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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE MET FRIDAY, MAY 13 WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY CLAES FOR A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN RWANDA, BURUNDI, AND ZAIRE. BELGIAN MFA CHEF DE CABINET LODE WILLEMS, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL, AND MFA AFRICA DIRECTOR

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WIL JAENEN PARTICIPATED. MOOSE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR BLINKEN, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA RAWSON, AND ZAIRE DESK OFFICER. MOOSE AND CLAES REVIEWED THE RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS ON RWANDA, AND DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS FOR A RESOLUTION TO DEAL WITH THE CRISIS. THEY AGREED ON THE NEED TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF A UN INTERVENTION--HOWEVER DEFINED--ON BURUNDI, AND SPOKE OF THE PROSPECTS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND A REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BROKER A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER DOING SO. MOOSE [REDACTED] BRIEFED THE BELGIAN FM ON VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S MEETINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT MWINYI, OAU SY SALIM SALIM, AND BOUTROS-GHALI, AND REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF A "CONSORTIUM OF EFFORTS." EN SUMMARY.

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3. AF A/S MOOSE MET MAY 13 WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY CLAES TO REVIEW THE RISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN MOOSE NOTED THAT THE RECENT INFORMALS AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD RESULTED IN "NO CLEAR OUTCOME," [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

MOOSE SAID THAT VICE PRESIDENT GRE'S RECENT MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH BOUTRO-GHALI, TANZANIAN PRESIDENT MWINYI, AND OAU SYG SALIM SALIM HAD CLARIFIED THE U.S. POSITION AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF THE UN AND THE OAU. THE UNSYG, ACCORDING TO MOOSE, HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT DISCUSSION OF A RWANDA INTERVENTION FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF HAD NO MILITARY COMPONENT. THE U.S. REASSURED BOUTROS-GHALI THAT WE SUPPORTED A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, BUT HAD LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF A PKO BASED IN RWANDA GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

4. MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A CEASEFIRE IN

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RWANDA, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE VULNERABILITY OF THE AIRPORT IN KIGALI, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPORT AN OPERATION FROM THE RWANDAN CAPITAL. HE SAID THAT "NO ONE WOULD PUT TROOPS INTO THIS SITUATION," AND THAT A CROSS-BORDER OPERATION, WHILE NOT PERFECT, SEEMED TO OFFER A GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN THE NEAR TERM. HE ADDED THAT A FORCE INTERPOSED BETWEEN THE RPF AND THE RWANDAN ARMY DID NOT DEAL WITH THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS BEHIND THE LINES, AND THAT THIS WAS A PREREQUISITE TO CONVINCE THE RPF TO AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE.

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IMPACT ON BURUNDI

5. MOOSE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE STABILITY OF BURUNDI, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SPILLOVER FROM RWANDA. THE DILEMMA WAS THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DID NOTHING, THE FIGHTING IN KIGALI AND THE CROSS-BORDER FLOW OF REFUGEES COULD UPSET THE FRAGILE COEXISTENCE OF THE

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BURUNDIAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES; ON THE OTHER
 HAND, THE MILITARY IN BURUNDI WAS CLEARLY CONCERNED ABOUT
 THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE REGION.

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BOUTROS-GHALI'S "PEOPLE"

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MOOSE
 REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAD RAISED THIS WITH THE UNSYG
 TEN DAYS AGO, HE APPARENTLY DID NOT FOLLOW UP. NOW

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HOWEVER, BOUTROS-GHALI WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED, AS WAS UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING GOULDING. MOOSE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME IN THE UN WANTED A MORE "ROBUST" ACTION IN RWANDA.

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ARMS EMBARGO, INQUEST, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

7. A/S MOOSE REITERATED THAT THE RESOLUTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE UN CALLED FOR AN ARMS EMBARGO ON RWANDA, BUT THAT THE EFFORTS WITHIN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) SHOULD ALSO BE PURSUED. THE RPF CONTINUED TO DEMAND THAT THE "MURDERERS" BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, AND

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THAT THE LOGICAL FORUM FOR INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN RWANDA MIGHT BE THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNHRC WHICH THE CANADIANS HAVE REQUESTED. AMBASSADOR RAWSON AGREED, AND RELATED THAT IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] THE LATTER HAD EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR SOME LEGAL MECHANISM WHICH COULD FORESTALL THE RPF "TAKING MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS."

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A REGIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE?

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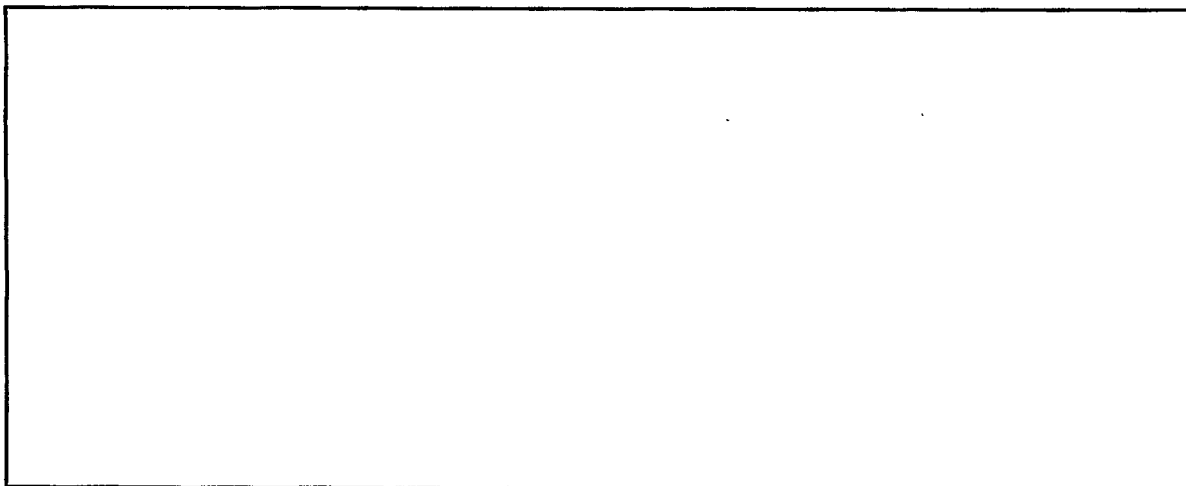
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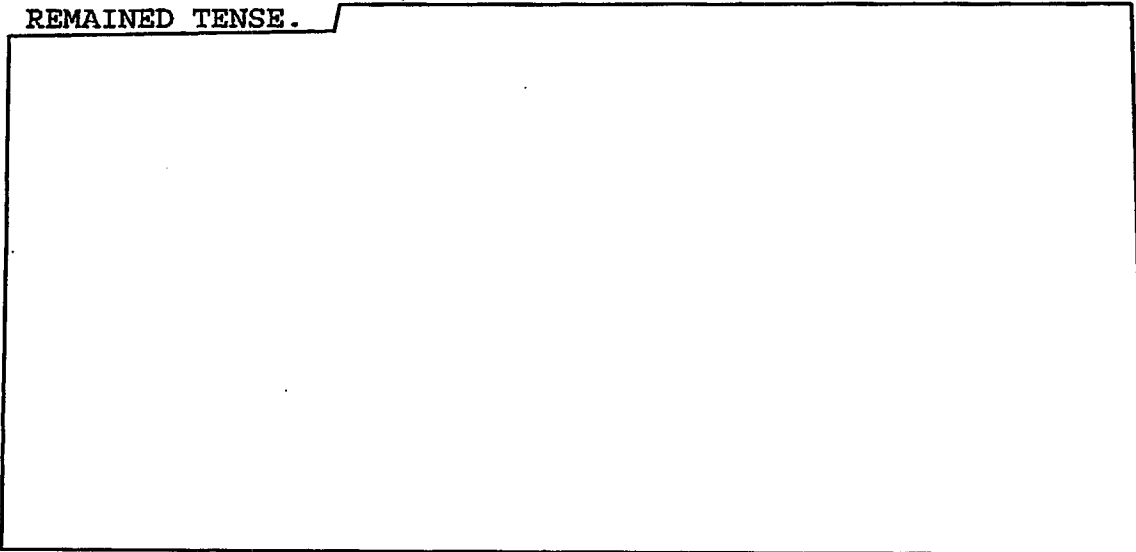
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10. MOOSE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED THUS FAR WITH
THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BURUNDIAN MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH CLEARLY THE SITUATION
REMAINED TENSE.

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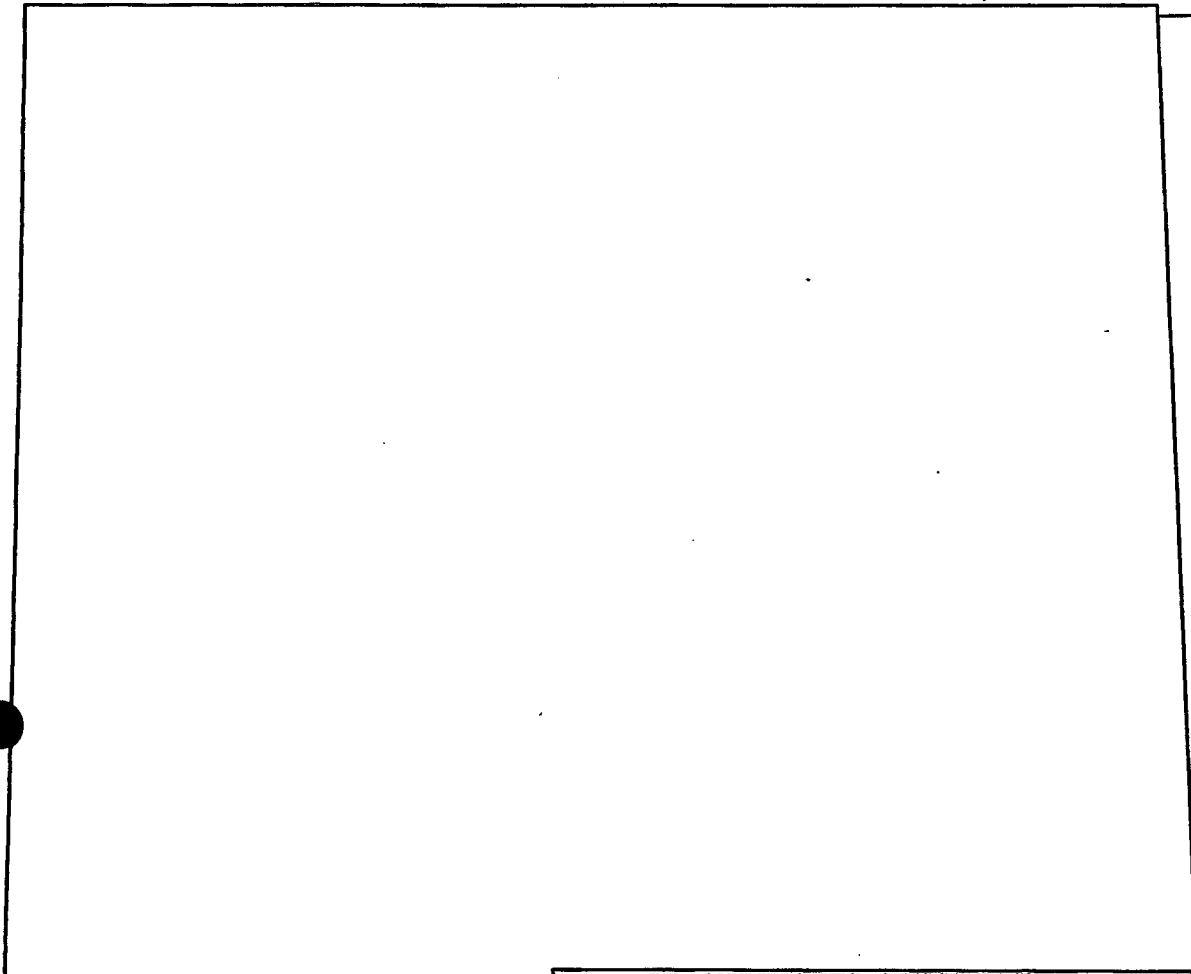
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MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT THE
THREE DISCUSS THIS IN GREATER DETAIL AT THE FORMAL
TRILATERAL MEETINGS LATER THAT MORNING.

13. A/S MOOSE CLEARED THIS CABLE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM BRUSSELS

14. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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