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FROM: POL - John S. Boardman

SUBJECT: Rwanda - High level visitors coming to UN and Washington

SUMMARY:

French Africa specialist de la Sabliere (equivalent of AF Assistant Secretary Cohen) will be in New York to discuss Rwanda with the Secretariat Thursday, March 25. The Rwandan Prime Minister will be in New York Monday, March 29. Both will be going to Washington after their meetings here. We suspect the Rwandan PM may be preparing to misrepresent the RPF position.

BACKGROUND:

o The French have indicated to AF that they will be asking the Secretariat to send a UN force with a humanitarian mandate to Rwanda to replace the French troops.

o The Rwandan PM informed AF that after consultations with the RPF in Arusha (where talks are underway) he would be asking for a joint OAU/UN force in the buffer zone between the government and rebel troops.

-- AF's observer in Arusha was told by the Rwandan Foreign Minister that there is no agreement on the above point. To the contrary, the RPF does not want any UN presence in the buffer zone.

o Half of the UN goodwill mission has returned to UNHQ. We do not yet know what their report will say, but will attempt to find out.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: EXEC - Ambassador Walker

FROM: POL - Robert Grey

SUBJECT: SC Presidential Letter on Rwanda

On April 12, SC President Marker circulated to Council members a draft presidential letter responding to the SYG's April 8 letter to the Council on the goodwill mission to Rwanda (attached). The SYG's letter noted disturbing reports that the Arusha discussions are at an impasse and informed the Council of the SYG's decision to add three military advisers to his goodwill mission. The draft response only addresses the addition of the goodwill mission.

The presidential letter was to have been sent at 1pm today if there were no changes. The Department suggested adding the following sentence, which we communicated to the Pakistani mission at noon:

We note the urgency of the security situation in Rwanda and look forward to a prompt report.

Marker will present the change at the 3:30 SC informals. If pressed on the logic of the addition, you might say that due to the urgency of the situation in Rwanda, we believed it was important to highlight the need for prompt reporting from the SYG.

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 8 April 1993 (s/25561) concerning the situation in Rwanda has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They welcome your decision to strengthen the goodwill mission by the addition of three military advisers. They also note the urgency of the security situation in Rwanda and look forward to a prompt report.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Jamsheed K.A. Marker

President of the Security Council

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The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their consideration, a  
..... copy of a draft reply by the President to the letter of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Rwanda (S/25561) (copy attached).

With the concurrence of the members, the President will send this reply, as drafted, to the Secretary-General at 1 p.m., tomorrow, 13 April 1993, and thereafter circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to report to the Security Council on recent events concerning the situation in Rwanda between the Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front. The Council will recall that on 3 March it received letters from the Permanent Representatives of Rwanda (S/25355) and Uganda (S/25356) which requested the deployment of United Nations observers on the border. On 4 March the Permanent Representative of Rwanda requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council (S/25363); the Permanent Representative of France joined in this request on the same day (S/25371). The Security Council accordingly met on 12 March 1993 and adopted resolution 812 (1993). This resolution welcomed the goodwill mission which I had already sent to Rwanda and asked me to examine the two requests for the deployment of observers.

The goodwill mission has visited the countries concerned and is now observing the current peace talks in Arusha. I shall report to the Council on the mission's findings following these talks.

However, there are now disturbing reports that the Arusha discussions are at an impasse. As a result, there are fears that fighting may resume.

I wish to inform the Security Council that in these circumstances I have decided to strengthen the goodwill mission by the addition of three military advisers. I have also asked the goodwill mission to report promptly with their assistance. I will advise the Council further accordingly.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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