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Email to David Rawson from Joyce Leader

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From : Joyce Leader <leaderje@yahoo.com>
Sent : Wednesday, July 13, 2005 12:05 AM
To : David Rawson <drawson70@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: Fwd: FW: TPIR - MILITAIRES I / L'AUDITION DU DIPLOMATE AMERICAIN ROBERT FLATTEN REPORTEE D'UNE JOURNEE

David,

The refugee negotiations were put off and put off because of the rocky military talks. However, they finally took place during four/four days in June. I'm sure it was AFTER June 1 because the RPF was acting so very, very peculiar. Lando offered a reception for both delegations to mark either the beginning or the end of the refugee talks (actually, I think it was for the beginning) and the RPF refused to attend on grounds that they had too much work to do. During that week they were downright rude to me, for the first and only time. Don't remember exactly the circumstances, but do remember clearly that it happened. Later, I put it all together and chalked it up to the election of a Hutu President in Burundi, despite their outward verbal acceptance of the Hutu victory as the fruits of democracy. Clearly they were upset.

As for the refugee talks, they were anti-climactic to say the least. The issue of the right to return had basically been settled in Protocol II, the one from August laying out the principles. I think the RPF presented a text and the GOR tinkered a bit, but there was virtually no discussion or contentious issues on the table. UNHCR had a rep there, Kolu Doherty, who is a friend from my days in Geneva. AND, you're in luck, as he is currently here in DC as the UNHCR rep. I've not been a very good friend, now that he's right on my doorstep. So-o-o-o, next time you're in town, you should plan to have lunch with him (office is at 18th and K, Sts.). If you do, I'd love to join you (we could even do it at my house), but of course I'd understand if you'd rather go it alone. I invited him and his wife to dinner for last weekend but he declined on grounds that he would be away for the summer and we said should get together in the fall.

As for cables, my cable log (yes, I have a complete log of all my cables from my time in Rwanda) show the following:

- State 169758 on 6/4/94 "Arusha: Atmosphere deteriorates markedly"
- Dar es Salaam on 6/8/94: "Arusha: Parties Conclude Protocol on Refugees and IDPs"

As you may know, I had to handwrite my cables and then fax the texts either to Dar or Washington for typing and transmittal. Thus the "State" and "Dar" provenance. There are a number of other cables I wrote from Arusha, all from either S, D, or Nairobi. Do you want the numbers? I doubt if Will ever got them, because he wouldn't have asked for Dar, Nairobi or State cables. The ones (nine) between the ref protocol and the abrupt breakdown of the talks suggested the end of the process was in sight, and then goes from "Tying Loose Ends" to "Can the Talks be Salvaged?" and "Arusha Peace Talks Adjourned Indefinitely." Of course, all the ones from Arusha should have been unclassified as they'd been sent out over the fax. But I'm not sure that's how they were actually classified.

I'm off to Colorado Thursday for nearly 3 weeks. But must get to work in August. No more procrastination! Hope you are having a productive summer.

Joyce

David Rawson <drawson70@hotmail.com> wrote:

Joyce,

Thanks for info. Very interesting. Leon Mugesera has avoided the noose for a long time. He can be indicted for bad history and worse political philosophy but he was not even in Rwanda before, during or after the events. But he is considered an architect of the idea and under the genocide convention, intention is what counts. Have you read Justice on the Grass?

In writing up the period of the Arusha negotiations, March 15-August 5, 1993, I can find no cable which report on refugee negotiations, Everything is about the military negotiations. You wrote a fine piece in early march about the refugee issues and the supposed positions of both sides which I have asked to have declassified. Do you know of any reporting that covers the refugee negotiations themselves. When was that protocol negotiated?

Peace! David

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 >Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2005 13:07:49 -0700 (PDT)
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 >Thanks for sending the info re USIP. I am reflecting on it and will begin next week to talk to people
 about my focus.
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 >Did you know the info below! What do you think?
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 >Joyce
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 >----- Message transféré
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 >L'AUDITION DU DIPLOMATE AMERICAIN ROBERT FLATTEN REPORTEE D'UNE JOURNEE
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 >Arusha, 29 juin 2005 (FH) - L'ancien ambassadeur américain au Rwanda, Robert Flatten, n'a pas
 témoigné mercredi au Tribunal international pour le Rwanda (TPIR) comme l'avait initialement annoncé
 la défense de l'ancien commandant du bataillon para commando de Kanombe (Kigali), le major Aloys
 Ntabakuze, en raison de l'audition prolongée de deux autres témoins. Son audition a été reportée à
 jeudi.
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 >Mardi, l'avocat principal de Ntabakuze, le professeur américain Peter Erlinder avait indiqué que le
 diplomate américain devait comparaître en tant que «témoin de la Cour», même si il a été cité à
 l'initiative de la défense.
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 >Selon le professeur Erlinder, l'ambassadeur Flatten va éclairer les juges sur «les événements au
 Rwanda et les circonstances ayant conduit à la reprise de la guerre, ainsi que les massacres à grande
 échelle d'avril 1994»
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 >Robert Flatten était en poste au Rwanda de décembre 1990 à novembre 1993. Le génocide rwandais
 a éclaté cinq mois après son départ, à la suite de l'attentat contre le président Juvénal
 Habyarimana, faisant en trois mois près d'un million de victimes à majorité des Tutsis et des Hutus de
 l'opposition.
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 >Ntabakuze est jugé avec l'ancien directeur de cabinet au ministère de la défense, le colonel
 Théoneste Bagosora, présenté par le parquet comme «le cerveau» du génocide, l'ancien responsable
 des opérations militaires à l'Etat major de l'armée, le général de brigade Gratien Kabiligi et l'ancien
 commandant de la région militaire de Gisenyi (nord-ouest du Rwanda), le lieutenant-colonel Anatole
 Nsengiyumva.
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 >Poursuivis pour génocide, crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité, les quatre officiers plaident
 non coupable. Leur procès, qui a débuté en avril 2002, est l'un des plus importants en cours au TPIR.

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