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MEMORANDUM

TO: EXEC - AMB Albright

THRU: EXEC - AMB Gnehm

FROM: POL - Robert Grey

SUBJECT: Rwanda in SC Informals June 20

This morning's informals will likely address two issues concerning Rwanda. On the agenda is the draft resolution renewing the UN Observer Mission on the Uganda border (UNOMUR). The draft was faxed to Washington Friday night. We have spoken to IO this morning. They have received the draft and sent it around for comments. It is expected that we will of course support this renewal, but we have no instructions yet.

The other issue is the French proposal to send their troops to Rwanda. The French have circulated a draft, that we received this morning and immediately faxed to IO. The French will undoubtedly want to discuss it this morning. Washington has decided to support the French intervention. Attached is the cable to Paris setting out the USG position. Basically we accept their statement that this is purely for humanitarian purposes and agree that the quicker multilateral forces can arrive in Rwanda the quicker the killing may end. We wish this to be a multilateral effort and to have Security Council blessing. Notably however, the cable tells the French that such a resolution should not delay the mission. One other matter is the reaction of the RPF who initially rejected the French proposal. (Remember during the last RPF invasion the French sending troops to Kigali stopped the RPF from seizing the city. Hence they are wary of the French.) Washington told Paris we wished them to continue talking to the RPF and seek at least the RPF's acquiescence.

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Talking Points are attached.

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