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SUBJECT: RWANDAN PM SAYS YES TO BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING THE MEETING JANUARY 17 OF THE
RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP (ROSG), ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY MOOSE MET WITH RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN
TWAGIRAMUNGU. THE RWANDAN PM WAS IN GENEVA TO ATTEND THE
UNDP ROUNDTABLE ON RWANDA. MOOSE OUTLINED THE PURPOSE OF
THE ROSG, REVIEWED THE DAY'S DISCUSSION, AND EXPRESSED
DONOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HUGE SUMS CONTAINED IN THE UNDP
CONSOLIDATED APPEAL. MOOSE ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE
UPCOMING REFUGEE CONFERENCE IN BUJUMBURA. HE NOTED THAT
THE RWANDAN DELEGATION TO THE ADDIS PREPCON HAD CAST THE
CONFERENCE IN AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE LIGHT, AND HE URGED

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THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO BOTH PARTICIPATE IN THE BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE AND TO USE THE OCCASION TO PRESENT ITS POLICY ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. TWAGIRAMUNGU REITERATED SOME OF THE GOR'S PROBLEMS WITH THE CONFERENCE, BUT ASSURED MOOSE THAT RWANDA WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND WOULD ISSUE A POLITICAL DECLARATION AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE THE FOLLOWING DAY TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION. AMBASSADOR RAWSON

AND AMBASSADOR FRIEDMAN (COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA) PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING, AND VISITING ZAIRE DESKOFF ACTED AS NOTETAKER. END SUMMARY.

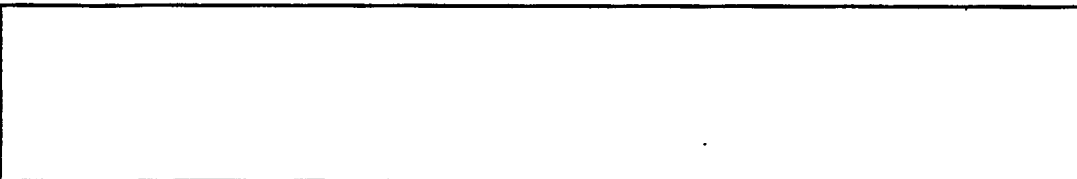
DONOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE UN APPEAL FOR RWANDA

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WITH A SHORT OUTLINE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP (ROSG). MOOSE EXPLAINED THAT THE ROSG WAS NOT A POLITICAL GROUP, BUT WAS INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MOOSE ADDED THAT THE REGIONAL CRISIS WAS A COMPLEX ONE, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF SECURITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE WAS A
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PARTICULARLY INTRACTABLE PROBLEM. MOOSE SAID THAT AFTER MANY MONTHS OF DISCUSSION, THERE STILL WAS NO SOLUTION IN PLACE, ALTHOUGH UNHCR OGATA HAD ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY ON BEHALF OF HER ORGANIZATION TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF INSECURITY IN THE CAMPS.

4. MOOSE TOLD TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT THE DISCUSSION AT THE JANUARY 17 ROSG MEETING IN GENEVA HAD RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. IN PARTICULAR, DONOR COUNTRIES WANTED ASSURANCES THAT THE UN IS COORDINATING ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION ("THERE IS EVERY INDICATION," MOOSE NOTED, "THAT THERE IS A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT."); THE DONORS ALSO WANTED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE DIFFERENT UN AGENCIES; AND FINALLY, THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE TOTAL MAGNITUDE OF THE UN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA



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[REDACTED] HE SAID THAT THE GOR HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE AN APPEAL AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF CHAOS AND INSECURITY WITHIN RWANDA. "WE WANT THE REFUGEES TO COME BACK TO RWANDA, BUT WE MUST CREATE CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE THEM." TWAGIRAMUNGU DENIED THAT RWANDA WAS ASKING FOR TOO MUCH MONEY, AND ASSERTED THAT "THERE IS A CAPACITY -- BOTH WITHIN RWANDA TO ABSORB ASSISTANCE AND WITHIN THE DONOR COMMUNITY TO FIND THE MONEY." THE PM EMPHASIZED

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THAT THE GOR HAD THE CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROGRAM THAT IT COULD CONVINCE PEOPLE TO RETURN. MOOSE SAID THAT HE ACCEPTED THE PM'S COMMENTS, BUT REITERATED U.S.

(AND OTHER DONORS) CONCERNS. HE NOTED THAT THE SIZE OF THE UNDP APPEAL FOR 1995 WOULD MAKE IT "IMPOSSIBLE FOR DONORS TO FIND MONEY THIS YEAR, AND ADDED THAT WE CANNOT IGNORE THE NE OF THE REFUGEES.

THE ADDIS PREPCON AND THE BUJUMBURA REFUGEE CONFERENCE

6. ON THE RECENT ADDIS PREPCON, MOOSE NOTED THAT THE RWANDA DELEGATION HEAD HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED TIMING AND AGENDA FOR THE BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE. MOOSE TOLD TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE RWANDAN CONCERNS

[REDACTED] BUT THE U.S. W DISTURBED THAT THE GOR MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BURUNDI CONFERENCE. MOOSE ADDED THAT THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE IN BUJUMBURA OFFERED THE GOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ATTENTION THE DIMENSION OF THE REGIONAL CRISIS AND TO PRESENT ITS POLI ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. HE NOTED THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIO IN WASHINGTON [REDACTED] HAD SUGGESTED THAT RWANDA FAVORED THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE. MOOSE URGED TWAGIRAMUNGU TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION ON T CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT THIS WOULD REASSURE THE DONOR COMMUN

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[REDACTED] MOOSE RESPONDED THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS DESIGNED TO FOCUS ON THE IMMEDIATE CRISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA AND ITS IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING STATES. THE AGENDA WAS A NEUTRAL ONE, AND WOULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REFUGEE SENDING AND RECEIVING STATES. HE ADDED THAT THE U.S. HAD WANTED THE CONFERENCE TO CONVENE LAST FALL, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SAME ISSUES WHICH THE RWANDAN DELEGATION PLANNED TO ADDRESS AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE.

8. [REDACTED] TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AGAINST THE CONFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE, AND THAT THE GOR'S POSITION WAS IN FAVOR OF ATTENDANCE. IN ORDER TO "AVOID CONFUSION," HOWEVER, KIGALI WANTED THE AGENDA TO DEAL WITH RWANDA AND BURUNDI ON SEPARATE DAYS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT THE GOR MIGHT SEND SOMEONE TO ADDIS ABABA TO ENSURE THAT RWANDA'S CONCERNS WERE REPRESENTED DURING DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONFERENCE AGENDA. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD HAVE A "POLITICAL STATEMENT" TO MAKE AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE

FOLLOWING DAY.

9. KIGALI - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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