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REFERENCE YOUR CODE CABLE 1064 DATED 11 APRIL 1994. THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE TRANSITIONAL PRIME MINISTER MRS. AGATHA UWILINGIMANA WAS BEING PROVIDED WITH HOUSE GUARD FOR QUITE SOME TIME. DURING THE NIGHT OF 06/07 APRIL 1994 THERE WAS SUCH A UNAMIR HOUSE GUARD COMPRISING 05 GHANIAN SOLDIERS AT HER RESIDENCE. THE INNER PERIMETER OF THIS HOUSE USED TO BE GUARDED BY UNAMIR GUARD AND OUTER PERIMETER (OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY WALL/FENCE) BY THE GENDARMERIE. AT AROUND 0430 (LT) HOURS 07 APRIL 1994 10 BELGIAN SOLDIERS UNDER COMMAND ONE LIEUTENANT CAME WITH 04 VEHICLES AND JOINED WITH THE HOUSE GUARD. AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR BETWEEN 0530-0600 HOURS THE PH WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GENDARMERIE ESCAPED THROUGH THE REAR FENCE WITH HER FAMILY WHEN IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE RGF WERE GOING TO ATTACK HER. AROUND 0700 HOURS MANY RGF SOLDIERS SUDDENLY CAME IN THE HOUSE AND ORDERED THE GUARD TO SURRENDER. THE ASSAILANTS SNATCHED THEIR RIFLES, WIRELESS SETS AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS AND DROVE THEM IN A MINI BUS TO CAMP KIGALI.

NOT FINDING HER IN HER RESIDENCE THE RGF SOLDIERS SEARCHED THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND FOUND HER HIDING WITH HER FAMILY IN THE HOUSE OF ONE UNDP PERSONNEL LIVING IN THE UNDP RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND. THIS COMPOUND IS JUST ADJACENT TO THE PH'S RESIDENCE. THE ASSAILANTS FIRED INSIDE THE ROOM WHERE THE PH WAS HIDING. THE PH, HER HUSBAND AND TWO OF HER CHILDREN WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE RGF FROM THIS HOUSE. AFTER RECEIVING CALL FOR ASSISTANCE TWO UNAMIR APCS WERE DISPATCHED BUT THE APCS COULD NOT REACH THE SPOT BECAUSE OF ROAD BLOCKS. AT THIS STAGE THE FORCE COMMANDER MANAGED HIS WAY TO THE SPOT BUT BY THIS TIME THE ASSAILANTS HAD LEFT THE SPOT. THE PH'S DEAD BODY WAS LATER REPORTED FOUND IN CAMP KANOMBE (THE ELITE PARA COMMANDO UNIT). HER HUSBAND HAS ALSO BEEN KILLED. UNMO TEAMS ASSISTED IN SNATCHING AWAY WITH THE HELP OF A FOREIGN GROUP, THE CHILDREN ARE ALIVE AND UNHURT.

AT ABOUT 0730 HOURS ON 07 APRIL 1994, AN RGF OFFICER BY THE NAME OF MAJ BERNARD NTUYAHAGA ALONG WITH SOME RGF SOLDIERS BROUGHT THESE 05 GHANIAN SOLDIERS AND 10 BELGIAN SOLDIERS IN FRONT OF HT5 OFFICE OF CAMP KIGALI. FIVE MINUTES AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL, THE RGF OF CAMP KIGALI WHO WERE IN THE FORMATION (MORNING FALL IN) CAME TO THE HT5 OFFICE AND STARTED BEATING THEM WITH WEAPON BUTTS AND STONES AND SOME TRIED TO KILL THEM WITH THE BAYONET. THE MILOB ON DUTY ( AN OFFICER FROM TOGO, NAME AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST) OPENED THE OFFICE AND SOME OF THE UNAMIR SOLDIERS GOT IN AND FOUR OF THE BELGIAN SOLDIERS COULDN'T GET INSIDE WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. THE MILOB ON DUTY AT CAMP KIGALI TRIED TO PREVENT THE RGF SOLDIERS GETTING INSIDE THAT ROOM BUT WAS THREATENED THAT IF THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED, THEY WOULD THROW GRENADES INSIDE THE ROOM. THEN THE MILOB WAS FORCED IN ANOTHER ROOM. FEW MINUTES LATER, SOME RGF SENIOR OFFICERS CAME THERE AND TRIED VAINLY TO DISPERSE THEM. AFTER ANOTHER FEW MINUTES THE COLONEL COMMANDING CAMP KIGALI HQ COY ARRIVED ON THE SPOT AND TRIED TO EVACUATE THE WOUNDED TO THE HOSPITAL BUT THE SOLDIERS REFUSED AND WAS ABOUT TO BEAT HIM.

AT THIS POINT THE COLONEL COMMANDANT'S ESCORTS SENT HIM AND THE MILOB TO THE ESM (OFFICERS ACADEMY) WHICH IS NEAR BY. THE MILOB MANAGED TO PERSUADE THE COLONEL'S ESCORTS TO GO TO HT5 OFFICE AND BRING AT LEAST THE GHANA SOLDIERS IF NOT ALL. THIS HE DID BECAUSE HE FOUND THE RGF SOLDIERS WERE TOTALLY AGITATED AGAINST THE BELGIANS AND THE RGF BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE BELGIAN SOLDIERS WHO SHOT DOWN THEIR PRESIDENT. ONE OF THE ESCORTS MANAGED TO BRING THE 05 GHANIAN SOLDIERS TO THE ESM. AFTER ANOTHER ABOUT 5 MINUTES RGF SOLDIERS SHOT FOR A LONG TIME AT CAMP KIGALI. SOLDIERS AT ESM SAID THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE BELGIAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED. ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER THE FORCE COMMANDER ARRIVED AT ESM WHERE THE MILOB BRIEFED HIM ABOUT THE INCIDENT. THE FORCE COMMANDER WHO WAS IN THE AREA FOR A "COMITE DE CRISE" MEETING WITH THE MILITARY LEADERS SAW THESE BODIES IN THE INNER COMPOUND OF CAMP KIGALI FROM THE ROAD. THE FORCE COMMANDER AFTER INSISTING UPON THE RGF OFFICERS PRESENT TO GO TO THE SITE OF THE KILLINGS, HE WAS NOT PERMITTED FOR FEAR THAT THE EXITED RGF SOLDIERS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR AGGRESSION AND KILLINGS. HE THEN PROCEEDED FOR A MEETING AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS THE FORCE COMMANDER TRIED TO GET INTO THE CAMP KIGALI BUT HE WAS REFUSED ACCESS EVEN BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE "COMITE DE CRISE". ONLY AFTER INSISTING A FOURTH TIME, BY 2200 HOURS THAT NIGHT, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE BODIES WERE AT THE HOSPITAL MORGUE. ALTHOUGH LOCKED, HE GAINED ACCESS WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GENDARMERIE AND FOUND THE BODIES PILED UP IN A TERRIBLE HEAP OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THE DEAD BODIES OF THESE 10 BELGIAN SOLDIERS WERE RECOVERED THE NEXT DAY AND FLOWN BACK HOME ON 10 APRIL 94. LIST OF THOSE KILLED HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO YOU VIDE OUR FAX NO KYF 642 DATED 11 APRIL 1994.