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REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
 RWANDAN ARMY  
 Sect. OPS GIS

GISENYI, 14 DECEMBER 1993  
 No. 446 /02.0

To Chief of EM AR  
 Info: The Minister of Defense

SUBJECT: Civil Defense

1. Since the massacres of the people in the commune of MUTARA during the night of 29 to 30 Nov. 93, the people living on the border continue to be traumatized and are demanding weapons in order to defend themselves, as they fear the ENI will strike again.
2. I have contacted the burgomasters concerning this matter and have found that they share the same concerns.  
 The communes the most affected are: KARAGO-MUTURA-RWERERE and RUBAVU.
3.
  - a. KARAGO commune did not return the weapons (approximately 100) that it had received. MUTURA commune returned them, but had already trained and organized those persons among the population who were intended to use these weapons and assist the military in occupying suspected non-controlled areas. The number of persons trained in this manner is approximately 300. The weapons simply need to be made available for the population to get back to work.
  - b. As for RWERERE and RUBAVU communes, the weapons have been returned and it will be important to train the users. But there will be no problem at that level.
  - c. In the case there are sufficient weapons, the following communes should be supplied: KANAMA, which borders the vulnerable part of GISHWATI), KAYOVE (which borders GISHWATI and Lake Kivu), and NYAMYUMBA (which borders Lake Kivu and the city of Gisenyi).
4. a. In any case, here are the needs for each commune:
  - KARAGO: Weapons and ammunition available. Organization still necessary.
  - MUTURA: 150 weapons need to be distributed along with 9000 cartridges, or 60 cartridges per weapon
  - RWERERE: 150 weapons and 9000 cartridges needed
  - RUBAVU: 150 weapons and 9000 cartridges needed

This is priority no. 1, it totals: 450 weapons and 27,000 cartridges

b. Priority no. 2 is that 150 weapons and 9000 cartridges each are needed for NYAMYUBA, KANAMA, and KAYOVE, in total 450 weapons and 27,000 cartridges.

As for priority no. 2 is concerned, the quantities could be reduced, whereas for priority no. 1, the quantity of ammunition could be increased according to availability.

c. The overall total comes out to 900 weapons and 54,000 cartridges. In any case, what is listed under priority no.1 is the most urgent.

5. As for distribution, training of the population, etc....., it will be handled at my level, and I will give you progress reports.

6. Attached you will find the established BLEs according to the priorities.

Anatole Nsengiyumva  
Lt. Col. BMS  
Cmdr. Sect. Ops. Gisenyi

[signature]

Weapons to Distribute to the Population for Civil DefenseWeapons Type: KARICHINIKOV

Weapon 1 No. 0807 for Déo Gahigi: Butamwa Commune- Burema Secteur- Gikuyu cellule, owner identification no. 823442

Weapon 2 No. 197494550 for Anastase Munyensanga: Butamwa Commune- Burema Secteur- Gikuyu cellule, identification no. 4231935

Weapon 3 No. 5530 KV: requested for Jean Nepo Nyandwi, Kamuhoza- Nyarugenge- Kimisagara

Weapon 4 No. 63378 for Jean Commune Mudaheranwa from Butamwa - Kigali- identification no. 1808

Weapon 5 No. 61480 for Yusufu Mbatezumwami from Nyakabanda- Nyarugenge- Rwezamenyo identification no. 10013

Weapon 6 No. 80539 for Stanislas Sebatware from Mutura- Gisenyi- currently in Kimisagara- Ntaraga, Reservists MLE 11610, identification no. 8459

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