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**Mr. RUGGIU :** This particular bodyguard had not been given a travel warrant permitting him to go to Gisenyi, though. His travel warrant indicated that he was to carry on working as a bodyguard. So he continued to be with me. When we crossed the border, he was no longer receiving any orders, but he remained all the same. I kept him with me until we got to Bukavu. In Bukavu, he left me to go and receive instructions from his superiors. I do not know what has become of him since then.

**Mr. LEGROS :** You just said that there were high-ranking military officers in Bukavu. Which of them are you talking about?

**Mr. RUGGIU :** The ones I am talking about? General KABILIGI. General KABILIGI had set up his office... Well, lived in Bukavu. In fact, I saw him driving around in a vehicle in the barracks. I do not know where he lived. I know that he had an office in Bukavu, in the centre of the town. And I saw him driving around in a vehicle... a Rwandan military vehicle, but he was driving it in Bukavu.

**Mr. LEGROS :** Did you... You did not try to meet him?

**Mr. RUGGIU :** First of all, I met many people in Bukavu, Mr. KAMBANDA, for example. And another person who was his... the head of the Prime Minister's security service, as well as Mr. MUREGO.

In Bukavu, I met MUREGO, the one who was..., Mr. MBONAMPEKA, MBONAMPEKA is spelt as : M-B-O-N-A-M-P-E-K-A, the Prime Minister KAMBANDA, spelt as : K-A-M-B-A-N-D-A. And... I met someone who was the head of the Prime Minister's security service, but I can no longer recall his name. I, in fact, I also met General KABILIGI. I did not go out of my way to meet him as such. It so happened that when I was

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in Bukavu, I needed to obtain a visa that would enable me to live in Zaire for a while. To get this, I had to go to a place called Snip. Snip is spelt as : S-N-I-P. I went there with a Rwandan. This Rwandan had been one of the technicians of the Pfunda tea factory and he had only his Rwandan identity card. And he was informed that if all he had was his identity card, and no passport, he would be obliged to go to the refugee camp. So the young man started running around, looking for a passport. In fact, many people who had been part of the former Rwandan administration sought refuge in Bukavu, and among these people were some members of the immigration service... of the immigration. These people distributed Rwandan passports to other Rwandans, for a fee. So the young man started asking around to see... to try to get a passport. And while we were looking around, we came in contact, not with General KABILIGI, but with someone who was working for General KABILIGI. So at one point, we met with General KABILIGI in one of the hotels. There were several hotels in which officials... former Rwandan officials lived and General KABILIGI used to go to these hotels from time to time. I met him one day as I was going to a place below Bukavu, where the residence of the Prime Minister, Mr. KAMBANDA, was situated. I met (inaudible) General KABILIGI there on two occasions.

**Mr. LEGROS :** And what was the nature of the discussions you had with him?

**Mr. RUGGIU :** Oh! At that time, first of all, we were still... we were still, since we had just come out, people had not yet found their feet. "Well, we will organize ourselves. We will look for a place to settle in and start all over. Hm, hm." And then there were all sorts of problems resulting, I would say, from this reorganization, this resettling. Well, we were... we were

no longer in Rwanda, we were in Zaire. We had problems with Zairian authorities, we had problems with security services, there were problems too that had to do with people living in camps, and we had food problems, finding food to eat. We had all these problems.

**Mr. LEGROS :** Did RTLM resume broadcasting from Bukavu?

**Mr. RUGGIU :** No. First of all, from the moment when... from the day when its equipment was confiscated, well it was not confiscated, it was first of all... Yes, I know what I will... To begin with, it was... it was brought to Zaire. This equipment was kept in a safe place in Zaire. I know that very well.

**Mr. LEGROS :** By whom?

**Mr. RUGGIU :** It was kept in a safe place in Goma, in Zaire, by Gaspard GAHIGI. That I know. To my knowledge, RTLM never broadcast again. I never worked for RTLM again. It all ended on 13 July, in fact it ended even before 13 July. There were no broadcasts on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and it... Well. It effectively... when I was in Bukavu, Gaspard GAHIGI sent me a note telling me that plans were underway for RTLM to resume broadcasts again, but it all ended at that. Later on, some people came and told me that apparently RTLM equipment had been sold, but I know nothing about that. Some other people told me that the equipment had been confiscated by the Governor of the North Bukavu Province. I was not in Goma at that time. That I can say with certainty. I supposed Gaspard GAHIGI and Phocas Habimana along with other RTLM staff were in charge of the equipment. I was not responsible for the equipment.