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FROM: HANSEN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK *[Signature]*

DATE: 25 APRIL 1995

NUMBER: 1332SUBJECT: Hostages at Kibeho

1. Thank you for keeping me fully informed on the Kibeho disaster. While a separate message will follow on further actions, I would like to bring to your attention the following urgent matter.

2. UNICEF has received a message from Kibeho that some militia (RPA elements or interhamwe) are holding as hostage about 1000 women and children in a building near the Kibeho camp. According to UNICEF, RPA is preparing to launch an attack against the building. UNICEF has appealed for assistance.

3. In paragraph 9(e) of your cable MIR 1425 on April 24, you have referred to about 2000 IDPs hard core who have remained in Kibeho at the "medical centre" and who have refused to leave despite threats from RPA to blow up the building. It is possible that UNICEF information refers to the same group of people.

4. I would be most grateful if you could look into the matter urgently to see what can be done to ensure the safety of the women and children being held hostage by the militia. Grateful for early response.

Regards

(SRSG) KENT (UNREO KIGALI)

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NUMBER: 1321
SUBJECT: Killings at Kibeho Camp

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Attached for your information is a letter from the High Commissioner for Refugees to the Secretary-General conveying her reaction to the RPA action at Kibeho.

Regards,

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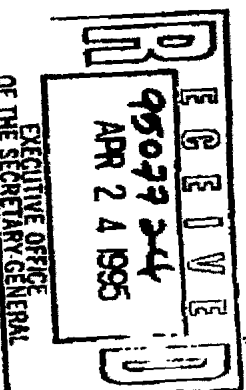
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I would like to share with you the deep preoccupation and outrage of my office over recent events around the camp for the internally displaced in Kibeho, Rwanda.

We have earlier expressed our concern over the decision of the Government of Rwanda to finally close the camp. We are now appalled by the methods applied by elements of the army in executing our this decision. The brutality is flagrant and disproportionate to the stated objective of moving the displaced persons.

Furthermore, I am concerned about the wider implications of this event. It will affect hundreds of thousands of internally displaced who are deprived of the basic protection they require. Undoubtedly, it will cause more fear and tension which may provoke new, massive cross-border movements and cause additional obstacles to an early return of the many refugees.

For obvious humanitarian reasons my office has joined other agencies in attempting to bring immediate relief to the survivors around the Kibeho camp, but we are hampered by lack of access and a generally uncooperative attitude on the part of the Rwandan military. Moreover, UNHCR remains ready to support any efforts you may wish to undertake on this issue.

Although I appreciate the difficulties and current sensitivities in the UN's relations with the Government of Rwanda, I feel that the UN will take a strong stand on this matter. I have shared our reports with Mr. Hansen and Ms. Green.

I wish you a good and successful mission.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Ogata

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