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**INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Maj. Sichilima, Force Provost Marshal

**From:** Mr G. Brière, CCM

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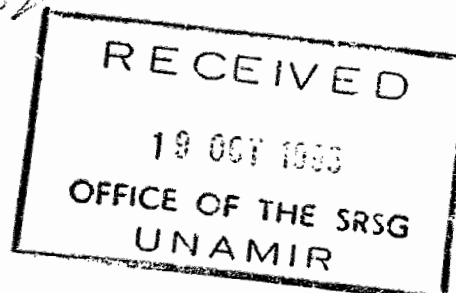
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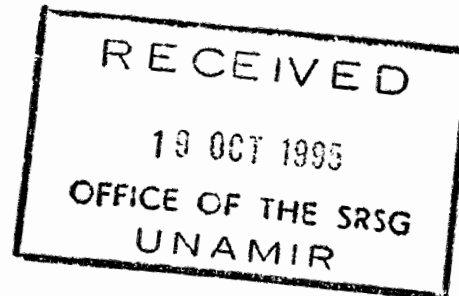
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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

06 October 1995

TO: Mr. P. Ischlika, CSO

THROUGH: Mr. W. Clive / CISS

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FROM: Mr. G. Brière / CCM

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SUBJECT: MP INVESTIGATION REPORT - FLOODING OF LOCAL  
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*involves E) in consultation  
with EC pl. take on this  
urgent task of acquiring rule  
any leakage etc. we need to get  
a grip on this potentially critical issue*  
*Substantive 9/10*  
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9 août 1995

De : Thierry GARDEUX.  
Regional Manager.  
Economat - MINUAR.

à : Monsieur Gilles BRIERE  
Monsieur Jacques ALBERT  
CMCO - UNAMIR  
Kigali - RWANDA

P. J. : Lettre de l'Economat à M WORDLEY (CILM UNAMIR).

Messieurs,

Nous nous permettons, par la présente, de vous signaler un problème qui nous semble être de la première importance.

Il s'agit de la présence massive, sur le marché local de Kigali, de produits alimentaires propriété des Nations-Unies. Nous avons pu constater à de nombreuses reprises que des quantités importantes de produits divers allant des rations de combat individuelles aux produits du "Food Supply" sont présents sur les étalages des magasins de la ville de Kigali.

Tout nous laisse penser que la situation est la même dans les villes du RWANDA où sont stationnés des unités des Nations-Unies.

Vous n'êtes pas sans savoir qu'une partie des problèmes que rencontre l'Economat vis-à-vis des administrations locales a pour origine le fait que des marchandises alimentaires importées par l'Economat dans le cadre de sa mission ont été vendus par des commerçants locaux.

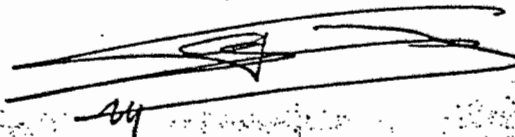
Il est entendu que l'Economat n'a jamais effectué de vente de produits sur le marché local et ne peut être tenu pour responsable. Nous ne saurions donc rester sans réaction par rapport à cette situation.

L'Economat a déjà eu l'occasion de signaler une situation similaire dans la lettre référencée ci-dessus et dont une copie vous est jointe ci-après.

Il ne nous appartient pas de conduire une action afin d'en connaître les causes, mais nous vous demandons de bien vouloir signaler cette situation auprès des Hautes Autorités de la MINUAR.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Messieurs, l'expressions de nos meilleures salutations.

L'ECONOMAT  
M Thierry GARDEUX



TO : UNAMIR HQ. - KIGALI

ATTN.: MR. GEORGE BOELLA (CHC)

FROM : MARIO GAVAGNIN  
OPERATIONAL MANAGER

DATE : 11.8.95

REF : ES-KO FOODSTUFFS  
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DEAR SIR

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM SEVERAL LOCALS  
THAT SOME ES-KO'S COMMODITIES SUPPLIED TO UNAMIR CONTINGENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND  
FOR SALE AT THE LOCAL MARKET IN KIGALI.

PLEASE BE ALSO AWARE THAT ES-KO REPRESENTATIVE HAS SEEN SOME FOODSTUFFS  
IN SOME SHOPS IN NYUNDO.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WE KNOW THAT THE PROBLEM MENTIONED ABOVE OCCURS QUITE  
OFTEN DURING UN MISSIONS; HOWEVER WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT UN INVESTIGATES  
INTO THE MATTER TO PREVENT ANY PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY BETWEEN OUR COMPANY AND  
AND THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

YOURS SINCERELY

  
MARIO GAVAGNIN  
ES-KO INTERNATIONAL INC.



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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

16 August 1995

TO: Mr. C. Ouziel/CAO

THROUGH: Mr. W.V. Clive/CISS

INFO: Col. W. Fletcher/DCOS Sp.  
Mr. W.A. Parnell/CMC

FROM: Mr. J. Albert/DCCM

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION INTO MISUSE OF UNAMIR FOODSTUFFS

REFERENCES: A. letter from Economat de L'armée to CMC dated 09 Aug 95,  
B. Letter from ES-KO to CMC dated 11 Aug 95,

1. As you are aware it the responsibility of the Contract Management Cell to carry out all management and Administration procedures pertaining to all major contracts currently under the control of UNAMIR.

2. It has recently come to the attention of the Contract Management Cell, that a number of fresh, frozen, dry and military combat rations have been appearing as sale items on local markets. Initial investigations into this information by the Contract Management Cell, has found that there have indeed been a number of food items seen on market stalls and shops of a type, similar to the merchandise provided by both the current UNAMIR food supply contractor ES-KO, and its pre-desessor Economat de L'armée.

3. Whilst in the course of his duties, Mr. Jack Parnell of the Contract Management Cell was discussing the matter with the current Economat Project Manager, Mr. T. Gardeux. When Mr. Parnell asked Mr. Gardeux to explain why in his opinion there were Economat products on the local markets. Mr. Gardeux decided, that perhaps he should take Mr. Parnell to a location where he could be secretly shown a large supply of both economat and ES-KO food stuffs. Mr. Parnell agreed with Mr Gardeux's suggestion and arranged for this visit to occur that same evening. Mr. Parnell was taken to the house of a local business man. Once at the house he was taken into the kitchen where Mr Gardeux pointed out a large stock of tinned and frozen foodstuffs, that he believed had been given to the business man by UNAMIR Troops, in exchange for other services. Mr. Gardeux stressed that in his opinion this food was almost definitely received in exchange for other services and not for CASH! He also pointed out that as far as he was aware, this business man was not re-selling the goods but was keeping them purely for his own use. Mr. Gardeux also pointed out that the goods that Mr Parnell had been shown were not former Economat products, but products currently supplied by the ES-KO company. Mr. Gardeux also stated that in his opinion it was not the supply companies that were at fault, but that the problem was at the Contingent level.

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4. As can be seen at ref A (attached) this problem is certainly not a new one, Mr. Parnell has discussed the matter with Mr. C. Ayres/DCPO who was involved in a previous investigation whilst employed as a legal officer within the Boards of Enquiry Unit. Mr. Ayres informed him that the investigation was very thorough and had covered a large part of the mission area. However despite the thoroughness and the intensity of the investigation, the Contract Management Cell suspects that a no real facts were produced to establish who in fact, was actually responsible for this flood of "Suspected" UNAMIR foodstuffs onto the local markets.

5. The Contract Management Cell has recently received a memo as at ref B (attached) from the new UNAMIR food supplier (ES-KO), stating their concerns about similar problems that they are experiencing to those mentioned in ref A. Therefore I feel that as a matter of course these matters must be brought to your attention.

6. Taking into consideration the problems currently faced in connection with that of the Status of Mission Agreement between UNAMIR and the Rwanda Government, particularly where UNAMIR Contractors are concerned it may be advisable to re-convene another Board of Enquiry or request that the Military Police or Civpol carry out the necessary investigations. This action will show that UNAMIR is aware of the situation and is endeavoring to take positive action. Thus alleviating any further problems should the relevant Rwanda authorities decide to intervene.

7. If you require any further information on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the CMC on extension 11627 or 11699.

8. Hoping that this delicate problem can be resolved as soon as possible. Regards

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**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

23 September 1995

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**FROM:** Mr G. Brière, CCM *[Signature]*

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**SUBJECT:** MP INVESTIGATION REPORT -  
UNAMIR FOOD ITEMS IN LOCAL MARKETS

1. The report made on the above mentioned subject has been received and reviewed. In our opinion this report is incomplete and based on the content of the report it is our view that the investigation has not been carried out in a thorough manner. We believe that if extensive inquiries were to be made in all areas concerned and Contingent Logistic Officers were to cooperate, the culprits could be identified and action taken accordingly.
2. It is understood from your report that the MP's have no legal right to search and arrest locals but we are least concerned on what action is taken against the locals since obviously this is not our goal. Our main aim is to determine how the food gets to the local market and if our Staff either Military or Civilian actually exchange or sell the food commodities in the local Market.
3. During investigations into this issue a member from CMC provided useful information to the investigating MP NCO's that the UNAMIR Security Officer based at Kigali Airport could provide a registration number of a UNAMIR vehicle once seen off loading food rations in down town Kigali. Apparently this lead whether genuine or not was not followed and therefore did not appear in your report.

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4. Reference to paragraph 5 of the investigation report, Mr Parnell of CMC did not leave the mission on the said date, and he was actually available to be questioned on 26 Aug 95. However, he was repatriated on the 31st of August 95.
5. We strongly believe that the Contractors interviewed should not have been asked to visit the sites where the alleged food stuffs were seen or stored because this could have easily jeopardized their position. The investigating MP's could have sought directions from the Contractors and with the assistance of the local Gendarmerie visited the alleged sites for further investigations. We also think that the statement made at paragraph 6 (c) to the effect that it is possible that the food is brought in the local markets by the contractors themselves is **totally inappropriate**. This is definitely an avenue to explore but no such statement should appear in the conclusion section of the report investigation unless it has investigated and proof to that effect have been found.
6. It is also rather disturbing that the present investigation report is very similar to a previous report made on the same subject earlier this year. We wish to reiterate the important significance that we attach to the alleged complaints. Very serious political implications may result if the Rwandese Government were to blame UNAMIR for bringing in Duty free food items into the local market. We are aware that at one time the Customs Department had approached one of the Contractors to find out if this Contractor was actually distributing UNAMIR food items in the local markets.
7. We therefore urge you to reopen this case and conduct a thorough investigation. Considering the complexity and the implications of the case we strongly suggest that you assign this investigation to a Senior Non Commissioned Officer from your Unit. CMC staff, mainly Mr Boella and Mr Stuckless, are available to provide any assistance to the MP's when requested. We recommend that you also seek assistance from the RPA Liaison Officer at UNAMIR HQ to enable the investigators gain access to information in the local markets.
8. Your urgent attention in this matter would be very much appreciated.