

6.D.6 Message from the defence attaché in Kigali, 13 August 1991,
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RECOVERY AND TRANSPORT OF AN SA 16

OT. FIRST REFERENCE STIPULATED THAT EMAT/BRRI WOULD LOOK INTO TRANSPORT OF THE WEAPON WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICE. HAD TO ADVISE A.D. DIRECTLY ON THE STEPS TO TAKE. NO PARTICULAR DIRECTIVE WAS GIVEN IN THIS WAY.

CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IT MAY BE DANGEROUS TO TRANSPORT THIS MISSILE VIA VA IN CASE IT HAS BEEN INITIATED. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR A SPECIALIST TO COME AND CHECK THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSPORT ON-SITE.

YOUR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA HAS BEEN ASKED TO SEEK INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE HOLDING OF THIS WEAPON BY NRR AND SUPPLIER COUNTRY. FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PRISONER OF WAR HELD IN KIGALI AND QUESTIONED BY AD (SEE MY OT NMR 214/AD/RWA OF 10 AUGUST 1991), IT EMERGES THAT THE FPR HAVE POSSESSED A FEW EXAMPLES OF IT SINCE 4 OCTOBER 1990 AFTER HAVING PURCHASED THEM IN EUROPE FROM ARMS TRAFFICKERS. (AN SA 16 COOLING SYSTEM WAS PICKED UP IN THE FIELD BY THE RWANDAN ARMY IN NOVEMBER 1990).

THIS SAME FPR ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED 8 SAM 7s ON 10 OCTOBER 1990.

THE INFORMATION SENT BY KAMPALA WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR UPON RECEIPT.

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