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From: Lt Col I Abubakar
CMPO

Date: 10 November 1995

Subject: GENERAL CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE MISSION

1. In view of the recent changes on Personnel arriving or departing the mission area in recent months, it has become necessary to highlight the General conduct and Discipline of Military Personnel in the Mission area as contained in the SOP.

2. Discipline is universally accepted world-wide as the pillar of any force, which in this context, affects Military Personnel serving under UNAMIR. All personnel are expected to exhibit the highest degree of discipline, during their tour of assignment in the Mission. Anything short of that, would be a reflection of the standard of discipline in their various armed forces.

3. Section 4 of UNAMIR SOP is instructive on this issue. However, it is pertinent to remind us of some of the very salient points contained therein:

Section 4 paragraph 2 - Conduct - Discipline is a national responsibility and will be handled by Contingent Commanders once a matter is brought to their attention by responsible UNAMIR authority:

- a. Paying of compliments - All ranks of national contingents will pay respects to UN Officers of higher rank and to the Military Services of the host country. On arrival for service within UNAMIR, personnel should endeavour to make themselves familiar with the badges of rank of other contingents and of the Military Services of the host country in order that proper recognition and respect is maintained in the force.
- b. Local Laws/Customs - Personnel should bear in mind the importance of respecting the laws and regulations of the host country and also neighbouring states where they may proceed on leave or on duty.

All local inhabitants are to be treated with the utmost courtesy and respect; personnel should not offend local inhabitants by knowingly or carelessly violating their social customs or religious sentiments.

- c. Hunting and shooting - UNMO's on duty do not carry arms. In view of the nature of the tasks of UNAMIR, the use or carrying of private firearms is forbidden within the Mission area. Recreational activities involving the hunting or shooting of wildlife are not permitted for members of UNAMIR.
- d. War Souvenirs - UNAMIR Personnel are prohibited from taking any military equipment, weapons, ammunition or relics found on the scene of operation.

Paragraph 3 - Discipline - UNAMIR military personnel come under the command of the Force Commander and they are directly answerable to him for their conduct and the performance of their duties. The Force Commander (FC) is empowered to issue orders and instructions consistent with the resolution of the appropriate organs of the United Nations relating to the Force. Such orders are binding all members of the Force.

Paragraph 4 - Curtailment of tour of Duty (Contingent) -

A request for curtailment of tour of duty on disciplinary grounds must be approved by the FC. If a national Contingent Commander is required to advise his national Government on the matter, the following procedure will be adhered to:

- a. A report on the incident is to be forwarded to the FC.
- b. Where national interest could be affected the FC will consult the national Contingent Commander.
- c. The FC may order an independent investigation.
- d. The national Contingent Commander may advise his national Government at his own discretion or in accordance with national directives.
- e. After the incident has been proven, the FC will determine any subsequent action or curtailment of duty.

Paragraph 5 - Special Report - If the FC deems it necessary, he may advise military personnel National Government that a breach of discipline has occurred. In this case, the FC will dispatch to UN NY, a written statement be forwarded to the UNMO, s home Government via that country's

Permanent Mission to the UN.

4. In view of the above, all are hereby reminded that the provisions of the SOP are meant for our guidance and strict compliance. Any act of indiscipline or misconduct will be viewed seriously.

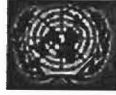
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From: Col W J Fletcher
DCOS (Sp)

[Signature]

Extn 11109

To: Lists A, B, C, D

File Reference: 4000.1/LOG-11

Date: 23 Aug 95

Subject: EXCHANGE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

Reference: A. COS' Memo 11 August 1995
B. Letter from the Prefect of Kigali dated 18 August 1995

1. Ref A instructed UNAMIR troops to exchange foreign currency only from authorized FOREX Agents and Government Institutions. At ref B, the Prefect has alleged that UNAMIR personnel continue to change currency on the black market contrary to policy. Specifically, the Prefect identified the amount of business being conducted by UNAMIR personnel at the unauthorized exchange opposite the Kigali Post Office. Such a serious allegation reflects very poorly on the discipline of our soldiers, but also tarnishes the reputation and credibility of UNAMIR.

2. Addressees are to ensure that all personnel under their command and/or employ are thoroughly briefed that currency is to be exchanged only at approved locations authorized by the National Bank of Rwanda. The Gendarmerie will arrest any one indulging in illegal currency exchange regardless of nationality. As well, the Military Police have been instructed to arrest any UNAMIR personnel found in contravention of this directive. Violators will be disciplined under applicable service or diplomatic regulations and subject to repatriation.

3. Please acknowledge.

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To: Lists A, B and D

Info: COS
OIC Admin
C CIVPOL
DCOS Sp
CO Force MP Coy

From: Force PM/SO2 G1 Discipline

Date: 8 May 95

Subject: THE IMPROPER POSSESSION AND USE OF DRUGS

1. During the last 2 weeks, general allegations have been made in the media and in reports to officers of a military unit that UNAMIR personnel have been involved in the transportation and abuse of drugs within Rwanda. More recently, a member of the mission has been arrested by the Rwandan authorities and accused of the improper possession of cannabis. Although none of these stories have been substantiated, it is apparent that extreme embarrassment would be caused were one to become so and checks on UNAMIR personnel by the RPA might become much more rigorous than at present. Please make every member of your unit and/or staff aware that:

a. The improper importation, possession or misuse of drugs will not be tolerated by the Rwandan authorities or by the Force Commander.

b. Allegations will be fully investigated with a view to disciplinary action being taken by the appropriate national authority.

2. Commanders at all levels are responsible for ensuring that this policy is respected; they are under a duty to report any suspicion of the misuse of drugs or any such allegation to the Provost Marshal or to the UNAMIR MP Coy.

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For The
Information of
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION N° 022/95

DATE: 11 May 1995

TO: All UNAMIR Personnel
Civilian, Military, CIVPOL and MILOBs

FROM: Ally H. Golo
Division of Administration & Management

SUBJECT: Guidelines concerning Boards of Inquiry

1. You are already aware of the important United Nations policy which prohibits circulation of internal documents to entities external to the United Nations Organization.
2. The present instruction relates to documents used in the preparation of Boards of Inquiry reports and the reports themselves.
3. Boards of Inquiry Reports, including all attachments thereto, are internal documents of the United Nations for use only by the Administration in whatever way is prudent in safeguarding and protecting the interests of the United Nations Organization.
4. At no time should reports by Boards of Inquiry be made public or distributed to entities outside the UN. Such entities include governments, international organizations, and all unauthorized persons even within the UN system. The responsibility for deciding under what circumstances a Board of Inquiry report may be transmitted to a government or other entity rests with the UN Headquarters in New York.
5. Boards of Inquiry reports are confidential to Boards preparing them. Board members shall not divulge to any one, except authorized persons, the contents of a Board of Inquiry report, and may not delegate the reproduction of such reports to persons other than members of the relevant Boards of Inquiry.
6. Please be guided accordingly.