

6.D.5 Message from the defence attaché in Kigali, 10 August 1991,
Possession of missiles by the FPR

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SUBJECT: SITUATION OF THE DETAINEES AT KIGALI PRISON, ACCUSED OF
HAVING FOUGHT AGAINST RWANDA (INKOTANYI)

CONTINUED FROM MY TD KIGALI 600

WITH REGARD TO THE ORIGIN OF THE MISSILES USED BY THE FPR, ONLY ONE PRISONER, JOHN GASORE, WHO ACTED AS COMPANY COMMANDER WITH THE INKOTANYI AFTER HAVING UNDERGONE CADET TRAINING WITHIN THE NRA, DECLARED TO KNOW THE SA 16.

THE FPR ALLEGEDLY POSSESSED SEVERAL OF THEM FROM 4 OCTOBER AFTER HAVING PURCHASED THEM IN EUROPE FROM ARMS TRAFFICKERS. THIS DECLARATION, WHICH HAD THE STATED AIM OF SPECIFYING THAT THE NRA HAD TRAINED THE FIGHTERS BUT WAS NOT ENGAGED IN CONFLICT, CAN HOWEVER BE LIKENED TO THAT OF MAJOR NYIRIGIRA, EX-COMMANDANT OF THE 310TH BRIGADE OF THE NRA, THEN THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE FPR, THE ONLY SUPERIOR OFFICER CAPTURED, WHO DECLARED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE SA 16 BUT KNEW THAT THE FPR HAD PURCHASED 8 SAM 7s BEFORE 1ST OCTOBER.

ALL THE PRISONERS INTERVIEWED OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO BE RELEASED AND OFFERED TO BE EXCHANGED AGAINST RWANDAN SOLDIERS DETAINED AT THE REMAND CENTRE OF MBARARA PROVIDED TO THE FPR BY UGANDA. PRISONER MURENGASHURO, WHO ALLEGEDLY DROVE PRISONERS IN JANUARY 1991, DECLARED THAT AT THIS TIME THERE WERE 62 RWANDAN SOLDIERS INCARCERATED, INCLUDING A SUB-LIEUTENANT, AND THAT KANYARENGWE VISITED THEM FREQUENTLY TO VERIFY THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR DETENTION.

NB: THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE PRISONERS INTERVIEWED WILL BE SENT BY FAX TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS OT, AS THEY CANNOT BE SENT BY THIS MEANS.

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