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ATTACK summary
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following stamp No.2
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Today twenty seven July nineteen
ninety four at 10.00 hours

We the undersigned SCHAERLAKEN, Marc, MDL Head of police
In residence in Brussels Legal Detachment in civilian clothes

INFORMATION

As a follow-up to the stamp shown in the margin hereto, we are sending you today the summary of the events relating to the attack on the Rwandan presidential aircraft as they were experienced by the Belgian blue helmets at KIGALI

SUMMARY OF THE ATTACK

TIMING:

The times given in this summary are those shown in the campaign logs or the radio logs. In the case where the information is taken from several logs, the time taken into consideration is the earliest time.

INFORMATION:

The information given in this summary comes either from campaign logs and radio logs, or from summaries from the military commission or from Captain SCHEPKENS, or from information obtained at various hearings carried out or cross references made between them

1st continuation to Minutes no. 745/94 of 27.07.94 of the Brussels Legal detachment

SOURCES:

After each item information are shown one or more sources placed in parentheses []

Explanation of these sources:

- [JCB] = Battalion campaign log
- [CVO] = OSCAR radio log (battalion)
- [CVB] = BRAVO radio log (14th Co)
- [CVC] = CHARLIE radio log (16th Co)
- [SCS] = Summary Captain SCHEPKENS (this is a summary drafted by the latter at the request of Colonel DEWEZ on the development of the battalion mission in KIGALI)
- [SCM] = Summary from the military commission
- [ED] = DE SCHEPPER recording
- [ASP] = Hearing carried out there by the substitute Mr PEERAER
- [PV + No.] = Reference to the minutes reporting this information
- [CO +No.] = Oral confirmation given to us on a point of detail by a soldier from 2nd commando already previously heard under the minutes referred to

Soldiers mentioned in these sources

The list of soldiers heard is shown in attachment 2 hereto.

INFORMATION

The stamp is kept at the offices of the unit for continuation of the inquiry.

Attachments: Attachment 1: summary of the tag
Attachment 2: list of soldiers heard

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Signature

ATTACK

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20.20 hours Corporal GERLACHE, radio operator MEPC of the 12th company (former control tower) noticed the lighting of the runway which was illuminated. He went out on the platform to watch the aircraft land. When the aircraft was in the approach phase, Corporal GERLACHE noticed a wide luminous point such as a star coming out from the ground (in the area of KANOMBE camp) in the direction of the aircraft. Following this shot, the lights on the aircraft went out. The second missile fired from the same place made the aircraft explode and it fell in line with the landing strip. The party involved immediately advised his company commander [PV759] [PV749] At that time the lights on the runway went out. [PV763] [PV1000]

Soldier MOREAU was at KIGARAMA. He was an eyewitness to the attack.

He gave the following information:

The missile came in from the left of the aircraft.

The firing angle was more or less 70 degrees. [PV805]

The doctor Major DAUBRESNE and the doctor Commandant VAN DEENEN were at the residence of doctor Colonel PASOUCK, near to KANOMBE. They were witnesses to the attack. They immediately advised Captain CHOFFRAY by radio of their observations, confirming the information of Captain VANDRIESSCHE that it was an aircraft that had been hit. Immediately after the attack, heavy automatic fire was heard. [ASP]

20.30 hours Captain VANDRIESSCHE signalled firing of missiles at an aircraft at the end of the runway [PV1000] [JCB] [PV752] [PV777]. He confirmed that one of his men had seen the crash [PV752]. The Sentry guard saw a ball of fire. The missile went from southeast to southwest. He also signalled that fire trucks were going to the end of the runway. [PV752] Captain CHOFFRAY asked him to return to his station [JCB] The lights at the airfield were cut. [PV1000]

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- 20.34 hours Major DAUBRESNE confirmed tracer fire in the KANOMBE camp [JCB].
Major DAUBRESNE signalled over the battalion network that the missiles were fired from the KANOMBE camp and hit an approaching aircraft. [PV996]
- 20.37 hours He stated that this tracer fire came from KANOMBE camp to the east [JCB] [PV770] [PV773]
- 20.38 hours Captain CHOFFRAY asked for confirmation of the direction of fire and the position of Major DAUBRESNE. [JCB]
BBase: Major DAUBRESNE was with doctor PASOUCK. He confirmed his statements. (Gunshots and heavy weapons). [JCB]
- 20.42 hours Captain CHOFFRAY asked Captain VANDRIESSCHE for a situation report. [JCB] [PV1000]
Captain VANDRIESSCHE left on reconnaissance to the end of the runway with two Jeeps. [PV749]
- 20.43 hours The fireman left the end of the runway. It would seem that an aircraft had been hit. [JCB]
- 2.45 hours Major DAUBRESNE confirmed the position of the residence of doctor PASOUCK, that is, 200 m to the east of the HM of KANOMBE. [JCB]
- 20.47 hours Captain CHOFFRAY broadcast information from the sector and according to which an explosion had taken place at a munitions depot at KANOMBE camp. He asked for a patrol to be sent to this camp for observation. [JCB] [PV996] [PV777]
- 20.49 hours MBase signalled to OSCAR that it had had contact with the wife of the pilot of President HABYARIMANA. In principle, the aircraft should have landed now. [JCB] [PV752] [PV777] [PV985]
- 20.53 hours Captain CHOFFRAY asked where Captain VANDRIESSCHE was. He was at the end of the runway and stated that he did not trust the Rwandans who were firing. [JCB]
At more or less one kilometre from the end of the runway, the team of Captain VANDRIESSCHE could see flames and smoke. The Rwandan soldiers there were very nervous. [PV749]
Captain VANDRIESSCHE returned to the control tower and left a jeep for observation at the end of the runway. [PV749]
- 21.00 hours Captain CHOFFRAY asked ABase to send a team to the control tower to make contact with the UN military observers permanently present there. [JCB] [PV1025]
- 21.05 hours Captain VANDRIESSCHE confirmed that it was an aircraft that had been hit. Sector was advised. [JCB]

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- 22.11 hours Captain SCHEPKENS asked Captain CHOFFRAY if he could confirm one of the two theories. The latter replied that the two theories were both possible. [JCB]
- 22.42 hours Colonel MARCHAL asked OSCAR to prepare to send detachment to locate the place of the aircraft crash. He also asked that this detachment should be informed on the identity of the aircraft hit, specifying that it could be President MUSEVENI on board. [JCB]
- 23.17 hours Radio Rwanda reported the attack on the presidential aircraft stating that in the crashed aircraft were the president s of BURUNDI, of RWANDA as well as Colonel SAGATWA and the commander-in-chief NSABIMANA. [JCB]

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- 00.10 hours AGATHE telephoned YBase which forwarded to the information to OSCAR. GENERAL DALLAIRE advised her (AGATHE) that the presidential guard was preventing MINUAR from approaching the aircraft to check the reasons for the crash. [JCB]

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Registration	Minutes no.	Name	Christian name	Rank	Company
1	0657	LUYCKFASSEL	THIERRY	SDT	16
2	0658	VONECHE	ARNAUD	SDT	16
3	0659	GREBUDE	ERIC	SDT	16
4	0660	QUINEAUX	VINCENT	SDT	16
5	0661	SCHUERMANS	JOEL	SGT	16
6	0662	PIRLET	PATRICK	CPL	16
7	0663	THIRY	JEAN	MAJ	EM
8	0664	RESTIAUX	DIDIER	CLC	16
9	0665	D'HEUR	MARC	CPL	16
10	0666	GOFFIN	MARC	SDT	16
11	0667	GEMINE	OLIVIER	SDT	16
12	0668	HIERNAUX	BRUNO	SGT	16
13	0669	GODINAS	CHRISTOPHE	SDT	16
14	0670	MASSARD	FABIAN	CPL	16
15	0671	DESTRAIS	DIDIER	SDT	16
16	0672	BORGNIE	THIERRY	CPL	16
17	0673	MATHIJS	STEFAN	CPL	HOR
18	0674	KOENIGS	BERTRAND	LT	16
19	0675	MASCAUX	MARC	SDT	16
20	0689	BOUCHER	FABIAN	CPL	16
21	0690	HOHNE	SERGE	CPL	16
22	0691	DARGENT	PASCAL	SGT	16
23	0693	DESSAMBRE	JEAN-LUC	SGT	16
24	0694	FIVET	RUDY	SDT	16
25	0695	VANLAETHEM	JEAN-MARC	CPL	16
26	0696	PLESSIET	CLAUDE	CPL	16
27	0697	BUISSERET	JOEL	CLC	16
28	0698	TIMPERMAN	PASCAL	SDT	14
29	0699	GARCIA DEL VALLE	FRANCOIS-JAVIER	SDT	16
30	0700	GHEYSSENS	SERGE	1SG	16
31	0701	ROBERT-LERUITE	PASCAL	CPL	16
32	0702	WARCQ	YVES	ISM	16
33	0703	HASTIR	FREDERIC	SDT	14
34	0704	LHOIR	THIERRY	SDT	14
35	0705	SMARS	ROAN	CPL	14
36	0706	VANHORICK	CHARLES	SDT	14
37	0707	YPERSIEL	JOEL	CPL	14
38	0708	VAN REGEUMEUTER	STEPHAN	SDT	14
39	0709	LIEGEOIS	LUC	SGT	12
40	0710	MIGNON	ALAIN	SGT	14
41	0711	VERMEERBERGEN	AXEL	CPL	14
42	0712	DE KEYSER	VINCENT	LT	14
43	0713	BENBOUHOUT	HUSSEIN	SGT	14
44	0714	LEMAIRE	LUC	LT	14
45	0715	LINSEN	PASCAL	CPL	14
46	0716	GOFFIN	LUC	SDT	16
47	0717	THEUNISSEN	YVES	LT	16
48	0741	UYTTERBROEK	CLAUDE	SDT	14
49	0742	PIPEAUX	ERIC	SDT	14
50	0743	LIVEMONT	EMANUEL	1SH	14
51	0744	LECONTE	JEAN-NOEL	LT	14
52	0745	GREGOIRE	HENRI	ISM	14
53	0746	COLIGE	JEAN	1SG	EM
54	0747	LALOUX	ERIC	CPL	EM
55	0748	DUTERNE	BERNARD	CPC	EM
56	0749	CORNET	YVES	SGT	EM

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57	0750	PEFNAT	ERIC	CPL	14
58	0751	VANHAMME	KARL	SGT	14
59	0752	MERLOT	PHILIPPE	CPL	14
60	0753	COLIGE	DIDIER	SGT	14
61	0754	MAREE	LUC	CPL	14
62	0755	FLAMENT	DOMINIQUE	SDT	14
63	0756	MATTENS	LUC	CPL	14
64	0757	SZYKULA	PASCAL	SDT	14
65	0758	CASTIAU	VINCENT	SDT	16
66	0759	GERLACHE	MATHIEU	CPL	12
67	0760	DETROZ	DIMITRI	SDT	16
68	0761	LEIDING	PHILIPPE	SGT	12
69	0762	HEMERYCK	JOEL	CPL	12
70	0763	LAZARON	STEPHAN	CPL	12
71	0764	CARLENS	OLIVIER	LT	12
72	0765	TEYSSIER	YVES	SGT	12
73	0766	TAMBOUR	THIERRY	SDT	12
74	0767	MARCHAL	PIERRE	CPT	16
75	0768	RUGG	DENIS	SGT	16
76	0769	MEUNIER	STEPHAN	CPL	12
77	0770	VOITURON	PASCAL	SDT	12
78	0771	VERMEULEN	JEAN-MARC	LT	12
79	0772	HERION	GEORGES	SDT	12
80	0773	CANFIJN	FABRICE	SDT	12
81	0774	LEKED	MARC	SDT	12
82	0775	GUILLAUME	DOMINIQUE	CPC	12
83	0776	MORELLE	MARC	CPL	MOR
84	0777	SIEBEN	LUC	1SN	EM
85	0778	WATELET	STEPHAN	CLC	EM
86	0779	CENIS	JOSE	CPL	EM
87	0780	BARAS	JACQUES	CLC	EM
88	0781	LHOST	DAVID	SDT	12
89	0782	PONS	OLIVIER	SDT	12
90	0783	LESIRE	OLIVIER	SDT	12
91	0784	BOISACQ	PASCAL	CPL	12
92	0785	SIEWNIAK	LUCIANO	CPL	EM
93	0786	JANSSENS	ALAIN	CPL	EM
94	0787	PETERSBOURG	ROBERT	CPL	16
95	0788	CABY	PASCAL	CLC	EM
96	0789	QUERTEMONT	MICHEL	PADRE	MOR
97	0790	LELUBRE	JEAN-FRANCOIS	LT	14
98	0791	AUDRY	JEAN-YVES	LT	16
99	0792	BARLET	RUDY	CPL	16
100	0793	VAN EECKHOVEN	ERIC	CPL	MOR
101	0794	PELTYN	OLIVIER	CPL	EM
102	0795	GOEDERT	JEAN	ADC	EM
103	0796	BAUDOUX	JEAN-PAUL	CLC	EM
104	0797	DINJART	MARC	CLC	EM
105	0798	PHILIPPART	MICHEL	1SN	EM
106	0799	DEGRAVE	ERIC	CLC	EM
107	0800	SERVAIS	PRIVAT	CPL	EM
108	0801	SCHOBEN	GUY	CPL	EM
109	0802	GUIDE	LAURENT	SDT	12
110	0803	BLOIS	DOMINIQUE	SDT	12
111	0804	BOURIVIN	CHRISTOPHE	SDT	12
112	0805	MOREAU	NICOLAS	SDT	12

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113	0806	LAMOTTE	HUGHES	SGT	12
114	0807	VANDERMEULEN	XAVIER	SDT	12
115	0808	GREGOIRE	MICHEL	1SN	EM
116	0809	VALLES	FREDDY	CPL	EM
117	0810	KINKIN	MICHEL	CPL	MOR
118	0812	POCHET	FABRICE	CPL	MOR
119	0813	MAHIBO	ERIC	CPL	MOR
120	0815	LECONTE	CHRISTIAN	1SG	MOR
121	0817	GUSTIN	DANY	CPL	MOR
122	0818	DUPONT	PHILIPPE	CPL	MOR
123	0819	CRESPIN	CLAUDY	CPL	MOR
124	0820	RAISON	LUC	CPL	16
125	0821	TEFNIN	DOUGLASS	CPT	EM
126	0822	BELLIERE	JEAN	LT	EM
127	0823	SPANIOLI	SERGE	CPL	12
128	0824	PASQUET	ERIC	CPL	EM
129	0825	FOGOLARI	MARC	SGT	EM
130	0826	HUTSEBAUT	DIDIER	1SG	EM
131	0827	DECUYPER	BART	LT	EM
132	0828	MAUFROID	FREDERIC	SGT	12
133	0829	FAUVART	DOMINIQUE	1SG	12
134	0830	BULINCKX	PATRICK	SGT	12
135	0831	PIERARD	GEREARD	CLC	16
136	0832	CANTINO	ROBERT	ADJ	EM
137	0833	VICARI	FRANCOIS	CPL	EM
138	0834	GONDA	FABRICE	CPC	EM
139	0980	CARRIER	SERGE	1SG	EM
140	0981	DEMAZY	EDMOND	CLC	EM
141	0982	SCHIPPERS	NICOLAS	ISM	EM
142	0983	MESPREUVE	CHRISTOPHE	CPT	EM
143	0984	COLLIN	PATRICK	CPT	EM
144	0985	TIMSONET	MAURICE	MAJ	EM
145	0986	WALBRECQ	BENIOT	CPL	MOR
146	0987	VANGENECHTEN	PHILIPPE	SDT	MOR
147	0988	PAUWELS	DIMITRI	SGT	MOR
148	0989	VOLONT	GUY	CLC	14
149	0990	GILSOUL	PASCAL	CPL	12
150	0991	BOUQUELLOEN	FREDDY	ISM	EM
151	0992	SLIZEWSKI	RICHARD	CDT	EM
152	0993	THEMANS	ALAIN	CPL	EM
153	0994	VERSCHAEREN	JEAN-CLAUDE	CPC	EM
154	0995	PIRSON	OLIVIER	SGT	16
155	0996	VARGA	BALINI	ADJ	EM
156	0998	MARTINUS	PATRICK	ADJ	EM
157	0999	RODRIGUE	ALAIN	LT	12
158	1000	VANDRIESSCHE	BRUNO	CAP	12
159	1001	ROMAN	GEORGES	CPT	EM
160	1025	CHOFFRAY	MARCEL	CPT	EM
161	1026	DEWEZ	JOSEPH	LT-COL	EM