

## **SANDEF Archive – Batch 5 Summary**

### **Armcor Pamphlets – Armcor/Krygkor 162**

- Schematic representation of the structure of Armcor from 1948 to 1992. In Department of Defence from 1948 to 1964, after which it was a statutory body with direct responsibility to the MoD.
- Extract from 'South African Arms and Armour' by Helmoed-Römer Heitman – Describes Armcor's purpose of self-sufficiency and history. Published in 1988, lists Armcor assets at R2 billion, annual turnover of R1.5 billion and having more than 20 000 direct employees. Discusses management structure and line of command.

### **Flamethrowers from Belgium - HSAW/IG(DIO) 506/4/3/6952 – 5: (Belgium and France – TR)**

- Permission to Armcor TC in Paris to negotiate purchase of 5000 hand flamethrowers from IM SAND (Switzerland).
- 22 440 Calid Incendiary Weapons. Supplier is Peptic, advises that Belgian authorities won't approve the EUC, need to purchase new ones (2.5% surcharge). Goods are in a PRB factory.
- Invoice for chartering a Boeing and associated cost – US\$174.350,- (unclear notation)
- BATA (aircraft) had problem landing in Cairo – Belgian authorities were suspicious that this was not a Nigerian flight and cancelled the EUC. Peptic is taking legal steps against Bata. Peptic paid \$25 000 for Nigerian EUC, \$25 000 for Zim EUC and \$109 000 for advance for aircraft – will return funds if no delivery.
- Rheinmetall is obtaining export licenses.
- TC Paris approves agreement with Nuorio Trading SA regarding Calid Flamethrowers. Propose commission of 10%.
- Audit – R410 751 written off as fruitless expenditure.
- Nuorio Trading SA is affiliate of Casalee Belgium – contract with Armcor to procure flamethrowers produced by PRB – order is cancelled as a result of UK request to review all EUC for goods heading South during the Falklands War.

### **Infoplan – 505/6/4/85/241:**

- SADF had contract with Infoplan to provide computer parts.
- Commission of Enquiry into damaged computer parts lists providers to Infoplan – includes ADS (Anker Data Systems)

### **Portugal MA Information Control – MI/203/2/7 Vol.21: (USA – Contras)**

- Access to information should be on strict need to know basis – DBB says that Ambassadors should have plausible deniability.
- Suggestion that SA and US Air Force could swap Human Intelligence on Angola (from SA) in exchange for technical intelligence (from US) – eg. satellite images.
- AMA meets US AMA – says that US to end assistance to Contras and Unita by end 1988.

### **Portugal MA Separating NI and DMI – MI/203/2/7 Vol.23:**

- Separating SADF DI in Portugal (Thema) from NI in terms of cooperation with Portuguese DINFO official.
- Angolan organization in Gabon willing to provide SADF with intel (disaffected MPLA members)

**Portugal Montagrex, Euromissil– MI/203/2/7 Vol.22:**

- Montagrex willing to provide flight simulators to SA on behalf of Euromissil as long as they don't go to Angola.
- Portuguese army want information on SA company Fred Whitehead that has tendered to build coastal patrol vessels for them.

**Project Florist Kentron Missiles – HSAW/IG/DIO/506/4/3/6952/5/13:**

- 1979 Contract awarded to Kentron by Armscor to produce V3B air to air missiles at cost of R39 million. Cost up to R50 million by 1983.

**Project Sphinx, Navigation System for Puma Helicopters – HSAW/IG/DIO/G/506/4/3/S92/1 (USA and UK, RSA)**

- Project Sphinx is for navigation system for Puma Helicopters. File included Project's submission of the requirement by Air Force and the Project's security plan.
- The supplier is Decca (UK) and the channel is the ISC in the US. Grinel (SA company) will produce equipment on behalf of Decca in SA.
- Financial Approval Given
- Procurement of 34 systems: 15 via US channel, 5 via UK channel (Decca) and 5 via SA company like Anglovaal.

**Zaire, Minorco, FAZ, Weapons – DBB(SK) 311/1/30 Vol. 2: (USA)**

- Reference to Burco, Bruxells and Dacquar.
- List of senior officers in the FAZ (Forces Armées Zairoises) – Mobutu is Commandant Suprême.
- Request to ask AKWETY for EUC for purchase of arms, bombs, mortars, ammunition etc. Has list of these weapons requested on letterhead of MPR, Zaire.
- SADF Special Forces to train Zaire soldiers in Zaire.
- CSI potentially to meet with Mobutu in Kinshasa.
- Cobalt powder for SADF?
- DMI decision not to coordinate with NI.
- Minorco and SA officials meet with Vice Admiral Mudima (Zaire) – Commander Viljoen cover is to say he is American.
- Concern that US will pressurize Zaire regarding their cooperation with South Africa.
- SAFAIR C130 flights of rifles and bakkies to Zaire – also took plants for Mobutu?
- Intelligence officers in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Zaire.

**Zaire, Minorco, Sharpeville Six – DBB(SK) 311/1/30 Minorco: (Sharpeville 6) (USA - CIA)**

- Mobutu to return home because of ill-health – large comops plan to welcome him in Gbadolite. Suggest that letter sent to AG(?) to say that Mobutu has strong support still.
- Urgently need EUC for 25 Anti-Aircraft Missiles (HN-5) and 8 control units. Wouter (WG) Klomp (Dutch) will take delivery of EUC and travel BXL-Zaire-BXL on Sabena. Includes declaration that weapons won't be re-exported. Continued correspondence about Klomp, the EUCs and Zaire-SA cooperation.
- Agreement that Zaire agent can be placed in SA on same basis as SA agents in Zaire.
- Discussion of training of Zaire intelligence agents in surveillance – general Intelligence cooperation between SA and Zaire – Centre D'Ecoute.

- AG and Eboma travel to Waterkloof via Lubumbashi – want a meeting with PW Botha or CSADF/CSI.
- Story of how Mobutu sent a message to PW Botha asking him to give clemency to the Sharpeville 6 in order to strengthen his negotiating position with other African Heads of State. Series of documents and correspondence about stay of execution, including AG stopped on runway as about to leave for SA – suggests that Zaire intervention was key in getting the four week stay.
- Libyan rebels righting from Uganda.
- Visit approval for HDIO, DBB and “Shackley & Co.”
- Approval of Pik Botha trip after AG-Neels van Tonder Meeting. AG and HDIO Meetings.
- Zaire cautious of publically receiving Pik Botha in Brazaville.

#### **Sharpeville Six Timeline from Documents:**

- **16/3/88** – UN Security Council Condemns decision to execute (Resolution 610 – unanimous).
- **17/3/88** – 7:30am, Message from Minorco, called to AG’s home early for message from Mobutu to AG.
- **17/3/88** – 14:00 – AG proposed departure for Waterkloof – seen by Mobutu as most important mission yet.
- **17/3/88** – After lunch, Judge Human awards 4 week stay of execution (check time). A Washington Post Article suggests that the stay was awarded 15 hours before the time of the execution which was set for 6am on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. This would make the court’s decision at 3pm SA time which would be 2pm in Kinshasa – thus matching up with the flight time of AG.
- **17/3/88** – Minorco rushes to airport to stop AG flight on the runway +-2pm.
- **November 1988** – Death Penalty is officially commuted.