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Military Investigator
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Minutes no 683
In the case
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Under the heading of
Assassinations
Hearing of Vanhees Patrick
Follow up to file no. 02 02545
N94 C8 of the Military Investigator
in Brussels
Ver Elst-Reul

MILITARY HEARING
BRUSSELS
18 MAY 1994
MILITARY INVESTIGATOR
BRUSSELS

PRO JUSTITIA

Today tenth of May nineteen ninety four at 10.45 hours

We the undersigned Artiges, Guy, Adjudant, OPJ
Hamelinck Willem, 1 Mdl – APJ
Of the police

Resident in Brussels, Military hearing in civilian clothes (1)

We report that we have heard, at the date and time as above, at the HQ of the Armed Forces at Evere

Vanhees, Patrick Leon Lambert, G
Born in Namur on 15.01.58
Domiciled at Rue Sous-la-Ville 21 at 5310 Eghezee

Commander – Roll no. 17867 – CTM Rwanda
Instructor for senior officers

who states to us:

“I wish to express myself in French.

At the time of the attack I was on holiday at Kibuya. Like everyone I was surprised by this attack, I heard about the attack from Radio Rwanda. Afterwards RTL M announced that the Belgians were responsible for the attack.

I did not listen regularly to RTL M but my personnel told me that was what it said. An anti-Belgian campaign was developed after the departure of the French, around mid-November. RTL M also led an anti-West campaign in general. This station insisted on the fact that the West had the money and that if the Rwandans wanted it they should go and get it from them. I knew that a European was leading these campaigns, but they spoke about an “Italian”. I only found out later that it was a Belgian.

On the assassination of our 10 paras, I do not know anything...

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... more than what was said on radio or in the newspapers.

I would like to add that on 14.04.94 in the afternoon, I was at Bujumbura airport. A French aircraft arrived and Burundi policemen were opposed to anyone getting off. The French aircraft had to leave with its passengers and cargo. Afterwards I discussed it with the Burundi Colonel who accompanied the aircraft as far as Bukavu (Zaire). There the aircraft was unloaded before returning to Bujumbura. A Burundi policeman told me that the passengers were Rwandans, "undesirable" on Burundi soil. They could no longer go to Bangui. The rumour ran that Georges RUGGIU, the presenter of RTL M was on board.

To my knowledge there were certainly no missiles with the FAR. Perhaps the Presidential Guard which was armed by Zaire and about which the French were concerned.

(After reading, signs our information file.)

Signature