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MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1994

TO: Ambassador Albright

THRU: Ambassador Gnehm

FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey *RG*

SUBJECT: Your meeting with First Vice Chairman of the Rwandese Patriotic Front, Patrick Mazimhara, Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 am

The RPF requested a second meeting with you because their first Vice Chairman, Patrick Mazimhara, has arrived from Rwanda. Mike Sheehan will sit in, since Laurie Shestack will be accompanying Amb. Hare to his Angola meetings.

The RPF has become increasingly uncooperative and resistant to the UN's concept of operations. Mazimhara has already been to Washington, and has been told the RPF should be come cooperative. You can reinforce that message; and make a few points to try to calm their fears. The RPF has a number of misapprehensions. First, they think the French control the SC on the issue of Rwanda, and that the whole UNAMIR operation is some sort of French plot. Second, they believe once UNAMIR's reinforcements are in place, the mandate will be changed to make the force hostile to the RPF. That is why they think the force is too large. Third, they think that the UN talking with the government side implies that they recognize the Government, as such. Fourth, they believe the UN is working up plans and passing them through the Council behind their backs.

You could: (1) stress the importance of an immediate ceasefire, (2) stress the importance of RPF cooperation with the UN, (3) reassure them that the U.S. will not vote in favor of a mandate which would be hostile to either or both of the parties in Rwanda, (4) explain that 5,500 troops is, if anything, too small for the tasks at hand, including deterrence, in Rwanda (Sheehan can give the military point of view on that), (5) give a flavor of the dynamics in the Council to reassure them that France is not pulling the strings there now, (6) explain that the UN has to talk with all sorts of unsavory interlocutors (Khmer Rouge, etc.) as part of their role as an intermediary, (7) point out that they have had repeated contact with USUN, including at the highest level, as well as with other missions and with UNHQ, and that we are making efforts to keep them in the loop.

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