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NMR 006/MAM/RWA/CD FROM MARCH 14, 1990

SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ORDER LIKELY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC BY THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT  
AT THEIR MEETING ON APRIL 3, 1990 (FIRST PART OF TWO)

REF: MAM SHEET NMR 140/2-MAM/RWA FROM FEBRUARY 27, 1990.

THE DIFFERENT INTERACTIONS I HAD ON MARCH 9 AND 13, 1990, WITH THE  
RWANDAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THE DEMANDS, DEFINED  
OR UNDERSTOOD, THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE REFERENCE SHEET.

- ACCORDING TO COLONEL RUSATIRA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
NATIONAL DEFENSE, GENERAL MAJOR HABYARIMANA WILL PRESENT  
REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AND DONATIONS:

- REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF PRIMARY RADIO CURRENTLY IN PLACE
- DONATION OF SECONDARY RADIO AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS SYSTEM
- REPLACEMENT OF THE NORD ATLAS GIVEN BY FRANCE IN 1983.

- ACCORDING TO COLONEL RWAGAFILITA, ADJUNCT CHIEF OF STAFF OF  
THE GENDARMERIE, THE HEAD OF STATE WILL WANT TO ASK FOR FRANCE'S  
HELP TO REORGANIZE THE POLICE FORCE.

PRIME: REASONS FOR THESE REQUESTS

THE REASONS OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCE SHEET ARE CONFIRMED.  
THEY ALL BRING UP THE UNEXPRESSED ACTUAL NEED FOR THE PRESIDENT, AT

THE MOMENT WHEN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION COMPROMISES HIS AUTHORITY, TO RECONCILE THE MIXED-UP ARMED FORCES, RWANDAN ARMY, AND GENDARMERIE, GIVING THEM SATISFACTION, AND ALSO TO ENSURE HIS OWN SECURITY.

HOWEVER, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO NOTE THAT COLONEL RUSATIRA, UNDER STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY, INSISTED ON ONE OF THEM AT HIS PRESENTATION ON THE NECESSITY OF HAVING A.A. ARTILLERY: THE THREAT, EVENTUALLY BY AIR, FROM UGANDA. IN FACT, THE PRESIDENTIAL ENTOURAGE ENVISAGES THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERVENTION FORCE THAT WOULD ACT FROM THAT COUNTRY. THIS OFFICER DECLARED: "HALF OF THE PERSONNEL IN THE UGANDAN ARMY IS OF RWANDAN ORIGIN AND SUPPORTS THE REFUGEES. THIS IS THE CASE FOR THE GENERAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THIS ARMY, MAJOR GENERAL RWIGYEMA, WHO WAS JUST DISMISSED AND WHO COULD PUT HIS RETIREMENT TO USE ORGANIZING THIS FORCE, WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY, THE RWANDAN REFUGEES IN UGANDA ARE BUYING ARMS, PARTICULARLY FROM ITALY."

THESE REMARKS LEAD TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS, WHICH THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO BEING HIDDEN:

1/ WHEN THE INTERESTED PARTY TALKS ABOUT THE PERSONNEL OF RWANDAN ORIGIN, HE IS TALKING ABOUT BAHIMA TUTSIS IN THE SOUTH-WEST PART OF UGANDA, A REGION THAT EXTENDS TO THE EDOUARD LAKE AND THAT BELONGED TO RWANDA UNTIL 1910. WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT THE REFUGEES, HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE TUTSIS THAT FLED THE COUNTRY WHEN THE HUTUS TOOK POWER IN 1959, AND WHO TRIED TO RETAKE IT BY ARMS UNTIL ABOUT 1965; TODAY THEIR ATTEMPTS MANIFEST IN THE PRODUCTION OF PAMPHLETS AND TRACTS CONDEMNING THE MASSACRES THAT VICTIMIZED THEIR ETHNICITY, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE, WHICH OPPOSES THEIR RETURN TO THE COUNTRY. IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT THE FORMER GROUP PROVIDES EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THE LATTER ONE.

2/ ACCORDING TO CERTAIN RESTRICTED INFORMATION, THE LAST CONTACT BETWEEN UGANDANS AND RWANDANS THAT CONCERNED THE SENSITIVE CASE OF THESE REFUGEES REVEALED PROFOUND ARGUMENT.

3/ THE RWANDANS SEEMED TO FEAR THAT PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, WHO BENEFITTED FROM BAHIMA TUTSI SUPPORT IN THE UGANDAN ARMY WHEN HE OVERTHREW THE FORMER PRESIDENT OBOTE, SHOULD BE OBLIGED TO PAY HIS DEBT BY LETTING THE ABOVEMENTIONED FORCE BE FORMED, WHILE HE IS WEAKENED BY REVOLTS IN THE NORTH-EAST OF HIS COUNTRY.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS UGANDAN THREAT, JUDGED HERE AS REAL, WILL BE REFERRED TO, IN PARIS, BY PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. HE COULD, FURTHERMORE, REFER TO THE TIME WHEN AMIN DADA SENT HIS MIG 21 PLANES TO FLY OVER KIGALI, TO STRENGTHEN HIS SUPPORT AMONG THE BAHIMA.

SECUNDO: EXTRA FACTS ABOUT THE REQUESTS

ALPHA: THE RADAR CURRENTLY IN PLACE.

IT IS A RADAR AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, SELENIA BRAND (ITALY), GIVEN BY LIBYA IN 1985. IT WAS DELIVERED THROUGH CANADA, WHERE THE UTS CORPORATION (UNIVERSAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM) MODIFIED IT. THIS COUNTRY PROCEEDED WITH THE TRAINING OF ONE RWANDAN OFFICER AND FOUR SUB-OFFICERS. AFTER THE UTS TECHNICIAN, WHO HAD SUPERVISED THE INSTALLATION OF THE APPARATUS, DEPARTED FROM KIGALI, IT BROKE. A TEAM OF EGYPTIAN TECHNICIANS WAS THEN SENT TO ESTABLISH AN ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIR. THE SUM WAS JUDGED TOO HIGH AND THE EQUIPMENT HAS STAYED OUT OF SERVICE.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION OBTAINED = TYPE A.T.C.R. 3 TS EQUIPMENT, COMPOSED OF TWO ELEMENTS:

- 1) ON A HILLSIDE NEAR THE AIRPORT
  - ONE ANTENNA MOUNTED ON A "PEDESTAL" TOWER
  - ONE SHELTER, CONSISTING OF =
    - 1 TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER RADAR (TSC 140-10/T AND TSC 140-10/R)
    - 1 CONTROL SCREEN TYPE 1560 67 AICL 2
    - 1 UTS BRAND AIR CONDITIONNER (TRAC 22 D 51)
  
- 2) IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT
  - ONE OPERATIONAL SHELTER, CONSISTING OF =
    - 2 CONTROL SCREENS
    - 1 REMOTE CONTROL SET (TRANSMITTER / 06 R – 014/SCU/12)  
RECEIVER / 06 R – 012/SCU/4)
    - 1 AIR CONDITIONNER (SAME AS ABOVE)
    - 1 RADIO SET

BRAVO: THE DESIRED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS SYSTEM

THE SOLDIERS HAVE SPOKEN. THE REQUEST IS FOR A BATTERY OF 30 M/M TWIN-TUBES OR A ROLAND MISSILE SYSTEM. THE RWANDAN ARMY IS NOT UP TO THIS EQUIPMENT. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN THE REFERENCE SHEET NOT TO REPEND TO THIS WISH.

IT IS USEFUL TO REMEMBER THAT THIS REQUEST IN BEING PRESENTED TO FRANCE NOW, WHILE BELGIUM HAS BEEN SOLICITED FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS, AND, AFTER HAVING CONDUCTED A STUDY, DID NOT SATISFY THE REQUESTS. SIGNED: COL. GALINIE, 141700. (TO FOLLOW) ./.

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(CONTINUED FROM MSG 006/MAM/RWA/CD FROM MARCH 14, 1990)

CHARLIE: REPLACEMENT OF THE NORD ATLAS IN 1992

A TRANSALL HAS BEEN REQUESTED, SEVERAL TIMES AT REGULAR  
INTERVIEWS, BY THE PARTNERS. THEY RECEIVED THE RESPONSE THAT SUCH AN  
OPERATION WAS NOT FORESEEABLE, CONSIDERING THE COST OF THE MACHINE  
AND ITS MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS  
NECESSARY FOR ITS UPKEEP.

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION, THEY THEN TURNED TO THE  
U.S.A. IN ORDER TO SOLICIT THE DONATION OF AN AIRPLANE.

SHOULD THE REQUEST BE PRESENTED TO THE FRENCH PRESIDENT, IT  
WOULD MEAN THAT THE US IS RETICENT OR HAS PROPOSED A MACHINE  
CONSIDERED TOO OLD (LIKE A C.47 DAKOTA).

DELTA: REORGANIZATION OF THE GENDARMERIE

WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE MARCH 13 MEETING THAT GENERAL  
MAJOR HABYARIMANA IS LIKELY TO ASK FOR HELP AND PARTICIPATION FROM  
PARIS, FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE GENDARMERIE AND ITS SCHOOL, AS

WELL AS THE CREATION OF NEW UNITS, AND TO FURNISH THE CORRESPONDING EQUIPMENT (AUTOMOBILES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT).

1) A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE PARTNERS ON THE FIRST POINT IS IN PROGRESS. IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE M.A.M. AND THE DMAT/GENDARMERIE, THAT THE MMC AGREED TO REINFORCE WITH A SUPERIOR OFFICER IN AUGUST 1990, IN PREPARATION FOR THESE CHANGES.

IF THEY ARE ASKED FOR, INFORMATIONAL INTERNSHIPS FOR CERTAIN MANAGERIAL STAFF IN FRANCE COULD BE ACCORDED.

2) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EQUIPMENT, A FIRST INSTALLMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN PLANNED FOR DIRECT AID IN 1990 (RADIO EQUIPMENT). FURTHERMORE, IT WILL SUFFICE TO DEDICATE ONE THIRD OF THIS ALLOCATION FOR THEIR PURCHASE DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO SATISFY THEM.

THE RWANDANS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE MMC AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING THEIR NEED FOR EQUIPMENT IN THEIR ANNUAL REQUEST, ALLOCATING THEM UNTIL 1994.

THIS SOLICITATION COULD HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE PROBABLY KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARTNERS HAD OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE BURUNDIAN GENDARMERIE.

#### TERTIO: OBSERVATIONS

THESE QUESTIONS OF MILITARY ORDER, AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE QUESTION ABOUT "THE DEFENSE OF THE AIRPORT" SEEM TO BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO GENERAL MAJOR HABYARIMANA AND THE OFFICERS.

IT WAS REMINDED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENT MESSAGE THAT THE FACTUAL REASONS PRESENTED IN THE REFERENCE SHEET HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, AND THAT THE REASON OF THE UGANDAN THREAT COULD BE USED BY THE HEAD OF STATE IN THE MEETING.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS REASON SHOULD NOT OVERSHADOW THOSE RELATING TO THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF THE PRESIDENT (IN PARTICULAR: A REDUCED PRESENCE AROUND THE AIRPORT) AND THE "LOYALTY" OF OFFICERS SERVING IN OPERATIONAL UNITS, WHO CANNOT HELP APPRECIATING THEIR EVENTUAL REINFORCEMENT WITH EQUIPMENT AND FRENCH SPECIALISTS, GUARANTEEING THE EFFICACY AND REALITY OF OUR ENGAGEMENT BY THEIR SIDE.

SIGNED: COL. GALINIE. 141700./.

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