

File 12

The memo from the Rwandan Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 15 April 1994 is interesting from two points of view.

It can be noted that the “Falcon 50” did indeed have a “black box” (which seemed obvious, except to Commandant de Saint Quentin) and that this is with the Rwandan government, which indicates that it will submit the results of the inquiry to the case. *What became of all this?* It is also indicated that **three Belgian soldiers** were apprehended when they tried to recover this box by force.

Secondly, at this time the Rwandan government considers “*that it would be risky to draw a definitive conclusion as to the perpetrators of the attack*”. On the other hand, ambassador Marlaud wrote a memo dated 25 April (10 days later) in Paris in which he critically implicates – without proof – the FPR...

In the memo from Cussac and Maurin, written in Paris on 19 April 94, it is indicated that Commandant de Saint Quentin had sent a report to Lt Col Maurin on 6 April at 21:30. It is indicated “**Report to COIA**”. *This suggests there is a trace. Ask for clarification.*

In a memo “*Concept of use of UNAMIR 2*” written on 8 June in Paris for the attention of the director of the cabinet of the minister for cooperation, General Huchon implicates the UN. He sees this decision as being, following the example of **UNAMIR 1**, “*conceived to best encourage the FPR*”. A handwritten note is added to this memo, “*the problem does not escape anybody and everyone is acting for the best*”. Without entering into comments here, the need already stressed in a memo, yesterday, of having TDs on our activity at the UN proves further founded (the memos of the Quai from 90 to 94, also consulted, do not make it possible on this measure of action by France to have a view of the diplomatic activity). Furthermore, General Huchon, in a letter sent to our reporter on 11 June 1998, indicates that he continued to have contact with the Rwandan defence attaché stationed in Paris between the end of “*Amaryllis*” and the beginning of “*Turquoise*”. Because we “*no longer had any official French element in Rwanda*”. With this attaché there is mention of enabling “*the safe evacuation of groups of refugees*”. Thus the attaché could “*inform us of the transportation to the borders of Rwanda of several groups of refugees which had been indicated to him*”. *Is this excessive to know to which refugees this related?*

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