

6.D.5. Message from the defense attaché in Kigali, August 10, 1991,
RPF Possession of Missiles

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SUBJECT: CIRCUMSTANCES OF DETAINEES AT KIGALI PRISON, ACCUSED OF HAVING TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST RWANDA (INKOTANYI).

CONTINUED FROM MY TD KIGALI 600.

CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF MISSILES USED BY THE R.P.F.: ONE PRISONER, GASORE JOHN, WHO WAS THE COMMANDER OF AN INKOTANYI COMPANY AFTER HAVING BEEN TRAINED "AS A CADET" WITHIN THE N.R.A., SAID THAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE SA 16. THE R.P.F. ALREADY POSSESSED A FEW ON OCTOBER 4, HAVING BOUGHT THEM IN EUROPE FROM ARMS TRAFFICKERS. THIS STATEMENT'S PURPOSE WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE N.R.A. HAD TRAINED FIGHTERS BUT HAD NOT ENGAGED IN THE CONFLICT. NEVERTHELESS, IT CORRELATES WITH THAT OF MAJOR NYIRIGIRA, EX-COMMANDER OF THE 310TH BRIGADE OF THE N.R.A, THEN OF THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE R.P.F., THE ONLY SENIOR OFFICER IN CAPTIVITY, WHO SWEARS NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE SA 16, BUT TO KNOW THAT THE R.P.F. HAD BOUGHT 8 SAM BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

ALL THE PRISONERS WE HEARD OBVIOUSLY WANT TO BE FREED AND HAVE PROPOSED TO BE EXCHANGED FOR RWANDAN SOLDIERS DETAINED IN THE MBARARA REMAND CENTER THAT UGANDA PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE R.P.F. PRISONER MURENGASHURD, WHO LED PRISONERS THERE IN JANUARY 1991, CONFIRMS THAT THERE WERE 62 RWANDAN SOLDIERS INCARCERATED THERE AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING ONE SUB-LIEUTENANT, AND THAT KANYARENGWE VISITED THEM OFTEN TO INSPECT THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR DETENTION.

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SIGNED: COLONEL CUSSAC. 121745. / .