

1 THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA
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3 CASE NO.: ICTR-98-44A-T THE PROSECUTOR
4 OF THE TRIBUNAL
5 AGAINST
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7 JUVÈNAL KAJELIJELI
8 30 NOVEMBER 2001
9 1100H
10 MOTION
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12 Before: Judge William H. Sekule, Presiding
13 Judge Winston Churchil Matanzima Maqutu
14 Judge Arlette Ramaroson
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16 For the Registry:
17 Mr. John Kiyeyeu
18 Mr. Abraham Koshopa
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20 For the Prosecution:
21 Mr. Ken Fleming
22 Ms. Ifeoma Ojemeni
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24 For the Accused Kajelijeli:
25 Mr. Lennox Hinds
Mr. Nkeyi Bompaka
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Ms. Regina Limula

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE PRESIDENT:

3 Yes, the proceedings are called to order.

4 Could the Registry introduce the case coming
5 before the Trial Chamber this morning,
6 please?

7 MR. KIYEYEU:

8 Thank you, Mr. President. Trial Chamber II
9 of the International Criminal Tribunal for
10 Rwanda, composed of Judge William H. Sekule,
11 Presiding, Judge Winston Churchill Matanzima
12 Maqutu and Judge Arlette Ramaroson is now
13 sitting in open session today, Friday, the
14 30th of November, 2001, in order to consider
15 the Prosecutor's motion for judicial notice
16 pursuant to Rule 94 of the Rules of
17 Procedure and Evidence filed on 26 of July,
18 2001, in the matter of the Prosecutor versus
19 Juvénal Kajelijeli Case No. ICTR-98-44A-T.

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21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 THE PRESIDENT:

23 Yes, can we have the appearances of the
24 parties, starting with the Prosecution,
25 please?

1 MR. FLEMING:

2 If the Court pleases, I am Ken Fleming,
3 senior trial attorney. I appear with
4 Ms. Ojemeni, trial attorney.

5 THE PRESIDENT:

6 Thank you, learned counsel.

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8 Can we also have the appearances of the
9 Defence?

10 PROFESSOR HINDS:

11 Good morning, Your Honours. Lennox Hinds,
12 representing Mr. Kajelijeli, assisted by
13 Professor Bompaka and Emilien Dusabe, who is
14 the interpreter.

15 MR. PRESIDENT:

16 Thank you, learned counsel.

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18 Yes, Mr. Fleming.

19 MR. FLEMING:

20 Thank you, Your Honours. Your Honours, two
21 propositions are immutable. One is that the
22 Prosecution always bears the onus of proof
23 and that beyond reasonable doubt. And, two,
24 an accused is entitled to a trial with the
25 application of the highest standards of law

1 applying to him. An accused has protections
2 built into the Statute and nothing that I
3 say can derogate from those two
4 propositions. We don't interfere with
5 those, we accept the burden that they
6 impose.

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8 However, in that context, I want to make --
9 we want to make a number of points. The
10 first one is that the crimes with which this
11 Court is dealing are remote, they are
12 complex, and they are massive. In any
13 domestic jurisdiction, if there is a single
14 murder, it is a matter of great inquiry, and
15 indeed, great expenditure of public funds.
16 We are not here speaking of a single murder,
17 we are here speaking of a crime, or crimes,
18 I should say, that is so massive they almost
19 pass beyond the degree of belief that we can
20 bring to it.

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22 The second point is that in that context it
23 creates an enormous difficulty in both
24 investigation and proof. Your Honours will
25 now see why I stated at the outset that the

1 Prosecution continues to retain the burden
2 of proof and that beyond reasonable doubt.

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4 The third proposition is that the Statute
5 has no coercive powers in it in respect of,
6 for example, witnesses. All of the
7 witnesses, ultimately, are voluntary. The
8 coercive powers that the Court may have are
9 enforced, ultimately, only by a complaint to
10 the security council, which complaint might
11 be dealt with a long time into the future.
12 So the Statute under which this Court is set
13 up does not have the normal coercive powers
14 of a domestic jurisdiction.

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16 Fourth, Your Honours, the indictments are
17 sometimes necessarily complex, although we'd
18 readily concede that some of our indictments
19 are sometimes unnecessarily complex.

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21 The fifth point that we make by way of this
22 introduction is that the charges though,
23 ultimately, are not terribly complex.

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25 The sixth point, Your Honours, is this:

1 That we ask and can ask only that you
2 judicially notice facts that are necessary
3 for the purposes of the case. We are
4 prepared to concede that in some of the
5 applications that have previously been made,
6 there have been requests to judicially
7 noticed facts, which are not necessary to
8 establish a particular crime. So any
9 judicial notice must be purely for the
10 purposes of establishing the existence of
11 guilt or otherwise.

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13 Now, Your Honours may immediately start
14 thinking in terms of judicial notice in
15 terms of things like the genocide; the fact
16 that there was a genocide in Rwanda. We
17 will come back to that in a little detail a
18 little later on. Because, in fact, it's not
19 something that we ask you to take judicial
20 notice of, nor can we for the reasons that
21 we'll give subsequently.

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23 Your Honours, we have no intention of
24 repeating anything in the written documents,
25 but rather, our submissions will go to

1 providing, we would submit, the structure
2 within which Your Honours can look at the
3 requests within the documents and analyse
4 those requests. I turn my attention then to
5 the Statute itself, which is, of course, the
6 only source of power.
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8 Your Honours, in this Court, we are not
9 speaking of domestic killing; we are not
10 speaking of the peace and good order of a
11 particular country, but we are talking of
12 international peace. That is the
13 fundamental platform upon which, and the
14 only platform upon which the Statute can be
15 constructed. The Prosecutions that occur in
16 this Trial Chamber are in the context of the
17 Statute. There is no other source of power.
18 There is only the Statute. And we can, for
19 example, see by Article 1 that this Tribunal
20 shall have the power to prosecute persons
21 responsible for serious violations of
22 international humanitarian law and so on.
23 It is the Statute, then, which gives rise to
24 every other power that Your Honours have,
25 including the rule-making power under which

1 Rule 95 appears.

2 MR. PRESIDENT:

3 Ninety-four.

4 MR. FLEMING:

5 Thank you, Your Honour. Ninety-four, you're
6 perfectly right.

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8 Your Honours are selected for your functions
9 in this Court because you're eminently
10 qualified for that function. The
11 qualifications don't only include specific
12 qualifications within your own
13 jurisdictions, but qualifications expanding
14 beyond that. That demonstrates, as does the
15 balance of the Statute, that the things that
16 we are talking about here are outside of a
17 domestic jurisdiction. They are broader
18 than the domestic jurisdiction. Article 14
19 is the rule-making power for evidence.
20 Article 14 provides that rules can be made,
21 and when they are made, of course, there is
22 no ultra vires issue, they are within power.
23 They must, of course, correspond with the
24 dictates of the Statute. They can't go
25 beyond that.

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2 Article 19 ensures a fair trial for an
3 accused with full respect for the rights of
4 the accused. Those rights, though, because
5 they are derived -- I'm sorry, because the
6 jurisdiction is derived from the Statute,
7 those rights are contained within the
8 Statute and they can be seen in Article 20.
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10 The Rules then made under the Statute and
11 made in the context of international
12 humanitarian law, international peace, made
13 in the context of a very complex and remote
14 and massive crime, deal with the manner in
15 which the trials should be conducted. And
16 the thesis that we put forward to
17 Your Honours today is that the rules turn
18 many of the traditional notions that we know
19 on their head, and I'll come to those very
20 soon. The early rules, we would submit,
21 assists us in obtaining cooperation from
22 states and so on. However, ultimately we're
23 dependent upon the goodwill and cooperation
24 of states wherever they may be.
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1 Your Honours, one of the propositions which
2 is of concern in all of this is that if
3 those of us who come from the common law
4 look at our rules, the fundamental
5 proposition is that the best evidence must
6 be introduced to the Court. Here, there is
7 a significant change from the normal
8 propositions that we find in our traditional
9 jurisdictions, especially the common law
10 jurisdiction. Because of the remoteness of
11 the crime, because of the difficulty and
12 complexity of investigation, there may not
13 be what we consider to be the best evidence
14 available. Now, Your Honours must keep in
15 mind what we said at the outset that the
16 Prosecution still bears the onus of proof,
17 that the accused is entitled to all of the
18 protections, but those protections are to be
19 found within the structures of the Statute
20 and the rules. It is the Statute and then
21 the rules to which we must turn constantly.
22
23 Can I then turn, Your Honours, specifically,
24 to Rule 89. Rule 89 is the first rule in
25 respect of the rules of evidence, the

1 general provisions. Paragraph (a) states
2 the proposition simply that the Rules set
3 out in this section shall govern the conduct
4 of the trials and they are, of course, rules
5 made within the context of the Statute.
6 Sub-rule (b) provides that in cases not
7 provided for in this section, a Chamber
8 shall apply rules of evidence, which will
9 best favour a fair determination of the
10 matter before it and our continent with the
11 spirit of the Statute and the general
12 principles of law. A very important
13 qualification, of course, upon open slather
14 in respect of any evidence going into court;
15 however, which will best favour a fair
16 determination of the matter. Sub-rule (c)
17 is this, and it is sub-rule (c) which
18 introduces the most significant change from
19 any jurisdiction, probably with which we are
20 familiar prior to coming here. "A Chamber
21 may admit any relevant evidence, which it
22 deems to have probative value."
23 Your Honours, this turns on its head any
24 traditional notion of admissibility of
25 evidence. The simple propositions, and I'll

1 turn to a couple of authorities in a moment,
2 the simple propositions for which we can
3 tender these, admissibility in the common
4 law, has always been a question of law.
5 Relevance has been a question for the fact
6 finding Tribunal. Admissibility, if we can
7 break it down to a trial by jury,
8 admissibility is a question for the judge.
9 Relevance can sometimes be a question for
10 the judge, but it's also a question for the
11 jury. But just pausing there for a moment
12 and going on, it is relevant evidence, which
13 it deems to have probative value. The
14 probative worth of evidence was always a
15 question for the jury.

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17 So what sub-rule (c) of Rule 89 says is that
18 the Chamber may, discretionarily, admit any
19 relevant evidence which it deems to have
20 probative value. The fundamental concept of
21 admissibility, as we understand it,
22 especially in the common law, has
23 disappeared. And Your Honours are free of
24 the cramped confines of the rules that have
25 grown up over a long time which sometimes

1 produce an awkward and unfortunate
2 consequence in matters of proof.

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4 Your Honours, I want to, for this purpose,
5 just read a couple of short quotes. First
6 from Fipson, and this is the Fipson On
7 Evidence, the 13th Edition, and this is
8 taken from paragraph 6-03. "Relevancy being
9 founded on logic and human experience and
10 admissibility on law, which may change in
11 different jurisdictions and periods, the two
12 theories do not wholly coincide." That's
13 what I was saying before about relevance
14 sometimes being a judge issue and sometimes
15 being a jury issue. Admissibility, however,
16 is always a judge issue.

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18 The 4th Edition, Cross on Evidence, at
19 paragraph 1570 says this -- and this is
20 paragraph headed, "Relevance and
21 Admissibility." "Although there are no real
22 exceptions to this rule, the existence of
23 important exceptions to the rule that all
24 sufficiently relevant evidence is
25 admissible, renders it essential to draw a

1 sharp distinction between the relevancy and
2 the admissibility of evidence. The former
3 is a concept arrived at logically from
4 experience, that is the relevancy, and its
5 applicability can be tested by logical
6 process. It is not primarily dependent on
7 rules of law."
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10 "The admissibility of evidence, on the other
11 hand, depends first on the concept of
12 relevancy and of a sufficiently high degree.
13 And, second, on the fact that the evidence
14 tendered does not infringe on any of the
15 exclusionary rules that may be applicable to
16 it." To quote Wigmore, "Admissibility
17 signifies that the particular fact is
18 relevant and something more. That it has
19 also satisfied all the auxiliary tests and
20 extrinsic policies."
21
22 Your Honours, there is no concept of a legal
23 admissibility within these rules except that
24 set out in Rule 89. So we go to the Statute
25 and we go to the rules made under the

1 Statute. And Your Honours have the right to
2 admit evidence, and that is the only
3 reference to any concept of admissibility,
4 to admit evidence that's relevant and it
5 deems to have probative value. Probative
6 value, of course, as I said before, is a
7 jury question. One will look in vain to
8 find a legal definition of probative.
9 Perhaps we have to go back to its roots,
10 probatio meaning "proof." So we find if we
11 apply some sort of definition to probative,
12 a Trial Chamber may admit any relevant
13 evidence, which it deems to prove the facts.
14 The point that we make is this: This
15 Trial Chamber is not constrained by domestic
16 rules, but it is constrained by the mandate
17 under the Statute.
18
19 Now, Your Honour, we've taken a little time
20 to go through that foundation proposition.
21 One then looks carefully for any further
22 great pronouncement in respect of evidence,
23 and it wisely, the drafters of the rules
24 have left it a very wide proposition and
25 they have confidence in doing so because of

1 the way in which the Rules are drawn and the
2 experience of the judicial office holders
3 within these Tribunals, because not only is
4 there a domestic experience, but there is
5 also an experience going beyond that into
6 the realms of this area of law,
7 international humanitarian law, and
8 International Criminal law.
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10 Indeed Your Honours are freed from the
11 constraints of a domestic jurisdiction and
12 Your Honours now have to provide a new legal
13 framework and are providing a new legal
14 framework within which these matters can be
15 determined. I speak with no great authority
16 in respect of the civil law jurisdiction,
17 however, the more I understand of it, the
18 more I learn of it. While the processes may
19 in some respects be different, they
20 nevertheless remain, in some respects, the
21 same. There mightn't be an initial
22 constraint upon the receipt of material by
23 an investigating judge, but the dossier is
24 formed and material is included in that
25 dossier.

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2 Can we then turn to Rule 94, in particular.
3 Because Rule 94 then is interpreted not as
4 we would interpret it within a common law
5 jurisdiction, but significantly differently,
6 and the first point we make in respect of
7 that is to say that the common law
8 jurisdiction has all of the constraints on
9 the admissibility of evidence attached to
10 it. This jurisdiction has the constraint
11 that the evidence is relevant and probative.
12 So it is in that context then that we
13 interpret the Rules in respect of judicial
14 notice.

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16 When we look at the origins of judicial
17 notice within the common law, we note some
18 interesting characteristics about it.
19 First, Your Honours, judges may take
20 judicial notice of facts. Second, in the
21 common law, those facts are so notorious or
22 clearly established that evidence of their
23 existence is unnecessary. So first, it's
24 discretionary. And, second, they must be so
25 notorious or clearly established that

1 evidence of existence is unnecessary.

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3 The limitations placed upon judicial notice
4 within, for example, a common law system is,
5 as I have just said, it's discretionary.

6 Second, it's within the rules relating to
7 the admissibility of evidence with all of
8 the confines upon that. And third, just
9 because a matter is proven in one case, it
10 cannot be taken judicial notice of in
11 another. And that's one of the greatest
12 fundamental differences in the proposition
13 in common law and the proposition here.

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15 Common law always made a distinction between
16 relying one's own knowledge, a judge relying
17 on one's own knowledge and the fact that
18 something is notorious. Going to Rule 94,
19 we note these differences: In sub-rule (a)
20 "a Trial Chamber shall not require proof of
21 facts of common knowledge, but shall take
22 judicial notice thereof." The first
23 difference is that while it's discretionary
24 in the common law, it is, in fact, mandatory
25 in Rule 94(a). 94(b) is different because

1 it relates to adjudicated facts or
2 documentary evidence from other proceedings.
3 That is permissive. That is a judge may --
4 the Trial Chamber may decide to take
5 judicial notice of adjudicated facts and
6 documentary evidence from other proceedings.
7
8 The second difference is that the common law
9 said that the matters, the facts, must be so
10 notorious, the rule provides, sub-rule (a),
11 that they are matters of common knowledge,
12 vastly different concepts. The common law,
13 when we go to (b), whilst there is a
14 permissive "may" in (b) then relates to
15 adjudicated facts. The common law said you
16 could never take judicial notice of
17 adjudicated facts. Sub-rule (b) says you
18 may.
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20 So, Your Honours, the points of distinction
21 ultimately are first. You are interpreting
22 Rule 94 outside of the context of the
23 traditional admissibility of rules,
24 admissibility of evidence rules. You are
25 interpreting it in the context of this

1 Statute and the mandate that is given by
2 this Statute and the Rules created under
3 this Statute. So you are free from the
4 constraints of domestic jurisdictions to
5 take into account matters which may be
6 common knowledge. More than that, you shall
7 take into account, matters that are common
8 knowledge, and then you may take into
9 account adjudicated facts and so on.

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11 Your Honours, the final point that we make
12 about Rule 94, and especially (b) is that
13 you can take account of the matters relating
14 to the matter at issue in the current
15 proceedings and that is the in final line of
16 94(b). We said at the outset that the only
17 reason to take judicial notice of anything
18 is because it goes to the proof of the
19 matter before you and the proof of the
20 matter before you is sometimes narrower than
21 what we think it is.

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23 I said I would come back to the proposition
24 in respect of genocide. I will do so in a
25 moment.

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2 Having highlighted those distinctions,
3 Your Honours, I want to turn our attention
4 to the Prosecutor against Ntakirutimana,
5 which was a decision on judicial notice of
6 adjudicated facts handed down by
7 Trial Chamber I on the 22nd of November
8 2001. In paragraph -- and I have some
9 comments to make about this decision, which,
10 in our submission, may well assist
11 Your Honours to reach at least in one
12 particular, a different conclusion.
13 Paragraph 27 points out the distinction
14 between Rule 94(a) and 94(b); that is, they
15 say unlike 94(a), 94(b) is discretionary.
16 That's a proposition that we have already
17 pressed upon Your Honours that 94(a) is not
18 discretionary, but you shall take notice of
19 facts of common knowledge.
20
21 They say that the purpose -- I shall read
22 precisely from paragraph 27 -- "In this
23 connection, the Chamber recalls that the
24 doctrine of judicial notice serves two
25 purposes: judicial economy and consistency

1 of case law." Then they go on to say as
2 we've been saying throughout. "These aims
3 must be balanced against the fundamental
4 right of an accused to a fair trial."
5 Because, as they pointed out in paragraph
6 25, "We continue to bear the burden of
7 proof," and of course, "the accused has a
8 right to a fair trial."
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10 With the greatest respect to that
11 proposition that the purpose of judicial
12 notice is judicial economy and consistency
13 in decision-making, we would submit that the
14 fundamental purpose of judicial notice is
15 the receipt of evidence. And if we have any
16 criticism of the decision in Ntakirutimana,
17 it is that. The Court looked at their work
18 and the purposes that judicial notice could
19 be served in respect of the Court's work.
20 In fact, the rule is one in respect of proof
21 of facts. Now, when one looks at that, we
22 would submit that there is a different
23 complexion. If we consider for a moment
24 that certainly one of the consequences of
25 judicial notice is judicial economy, there

1 can be no doubt about that because we can
2 save a lot of time. And, secondly,
3 especially in respect of subparagraph (b),
4 there will be a consistency in
5 decision-making. Certainly they are
6 consequences.
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8 But the fundamental reason for Rule 94 is to
9 aid the proof and admissibility of evidence.
10 There you are, I have used that word
11 "admissibility." I shouldn't have. It aids
12 the proof and reception of evidence. So one
13 must look at it from the perspective of both
14 Prosecution and Defence, because the rule
15 applies equally to both as a tool by which
16 you can receive evidence. And the receipt
17 of evidence won't be encumbered with the
18 traditional rules of admissibility. It will
19 be encumbered only by the way in which the
20 Rules say that you can receive evidence
21 here; that is, if it's relevant and if it's
22 probative. So what has happened in all of
23 this is that the whole issue has been turned
24 into a jury issue.
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1 Your Honours must look at the probability of
2 the evidence. I use the term "probability"
3 as distinctive from "probativeness," or some
4 other, because the probability and
5 probativeness come from the same derivation.
6 It's the probability of the evidence. It is
7 the measuring of one fact against another,
8 when if you compare them, one is likely to
9 be true. So it's the probativeness, the
10 probability of the evidence with which this
11 Trial Chamber is concerned. So when we come
12 to judicial notice, it is exercised within
13 that framework. There are not the
14 encumbrances upon that exist within a
15 domestic jurisdiction.

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17 And, finally, in respect of Ntakirutimana,
18 paragraph 28 says, "In striking this
19 balance, the Chamber will avoid taking
20 judicial notice of facts that are subject of
21 reasonable dispute." And there is a
22 footnote to that, which takes us back to
23 some earlier learning in respect of it. It
24 says, "In support of this proposition, see
25 the Prosecutor against Sikaricha," a

1 decision on the 27th of September 2000,
2 where the Trial Chamber said, "Considering
3 that the Trial Chamber can only take
4 judicial notice of facts that are not the
5 subject of reasonable dispute, and that is
6 appropriate for the Trial Chamber to take
7 judicial notice of facts, which are agreed
8 between the parties," and that's the
9 footnote which is referred to. It goes on
10 to say, "Such matters should not be settled
11 by judicial notice, but should be determined
12 on the merits after the parties have had the
13 opportunity to submit evidence and
14 arguments."

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16 So the proposition in paragraph 28 is that
17 if a fact is the subject of reasonable
18 dispute, then it shouldn't be judicially
19 noticed. On one interpretation of that, we
20 have no dispute. For example, if it means
21 that the existence of the fact is the
22 subject of reasonable dispute, then, of
23 course, it must be adjudicated. However, if
24 it means that the parties simply dispute it,
25 then we would submit that that is too narrow

1 an interpretation.

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3 Just because the parties want to dispute a
4 fact does not take it outside of the realm
5 of judicial notice. If the parties want to
6 dispute it, even though they want to dispute
7 it, and it falls within that proposition
8 that they are of common knowledge, then they
9 can still be judicially noticed. If the
10 existence of the facts are the subject of
11 reasonable dispute, then, of course, it
12 takes them outside of the proposition that
13 the facts are of common knowledge, and
14 therefore, they can't be judicially noticed.

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16 Your Honours, the point that we make in
17 respect of Ntakirutimana, and we embrace it
18 in so many ways, that we have those two
19 comments to make about it. The points are
20 these. If it's seen as a tool in the
21 receipt of the respect of evidence, it's
22 going to be seen differently than if it's
23 seen as a tool for judicial economy. If
24 it's in receipt -- if it's a tool for the
25 receipt of evidence, then it's something

1 which the parties are entitled to adopt.
2 It's something that Your Honours shall
3 apply. And the net result of that, of
4 course, is that there is not the necessity
5 to call evidence and to have
6 cross-examination on it and so on, and there
7 will be judicial economy. But the
8 fundamental purpose of it is for the receipt
9 of evidence. And the receipt of evidence is
10 done in the context of the Rules and the
11 Statute here, not any domestic jurisdiction
12 and not any common law or any other notion
13 of judicial notice wherever it might have
14 originated.

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16 So judicial notice here is to assist to
17 receive evidence which is relevant and
18 probative. And that's the first test,
19 obviously, that Your Honours apply to any
20 piece of evidence in this Court, including
21 evidence received by way of judicial notice.
22 Second, they are matters of common
23 knowledge. And third, even though the
24 parties might dispute the existence of the
25 fact, if they are of common knowledge, then

1 Your Honours are entitled to take judicial
2 notice of them.

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4 We finish as we started. None of this is to
5 derogate from the right of an accused to a
6 fair trial to have all of his or her rights
7 protected and none of it derogates from the
8 duty of the Prosecutor to prove facts beyond
9 reasonable doubt. But the difference for
10 us, and for this Tribunal, is that we do so
11 in the context of these rules and this
12 Statute, and so we adduce evidence which
13 does not have applied to it the intricate
14 admissibility rules that we might import
15 somewhere else, but rather has applied to
16 it, the practical and the logical test at
17 the end of the day of evidence, which is
18 relevant and evidence which is probative.

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20 Your Honours, we submit that in that
21 framework then, Your Honours analyse the
22 requests that we have made. And, as I said
23 at the outset, we don't go through those
24 requests, that has been before Your Honours
25 for some time and we don't take that time.

1 Thank you, Your Honour.

2 MR. PRESIDENT:

3 Thank you, Mr. Fleming, learned counsel, for
4 the Prosecution.

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6 Yes, Professor Hinds.

7 PROFESSOR HINDS:

8 As we indicated yesterday, Your Honour,
9 Professor Bompaka will begin and then I will
10 take no more than fifteen minutes.

11 MR. PRESIDENT:

12 Yes, you did indicate that.

13

14 Professor Bompaka, please. If you are
15 speaking French, please, could you do it
16 slowly enough to enable a comfortable
17 translation be made so that we can follow
18 your submission, Counsel?

19 PROFESSOR BOMPAKA:

20 My Lord, most obliged.

21

22 On the 26th of July, the Year 2001, the
23 Prosecutor seized Trial Chamber II with a
24 motion for judicial notice on the basis of
25 Rule 89 of the Rules of Procedure and

1 Evidence.

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3 Now on the basis of Rule 94, the Prosecutor
4 asked the Trial Chamber to notice the facts
5 moved in Annex 1 of its motion as being of
6 common knowledge or as facts adjudicated
7 upon in other cases in conformity with Rule
8 94(b). The Prosecutor said that the facts
9 submitted in Annex A are of common knowledge
10 and Rule 94 says that the Trial Chamber must
11 notice judicially facts of common knowledge
12 admitted in other cases before the Tribunal.
13 The Trial Chamber should not, therefore,
14 require proof of what is of common
15 knowledge, but simply takes judicial notice
16 of that.

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18 Now, judicial notice, My Lords, is an
19 exception to the principle according to
20 which the burden of proof is incumbent upon
21 the Prosecution. By pleading not guilty,
22 the defendant, Kajelijeli, calls into
23 question each of the elements of crime and
24 charges brought against him and the burden
25 of proof there is incumbent upon the

1 Prosecution. Even if the Prosecution sees
2 it as complex because of time factors and
3 the amount of time that separates us from
4 the facts. The Prosecution is saying that
5 the facts in Annex A are of common
6 knowledge, or facts that have been
7 adjudicated upon and established. Now, the
8 analysis of that particular point, if
9 necessary. Firstly, My Lords, between the
10 1st of January, and the 17th of July, 1994,
11 Rwanda was a signatory to the convention on
12 the suppression of genocide, and on the 12th
13 of February, 1975, it adhered to it. Now
14 this is clear and the motion for judicial
15 notice by the Prosecutor could be admitted.

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17 Now between the 1st of January and 17th of
18 July, '94, Rwanda was a signatory of the
19 Geneva Convention of 1948, since 1975 and
20 adhered to the protocol, the additional
21 protocol. And for the second point,
22 therefore, the Defence Counsel sees no
23 problem about Trial Chamber accepting and
24 noticing it judicially.

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1 Thirdly, at the time of the facts in the
2 charges, the admissibility of such of Rwanda
3 was as follows: (a) We had eleven
4 préfectures, Butare, Byumba, Cyangugu,
5 Gikongoro, Gisenyi, Gitarama, Kibungo,
6 Kibuye, Kigali City, Kigali Rural and
7 Ruhengeri. Now each préfecture was
8 subdivided into communes, each commune was
9 subdivided into secteurs. Each secteur was
10 divided into cellules. Now the Defence has
11 no problem about the Trial Chamber noticing
12 it judicially, that is so far as point three
13 is concerned.

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15 Point four, between the 1st and 7th of July
16 1994, the office of the préfet was
17 characterized as follows: The préfet
18 represents executive power at préfectoral
19 level. The préfet is appointed by the
20 president of the republic upon the
21 recommendations based on the interior and
22 carries out his duties under the minister's
23 hierarchical authority. The prefet's
24 authority covers the entire préfecture. As
25 an administrator of the préfecture, the

1 préfet is responsible for ensuring peace,
2 public law and order and the safety of
3 people and property.

4 (Pages 1 to 32 by Kelly Allemang)

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2 PROFESSOR BOMPAKA:

3 The préfet has hierarchial authority of all
4 civil servants, and all persons holding
5 public office within the boundaries of the
6 préfecture, including the bourgmestre and
7 the conseillers of the sector.

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9 Now 4(D) cannot, sir, be judiciary noticed
10 because during the period under
11 consideration, following the war imposed by
12 the RPF, the préfet could not undertake his
13 mission for keeping law and order in the
14 area under his jurisdiction. For example in
15 morning of the 7th of April 1994, RPF killed
16 the Ruhengeri Préfet, Sylvain Sibalyanga,
17 with all his family and many other civil
18 servants of the country. Now, Judicial
19 notice here cannot be admissible for 4(D).

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21 Fifthly, My Lords, between the 1st and the
22 17th of July 1994, the office of the
23 bourgmestre was characterized by the
24 following features. Let me just take you
25 through (B) and (E). (B), he says the

1 bourgmestre was appointed and removed by the
2 President of the Republic upon
3 recommendation of the Minister of Interior,
4 and he says the bourgmestre had policing
5 duties in regard to maintaining public law
6 and order.
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8 Now, judicial notice here, as requested by
9 the Prosecutor, cannot be admitted for 5(B),
10 because subsequent to the arrival of the
11 advent of multipartism in Rwanda, the
12 bourgmestres was no longer appointed or
13 removed by the President of the Republic.
14 He was elected by the vital forces of the
15 community. Now, by expatiating on the
16 attributions of the bourgmestre in 5(E), the
17 Prosecutor is trying to establish, by
18 judicial notice, the responsibilities of the
19 bourgmestre for the events of April to July
20 1994. Now, as far as peace is concerned, My
21 Lord, Law and Order and the security of
22 people and property, it is true that the
23 bourgmestre must protect the population. He
24 should shoulder his responsibilities in
25 times of peace, but how could he do that?

1 How could he shoulder his responsibilities
2 in times of war? Moreover the Prosecutor,
3 we shouldn't forget that during that period
4 the Defendant, Juvenale Kajelijeli, was not
5 bourgmestre and even if he was bourgmestre
6 he would not be in a position to face a
7 population that is in anger because of the
8 war initiated by the RPF. Following the
9 killings by the RPF throughout the country
10 and especially in the occupied areas and
11 finally subsequent to the assassination of
12 the President of the Republic, My Lords, the
13 Prosecutor, I am sure, remembers that the
14 bourgmestre had no means of facing the
15 situation thus created. For example the
16 bourgmestre of the commune of Kiningi,
17 Gasana, Tambe, was assassinated wasn't he,
18 by the RPF, with a businessman called
19 Ntwihimabwe Elasisit, who came from the city
20 of Ruhengeri, where he had gone to warn the
21 military authorities of the RPF invasion and
22 that he was going to Nkumba, Kindao to warn
23 the communal authorities so that the wars be
24 kept at bay. Thus the Defence Counsel for
25 Mr. Kajelijeli prays Chamber rejects

1 judicial notice for 5(B) and 5(E).

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3 Now six, My Lords. Between 1st of January,

4 1994 and the 7th of July 1994, in Rwanda,

5 there was an armed conflict not of

6 International character. Now the question

7 of the character of the war in Rwanda is not

8 something we all agree about and we shall,

9 My Lords, probably take a little time to

10 expatiate on the issue concerning the

11 internal nature of the war in Rwanda. The

12 Prosecution is quoting paragraph 174 of the

13 Akayesu judgment, and that is based on one

14 statement of General Dallier, who said that

15 the RPF and FARS were two armies that were

16 fighting each other. And then the RPF had

17 soldiers that were systematically deployed

18 and put under the command of one commander,

19 that is Paul Kagame and that the FPR and the

20 RPF forces occupied different areas that was

21 clearly marked. Now such a statement

22 doesn't prove anything, as far as the

23 country's conflict is concerned, My Lord.

24 We all know, My Lords that Rwanda was a

25 victim to aggression from Uganda. My Lords

1 many things show that countries like
2 Burundi, Tanzania, Belgium and the United
3 States of America played a cardinal role
4 therein without which RPF could not have
5 completed its war.
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7 Now, the two international organisations,
8 that is the World Bank and the International
9 Monetary fund, controlled by the United
10 States of America, did play a cardinal role,
11 too, in the armed conflict in Rwanda.
12 Uganda, sir, the war started from that
13 neighbouring country of Rwanda, on the 26th
14 of September 1990, Museveni told Kagame that
15 it was time to signal the voice and we know
16 that it was under those names that Museveni
17 designated the aggressors of Rwanda.
18 Without the intervention of Rwanda -- of
19 Uganda sir, there would not have been any
20 aggression. It was the determining
21 intervention of Uganda that makes this war
22 international in character. I would spare
23 the pains for the references that are in the
24 documents, My Lords. Burundi, since the
25 sixties, My Lords, Burundi has always been

1 the sanctuary for the combatant, the Tutsi
2 combatant that went into exile following the
3 1959 revolution, and many attacks that beset
4 Rwanda were always supported by the
5 authorities in Burundi, My Lords. And that
6 was the same in the war in 1990, Burundi
7 recruited, My Lords, it trained young Tutsi,
8 Rwandans and Burundians, to strengthen the
9 RPF. The Burundi government participated in
10 the war by military support in arms and in
11 men, My Lords. Tanzania, as soon as the
12 eruption of hostilities, Mwanza, a city in
13 Tanzania, became a centre of recruitment, a
14 centre for transit, and a centre for
15 training of the RPF soldiers before they
16 went to the front. Belgium, My Lords, apart
17 from the opening of the RPF office in
18 Brussels, Belgium organised a conference on
19 the 31st of May in Belgium. It was treason
20 because RPF and some political parties
21 signed up an agreement to corroborate.
22 Belgium obstructed MRND from participating
23 in that conference. Moreover, knowing that
24 it was the RPF who had supplied money and
25 tools to Uganda, Belgium refused to give

1 Rwanda the arms and ammunitions then they
2 were paid for, in advance, much before the
3 war, My Lords.
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5 Now, as the main component of UNAMIR,
6 Belgium was responsible for controlling
7 goings and comings of people from Kigali and
8 Burundi. It was responsible for security
9 in the city of Kigali and it helped RPF, all
10 the same, infiltrate four thousand fighters,
11 four thousand fighters into the city of
12 Kigali and a great many people throughout
13 the country and they transported them from
14 Mulindi and they transported missiles with
15 them, the missiles that were meant to shoot
16 down the Presidential plane. The Belgian
17 contingent aided in the introduction of heavy
18 weaponry into the city of Kigali.
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20 The United States of America, My Lord, that
21 super power also played a role, a very
22 significant role, My Lords, in the
23 aggressions against Rwanda. President
24 Museveni, at the interest of that super
25 power, it was through him that arms and

1 money went. The training of people, of
2 soldiers, was also done under the
3 supervision or the cover of Museveni.
4 Kagami and his people, they were trained and
5 they knew that they were going to attack
6 from Uganda. United States knew because
7 they were told in advance. When the war
8 started, the budget for the Ugandan
9 officials was increased up to four hundred
10 thousand American dollars. In April 1994,
11 the participation of the United States in
12 the aggression was at its paroxysm. The
13 International institutions -- the
14 International financial institutions, the
15 World Bank and International Monetary Fund
16 these two institutions, My Lords, these are
17 financial institutions, international
18 financial institutions, the World Bank and
19 IMF controlled by the United States played a
20 significant role in the armed conflict in
21 Rwanda My Lords. They participated in the
22 war at two levels, by financing the war
23 through loans or credit given to Uganda and
24 two, by asphyxiating Rwanda, by refusing
25 Rwanda any assistance, especially in terms

1 of structural adjustment program. Now the
2 pressure of the World Bank was heightened
3 during the Arusha negotiations, My Lord.
4 They bought all the credits meant for Rwanda
5 for as long as Arusha agreements are not
6 signed. At the beginning of the 1994, the
7 World Bank begun to suspend all loans to
8 Rwanda for the pretext that the government
9 was illegal. The RPF received assistance
10 equal to assistance given to Rwanda for 27
11 years.

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13 Number seven, My Lords, we do not have any
14 comments on point seven. Let us move on to
15 point eight. Now, the situation -- the
16 following state of affairs, among others
17 obtained in Rwanda between the 6th of April
18 1994 and the 17th of July 1994: (A) there
19 were systematic and widespread attacks in
20 Rwanda. These were organised against human
21 beings in Rwanda all over the territory.
22 The widespread or systematic attacks were
23 directed against a civilian population, My
24 Lords. The Widespread or systematic attacks
25 were directed against a civilian population

1 on the following grounds: Political
2 persuasion, Tutsi ethnic identification or
3 racial origin; tutsi, in this case, so that
4 the Prosecutor is not taking into account
5 the real causes of the attack. That is the
6 war inflicted upon Rwanda by the Rwandan
7 Patriotic Front, and the death of the
8 President of the Republic, on the 6th of
9 April 1994. The Prosecutor does not explain
10 who the authors of those are that attacked
11 or those attacks were. He forgot to say or
12 she forgot to say that the RPF infiltrated
13 the entire country and they started war
14 immediately after the death of the President
15 of the Republic.

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17 The Prosecutor is talking about attacks upon
18 the Tutsi. What about the Tutsi who were
19 killed? What about them? They were killed
20 during that period and even before that
21 period. Now, in the United Nations Report,
22 of the 4th of October 1994, it said the
23 expert commission also received from the
24 UNHCR information containing evidence,
25 Evidence of the systematic prosecution of

1 the Hutu by the RPF. It said this in cases,
2 only, specifically in the month of
3 September. Now we should also like to refer
4 to the report of 9th of December 1994 on the
5 human rights situation in Rwanda introduced
6 by Mr. René Deni Signe, special rapporteur
7 of the Human Rights Commission. Whereas the
8 special rapporteur affirms the massacres of
9 the Hutus by the RPF. It is clear,
10 self-evident, that the Hutu and Twa were
11 also victims in a considerable manner of the
12 attacks of the RPF, even if the Prosecutor
13 doesn't see so. This is the evidence of
14 numerous violations in Rwanda. Now the
15 truth, My Lord, is that, it is only the
16 Tutsi that were not victims for war and the
17 RPF, an armed Tutsi movement initiated all
18 over so that naturally justice must be done
19 without taking into consideration ethnic,
20 ethnic belonging, ethnicities. What about
21 the Hutus and the Twas that were killed by
22 the RPF? Why the Prosecutor only
23 concentrates on the Tutsi? So that, My
24 Lords, the Prosecutor's motion here must be
25 set aside.

1 Secondly, the generalized systematic attacks
2 that occurred in Rwanda between the 6th of
3 April, and the 17th of July, 1994, had the
4 following characteristics. They targeted
5 the Tutsi and moderate Hutus. They were
6 organised, they were organised and planned
7 by the Rwandan armed forces at the time and
8 the political forces behind the Hutu power
9 movements. They were essentially carried
10 out by the Rwandan state security personnel,
11 civilians, including the armed militia and
12 other citizens, and I say the Prosecutor
13 wants to establish the crime of genocide
14 through judicial notice. The Prosecutor
15 knows that Mr. Juvenale Kajelijeli is
16 pleading not guilty. Not guilty. The
17 burden of proof is incumbent upon the
18 Prosecutor. It is the Prosecutor that must
19 prove genocide, thus the motion for Judicial
20 notice by the Prosecutor must be set side.

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22 Thirdly, from late 1990 until July 1994
23 military personnel, members of the
24 government, political leaders, civil
25 servants, and other influential

1 personalities conspired among themselves and
2 with others to work out a plan with the
3 intent of exterminating the civilian Tutsi
4 population, and eliminating the members of
5 the opposition, My Lords.
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7 Now, here the Prosecutor wants to establish
8 against Kajelijeli, who is here, the crime
9 of conspiracy. This is inadmissible because
10 the Prosecutor is turning the burden of
11 proof around. There's no doubt that by
12 doing so the Prosecutor is violating the
13 rights of the Prosecutor -- I mean of the
14 Accused on the basis of Rule 24, which says
15 that; "The Accused are entitled to a fair
16 trial and with equal arms -- with a say in
17 the same conditions as the Prosecutor's
18 witnesses." The Prosecutor should prove the
19 conspiracy, the time, the place, the people
20 implicated, the contents and the purpose of
21 the enterprise. The Prosecutor is saying
22 that the Accused participated in the
23 planning of the extermination of the Tutsi
24 but she did not prove anything and,
25 therefore, the Defence counsel calls upon

1 Trial Chamber II to set aside the
2 Prosecution's motion for judicial notice on
3 this point.

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5 Now, eleven, the components of this plan
6 consisted of, among other things, recourse
7 to incitement of hatred and ethnic violence.
8 The training of the militiamen, the
9 distribution of weapons to the militiamen,
10 the preparation of the lists of people to be
11 killed. The Prosecutor takes the liberty of
12 preparatory enunciating the elements of the
13 plan. And she cannot prove the existence of
14 that preparatory plan, that is hatred,
15 ethnic violence, training, and distribution
16 of weapons to militiamen, as well as the
17 preparation of lists of people to be killed.
18 Now these are serious facts, My Lords, that
19 are charged to Kajelijeli and these cannot
20 be established by judicial notice. The
21 motion of the Prosecutor must be set aside,
22 My Lord.

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24 12. In executing the plan those involved
25 organised, ordered and participated, indeed,

1 in the massacres perpetrated against the
2 Tutsi and moderate Hutu population. Now,
3 all these observations are all valid and the
4 Prosecutor must prove her allegations so
5 that her request for judicial notice must be
6 set aside.
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8 13, My Lords, incitement to ethnic hatred
9 and violence was a fundamental part of the
10 plan put in place. It was articulated
11 before a general genocide by the elements of
12 the FAR, the members of the government, and
13 the members of the local authorities. Here
14 again, My Lords, this is a charge against
15 the Defendant Kajelijeli by acts or
16 omission. He is responsible for incitement
17 to ethnic hatred and violence according to
18 the Prosecutor. That assertion by the
19 Prosecutor must be proved. The Prosecutor
20 must give us names. The elements of the
21 FAR, the elements of the members of the
22 government, and local authorities that
23 conceived and elaborated this plan. He must
24 tell us what each one of them did, the time
25 that they did it, the time that they

1 developed the plan, the motion of the
2 Prosecutor for a judicial notice should be
3 set aside, My Lord.
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5 Now 14. In order to ensure that when the
6 time came the planned extermination wouldn't
7 be carried out as planned. Those behind the
8 extermination of the ORINFOR, they arranged
9 for the MRND party affiliated militia and
10 CDR party affiliated militia between an
11 unarmed -- this is a very vague assertion of
12 the Prosecutor. She must define what she
13 means by the instigators of the plan. She
14 must prove that there was need for training.
15 She must prove that arms were supplied. The
16 Defence prays that Chamber rejects the
17 motion of the Prosecutor.
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19 15, My Lords. Between the 6th of April 1994
20 and 17th of July 1994, the MRND and the CDR
21 party affiliated militia, who were involved
22 in the execution of the extermination, of
23 the plan, were held and supported by the
24 Rwandese armed forces and the government
25 officials of the day. How can we accept

1 assertions from the Prosecutor? The
2 prosecutor must give us the names of the
3 Rwandese armed forces and names of the
4 government officials that supported and
5 directed the militia of the MRND and the
6 CDR. The motion for judicial notice, My
7 Lords, must be set aside here.
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9 16. My Lords, in every prefecture, local
10 civil leaders and military authorities and
11 militiamen were not only espoused but also
12 executed the plan of extermination. They
13 called upon the civilian population to
14 eliminate the enemy and its accomplices;
15 "Distributed weapons to civilians and
16 militiamen, gave orders to commit the
17 massacres. Aided and abetted the
18 massacres." Abetted the massacres,
19 participated in the massacres, My Lord.
20 Hereto, My Lords, there's a problem of the
21 burden of proof. The Prosecutor must
22 establish the evidence for these elements
23 and I believe that this motion should
24 possibly be set aside by the Chamber.
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1 My Lords, as you now see, clearly, the facts
2 established in annex (A) in the Prosecutor's
3 motion and at all of common knowledge, My
4 Lords, they are questionable, they are not
5 unquestionable facts. Moreover, in any
6 criminal act the burden of proof is the
7 Prosecutor's. Since the session was started
8 on the 7th of July 2001, and Prosecutor came
9 to the Chamber with her witnesses. Why does
10 she want to turn around the burden of proof,
11 there's no doubt that by turning around the
12 burden of proof, he was violating the rights
13 of the accused. That is interrogation or
14 get Prosecution witnesses interrogated and
15 get the Defence witnesses also to be
16 interrogated in the same conditions as the
17 witnesses of the Prosecution. Rule 90 of
18 the Rules of Procedure and Evidence says
19 that the Chamber should hear witnesses in
20 person unless it allows deposition on the
21 basis of Rule 21. Thus the Defence counsel
22 of Mr. Kajelijeli prays that we judiciary
23 notice in annex (A), 1, 2, 3, (a); (b), (c),
24 (e), 5(a), (c), (d) (f) and (7). On the
25 other hand, the defence counsel of

1 Mr. Kajelijeli, My Lords, prays that Trial
2 Chamber II of the International Criminal
3 Tribunal for Rwanda follow the reasons
4 expatiated not to notice; judicial notice in
5 4(d), 5(d) and (e), 6(a), 9. 10, 11, 12, 13,
6 14, 15, and 16. My Lords, I shall now turn
7 to my lead counsel, for Defence of the
8 complimentary intervention and conclusion.
9 I thank you, My Lords.

10 MR. PRESIDENT:
11 Thank you, Professor Bompaka, learned
12 counsel. Yes, Professor Hinds.

13 PROFESSOR HINDS:
14 Thank you, Your Honour. Permit me to make
15 some observations on the Prosecutor's Motion
16 for Judicial Notice within the 15 minutes
17 that I have agreed upon and I am watching
18 the time as you are.

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20 Now, most of the 16 paragraphs outlined in
21 appendix (a) that the Prosecutor urges upon
22 this Trial Chamber to judiciary notice would
23 irreparably damage the fundamental rights of
24 the Defendant, notwithstanding
25 Mr. Fleming's assurances, because actions

1 speak louder than words. The burden of
2 proof, the presumption of innocence, the
3 rights to confrontation, these are
4 internationally recognized principles of
5 international law. Enshrined in the
6 universal declaration of human rights and
7 the International covenant on civil and
8 political rights. Your Honours face
9 Herculean task, if not an impossible task
10 for which Nuremberg provides you with no
11 guidance. At Nuremberg the Judges heard the
12 evidence against all of the accused,
13 deliberated and handed down their verdicts.
14 They didn't face sequential trials, as you
15 do, where you are making findings of facts
16 and reaching conclusions of law in
17 particular cases. All of the defendants who
18 appear before you in each of these
19 sequential trials are cloaked and protected
20 by their fundamental rights. Presumption of
21 innocence, burden of proof on the
22 Prosecution to prove each and every element
23 of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. The
24 Defendant has no burden. The right to
25 confrontation, in sequential trials. Your

1 Honours make findings of facts under
2 ultimate issues facing issues being
3 litigated and facing the defendant at that
4 particular time. Then in another trial, you
5 are required, in order to protect the rights
6 of the Defendants standing before you, to
7 erase those findings and conclusions that
8 you have reached to built, as it were, a
9 Chinese wall. You are jurists and capable
10 of doing it, but it is a Herculirian task.
11 These are the Rules under which we are
12 practicing in this seminary era, new era of
13 international humanitarian law. Nuremberg
14 provides us no guidance. You are supposed
15 to be making findings, in sequential trials,
16 without being influenced by prior findings.
17 The Prosecutor now urges you and he suggests
18 that you use rule 89(c) as the handle to
19 just simply destroy that wall. He said you
20 have the right, under these rules, now, to
21 simply, as you see fit, if the evidence is
22 relevant and if it is probative, to now use
23 findings that you have made in other trials
24 and even findings in other chambers as
25 adjudicated facts. This is done under

1 theory of judicial economy and uniformity of
2 decisions. You are to vitiate the very
3 shields and protections enshrined in this
4 under these rules and enshrined in articles
5 19 and 20 to assure due process. We
6 strongly oppose the Prosecutor's request in
7 the instant motion and we urge Your Honours
8 to strictly construe Rules 94(a) and 94(b)
9 and use the balancing test as set forth in
10 the Prosecutor versus Simiki et al, which is
11 a March 25th, 1999, ICTY decision which
12 speaks to balancing between judicial economy
13 and the rights of the accused to a fair
14 Trial. At the onset, perhaps, it would be
15 helpful to outline the facts to which there
16 are no disputes between us and the
17 Prosecutor's office. Unlike the facts in
18 Ntakirutimana, in Kajelijeli there has been
19 no request by the Prosecutor for admissions.
20 So we didn't have that, but not
21 withstanding, they want to make it very
22 clear. I think Professor Bampoka has said
23 it, but I want to, again, emphasize the
24 point. There are certain facts that Mr.
25 Kajelijeli believes, out of common knowledge

1 within the meaning of 84(A). Unlike
2 Professor Bompaka, I am not going to take
3 the time to read them, but I would refer to
4 the paragraphs in appendix (a) of the
5 Prosecutor so we are clear that we are not
6 disputing those. Paragraph one in its
7 entirety, paragraph two, in its entirety,
8 paragraph three in its entirety, paragraph
9 four with the caveat set out by Professor
10 Bompaka with respect to the war situation
11 within Ruhengeri, which, essentially, is on
12 the front line of the attacks coming out of
13 Uganda where we are talking about the
14 responsibility and authority of the préfet.
15 The préfet was limited, in terms of his
16 authority, only to areas that were not
17 occupied by RPF forces. And so, therefore,
18 we say in principle there is the role of the
19 office of the préfet that we do not oppose
20 but with respect to the préfecture of
21 Ruhengeri we take the position that that
22 could not have been implemented as set out
23 in the law.
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25 Number 5. Five, with the exception of 5(b),

1 because, again, as Professor Bompaka pointed
2 out, the office was not an office of
3 appointment or nomination but an elected
4 office, at the time period being noticed by
5 the office of the Prosecutor.
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7 And number 7, now we contend that the
8 Prosecutor's motion seeks to have all, with
9 respect to all of the other paragraphs.
10 16 paragraphs. They are seeking to have all
11 essential elements to conviction established
12 by judicial notice and thereby violating
13 Mr. Kajelijeli's rights. The jurisprudence
14 of this Tribunal has thankfully resisted
15 these dangerous practices being urged by the
16 Prosecutor and, if the Trial Chamber agree
17 to this distortion of the note, of the
18 notion of judicial notice, we are being
19 observed throughout the world because we are
20 on the cardinal edge of international
21 humanitarian law. What we do today will be
22 a mark on the face. We will be turning
23 basic principles of protection on its head
24 and, thankfully, the jurisprudence of this
25 Tribunal has resisted the arguments being

1 made by the Prosecutor's office and no set
2 of arguments under Rule 89(c) will make it
3 any different in terms of the end results.
4 There have been only two decisions pursuant
5 to Rule 94(b), only two. In Semanza, in
6 which the Trial Chamber III denied the
7 motion, thankfully. In Ntakirutimana,
8 again, Trial Chamber I denied the motion
9 rightfully. The essential prose of the
10 Prosecutor's arguments are based upon
11 judicial economy and consistency of case law
12 but the Trial Chamber in Ntakirutimana
13 ruled, as we have argued in our submission,
14 that these aims must be balanced against the
15 fundamental rights of an accused to a fair
16 trial, and again as we cited in Prosecutor
17 versus Semliki, which is an ICTY case. In
18 the instant motion, the Prosecutor relies
19 heavily on Semanza. The facts that the
20 Prosecutor wants the Chamber to take
21 judicial notice in Semanza are substantially
22 the same as in Kajelijeli and we have argued
23 those in our brief and we are not going to
24 go over that. In paragraphs 10 to 16 in the
25 appendix (a), the Prosecutor argues that

1 from 1990 to July 1994, the military
2 personnel, members of the government,
3 political leaders, civil servants and other
4 personalities conspired. We are dealing
5 with a basic conspiracy that took place.
6 Mr. Kajelijeli, he has been alleged to be a
7 local person, a former mayor, involved in a
8 conspiracy with a national person and they
9 are now asking you to take judicial notice
10 that a conspiracy existed. If you read
11 carefully the paragraphs, as in
12 Ntakirutimana, the Prosecution in Kajelijeli
13 relies on the Kambanda sentencing judgement
14 and Kambanda has been wrongly -- has been
15 rightfully rejected. Kambanda proceeded
16 from a guilty plea and not from a finding of
17 fact beyond a reasonable doubt.
18 Consequently, it cannot be considered a
19 source of adjudicated facts, especially on a
20 conspiracy count. In Ntakirutimana the
21 Trial Chamber refused to take judicial
22 notice of a widespread plan to commit
23 genocide or exterminate Tutsis in Rwanda as
24 a whole, has not been helpful to the facts
25 in this specific case. That's the same

1 thing they are asking us to do here.

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3 Similarly, the Prosecution, per trial, per

4 Trial Chamber, to take judicial notice of

5 this Trial Chamber to take judicial notice

6 of facts pulled out in paragraphs 8 to 16 is

7 not helpful to the ultimate issues of what

8 took place in Ruhengeri. Now within the

9 next three minutes that I have, let me just

10 address the question of the international

11 nature of the conflict. There's no question

12 at all that there was a conflict, an armed

13 conflict. So the only issue is whether it

14 was internal or was it an international

15 conflict, and our position is, as with

16 respect to all of the contested issues, we

17 are not dealing with pedantic questions. We

18 are prepared to hold the Prosecution to

19 their burden that they have on each of

20 those. There were two parties to the

21 conflict, the RPF and the government of

22 Rwanda. The RPF had achieved belligerence

23 status under international law. What does

24 that mean, it means that they were not just

25 bandits within a particular country and

1 therefore were involved in illegal acts as
2 the government generally says in these
3 situations. They have control of territory.
4 They were in control of part of Mukingo,
5 they were in control of Butare, Sayeru,
6 Yambangali, Kidao, Kumba, Kiningi. As
7 belligerents they were entitled to and
8 received International materials. Very much
9 like the ANC, very much like the MPLA, very
10 much like FLERIMO. They received
11 International recognition. They received
12 aid very much like the PLO. The United
13 Nations recognized the international threats
14 towards this an, therefore Security Council
15 passed resolutions in which they made it a
16 military zone. Part of Ruhengeri was
17 divided up. UN troops were assigned to
18 monitor this. The OAU were assigned troops
19 to monitor the cease fire. So this was not,
20 as the Prosecutor argues, a national or
21 internal conflict. Now it might be that
22 other chambers in the past have, in fact,
23 adjudicated this matter as an international
24 conflict. I don't know and I don't want to
25 cast any disparities with respect to the

1 confidence of other lawyers before this
2 Tribunal. But we face, in each proceedings,
3 the presumption of innocence and evidence.
4 Rule 94 (B) says that it is discretionary as
5 to whether or not a Trial Chamber would, in
6 fact, adjudicate or would judicially notice
7 adjudicated facts. So our contention, with
8 respect to this point on the International
9 nature of the conflict, is that we certainly
10 intend to submit proof that the conflict was
11 international in nature. Your Honour, for
12 all of the reasons that I have set forth and
13 I think I am right on target, we urgently
14 request that this Chamber, as Trial Chamber
15 I before you and as Trial Chamber III did,
16 reject this proposition, this distortion of
17 the Rules being urged upon you by the
18 Prosecutor's office.

19 MR. PRESIDENT:

20 Thank you, learned counsel. Any response?

21 MR. FLEMING:

22 Thank you, Your Honour. I will be brief.

23 MR. PRESIDENT:

24 Yes, Mr. Fleming.

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1 MR. FLEMING:
2 Your Honour, there is no distortion of the
3 Rules. The Rules speak for themselves via
4 the Rules. It is improper to characterize,
5 as both of my learned friends attempted to,
6 that this rule was an exception to the
7 burden of proof. In fact this rule is an
8 aid to the burden of proof. It's precisely
9 the opposite to the characterization given
10 by my learned friends when it's seen as an
11 aid to the burden of proof, Your Honours can
12 see it in its proper light. If, as we said
13 about Ntakirutimana, it's seen as a matter
14 of judicial economy then it misses its most
15 important characteristic. And I thank My
16 learned friends for reminding me that in
17 fact it was the Prosecutor's office who, at
18 least in part, put that proposition to the
19 Trial Chamber. I don't embrace it at all
20 because it is not a matter of judicial
21 economy, it's a matter of an aid in proof of
22 those responsibilities and the burden that
23 the Prosecutor has. I am grateful to my
24 learned friends also for the acknowledgments
25 of those matters of which they have no

1 dispute. For the record, it is true that
2 there wasn't a notice, as in other cases, to
3 admit facts. I had a conversation with my
4 learned friend about it and it was made
5 abundantly clear that no admission would be
6 made in respect of the facts before we filed
7 this motion. That's precisely why we filed
8 the motion.
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10 Your Honours, I heard that one proposition
11 before coming from our learned friends and
12 that was this attempt to improperly
13 characterize it as a reversal of Your
14 Honour, of Your Honour's approach and we
15 have, of course, cited that's simply not the
16 case when one looks at the Rule in its
17 proper context. There was, I think, a
18 suggestion that the Rule was ultra vires.
19 Article 24 that somehow or another it went
20 beyond what was admissible and was
21 inconsistent with Article 24. Nobody has
22 argued that there's been no motion, there's
23 been no attempt to impute Rule -- Article 24
24 at all. Secondly, there was a vague attempt
25 to say that there was an internal

1 inconsistence in the rules and, therefore,
2 Your Honours shouldn't follow them, that
3 somehow or another 94 was inconsistent with
4 the other Rules in respect of the receipt of
5 evidence. It's not. And one can only say
6 that if one improperly characterized it as a
7 reversal of Your Honours approval, we make
8 the proposition again that it's not a
9 reversal of Your Honour's approval, at all,
10 but rather it's in aid of that proof. And
11 that's an important and fundamental plank in
12 everything that we say. In none of these,
13 Your Honours, my learned friend said that we
14 sought to prove all of the element of the
15 crime against his client. In none of this
16 have we sought to implicate the involvement
17 of Mr. Kajelijeli, nor is there anything
18 going to eliminate elements involved in
19 respect of Mr. Kajelijeli. These are
20 matters outside of personal involvement and
21 intent. I mentioned a couple of times
22 previously a matter of genocide. We can
23 illustrate it easily by this. Sometimes
24 there's an inclination to say the genocide
25 occurred and the judges should take judicial

1 notice of that. We don't subscribe to that,
2 at all, because the only genocide that we
3 can prosecute is the one exhibited by the
4 intent of the individual. So it would be
5 irrelevant for this court to take judicial
6 notice of the fact that there are eight
7 hundred thousand people killed or a million
8 people killed or whatever. So we don't do
9 that at any place, nor do we attempt to
10 implicate the accused and any of his intent.
11 What we do is to take those elements of the
12 crimes and, indeed, they are carefully
13 thought out and they are the elements of the
14 crimes which Your Honours can take judicial
15 notice of without interfering with the
16 individual's right. So, defence is intent
17 and defence is development in the process.
18 So Your Honours, we have never sought to
19 prove the case with judicial notice but
20 rather those elements which we say are
21 commonly known, those elements upon which
22 adjudication has been made and not those
23 involving him personally. So, Your Honours,
24 we say that it is not a reversal of Your
25 Honours, because when you look at the Rules,

1 themselves, they are the rules which control
2 Your Honour's operation. They are general
3 propositions as spelt by our learned
4 friends, but it's the statute and the Rules
5 which finally control this process and the
6 Rules give Your Honours the right to do
7 things that we wouldn't be able to do in
8 ordinary domestic jurisdictions, and for a
9 very good reason, and that's because of the
10 immensity and the remoteness on the
11 complexity of the crimes which are not dealt
12 with within ordinary domestic jurisdictions.
13 Thank you, Your Honours.

14 MR. PRESIDENT:

15 Thank you, learned counsel, Mr. Fleming, for
16 the Prosecution.

17 PROFESSOR HINDS:

18 We are entitled to reply.

19 MR. PRESIDENT:

20 Well, No.

21 MR. FLEMING:

22 No.

23 PROFESSOR HINDS:

24 Yes, it is your motion.

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1 MR. PRESIDENT:

2 Well, the procedure that has been obtained
3 here is that the mover of the motion
4 introduces the motion, the other party
5 responds and he has a right of response,
6 that has been the procedure.

7 PROFESSOR HINDS:

8 Okay.

9 MR. PRESIDENT:

10 Okay. We really want to thank you all of
11 you for your submissions. We will adjourn
12 these proceedings, we'll deliberate and when
13 the decision is ready you will be notified.
14 So these proceedings stand adjourn to
15 Monday, 930 in the morning for the usual
16 trial and proceedings.
17 (Court adjourned at 1255H)

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20 (Pages 33 to 67 by Judith Kapatamoyo)

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