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Under the heading of
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Hearing of
Uwanyiligira Jeanne
Uwimbabazi Marie-Claire
Follow up to file no. 02 02545
N 94 C8 of the Military Investigator
in Brussels
Ver Elst Reul
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Today twenty second of June nineteen
ninety four at 16.00 hours

We the undersigned Artiges, Guy, Adjutant, OPJ
Hamelinck Willem 1 Mdl - APJ

Resident in Brussels- Military Hearing in civilian clothes (1)

report that we went to Vossenholstraat no, 7 in Dikkelvenne where we met and heard, jointly the daughters of Dr Akingeneye, personal doctor of President Habyarimana at the date and time as above,

Uwanyiligira Jeanne
Born in Rubongo - Kigali (Rwanda)
On 04.04.70
Domiciled at Rubongo - Kigali (Rwanda)

and

Uwimbabazi Marie-Claire
Born at Nyarugenge - Kigali (Rwanda)
On 07.04.72
Domiciled at Nyarugenge - Kigali (Rwanda)

Currently both resident at Neder-Over-Hembeek Marienborre 13
who jointly state to us in French:

“We are the daughters of Dr Akingeneye, personal doctor of President Habyarimana.
On 06.04.94 at 20.30 hours we were told by telephone that the President’s aircraft had been shot down. It was our sister Alphonsine who told us. She was with Musabe Pasteur (CBR). Afterwards our sister came home as we were not certain our father had been on the President’s aircraft

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We telephoned the Rwandan Ambassador in Dar Es Salaam who confirmed the presence of papa on board.

On 07.04.94 around 07.00 hours the Presidential guard came to get us to recognise the body of our father. As we left we heard shots. The adjutant Turasinzi who had come to find us told us not do anything about it, that they were firing at “Agathe” (Prime Minister) to prevent her from leaving her house. We crossed the presidential residence at Kigali (different from that of Kanombe) and arrived at the property of Colonel Sagatwa

There we met the widow of Colonel Mayuya. We remained there for an hour with her without anything important being said. While waiting we heard gunshots. We were at Avenue de la Jeunesse no. 6.

Afterwards we were taken to the Presidential residence at Kanombe by another team of the Presidential guard. It must have been 08.00 to 08.30 hours when we arrived there. The son of Habyarimana, Jean –Luc came to say hello to us. In the sitting room there was the wife of the President, his daughter Jeanne, the wife of ambassador Renzaho, and his daughter, the husband of his daughter and his other son.

In the sitting room there were 7 bodies including that of our father. On the ‘barza’ there were the bodies of the French pilots and the Burundi ministers.

There were four French people in front of the house. The head of the French people explained to us that the aircraft had been hit by a “stinger”.

When we cried in front of the body of our father, Mrs Habyarimana told us that we should not cry because if the enemy saw us they would be happy. She added that we should take up a rifle like her son Jean-Luc who was walking around with an “R4” rifle.

While we were in the middle of praying, Mrs Habyarimana prayed out loud asking for help for the ‘inerahamwe’ to get rid of the enemy and that the Rwandan soldiers should have weapons. I have to say that in the meantime the two religious sisters of the President and the Archbishop arrived there. We heard a sister Godelieve say to the cook that all the Tutsis should be killed. We heard Jeanne Habyarimana, her mother and also Seraphin (Rwabukumba) explain on the telephone that it was the Belgians who had shot down the aircraft and that they were fighting on the side of the FPR (the Belgians...

That was said often on the telephone.

We heard telephone calls with Mobutu, Mitterrand and the French ambassador. There were also a lot of messages..

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.. of condolences.

Occasionally Mrs Habyarimana asked us to leave for certain telephone calls.

Jeanne forbade us from drinking because the water was, she said, poisoned ...

Outside, the Presidential guard explained to us and that the "Bengali" blue helmets had told them they had seen Belgians who had shot at this aircraft. These Bengalis had told these Belgians that that was not right and that they were going to report them.

On Saturday 09.04.94 Mrs Habyarimana left with the French without asking us to leave with her.

Some soldiers took us to our house on Sunday 10.04.94.

For me, Claire, I was with soldiers at Kigali camp on 08.04.94. These soldiers showed me near to the entrance, the building where the Belgians had been killed. They did not give me a lot of explanations.

For me, Jeanne, I remember a conversation of Mrs Habyarimana where she replied that it was necessary first of all to have his opinion before taking a decision. It was then a question of the appointment of Gatsinzi as head of state.

On 07.04.94 at the request of Mrs Habyarimana we went in search of St-Pauli beer at the house because there was no more at the Presidential house. When we had no more to drink we asked for one of the beers that we had brought. That was refused to us.

During the day of 07.04.94 we noted that all the family present, including the religious people, rejoiced whenever the death of such and such an opponent was announced. It was the Presidential guard who reported that and they boasted of these murders.

We also remember that when we took father to the morgue at Kanombe, Dr Baransalitse ordered the body of the Prime Minister Agathe to be put in another room...

Jean-Luc Habyarimana said that he had been tempted to shoot a bullet into Agathe but to our knowledge he had not done so.

We can also say that the rumour ran in the Belgian Rwandan areas that Mobutu had warned Mrs Habyarimana of the imminence of an attack and that Mrs Habyarimana had not warned her husband. This warning would have been made the day before the attack.

As regards RTLM, we can say that it was frequently ...

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said that all the Tutsis should be killed. They recommended not wasting cartridges.
(After reading they both signed our information file.)

Information

At the end of the hearing, the daughters said to us that Seraphin Rwabukumba, brother of Mrs Habyarimana had seen the bodies of the 10 Belgian paras on 07.04.94 after they had been killed.

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