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Note to the Army Chief of Staff

Subject: Cohesion of officers

1. At a time when the prevailing situation demands that Officers and indeed the Armed Forces in general are united in order to confront the enemy effectively, Lt. Col. Rutayisire seeks to destabilize people, including me.

In fact, from a reliable source, as the information was given by a sub-officer attached to his office, Lt. Col. Rutayisire took the following actions:

- (a) Soldiers from BN RECCE were deployed to quell certain incidents at Camp Kigali. When they started to check people passing by, Lt. Col. Rutayisire telephoned the Prime Minister to inform him, saying that people are ill-treated unnecessarily in the checking exercise. He added that the measure was ordered by Col. Nsabimana (BEM) on the basis of wrong advices by Lt. Col. Nsengiyumva (BEMS). Following Lt. Col. Rutayisire's intervention, the Prime Minister directed that the soldiers should be withdrawn and replaced by *gendarmes*.

(b) The need arose once that Lt. Col. Rutayisire should be included in the delegation to the Arusha negotiations, led by the Minister of Defence. When Lt. Col. Rutayisire heard of it, he telephoned the Prime Minister immediately, informing him of the danger of sending him to Arusha, as in his absence and the absence of the Minister of Defence, Col. Bagosora, Col. Nsabimana (BEM) and Lt. Col. Nsengiyumva (BEMS) may disrupt things, especially by effecting the transfer of personnel without the knowledge of the Minister.

Lt. Col. Rutayisire did not go to Arusha. Following the communication, a tract of MDR was released reproducing things similar to what Lt. Col. Rutayisire had told the Prime Minister.

(c) When Lt. Col. Kabiligi denounced the enemy's plan on Radio Rwanda during a report by FAR, Lt. Col. Rutayisire summoned the commentator from MINDAEF (Ministry of Defence) whom he scolded seriously that he should no longer announce such fallacies concocted by Lt. Col. Nsengiyumva.

Lt. Col. Rutayisire then gave the impression that what Lt. Col. Kabiligi denounced with the complicity of Lt. Col. Nsengiyumva did not make any sense, as there was no proof confirming such statements, which to him were made-up stories.

2. The scheming of Lt. Col. Rutayisire may cause unnecessary harm to the people he is targeting. It may also create undesired conflict at a time when the cohesion of senior officers and the elements of FAR is most recommended. He should put an end to his scheming.
3. I wish to underline again that Lt. Col. Rutayisire's attitude continues to intrigue me. Only yesterday afternoon, 23 February 1993, he presided over a meeting in

his Kimihurura office, attended by Major Nzapfakumunsi (GPT Kigali), Major Bizimungu (CRCD), Commander Hakizimana (GPT Kibungo), Captain Ntirugiribambe and I. The aim of the meeting was "House search for arms and ammunition caches".

I thought that we were to adopt a strategy to conduct the house search. To the surprise of everyone, Lt. Col. Rutayisire launched into a long tirade against those conducting the house search without informing the superiors of it, whereas some house search are rather sensitive. He gave examples saying that the Head of State's house cannot be searched without authorization, just like the house of his brother Séraphin Bararengana. Likewise the houses of some traders (he mentioned Kabuga as an example) or the houses of politicians cannot be searched. He scolded the Commandant of GPT Kibungo for searching Rwamagana parish, like GPT Kigali searched Gikondo parish.

Lt. Col. Rutayisire made us realize that no one must be bothered under the pretext that he or she is the enemy's acolyte or that he or she has infiltrated the country, as times have changed and so such terms are now meaningless. He mentioned Rwabukanba of Rwamagana (a known acolyte) as an example, frequently searched or questioned for recruiting for the enemy. Lt. Col. Rutayisire said that such search and questioning should stop, as there is no concrete proof.

Moreover, he asked us to comply with the directives of the Government that people should no longer be arrested for not having resident permit.

To all this, he always added that "times have changed" and that we must act accordingly.

The meeting, which was rather a monologue, left us wondering.

In fact, instead of studying the strategy of fighting the enemy who is attacking us and continuously infiltrating our communities, we were made to listen to a speech asking us not to act or to act only after authorization by our superiors.

Personally, I felt that he wants, at all costs, to be aware of all the actions taken as regards the fight against the enemy and its acolytes. This has not failed to intrigue me.

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