SERVICEABLE	06

b. MALICOY:

ON CHARGE	20
UNDER REPAIR	05
SERVICEABLE	15

7. PERSONNEL STATE

a. MILLOBS

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	06
PRESENT	19

b. MALICOY

POSTED	198
LEAVE/CTO	40
PRESENT	158

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. AS OF TOMORROW, WE WILL STOP REPORTING MALICOY STRENGTH AS PART OF OUR SITREP. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAS TO DISCUSS WITH THE MALI CONTINGENT COMMANDER THE COMMAND RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL HAVE TO BE APPLIED TO THESE 63 PERSONNEL REMAINING AT THE PETIT SEMINAIRE. YOU WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS AN UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED.

b. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL BE IN KIGALI TOMORROW TO MEET CO INDBATT AT 1015 HRS. HE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR CANADIAN AT THE BVC IN THE AFTERNOON. THE ACTING SECTOR COMMANDER FROM 040900 TO 051000 AUG 95 WILL BE COMMANDANT OUESLATI.

c. AS A GENERAL PIECE OF INFORMATION, ONE OF OUR MILOBS HEARD ON THE BBC THIS MORNING THAT ZAMBIA WAS CONSIDERING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST BURUNDI IF THE FLOW OF REFUGEES DOES NOT STOP. IF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT OCCURS, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE NEIGHBORING MILOBS SECTORS WOULD FEEL THE IMPACT.



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LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 02 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 011800 AUG TO 021800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIESa. POLITICAL

(1) THE GITARAMA PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MET TODAY WITH THREE MALI WITNESSES CONCERNING THE SOUS PREFET MURDER, INCLUDING THE SERGEANT WHO WAS AT THE HOUSE THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. INTERVIEWS TOOK PLACE TODAY AT MALI PLATOON LOCATION IN RUHANGO AT 1000 HRS.

b. MILITARY

- (1) RPA. NTR.
- (2) FRGF. NTR.
- (3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. AS REPORTED, THE SECTOR COMMANDER WAS BUSY VISITING KIGALI TO REVIEW PERSONNEL MATTERS.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOB TEAM VISITED NYAMABUYE COMMUNE (7570) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS REGISTERED IN THE COMMUNE IS 60, WHILE ONLY TWO IDPS ARE IMPRISONED.

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(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE COMMUNE CACHOT AND REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS IS 77, OUT OF WHICH 65 ARE SUSPECTED FOR THE GENOCIDE AND 12 FOR COMMON CRIMES. THE BOURGMESTRE REQUESTED TO TRANSPORT 18 PRISONERS TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES AND PREFECTURES.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED KIVUMU SECTOR (8773) AND MET WITH THE COUNSELLOR WHO STATED THAT LOCALS COMPLAINED ABOUT SHORTAGES OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS AND SEEDS. THERE ARE 60 WIDOWS AND 340 ORPHANS IN THE SECTOR LIVING WITH THEIR RELATIVES. CARITAS PROVIDED BUILDING MATERIALS TO REPAIR HOUSES FOR WIDOWS AND SOME RESCAPEES.

(4) THE SECOND MILOB TEAM VISITED BULINGA COMMUNE (6679) AND FOUND THE SECURITY SITUATION TO BE UNSTABLE. THE TEAM VISITED KIBINGO CELLULE (9975) AND REPORTED THAT ON 25 JUL 95, THREE LOCALS WERE ARRESTED AND ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE GENOCIDE.

(5) THE TEAM MET ALSO THE BOURGMESTRE WHO REPORTED THAT ON 23 JUL 95, FIVE BANDITS ATTACKED A FAMILY IN GASAVU SECTOR AND STOLE 31 000 FRW AND DOMESTIC ITEMS. TWO BANDITS WERE ARRESTED THE NEXT DAY AND THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING. TWO WEEKS AGO, A LOCAL WHO WAS IN GISENY PREFECTURE AT THE TIME OF THE GENOCIDE, WAS KILLED BY RPA IN NYARACTOVU SECTOR AS HE WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING A GENOCIDAIRE (MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE KILLING).

(6) IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT THERE WERE 46 PRISONERS IN TWO ROOMS. THE PRISONER DENSITY WAS 1.92 PRISONER PER SQUARE METER (SEE MISCELLANEOUS).

(7) THE TEAM ALSO COLLECTED A FULL WRITTEN REPORT PROVIDED BY A FORMER JUDGE IN THE COMMUNE WHO IS READY TO COMPLEMENT THIS DETAILED INFORMATION. THE TEXT IS BEING TRANSLATED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS SHORTLY.

c. MALICOY. THE ADVANCED GUARD OF MALICOY DEPARTED TODAY TO GIKONGORO (ONE PLATOON).

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

a. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, 435 TONS OF FOOD ARE AWAITING TRANSPORT RESOURCES TO BE MOVED FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS

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COMMUNES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS PER DAY TO SUPPORT THIS TASK.

b. INDBATT PROVIDED ONE BEDFORD TRUCK TO TRANSPORT FIVE TONS OF WOOD FROM GITARAMA TO MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) OFFICE.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. AS REPORTED IN OUR INCREP TODAY, A MILOBS TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO TABA COMMUNE (8883) SECTOR KAMONYI (9079) TO GATHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST OF RWANDESE NATIONALITY, FATHER PIE NTAHOBARI (RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KAMONYI PARISH).

b. THERE ARE VARIOUS DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF HOW THE MURDER TOOK PLACE. THE GENERAL IDEA OF THE MURDER SCENE IS THAT AT 1900 HRS YESTERDAY THE PRIEST WAS COMING BACK HOME AS USUAL FROM RUNDA COMMUNE IN HIS CAR. ONE SOURCE, QUITE RELIABLE BECAUSE OF ITS APPOINTMENT, REPORTS THAT THE PRIEST WAS STOPPED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE RESIDENCE BY ONE ARMED UNIFORMED MAN AND TWO PEOPLE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING. THE SECOND SOURCE, WHICH IS THE TWO GUARDS AT THE CHURCH, ARE SAYING SOMEONE KNOCKED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMPOUND BUT THAT THEY REFUSED TO OPEN WHEN THE VISITORS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. THEN THEY HEARD THE PRIEST'S CAR ARRIVING AND THE VISITORS WENT AWAY. THEY CONTEND THAT THE CAR ACTUALLY STOPPED APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS AWAY FROM THE RESIDENCE, FAR ENOUGH FOR THEM NOT TO BE ABLE TO SEE ANYONE WHO WOULD HAVE STOPPED THE VEHICLE. THE PRIEST WOULD HAVE CALLED THE GUARDS TO PICK UP THE CAR KEYS. ONE OF THE GUARDS DID SO AND DID NOT SEE ANYBODY ELSE THAN THE PRIEST STANDING OUTSIDE OF HIS VEHICLE. HE BROUGHT BACK THE KEYS TO THE OTHER GUARD INSIDE THE COMPOUND WHO THEN WENT BACK OUTSIDE TO BRING THE CAR BACK. AT THE CAR LOCATION, HE DID NOT SEE ANYBODY. THIS LATTER SOURCE IS MUCH LESS CREDIBLE SINCE IT SEEMS TO BE A FORGED DECLARATION TO AVOID HAVING TO DENOUNCE ANY OF THE MURDERERS.

c. BOTH SOURCES AGREE ON THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. THE PRIEST, UPON HIS ARREST, REQUESTED THAT ONE OF THE GUARD PICK UP THE CAR KEYS SO THAT THEY COULD BE HANDED OVER TO ANOTHER PRIEST WHO WAS INSIDE THE CHURCH COMPOUND. THE PRIEST WAS THEN CONDUCTED TO AN AREA NEAR STE-BENEDICTE SCHOOL INSIDE THE BANANA PLANTATION. TWO SHOTS WERE HEARD APPROXIMATELY AT 1930 HRS BY MANY NEIGHBORS. THIS MORNING, AT 0600 HRS, THE BODY WHICH BORE GUNSHOT AND MACHETE WOUNDS WAS FOUND BY AN 11 YRS OLD BOY AND THE BOY'S FATHER

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IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS BEING THE PRIEST. HE INFORMED THE SECTOR COUNSELLOR WHO IN TURN INFORMED KAMONYI CHURCH.

d. THESE PEOPLE WERE AT THE MURDER SCENE THIS MORNING:

- (1) THE GITARAMA PREFET AT 1200 HRS
- (2) TWO IPGS (INSPECTEUR DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE), ONE FROM TABA COMMUNE AND ONE FROM THE GITARAMA PREFECTURE
- (3) TWO REPORTERS, ONE FROM RADIO RWANDA AND ONE FROM KENYA METEKE
- (4) TWO OR THREE RPA SOLDIERS

e. IN INTERVIEWING LOCALS, MILOBS LEARNED THAT YESTERDAY THREE RPA SOLDIERS WENT TO THE PRIEST RESIDENCE AND THEN ONE OF THE SOLDIERS WENT TO THE BANANA PLANTATION WHERE THE PRIEST WAS KILLED THE NEXT DAY.

6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).a. MILOBS:

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UNDER REPAIR	02
SERVICEABLE	06

b. MALICOY:

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7. PERSONNEL STATEa. MILOBS

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LEAVE/CTO	04
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8. MISCELLANEOUS. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BEGIN REPORTING CACHOT DENSITY IN PRISONERS PER SQUARE METER. THIS DATA WILL BE MORE RELEVANT IN TERMS OF DETENTION CONDITIONS. ABSOLUTE NUMBERS WILL STILL BE REPORTED TO MONITOR ANY FLUCTUATION IN THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS, EITHER GENOCIDE RELATED OR OTHER CRIMES.



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COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 01 AUG 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
CO INDBATT//SECTOR 1

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 311800 JUL TO 011800B AUG 95

1. SITUATIONa. GENERAL. CALM.b. BORDERS. NA.2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIESa. POLITICAL

(1) THE GITARAMA PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MET TODAY WITH THE MALI CONTINGENT COMMANDER TO DISCUSS THE INTERVIEWS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE WITH THE VARIOUS WITNESSES INVOLVED IN THE SOUS-PREFET MURDER, INCLUDING THE SERGEANT WHO WAS AT THE HOUSE THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. THE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AT THE MALI PLATOON LOCATION IN RUHANGO AT 0900 HRS.

(2) DURING THE VISIT TODAY OF THE GITARAMA PRISON BY THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NONCE APOSTOLIQUE, THE CONTINGENT COMMANDER WAS APPROACHED BY THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MR WHALEY, TO RELEASE SOME OF THE FACTUAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH OF THE SOUS-PREFET. THE SECTOR COMMANDER BRIEFED HIM ON THE INFORMATION THAT WAS CURRENTLY HELD, AS REPORTED IN OUR PREVIOUS SITREPS.

b. MILITARY(1) RPA. NTR.(2) FRGF. NTR.(3) OTHERS. NTR.

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3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. AS REPORTED, THE SECTOR COMMANDER WAS BUSY VISITING THE GITARAMA PRISON WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NONCE APOSTOLIQUE.

b. TEAMS.

(1) THE FIRST MILOB TEAM VISITED TABA COMMUNE (8883) AND FOUND THE GENERAL SITUATION TO BE CALM. THE TEAM REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS REGISTERED IN THE COMMUNE IS 20 WHILE ONLY TWO IDPS RETURNED AFTER 15 APRIL. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES DESTROYED IS 907, OUT OF WHICH 230 HAVE SINCE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO COLLECTED THE GENERATOR FROM THE COMMUNE OFFICE FOR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO KIGALI FOR REPAIRS. THE TEAM ALSO MET THE PRIMARY SCHOOL INSPECTOR WHO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF BOOKS, STATIONARY, SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE ITEMS.

(3) THE TEAM VISITED NGAMBA SECTOR AND SPOKE TO SOME LOCALS WHO REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION WAS STABLE. LOCALS COMPLAINED OF SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND POTABLE WATER IN THE SECTOR.

(4) THE SECOND TEAM VISITED MURAMA COMMUNE (6749) AND REPORTED THAT THE CULTURAL GROUPS FROM ALL SECTORS WERE GATHERED TO COMPETE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PREFECTURE LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE GROUP. THE TEAM VISITED JOMA (6450) AND RUBONA (6247) SECTORS AND SPOKE TO LOCALS WHO REPORTED SHORTAGES OF FOOD DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL FROM GIKONGORO AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL MATERIAL. THE POOR SOIL FERTILITY WAS ALSO REPORTED, THUS A REQUEST FOR FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES.

c. MALICOY.

(1) MALICOY HAS DELAYED ITS DEPARTURE TO GIKONGORO DUE TO THE LATE DEPARTURE OF THE ZAMBIAN CONTINGENT ON FRIDAY.

(2) LAST NIGHT, 60 MEMBERS OF THE MALICOY AND ALL MILOBS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION GIVEN AT KABGAYI BY MONSEIGNEUR SIBOMANA, THE BISHOP AND ADMINISTRATOR OF KABGAYI. THE FUNCTION WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS WHERE MALICOY WAS THANKED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE BISHOP

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ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT TO UNAMIR TROOPS REMAINING AT KABGAYI.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

a. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, 435 TONS FOOD ARE AWAITING TRANSPORT RESOURCES TO BE MOVED FROM GITARAMA TO VARIOUS COMMUNES. A LIAISON WITH CO INDBATT TODAY REVEALED THAT ONE TRUCK WOULD BE SENT TOMORROW. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS PER DAY TO SUPPORT THIS TASK. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL MEET CO INDBATT ON FRIDAY 4 AUG 95 AT 1000 HRS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO STREAMLINE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO THE PREFECTURE.

b. A MILOBS TEAM THAT WAS ON STANDBY WAS DISPATCHED TO KAMONY SECTOR IN TABA COMMUNE (8883) TO TRANSPORT GOODS FROM GITARAMA FOR THE "INITIATIVE PRIVEE POUR LA FORMATION DES JEUNES FILLES" WHICH WAS ORGANIZING A MEETING IN STE-BENEDICTE SCHOOL.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE).a. MILOBS:

ON CHARGE	08
UNDER REPAIR	02
SERVICEABLE	06

b. MALICOY:

ON CHARGE	20
UNDER REPAIR	05
SERVICEABLE	15

7. PERSONNEL STATEa. MILOBS

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LEAVE/CTO	04
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b. MALICOY

POSTED	198
LEAVE/CTO	40
PRESENT	158

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE GITARAMA PRISON WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY. NUMEROUS SOURCES ARE BEING USED TO PROVIDE AN ENCOMPASSING VIEW OF THIS HIGHLY VISIBLE PROBLEM. THIS SEPARATE REQUEST HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY LT-COL SHABIR, MA TO DFC, WHO WILL BE AN INFO ADDRESSEE.

b. THE SECTOR COMMANDER WILL BE IN KIGALI TOMORROW. THE ACTING SECTOR COMMANDER FOR THE DAY WILL BE COMMANDANT QUESLATI.



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LT-COL
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ
TO : MILOB GP HQ
FORCE HQ KIGALI
HAC

DATE : 30 JUL 95

INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)
SECTOR 5C // MILOB SECTOR COMMANDER
SECTOR 1 // CO INDBATT

SITREP COVERING
PERIOD 291800 JUL TO 301800B JUL 95

1. SITUATION

- a. GENERAL. CALM.
- b. BORDERS. NA.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIESa. POLITICAL

(1) AS REPORTED IN A SPECIAL SITREP DATED 301330 JUL 95, THIS MORNING THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAD A LONG MEETING WITH THE RPA BRIGADE CDR, LT-COL KAYONGA, AND FOUR SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. THE FIRST ONE WAS THE MURDER OF THE SOUS-PREFET AND WAS THE OBJECT OF THE SPECIAL SITREP ALREADY SENT. THE FOLLOWING IS NOW AN UPDATE OF THE SOUS-PREFET MURDER CASE:

(a) THE DCMO WAS BRIEFED BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER AT 1400 AND THE LATTER WAS AUTHORIZED TO DIRECTLY BRIEF THE FC. THIS WAS NOT DONE DURING THE AFTERNOON SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH EITHER THE FC OR DCOS OPS.

(b) AT 1455 HRS, THE RPA BDE CDR SENT A LIAISON OFFICER TO FIND OUT ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE QUESTION OF THE "MALI WITNESS" AND THE SECTOR COMMANDER TOLD HIM THAT COMDT KEITA WAS INVESTIGATING AND IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING THE FORCE HQ FOR GUIDANCE.

(c) AT 1750 HRS, THE GITARAMA PREFET VISITED THE SECTOR COMMANDER UNTIL 1845 HRS. HE APPEARED EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND EXPLAINED THE EFFECT THAT THE MURDER OF THE SOUS-PREFET WILL HAVE ON THE WORK OF THE "COMMISSION DE TRIAGE". HE RELAYED THE STORY OF MR KOLONI PLACID, THE LATE SOUS-

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PREFET, WHO WAS ACTUALLY ONLY ACCUSED BY ONE LADY HAD RECEIVED A DISTORTED STORY ON HOW HER HUSBAND WAS KILLED. IF A PERSON WRONGLY ACCUSED BY ONLY ONE PERSON GETS MASSACRED ALONG WITH ALL THE MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD, THE PEOPLE FREED FROM A DECISION OF THIS COMMISSION WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SCARED TO BE FREED TO THE POINT WHERE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION COULD BE COMPLETELY JAMMED. HE ALSO FEELS THAT SUCH A BLOW TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IS A SIGN THAT THE RECONCILIATION IS REGRESSING.

(d) AT 1915 HRS, DCOS OPS INSTRUCTED THE MALI CONTINGENT COMMANDER TO MAKE THE WITNESS MALI SERGEANT AVAILABLE TO THE GENDARMERIE IN RUHANGO. COMDT KEITA WAS TO INFORM THE SENIOR MALI IN THEATER, COL DIARRA. THE MALI SERGEANT IS STILL IN RUHANGO.

(2) THE SECOND TOPIC DISCUSSED WAS THE OVERCROWDING OF THE GITARAMA PRISON. THE SECTOR COMMANDER ENQUIRES ABOUT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN FINDING PLACES WHERE TO TRANSFER PRISONERS. THE BRIGADE COMMANDER SAID THAT HIS PREVIOUS HOPES TO MOVE SOME MORE PRISONERS TO THE NYANZA PRISON HAD NOW VANISHED DUE TO THE SATURATION OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT. HE REPORTED THAT THE 225 PRISONERS TRANSFERRED FROM THE GITARAMA PRISON HAD BEEN A HEAVY BURDEN AT NYANZA PRISON, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR MEDICAL CONDITION. THE BRIGADE COMMANDER EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE MOVE OF PRISONERS AS SOON AS HE IS TOLD BY CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES WHERE TO SEND THEM. HE SAID THAT THE WHOLE DETENTION SYSTEM WAS CURRENTLY OVERLOADED AND THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHORT TERM.

(3) IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO THE PRISON, LT-COL KAYONGA EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD A VERY TRANSPARENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BAD SITUATION IN THE PRISON. HE RELAYED THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED THE ICRC TO TAKE PICTURES INSIDE THE PRISON AND EVEN TO FILM SO THAT THE FOOTAGE COULD BE USED TO CONVEY TO INTERNATIONAL OR INTERNAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAD NOT VISUALIZE THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE REQUEST THAT WAS SENT TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NONCE APOSTOLIQUE TO VISIT TWO DETAINED PRIESTS AT 011000 AUG 95, HE SAID THAT HE WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE VISIT AND THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE SECTOR COMMANDER WITH A PHONE NUMBER AT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WHERE A REPLY COULD BE OBTAINED. THE MA TO THE DFC, LT-COL SHABIR, WAS BRIEFED ON THE

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MATTER BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER AT THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE AND HE IS TO ATTEMPT CONTACTING THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO TRACK DOWN THE REQUEST AND, HOPEFULLY, ITS POSITIVE REPLY.

(4) THE THIRD AND FOURTH SUBJECTS ARE REPORTED IN THE NEXT HEADING.

b. MILITARY(1) RPA.

(a) THE THIRD SUBJECT WAS THE INCIDENT THAT WE HAD REPORTED IN OUR SITREP DATED 24 JUL 95 (PARA 3. A. i)), THAT IS TO SAY THE ALLEGED VISIT OF A UNAMIR HELICOPTER TO KIBUYE WHERE UNAMIR PERSONNEL HAD DISEMBARKED AND HAD ENCOURAGED LOCALS TO "COOPERATE WITH INTERHAMWE". THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GIVEN BY LT-COL KAYONGA:

i. THE HELICOPTER WOULD HAVE LANDED IN THE GISOVU COMMUNE IN SECTOR GITABURA (SECTOR 5C - 2455) ON 8 JUL 95 AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME. 2. 07 Jul 95

ii. A UNAMIR PERSON (DRESS UNKNOWN BUT THE QUESTION WAS POSED TO THE BDE CDR WHO WILL PURSUE) WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE SECTOR COUNCILLOR, MR KAGYENGANA FAUSTIN AND A LOCAL TEACHER, MR KAYUMBA ELIA. THE SECTOR COUNCILLOR HAS REPORTED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED UNAMIR MEMBER HAD ASKED GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION. WHEN TOLD THAT RPA SOLDIERS HAD COME TO CAPTURE ALLEGED INTERHAMWE COMING FROM LAKE KIVU, THE UNAMIR PERSONNEL HAD REPLIED THAT THE POPULATION SHOULD NOT REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF INTERHAMWE COMING FROM LAKE KIVU.

iii. THE BRIGADE COMMANDER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS AREA EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THIS ALLEGED INCIDENT AND WOULD LIKE RECEIVE FEEDBACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(b) THE FOURTH POINT DISCUSSED WAS THE SECURITY SITUATION AT THE PETIT SEMINAIRE ONCE THE MALICOY WOULD HAVE LEFT NEXT WEEK. THE SECTOR COMMANDER HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH DCMO WHO HAD AGREED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING RPA GUARDS FOR THE PETIT SEMINAIRE COULD BE CONSIDERED.

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AFTER A FURTHER ESTIMATE BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER, IT WAS ACTUALLY REALIZED THAT THE SECURITY ADVANTAGE OF HAVING RPA GUARDS AT OUR LOCATION WOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY DISADVANTAGES IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO MEET UNAMIR MANDATE. THE SECTOR COMMANDER THEREFORE ONLY REMINDED THE BRIGADE COMMANDER THAT THE RWANDA GOVERNMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF UN PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS REQUESTED THAT SOME SORT OF SURVEILLANCE PLAN BE DEvised WITH THE NEW SECURITY SITUATION OF THE PETIT SEMINAIRE IN MIND.

(c) THE RPA CONDUCTED NUMEROUS PATROLS IN GITARAMA TOWN AND OTHER COMMUNES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THIS ACTION COULD BE DUE TO THE HEIGHTENED SECURITY SITUATION IN THE PREFECTURE.

(2) FRGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ. AS REPORTED, THE SECTOR COMMANDER WAS BUSY LIAISING WITH THE RPA BDE CDR, THE COMMANDER OF THE MALI CONTINGENT, THE DCMO, PERSONNEL FROM THE FORCE HQ AND THE GITARAMA PREFET CONCERNING NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOUS-PREFET MURDER CASE.

b. TEAMS.

(1) TWO MILOBS TEAMS COMPRISING OF A TOTAL OF FOUR MILOBS WENT TO MUSHUBATI COMMUNE (6970) TO ATTEND THE REBURIAL CEREMONY ORGANIZED TODAY IN THIS COMMUNE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 700 PEOPLE.

(2) THE MILOBS TEAMS PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CHAIRS AND BENCHES FROM THE COMMUNE OFFICE TO THE BURIAL SITE IN REMERA SECTOR (7071) AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BODIES FROM OTHER SITES TO THE REBURIAL SITE.

(3) THE REBURIAL CEREMONY STARTED AT 1400 HRS AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF ONE MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT, ONE POLICE OFFICER AND THE CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM GISENY.

(4) APPROXIMATELY 350 BODIES WERE ALREADY BURIED AT THE SITE AND 15 TO 20 BODIES WERE DUG FROM OTHER PLACES AND BROUGHT TO THE REBURIAL SITE (7172).

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(5) THE CEREMONY FINISHED AT 1600 HRS AFTER WHICH THERE WAS A SMALL TEA PARTY IN HONOR OF THE HONOR GUEST AT KARAMA COLLEGE (7270) WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE MILOBS.

c. MALICOY. MALICOY CONTINUED THE PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR DEPARTURE TO GIKONGORO. THEY STARTED REMOVING THE OUTER PERIMETER OF BARBWARE AROUND THE PETIT SEMINAIRE.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION WITH THE SECTOR COMMANDER TODAY, THE GITARAMA PREFET, ALMOST AS A POST-SCRIPTUM TO A VISIT WHERE HE OBVIOUSLY HAD OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND, REQUESTED HELP FOR THE TRANSPORT OF 435 TONS OF FOOD WHICH HE HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM PAM (WORLD FOOD PROGRAM). FOR THIS REASON, WE URGENTLY REQUEST HELP FROM INDBATT FOR THE MOVE OF THIS FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO ALL 17 COMMUNES. TWO TRUCKS PER DAY WOULD BE A REASONABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

6. LOGISTICS (VEHICLE STATE)

a. MILOBS:

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7. PERSONNEL STATE

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. THIS HQ WISHES TO RECEIVE SOME FEEDBACK ON NEW SITREP, AS REQUESTED YESTERDAY:

- (1) WHERE DO YOU WISH TO HAVE THE PERSONNEL STATE? *log* →
- (2) WHAT DO YOU SEE AS CIVILIAN AFFAIRS WHICH ARE NOT "POLITICAL" (PARA 2 a.) OR HUMANITARIAN AS PARA 4.? *Misc*
- (3) IS IT NOT AWKWARD TO HAVE ONE OF THE SUB-SUB-PARA (2. b. (3)), TITLED "OTHERS", DESCRIBED AS "BANDITRY" WHEN THE PARAGRAPH TITLE IS "MILITARY"?

b. WHAT IS THE POLICY ON PROVIDING MILITARY MAPS TO THE RPA? THE RPA BDE COMMANDER ALREADY HAS SOME OF OUR MAPS AND HE WISHES TO COMPLETE HIS SET. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE RPA IS OF COURSE A "NATIONAL ARMY" AND THAT WE TRY TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, THE SECTOR COMMANDER RECOMMENDS THAT WE ALLOW THE ISSUE OF ONE SET OF MAPS OF RWANDA TO THE BDE COMMANDER. A REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.



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* POLICY - no problem of issuing maps.
FHR issued 6 complete sets to RPA 20
for all 6 brigades.

