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**CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT**

**GOS COMPLAINT AGAINST**

**SLA/JEM**

**IN LAMPATY**

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**CFC: CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT NO. 120/04: GOS COMPLAINT  
AGAINST SLA/JEM IN LAMPATY**

References:

- A. GoS Complaints dated 30 Oct 04 and 01 Nov 04.
- B. HQ/ SEC 1/OPS/G Report dated 09 Nov 04.

**INTRODUCTION**

- 1. GoS lodged a complaint alleging that SLA/JEM abducted the Deputy Commissioner of Kutum and ambushed a GoS convoy on the 30 Oct 04
- 2. Team B was tasked to conduct the investigation.

**ASSESSMENT**

- 3. The team established that there was fighting between SLA forces and a GoS convoy at Lampaty, in which 1 SLA soldier was allegedly killed, 3 others and 2 civilians were injured, and two vehicles were destroyed. During the fighting, GoS used helicopter gunships for fire support.

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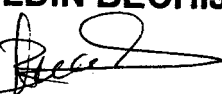
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- 1 Report on the Alleged SLA/JEM Ambush in Lampaty on 30 Oct 04.

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**ADDENDUM INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO  
GOS COMPLAINT AGAINST SLA/JEM IN LAMPATY.**

References:

- A. Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement of 8 April 2004.
- B. GOS written complaints dated 30 Oct 2004/ 1 Nov 2004.
- C. CCFC/CMO Verbal O of 08 Nov 2004.
- C. HQ/SEC 1/OPO/ dated 9 Nov 2004.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Team B was tasked to carry out further investigations on the abduction of the deputy commissioner of Kutum; whose earlier investigation report has already been forwarded to the CFC. It was against this back ground that the team had an opportunity to inspect the scene of incident at Lampaty; to meet and interview the SLA commander, a civilian, GOS military commander at Kutum and later the convoy commander at El Fashir.

2. At Lampaty the team interviewed SLA commander Hamed Abdallah Khamis (right on the spot) who stated that on 30 Oct 04 he was on his way by vehicle from Kobe to Abu Sekin with 17 other SLA fighters. When they reached the two hills (N 13 58 54, E 25 00 04) around Kafod area at about 0830 hours they found GOS soldiers scattered around in the area. The GOS soldiers fired at them from the direction of the two hills and they (SLA) left the road and withdrew with their vehicle. (Hills referred to are about 1-2km away south from Lampaty village). He further told the team that while they were withdrawing two helicopters suddenly appeared from the east direction. He clarified that at the time the helicopters arrived they were pushing their vehicle that had got stuck in the valley. He mentioned that at the time they were pushing their vehicle some of his colleagues were exchanging fire with GOS soldiers. The helicopters fired at them and they fled towards mountains in the northeast direction leaving their car behind which was later destroyed by the helicopters. He added that while they were moving towards

the mountains he saw some 4-5 vehicles and one truck going south. Fifteen minutes later on he saw some smoke coming from the area of the attack (referring to the direction where there was a car wreckage claimed to belong to the GOS). He himself did not return to the area until 9 Nov 04 but some of his soldiers had told him that they had seen a burnt vehicle (NB. Referring to a Vehicle suspected to be that of the vice-Commissioner). The commander also revealed that four of his soldiers were injured and one died two days later due to the injuries he had sustained.

3. The team also interviewed one civilian witness at the same place named Saleh Bukuru Ishaak. He stated that he was working at his farm (north of the scene) when he heard the firing. He came to inspect but aircraft came and started bombing the area. Some children had also run away due to the battle and he spent three days looking for them. When he returned he realised that two civilians had been wounded as a result. He also saw the vehicle but did not find anything in or around it.

4. Thereafter the team inspected the vehicle alleged to be that of the vice commissioner. The vehicle was totally destroyed beyond recognition, apparently by helicopter rockets and heavy machine gun bullets. There were rocket craters around it; the engine was lying on its side with the top screwed off most probably after the incident. However the team managed to identify the following details: Engine No. IFZ 0463654, Chase No. JJGH 09J 417001157. As indicated by the tracks on the ground, the vehicle, alleged to be that of the vice commissioner, went off the road from the direction of Kafod about 80m before the hill and proceeded north of the hill towards east. When it came parallel to the hill, it increased speed towards the small valley about 100m east of the hill where it was destroyed. Indicators on the ground show that the car was hit by helicopter rockets and machine gun fire. It was destroyed and burnt beyond recognition. As indicated by the tracks on ground, the vehicle alleged to be that of SLA, went off the road from the south direction about 400m away from the two hills. (See attached pictures)

5. The team further interviewed the GOS military commander in Kutum concerning the abduction of the vice Commissioner and his team. The commander was of the opinion that they were being held in custody by SLA at the Kukul or Korma areas and that they were still alive. He also stated that the vice commissioner's car was used by the SLA in an ambush on 30 Oct and that it was destroyed by GOS soldiers during that incident. On being requested to avail the convoy commander for an interview about the incident at Lampaty on 30 Oct 04, he told the team that the convoy commander was at El Fashir but he promised to arrange an interview in El Fashir.

6. Eventually on 11 Nov 04, Lt Heism Mohamed Hafis (the convoy commander) reported came to Sector1 HQ for an interview. He told the team that he left Kutum on 30 Oct 04 for El Fashir. Before reaching Kafod their convoy ran into an ambush which was most probably laid by the SLA. They exchanged fire and later continued their journey but after they passed Kafod heading for El Fashir; they again ran into another

first ambush site). He stated that the attackers had two vehicles; Toyota double cabin and a Land Cruiser. He stated that the attackers used B-10 recoil gun that was fixed in the Toyota double cabin and Groonov and Doshik machineguns in the Land Cruiser. He further stated that the two vehicles which were 25 m apart were destroyed within 20 minutes by his troops with B-10 and Doshik right at their static positions. He told the team that the attack took about one hour. After they broke through the ambush they regrouped and repaired minor damages to their vehicles and proceeded to El Fashir. When asked if there was any involvement of air support, he replied that there was none. He however confirmed that one of the two destroyed vehicles belonged to the vice commissioner of Kutum. He however told the team that, he never returned to Kutum until 11 Nov 04, the date he was interviewed.

### **ASSESSMENT**

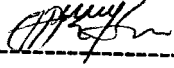

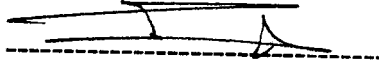
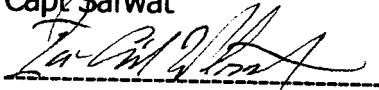
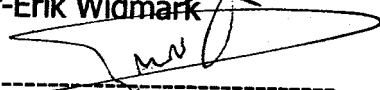


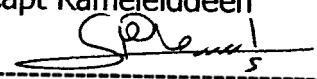
7. The information gathered during interview with eyewitnesses from two opposing parties is contradicting. Each party claims to have been ambushed and being first fired at. However the evidence on the ground shows that an armed confrontation took place at the vicinity of the two hills earlier referred to in the report. The GOS convoy commander affirmed he saw two vehicles which were about 25m apart in ambush site and were destroyed soon after the fight was enjoined. Physical evidence on the ground however showed that the two vehicles were about 500m apart. The tracks on ground to the positions where the two wreckages were lying indicated that the two vehicles came from opposite directions on the road. Ground evidence further indicated the use helicopter rockets; a fact the GOS eyewitness denied. The GOS written complaint dated 01 Nov 04 had indicated that rebel commander Mohammad Hamad Derbain intended to murder the vice commissioner and then allege that he was killed during a raid by GOS aircrafts. This allegation initially created an impression /theory that aircrafts were involved in that incident but this was denied by a witness from a party that is known to possess air assets and this further casts doubt on the evidence given by this particular witness. A civilian who was interviewed mentioned that there was an aircraft bombardment in that area. The reason why the GOS witnesses were not made available initially raises doubts. On the other side it is again unusual that the SIA soldiers never visited the scene though it appears that they are active in that area. The JEM was also mentioned in the complaint as having been involved in the incident but the evidence on the ground indicated that JEM forces were blameless in this incident.

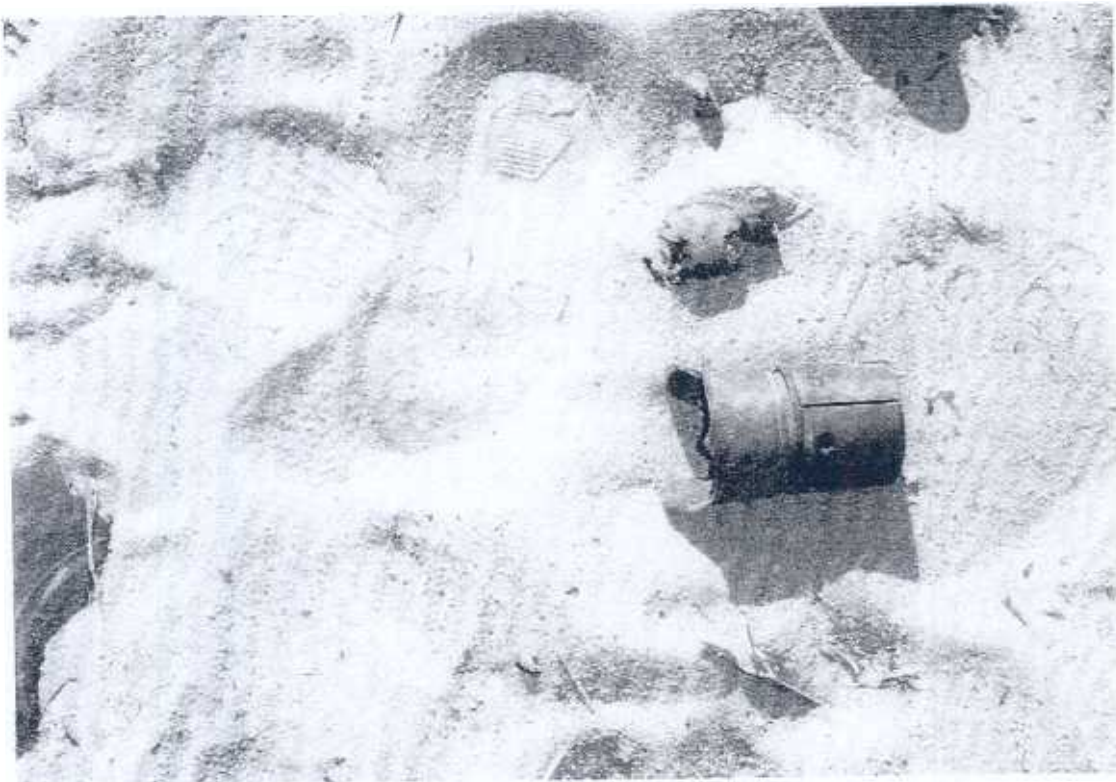
### **CONCLUSION**

8. The team concluded that there was an armed confrontation between the GOS soldiers and the SLA forces on 30 Oct 04 but it could not be conclusively established which of the two parties initiated the ambush. The team further established that there were strong indications that helicopters were used during the fight. The two vehicles destroyed as result of fight were not from the same direction and neither were they closer to each other as alluded to by the convoy commander. The allegation that the

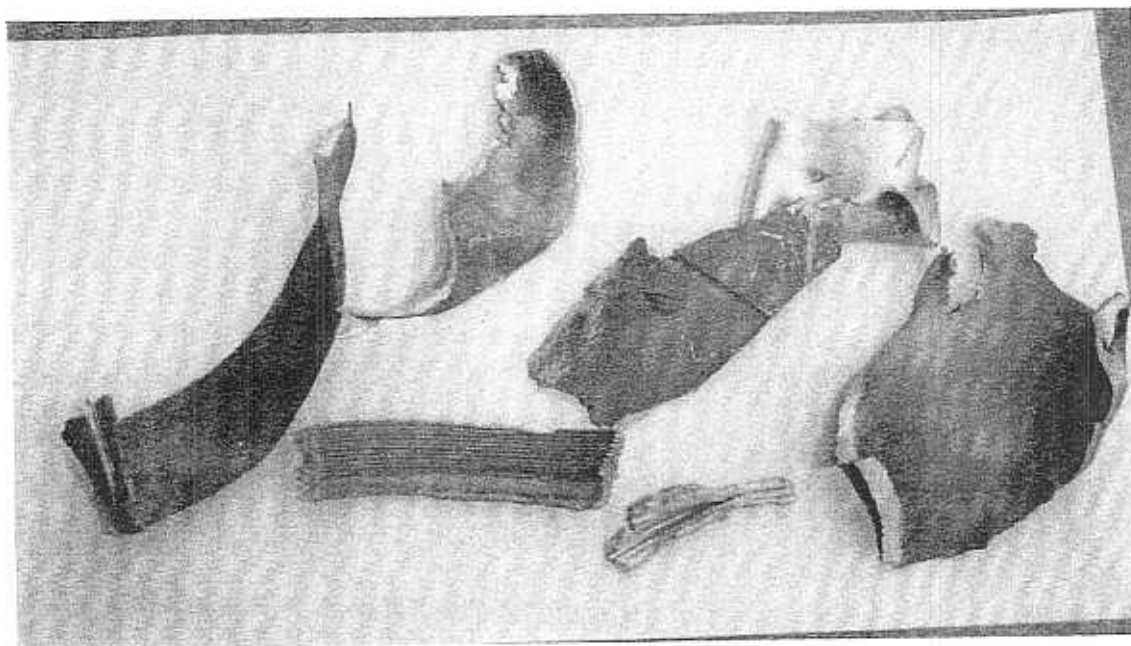
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one of the two destroyed vehicles belonged to the vice commissioner could neither be affirmed nor ruled out. JEM forces were not involved in the fighting.

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**REMAINS OF ROCKET PROBABLY FIRED BY HELICOPTER ( AT LMPATY)**

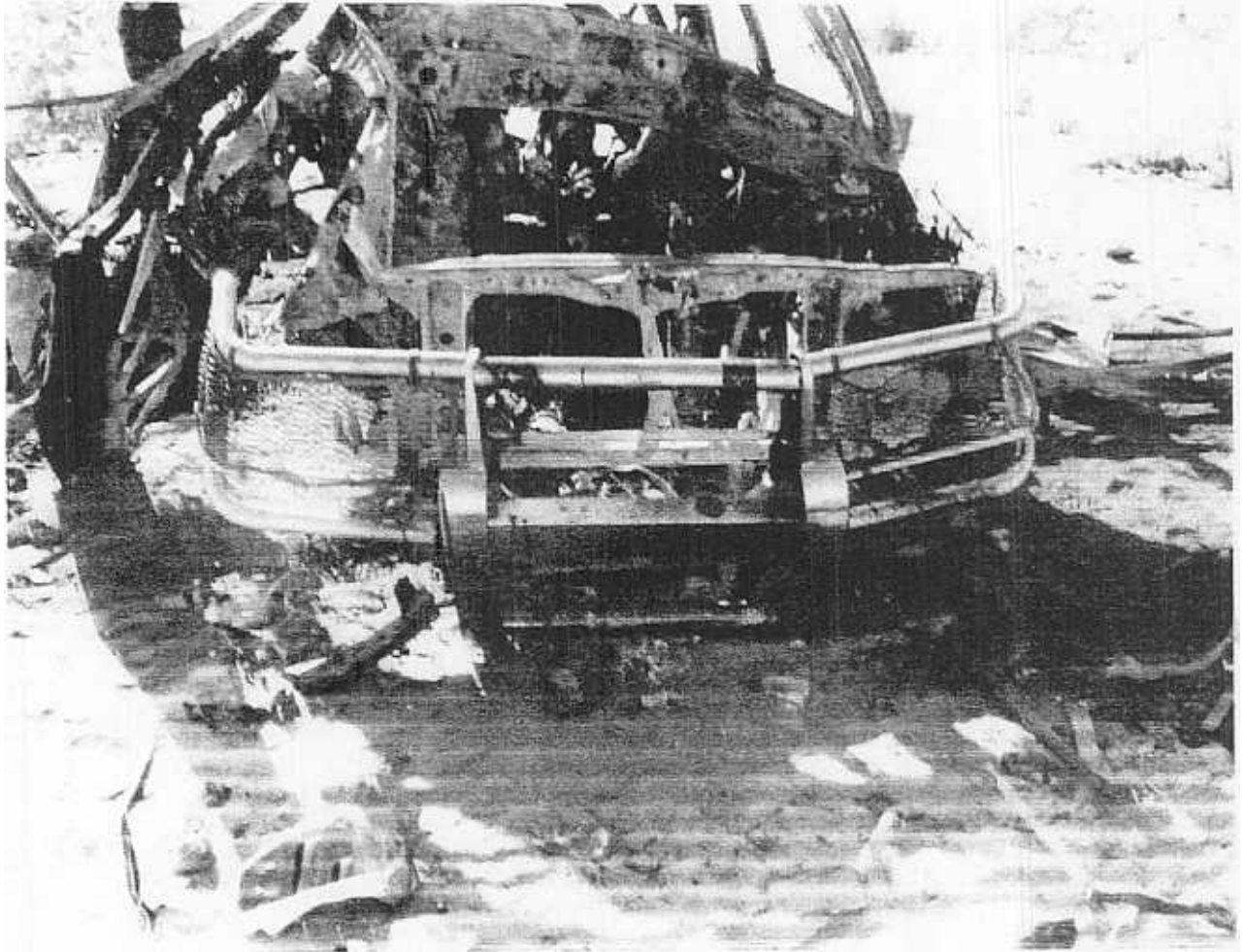


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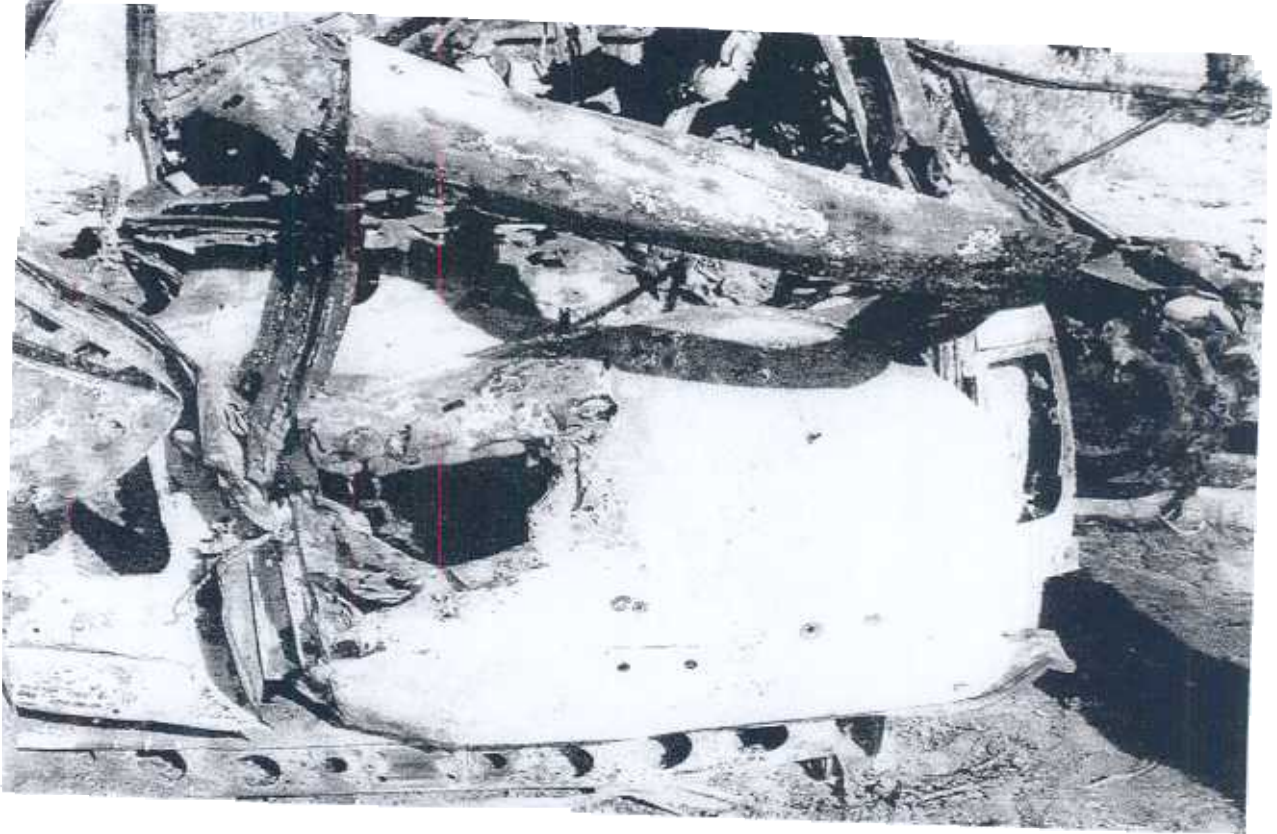


**SLA CAR WRECKAGE ALLEGED DESTROYED BY GOS AIR BOMBARDMENT.  
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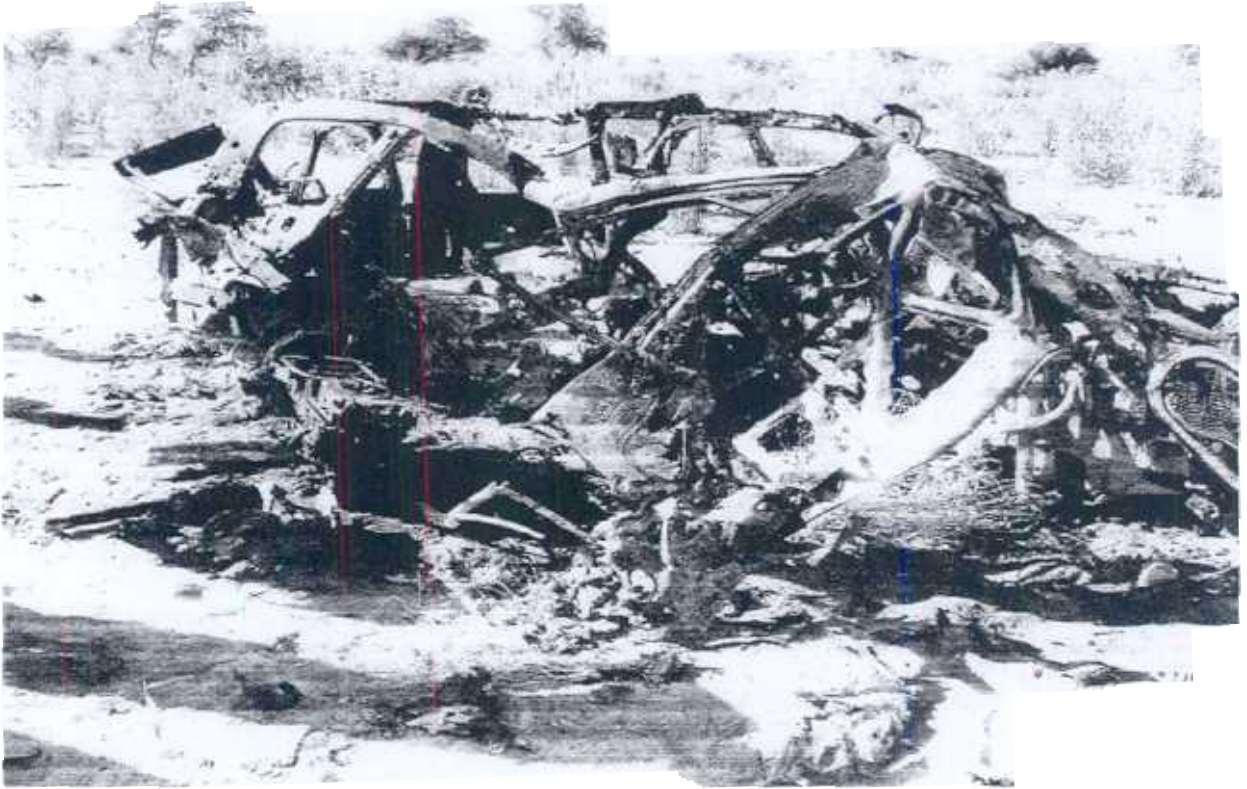


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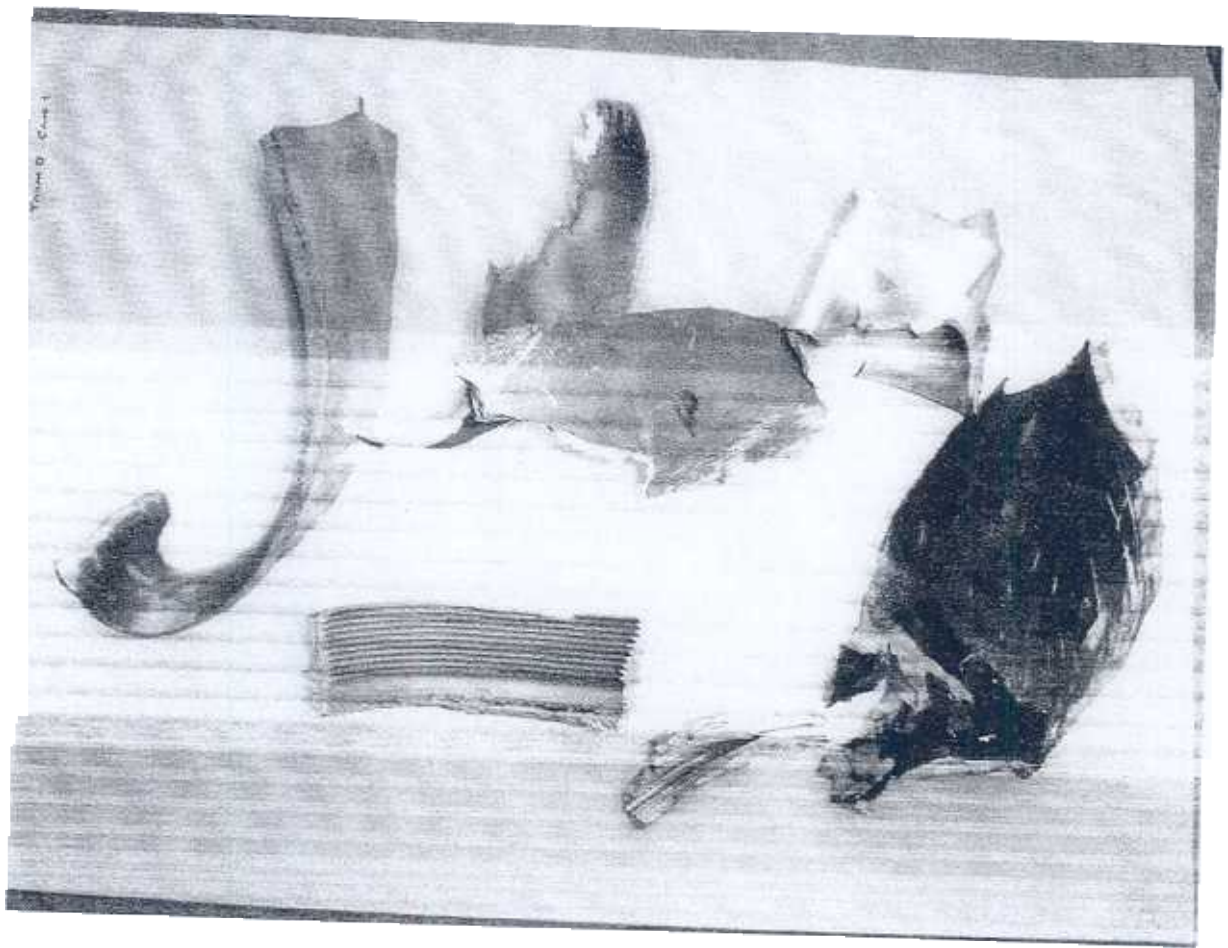


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