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1. THE FIRST HALF OF THE DAY WAS RATHER CALM. SMALL ARMS FIRING OCCURRED. LATER ON THE HOSTILITY AMONGST RGF AND RPF BETWEEN CND AND MERIDIEN STARTED AGAIN. A MORTAR SHELL LANDED IN A CROWD OF LOCALS BEING GATHERED IN THE VICINITY OF THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL. 29 LOCALS WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED. A 48 HRS CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT IS BEING NEGOTIATED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EVACUATE THE EXPATRIATES. RPF TROOPS ARE HEADING TOWARDS KIGALI. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE FIRST ELEMENTS.

2. THE CONVOYS ARE ALLOWED TO MOVE. HOWEVER A UNAMIR CONVOY WITH UN PERSONNEL WAS SHOT AT IN FRONT OF HOTEL MERIDIEN. AN UNMO OF CONGO, CAPT NZOUNGOU EMILE, HAD MINOR INJURIES DUE TO THIS. US EXPATRIATE CONVOY OF 200 VEH LEFT KIGALI DIRECTION SOUTH UNDER UNAMIR ESCORT OUTSIDE KIGALI AND FROM BUTARE, WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM. ALSO AN UNAMIR CONVOY WITH LOGISTIC SUPPLIES ARRIVED WELL IN BYUMBA.

3. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOGBOOK, CONTAINING THE PRINCIPAL MESSAGES TRANSMITTED ON THE COMMAND CHANNEL.

4. REGARDS.

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UNAMIR - FORCE HQ - LOGBOOK
Period 090800 Apr 94 - 100800 Apr 94

SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	100800	One Belgium family is waiting at CHEZ LANDO crossing for evacuation.
2	100832	Two Belgian families from Chez Lando recovered.
3	100853	Two mortar shells landed just side of the UNAMIR field hospital (King Faisal). Some people are firing at CND and shells landing near the hospital.
4	100859	The fuel of Kigali Sac HQ generator is going to be exhausted. 6 Jerrycane of fuel are required urgently.
5	100910	One team stranded in hotel MERIDIEN at GISENYI. Tel: 40381. All civilians have left the hotel and there is no food nor water and fuel. Composition of the team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lt Cdr AKPAN - Nigeria. b. Maj NKODIA - Congo c. Maj ICHEMI - Togo d. Maj UNGA - Austrian e. Maj ELSHORBINE- Egypt f. Maj KGYEN - Congo
6	100940	RGF allows free passage to the American expatriate convoys. Msg passed to K-Q for K-9.
7	100948	KRB moving to MILL COLLINS with F-9.
8	100953	One Belgian family in danger in KIMIHURURA. Restruarant La PIZZERIA. This people are picked up by ZFSA.
9	100957	RPF leadership at CND is ready to talk with F9 (FC) as soon as he has finished with the Minister of Defense.
10	101015	RGF troops preparing to open fire fowards our APC near King Faisal Hospital.
11	101018	Confirm no APC near King Faisal Hospital.
12	101020	RPF tps have reached on the out skirts of the city RIGALI. Cfm by RPF.
12	101025	Lot of firing comming to our posn from all dir.

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13	101030	Confirm that French Troops took place in UN veh which was reported by LO from airport.
14	101035	Canadian expatriates have been collected and brought to Hotel Meridien.
15	101035	RPF leadership agrees with cease fire in KIGALI. They assure free movement of all the expatriates in KIGALI.
16	101050	At 1030 hrs 400M from Meridien Hotel towards CND, the RPF fired grenade and small arms fire in an ambush against a white utility van with a red cross flag. Col Tikoka asking the RPF Cpl on the road side, he said it was an RGF veh in disguised of a red cross improvised ambulance. All passengers were killed.
17	101125	After discussing with min of def, he informs that RGF agrees to cease fire and they assure free movement of expatriates and UN pers in their area of responsibility.
18	101140	Expatriate Red-X convoy moving towards ROHENGARI was held up by Govt forces at GADDAFI Centre.
19	101145	Can the bridge at C-0972 be issued for normal t/c.
20	101150	Req clearance for UNAMIR food convoy to go to DMZ. Clearance given by F-38 from RPF and F-9 info RGF.
21	101200	The RPF pers deployed around the stadium selects locals to enter the stadium. They are also killing some of the segregate civs, suspected to be INTERAHAMWE members.
22	101225	Ref srl 36, there is no problem on the use of the bridge.
23	101245	Request evacuate one Belgian family of Mr. MATTON. The location of the house is from the cross road of sonatube turn to Don Bosco at Kicikiru, then just short of 100 yds, there is a white door with tittle shelter with Red brick.
24	101300	Ch-7 is faulterin. Change to ch-14.
25	101310	RPF had been monitoring GS High comd. RGF will not allow the Belgians to go to DMZ in the convoy.

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26	101315	The convoy for DMZ is stopped at GADDAFI Crossing by Gendarmerie and RGF. They are not allowing to proceed.
27	101325	After through search of the vehs convoy was allowed to proceed.
28	101328	FC arrives at CND.
29	101330	9 x containers in the Log Coy in which 5 have been looted.
30	101400	Msg from SRSG that the evac of UN expatriates will go on only when the RFF and RGF agrees safe passage through the road from MERIDIEN - CND - Airport.
31	101427	Belgian aircraft landing in 10 mins.
32	101428	At about 1415 hrs, 2 mil x 1 civil vehicles carrying troops believed to be French seen on the Rigali - Byumba road.
33	101435	UN planes can land at KIA. Belgian plane can also take off. Clearance given by RGF authorities.
34	101440	One US citizen - MUELLER is missing still. Location in between CND and Chez lando down the hill on the west side with a blue gate.
35	101512	Suspected French tps returned.
36	101532	KR9 reported No of refugees in stadium more than 5,000. Require MP to control them.
37	101540	Belgian soldiers are going out with 4 vehicles to collect the expatriate.
38	101550	MR LAOQUE, a Canadian citizen staying at Avenue minister. Cfm his evac.
39	101600	Western Sector refugee 200 are waiting for allowance to enter Uganda.
40	101600	Control the refugees at Amahoro Stadium.
41	101613	The convoy with 12 veh carried ration reached at Byumba at 1520 hrs.
42	101625	There are 6,000 refugees at King Faisal Hospital need food and medicine.
43	101630	APC moved to Hotel Meridien to bring UNAMIR civil employees to the airport.

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44	101635	There is a big fire exchange around CND are it is advised not to pass the convoy from Hotel Meridien to the Airport now.
45	101645	One Mortar Shell landed into a crowd of locals gathered in the vicinity of the UNAMIR field hospital. Approximately 60 are killed and 100 injured.
46	101700	The convoy on confirmation from F0 will move from Hotel Meridien and Major Beardsleys convoy will have to merrry up with it near Hotel Shez Lando.
47	101710	The RPF will shoot at the aircraft if it is not a Belgian aircraft.
48	101740	The aircraft should not fly today.
49	101742	The same aircraft for UNDP personnel is given clearance by F9 to fly today. It should come back tomorrow morning again to take the rest persons.
50	101755	The Tunisian Coy and UNAMIR personnel are not being provided with food for Hotel Meridien. Tunisian Coy did not get any food from two days.
51	101800	Tomorrow there will be three UN flights comming. The first (UN-002) at 08.00 hrs, a second (UN-?) at 10.00 hrs and a third (UN-7603) at 13.00 hrs. Food rations and water will be brought and go back with UN personnel to be evacuated.
52	101810	Total 29 persons were killed and 77 injured by the mortar shell at King Faisal Hospital (SL NR 45).
53	101812	The RPF has taken away few refugees from Amahoro Stadium when those persons come outside for latrine.
54	101815	RGF is shelling continuously around the stadium Amahoro up to Hotel.
55	101855	One APC to report to Hotel Meridien to bring SRSG and his Staff to hotel AMAHORO.