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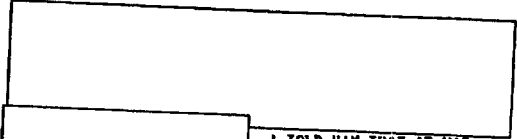
BRUSSELS AND PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR PRINGLE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE RWANDAN CABINET MET UNTIL MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, FEBRUARY 3, WITH AN AGENDA FOCUSED ON THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE NORTH AND THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS. THE CABINET FAILED TO REACH CONSENSUS AND RESCHEDULED A SESSION FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.
3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR ARE TRAVELING TODAY TO GISENYI TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL LOCAL OFFICIALS TO BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED. [REDACTED] THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND ALL BOURGEMESTRES AND THE PREFET, BUT THE RWAND MINISTERS RAISED TWO OBJECTIONS:
-- FIRST, THERE WERE BOURGEMESTRES WHO HONESTLY DID THEIR JOB TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND TO CONTAIN WHAT DID HAPPEN.
-- SECOND, TO LEAVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE VACUUM THROUGHOUT THE PREFECTURE COULD BE DANGEROUS IF VIOLENCE WERE TO ERUPT AGAIN. THEREFORE, THE PRESIDENT, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND RUMIGIRA ARE MAKING A ONE-DAY FORAY INTO THE TROUBLED AREA WITH THE INTENTION, ACCORDING TO RUMIGIRA, OF IDENTIFYING AND SUSPENDING THE GUILTY OR INEFFECTIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS.
4. THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO GISENYI IS CLEARLY IN RESPONSE TO THE RPF DEMANDS IN ARUSHA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE BELIEVES THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCEPTED THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSAL OF THE PARTIES (REF A, PARA 6). HE IS DEALING WITH THE SECURITY ISSUE AS THE FIRST PRIORITY, BOTH FOR ARUSHA AND FOR FINDING



I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS, THEREFORE, ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO GET SOME MESSAGE TO GASANA ABOUT WHAT WAS BEING DONE AND HOW IT FIT IN WITH GASANA'S INSTRUCTIONS IN ARUSHA. I WILL TALK LATER WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND URGE THEM TO TRY AGAIN TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE RPF TO KEEP THINGS GOING TODAY AS WE AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE TROUBLED AREAS AND A CABINET CONSENSUS. FLATEN

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