

P. 48 (6)

Pseudonym:

RWINTGT-08

Witness Code: RWINTGT

ICTR - 98 - 41 - T
Exh. P. 48 (6)
revised on 18-09-2002
CMT

RWANDA INTERIM GVT

Mise en oeuvre des directives de Premier Ministre sur l'Auto-organisation de la Défense civile

DOCUMENT INFORMATION			
Doc Type:	Letter	For Witness Statement:	
Doc Sources:	ICTR	Signature Date:	25-May-94
Doc Location:	ICTR	Interviewer 1:	Karempera
Doc Original No:		Interviewer 2:	
Doc Date:	25-May-94	DOCUMENT CODING:	
Format:	Typewritten	Document code:	RWINTGT-08
Original language:	French	ICTR Number:	
Translation:	English	ERN Number:	K011 4149-50
ERN Translation:	K023 6127-29	Disclosure Code:	RWINTGT-08
		Disclosable:	Yes
Past Disclosure---Past Disclosure---Past Disclosure---Past Disclosure			
IN	Code Used	Date	Support
Bagosora	RWINTGT-08	09-May-02	No
Kabiligi	RWINTGT-08	09-May-02	No
Nsengiyumva	RWINTGT-08	09-May-02	No
Ntabakuze	RWINTGT-08	09-May-02	No

Ministry of the Interior
And Development of the *Communes*
Kigali

Kigali, 25 May 1994

Mr. *Préfet* (All)

Re: Implementation of the Prime Minister's directives on the Self-organisation of Civilian Defence.

Dear Mr. *Préfet*,

In order to implement the Prime Minister's directives with respect to civilian self-defence, I am asking you to establish all the necessary mechanisms to immediately set-up or carry out the following actions:

- Establish Coordination Committees for civilian self-defence;
- Establish lists of all reservists, soldiers or gendarmes, residing in the *communes*;
- Awareness and mobilisation meeting of policemen and reservists at the *sous-préfecture* level;
- Identify all resource persons that should train the members of the civilian self-defence core groups politically and ideologically;
- Define objective criteria to select young people for training;
- Select young people to be trained by *secteur*;
- Schedule training sessions (weapons handling, tactics and resistance against guerrillas, ideological and moral training);
- Inventory of all firearms in the hands of the population in view of a possible redistribution;
- Define methods to manage and use the weapons distributed;

- Identify existing equipment in the various neighbourhoods that could be collectively used for civilian self-defence;
- Establish lists of person having received or scheduled to receive firearms, specifying their last name, first name, middle name, *cellule*, *secteur*, status (civilian or reservist), their usual occupation and/or in the framework of civilian self-defence strategy. The beneficiaries of ...[missing text]
- Awareness campaign inviting the population to look for other weapons (bows and arrows, spears...);
- Identification and choices and /or instruments to describe the enemy, recognition amongst members of the civilian self-defence groups and to gather these members;
- Awareness campaigns;
- Regular and frequent visits to follow-up, monitor and evaluate the roadblocks controlled by civilians;
- Awareness meetings for the population on the importance of roadblocks and patrols for civilian self-defence, and definition of the activities to be conducted in this framework;
- Summary assessment of local authorities and identification of those who might hinder the implementation of the civilian self-defence strategy;
- Location of gathering places by *cellule* or *secteur* for the civilian self-defence groups.

- Registration by *secteur* and *commune* of all displaced young adults for training in self-defence techniques and operations, so that they may return with their families and have their property restored to them;
- Establish functional and complimentary contact and collaboration procedures with administrative and military authorities for civilian self-defence.

It is important to underscore that for this operation to succeed, information networks must be carefully prepared in order to avoid any wasted efforts and infiltration by elements working for the enemy.

To achieve this, we must ensure from the very beginning that all persons called upon to play any part in civilian self-defence fight with conviction for the cause of the Republic and Democracy.

[Signed]

Minister of the Interior
and Development of the *communes*

Edouard Karemera

[Seal]

Cc: President of the Republic
Prime Minister
Minister of Defence
National Coordinator [Missing text]