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MEMO N° 7 TO BERNARD CAZENEUVE

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SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES HELD BY THE FAR

In his interview of 25 June, Prefect Dewatre indicated to us “*that in February 1991 a missile of this type (SAM) had been recovered by the Rwandan army and presented to the defence attaché*”.

And yet, a report from Captain Ducoin, chief of DMAT-AIR, dated 10 January 1991 indicates that during “*the war of October*” (1990), “*2 SA 7 launchers (...) were found at the places of combat*”.

In his half-yearly report dated 15 July 1991, the same Captain Ducoin indicated that “*material, notably SAM 16s, was found in the field*”.

It is therefore clear that the FAR possessed several surface-to-air launchers recovered during combats. *The DRM should be asked to communicate the reports drawn up at the time on the subject of these weapons.*

Captain Ducoin mentions in his report of 10/1/91 “*the many reports*” on the subject of the October war. It does not seem that they have been communicated to our mission yet. *To be verified.*

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