

*Information on Colonel Bagosora in  
the evening of 06/04/94*

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SUBJECT: RWANDA: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN KIGALI, 6  
AND 7 APRIL 1994

1. MY EMPLOYEE HAS HAD SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WITH THE FORMER LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS ADVISOR OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, MR JUSTIN MUNYEMANA (MRND). MUNYEMANA GAVE US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1.1. ON 6 APRIL, ONE HOUR AFTER THE ATTACK IN KIGALI, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION REMAINING IN DAR (INCLUDING MUNYEMANA) WENT TO THE RWANDAN EMBASSY. THE FIRST SECRETARY MANAGED TO CONTACT KIGALI BY TELEPHONE AND A CAPTAIN OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD (COUSIN OF THE SECRETARY) TOLD HIM THAT "COLONEL BAGOSORA HAD TAKEN THINGS IN HAND AND WAS GIVING ORDERS TO KIGALI" (INCLUDING EVACUATION OF THE MRND MINISTERS OF THE KIMIHURURA DISTRICT (MT 198 OF 11/07/94). MUNYEMANA CONFIRMED THAT BAGOSORA, THEN CHIEF OF THE MINDEF CABINET, FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE MILITARY CAMP OF KANOMBE TRANSFERRED TO CABMINDEF FOR "SURVEILLANCE OF THE MINISTER", HAD TRIED TO IMPOSE HIMSELF AS NEW LEADER OF KIGALI ON 7 APRIL, BUT THAT HE WAS PREVENTED BY THE SUPERIOR OFFICERS OF THE RWANDAN ARMY.

1.2. THE MRND MINISTERS, EVACUATED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD ON THE NIGHT OF 6 TO 7 APRIL (MT 198 OF 11/07/94) WERE IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY ON 9 APRIL. MUNYEMANA'S WIFE, WHO WAS ALSO TAKING REFUGE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>, LEARNED FROM THE MINISTERS THAT THEY HAD BEEN EVACUATED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD. ON THE EVENING OF 6 APRIL "AT AROUND 10 PM", THEY PLANNED TO GO BY DAY TO THE DIPLOMAT HOTEL AND TO SPEND THE NIGHTS AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY.

2. DURING A FURTHER INTERVIEW ON 03/08 WITH MY EMPLOYEE, MUNYEMANA PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HE OBTAINED FROM SEVERAL PERSONALITIES WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN DAR FOR REFUGE (NTMT COL BENZAHU, FORMER PREFECT OF KIGALI, AND MAJOR MUTSINZI, CAPTAIN [ILLEGIBLE]).

2.1. THEY CONFIRMED THAT BAGOSORA TRIED TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF ON 7 APRIL. HE ALLEGEDLY SOUGHT SUPPORT FROM RETIRED SUPERIOR SOLDIERS, REJECTED SINCE THE SHARING OF POWER WITH THE OPPOSITION, IN CALLING THESE RETIRED SOLDIERS UNDER [illegible]. TEN YOUNG OFFICERS, RECENTLY PROMOTED [illegible] FORMER COLONELS, THEN ALLEGEDLY OBJECTED TO BAGOSORA'S MANOEUVRE, FEELING THAT THE POWER WOULD COME BACK EITHER TO THEM OR TO A CIVIL GOVERNMENT THAT THEY WOULD THEN TRY TO COMPOSE.

3. FURTHERMORE, A DESIGNATED DEPUTY OF THE MDR, MR BONIFACE MUNYAMPIRWA, PRESENTED HIMSELF AT THIS EMBASSY TO ASK TO INTERVENE IN ORDER TO INFORM PM TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND WISHED TO GO TO KIGALI VERY SHORTLY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OATH-TAKING OF THE NEW DEPUTIES. THE DEPUTY PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE TO GO VIA THE FPR TO INFORM THE PM. PERHAPS YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY CHANNELS?

4. FEEL THAT INFORMATION UNDER POINTS 1 AND 2 COULD INTEREST THE MILITARY AUDITOR.

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