

Attachment no: One  
To minutes no. 999 / 94  
of the Brussels Legal Detachment.

HEARING REPORT

On 13/06/94 at 14.10 hrs, was heard

NAME:	RODRIGUE
CHRISTIAN NAMES	Alain
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH:	NAMUR on 14.10.70
DOMICILE:	Rue du passage d'eau 3 5100 JAMBES
SERVICEMAN:	Grade and Reg. No.: SLt 92 40990
	Unit 2 <sup>nd</sup> Commando 12 <sup>th</sup> Company

who states to us :

I wish to speak in French and demand the legal procedure in that language

Background

I was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commando in September 1993 and I have had the role of Platoon Commander for the 12<sup>th</sup> Company since 1 January of this year.

I left for KIGALI with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commando on 23 March 1994

There I was Commander of Platoon B of the 12<sup>th</sup> Company (Airport Group)

The billet for my unit was Franciscus

My platoon was split up as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Section – Sergeant BULLINKS

2<sup>nd</sup> Section – Sergeant LIEGEOIS

3<sup>rd</sup> Section – Sergeant MAUFROID

4<sup>th</sup> Section – 1 Sergeant FAUVART (Platoon 2<sup>nd</sup> in command)

On the night of the 06 to 07 April, the missions of these sections were:

1<sup>st</sup> Section – FRANCISCUS billet guard

2<sup>nd</sup> Section – Return from RUTONGO to FRANCISCUS around 0200 hrs

3<sup>rd</sup> Section – SAFETY section. Later will accompany Lt VERMEULEN on his patrol

4<sup>th</sup> Section – Patrol then faction to airfield.

ATTACK:

At the time of the attack, around 20.30 hours, I was with six men from 4 section between N5 and N7 on a terrace of a café. At that time we were rejoined by Sergeant MAUFROID.

I then heard the explosion coming from the attack carried out on the presidential aircraft.

We then heard that Lt VERMEULEN needed reserve batteries for a thermal camera. I offered to carry out this mission and we were directed to TOP GUN where the reserve batteries were.

1<sup>st</sup> continuation to Attachment 1 Minutes no. 999 / 94 coming from the Brussels Legal Detachment.

Having arrived at TOP GUN, I was called out by Capt VANDRIESSCHE who asked me to accompany him with a jeep to the airfield. During this time the second jeep was ordered to take the spare batteries to Lt VERMEULEN.

I then went with Capt VANDRIESSCHE to the airfield. There, we saw that some Rwandan soldiers were there. They had a fairly lost and disorganised air. Several Belgians were being held in front the airfield. A barrier separated us from them and we could only have verbal contact with them. We remained there a little over half an hour, then on the order of the captain, we returned to TOP GUN to reorganise the section. At that time there were other Belgians at the airfield besides those held by the Rwandans.

I then received an order to occupy the roof of the terminal to observe and report. I stayed there all night until 07.20 hours, when I was flushed out by the Rwandans. We were able to observe the movements of the Rwandan troops who were setting up roadblocks, especially in the early morning. We then returned to TOP GUN and stayed there two or three days.

#### MISTRAL BATTERY

At the time when I was at TOP GUN, that is, after the attack, a Belgian Military person confirmed he had seen a Mistral type battery around the KANOMBE camp. I can say nor more about that.

#### ASSASSINATION.

Not receiving the battalion network, I did not hear the exchanges between Y6 and KIBAT. As regards the equipment mounted on the mortar jeeps, in the days prior I saw that a MAG was mounted on one of their vehicles at least. I have no knowledge that they were taken away.

#### GENERAL CONTEXT

In the days prior to these events, our work led us to have frequent contacts with the population. It was even asked of us to stop and have a glass on one terrace or another in such a way as to establish contacts. We were able to see that the feelings of the population to us were changing favourably. On the other hand, quite the reverse, the military became more and more distant.

At our level we did not have any contact with FAR liaison officers.

2<sup>nd</sup> continuation to the Attachment 1 Minutes no. 999 / 94 coming from the Brussels Legal Detachment.

RADIO MILLE-COLLINES:

We listened to this radio station regularly. This radio station continually criticised the Belgians in an intense way. Each incident that happened in the town was passed on in a deformed way. We used to listen to this radio station at FRANCISCUS, and I could no longer listen to it from 06 April.

According to information from people who listened to this radio station at TOP GUN, it was said that the Belgians were responsible for the attack.

I have nothing further to add.

(After reading, signs with us hereunder)

Signature  
Duly noted