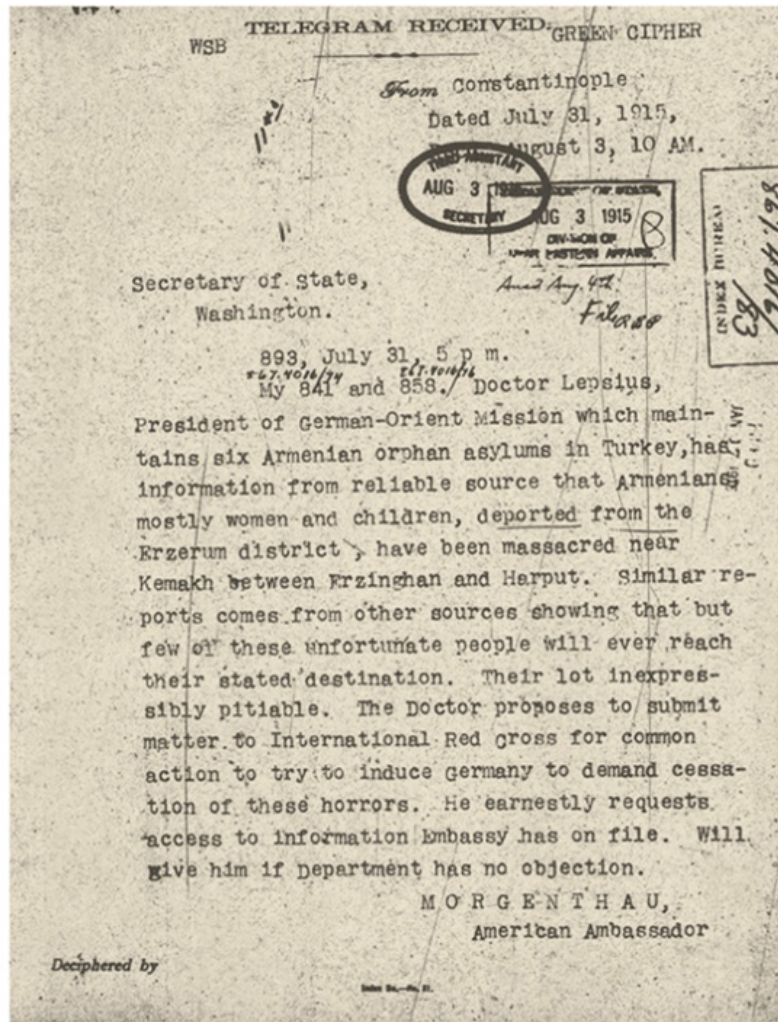




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Message from the American
ambassador Morgenthau on the
deportations from Ezurum, 31
July 1915
Source: Armenian National
Institute

Telegram sent from American Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau Sr. to Secretary of State Robert Lansing on July 31, 1915. <https://www.armenian-genocide.org/us-7-31-15-text.html>

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May 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *B*

SUBJECT: Life Inside Cambodia

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Our Embassy in Bangkok has prepared a comprehensive report on "Life Inside Cambodia" (Tab A) based on numerous interviews with Cambodian refugees who have fled to Thailand and on information available from intelligence sources. The report indicates that the Cambodian Communists are radically reconstructing that country using extremely harsh and brutal methods to implement their policies. Some of the more notable comments which the report makes are:

- Since January 1 the Communists have executed former teachers, students, and even low ranking enlisted men of the Lon Nol military forces. Moreover, anyone who shows any sign of being educated also risks arrest or execution.
- Executions are reportedly widespread and in many cases members of the entire family of former government officials or soldiers are executed along with the head of the family. Almost all executions occur in the same manner: several Communist cadre beat the person to death with hoe handles or other blunt instruments.
- The regime is extremely anti-intellectual. One former school teacher described book burnings in Phnom Penh following the Communist takeover including one instance in which the entire contents of the National Library were destroyed.
- Education has virtually ceased to exist save for some ideological training for children between the ages of 7 and 12.
- Organized religion is being eradicated. Monks are forced to do work in the fields. Most pagodas have been either dismantled or are being used for other purposes such as to store grain.

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
By *KSH*, NARA, Date *12/20/00*

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A May 10, 1976, memo from National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft to President Ford reports on executions taking place in Cambodia and the fanatical nature of the new regime. —Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/cambodia/case-study/violence/international-response>



6. PRINCIPAL AIM OF INTERHAMWE IN THE PAST WAS TO PROTECT KIGALI FROM RPF. SINCE UNAMIR MANDATE HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO REGISTER ALL TUTSI IN KIGALI. HE SUSPECTS IT IS FOR THEIR EXTERMINATION. EXAMPLE HE GAVE WAS THAT IN 20 MINUTES HIS PERSONNEL COULD KILL UP TO 1000 TUTSIS.

7. INFORMANT STATES HE DISAGREES WITH ANTI-TUTSI EXTERMINATION. HE SUPPORTS OPPOSITION TO RPF BUT CANNOT SUPPORT KILLING OF INNOCENT PERSONS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER ALL ELEMENTS OF HIS OLD PARTY\FACTION.

Outgoing fax from Roméo Dallaire, Force Commander of UNAMIR (United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda) to United Nations in New York, January 11, 1994. Full document here: <https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB452/docs/doc03.pdf>