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SUBJECT: ARUSHA PEACE TALKS: TANZANIANS APPEAL FOR
WESTERN SUPPORT

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PROVIDED BY THE US OBSERVER
AT THE ARUSHA TALKS, JOYCE LEADER.

1. THE FACILITATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR AMI
MPUNGWE, CONVOKED THE OBSERVERS OF BELGIUM, FRANCE,
GERMANY AND THE U.S. ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9 TO
PRESENT A FORMAL DEMARCHE ON INSTRUCTION FROM HIS
PRIME MINISTER. HE ASKED FOR OUR GOVERNMENTS'
SUPPORT FOR THE 40-60 RATIO OF RPF TO GOVERNMENT
TROOPS IN THE NEW RWANDAN ARMY AND APPEALED TO US TO
PERSUADE PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA THAT IT IS THE MOST
REALISTIC SOLUTION FOR INTEGRATING BOTH THE ARMY AND
THE GENDARMERIE. HE ALSO ASKED US TO IMPRESS UPON
THE PRESIDENT THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDING CEASEFIRE
VIOLATIONS AND OF NOT BLOCKING THE RETURN OF
DISPLACED PERSONS TO THE DMZ.

2. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, MPUNGWE SAID THE RPF HAS
ACCEPTED THAT THE 40-60 RATIO APPLY TO THE
GENDARMERIE, INSTEAD OF THE 50-50 RATIO IT HAD

INSISTED ON. NHOQ COMMANDER OPALEYE CONFIRMED TO THE
TANZANIANS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMITTED MORE
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS THAN HAD THE RPF. GOVERNMENT

ACTS OF OMISSION OR COMMISSION - ABSENCE OF PUBLIC
STATEMENTS - ARE BLOCKING RETURN OF THE DISPLACED TO
THEIR HOMES.

3. ON THE FORCE RATIO, MPUNGWE SAID IT WAS THE BEST
DEAL THE TANZANIAN TEAM COULD GET FROM THE RPF. IN
RESPONSE TO A BELGIAN COMMENT, HE SAID TANZANIA HAD
HOPED THE RPF WOULD ACCEPT LESS THAN 40 PERCENT. TO
THIS END, PRESIDENT MWINYI HAD TELEPHONED PRESIDENT
HUSEVENI WHO HAD AGREED TO PRESSURE THE RPF TO ACCEPT
LESS THAN 40 PERCENT. UNFORTUNATELY, MPUNGWE SAID,
THE UGANDANS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH THE RPF "TO
SOFTEN THE GROUND" BEFORE THE TANZANIAN DELEGATION
ARRIVED IN BYUNBA ON JUNE 7.

4. THE OBSERVERS OF BOTH BELGIUM AND FRANCE SAID
THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT THE 40-60 RATIO. THE
BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID SOMETHING LESS MIGHT HAVE
BEEN PREFERABLE. THE FRENCH CALLED IT A GOOD
SOLUTION. BOTH CAUTIONED AGAINST APPLYING THE 50-50
RATIO, ACCEPTED FOR THE COMMAND STRUCTURE, TOO FAR
DOWN THE OFFICER RANKS.

5. COMMENT: U.S. OBSERVER RECOMMENDS THE U.S.
RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE TANZANIAN DEMARCHE. OUR
WESTERN COLLEAGUES ARE LIKELY TO BE OPEN TO MAKING A
JOINT DEMARCHE IF THIS IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. PLEASE
ADVISE DECISION SO U.S. OBSERVER CAN INFORM

FACILITATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR ACTION.

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