

Full Letter to the NY Times

“Dear Editor

In *The Shroud Over Rwanda's Nightmare* (January 9, 2014) Michael Dobbs questions whether the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi was planned. He casts aspersions on the informant Jean-Pierre, who warned UNAMIR Commander Lt.-General Roméo Dallaire of the extermination plans months before the genocide began. Jean-Pierre even took a UNAMIR officer to see the cache of weapons stockpiled for the massacres. The result was Dallaire's famous January 11, 1994 fax warning to UN headquarters, which was ignored.

Dobbs' "revelations" are nothing new. Attempts to discredit Jean-Pierre were central to the defense argument at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) that claimed the killing was spontaneous, not the result of a conspiracy. But there was ample evidence for a genocide conspiracy that did not rely on Jean-Pierre. Dobbs ignores the overwhelming evidence of planning that convinced the judges of the ICTR to convict defendants of conspiracy to commit genocide.

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