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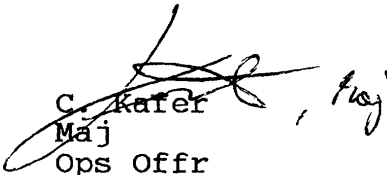
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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCE
AT GIKONGORO ON 28 JULY 1995

1. The subject minutes are attached for your action/information. Please ensure that the contents of the minutes are disseminated to all appropriate personnel.
2. Best regards.


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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDER'S CONF HELD AT SECTOR 3 A,
GIKONGORO ON 28 JULY 95

Present :	Col Maj	A Tomia	DFC/ CMO	Chairman
	Col	C A Nelson	DCMO	Member
	Lt Col	M Ahasanullah	SOO	"
	Lt Col	K Opong- Kyekyeku	SMPO	"
	Sqn Ldr	F A Ayamgha	SLOGO	"
	Lt Col	E A Mahachi	Comd, Sect 1A	"
	Lt Col	R V Blanchette	" " 1B	"
	Major	Opoku Adusei	" " 2A	"
	Lt Col	Hadji Kante	" " 2B	"
	Lt Col	E Castro	" " 3A	"
	Lt Col	I Abubakar	" " 3B	"
	Lt Col	V S Dadhwal	" " 4	"
	Lt Col	N Sianz	" " 5A	"
	Lt Col	V Belski	" " 5B	"
	Lt Col	Lt Col B Coulibaly	" 5C	"

In attendance:

Col H Osae Addae	CHAO
Col Diarra	CIVPOL
	Commissioner
Lt Col C Ahmed	MA to DFC
Lt COL A B Sibande	Sect 5A
Maj K Ruhul Munir	MILOB GP HQs

ITEM 1. WELCOME ADDRESS BY COMD SECTOR 3A

ACTION

1. Lt Col Castro welcomed all participants to the conference. He expressed his sincere regards to everyone and his happiness to the commanders in this forum.

ITEM 2. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. The chairman expressed his happiness and welcomed all in the conference. He passed on congratulations and words of encouragement from the Force Commander for the work being done in the sectors. Recalling the last meeting he presided over on 30 June 95, he said that he was still in the exploration phase but took note of all commanders concern and problems. He assured all that many of those problems have ended with good solutions and for the rest, it was only a matter of time.

3. The chairman explained that the general situation in Rwanda has been gradually improving while political situation experienced some normalization. He added that since the KIBEHO incident which was followed by reprisals from the international community, the Rwandan Government has not stopped showing its good

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intention and willingness to cooperate with the international community. In that vain, he assured that restrictions on heli flights have been lifted and there is scope for a lot of improvement. Acts of banditry and theft continue to be reported from different corners which demands caution for everyone. He referred to the lack of spontaneity in official encounters, for example, the refusal by the Rwandan Parliament to pass a law recruiting foreign magistrates and the slowness in appointing Supreme Court members are indicator of such caution.

4. He stated that the refugee situation remained confused and that there was not much information regarding FRGF strengths or intentions. As such, no large scale actions are expected. Referring to the UN mandate, he explained that it is oriented towards humanitarian assistance and close cooperation with the Rwandan Government with a view to installing and consolidating an atmosphere of confidence and security so that the people of Rwanda could reconcile with each other. He called upon the MILOBs to continue to report on the situation objectively and in a complete manner as they occur. For this MILOBs are required to use their willingness, initiative and professionalism. He also advised all the MILOBs to use their knowledge of the people, customs and traditions which would demonstrate one's integration into the local society and gain the confidence and acceptance of the local population. For this it is imperative to have good relations with the locals, the RPA, other UN agencies and NGOs. He also emphasized on increasing the numbers of patrols both by day and by night.

5. The chairman advised not to make any promises or commitments to the locals in terms of Aid. He explained that MILOBs have nothing to give them, but it is their duty to determine their needs and report them to the higher HQs. It is the HQs who will make assessment, decisions and arrangements. He also stressed on the point that the locals must be made aware of the fact that all the needs and request received by the HQs daily can't be met as UNAMIR does not have the wherewithal to do work like the construction of roads, bridges, etc. The essence of UNAMIR role is to orient the international community's efforts and to ensure that the humanitarian organizations are aware of the needs of the country. The question of needs must be dealt with on an urgency basis, he added.

6. At the end of his remarks the Chairman reminded every one to remain vigilant and take all active or passive measures to ensure safety and the security of personnel and UN equipment. All are expected to share

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ITEM 3. BRIEF FROM THE SECTORS

7. The Sector Commanders presented briefs on their activities:

a. Sector 1 A (Kigali)

(1) The Sector was fairly calm since the last conference. Reports of arrests continued to come in. A worrying phenomenon was that of people missing in the KAMUVU secteur of the NGENDA commune. The report was made to RPA to stress the trend of disappearance but nothing has been done. However efforts to investigate the reports were set in motion.

(2) With the revision of the MILOBs sector boundaries to the Rwandan prefecture administrative boundaries, the Sector inherited 10 more communes. Six of the new communes have been reconnoitered and operations commenced in them.

(3) General conditions in the town communes remained quiet. There was an continuous rise in population as some refugees flocked into the town regularly. There was also an increase in the price of fuel which resulted in instant rise in the bus fare. The Trade Union's call for the consumers to boycott the minibuses was met with a one day strike by the bus owners. Further to that economic related problem, sudden fall of the value of Rwf to Dollars caused a sharp price hike in commodities putting the price of consumer products out of the reach for most of the town dwellers. Salaries remained static. All these could call for more assistance in terms of food and clothing.

(4) The Kigali Prison was holding close to 10000 inmates instead of it's capacity of 2000. The overcrowding figures were not sufficient to describe those things lacking. The inmates were all suspected of genocide but they do not have a space to sleep. Some have chosen the toilet to sleep on. The

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hygiene situation is exceptionally bad. There are no vehicles to carry the sick persons to the hospital. There were not enough uniforms for the prisoners so that they could meet their relatives. Those who did not have clothing were not permitted to do so. On the other hand the problem of orphans continued to be serious. A large number of unidentified orphans were turning to crime in a desperate struggle to live.

(5) Explosive materials continued to claim victims, particularly the young who picked up objects and play with them. There were quite a few incidents reported where the young children were seriously injured. An awareness campaign for children to recognize those devices was recommended and which could be aimed at the school level.

(6) It was reported that most old caseload returnees were settled in NZENDA. That area became so saturated that the Bourgemester refused to take any more. The problem was that most of the returnees had found their houses occupied which forced them back to

the transit camps. If something is not done immediately NZENDA could become another IDP camp. Food distribution in that area has become almost unworkable. The food intended for the needy families found its way to the friends of the Bourgemester. UNHCR is planning to implement a new strategy in this regard.

(7) On the surface, reconciliation appears to be working however in following particular cases it was found that there was still the existence of some serious animosity between the two ethnic groups. Continuous cases of arrests followed by some reprisal attacks were evidence of this. It seemed all refugees in Burundi would eventually be repatriated sooner or later. This was as result of the Government's effort to lure those refugees home. It was reported that some refugees were taken back home to their communes then went back to tell others the situation. It also seemed that there is some pressure from the Burundi

Government to solve the refugee issue.

(8) The Sector should be able to perform a maximum of 7 patrols per day. This would mean a patrol would be able to visit each

commune every third day.

(9) The sector suffers a serious transport problem with only three vehicles. Additionally, some areas within the sector have no radio communication with the HQs. It was recommended the area be surveyed and proper communication facilities be installed.

b. Sector 1B (Gitarama)

(1) In general the situation in the sector appeared calm but numerous killings, arrests and act of banditry have left a sense of insecurity throughout the Gitarama Prefecture. The RPA was most often linked to those actions.

(2) The most significant problem in the prefecture is the overcrowding of Gitarama prison. The movement of 225 prisoners to NYANZA prison on 14 Jul 95 was only a small fraction of what needs to be done. The sector Commander established an arbitrary goal of 3000 prisoners to be moved before

the condition could be deemed acceptable. A number of attempts to pressure the Director of Rwandan penitentiary services yielded no results. The RPA interestingly enough, seemed quite willing to allow the movement of the prisoners to NYANZA prison, which they said could host at least another 200 prisoners. This was probably their witnessing of the appalling conditions of the 225 prisoners who were almost crawling out of the prison. Discussion with Human Rights authorities revealed that the construction of temporary detention centers could shortly relieve the Gitarama prison situation. UNAMIR should consider this project a top priority.

(3) An interesting tendency seemed to be developing in the communes where the level of banditry is found to be high or in the communes where the Bourgemester shows a good sense of initiative. This tendency saw locals being organized at the cellule level to catch the bandits. This technique has

proved successful in some areas. The RPA in those areas have sanctioned these patrols as they themselves were no longer patrolling at night. This kind of initiative could potentially lead to abuse but for the time

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being, the results are quite positive.

(4) On the Humanitarian scene, it is quite obvious that all agencies were reaching a point where the supply could no longer meet the demands. This was of course always the case but there is a sense of frustration developing at the Bourgemester level. At the latest Humanitarian Prefecture coordination meeting many NGOs did not attend and it is indicative of weak organizational leadership. The sector commander recommended that a Coordination Center be established at the Prefecture level to ensure that no Communes are forgotten by NGOs.

(5) Most communes were complaining about shortage of seeds and agricultural material. This is a good sign in that they were not asking for food. Returnees and IDPs all faced problems of accommodation, water and farming tools. The sector commander appreciated the appointment of a full time representative from UNHCR. It would allow him to provide the organization with a clear picture of what conditions the returnees could expect in the area.

(6) The question of reconciliation was difficult to assess and is based on "Gut Feeling". The level of tension in the population could easily be perceived through casual discussions. They have the impression that the worse days lay ahead of them. The Bourgemester's first priority of work should be the rebuilding the houses so that the returnees can move to the community where reconciliation can be given a chance to succeed.

(7) The UN Secretary General's visit has been perceived that the world community considers the main problem in the sub-region to be the Rwandese Government's lack of flexibility in improving the human rights situation in the country. The increasing pressure from the neighboring countries, real or perceived, and especially Zaire, added to the rumor of renewed fighting. Both

the FRGF and the Rwandese Government seem to be exaggerating the risk of invasion. This could result in a climate where both Hutu and Tutsi would hardly consider reconciliation when rumor of war were

looming.

(8) The departure of MALICOY, however would greatly affect the security situation throughout the prefecture. The Bourgemester of the Ruhengo Sous-Prefect requested to keep the Mali troops in his commune for security reasons. There are fears of atrocities being committed by RPA upon the departure of the formed troops. This has also created a security problem in the Petit Seminaire where the MILOBs Sector HQ is located. The concept of operation for the changes is that a new perimeter has to be formed. The plan was forwarded to the MILOB GP HQ.

(9) The separation of the Kibuye Prefecture from the Gitarama sector was long overdue. The merging of the Sector and Prefecture boundaries greatly helped MILOBs achieving their mandate. But the possibility of the rotation of 72% of MILOBs from the sectors was very disturbing. The need to consider the extension was of paramount importance.

c. SECTOR 2 A (Byumba)

(1) The sector remained relatively calm within the period. Relationship with government authorities and RPA in the prefecture appear to be cordial, however the intentions of RPA are still not clear. The security situation in the prefecture experienced tremendous improvement. Even though external threat is possible, it was quite remote through the sector. As a result of the conducive atmosphere in the sector, more people were coming back to their home communes. A few returnees from Zaire, who used the Gatuna boarder, confirmed RPA soldiers at the boarder accorded them a very warm reception. Commercial activities in the prefecture have increased; brisk market activities and intensive farming were noticed in all the communes. The transport situation continues to improve.

(2) The conditions in the communes remained deplorable since most of the infrastructure was destroyed during the war. A few NGOs have been assisting in development activities such as rehabilitation of the commune offices, schools and health centers

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as well as digging of wells, constructions and renovations of feeder roads. More of such assistance is required. There was strong general discontent at the ineffective UNAMIR and NGO assistance provided for improvement of roads, agriculture and schools in the prefecture. The officials are of the view that the problems have been repeatedly projected to UNAMIR but no concrete solutions or assistance have been given.

(3) IDPs returned from Kibehho and Gikongoro had been received and settled. Many of them have been settled in their original homes. MILOB patrols still visit them to assure security and help build their confidence. Returnees continued to cross into Rwanda from Uganda, Zaire and Tanzania through Gatuna, Kagitumba and Buziba boarder posts. The reconciliation programme of the prefecture is still on course. The youth have were organized reconciliation lectures in their respective communes.

(4) The Sector recommended to have an out post collocated at Nygatare with the NGOs. There should have been some improved vehicles holding for the speedy reaction.

(5) With the withdrawal of formed troops the sector considers that day and night watchman should be employed for security of UNAMIR property. The concentration of a large fleet of vehicles, a generator, fuel dumps, computers, etc presented MILOB locations as an attractive target to attacks by the misguided elements. The sector requested 2 x 25 KVA generator for security and office use. The MILOBs at Kageyo need potable water to be provided.

(6) The MILOB teams need sufficient vehicles to perform their duties.

d. SECT 2 B (Kibungo)

(1) The security situation in the sector has been generally calm. There have not been any reports of major incidents since

last conference. The rate of indiscriminate arrests and intimidation of the locals has reduced drastically. However the situation could be foreseen as continuing in the near future as the strengths of formed troops is

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reduced. RPA increased its deployment along the Southern Border with Burundi and Tanzania, apparently in response to the anticipated threat from the FRGF. Their new deployment had brought them into contact with the locals more than before. Again the attitude of RPA towards UNAMIR has improved considerably.

(2) Returnees for the last one month from Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire were 2173. These figures included the old and new refugees. BARE transit camp has been dismantled and a new camp at BIRENGA is under construction. When completed it could accommodate over 2000 people. The overall conditions of the returnees are satisfactory. Two transit camps at NYAKARAMBI and at BIRANGA sponsored by UNHCR and run by AEE could be maintained and provided with the needs. When leaving the camps, the inmates are issued with one month rations, blankets, cooking utensils, etc. On return home communes however they faced problems of housing, employment, the lack of farming tools, drinking water, payment of

tuition fees for the students and transportation of critical patients.

(3) Reconciliation was going smoothly through out the sector. But of some hostile refugees in the camps were reportedly affecting the repatriation, especially in the Tanzania refugee camp. This will likely create suspicion among the locals and could affect the reconciliation progress.

(4) The check point at MUGESERA remained an obstacle to patrolling in the area. MILOBs were not allowed to cross without the written authority of the Bourgemester.

(5) To maintain the continuity in the sector it is considered that some of the old MILOBs can be retained from the scheduled rotations. The sector also suffers problems with MILOBs accommodation. The delay in the delivery of serviceable vehicles from the workshop greatly hindered the operational capability.

e. SECTOR 3 A (Gicongoro)

(1) The sector observed relatively calm situation except for isolated cases of

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banditry, arrests and demonstrations in some of the communes. This has created a lot of apprehension in those communes especially after they heard about the down scaling of UNAMIR operations and subsequent withdrawal in December.

(2) Some of the communes in the prefecture witnessed incidents of banditry and stealing. Some of the perpetrators were arrested by RPA and their cases were being dealt by the commune authorities. There was also a peaceful demonstration by the locals at MUSANGE commune (5347) demanding the dismissal of the Bourgemester for his inefficiency and mismanagement. The Prefect of Gikongoro intervened and the problem was resolved peacefully by replacing the Bourgemester with one of the Sector leaders.

(3) IDPs who have returned to their home communes after closure of the camps had gradually integrated themselves into their Sectors. Most of them have started farming. But IDPs from other communes who refused to

go back to their home communes were squatting in most of the sectors and creating security problem. They have undertaken banditry, stealing of farm produce and domestic animals in the areas. General living conditions have improved to a great extent and most of the returnees have found their shelter or joined their relatives. Reports on shortage of seeds, farming implements and fertilizer continue to come in from all the settlers.

(4) To assist in the achievement of the goal of new mandate, the Sector suggested that the MILOBs participate in seminars organized by local authorities.

(5) The Sector requires adequate vehicles and the authorized strength of 31 MILOBs to produce the results expected.

f. SECTOR 3 B (Butare)

(1) The situation in the sector's AOR was relatively stable and the area was returning to normalcy. MILOBs relation with the Prefecture authorities and the local RPA commanders have seen a tremendous improvement over the last one month. MILOBs

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teams have faced difficulties in two communes (ie. MUYAGA and MUYIRA) where the Bourgemester and the local RPA both demanded letters of authority from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to have access to the areas.

(2) At Kabilizi returnees transit camp approx 450 returnees were still waiting to be transported to their home communes in the Gikongoro prefecture. However the returnees were living in a deplorable state without any aid either from the Government or NGOs. UNICEF who was supporting the camp had ceased to do so for last one month hence living without water and food but with malnutrition being on the increase which sooner or later might result into death. The prefect of Butere alleged that the returnees problems was for the Ministry of rehabilitation since the returnees were those who left Rwanda a long time back and had no accommodation and land to settle.

(3) Security situation in most of the communes were stable apart from few cases of

banditry. Also acts of violence against IDPs as experienced soon after the closure of the camps were reducing gradually. It was observed all over the communes that agricultural activities had increased to an great extent. The IDPs though faced difficulties in some cases had managed to settle down well with other locals. Communes on border areas of KIGMI, KIBAYI, MUGANZA and MUYIRA who in the past experienced banditry activities, allegedly committed by the refugees from neighbouring Burundi, were organizing sector security schemes assisted by local RPA commanders with aim of countering future banditry activities. However the sector also received information to the effect that the Bourgemester of Ruhashya Commune was trying to lure young men to join the RPA but it could not be confirmed.

(4) A rehabilitation center for the children soldiers had been situated at Butare. The aim is to support the

reintegration of the children soldiers into communities through registration and tracing their families. The educational programme in the center will include basic literacy, numeracy, psychosocial support and

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recreational activities. The center is directed by Ministry of Defence and UNAMIR will provide logistical support, WFP provide food and UNICEF assist educational facilities for both students and the teacher.

(5) Like many others the Sector faced transportation problem in carrying out daily patrols. The Sector suggested at least a section strength of formed troops to be stationed in the sector to provide security to UN property and personnel.

g. SECTOR 4 (Cyangugu)

(1) Since the last conference the Sector experienced relatively calm situation until 10 Jul 95. Since then, the security situation has deteriorated. Acts of banditry are being committed ranging from household robberies, stealing livestock and farm products to selective killings. The focus of banditry activities appeared to be shifted to Bugarama Sub Sector and to a lesser extent, the Cyangugu Sub Sector.

Surprisingly, the Nyamasheke Sub Sector has been relatively quite for the month. In the Bugarama Sub Sector, the focus was on the traders and the returnees who returned with money and livestock. The reports on RPA involvement in banditry has stopped since the formation of unarmed "watch group" at the cell level. These groups proved to be one of the most effective measures for detecting banditry. However their efforts were reduced when some of the members were killed or seriously injured and the RPA refused some groups to carry even some clubs or stones as weapons. From the period 01 to 27 Jul 95, there have been 30 different incidents of robbery, killings, mine explosions and banditry. This is compared to June 95 when 50 such incidents were reported. The FRGF have not changed their political or military goals. Political killings were reported which were aimed at terrorizing the population and its leadership.

(2) During the period the Sector reported 15 sightings of unidentified aircraft violating Rwanda airspace. It was confirmed that none of the aircraft were UN. All of them were of an off-white to light gray

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color with no visible markings on any part of the aircraft. The RPA took no action to engage any of those aircraft.

(3) For the last period of 1-27 Jul 95, spontaneous refugees were entering Rwanda in greater number through entry points located on islands on Lake Kivu and 10 entry points manned by RPA in different communes. There were many other entry points used by the refugees which are unknown to UNHCR and MILOBs. Up to 1099 refugees have been accounted for to the date. Those refugees required blankets and food support on arrival and will continue needing support until the first crop is harvested in their communes.

(4) The Sector believes that the FRGF doesn't possess the Force or preparedness required to launch major offensive operations in the Cyangugu Prefecture. The level of training required to achieve adequate communications, command and control structure, in addition to individual and collective training with new recruits, new

equipments and new weapons was not possible less than one year. However a limited military aim could be possible before the next rainy season in November.

(5) The Sector suggested that UN strategy must be based on a dual approach to create a wedge between the extremist elements of the FRGF located in the camps and the refugees: firstly, to actively support and encourage the return of refugees by providing them with food, clothing and seeds in addition to close liaison with each commune which may require assigning permanent liaison officers to each communal office, as the influx of refugees gained momentum; secondly to exert intense international pressure on the Zairian Government to ensure and guarantee the security of all refugees within the camps and their orderly return to Rwanda, as Zaire openly supported the repatriation process. In doing so the Zairian government must be held accountable before the world community.

(6) All Communes appear to suffer the same problem of lack of potable water, electricity, poor hygiene, and lack of educational infrastructure. A population

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survey supposed to be conducted but no announcement to that effect was made by the Prefecture authorities. An overall decrease of population is expected. The prefecture severely lacks a sound justice system.

(7) An UNHCR repatriation meeting was held on 5 Jul 95. The Pqanzi camp incident of 12 Jul 95 and letter of protest from the Zairian government which followed was not seen as a serious obstacle or deterrent to the reconciliation process. The RPA appeared to be less intimidating at the various entry points and the message of reconciliation was getting through to the refugees who were still apprehensive about returning to their respective communes.

(8) MILOB Sector has already made suggestions and recommendations on the their future employment of MILOBs prior to the last conference added with the logistic support required for the sector. One thing the sector realized that an additional vehicles are most essential to accomplish the new assignment.

h. SECTOR 5 A (Ruhengeri)

(1) The operational situation in the Sector is reportedly calm except for a few cases of arrests. Rumor of FRGF invasion had considerably died down however there were still doubts among the NGO community regarding UN evacuation plan considering the reduction in the number of formed troops. In generally the relation with RPA in the sector remained normal.

(2) The sector observed that unconfirmed rumors among the locals and some RPA stated that a group of former Interhamwe (Approx 20) infiltrated into Ruhengeri. For the past two weeks RPA have intensified their patrols of their intelligence personnel in Ruhengeri. RPA continued patrols along the Volcanos Forest.

(3) The Sector MILOBs, UN agencies and NGOs were able to provide services in all the

communes. The Prefect of Ruhengeri held meeting with the NGOs every month in order to coordinate their activities with the local administrations. In the communes the locals were observed being busy harvesting

crops.

(4) Relatively low numbers of returnees have been reported in the last one month. Those returnees were transported by IOM and UNHCR to their respective communes. Problems being experienced were identification of land for resettlement and shortage of food. The Ministry of Rehabilitation and UNHCR were identifying resettlement areas in all of the communes.

(5) The Sector requested for new accommodation for the office as the number of MILOBS increased after the reorganization had been made. The shortage of vehicles also detracted from fulfilling operational requirements of the MILOBS.

i. SECTOR 5 B (Gisenyi)

(1) The operational situation in the sector remained relatively unchanged. The level of incidents have not changed, however the location had shifted from the area of the Zaire/Rwanda border to the general areas

bordering the eastern and western sides of the Gishwati forest and the coast line in the area of Kayove. The over all situation may be deemed as calm. The incidents of thievery, murder have remained at a constant level for the last one month.

(2) The general situation in the communes could be considered as average. The local commercial situation seems to have returned to almost pre-war conditions and there were noticeable increases in the number of private vehicle traffic. There is no problem with the availability of fuel. On the other hand the relations with the Prefect had significantly improved and could be considered quite good. In a recent speech the Prefect indicated that significant amount of the reconstruction could be attributed to the UN agencies and NGOS. The shortage of basic office supplies persisted and if it was possible a small amount of pen and paper could be procured and distributed to the prefecture. In addition it was also

felt that the prefect's vehicle wind shield, which was vandalized, could be replaced if one of the same could be obtained from the CTO.

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(3) The numbers of returnees in the sector had been relatively constant for past few months. The process used when they passed the border through the Rwandan customs and then on to the UNHCR compound where they received an initial issue of supplies and registration. The specific problem faced by the returnees passing through the sector areas ranged from robbery by the Zairian boarder officials to the lack of settlement land alluded to earlier. Lack of farming implements and seeds remains a problem.

(4) Reconciliation process in the sector is difficult at best. It appeared that the returnees were given the conditions of the country and other limitations and were well treated and incorporated into the society.

(5) The sector solicited an early replacement of the rotating MILOBs because it would suffer an effective strength of only 10 MILOBs by 01 Sept 95. Additionally, the delay in delivery of the vehicles from the workshop, even for the minor cases were also marked as an added problem. The

quality of the fuel being provided was found dirty and contaminated which rendered the vehicles unreliable.

(6) The sector suffers difficult communications with the HQ. As such it was requested by the sector install an INMARSAT as soon as possible.

(7) It appeared that the FRGF had built up there location in GISHWATI Forest, which directly effects the MILOBs patrol routes to the forest on both sides. Though they had not yet been harassed but presence of mines and hostile forces are strongly suspected.

j. SECTOR 5 C (Kibuye)

(1) The situation in the sector had not changed much. It continued to be calm but tense. There was an apprehension among the population due to harassment and arrests by the RPA. Majority of the sector reports and the thrust of the sector's efforts has been

in the area of killings. However the sector had undertaken some tasks of Humanitarian activities. During the period an undisclosed number of bandits landed by boat from Zaire in Rusebaya, Rwamatamu commune

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and took away food and property from the locals. The bandits were suspected to have come from GISHWATI Forest.

(2) The general condition in the communes had not changed at all. Normal was slowly returning. The local population were observed going about their normal activities, although they appeared apprehensive of the RPA. Agricultural products have improved. However, lack of seeds and farming implements remain a problem.

(3) During the last three months the Prefecture received nearly 1080 returnees and 560 IDPs have also returned. They were constantly short of food, blankets, drinking water, etc but the biggest problem was the need of permanent settlement. Also the Prefecture suffered serious damage to basic infrastructure during the last civil war, and it was unable to support large numbers of returnees until those problems were solved. Due to poor road condition in the Prefecture, the humanitarian aid program

continues to encounter logistical problems both for transportation of the returnees to their home communes and to supply their primary needs.

(4) The reconciliation process has not changed in the Sector. It was learnt that the Hutus honestly feel that reconciliation was not required because they anticipated that the FRGF would return and save them from persecution and harassment from the Tutsis and RPA.

(5) The Sector could improve its performance with an increase in the MILOBs strength and an increase of MOTOROLA hand sets with battery chargers. But the unacceptably high percentage of vehicles off-the-road and the absence of most rudimentary services or repair team/MRT is a genuine problem for the Sector which is surrounded with most poor roads.

(6) The departure MALAWI coy was felt like a blow to the Humanitarian support to the local community in the Sector because its heavy vehicles had played a major contribution in coordinating and assisting NGOs in various aspects.

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ITEM 4 BRIEFS FROM THE STAFF OFFICERS

8. The staff officers of MILOB GP HQ presented their brief seriatim.

a. S00 Referring to the last conference the S00 briefly touched upon the following points and requested concern of all the sector commanders.

(1) Some of the sector had shown remarkable improvement in initiating their sitreps accordingly however a definite improvement for others is expected.

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(2) All the sectors were requested to follow the laid down procedure for duties.

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(3) MILOB HQ must be kept in picture about the movement of the Sector Commander.

(4) All actions/information must be follow the channel of communication.

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(5) Delivery/receipt of official mail had become more regular for last one month.

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b. SMPO

(1) MSA for the month of July will be paid 10 Aug 95.

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(2) With regard to the balance money contributed by the MILOBs, a team was set on working to find out a suitable commemorative plaques as soon as possible.

(3) Policy on MILOBs rotation for Sector 3A, Sector 4 and Sector 5C can opt to remain unchanged, but for others should be ready for re-deployment.

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(4) Planned rotations will be done considering posting of new arrivals and persons who had spent less than 4 months in the Sector.

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(5) To ensure security, deployment of formed troops should be done in location of MILOBs.

(6) LCol G.K. Aidjei was welcomed as the new SMPO at the conference.

c. SLOGO

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(1) All the Sector's returns on their holdings as well as the requirements of logistic support were received. These were carefully scrutinized by the SLOGO and necessary adjustments were made.

(2) Upon the outcome of the analysis made by the SLOGO, a letter was initiated to all the outlets that supported MILOBs logistically outlining the total requirements. This was treated with a lot of urgency because most of the outlets summoned to either discussions, clarifications or amendments of some of the requirements. All the agencies concerning MILOBs logistics have been put in picture about the requirements and working feverishly towards resolving them.

(3) A number of meetings have taken place between the SLOGO and SO (LOG), SO (SUP) and OC LOG OPS at 95 FLSG, which were all aimed at trashing out the requirements of MILOBs and working out methods of delivery. In addition those were also discussed in the COS's fortnightly conference. The DFC/CMO

had taken personal interest on the matter and in possession of a requirement chart with him in the office.

(4) In pursuit of some of the basic requirements the OC OPS 95 FLSG and the SLOGO undertook some recce of the 6 Sectors on 20 and 21 Jul 95 to determine water and fuel requirements. But the team did not visit three of the Sectors which were thought to be sufficiently covered by the troops in location. Sector 5B, which was originally in the list of recce, informed the HQ that they did not require the same because they were provided for by the NIBATT. 95 FLSG was willing to visit any other Sector which they think might have some problems. A message to that effect in the SLOGO's Br would be enough to arrange such visit.

(5) Communication has been a problem in the restructuring process which was looked at by the SLOGO, SOO and MILOBs Sig officer. The

sig officer had visited some of the sectors and was working on solving the communication problem.

(6) At the last conference it was decided

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that with the departure of formed troops, MILOBs might be able to inherit some of the returned vehicles. After consultation with the DCMO and CTM it was accepted that MILOBs vehicles strength would be increased to at least 95. An initial issue of 15 vehicles was in progress, where 3 vehicles were already issued to sector 5A.

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(7) Security of UN property was discussed with great concern but there has been no concrete solution found since MILOBs were completely defenseless in an event of any hostile act.

(8) An arrangement for the issue of helmets, flack jackets and binoculars has been made, and all the logistics officer in the sectors were asked to collect those from the TRAFIPRO directly.

(9) Maj Zimba was welcomed by the chair as new SLOGO.

ITEM 5. BRIEF FROM HAC

9. The Chief Humanitarian Affairs Officer appreciated all the works done by the respective humanitarian officer of the Sectors and covered the following points:

a. No commitments or promise should be made by the MILOBs as UNAMIR ran recourse constraints. Only in case of magical cover some assistance would be possible.

b. All the commune details were being collected to assess and determine the priority of works and what could be done.

c. Most of the NGOs had been cooperating well, while some considered the UN as their rival. However, we must maintain good relations with all of them.

d. LCol T. Fox was welcomed as the new CHAO.

ITEM 6. BRIEF FROM CIVPOL

10. CIVPOL would remain responsible, like the MILOBs, for monitoring the situation.

11. Though they are not MILOBs but would remain under command of the Sector Commander when they were posted in the Sector for administrative and operational

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purpose.

12. The Rwandan Government had planned for a new Civil police Force and UN CIVPOL had been entrusted with their training responsibilities.

13. At the end of the mandate 1000 Gendarmerie and 750 communal police are expected to be trained.

14. For information CIVPOL HQ is expected to be shifted to TRAFIPRO shortly.

ITEM 7. DCMO's REMARKS

15. The DCMO appreciated the work being done by all the Sectors. It was obvious that we had to live with a lot of problems everyday. However the HQ are working to bring out good solutions concerning vehicle distribution and communication equipment. He gave assurance that MILOBS would have priority as far as vehicles distribution were concerned.

16. DCMO mentioned " **Negative** " remarks made by the Secretary General regarding the deployment of MILOBS in Zaire. It is not possible at this time.

17. Although the provision for an administrative channel were discussed in the last conference, the DCMO invited more suggestions reduce the administrative radio traffic on the operational channel.

18. The Prefect and other office staff, if possible, could be provided transport privilege occasionally by the MILOBS.

19. Everyone must remain extra careful during the process of thinning out of formed troops.

20. Any invitation concerning National Day Function or of common interest must be processed through MILOB GP HQ to facilitate coordination.

21. The CIVPOL commissioner was requested to provide more CIVPOL MILOBS to fulfill the Sector's requirements and until it could be implemented, all the Sector Commanders were asked to manage within their own resources.

ITEM 8. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

22. The conference decided the following :

- a. The priority of the redistribution and maintenance of vehicles and communication

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equipments would be given to MILOBS.

b. MILOBS should carry out patrols on a daily basis, even during UN holidays.

c. MILOBS should not make any commitments or promises in terms of getting aid to the locals.

d. MILOBS should provide transport facilities to the Prefect or his staffs if possible or as required.

e. All invitations concerning National Day functions or of common interest must be made through MILOBS GP HQ.

ITEM 9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT CONFERENCE .

23. Many sector Commanders who have not hosted the conference requested to be considered for the same.

24. Decision. The next conference will be hosted in Sector 1B. Details pertaining to the date and time of the conference will be disseminated as soon as possible.

ITEM 10. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN.

25. The Chairman, before concluding, reminded every one to remain vigilant and to take all active or passive measures to ensure safety and security of personnel and UN equipment. He also advised everyone to keep up a positive image of UNAMIR. Lastly the Chairman thanked all at the conference for the good job being done.

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FOR UNIT LOG OFFR

SUBJ: LOG CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 1 AUG 95

A. G4 LOG SIG LOG 270 OF 5 JUN 95

THE NEXT LOG CONF WILL BE HELD ON TUE 01 AUG 95 AT HQ 95 FSLG AT THE TRAFIPRO COMPLEX
ROM 1000 TO 1200HR.


DUE TO THE MANY LOCATION CHANGES BEING AFFECTED BETWEEN NOW AND THE CONF DATE,
HOSE LOG OFFR WHO WILL REQUIRE HELO TRANSPORT FROM ARE TO ADVISE THIS HQ BY 1200 MON 17 JUL
5 OF UN ID NO AND NAME OF OFFR WHO WILL ATTEND CONF.


G3 AIR AN AIR TASK REQ WILL BE FWD 17 JUL 95

95 FSLG YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ACTION THE FOL:

PREPARE CONF VENUE FOR 30 PERS

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MINUTES OF SECTORS COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD
AT BUTARE ON FRI 30 JUN 95

Present	: Col-Maj A Toumia	-DFC/CMO	Chairman
	Col CA Nelson	DCMO	Member
	Lt Col I Abubakar	Comd Sector 4B	"
	Lt Col GK Adjei	" " 1	"
	Lt Col M Ahsanullah	SOO	"
	Lt Col E Castro	Comd Sector 4A	"
	Lt Col T Fox	" " 3	"
	Lt Col A Jounitsyn	" " 4C	"
	Lt Col EA Mahachi	" " 6	"
	Lt Col K Opong-Kyekyeku	SMPO	"
	Lt Col AB Sibanda	Comd Sector 2	"
	Maj MK Carswell	Ag Comd Sector 5	"
	Sqn Ldr FA Ayamgha	SLOGO	"
	Maj L Adekagun	MILOBS Sector 4B	Sec
	Capt S Dubreuil	" " Asst Sec	
In attendance :	Col H Osae-Addae	CHAO	
	Lt Col C Ahmed	MA - DFC	
	Lt Col C Bakary	Dy Comd Sector 3A	
	Lt Col V Curren	G3 Med Ops	
	Lt Col VS Dadhural	Dy Comd Sector 4C	
	Lt Col H Kaute	Dy Comd Sector 2B	
	Lt Col SE Keita	Dy Comd Sector 4B	
	Mr Donald Stead	FSA Butare	

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ITEM 1 WELCOME ADDRESS BY COMD SECTOR 4B

1. The Comd Sector 4B welcomed all participants to the conference. He wished the conference had been scheduled for 2 or more days so that he could take participants round Butare city on sightseeing. He however counselled for short briefs which should not exceed 10 minutes in view of the limited time available.

ITEM 2. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. The Chairman expressed happiness to be at the conference even though he was not new to

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the Mission but had just taken over as DFC/CMO barely one week from the outgone DFC/CMO(Brig-Gen Anyidoho). He stressed the calmness of the situation generally except for the increase in banditry acts while check points were on the decrease.

3.He intimated the conference that a paper had already been issued out on the new UNAMIR mandate and called for vigilance and keeping in place of all security measures. He stressed that more responsibilities had been added for the MILOBS which required more dedication, imagination and commitment. He cautioned against inadequate/destructive rumour peddling in the name of information gathering.

4.The Chairman noted that UNAMIR was set up for reconciliating assistance to Rwanda and not as a spying outfit. Been the field operatives of UNAMIR, MILOBS were enjoined to produce detailed and accurate information on which actions would be based. He promised more logistics support from defunct formed troops resources towards the enhancement of the duties of MILOBS.

ITEM 3. BRIEFS FROM THE SECTORS

5. The various commanders presented briefs on the activities of their sectors seriatim.

a. Sector 1

- (1) The sector experienced relative calm since the last sectors comds' conference till date while the negative propaganda against UNAMIR on Radio Rwanda seemed to have died down. The locals who fled the prefecture (Byumba) had been returning and presently engaged in various agricultural and commercial activities. However 45% of the prefecture were mine infested and this hampered agriculture.

(2) The prefecture seriously lacked essential services like portable water, electricity, adequate transportation and medical facilities which was consequent upon the aftermath of the war. The destroyed communes offices were yet to be rehabilitated. The government officials in the prefecture had since embarked on reconciliation campaigns for which a six-day seminar was held for the youths in May 95.

(3) The sector's duties could best be carried out with additional logistics support/facilities like an additional radio base station, fax machine, telephone, more vehicles, fuel dumps, electric generator, portable water supply among others.

b. Sector 2

(1) The operational situation within the sector had been quite satisfactory within the past month. Arrests of locals and returnees had considerably decreased. Except for the Mugesera Bourgmestre who gave instruction that UNAMIR vehicle should not cross a particular check point without his specific authorization, other RPA/militias at the check points were cooperative. RPA deployment at the border had been increased.

(2) Primary and secondary schools had since re-opened but they lack qualified teachers. The remuneration for the available teachers were inadequate and irregular. Some NGO had been providing infrastructural and other assistance to the schools.

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(3) The prefecture lacked adequate social services of pipe borne water electricity and transport whilst the population had steadily been on the increase with the return of so many people including those that departed the prefecture since 1959/60. The number of returnees was put at 2,526 by UNHCR which MILOBS could not verify due to their denial of access to the border crossing figures with the government officials.

(4) No case of illegal occupation of peoples houses was reported within the period. The local authorities embarked on reconciliatory campaigns which yielded cordial living relationship among the locals including the returnees. However the ration usually doled out to these returnees at Transit camps hardly lasted more than a month. Farming implements should be supplied to them towards attaining self sustenance/sufficiency.

(5) The prefecture had 21,250 registered orphans scattered all over the communes including 9 orphanages that were been supported/ maintained by the NGOs.

(6) The sectors interpreters holding was reduced to one by Messrs Brown and Root which terminated their employments. An urgent provision of more interpreters would enhance the sector's performance.

c. Sector 3A

(1) The situation in the sector was calm but tense due to apprehension among locals of arrest and harassment by the RPA soldiers.

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Agricultural activities increased due to the support of the NGOs who provided initial food aid, tools and seeds to the locals.

(2) Inadequate social services was the main problem within the prefecture. The water supply system destroyed during the war were yet to be resuscitated. Inavailable teachers and teaching materials hampered education while no medical centres in some secteurs thereby compelled carriage of the sick to distant commune hospitals without transport facilities.

(3) The prefecture received over 2,000 refugees and ex-IDPs from Gisenyi and Kibeho respectively including those of 1959/60 cases with incidental accommodation problems. There were reported cases of forceful grabbing of other people's property with the active connivance of the RPA.

(4) There seemed to be mutual mistrust amongst the two main tribes which was not helpful to the expected reconciliation.

(5) The sector required some mentioned additional logistics support to enhance its duties.

d. Sector 3B

(1) The prefecture in which the sector is located had an estimated 775,400 people on a land mass of 2,339 square kilometres before the war of which about 200,000 died in the 1994 war. The reburial of the dead had since commenced throughout the secteurs.

(2) About 10,200 people of different categories returned to the commune within the last three months with the attendant accommodation problem. Those suspected of genocide acts resorted to banditry to survive while living as fugitives in the neighbourhood.

(3) The last sector cmd(Col Hassnain) built a good relationship with the RPA local Bde cmd which had been maintained as evidenced in the last week visit of the RPA Bde Cmd to the sector. This good relationship informed courteous attitudes from the RPA soldiers at the check points to all UN members.

(4) The prefect of Gitarama though a moderate Hutu, friendly and amiable had been exploiting his relationship with the sector for selfish ends. MILOBS in the sector had good working relationships with the NGOs and other UN agencies.

(5) The prisons were overcrowded with kids and babies among the inmates and of which 16 people died within the past one week.

(6) The so-much desired reconciliation could be achieved through education of the people and justice.

e. Sector 4A

(1) After the forceful closure of all the IDP camps in the sector, the activities of the sector changed drastically from monitoring IDPs in the camps to monitoring and assessing their general well being in their home communes. The local administrators had so far kept the

communes under effective control but their efforts were hampered by lack of expertise and resources.

(2) The returnees experienced initial hardships due to loss of personal effects enroute and the consequential impact of food supply. Some NGOs had since come to their assistance with foods aid. However some of the NGOs who functioned at the camps had withdrawn their services.

(3) The President of Rwanda and the Prime Minister jointly visited the prefecture on reconciliation campaign within the period.

(4) Among the problems faced by the prefecture during the material time were lack of funds for civil servants salaries and poor or non-existing infrastructures.

(5) The sector's duties would best be facilitated with additional logistics support especially vehicles as five of the sector's vehicle had been in the workshop for a relatively long period.

f. Sector 4B

(1) The sector was pre-occupied with monitoring resettlements of ex-IDPs in their home communes after the forced closure of the IDP camps in Apr 95. The RPA and Commune officials were hostile to patrol teams for alleged spying against the government to the extent that an interpreter that accompanied a patrol team was detained sometimes ago. However, with the intervention of the minister of Internal

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Affairs, the situation had since normalized.

(2) The calm situation that prevailed in the sector was recently disturbed by robbery incidents by men dressed in RPA uniforms. NGOs (females) were the main targets.

(3) In line with the new mandate, the sector liaised with the NGOs to get desired aids material and even on occasions transported same to their respective destinations.

(4) The Force Engineer Company team was used to mend some of the bad roads within Butare town as requested by the local RPA Brigade Commander. This act was a right step in the right direction.

(5) A total of over 2,000 returnees from Burundi, Uganda and Tanzania, 518,623 ex-IDPs and a lot of orphans were received/registered in the sector within the last 3 months. Their problems were similar to those of the ex-IDPs and these were housing, farmland, tools, seeds etc. The NGOs had been assisting to resettle them. Initial hostilities to ex-IDPs had since died down.

(6) The returnees and ex-IDPs were reported fast settling down and this had been facilitated by commendable rehabilitation campaigns of most of the Bourgmestres.

(7) Most of the social services utilities had broken down and required rehabilitation. Some commune offices also required rehabilitation. Though schools had since re-opened but remuneration for teachers were inadequate and

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irregular.

(8) Unconfirmed report had it that some FRGF and militia organised themselves at the refugee camps in Burundi to stop refugees from returning home.

g. Sector 4C

(1) The sector experienced relative calm since the last conference, however banditry, robbery and killing incidents were on the increase with 50 reported cases of killings as against 40 of the previous month.

(2) The sector recorded 15 sightings of unidentified aircrafts within the airspace of the sector. The aircrafts were suspected to belong to either the FRGF or Zairean government and were on air recce/taking of air photographs missions. The aircraft always came from the direction of Zaire and returned there after some interval.

(3) The prefecture appeared to be a stronghold of FRGF and Interahamwe sympathizers even though its prefect enjoyed the trust and confidence of local RPA authorities. Rebuilding the prefectures damaged infrastructures did not appear to be given any attention yet.

(4) Two battalions of RPA soldiers were deployed within the prefecture while their uncooperative officers attempted stopping the locals and NGOs from giving information to MILOBS.

5. A total of 672 returnees were received at the Nyagatare transit camp in the prefecture within the past three months. The refugees came from Burundi and Zaire.

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Repatriation meetings were held on monthly basis by UNHCR representative. The prefect of Cyangugu and the Deputy Governor of South Kivu recently held a meeting to improve relations between them.

(6) Population survey would be conducted in the prefecture at a future date. The prisons at Kamembe and Cyangugu had more inmates than they were built for.

(7) Reliable and increased vehicle fleet would be a sine-qua-non to whatever tasks that would be assigned to MILOBS in the sector.

h. Sector 5

(1) The operational situation in the sector remained relatively unchanged since the last conference. Constant rumours of FRGF invasion, reduction of armed troops and unavailability of resources to perform duties created uncertainty within the NGO community.

(2) RPA deployment to forward positions in defensive posture had checkmated armed incursions from Zaire. However, elements of the FRGF were suspectedly operated in gang of between 13 to 30 persons to cause havoc. The sector however had good relationship with the RPA.

(3) The MILOBS were in constant liaison and cooperation with the NGOs. A combined MILOBS/WFP team went on a flight of the general area and it observed imminence of harvest of crops.

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(4) A total of 11,004 returnees were registered in the sector. Various NGOs were on hand to aid resettlement of these returnees. However, the commune offices did not are well in matter of stationery stock. HR and UNHCR conducted a seminar on arrest and detention of subjects last week. This was aimed at enhancing reconciliation. Similar informal programmes were conducted for the gendamerie by the CIVPOL on proper arrest and investigation procedures.

(5) The sector could not obtain independent information on happenings at the neighbouring country's refugees camps hence reliance was placed on what the NGO could provide. However their information were somehow contradictory with high suspicion of deliberate disinformation/distortion.

(6) The sector required additional 5 radio-equipped Toyota 4x4's vehicles and communication equipment to facilitate its duties. As at date the sector had no computer and photocopier.

i. Sector 6

(1) The situation in the sector was generally calm and fairly stable. Except for some minor incidents of robberies and harassment of locals at Kanombe commune, there were no major banditry acts reported. Though the arrest of genocide crime suspects continued but on a little scale.

(2) INDBATT and Australian EOD continued providing engineering and

disposal ammunition assistance creditably.

(3) RPA had been rehearsing for the National Day celebration fixed for 1 Jul 95 at the stadium. They intensified patrols and checkpoints which reduced the robbery on UN and members property.

(4) The population was on the increase but could not be monitored due to the cosmopolitan nature of Kigali. A number of returnees were received in the sector and settled in Kanombe. The locals in the city communes engaged in commercial activities while those in the rural communes engaged in agriculture. Damaged private buildings were observed been repaired just as new ones were springing up in the cities. Some houses were abandoned in the villages. However, no rehabilitation observed on damaged government buildings yet ostensibly due to lack of money.

(5) The prisons continued to be overcrowded and required urgent attention. The NGOs could not be easily tracked down for liaison due to the constant changes in their addresses. The available ones had been responding positively to issues taken up with them.

(6) Water supply was hampered by unstable electricity supply just as the rural roads were only motorable to 4 wheel drive vehicles. Nothing concrete seemed to have been done on the high number of orphans who out of neglect resorted to organising and fending for themselves.

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(7) Reconciliation efforts were being hampered by property disputes. Returnees who fled the country in 1959 and now in occupation of other people's houses were not prepared to vacate same and this had become the main source of contention. Radio transmission continued hampering on genocide thus rekindled hostilities among locals especially after the April reburials.

(8) The main problem of the sector had been that of inadequate logistics support especially vehicles and lack of sufficient number of interpreters.

ITEM 4 REVISED MANDATE AND REORG OF MILOBS SECTORS

6. The new mandate of UNAMIR divested it of involvement in the security of the nation which should be left with the Rwandese government. The mandate resulted in the reduction of formed troops but increased responsibilities to MILOBS. Each prefecture would become a sector with emphasis on humanitarian and reconciliatory assistance. MILOBS GP HQ was in receipt of all sectors' inputs to the reorganisation exercise but verbal discussion thereon would be better.

7. Decision. It was decided that all sectors commanders should verbally discuss their recommendations for the reorganisation at this meeting.

All Sectors Comds

ITEM 5. SECTOR COMD'S COMMENTS ON THE REORGANISATION

8. The sector commanders presented various comments whose summary were as follows :

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- a. The exit of formed troops in some sectors would badly affect communication, fuel and water supply support for MILOBS since reliance was hitherto placed on the formed troops resources.
- b. The decision of Messrs Brown & Root on laid off interpreters would have adverse effect on sectors' activities.
- c. The severance of Kibuye from Gitarama was a saluted decision as the prefectures could now interact in a natural way.
- d. Almost all the sectors had inadequate logistics back-up especially vehicles, hand held radios etc.
- e. Special equipment like binoculars would be required to view happenings in Burundi from hill tops in Rwanda borders.
- f. The out post team of sector 4A colocated with the about-to-move Zambian troops in school building would be disadvantaged with schools imminent resumption.
- g. Proposed sectors 2A & 2B were big enough to have much formed troops and MILOBS.
- h. Each sector should deal with communes within its prefecture boundary.
- i. The sub sector in Rilima required immediate fold up just as the sector 4A (new 2A) outpost. Sector 4A required relocation for security reasons.

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- j. A lot of indiscipline acts were observed on the radio for private and personal matters to the detriment of official messages. Necessity for separate administrative and operations net was stressed.
9. Decisions. The conference agreed that :
- a. Field services officials to relocate near sectors for possible logistics support. FSA
 - b. Available interpreters would be equitably distributed among sectors after the exit of formed troops. Two interpreters to a sector would be the minimum standard S00
 - c. Sector comds would personally check outposts if and when deployed as a result of absolute necessity. All Sectors Comds
 - d. Incoming GHANBATT would provide accommodation for sector 2 from its office building. DFC/CMO
 - e. The vehicles and other assets of defunct troops would be shared among sectors. DFC/CMO
 - f. Sectors would operate in conjunction with local officials and not in antagonism. All Sectors Comds
 - g. The outpost in sector 4A to be withdrawn after some time, thereafter patrols should be sent there on scheduled periods. Comd Sector 4A
 - h. Both the Forces HQ and UNO office in New York were informed of the unidentified aircraft activities. Possible enquiries were already on. DFC/CMO

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ITEM 6 BRIEFS FROM THE STAFF OFFICERS

10. The staff officers at MILOBS GP HQ presented their brief seriatim.

a. SOQ

(1) Some sectors were used to forwarding their sitreps and other vital reports late.

(2) Some sectors sent letters to higher headquarters to the embarrassment of MILOBS GP HQ which was oblivious of such correspondences.

(3) Actions/utterances of some MILOBS portrayed ignorance of contents of official mails/directives.

(4) Some sectors evolved local methods of performing duty contrary to MILOBS GP HQ directive.

(5) MILOBS GP HQ was kept in the dark on the movement of sector commanders.

(6) Letters piled up for sectors at the MILOBS GP HQ uncollected.

b. SMPO

(1) The MSA for the month of Jun 95 would be paid on 5 Jul 95. Manpower problem militated against payment at sectors by the finance section.

(2) No favouritism intended with the latest redeployment, rather need to avoid destabilising MILOBS due for repatriation in Jul & Aug 95 necessitated it.

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(3) Decision should be taken on what to do with the balance of money contributed by MILOBS and used to buy items in aid of Rwandese orphans.

(5) MILOBS needed not to procure more than basic necessities to facilitate their duties in Rwanda.

(5) Medical assistance for MILOBS needed to be worked out in view of moving out of formed troops in some areas.

c. S LOGO

(1) Over speeding and unauthorized parking cases had commendably declined.

(2) Delays on receipts back of vehicles sent to workshop were caused by inavailability of spare parts and other sundry problems.

(3) Programme for move of newly posted MILOBS already issued out.

(4) Some logistic officers of sectors failed to adhere to guidelines on requisitions and indenting.

11. Decisions. It was decided that :

a. Sitreps should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ at the latest 1800 hrs daily. Fax or even telephone could be utilised there for.

All Sectors Comds

b. Laid down procedures on sitreps should be followed. Occurrence reports should be promptly sent and be sufficiently detailed enough.

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c. Channel of communication should be adhered to. In case of absolute

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necessity for its breach, the MILOBS GP HQ should be sent information copies.

- d. All MILOBS should see all mails for adequate information. Furthermore each sector must have "daily prayers" at whatever time it chose.
- e. A three-man duty team should be established in every sector. The radio set should be manned round the clock while a MILOBS team should patrol 2 or 3 communes daily and this accounted for number of MILOBS deployed to each sector.
- f. MILOBS GP HQ should be informed of the absence of sector commander from the sector and an acting sector commander should be appointed and communicated to the MILOBS GP HQ.
- g. MILOBS were to be enjoined to check for both official and personal mails for their sectors at the HQs whenever they are opportuned to be around Kigali.
- h. Every MILOBS were now entitled to 100 kilograms of accompanied baggages on coming to the mission and 100 kilograms of unaccompanied baggages on repatriation from the mission at UN expense. (These excluded whatever the airlines offered)
- i. Balance from the money contributed to assist Rwandese orphans should be used to produce commemorative plaques as souvenirs and to be purchased by MILOBS.
- j. Information should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ on MILOBS admitted in the

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hospital so that he could be paid get-well visits by HQ staff which could lift morale and speed up recovery.

k. NGO's in hospitals and available formed troops would continue to give medical cover to all MILOBS. Possibility of issuing first aid kits to MILOBS would be viewed.

G3 MED OPS

l. UN equipment with defunct formed troops would be shared among the sectors.

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m. Recalcitrant logistic officers would be surcharged for indenting and collecting unauthorized items.

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n. Newly posted MILOBS would be moved with effect from Tue 4 Jul 95 as per programme already issued out. Necessary changes be timely communicated to MILOBS GP HQ.

All Sectors Comds

o. Sector commanders placed under obligation to take interest in the activities of their logistics officers.

All Sectors Comds

ITEMS 7. BRIEF FROM HAC

12. Receipt was acknowledged of daily sitreps on humanitarian affairs. Need for accurate, concise and unambiguous weekly reports stressed to avoid loss of confidence as some weekly report contained exaggerations. Patrols to schools, villages and medical centres to interview people directly involved could facilitate accurate reporting.

13. Appointment of 2 MILOBS as Humanitarian Affairs Officers in a sector suggested for continuity sake because of inadvertent absences like CTO, leave or even repatriations. Inaccuracies in reports could

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be avoided if sector commanders had gone through them before despatch.

14. Establishment of good cordial working relationship with RPA local commanders, Bourgmestres, Prefects and even NGOs would yield good, positive and desired results.

15. Decision It was decided that special format proforma as desired by HAC be made for use by the Humanitarian Affairs Officers.

ITEMS 8. DCMO'S REMARKS

16. Every sector would face various insecurities consequent upon reduction of formed troops strength hence every MILOBS was enjoined to be prepared. MILOBS would continue to be the ears and eyes of UNAMIR even in neighbouring countries if UNO decided to extend UNAMIR mandate there after Special Envoy's report.

17. Notice was taken on observed change in some government officials attitudes. Need to be closer with these officials was emphasized.

18. Decision. It was decided that all sectors would operate closely and in liaison with governmental officials at whatever level notwithstanding the uncooperative attitudes of some.

ITEM 9. ARRANGEMENT FOR NEXT CONFERENCE

19. Every sector commander who had not hosted the conference wanted to be considered to be the next host who would take over the mantle of hostship from commander sector 4B.

20. Decision It was decided that the next conference would hold at Gikongoro and its date and other details would be communicated to all as soon as they were worked out.

21. Summary of decisions. The conference decided that :

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All Sectors Comds

Comd=Sector 4A

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| a. All sectors commanders should verbally discuss their recommendations for the reorganisation at this meeting. | All Sectors Comds |
| b. Field services officials to relocate near sectors for possible logistics support. | FSA |
| c. Available interpreters would be equitably distributed among sectors after the exit of formed troops. Two interpreters to a sector would be the minimum standard. | SOO |
| d. Sector comds would personally check outposts if and when deployed as a result of absolute necessity. | All Sectors Comds |
| e. Incoming GHANBATT would provide accommodation for sector 2 from its office building. | DFC/CMO |
| f. The vehicles and other assets of defunct troops would be shared among sectors. | DFC/CMO |
| g. Sectors would operate in conjunction with local officials and not in antagonism. | All Sectors Comds |
| h. The outpost in sector 4A to be withdrawn after some time, thereafter patrols should be sent there on scheduled periods. | Comd Sector 4A |
| i. Both the Forces HQ and UNO office in New York were informed of the unidentified aircraft activities. Possible enquiries were already on. | DFC/CMO |
| j. Sitreps should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ at the latest 1800 hrs daily. Fax or even telephone could be utilised there for. | All Sectors Comds |

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| <p>k. Laid down procedures on sitreps should be followed. Occurrence reports should be promptly sent and be sufficiently detailed enough.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>l. Channel of communication should be adhered to. In case of absolute necessity for its breach, the MILOBS GP HQ should be sent information copies.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>m. All MILOBS should see all mails for adequate information. Furthermore each sector must have "daily prayers" at whatever time it chose.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>n. A three-man duty team should be established in every sector. The radio set should be manned round the clock while a MILOBS team should patrol 2 or 3 communes daily and this accounted for number of MILOBS deployed to each sector.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>o. MILOBS GP HQ should be informed of the absence of sector commander from the sector and an acting sector commander should be appointed and communicated to the MILOBS GP HQ.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>p. MILOBS were to be enjoined to check for both official and personal mails for their sectors at the HQs whenever they are opportuned to be around Kigali.</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |
| <p>q. Every MILOBS were now entitled to 100 kilograms of accompanied baggages on coming to the mission and 100 kilograms of unaccompanied baggages on repatriation from the mission at UN expense.
(These excluded whatever the airlines offered)</p> | <p>All Sectors Comds</p> |

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| r. | Balance from the money contributed to assist Rwandese orphans should be used to produce commemorative plaques as souvenirs and to be purchased by MILOBS. | SMPO |
| s. | Information should be sent to MILOBS GP HQ on MILOBS admitted in the hospital so that he could be paid get-well visits by HQ staff which could lift morale and speed up recovery. | All Sectors Comds |
| t. | NGO's in hospitals and available formed troops would continue to give medical cover to all MILOBS. Possibility of issuing first aid kits to MILOBS would be viewed. | G3 MED OPS |
| u. | UN equipment with defunct formed troops would be shared among the sectors. | DFC/CMO
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| v. | Recalcitrant logistic officers would be surcharged for indenting and collecting unauthorized items. | SLOGO |
| w. | Newly posted MILOBS would be moved with effect from Tue 4 Jul 95 as per programme already issued out. Necessary changes be timely communicated to MILOBS GP HQ. | All Sectors Comds |
| x. | Sector commanders placed under obligation to take interest in the activities of their logistics officers. | All Sectors Comds |
| y. | Special format proforma as desired by HAC be made for use by the Humanitarian Affairs Officers. | CHAO |
| z. | All sectors would operate closely and in liaison with government officials at whatever level notwithstanding the uncooperative attitudes of some. | All Sectors Comds |

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aa. The next conference would hold at Gikongoro and its date and other details would be communicated to all as soon as they were worked out.

Comd Sector 4A/S00

ITEM 10. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

18. The chairman thanked everybody at the conference for frank/genuine discussions and deliberation. He reiterated his earlier call for dedication for duty and promised solutions to the enumerated problems within available resources. He wished everybody 'bon voyage' back to their stations.


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Maj
Sec

10 Jul 95
Butare - Rwanda

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DFC/CMO

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Sector 1A(Kigali)

Sector 1B(Gitarama)

Sector 2A(Byumba)

Sector 2B(Kibungo)

Sector 3A(Gikongoro)

Sector 3B(Butare)

Sector 4(Cyangugu)

Sector 5A(Ruhengeri)

Sector 5B(Gisenyi)

Sector 5C(Kibuye)

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UNAMIR - MINUAR

MILOB GP HQ

TO : SRSG
✓ DCMO

DATE : 21 MAY 95

FROM : MILOB GP HQ

FILE : 643/0ps/95

SUBJECT : MEETING OF MILOB SECTOR CDRS WITH SRSG ON 20 MAY 95

1. The meeting of Milob Sector Commanders with HE Mr Shahryar Khan SRSG was attended by the following :-

(a) Col Charles A Nelson	DCMO	
(b) Maj Ashish Ghosh	Offg Sec Cdr Sec 1)
(c) Maj Vijay Pande	Offg Sec Cdr Sec 2)
(d) Col S A Hasnain	Sec Cdr Sec 3)
(e) Lt Col E Castro	Sec Cdr Sec 4A) Speakers
(f) Lt Col A Jounitsyn	Sec Cdr Sec 4C)
(g) Lt Col Vladimir Belski	Sec Cdr Sec 5)
(h) Lt Col E Mahachi	Sec Cdr Sec 6)
(j) Lt Col O Kyekyeku	SMPO	
(k) Lt Col T J Fox		
(l) Sqn Ldr F A Ayamgha	SLOGO	
(m) Maj H S Ratnaparkhi	SOO	

2. The SRSG directed that the issues discussed be formulated subject wise and submitted for his perusal. The same is attached herewith.

3. Best Regards.

Harish
(H S Ratnaparkhi)
Major
Senior Ops Offr
for DCMO

copy to : All Sector Cdrs (MILOBS)

ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF
MILOB SECTOR CDRS WITH SRSG ON
20 MAY 95

GENERAL SITUATION

1. The general situation in the entire country was reported to be calm . The sector cdr Sector 3 however added that this appears to be temporary as the present government appears to give a false impression to the world that everything is fine here. Sector Cdr 4C indicated that the cases of banditry,looting and killings from persons across the border are common in his sector.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

2. The Military Observers have undertaken a number of humanitarian initiatives. Routine humanitarian assistance in terms of transportation of medicines , school material and food has continued as before. Some felt that the humanitarian efforts are not exactly tangible and what has really emerged is the excellent rapport the Military Observers enjoy with the local government , NGOs and the population. In the absence of a coordinating agency like UNREO, the observers have been instrumental in refocussing the attention of aid agencies to places where the aid is needed an also advise on precisely what kind of aid is needed. Another important task was to constantly monitor the influx of refugees and also the settling of IDPs into their home communes.During the Kibeho episode the Milobs were instrumental in coordinating the return of IDPs and helping in their settling down in the home communes.

3. Difficulties. The following difficulties were faced :-

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(d) Revival of judicial system can only take place if UN takes active interest.

(e) The formed troops be actively involved in construction

activity and be equipped as such in the new mandate.

(f) Creation of Aid Rwanda fund was suggested by Sec Cdr Sec 4A.

(g) Assistance in improvement of water supply, educational facilities and reconstruction of buildings of national significance like the Parliament Building at Kigali.

(h) Effective utilization of media to project positive image of UNAMIR.

(j) Training to medical staff.

(k) Medical assistance in terms of a field hospital and improved medical assistance by air.

(l) Improvement in prisons.

(m) More interpreters will be of great help.

5. New Mandate . The following views were expressed :-

(a) Reduced UNAMIR presence would mean reduced NGO presence.

(b) Any intransigence against UN would further delay the efforts to bring to book the persons involved in the genocide.

(c) The old government will sooner or later try to come to power and the presence of UN will help the present government.

(d) The present government in Rwanda must seek a reduced UN presence under chapter 6 and seek a peace building mandate.

(e) The best arms of the UN in the field are the Observers and their presence costs little while their worth in humanitarian coordination is as yet unrealized.

6. SRSRs Remarks. The SRSG thanked all the participants and said that the inputs provided at grassroots levels balance off the negative elements. He addressed the following three basic frustrations :-

(a) Lack of justice and the RPA being the only authority.

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(a) The response of NGOs at best can be termed as lukewarm. In Gitarama sector it was reported that nobody except CARITAS and ICRC were physically present . It was acknowledged by all that

the NGO presence in Rwanda is largely due to the presence of UNAMIR.

(b) There are no resources available with UNAMIR to help the locals. They are dependant on the aid agencies or ask the HQ for help and the help asked is generally not given. This erodes the credibility of UNAMIR. Some funds to give assistance like sports goods, furniture was recommended.

(c) Due to lack of coordination between the government and the aid agencies, a lot of effort is wasted. There is a need of a coordinating agency for this.

3. Achievements. The following achievements of UNAMIR were cited :-

(a) Transportation of IDPs.

(b) Restoration of electricity in Sector 1.

(c) Due to the presence of UNAMIR the economic activity has picked up and people are feeling more secure.

(d) Milobs in Giseyni have been able to coordinate efforts of the large team of UN agencies NGOs into one towards one goal.

(e) The help given in digging garbage pits in Gisyeni and assistance to Electrogaz.

4. Recommendations. The following recommendations were put forth :-

(a) The country needs large scale assistance to reconstruct destroyed assets and the same be provided.

(b) The RPA could be given non lethal assistance like Clothing, training and repair of military barracks.

(c) To improve functioning of government at lower levels some aid like motorcycles, office eqpt, communication be provided.

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- (b) Financial aid to Rwanda is not coming as expected.
- (c) Activities from across the border.

He mentioned that the prisons in Rwanda like the Kibeho IDP camp are future flash points and may go the Kibeho way if steps are not

taken to improve the conditions in the prisons. He cited the example of the help being given at Gitarama prison by UNAMIR and expressed that this kind of direct assistance is much better than those involving big bureaucratic chains. He also said that the UN will only stay at the wishes of the present sovereign government and in whatever form it has to stay will be clear in a couple of weeks. He also emphasized that the reconciliation must come at the lower levels to ensure long lasting peace.

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UNAMIR - MINUAR

MILOB GP HQ

TO : SEE DISTRIBUTION

Date : 16 MAY 95

FROM : DCMO, MILOB GP HQ

File : Ops/Conf-45

SUBJECT : MEETING WITH SRSG AND SECTOR CDRS CONFERENCE.

1. The next meeting with the SRSG and Sector cdrs conference will be held at KIGALI in Sec 6 on 20 May 95 as per the following programme :-

0900-1000	Arrival at KIGALI	By road/air
1030-1130	Meeting with the SRSG	At Force HQ Briefing Room
1130-1200	Move to Sector 6 HQ	
1200-1330	Sector Cdrs Conference	Sector 6 HQ
1330-1430	Lunch	Under arrangements Sec 6
1430-1500	Move to helipad	
1500	Departure	

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2. SRSGs Conference. The sector cdrs are requested to give a brief of activities in their sectors for approximately 10 min to cover the following (written brief may be submitted to the SOO immediately thereafter) :-

(a) Achievements.

(b) Difficulties.

(c) Steps to be taken to improve Humanitarian aspects in Rwanda and how better we can assist the govt as mentioned in our mission.

3. Agenda for Sector Cdrs Conference.

1145	Arrival of participants	Tea /Coffee
1200	Welcome address	Sect Cdr 6
1205	Opening Remarks By CMO	
1205-1210	Briefing by HAC	HAC
1215-1245	Any points from Sector Cdrs and Staff Offrs will be discussed as briefing has already taken place in the morning	
1300-1310	DCMOs Remarks	
1310-1320	CMOs Closing Remarks	
1320-1330	Spare	
1330-1430	Lunch	


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4. Move and Conc. Please submit requests for helicopter to reach this HQ by 1700h on 17 May 95.

5. SLOGO. Please provide one Minibus to Sector 6 for transportation of sector cdrs from Helipad to the places mentioned above as per the programme till they depart by air.

6. Best Regards.


(Charles Nelson)
Colonel
DCMO

Distribution :-

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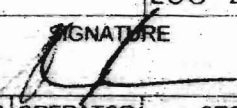
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FOR UNIT LOG OFFER

SUBJ: LOG CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 9 MAY 95

A. G4 LOG SIG Q1107 DATED 081530B ARP 95

- 1 DUE TO 9 MAY 95 BEING A HOLIDAY, THE LOG CONF SCHEDULED FOR 9 MAY 95 IS POSTPONED. IF UNITS HAVE URGENT MATTERS THAT NEED ADDRESSING PRIOR TO NEXT CONF PLEASE ADVISE SO LOG MAJ S A TAYLOR, PHONE 11118
- 2 THE NEXT LOG CONF WILL BE HELD ON TUE 23 MAY 95 AT HQ 95 FSLG AT THE TRAFIPRO COMPLEX FROM 1000 TO 1200HR.
- 3 HELO TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOG OFFER FROM SECTORS 5, 3A, 4C AND 4A. ALL OTHERS ARE TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO KIGALI.
- 4 HELO TIMINGS ARE:

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- A. 0730 PICKUP TUNBATT LOG OFFR FROM MUTURA
- B. 0750 HOURS - PICKUP MALAWICOY LOG OFFR FROM KIBUYE
- C. 0815 HOURS - PICKUP ETHIOBATT LOG OFFR FROM KAMEMBE
- D. 0840 HOURS - PICKUP ZAMBATT LOG OFFR FROM GIKONGORO
- E. 0900 HOURS - ARRIVE KIGALI
- F. 1500 HOURS - DEPART KIGALI TO RETURN OFFR TO CONTINGENTS

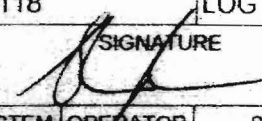
5 OFFR FROM SECTORS 5, 3A, 4C AND 4A ARE TO ADVISE THIS HQ BY 1200 FRI 12 MAY 95 OF NAME OF OFFR WHO WILL ATTEND CONF. FURTHER IF OFFR FROM THESE SECTORS DO NOT REQUIRE HELO TPT THEY ARE TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE BY 1200 12 MAY 95.

6. G3 AIR REQUEST THAT HELO BE ARRANGED AS PER THE SCHEDULE AT PARA 3. REQ ALSO THAT SO LOG MAJ S A. TAYLOR, ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT FROM KIGALI DURING PICKUP OF CONTINGENT LOG OFFR.

7. FURTHER DETAILS OF PAX WILL BE ADVISED 12 MAY 95.

8. 95 FSLG YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ACTION THE FOL:

- A. PREPARE CONF VENUE FOR 30 PERS
 - B. PROVIDE LIGHT REFRESHMENT ON COMPLETION OF CONF
 - C. PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR LOG OFFR FM HELIPAD TO TRAFIPRO AT 0900HR AND RETURN AT 1430HR.
9. ANY QUERIES REGARDING THIS CONF ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO SO LOG EXT 11118 OR CALLSIGN 94D ON CHANNEL 11.

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MILOB GP HQ
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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN
NYAMASHEKE (SECTOR-4C) ON 08 March 1995

Present:	COL UA MOHEEN	-DCMO (CHAIRMAN)
	COL SA HASNAIN	-COMD SECTOR 3
	LT COL ASHANULLA	-COMD SECTOR 2
	LT COL E CASTRO	-COMD SECTOR 4A
	LT COL CO DIARRA	-COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
	LT COL EKWALOR	-COMD SECTOR 6
	LT COL E ESSIEN	-COMD SECTOR 5
	LT COL FOX	-COMD SECTOR 4C
	LT COL OPONG-KYEKYEKU	-SMPO
	MAJ AK GHOSH	-OPS O SECTOR-1
	MAJ KRISHNA	-A/COMD SECTOR-4B
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	-SDO3 for SOO
	MAJ JGS BOISSONNEAULT	-OPS O 4C (SECRETARY)

OPENING REMARKS

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1. The Comd of Sect 4C welcomed the participants in one of the Sect hot spots and expressed his pleasue in hosting this conference.

2. The DCMO explained that the DFC/CMO was not present because of other engagements but he had sent his best regards. He also thanked Sect Comd of Sect 4C for hosting in NYAMASHEKE with a view on the famous IJWI Island.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

3. SDO3 read out the salient points of the minutes of the last conference as follows:

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- a. Sect 1 has established its sub-sect at NGARAMA with HQ at GITUZA.
- b. Boundary between Sect 3 and 5 has been re-aligned.
- c. There is a lot of improvement on the reporting procedure and now sectors are forwardly prompt information on important incidents.
- d. The problem of MILOBs escorting BOR convoys has been resolved.
- e. The division of Sectors into sub-sectors and further down to areas of team responsibility has been done.
- f. Helo recce requests have now increased and sectors are making optimum use of this force multiplier.

4. The minutes were approved.

ALL SECTORS

ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

5. All Sector Bonds gave a detailed brief on the activities and happenings in their sectors. On conclusion of the same, the DCMO brought out the following points:

- a. The DCMO clarified the status and positions of UNAMIR in connection with mine clearance tasks.
- b. On the requirement of a tent for the at NYAGATARE the DCMO stated that the matter has been already taken up with the Force Logistics and the same was expected to be issued soon.
- c. In case of problem of access to any prison, the requisite information could be obtained from ICRC.
- d. The DCMO desired that all sectors forward their Security Plan to MILOBS GP HQ.

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| e. | On the issue of Orientation Trg for newly arrived MILOBS, the DCMO said that the proposal to decentralise its conduct under aegis of sectors will be considered and outcome made known shortly. | ALL SECTS |
| f. | The DCMO brought to the notice of all about the location of a RPA LO with the MILOB GP HQ. He added that his services could be called for anytime MILOBS have any functional problem with RPA or civil authorities. | ALL SECTS |

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEF

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| 6. | <u>SD03.</u> The SD03 covered the following points: | |
| a. | SITREPS are now being received in time and are fairly in detail. Care should be taken to avoid reporting "NTR". Also, while reporting an incident correct timings must be reflected. | ALL SECTS |
| b. | Now that we have adapted ourselves to the FAX culture, it should be ensured that acknowledgement of important FAX should be obtained over radio. | ALL SECTS |
| c. | There is a need for further improvement of radio discipline. Ensure transmission are as short as possible to allow optimum use. | ALL SECTS |
| 7. | <u>SMPO</u> stressed the fol pts: | |
| a. | MSA can now be collected by one person for others using given form. | ALL SECTORS |
| b. | We do not wait for replacements to rotate MILOBS. | ALL SECTORS |
| c. | The check out clearance of a MILOB starts at sector level. | ALL SECTORS |
|  d. | Helping same nationality with admin on arrival is strongly recommended. | ALL SECTORS |
| e. | Confidential Reports in respect of posted out MILOBS should be timely initiated and forwarded to the new sector of their posting. Simultaneously, a copy be endorsed to the MILO GP HQ. | ALL SECTORS |

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS

8. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

- a. A continuous review of security environment is most especially necessitated due to recent spurt in unlawful incidents in most sectors. A detailed security planning should be carried out in respect of UN property and personal safety of MILOBS. | ALL SECTORS
- b. The trend of reflecting "NTR" in PATROL REPORTS and SITREPS should be discouraged. It is extremely surprising to come across "NTR" in a PATROL REPORT as an end product of whole day's work. The DFC/CMO has issued certain directions on this issue which has been percolated down to sectors. | ALL SECTORS
- c. While forwarding an incident report, care should be taken to include all the details. There is yet a room for improvement in layout and content quality in most of such reports received at MILOB HQ. The DCMO appreciated the quality of reports received from sector 3 and expressed his expectations to receive similar kind in future from all other sectors. | ALL SECTORS
- d. The DCMO highlighted the need for a review in methodology of obtaining information by our patrols. He advised the Sects Comds to look in to this matter with concern. He further advised that all the sources like, common man, civil authorities, civilian employees, UN Agencies, NGOs etc...should be tapped. | ALL SECTORS
- e. The DCMO informed that some additional vehicles have arrived from UNOMOZ and it was expected that a few of them would be allotted to MILOBS. He assured that a judicious distribution will be carried out with these, the problem of vehicle shortage would ease out. | ALL SECTORS
- f. The DCMO announced that the effort of providing TV and VCR to each sector has fielded success and now all sectors have those electronic gadgets. | ALL SECTORS

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CONCLUSION

9. The DCMO thanked everybody there for their support and cooperation during his tour in RWANDA. The assembly thanked the DCMO for his good work and his leadership during his time in the job.

10. The next conference will be held in GISENYI.

JGS BOISSONEAULT
Maj
SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: LOG CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 28 FEB 95


1. THE NEXT LOG CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 FEB 95. LOCATION WILL BE HQ 95 FLSG AT THE TRAFIPRO COMPLEX, KIGALI. CONFERENCE TIMING WILL BE 1000 HOURS TO 1200 HOURS.
2. 95 FLSG ARE REQUESTED TO ACTION THE FOLLOWING:

a. HAVE A CONFERENCE VENUE FOR 30 PERSONNEL PREPARED.


b. PROVIDE A LIGHT REFRESHMENT ON COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE.
3. HELO TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOG OFFRS FROM SECTORS 5, 4A, 4B AND 4C. ALL OTHERS ARE TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO KIGALI.
4. HELO TIMINGS ARE:

a. 0730 HOURS - PICKUP TUNBATT LOG OFFR FROM MUTURA.

b. 0750 HOURS - PICKUP SENBATT LOG OFFR FROM KIBUYE.

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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 3 HEADQUARTERS (GITARAMA) ON 02 FEB 95

Present: BRIG GEN HK ANYIDHOHO	- DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL S ILIYA	- CHAC
COL UA MOEEN	- DCMO
LT COL ASHAN	- COMD DESIGNATE SEC 2
LT COL A ANOCHKINE	- SOO
LT COL ABDUL BASHER	- COMD SEC 4B
LT COL E CASTRO	- COMD SEC 4A
LT COL CO DIARRA	- COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
LT COL EKWALOR	- COMD SEC 6
LT COL E ESSIEN	- COMD SEC 5
LT COL TJ FOX	- COMD SEC 4C
LT COL GORG	- COMD SEC 2
LT COL SA HASNAIN	- COMD SEC 3
LT COL HADJI KANTE	- COMD SEC 1
LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU	- SMPC
CAPT TURGEON	- SO TPTN
MAJ KIRON THACKER	- SDC3 (SECRETARY)

OPENING REMARKS

1. The Comd Sec 3 welcomed the participants and expressed his pleasure in hosting the conference.

2. The DFC/CMO in his opening remarks, expressed his concern over the failure of UNICEF in the region, and further directed that UNICEF should be held accountable for its failure without delay.

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reported to be complaining of shortage of these.

b. Sector 2. The DFC/CMO assured all possible logistics assistance to Sector 2 since RWAMAGANA had been declared to be part of the sector. Further, he conveyed his appreciation and best wishes to Lt Col Gorg since he was due to be repatriated and also welcomed his relief, Lt Col Ashan.

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c. Sector 3. On the proposal of the Sector Commander on the re-alignment of the boundary with Sector 5, the DFC/CMO directed that the proposal be reviewed keeping in mind the communication aspects and the availability of formed troops and then projected through MILOB GP HQ. About OP RETOUR, the DFC/CMO said that the sector must monitor the movement of IDPs even after their arrival in the home communes in order to ascertain that they were not disappearing. The DFC/CMO directed that MILOBs were not to conduct patrols at night except in cases of emergency.

SECTOR 3

SECTOR 5

d. Sector 4A. The DFC/CMO directed that the report on progress of OP RETOUR should be sent regularly and that particular attention must be paid to the correctness of the facts and figures reflected in it.

SECTOR 4A

e. Sector 4B. The DFC/CMO advised the Sector Comd to take necessary action on recruitment of interpreters to solve the language problem.

SECTOR 4B

f. Sector 4C. The DFC/CMO instructed that whenever an important incident occurred, the initial information must be sent to MILOB GP HQ as soon as possible. Later, this information could be built up

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whenever more information had been received or some progress had been made in investigation. He further

said that allegations against any agency, whenever made, must be supported by relevant facts and figures.

g. Sector 5. The DFC/CMO directed that the proposal of boundary realignment between Sectors 3 and 5 should be examined in detail on similar lines of that of Sectors 1 and 2, and thereafter forwarded for his approval. On the issue of communication problems with neighbouring sectors, the DCMO advised that the MILOB GP HQ should be used as a relay station for urgent messages. He added that the maximum use should be made of telephone facilities.

SECTOR 3

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h. Sector 6. The DFC/CMO agreed with the constraints of the MILOBs in providing escorts to the Brown and Roofs admin convoys and ruled that forward troops should take over this responsibility.

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ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEFS

5. SOO. The SOO covered the following points:

a. Sectors 1, 2, 3, and 5 were instructed to forward their proposals on boundary realignment.

SECTORS 1, 2, 3

AND 5

b. The daily SITREPs need to be more detailed and the grid reference of each location mentioned must be indicated.

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c. Important incidents must be reported immediately. First hand information. Later more details may be added.

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d. Use of the radio should be, as far as possible, confined to official purposes only.

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e. Proper attention should be paid to security in office work and unnecessary photocopying of official letters must be avoided.

6. S Log O Transportation. The SO transportation gave out the transport state of MILOBs . He added that any vehicle which went to the workshop for repairs due to an accident normally took approximately two months for its repair. This prolonged down time would hamper MILOBs' activities. Further, he informed the forum that the overall diesel situation had now improved.

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7. ELIC. The SMPO gave out a detailed briefing covering MILOBs' personnel state, CTO policy and the policy on retention of MILOBs. He urged the sectors improve upon the quality of the forms being used in forwarding reports and returns to MILOB GP HQ. He also reminded the sectors of their obligation to contribute \$20 towards a fund for the war victims of RWANDA.

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8. Commissioner CIVPOL. The commissioner CIVPOL introduced himself and gave a brief account of CIVPOL activities. He thanked the DFC/CMO, DCMO and MILOBs for all the cooperation and assistance being extended to him and his team.

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9. ORAC. The ORAC gave a comprehensive brief on the ongoing humanitarian activities and appreciated the support rendered by the MILOBs.

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS.

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10. DCMO. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

a. Accidents Involving Civil Vehicles. Help can be extended to civilians injured personnel if action does not involve drain on own resources.

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b. Radio Procedure. All possible use of codes and nicknames must be made during radio communications.

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c. Organisation of MILOBs. He said that the organisation of MILOBs was under revision and asked sector commanders to forward need for additional MILOBs, if any.

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d. The DCMO announced that the next conference would be held at CYANGUGU under arrangements of Sector 4.

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11. DFC/CMO. After having thanked Sector 3 Comd for hosting the conference, the DFC/CMO made the following closing remarks:

a. Sub-Division of AOR. All sectors must divide the AOR into sub-sectors and further down to team level. This will enable each team to have a dedicated AOR and ensure continuity in its operation. He directed all sectors to forward a trace showing above the MILOB GP HQ.

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b. Postings to FHC. The DFC, in consultation with

all postings at FHC were only for a temporary measure.

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c. Use of Helicopter for Recce. He said that sectors must make optimum use of helis for recce. The sectors should not hesitate to put in request for helis. He informed the forum that soon two additional helicopters would be added to the existing fleet.

d. Lastly, the DFC/CMO appreciated the work of MILOBs and the quality of reports that were received by him. He urged all present to continue the sincere work towards achieving normalisation in RWANDA. He concluded by conveying his best wishes to all MILOBs due to be repatriated and welcomed those who recently joined the 'MILOB family'.

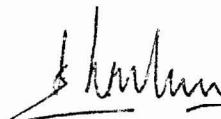
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CONCLUSION

12. The Sector 3 Comd thanked the DFC/CMO, DCMO and all present for having come to his sector. The conference was concluded at 12:00 hrs.



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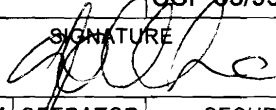
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SUBJECT: LOG CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 7 FEB 95

1. THE NEXT LOG CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7 FEB 95.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS, IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL FORTNIGHTLY MEETING, TO INTRODUCE ALL LOGISTIC OFFICERS TO THE 2ND LINE SUPPORT AGENCY, 95 FL SG, AND ITS ROLE, TASKS AND CAPABILITIES. LOG OFFICERS WILL BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE 2ND LINE FACILITIES AT THE TRAFIPRO COMPLEX, AND WILL BE BRIEFED ON HOW THE INTEGRATED SUPPORT SYSTEM AND THE REVISED PROCEDURES FOR SUPPLIES DEMANDS, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM 0800 HOURS WEDNESDAY 8 FEB 95, WILL FUNCTION.
3. 95 FL SG ARE REQUESTED TO ACTION THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. HAVE A CONFERENCE VENUE FOR 25 PERSONNEL PREPARED,
 - b. INTRODUCE THE KEY PERSONNEL AND KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIT,
 - c. COORDINATE A TOUR OF 95 FL SG, WATER POINT AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES AT TRAFIPRO,
 - d. PROVIDE A LIGHT REFRESHMENT ON COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE.
4. HELO TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOG OFFRS FROM SECTORS 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C AND 5. OTHER CONTINGENTS AND MILOB GP HQ LOG OFFRS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY IN TO KIGALI.
5. TIMINGS ARE:
 - a. 0745 HOURS - PICKUP FRAF BATT LOG OFFR BY HELO FROM KIBUYE
 - b. 0810 HOURS - PICKUP ETHIO BATT LOG OFFR BY HELO FROM KAMEMBE
 - c. 0800 HOURS - PICKUP TUN BATT LOG OFFR BY HELO FROM MUTURA (2ND HELO)
 - d. 0840 HOURS - PICKUP ZAMBATT LOG OFFR BY HELO FROM GIKONGORO

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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD
AT SECTOR 1 HQ (BYUMBA) ON SAT 14 JAN 95

Present: BRIG GEN H ANYIDOHO - DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL S ILIYA - SOO
COL CB YAACHE - CHAC
LT COL AM AUSTDAL - COMD SEC 5
LT COL A ANOCHKINE - SDO
LT COL BASHAR - COMD SEC 4B(INCOMING)
LT COL CASTRO - COMD SEC 4A(INCOMING)
LT COL DUNKOV - COMD SEC 4A
LT COL FOX - COMD SEC 4C
LT COL GORG - COMD SEC 2
LT COL MASANGANISIE - COMD SEC 6
LT COL OPPONG-KYEKYEKU - SMPO
LT COL EC QUIST - COMD SEC 4B
LT COL K SALIYA - A/COMD SEC 3
MAJ S BANNERJEE - OPS OFFR SEC 3
MAJ AK GHOSH - OPS OFFR SEC 1
MAJ TRAORE - SLOGO
MR T MISSALIDIS - DCTO
CAPT OWUSU-FIREMPONG - SECRETARY

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1. In his introductory remarks, the DFC/CMO urged all MILOBs to remain innovative in the performance of their

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duties. He also announced the satisfaction of the SRSG with the briefing he had received from all sectors earlier in the week prior to his departure to GENEVA for a conference. He also said MILOBS would hold a monthly briefing session with the SRSG. The exact dates would be coordinated later.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. The SDO reviewed major decisions taken during the last conference as follows:

a. Driving by MILOBS Without Permits. The names of MILOBS without UN driving permits had been submitted to MILOB GP HQ. Sectors 2, 3, 4B, and 5 which were yet to submit their returns were directed to do so. Those without driving permits would be given a month in which to pass their driving tests.

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b. Refuelling of Vehicles for RWAMAGANA Sub-Sector. The Comd Sector 1 announced his intention to close down the Sub-Sector due to refuelling and other administrative problems. The DFC/CMO however directed that the sub-sector remain open. It was further directed that the SLOGO should make 2-5 drums available per week to carry fuel to the RWAMAGANA outpost.

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c. Communication Problems in RWAMAGANA and KIBUNGO. The mentioned locations were still experiencing comms problems. The DFC/CMO announced the imminent installation of a V-SAT base station to cover the two locations. He hoped that this would adequately solve the present problems.

d. Provision of Transport for GIKONGORO Prosecutor. It was directed that the human rights team in Sector 4A should be strongly persuaded to provide transport for the prosecutor on request.

SECTOR 4A

e. Rotation of MILOBs. The SMPO informed the conference that an application made to UN HQ in NEW YORK for 44 MILOBs due to rotate in Jan 95 to wait for their relievers had been approved. On the arrival of the new MILOBs, there would be a handing over period of 2 weeks. Rotation date for the MILOBs in question had been scheduled for 7 Feb 95.

f. Posting of MILOBs. The SMPO announced that there would be inter-sector postings of MILOBs planned for the end of Jan 95. MILOBs who had stayed at their posts for more than 4 months would be affected. Only some Sector Ops Offr would be affected by the planned postings. He said postings of MILOBs in Sector 4B had already been effected.

g. Liaison with RPA. All Sectors were reminded to forward minutes of liaison meetings with RPA commanders in their respective sectors to MILOB GP HQ. The difficulty of holding formal meetings with RPA commanders was pointed out by various sector commanders. The DFC/CMO instructed that a report on important discussions held even in an informal atmosphere with RPA commanders should be forwarded to MILOB GP HQ. He said it was important that a record be kept of all RPA pronouncements for future planning purposes and

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as a way of teaching RPA offers the need to keep records. He also agreed to a suggestion that meetings should be orchestrated to include commanders of UNAMIR formed troops as well as MILOBs.

h. Applications for Extension of Tour of duty of MILOBs. It was announced that approval for the extension of the tour of duty of any MILOB was the prerogative of the respective permanent missions in NEW YORK, UN HQ and the home governments. MILOBs seeking extensions were directed to handle their applications for extensions accordingly. It was pointed out that the FC's policy of a one-year tour of duty was still valid, however exceptions were necessary in some cases.

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ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

1. All Sector commanders summarised the events and activities that had occurred in their sectors over the past two weeks. The following are the discussions and decisions taken in respect of each sector.

2. Sector 1. The DFC/CMO referred to earlier reports that large numbers of locals were being treated by UNAMIR medical facilities due to the shortage of medical facilities in the sector. He said this was a source of concern for the Force medical Offr. He promised to contact WHO officials to assist in the provision of medical facilities to be used in treating locals. The option of moving NGOs to the sector for this purpose was not seen as favourable since most of the NGOs claimed that their operations were confined to the DPCs.

3. Sector 2. The DFC/DCMO had no objections to the sector commander's proposal to include local authorities in heli recces of the border areas. The SOO cautioned the Sector Comd not to allow the RPA to use UNAMIR helis for operational purposes. On OP RETOUR, the CHAC informed the conference that a total of 8,000 DPs had returned since the commencement of the operation.

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4. Sector 3. The DFC/CMO expressed surprise that banks in the country were still not functioning despite the currency exchange exercise. He also invited the DCTO to comment on the repair of tyres. The conference was informed that receipts for tyres repaired and locally paid for should be submitted to his office for reimbursement. The amount should however not exceed \$50 on one receipt.

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5. Sector 4A. The DFC/CMO led a discussion on the possibility of speaking to the RPA Army Comd about the previous good conduct of Maj Filbert of RPA as a way of mitigating any disciplinary action that might be taken against him for his troops' attack on BUSANZE Camp. Several diverse opinions were expressed. It was decided that it was not proper to do so while investigations into the incident were still in progress. The DFC added that it was necessary to warn RPA command of any potential sources of dissent in their ranks. On the establishment of forward maintenance teams, the DFC/CMO suggested that mechanics from formed troops should be trained to take up this assignment. The DCTO revealed that the establishment of forward repair teams had been planned. The shortage of staff and spare parts had however made this presently impossible.

6. Sector 4B. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief included the following:

a. The Sector comd complained about the large number of French Speaking MILOBS his sector. This made communication difficult. He requested that more English speaking MILOBS be posted to the sector. It was also requested that lessons should be organised to teach MILOBS to speak Kenyarwanda to increase their ability to communicate with the locals.

b. The Sector Comd announced the intended movement of his Sector HQ to a hotel in KIBUYE. He also informed the conference of his imminent departure from the mission and took the opportunity to introduce his reliever, Lt Col Bashar.

c. The SMPO was tasked to examine the possibility of employing teachers to give MILOBS training in the local dialect.

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7. Sector 4C. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

a. The sector comd reported on the deteriorating security situation in his sector. He requested that the MILOB team attached to Sector 4A for OP RETOUR should be returned to him to enable him effectively patrol the trouble spots. He also said that a joint deployment programme for RPA troops in the sector and ETHIOBATT would soon be completed.

b. The DFC/CMO commented on the volatile security in the sector which had prompted the COS and the Ambassador to visit the area to assess the situation on 14 Jan 95. He directed that the MILOB team attached to Sector 4A from the Sector should be returned with immediate effect. The Sector Comd was also directed to

SECTOR 4A

SECTOR 4C

request a heli to conduct recce of the GAFUNZO PENNINSULA.

8. Sector 5. Main points of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

a. It was reported that there was a substantial amount of de-forestation due to recent logging activities in the sector. The sector comd also noted that Rwandan born RPA soldiers appear to be more sympathetic and not so heavy-handed in their attitudes and handling of the local population as their counterparts born in UGANDA and elsewhere. The recent arrest of two Bourgemestres on allegations connected to the currency exchange exercise and the subsequent release of one of them was also reported.

b. The Sector comd also proposed the reduction of MILOB presence in RUHENGIRI. He proposed to dominate the area by deploying MILOBs there on 24-hr rotational basis.

9. Sector 6. Included in the Sector commanders brief was a report on a meeting held with the RPA Director for Operations and Training on the RPA's role in the reconciliation process in Rwanda. The DFC/CMO commended the Sector comd and tasked him to submit a full report on the meeting as soon as possible.

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ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEFS

10. SDO. The SDO's brief covered the deficiencies in reports received from the sectors at MILOB HQ. He reminded all sectors to submit border crossing figures on a daily basis and to submit reports on all helicopter recces. The

SDO also reminded all sectors of the need for strict radio discipline and the prompt submission of SITREPS and other returns. The conference was also informed of a planned periodic conference for all MILOB Ops Offrs.

11. SLOGO. The SLOGO briefed the conference as follows:

a. The HQ had received 4 polaroid cameras for MILOBs' operations. Sectors 3, 4A and 4C are to receive one each. The last one would be kept at MILOB GP HQ but would be available to other sectors on request.

b. Out of the 5 vehicles recently allocated to MILOBs, Sector 4A had received 2, Sector 1 had been issued with 1 and sector 4C had been issued with 2. The HQ was yet to receive stationery.

12. DCTO. The UNAMIR DCTO on invitation briefed the conference a follows:

a. There was a shortage of manpower and spare parts. He also requested that MILOBs adhere to the instructions on the servicing of vehicles due to the poor quality of engine oil available in the theatre. This had compelled his outfit to reduce the mileage for regular servicing of vehicles to 2,500 km.

b. The DCTO also informed the conference that it was planned to write off old vehicles from UNOMUR. However this would depend on the availability of vehicles in the theatre. He said that the workshop had jacks and wheel spanners and asked all sectors to contact the workshop for these tools to be issued to their vehicles.

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13. SMPO. The SMPO briefed the conference as follows:

a. Leave/CTO. The conference was informed that CTO cannot be accumulated. The SMPO also requested that all Leave/CTO application forms should be properly filled. He reminded all offrs that leave and CTO days include the first and the last days. He also warned that any MILOB who overstayed on Leave/CTO would have their MSA deducted accordingly. He asked sector comds to report any illegal absence of MILOBs to MILOB HQ.

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b. Repatriation. The SMPO said that MILOBs whose repatriation had been postponed for the purpose of waiting for their reliefs should not be granted leave/CTO until their relievers arrived.

c. Postings. The SMPO announced that it was intended to post all MILOBs who had been at their posts for more than 4 months to other sectors. It was decided that an exception would be made for MILOBs in Sectors 4B and 4C who opted to remain at their posts and MILOBs due for repatriation in Feb 95.

SECTOR 4B

d. Returns. The SMPO asked Sectors 3, 4C and 6 to submit their personnel returns to MILOB HQ returns by Mon 16 Jan 95. He also asked all sectors to submit returns on the receipt of medals and certificates to the HQ by the same date.

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e. Collection of Mail. All sectors were reminded to pick up their mail from the duty room MILOB HQ whenever their personnel came to KIGALI.

f. Donations to the War Victims of Rwanda. It was

decided that each MILOB should contribute US\$ 20 towards the fund for the war victims of Rwanda. Sector comds were instructed to collect the contributions and forward them to MILOB HQ by 31 Jan 95.

g. Collection of MSA. MILOBs were informed that the Finance Office was not responsible for keeping their MSA for them. They were advised to collect their MSA as soon as it was ready. MILOBs were also informed of the possibility of submitting requests for heli to convey Finance Office personnel to their respective sectors for payment of MSA.

14. CHAC. The CHAC took the opportunity to inform the conference of his imminent departure from the mission due to the completion of his tour of duty. He thanked all MILOBs for their various contributions and cooperation to the success of his assignment.

15. DFC/CMO's Remarks. The DFC tasked all MILOBs to contribute articles and items to the UNAMIR news letter and radio UNAMIR both of which are to be introduced shortly. He also made a comment on recent ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of certain MILOBs. He reminded all MILOBs that despite disagreements between MILOBs the situation should never degenerate into violent behaviour. He threatened to take disciplinary action against any officer who would be guilty of ungentlemanly behaviour.

ITEM FOUR: CONCLUDING REMARKS

15. In his concluding remarks, the DFC/CMO thanked the MILOBs for their contributions to the success of the conference. He also congratulated the CHAC and outgoing Sector Comds for their performance during their respective

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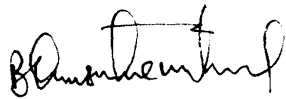
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tours of duty and welcomed the new commanders. He urged all MILOBs to continue the good work they had been doing in the year 1995.

16. It was decided that the next conference would take place in Sector 3 HQ in GITARAMA on 28 Jan 95.

16. The conference ended at 1505 hrs.



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MILOBS HELD AT FORCE HQ ON 11TH JANUARY 1995

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| | BRIG-GEN H ANYIDHO | - | DFC/CMO |
| | COL S ILIYA | - | SOO |
| | LT COL AM AUSTDAL | - | COMD SECTOR 5 |
| | LT COL S DUNKOV | - | COMD SECTOR 4A |
| | LT COL FO EKWALOR | - | COMD SUB-SECTOR 1 |
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OPENING REMARKS

1. Aim. The DFC/CMO said the aim of the conference was to update the SRSG on the operational situation in all Sectors/Prefectures prior to his departure for a conference in Geneva. He expressed his appreciation to all the MILOBS present for making themselves available at short notice.

ITEM ONE: POLITICAL UPDATE

2. The SRSG spoke on the highlights of the recently ended conference in Uganda. He said that the conference was attended

by seven heads of State. The President of Zaire had however been absent.

3. The SRSG said that two options had been considered for the provision of security for the refugees living outside Rwanda. The first option, which was considered better, involved the provision of 5000 strong force from the international community to provide security. The drawbacks of this option were the difficulty in finding countries willing to provide troops. The cost of maintaining such a force was also considered prohibitive. The second option was the provision of troops from the host nations of the refugee camps namely Zaire and Tanzania. He said Zaire had offered to provide 2,500 elite forces while Tanzania had offered a 2000 strong mixed force of military and civilian police. Both countries were now looking up to the UN to provide the logistic support for the operation.

3. The SRSG said it had been agreed that transit camps were to be established inside the borders of Rwanda to receive refugees proceeding along corridors from GOMA and BUKAVU. These would be located inside the Rwandan border opposite GOMA, near KIBUNGO and about 100 km from GISENYI. The exact locations are yet to be coordinated. Returnees would be provided food, accommodation, and security in these camps. From there they would be evacuated to their home communes in a fashion similar to what pertains in OP RETOUR. He acknowledged that there were many problems involved.

4. On the conference in Nairobi, the SRSG said certain issues had been agreed upon. First, that the International tribunal should begin to function as early as possible to make the population feel that justice was being done. Secondly, an International Donors conference aimed at providing economic assistance for Rwanda had been planned for 12-18 Jan 95. The need for the opening of transit camps had also been confirmed. A process of separating the innocent refugees from the trouble makers within the camps would also be set in motion. The reconciliation process would also commence. This, the SRSG said was the crux of the matter. He was of the opinion that the

to increase the rate of de-mining operations. The presence of large numbers of mines was a hindrance to farming activities.

(7) The civil administration is picking up. However, the resources are lacking.

b. Sector 2. Briefing by the Ops Reps covered the following:

(1) There is room for improvement in the relationship between RPA and UNAMIR. RPA command in the sector not keen on meeting with MILOBs. There had also been several reported cases of restriction on the movement of MILOBs and NGOs in the sector. The general security situation within the Prefecture was satisfactory.

(2) Few cases of banditry were reported in the sector. RPA often arrested locals and returnees suspected to have committed atrocities during the war. The prefect of KIBUNGO had even requested NGOs to assist in the construction of a prison for detainees. Some returnees were reported have disappeared recently from ORCs. RPA troops did not appear to be interested in locating them.

(3) Little improvement had been reported in the conduct of local commercial and economic activity despite the opening of commune markets and restaurants.

(4) The supply of electricity and water in most parts of the sector was being hampered by the lack of fuel to run the generators and other machinery. NGOs had been requested to assist.

(5) Information from local authorities indicated that in BUGASERA and KIBUNGO, 40% of the returnees were old

case loads that is those who fled in before 1970, 40% were those who fled in the recent war and the remainder was made up of new case loads.

(6) The activities of NGOs operating in the sector was very well coordinated by the prefect of KIBUNGO.

(7) The civil administration at the level of Prefecture functioning fairly well. The lower levels are yet to make any impact.

c. Sector 3.

(1) The security situation in the sector was assessed as satisfactory. In the BUTARE Prefecture this was largely attributed to OP HOPE. Some Militia activity had been reported in MUGINA Commune. Locals in the area were reported to be leaving for Sector 5.

(2) The relationship between the RPA and UNAMIR was reported as cordial at the higher levels of command. It however appeared that directives and instructions from the RPA were not being passed down to their lower ranks. This often resulted in difficulties for MILOBs and NGOs operating in the sector.

(3) RPA and local authorities were reported to be eagerly awaiting the commencement of the tribunals for war crimes. The delay in the commencement is reported to be affecting the credibility of MILOBs in the sector and UNAMIR in general. In the past there have been several reported cases of RPA atrocities. On investigations these appeared to be personal acts of revenge committed by individual RPA soldiers.

(4) About 40% of the returnees in the BUTARE Prefecture are reported to be those old case loads from conflicts in 1973 and before. The rest are

returnees from BURUNDI who fled during the recent war.

(5) The locals are mostly engaged in subsistence farming. There are however a few large plantations and livestock rearing.

(6) The supply of food to the locals by NGOs was assessed as adequate. Only one NGO is reported to be trying to provide accommodation. Presently there are sufficient unoccupied houses to accommodate returnees, but with the planned return of several thousands of refugees and DPs, accommodation could become a problem.

(7) Tutsis in the area are reported to be resentful towards UNAMIR for not intervening during the massacre. Hutus are reported to be friendly towards UNAMIR but are often intimidated by the RPA Tutsi locals.

(8) Economic activity was reported to be mainly petty trading. However several restaurants are now operating in the sector. BUTARE township now enjoys uninterrupted electricity and water supply. The main problem seems to be the provision of medical facilities. MSF has performed creditably in this regard, however more assistance is required from other NGOs.

(9) The activities of the Prefect of GITARAMA are largely dictated by the RPA commanders on the ground. The civil administration is not given the freedom to discharge their functions.

d. Sector 4A. Highlights of the Sector Comd's brief were as follows:

(1) The security situation in the sector was

satisfactory. The recent attack on BUSANZE camp by misguided RPA troops had however frightened DPs. Many of them are more reluctant to return home. Some are reported to be drifting into BURUNDI and other DPCs in the sector.

(2) The sector comd assessed that the success of OP RETOUR was being impeded by the lack of coordination between the various agencies. He cited as an example that during the recent week, even though a large number of vehicles were provided, only a few DPs had actually been conveyed from the DPCs. He doubted that the objective of the operation could be achieved at the present rate of DP evacuation.

(3) The use of firearms and grenades in recent incidents of banditry casts doubts on the success of OP HOPE in dispossessing DPs of all lethal weapons.

(4) RPA had also showed a marked distrust for francophone NGOs. Two of these had already been already been ordered to leave the sector.

(5) There also appears to a conflict of interest between UNAMIR objectives and the objectives of the NGOs. The dissolution of the DPCs, while achieving UNAMIR's objectives would make the continued operations of NGOs irrelevant and create unemployment for their employees.

(6) Little cultivation is taking place in the sector. This was attributed mainly to the supply of free food to the locals and DPs by NGOs.

e. Sector 4B. The main points raised by the Sector Comd in his brief are as follows:

(1) The main problem is insecurity due to the

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presence of a large Tutsi population before the war. The Prefecture seems to have been largely neglected in the development of its infrastructure. Roads in the sector are very poor. The cessation of the barge service on the lake has also been detrimental to commercial and economic activity as well as the distribution of humanitarian assistance by NGOs.

(3) The relationship between the RPA and the locals is reported to be good. this was attributed largely to the rigid enforcement of discipline by local RPA commanders. MILOBs and RPA also have a good relationship, however RPA appears to distrust FRAFFBATT. It was recommended that FRAFBATT should make serious efforts to court the trust of RPA by frequent interaction especially in social activities such as sports.

(3) Local authorities have complained about not being given prior information of the return of DPs to the area. Some harassment of returnees has been reported but this is difficult to verify.

(4) A total of 12 NGOs are reported to be quite productive in the sector. However some are too small to make the necessary impact and often required assistance from other NGOs or UNAMIR. An example was cited of an orphanage which is run solely by a man and his wife.

(5) The proportion of new returnees to old ones was about 50% each.

(6) Economic activity was described as being mainly on the subsistence level. Only 50% of the schools are reported to be operating. Many of the school buildings have been looted and a large proportion of them are reported to be without roofs.

(7) In KIBUYE township, there is a serious shortage of accommodation. This is due to the way in which various local authorities and agencies are grabbing houses. It is feared that if a large number DPs are evacuated into the prefecture in future, accommodation will pose a serious problem to their early resettlement.

f. Sector 4C (CYANGUGU). The Sector Representative raised the following points:

(1) The security situation in the sector is unsatisfactory due to frequent acts of banditry involving the use of fire arms especially during the past 2-6 weeks. There have also been several attacks being viewed as the beginning of low intensity operations by FRGF from the IJWE Island. The island is reported to be populated by about 45,000 persons. RPA troops have however been successful in providing security for the prefecture. Important decisions in the sector are also dictated to local authorities by the RPA to the extent that the civil structure is not left with much initiative. There is a need for the establishment of an effective legal system to cater for present and potential legal cases.

(2) There are no DPCs in the sector except for transit camps for returnees. 90% of the returnees left the country between 1960 and 1992. Of these 60% are Tutsis. The remainder of the returnees fled during the recent war.

(3) About 17 NGOs are operating in the sector. Some of the NGOs are reported to be focusing their attention on specific areas or fields and are quite effective. UNREO has been effective in coordinating the efforts of all NGOs operating in the sector.

(4) The closeness of the sector to BUKAVU is considered to be an advantage for commercial activities. However fishing activities are impeded by RPA restrictions on the use of the lake.

(5) The infrastructure is reported to be poor due to excessive looting during the war.

g. Sector 5 (GISENYI/RUHENGERI).

(1) The general security situation is good, however the recent cases of cattle rustling and stealing farm produce are sources of potential insecurity. There have also been some minor infiltrations which have been dealt with by the RPA.

(2) UNAMIR/Local Authorities relationship is good. Most of the important decisions on reconstructions are handled by a representative of the Ministry of Rehabilitation. There is also reported to be easy access to local authorities. Indeed, the civil administration has done and is doing well.

(3) RPA commanders in the sector are not keen on routine meetings, however they are always available for the discussion of particular issues.

(4) The population of the sector is estimated to be between 1.2 million and 1.3 million. This is larger than the pre-war figure. Returnees are usually registered and given homes by a committee set up by the local authorities. The intention is to hand them over to the original owners on their return.

(5) There is as yet no UNREO representative in the sector. ICRC has ceased the issue of food in the sector, however WFP is responding to emergency requests for food as well providing seed and farming

implements. The lack of good communications and infrastructure impedes the distribution of humanitarian assistance.

(6) There is a strong requirement for the provision of furniture and teaching aids in all schools. Government offices also require accommodation. Electricity and potable water also need to be provided to several areas in the sector. Markets are operating in the sector and there appears to be no shortage of food and basic essentials for sale.

h. Sector 6 (KIGALI). The Sector Comd's brief covered the following:

(1) KIGALI Prefecture is the most populated area in the country. there is a large concentration of RPA troops as well as gendarmerie in the city. RPA troops are reported to be largely uncooperative with MILOBS. The locals are under intimidation by the RPA. Most of the returnees are accommodated in unoccupied houses in the city and its suburbs. This has created problems of ownership of property.

(2) NGOs in the city are mostly concentrated in the suburbs on the outskirts of the city. More assistance is however required assist widows with children, orphans and unaccompanied children and old and despondent people in the city.

(3) There are also too few schools to cater for the school-going members of the population. Even though most of the hospitals are operating there is an additional requirement for assistance especially for ambulances and drugs.

(4) The sector commander made recommendations for NGOs to cooperate more with MILOBS and act on

information provided by MILOBs. He also asked for NGOs to increase their activities in KIGALI Sector and to include the training of medical staff and teachers in their programmes.

(5) The Sector Commander also recommended that the Rwandan Government should seek the advise of UNAMIR on expatriate assistance for industry.

ITEM FOUR: SRSG'S REMARKS

7. The SRSG observed re-iterated the observation that higher level decisions taken in the RPA were not being filtered down. he directed the DFC/CMO to take this up in future meetings with the RPA command.

8. On OP RETOUR, the SRSG stressed the importance of the dissolution of the DPCs. He said the recent incident BUSANZE was unfortunate. He said that the Vice President has reassured UNAMIR of RPA commitment to their promise of not dissolving DPCs by force.

9. The SRSG emphasised the need for UNAMIR to strengthen the feelings of friendship with the local population and the RPA. This would depend largely on the conduct and activities of UNAMIR personnel in the course of their duties and in their private lives.

10. The SRSG advocated the need for a welcoming attitude by RPA and local authorities to returnees. He asked MILOBs for their recommendations on how this could be achieved.

11. MILOBs were directed to provide feedback on problems pertaining to the ownership of houses. He said he had been briefed by Government officials that housing committees were to ensure that houses are returned to their rightful owners on their return.

12. The SRSG also announced the establishment of radio UNAMIR. He was of the opinion that this had a powerful potential for the promotion of UNAMIR public relations. He asked MILOBs come up with suggestions on how the facility could be best utilised.

13. It was observed that the private sector of the Rwandan economy is picking up. However the public sector is still experiencing problems mainly due to the lack of finance.

14. On the reconciliation effort, the SRSG said it was as important at lower levels as it was at higher levels of command and government. He tasked MILOBs to look into ways in which this could be achieved.

15. A suitable site be located to enable the construction of a bridge to enhance the return of refugees from the Northern part of NGARA in Tanzania.

ITEM FIVE: DISCUSSIONS ON POINTS RAISED

15. Reconciliation Effort. It was suggested that UNAMIR and RPA jointly issue ID cards to returnees after they had been screened to ensure their confidence and freedom. It was further suggested that RPA initiate joint programmes and communal activity with the locals to bring about a feeling of togetherness and mutual trust. One Sector Comd was of the opinion that too much pressure should not be put on the RPA to rush the reconciliation process since the war ended only about 6 months ago. He was of the opinion that they should rather be constantly reminded of reconciliation in all aspects of their operations.

16. Image of UNAMIR. It was suggested that photo exhibitions and Radio UNAMIR should be used more exhaustively in all sectors and communes as a way of promoting the image of UNAMIR. To this, the SRSG replied that plans were far advanced and should be implemented by the end of the month.

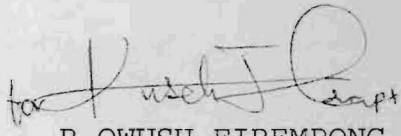
17. Welcoming Programme for Returnees. It was suggested that the

welcoming for returnees should be jointly planned by UNAMIR and RPA/Govt authorities at the higher level and passed down the chain of command for implementation in the communes.

CONCLUSION

18. The SRSG expressed satisfaction with the quality of brief given by the Sector Reps. He indicated that the various briefs were highly informative. He directed that there should be more of such conferences in the future. He ended by charging all MILOBs not to rest on their oars.

19. The DFC/CMO thanked the SRSG for creating time to talk directly with the MILOBs. His presence would serve as added incentive for the MILOBs to redouble their efforts while discharging their duties in Rwanda.


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