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MEMO N° 12 TO BERNARD CAZENEUVE

FILE XVII-10
DAMI PARA BATTALION

I have noticed that many reports from the DAMIs operating in the battalions of the FAR feature in the file XVII-10, but that none concern the para battalion and the CRAP (commando de recherche et d'action en profondeur) formed within it, two units however mentioned in the reports of the MAM as constituting the "spearhead" (Cussac – report of 5 April 93) of the FAR and having therefore benefited from sustained assistance from our military mission. The half-yearly report of 5 April 1993 indicates, for example, that "the para battalion has shown by its results in the field that the resources granted by France have not been given in vain". Could we ask for communication of these missing reports?

Furthermore, the report of 2/10/93 of DMAT-Land tells us that "the para-commando battalion was grouped together at the beginning of May (1993) in its quarters at the camp of Kanombe". Is this the same camp as that of the Presidential Guard? Was it there on 6 April 1994?

Furthermore, where were the surface-to-air missiles recovered by the FAR from 1990 stored? I believe it would be useful to obtain answers to these questions.

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