

31 August 1998

MEMO N° 13 TO BERNARD CAZENEUVE

ROUSSIN/MAURIN MEETING IN OCTOBER 1994

In his interview of 3 June 1998, Lieutenant-Colonel Maurin, former advisor to the Chief of Staff of the FAR, then chief of DMAT-Land, indicated to us that he had been convened in October 1994 by the minister for cooperation at the time, Mr Michel Roussan, and that he had had to assure him, “looking him straight in the eye”: “No, I was not in any way, me or my men, involved in the attack against the aeroplane”. This interview, he told me, was motivated by the publication two months earlier of a book by the Belgian journalist Mrs Braeckman (pages 62 and 65 of the report).

It seems difficult to imagine that Mr Roussin, who is himself former officer and former cabinet chief of the director of the SDECE, as he stressed in his interview, could be convened by one of his peers to demand this type of assurance from him, on the sole grounds of the declarations of a journalist.

I therefore suggest questioning the director of the DPSD to ask him for communication of the inquiry that was probably conducted. Is this at the origin of Mr Roussin's problems?

Jean-Claude Lefort

Copy to Mr Drain