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TO: Ambassador Albright DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS/FPC/CDR *DD* Date: *11/29*

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SUBJECT: Your meeting with Rwandan Amb. Bizimana, August 26, 11:30 am, as President of the Security Council

SUMMARY:

Rwandan Permrep Amb. Bizimana (busy-MAH-nuh) requested a meeting with the President of the Council, probably to urge speedy action in establishing and deploying a Neutral International Force (NIF) to Rwanda.

BACKGROUND:

- o The Rwandan rebels (RPF) and the Rwandan government (GOR) signed a peace agreement in Arusha, Tanzania a few weeks ago.
- The peace process hinges on the establishment of a UN-led Neutral International Force (NIF).
- o The UN sent a reconnaissance mission to Rwanda to study exactly what kind/size force will be needed. They have not yet returned.
- o Upon their return the Council will consider the SYG's report and adopt a resolution establishing the NIF.
- There is an OAU-led Neutral Monitoring and Observer Group (NMOG) in Rwanda now. Its fate has not been determined, but the OAU wants to get out of the operation.
- o Washington has still not decided how big a force they will endorse.
- o We expect the Secretariat may come out with a short, factual report within the next few days describing the peace accord and the talks leading up to it.
- o The French have indicated that the GOR wants a significantly larger force than is affordable. You may want to tell Bizimana about fiscal realities.

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POINTS TO BE MADE:

- What does the Government of Rwanda envision as the appropriate size and scope of a Neutral International Force?
- What does the GOR think should be done with the existing and expanded OAU forces?
- When do you think the French forces will be able to leave?
- Based on past experience with the deployment of UN peacekeeping operations, the timetable agreed to in Arusha may not be feasible.
- Resources are tight with the increased demand for PKO's.

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