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To: D COS OPS

From: G3 Med

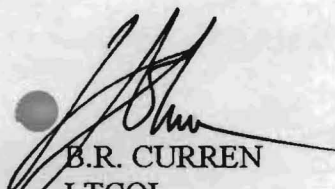
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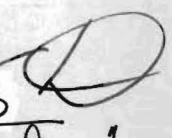
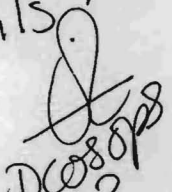
Subject: SECURITY OF NGO STAFF - CARE AUSTRALIA

Reference:

A. CARE Australia Memo dated 25 Mar 95

This office has been made aware of some security concerns held by NGO staff in the Butare area. Specifically the staff are concerned about their protection in their base location if required and what arrangements are in place for evacuation under UNAMIR auspices. A copy of Reference A is enclosed for your information and action as necessary.

  
B.R. CURREN  
LTCOL  
G3 MED

② G3 Plans   
Pls incl "this" on our  
Seminar next Fri, leaving  
out the details.  
  
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## Memorandum

DATE: March 25, 1995  
TO: Jean Jacques de Mersans.  
FROM: Paul Fisher.  
RE: SECURITY  
CC: Tony Magee.

1. I write to express my total dissatisfaction with the present UNAMIR Detachment, Butare security provisions for the protection and evacuation of Butare based CARE Australia international staff, and to request you bring pressure to bear on UNAMIR HQ and UNREO Kigali to redress this unacceptable situation.
2. In a briefing of NGO co-ordinators on Thursday 23/3/95, the OC UNAMIRDET Butare was unable to inform us of his responsibilities and plans to advise us of an increase in the threat to our personal security and his and our reaction to such a threat. In detail he could not provide radio frequencies for us to contact UNAMIR TACHQ, codewords for actions on our part, details of alert measures and responses, rendezvous points for personnel and vehicles, or any formulated and documented plan for the security and subsequent evacuation of international NGO staff from Butare.
3. The OC has taken our detailed requests for this information with him to UNAMIR HQ Kigali and we are scheduled to meet next Thursday. In the interim, we remain dependant 'on our own devices'! This is clearly unacceptable.
4. I am satisfied with our plans and preparedness to contact and assemble all international team members at our base location and sustain us for a period of 7-14 days. I am not satisfied that we can be protected in our base location or evacuated safely (ie under UNAMIR escort) to any other location.
5. You are requested to represent my concerns, (as many other NGO Team Leaders are being requested to do by co-ordinators in Butare) to UNREO or UNAMIR HQ or any other appropriate agency to effect a rapid formulation of the responsibilities of UNAMIRDET Butare, and a plan for our safety and evacuation.



Paul Fisher

Co-ordinator Butare

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