

HEARING REPORT

Attachment no. 1 to
Minutes No. 705/94 of 25 May 1994
Police Brigade
Legal Detachment of Brussels

On 25 May 1994 at 08.30 hours heard by me the reporting officer:

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Unit: 14th Company FLAWINNE PLB

Who has stated:

I wish to express myself in French and choose this language for legal proceedings.

A. BACKGROUND

On 06 April I was on a mission with my company in RWANDA.
There I had the function of sniper.

B. ATTACK

At the time of the attack on the PRESIDENT'S aircraft, I was with my section on patrol in the village of GIKONDO.

From there, we couldn't see the airport but we heard the detonation of the explosion. I can state that we heard three explosions.

I did not see the firing of the two missiles.

We received orders about 10 minutes later to return to our base "BEVERLY HILLS" and during the journey we were told over the company radio network that it was the PRESIDENT'S aircraft that had exploded.

Having returned to our base we had a small briefing from Lt LELUBRE regarding the situation.

We remained at "BEVERLY HILLS" until 02.00 hours, the time at which I left with my section and another to take the pilots (4) to the airport.

When we arrived in convoy more or less one kilometre from the airport, we reached a roadblock made up of members of the Presidential Guard, members of FAR as well as some RWANDAN policemen.

We were told at this roadblock that we had 30 seconds to

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leave otherwise they were going to use their weapons.

This roadblock was at map location: N8.

We made a withdrawal to the previous crossroads (N7) and asked for instructions. It was there that we were met with machinegun and mortar fire without being hit. We rapidly withdrew from those crossroads.

We then returned to the BASE. It was at that time more or less 05.30 hours and we were responsible for guarding "BEVERLY HILLS".

Regarding the explosion, I can state for the three explosions that we believed it was grenades. They were muffled noises.

C. ASSASSINATION

I have never personally been on the same radio network as Y6 and I have never heard their radio transmission.

It was on the 8th of April that we learned of the death of our comrades. It was Lt LEMAIRE who told us this news by stating to us that it was necessary to take care and that the orders were not changed.

C. RADIO MILLE COLLINES

We regularly listened to this radio station and I could personally hear the person named RUGGIU who stated that it was Belgian missiles which had hit the PRESIDENT'S aircraft. He also stated that the aim of the Belgians was to colonise RWANDA. For the rest, I do not exactly recall what he said.

E. END OF INTERVIEW

I also remember that RUGGIU stated that the Belgians supported the FPR.

I do not have any interesting photos or recordings.

I do not know any other person apart from soldiers to hear.

(Read and signed hereunder)

Signature