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MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1994

TO: Ambassador Albright  
THRU: Ambassador Grehm  
FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey  
SUBJECT: Your Breakfast with Nigerian Amb. Ibrahim Gambari,  
Wednesday, May 18

Introduction

Since bilateral U.S.-Nigerian relations are at such a low, Nigeria officials are rarely received at a high level in Washington. Accordingly, Amb. Gambari asked to discuss bilateral issues with you. While the original purpose of the meeting was the bilateral relationship, pending Council action on Liberia and the situation in Rwanda require using this meeting to discuss those subjects as well.

Rwanda: The battle over expanding UNAMIR bruised Gambari, among others. At the end of his EOY, he said he was not satisfied with how African issues are treated in the Council. He also expressed unhappiness with the conditionalities included in the U.S. changes to the resolution. It will be important to use this meeting to discuss with him the next steps the Council must take on Rwanda.

Liberia: In Resolution 911, the Council agreed to review the situation in Liberia by May 18. The Department has prepared a draft Presidential statement to respond to the Secretary General's forthcoming report; we have shared a copy with the Nigerian mission. Ambassador Gambari will likely want to discuss this statement.

Talking points generated in the Department for the bilateral are attached, as well as points on Liberia and Rwanda.

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