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Subject: SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS	

1. ATTACHED PLEASE FIND COPIES OF A LETTER FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND INTERNAL COMMENT ON SAME. WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON YOUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT SUCH A GROUP AND IN PARTICULAR A RESPONSE TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE LETTER.
2. UNFORTUNATELY WE MUST ASK FOR A REPLY BY RETURN IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY.
3. BEST REGARDS.

Drafted/Cleared by: <i>D. HIGHERT</i>	Authorized by: <i>M. SAVARD</i>
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cc Beilschmidt

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

## MEMORANDUM

A-TO: Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali  
Secretary GeneralDE - FROM: José Ayala Lasso  
High Commissioner for Human Rights

GENEVA, 16 August 1994

OBJECT - SUBJECT: Commission of Experts on Rwanda.

1. I should like to inform you that the Commission of Experts, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 935 (1994) and composed of three members appointed by you on 29 July, met today in Geneva and started its activities. It is envisaged that, during the coming days, the Commission will study information and documents relevant to its mandate which have already been received at the Centre for Human Rights. The Commission also intends to establish its methodology and investigation procedures, and to set up a plan of activities so as to be able to comply with its obligation to submit a report by 30 November 1994.

2. The Commission of Experts also plans to carry out a visit to Rwanda and other countries in the region starting on 22 August. I shall inform you of the detailed plans for the field mission as soon as they are finalized by the members of the Commission.

cc: Mr. Goulding  
Mr. Gharekhan  
Mr. De Soto

JCA,  
We need the views of Goulding, Arman and de Soto  
to be presented to the SG.

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3. In the light of the most recent developments, it has become clear that a much more numerous presence of human rights officers in Rwanda is required, particularly to monitor the return to Rwanda of the large numbers of refugees, especially from Zaire, and of internally displaced persons currently in the South-West of the country. It is envisaged that these monitors be deployed in teams of two in each of the ten prefectures of Rwanda, where they will constitute a permanent international presence. Led by an experienced coordinator, they will, *inter alia*, monitor the ongoing human rights situation, raise human rights awareness among the population and the local authorities, facilitate a climate of dialogue and assist in the resolution of potential conflicts at a local level. At the same time, they will form an information-gathering network for the team of human rights officers carrying out in-depth investigations.

4. On 2 August 1994, at the UN Pledging Conference on Rwanda I launched an appeal to the international community asking for funds for the financing of this expanded field operation. Several Governments, including those of Norway, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United States of America, have already pledged money for human rights field monitoring. The Governments of Canada, France, Germany and the United Kingdom have expressed their interest in making contributions.

5. At present, my office is in the process of selecting candidates for the field monitoring team. We are also assessing the needs of such an operation with regard to transport, communications, computer equipment and security. In this context, it should be noted that neither for the team of human rights field officers established pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution S-3/1 nor under the mandate of the Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 935 (1994) regular budget funds have been made available for any of these requirements.

6. With regard to the four areas mentioned above, our assessment is that the following would be indispensable to allow the 26 human rights field officers and their coordinator to operate with the necessary independence, in addition to the local support in each of the ten prefectures, including local secretarial staff and interpreters/translators:

a) Transport

- 15 vehicles (four wheel drive) equipped with VHF radio  
(five cars would be needed immediately for the field officers already in the area, ten more within one or two weeks)

b) Communications

- satellite telephone and fax for the Kigali Office, which should be the basis for all operations
- 27 portable radios
- LAN cards and modems for desk-top computers

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## c) Computers

- four desk-top computers (two in Kigali, two in Nairobi)
- 25 laptop computers with 15 portable printers

## d) Security

- bullet-proof vests
- UN armbands and caps

7. As soon as the funds requested in my appeal will become available, we will proceed with the purchase of the above-mentioned equipment. However, in order for the team to be fully operational before the end of the month, I would seek your advice and that of your Department as to whether certain items could be temporarily made available to us or be actually rented out.

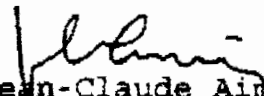
→ 8. Given the vast experience of your office, I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me have your suggestions regarding the human rights field operation envisaged in Rwanda. I think that it would be extremely useful for us if we could build on the positive experiences of cooperation in the field already developed in connection with Cambodia and the former Yugoslavia.



Note to Mr. Riza


Subject: Commission of Experts on Rwanda

Please find attached a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Ayala Lasso to the Secretary-General on the above-mentioned subject dated 15 August 1994. I should appreciate it if you would let me have by the close of business on 19 August your views and comments on the plans outlined by Mr. Ayala Lasso.

  
Jean-Claude Aine  
16 August 1994

Note to Mr. AiméCOMMISSION OF EXPERTS ON RWANDA

1. Please refer to your note of 16 August.
2. Since DPKO does not possess expertise in this field, I regret that we are not able to offer substantive comments. Presumably these will be received from DPA.
3. As regards other aspects of the proposal, I should like to make the following points:
  - In the conditions that Human Rights Observers (HROs) will operate in Rwanda, security will be a primary concern. UNAMIR would assist in this respect to the extent possible, although this is neither in its mandate nor do duties of peace-keeping forces include such functions.
  - UNAMIR civilian police also would assist HROs to the extent that their other duties permit. Experience in other missions has shown that police officers can be of significant utility in monitoring of human rights, especially as regards the conduct of local police and security authorities.
  - UNAMIR also could assist in administration. In fact, the most advisable arrangement would be for the CAO of UNAMIR to be in charge of all administrative functions related to HROs. UNAMIR also could help with the communications.
4. The suggestions above might be kept in mind when the budget for the human rights monitoring operation in Rwanda is prepared.



S. Aqbal Riza  
18 August 1994

cc: Mr. K. Annan  
Mr. M.I. Goulding  
Mr. A. de Soto  
Mr. D. Beissel

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM  
MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

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TO : MGEN. DALLAIRE, FC.

Date: 9 JULY, 1994.

FROM: Mr. ALLY H. GOLO OIC/ADMIN.

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF UN AND CONTINGENT OWNED EQUIPMENT.

During our reconnaissance yesterday of potential locations to be used by UNAMIR including those it used prior to the outbreak of the war, we all observed that several parts had been removed from UN and contingent owned equipment. This sad event is disquieting although I understand fully the sensitivities and potential risk involved should UNAMIR decide to pursue this matter further. Nevertheless, I believe that, a lack of initiative from our part will not be in consonance with our responsibility to secure and protect UN property.

The purpose of this memorandum is therefore to request you kindly to advise on the best approach to address this issue with a view to minimizing further losses to the UN, particularly since that the fighting had ceased in Kigali for about a week now.

I thank you.

CC: SRSG  
E/DIR.



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9 JULY 1994

TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF GENERAL KAGAME

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE

SITUATION REPORT OF THE COMMANDER OF OPERATION TURQUOISE

I CONFIRM THE NEUTRALITY OF OPERATION TURQUOISE AND APPRECIATE THE CO-OPERATION THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN KIGALI TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFRONTATIONS AT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION ZONE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY WORRIES CONCERNING THE NORTH-WEST ZONE. IF A CEASE-FIRE IS NOT ESTABLISHED SOON AND IF RPF CONTINUES ITS PROGRESSION WEST TOWARDS GISENYI, THERE IS A RISK FOR A VERY SERIOUS DESTABILISATION IN THE REGION DUE TO THE IMPORTANT INFLOW OF REFUGEES. THOSE REFUGEES COULD GO TO ZAIRE AND THE RPF COULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THAT COUNTRY.

BESIDES, IT WOULD THEN BE DIFFICULT TO REACH A POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND THE FUTURE OF RWANDA WOULD BE COMPROMISED WITH THE UNFORESEEABLE REACTIONS OF THE POPULATION IN THE HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION ZONE.

IF WE WANT TO MOVE THE DISPLACED POPULATION SOON TO THE EASTERN ZONE, IN LIAISON WITH UNAMIR, A CEASE-FIRE SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SIGNED GENERAL LAFOURCADE.

KIGALI, 10 JULY 1994

TO THE ATTENTION OF GENERAL LAFOURCADE  
COMMANDER OF OPERATION TURQUOISE  
GOMA, REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR MESSAGE DATED 9 JULY.

LIKE YOU, WE ARE GLAD THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS BETWEEN OUR FORCES AND HOPE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A LIAISON OFFICER EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNICATIONS MEANS WILL REINFORCE THIS CLIMATE.

WITH REGARD TO THE CONTENTS OF YOUR MESSAGE, WE THINK THEY JUSTIFY OUR POSITIONS, EXPRESSED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, TO THE EFFECT THAT OPERATION TURQUOISE HAD A POLITICAL AIM UNDER THE COVER OF A HUMANITARIAN OPERATION.

INDEED, DURING OUR PRESS CONFERENCE IN KIGALI ON 5 JULY, THE RPF ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO DECLARE A UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE WHICH WOULD NOT ESTABLISH THE IMPUNITY OF THE AUTHORS OF THE GENOCIDE AND OTHER ABOMINABLE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. THE AIM OF THIS CEASE-FIRE WOULD NOT BE EITHER TO OFFER THOSE CRIMINALS A SPRINGBOARD TO POWER, AS SEEM TO SUGGEST ALL THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

THE FIGHTING WOULD CONTINUE ONLY IF THE FORMER GOVERNMENTAL FORCES OR ANY ONE ELSE REJECTED THE OFFER OF A CEASE-FIRE AND, IN ANY CASE, THE FIGHTING WOULD NOT AIM AT UNARMED CIVILIANS. IF THE LATTER, MISLEAD BY THE PROPAGANDA FROM EXTREMISTS CIRCLES, WOULD YIELD TO PANIC AND HAVE TO TAKE REFUGE, THEY WOULD GO TO THE PROPOSED HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION ZONE OR TO SOME NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY. IN EITHER CASE AND BEARING IN MIND WHAT HAS BEEN STATED ABOVE, WE DO NOT SEE WHY THE RPF SHOULD BE MADE TO BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INFLOW OF REFUGEES WHICH IT DID NOT BRING ABOUT.

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CC.: ANNAN/RIZA/HANSEN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK

FROM: SHAHARYAR KHAN,  
SRSG, UNAMIR, KIGALI

DATE: 29 AUGUST 1994

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS

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*Shaharyar Khan*

1. During a call on Gen. Kagame on 28 August, the Vice-President mentioned that, according to his information, among the Human Rights Monitors who are being selected by you, there ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> one or two former journalists who had served here and whom Rwanda regarded as having a biased attitude. The Vice-President hoped that such "prejudiced persons" should not be sent as monitors.
2. In order to prevent unnecessary friction, I would recommend that you may consider clearing the names of monitors before sending them to Rwanda.
3. Best regards.

(SRJS)



**LISTE DES MEMBRES DE LA COMMISSION D'EXPERTS SUR LE RWANDA**

**(Résolution 935-1994 - Conseil de Sécurité)**

*Visite du 29 août au 5 septembre 1994*

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