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The number of munitions removed was very large. I take for example the distribution of 1000 120 m/m mortar shots over Gitarama. There remained about 20 % of the munitions in the warehouse. This happened about 1 month before the attack and a week was needed for the transport

A FAR lieutenant told me that it was in anticipation of an FPR attack. . .

For my part I think that this action was taken to avoid the monitoring of the UN observers. I know that the status provided by the FAR EM to the UN was false because they did not take account of what had been distributed en masse. Only the status in the almost empty warehouse was counted. . .

A lot of munitions "movement" was carried out during the night according to a German relief worker.

With regard to the death of our 10 paras I do not know what I can say. I was not listening to their network. Furthermore, I did not have access to it.

I listened very regularly to RTLM. A campaign was conducted establishing the "misdemeanours" that the Belgian paras from MINUAR could have committed. These misdemeanours were inflated and exaggerated to harm the corporate image of the Belgians. I must say that the most significant was said in Kenyarwanda and not in French.

During the week before the attack, my cleaning woman told me to take care, that we were going to become the "white Tutsis". She meant that there were lists of people to be killed and that we could be, us Belgians, on that list.

The announcer of RTLM, "Georges" XXXXXX exploited every wrongdoing of the Belgians in order to do them harm. In particular I am thinking of the para from the 1st Para Battalion who cheated a Rwandan out of 10,000 FB in front of the post in January 94. This was exploited as far as possible to denigrate the Belgians.

A Belgian civilian doctor told me on the Kenwood network that RTLM clearly called for the killing of a Belgian in Butare, a Belgian in Kigali, etc. in fact a Belgian in each region.

I point out that these words do not in any way reflect the views of the entire Rwandan population but only a few extremist Hutus.

Radio RTLM influenced the general population dreadfully. We were able to see this in the change in mentality following these radio broadcasts.
(after being read out, he maintains his statement and signs in our information book)

Whereof act,
[signed]