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International Criminal Court for Rwanda (TPIR)
Attention: Mr Alfred Kwende
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Subject: Concerning the attack on President Habyarimana on April 6, 1994

Dear Prosecutor,

On 26 April 1994, there was held in the Offices of the General Administrative Authority for Co-operation in Development a meeting attended by the Belgian co-operants from the agricultural sector, repatriated from Rwanda. The aim of this meeting was to establish an inventory of the situation in Rwanda and more specifically with regard to agricultural sector projects. The meeting was introduced by Mr Robert Schriewer, Head of the Co-operation Section in Rwanda at the time.

He opened the meeting by explaining what had happened in his district on the evening of April 6, 1994. He lived on the central hill in Kigali, Kiovu Hill, and more specifically close to the Embassy of Zaire and the Residence of the Belgian Ambassador.

Shortly after the crash that befell President Habyarimana's aircraft, a party was held in one of the neighbouring properties, to celebrate the plane crash, according to him. From this property emerged a number of death squads, heading towards his house to "deal with him" because of his nationality and rank. At the last moment, the squads passed his house and went to kill Rwandans in the neighbouring houses. According to his domestic staff, the owner of the villa in which the party was being held was a senior officer in the FAR. The Head of the Co-operation Section mentioned his name but I no longer remember it. Quite recently, on the telephone, Mr Schriewer confirmed to be the facts that I relate. He did not want to give me the officer's name, so as not to jeopardise the future proceedings in Brussels on the murder of the ten Belgian Blue Berets. Mr Schriewer will testify during these proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

Response – assassination

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Co-operant in Rwanda from end of 1991 to April 1994