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ATTN: [unclear]

1. Many thanks for your cable 001 of today and subsequent information on telephone.
2. Please be aware that this information is the basis for our reports to SecGen and SecCo. Therefore we depend on its authenticity and accuracy when received from you.
3. We trust that you now have established co-ordination between UNAMIR and UNations Security Co-ordinator to ensure that coherent reports are sent to headquarters (earlier conflicting reports on fate on security situation of Interim Prime Minister are case in point). Also please ensure that your Contingent Commanders do not give to media statements that contradict your reports to us (Belgian Commander's statement denying killing of three Belgian soldiers is an example).
4. We had informed Belgian Mission and SecCo of the deaths of the three soldiers. Belgians informed us (1730 New York time) that the death toll of Belgian soldiers is now ten, which we have confirmed to them after last conversation with Dallaire. (At the same time, radio is quoting Mokhtar Gaye as saying that the three Belgian soldiers thought killed have been found alive but that another eleven have been killed).
5. Please be assured that we are conscious of the desperately confused even chaotic situation in which you are operating, but please try and co-ordinate your sources and lines of

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communication. Your primary reporting responsibility is to UNations headquarters which in turn informs SecGen and SecCo. We are aware that you must be under pressure from media but please ensure that we are informed either by telephone or cable before statements are given - by Mokhtar Gaye or others - to reporters. This is imperative to avoid presenting a picture of incoherent communications.

Best wishes and best regards.