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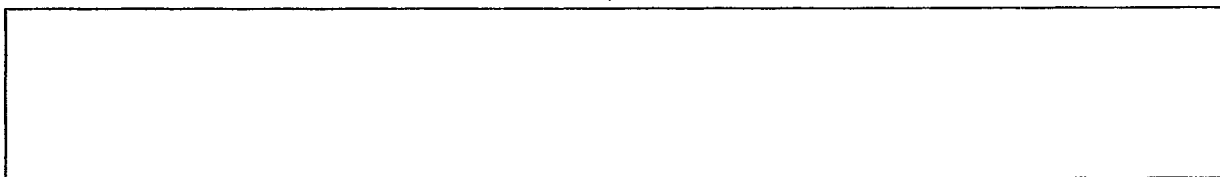
May 16, 1994

TO: Ambassador Albright
THRU: Ambassador Gnehm
FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: May 16 Council Informals on Rwanda

Background

The USG's proposal is for UNAMIR to establish a secure zone inside Rwanda along the border with Burundi to protect refugees and displaced persons in the most immediate danger and provide security for the delivery of humanitarian relief. The augmented force would deploy to Burundi and establish a base of operations in Burundi near the Rwandan border. It would then conduct cross-border operations to secure and establish displaced persons UNHCR-run camps within Rwanda, and provide continuous security for the operation of those camps. The force would establish the camps' security, but not transport displaced persons to the camps. The force would also secure lines of communication and relief convoys in the zone.

The Rules of Engagement would clearly spell out the authority of the UN Force Commander to defend the humanitarian mission to include UN forces, camps and displaced persons being protected.



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(U) Suggested Talking Points

- My government is pleased with the progress made last week on this Resolution.
- It is important for the Council to act quickly on Rwanda.
- As Ambassador Inderfurth stated on Friday, the U.S. government has some reservations about the concept of operations outlined in the Secretary General's report released Friday afternoon.
- In order to address these issues, we have met with members of the Secretariat about the practical measures needed to carry out the Council's mandate.
- Based on these discussions, we have several proposed revisions to the draft resolution which we believe will allow us to quickly move some personnel back into Rwanda, while at the same time give us an opportunity to better refine the UN's concept of operations.

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084 (U) Suggested changes to draft resolution:

Preambular para 8 (begins Deeply Concerned): change "tens of thousands" to "hundreds of thousands."

Preambular para 11 (begins Urging): change to "Demanding that all parties cease..."

Operative para 2: change to "Decides to expand UNAMIR's mandate under resolution 912 (1994) subject to the availability of resources and the consent of the parties to include the following additional responsibilities:

Operative para 3: change to "Recognizes that UNAMIR may be required to take decisive action in self-defence against persons or groups who threaten UNAMIR in the implementation of its mandate to protect sites and populations, United Nations and other humanitarian personnel or to support the delivery or distribution of humanitarian relief;

Operative para 4: change to "Calls upon the Secretary General to re-deploy the UNMO's currently in Nairobi and the remainder of one mechanized infantry battalion to reinforce UNAMIR in accordance with the mandate contained in UNSCR 912."

Operative para 5: change to "Further authorizes the Secretary General to report to the Council on progress on his efforts to obtain consent of the parties to the missions covered in paragraph two above and to seek approval of the council for further UNAMIR deployments of up to 5,500 troops."

5. BIS Further requests the Secretary General to report as soon as possible on a refined concept of operations for the next phase of UNAMIR's mission including, inter alia, the consent and cooperation of the parties, progress towards a ceasefire, efforts to identify potential troop contributors, availability of resources and the proposed duration of the mandate;"

New operative para 8 BIS: "Demands that all parties in Rwanda strictly respect the persons and premises of UN and other humanitarian personnel serving in Rwanda, and refrain from any acts of intimidation or violence against personnel engaged in humanitarian or peacekeeping work;"

New operative para 12 BIS: "Decides that the embargo imposed under paragraph 10 above shall not apply to arms and related materiel destined for the sole use of UNAMIR."

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