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Minutes no1023
In the case
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Under the heading of
Assassinations
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Hearing of Uwimana Athanasie
Follow up to file no. 02 02545
N 94 C8 of the Military Investigator
in Brussels
Ver Elst Reul
MILITARY HEARING
BRUSSELS
5 JUL 1984
MILITARY INVESTIGATOR
BRUSSELS

PRO JUSTITIA

Today thirtieth of June nineteen ninety four at 10.00 hours

We the undersigned Artiges, Guy, Adjutant, OPJ
Resident in Brussels- military hearing in civilian clothes (1)
We report that we went to 65 Rue Belliard where we met and heard, at the date and time as above,
Uwimana Athanasie
Born in 1951 at Karago-Gisenyi(Rwanda)
Domiciled at Nkuli – Ruhengeri – Rwanda
Residence Rubungo – Kigali – Rwanda
Wife of Nsabimana Deogratias
Currently Avenue marius Renard 4 bte 2 at 1070 Brussels

who states to us in French:

“I was the wife of General Nsabimana, the Major General Head of the FAR.
Although nothing announced the attack on 06.04.94, I can tell you that my husband was expecting an internal “explosion”. He feared a resumption of hostilities in the light of the [illeg] of weapons for the various factions and the disagreements between the politicians.
My husband was told on 05.04.94 that he should accompany the President to Dar Es Salam on 06.04.1994 to then go to Tanzania. My husband did not know the reason for this journey. It was the first time that he had been invited on this type of journey.
My husband is not involved in politics and he always tries to reconcile the different factions.
My husband clearly told me that he knew that there were people being massacred and he never spoke to me of lists

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He often gave me advice since he was expecting that that would “burst out” at any time.

I also know that my husband went on the day of the assassination of Gatabazi to prevent the start of an organised massacre for the rest I do not know if my husband prevented or delayed other massacres.

On 06.04.94 I was told around 20.40 hours of the attack against the President’s aircraft.

On 07.04.94 in the afternoon I went my own initiative to the Presidential residence at Kanombe. I wanted to know what had happened to my husband. I did not have a conversation with Mrs Habyarimana. She did not give me any explanation. I remember that she said “That had to happen”

I stayed two days at the Presidential residence before going back to my house.

I remember that on 07.04.94 I heard talk of soldiers killed; these soldiers were guarding Agathe (Prime Minister). I also heard talk of opposition persons who had been killed. On 12.04.94 I was evacuated to Bujumbura by the French.

(After reading, signs our information file).

Signature