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SUMMARY

2. WITH ARUSHA TALKS SUSPENDED UNTIL NOVEMBER 23,
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RWANDAN POLITICAL PARTIES RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO BEGIN
SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WAS VERY CAUTIOUS IN CALLING
FOR THE SUSPENSION, AND SEEMS EQUALLY CAUTIOUS IN
TRYING TO GET RWANDAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS INVOLVED IN
THE SEARCH FOR A CONSENSUS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES,
AND IN SELLING WHAT EMERGES TO THE RPF. THE
CONCERTATION PARTIES STILL BELIEVE A MEETING OF THE
FIVE WITH THE RPF IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE NEW
TRANSITION GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED. NOW THAT IT HAS

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BECOME PUBLIC, HABYARIMANA PROBABLY WILL NOT MEET WITH RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE, ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN A MEETING WITH RPA COMMANDER KAGAME. THE KEY ISSUE REMAINS THE COMPOSITION OF THE CABINET; THE ARUSHA FORMULA WILL NEED TO BE CLARIFIED IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT PERMANENTLY MARGINALIZE THE MRND OR THEY WON'T ACCEPT IT. THE COMPOSITION OF AN INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE ONCE THE KEY ISSUE IS RESOLVED. ELECTIONS OF ANY KIND ARE STILL AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AWAY, AND MAYBE MUCH FARTHER OFF UNLESS THE ISSUES OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERIOUS INSECURITY PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

ARUSHA SUSPENSION

3. THE GOR ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 29 THAT THE PEACE TALKS IN ARUSHA WOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO WEEKS. ON NOVEMBER 1, THEY ADDED ONE WEEK, ANNOUNCING RESUMPTION IN ARUSHA NOVEMBER 23. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WAS VERY CAUTIOUS IN PURSUING HIS DESIRE

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FOR A PAUSE IN THE ARUSHA TALKS. HE FIRST RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENDING THE TALKS WITH ME ON OCTOBER 16 (REF A). AT THE TIME I RECOMMENDED AGAINST SUSPENDING THE TALKS AND URGED HIM TO TRY TO WORK OUT HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PARTIES. BY OCTOBER 27 IT WAS CLEAR TO ALL THAT THE ARUSHA PROCESS HAD BOGGED DOWN, AND THE REGULAR TUESDAY CABINET MEETING SPLIT ON PARTY LINES: THE MRND PROPOSED SUSPENDING, AND THE PRIME MINISTER BACKED BY HIS PARTIES, CHOSE TO GO AHEAD. THESE MIXED SIGNALS WERE BROADCAST ON RADIO RWANDA AND REACHED ARUSHA IMMEDIATELY.

4. ON OCTOBER 27 HABYARIMANA CALLED IN THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE FOR A SUSPENSION. AND ON OCTOBER 28 HE CALLED IN THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO PROBE WHETHER THE TANZANIANS AS FACILITATORS WOULD BE OFFENDED BY A SUSPENSION. HABYARIMANA WAS WORRIED THAT THE TANZANIANS AND THE OBSERVERS MIGHT SEE A SUSPENSION AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT AS A LACK OF SERIOUSNESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS. HE ALSO DID NOT WANT TO TRY TO OVERRIDE HIS

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PRIME MINISTER UNLESS HE HAD SOLID SUPPORT. EVEN BEFORE THEY RESPONDED TO THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, THE TANZANIANS INFORMED THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATORS THAT A SUSPENSION WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE. NOTHING LOST, SINCE THE RPF HAD ALREADY MADE KNOWN ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENTERTAIN A SUSPENSION FOR TWO WEEKS. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR INVITED HIS WESTERN COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OCTOBER 29. BY THEN THE ISSUE HAD BEEN RESOLVED, BUT WE MET ANYWAY, AND DECIDED JOINTLY TO

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CONTINUE TO URGE INTERNAL DIALOGUE AMONG THE PARTIES, BUT NOT TO PRESS ANY SPECIFIC FORMULAS TO BREAK THE IMPASSE.

5. THE BRITTLINESS OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT WAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED ON OCTOBER 29, WHEN THE MRND MINISTERS ISSUED AN ANGRY STATEMENT ACCUSING THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION (MDR) OF

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SLANTING HIS REPORTING ON THE OCTOBER 27 CABINET MEETING TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE MRND, THUS RE-OPENING AGAIN THE SUPER SENSITIVE QUESTION OF THE CONTROL OF RADIO INFORMATION.

6. ONCE THE SUSPENSION WAS ANNOUNCED, ALL THE PARTIES FELL IN LINE, AND ALL SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THE

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SERIOUSNESS OF THE TASK IN FRONT OF THEM IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. IN FACT MDR PRESIDENT TWAGIRAMUNGU HAD FAVORED A SUSPENSION FOR AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE, COMPLETELY AT ODDS WITH THE POSITION OF THE PRIME MINISTER FROM HIS PARTY.

INTERNAL DIALOGUE

7. ON OCTOBER 30, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT FINALLY MET PRIVATELY, EXACTLY TWO WEEKS AFTER WE HAD URGED THEM BOTH TO MEET. THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED THE FIVE PARTIES MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET WITH HIM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3. WHAT THE PARTIES DON'T KNOW IS THAT HE HAS ALSO INVITED RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AS FACILITATORS OF THE PROCESS TOWARD COMPROMISE ON THE KEY ISSUES REMAINING FOR ARUSHA.

8. THE PRESIDENT'S IDEA IS THAT RELIGIOUS FIGURES IN RWANDA, SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE ADVICE OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WOULD FACILITATE THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY AND THE OTHERS REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE

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OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE FORMATION OF A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WITH AN ENLARGED BASE. THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO ASK THE FACILITATORS, ONCE THERE IS AN INTERNAL AGREEMENT, TO MEET WITH THE RPF PRIVATELY AND INFORMALLY TO EXPLORE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE INTERNAL COMPROMISE.

9. CABINET DIRECTOR ENOCH RUHIGIRA IS BEING SENT TO TANZANIA ON NOVEMBER 2 TO SEE PRESIDENT MWINYI (NOT
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OCTOBER 31 (AS HE FIRST EXPECTED) TO EXPLAIN THE RWANDAN POSITION ON ARUSHA, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT'S FACILITATIVE ROLE, AND TO ENLIST THE TANZANIAN SUPPORT FOR A MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS FACILITATORS WITH THE RPF TO TEST THE RPF REACTION TO RWANDAN IDEAS BEFORE THE RETURN TO ARUSHA FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO RUHIGIRA, HABYRIMANA IS VERY WORRIED THAT AFTER REACHING AN INTERNAL CONSENSUS ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES, THEIR IDEAS WOULD BE REJECTED BY THE RPF, LEADING TO A BREAKDOWN IN THE TALKS.

10. COMMENT. THE MDR, PL AND PSD HAVE ADEQUATE INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE RPF TO TEST THE WATER, IF THE PRESIDENT WERE WILLING TO TRUST THEM TO GIVE HIM AN HONEST RESPONSE. I THINK IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE RPF WILL BE WILLING TO GIVE AN INFORMAL COMMITMENT TO HABYARIMANA THROUGH RELIGIOUS GO-BETWEENS OR THE PARTIES, AND HAVE EXPRESSED THIS OPINION TO RUHIGIRA. AT THE SAME TIME I DID NOT DISCOURAGE HIM FROM TRYING ANY PROCEDURE WHICH RWANDANS WOULD FIND USEFUL.

MEETING OF PARTIES WITH RPF

11. THE MDR, PL, PSD AND PDC CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO NEGOTIATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEXT TRANSITION GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY WITH THE RPF. RAWSON TOLD THEM THAT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION FROM ARUSHA WAS THAT THE RPF WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH THE PARTIES, BUT RATHER WANTED TO NEGOTIATE
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DIRECTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT
ONLY. PL AND MDR CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RPF
WANTS SUCH A MEETING.

12. DURING THEIR JOINT MEETING WITH RAWSON, THE MRND
REPRESENTATIVE GAVE THE OTHER PARTY LEADERS THE
IMPRESSION THAT THE MRND WAS NOW READY TO JOIN SUCH
AN ALL-PARTY MEETING, LONG BLOCKED BY THE MRND
UNWILLINGNESS TO JOIN. NO DOUBT THIS WILL BE AN
EARLY ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 3 MEETING

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BETWEEN THE PARTY LEADERS AND THE PRESIDENT.

HABYARIMANA/KANYARENGWE

13. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA GAVE US A BLOW-BY-BLOW OF THE STATUS OF THIS PROPOSED MEETING WHEN RAWSON AND I CALLED ON HIM OCTOBER 30.

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WHEN PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU ANNOUNCED IN ARUSHA THAT HABYARIMANA HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH KANYARENGWE, AND THEN WENT ON TO PROPOSE THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS LEAD THEIR DELEGATIONS TO THE NEXT ARUSHA TALKS, HABYARIMANA WAS FURIOUS. HE TOLD US HE HAS NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN MEETING WITH KANYARWENGWE. HE HAD ONLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BECAUSE A GO-BETWEEN INDICATED THAT KANYARWENGWE WANTED TO MEET WITH HIM. THUS IT APPEARS THIS MEETING IS OFF.

14. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, HABYARIMANA INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH KAGAME, BELIEVING THAT KAGAME IS THE REAL HOLDER OF POWER WITHIN THE RPF. COMMENT: THIS SEEMED LIKE AN INTERESTING PROPOSITION, BUT WE WERE REMINDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT HABYARIMANA HAS ALWAYS HELD THE VIEW THAT HE IS WILLING TO MEET WITH KAGAME, AND THIS IS THEREFORE A MEANINGLESS GESTURE. WE MAY WANT TO EXPLORE THIS A LITTLE FURTHER WITH BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS BOG DOWN AGAIN. END COMMENT.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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15. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD US OCTOBER 30 THAT THIS IS NOT THE REAL CAUSE OF THE BLOCKAGE, BUT RATHER A DIVERSION COVERING THE REAL PROBLEM WHICH IS THE DIVISION OF AUTHORITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. I AGREE. IF ONE COULD AGREE ON A FORMULA FOR POWER SHARING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, THE DIVISION OF SEATS WITHIN A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD WOULD BE QUITE SIMPLE. EVEN THE QUESTION OF ELECTION OR NON-ELECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY IS OFF THE POINT. IT WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS FOR ANY ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN A WAY THAT MIGHT EVEN RESEMBLE A FAIR FASHION. FIRST THE ELECTORAL LAW AND ITS COMPANION LAW CREATING AN ELECTIONS COMMISSION MUST BE PASSED. THEN THE WHOLE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR AN ELECTION MUST BE CREATED WITH TRAINING PROVIDED FOR THE ADMINISTRATORS AND WITH FOREIGN OBSERVERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. THUS, IF IT IS GOING TO TAKE SIX MONTHS OR MORE TO ORGANIZE AN ELECTION, THERE IS A NEED FOR AN INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD.

16. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY OF DOING THIS WOULD BE TO ACCEPT THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CND AS THE CORE UNIT OF THE NEW ASSEMBLY AND PERMIT THE RPF AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS BODY. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SOMETHING IN IT FOR THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CND, WHO ARE UNLIKELY TO BE WILLING TO VOTE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY OUT OF EXISTENCE TO BE REPLACED BY A COMPLETELY APPOINTED ASSEMBLY. THIS IS ONE OF THE IDEAS FLOATING IN

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KIGALI. I THINK A BALANCED ASSEMBLY WOULD BE FORMED BY APPOINTING 30 MORE MEMBERS TO THE 70 MEMBER CND. PL LEADER MUGENZI THINKS IT WOULD REQUIRE AN ASSEMBLY OF 250 MEMBERS TO BE FAIR, AND THE GOR CAN'T AFFORD 250 DEPUTIES. MUCH OBVIOUSLY AWAITS FURTHER INTERNAL NEGOTIATION.

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17. RUHIGIRA HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE INTERIM GROUP,
IF APPOINTED, NEED NOT CONSIDER ITSELF TO BE A

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BUT SOME OTHER FORM OF
CONSULTATIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BODY. THERE IS SOME
VIRTUE IN DEALING WITH THE ASSEMBLY ISSUE IN THIS
MORE MODEST FORM.

CABINET COMPOSITION

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18. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT THE MRND IS MOST UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT A PARTITION OF THE SEATS IN A WAY WHICH LEAVES THEM AS A PERMANENT MINORITY, SUBJECT TO BEING OVERRIDDEN ON ALL ISSUES BY A COALITION OF ITS OPPONENTS. THE FORMULA ADOPTED IN ARUSHA WOULD SEEM TO BE JUST THAT. BY STRUCTURING THE CABINET INTO THREE TIERS AND PERMITTING NO SINGLE PARTY TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE SEAT IN THE SECURITY TIER, AND TWO SEATS EACH IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TIERS, THE PROGRAM WOULD LIMIT THE MRND TO FIVE SEATS, ONLY 25 PERCENT OF THE 20 MEMBER CABINET. THE MRND WILL SEEK TO FIND TWO MORE MEMBERS CAPABLE OF GIVING THEM A BLOCKING THIRD WITHIN THE CABINET. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE CDR MUST BE ONE OF THOSE MEMBERS.

19. THE MDR, PL AND PSD ARE EQUALLY DETERMINED TO EXCLUDE THE CDR FROM THE NEXT TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO KEEP THE CDR OUT THAN THEY ARE TO FORCE THE MRND INTO A PERMANENT MINORITY STATUS. THUS, AS FORESEEN IN THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ADMIT MEMBERS OF OTHER FACTIONS POSSIBLY ALLIED WITH THE MRND TO CREATE THE DESIRED EQUILIBRIUM.

20. ON THE OTHER HAND RUHIGIRA TELLS ME THAT SINCE THE THREE-TIER APPROACH TO THE CABINET, AND THE LIMITATIONS OF SEATS PER PARTY TO EACH OF THE TIERS WERE PROPOSALS BY FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA, THEY ARE NOT MAKE OR BREAK ISSUES FOR THE RPF IN THE PEACE TALKS. HE SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT SOME MODIFICATION OF

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THESE PROPOSALS IS FEASIBLE BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND OF THE ARUSHA TALKS.

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21. TWAGIRAMUNGU USES THE ANGOLA AND CAMEROON EXAMPLES AS ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT YOU CANNOT PERMIT ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE WHILE THE RULING PARTY REMAINS IN CONTROL OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS POINT HABYARIMANA ALSO STATES THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE AN ELECTION SUCH AS TOOK PLACE IN CAMEROON. THE FOUR PARTIES ARE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HOLD AN ELECTION, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF INSTITUTIONS OR COMMISSIONS ARE CREATED, AS LONG AS THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION REMAINS SOLIDLY IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY. THEY HAVE NO CONFIDENCE WHATSOEVER IN AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OR IN THE ABILITIES OF RWANDANS TO RUN OR TRUST SUCH A COMMISSION AS LONG AS THE CURRENT PREFETS AND BOURGEMESTRES ARE IN PLACE. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME LAST WEEK THAT HIS FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PUSH FORWARD FOR THE CLEANSING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND IT APPEARS THAT UNTIL SOME PROGRESS IS MADE ON THIS SUBJECT, NEITHER HE NOR HIS COALITION PARTNERS WILL PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF THE ELECTIONS LAW WITHIN THE CABINET. THUS THE SIX MONTHS UNTIL ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD IS SIX MONTHS FROM THE DAY THAT THE CABINET AGREES TO TAKE UP THE LAW. THAT MAY BE A LONG TIME.

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INTERNAL SECURITY

22. IN THE MIDST OF THE IMPASSE IN ARUSHA, THE CABINET PASSED A DECREE RE-INTEGRATING 14 OFFICERS INTO THE RWANDAN ARMY WHO HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF MALFEASANCE OR TREASON DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR, OR OTHERWISE ACCUSED OF CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS. THIS DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 21. IT CREATED AN IMMEDIATE NEAR MUTINY WITHIN THE RANKS OF CERTAIN MILITARY UNITS, AND SERIOUS

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QUESTIONS FROM OTHER UNITS. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME ABOUT THE MUTINY ON OCTOBER 23, DESCRIBING IT AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, BUT NOTHING MORE THAN THAT. WHEN HE CALLED ME IN ON THE 27TH, HE TOLD ME THAT THE MUTINEERS HAD BEEN HEADING TOWARD HIS HOUSE TO ATTACK HIM DIRECTLY FOR THE OUTRAGE OF REINSTATING OFFICERS WHO HAD BETRAYED THEIR COUNTRY. THE DEFENSE MINISTER

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TOLD ME THE NEXT DAY THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN THREATENED PERSONALLY BY THE MUTINOUS OFFICERS. BOTH THE PRIME

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MINISTER AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD BEEN PERSONALLY THREATENED.

23. BUT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SO-CALLED MUTINY BY THE SCR (INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE ORGAN) TURNED UP NO EVIDENCE THAT EITHER OF THE MINISTERS HAD BEEN PERSONALLY THREATENED OR THAT ANY OF THE OFFICERS CONCERNED HAD EVEN CONSIDERED SUCH A MEANS OF SEEKING REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES.

24. THE PL AND THE MDR HAVE CLAIMED THAT IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS FIVE OF THEIR LOCAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY INTERAHAMWE OR CDR GANGS. TWO OF THE CASES SEEM EXTREMELY WEAK TO OUTSIDE VIEWERS, AND THE STRONG CASE OF THE MURDER OF A PL COMMUNE LEADER JUST EAST OF HERE WAS CLEARLY A PERSONAL AFFAIR BETWEEN THIS MAN AND ONE OF HIS PERSONAL ENEMIES, ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

25. ALTHOUGH MANY RWANDANS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE DEATH SQUADS OPERATING OUT OF THE PRESIDENCY, THE EVIDENCE IS HARD TO COME BY. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF EVIDENCE IS PRODUCED IN THE UPCOMING LIBEL TRIAL IN BRUSSELS BROUGHT BY THOSE ACCUSED OF RUNNING THE DEATH SQUADS AGAINST THE BELGIAN SENATOR AND LAWYERS SKEERZ AND RENTGENS.

26. IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUING INSECURITY WITHIN THE COUNTRY REMAINS A STRONG PART OF THE OPPOSITION

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PARTIES' REJECTION OF ELECTIONS AT A EARLY DATE, AND SERIOUSLY UNDERCUTS THE ABILITY OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO SATISFY THE RPF OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND HONORABLE INTENTIONS.

COMMENT

27. THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ITSELF THREE WEEKS TO RESOLVE THIS COMPLEX OF ISSUES. THEY HAVE AT LAST AGREED TO TALK WITH EACH OTHER, AND HOPEFULLY HAVE FOUND A FORUM IN WHICH PRODUCTIVE TALKS CAN TAKE PLACE. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD FINDING A VIABLE POWER SHARING FORMULA BEFORE REASSEMBLING IN ARUSHA NOVEMBER 23. EVEN IF THEY DO,

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A LOT OF VERY DELICATE LOOSE ENDS WILL REMAIN TO BE PICKED UP, AND A COMPLICATED MANY-SIDED NEGOTIATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SOME TIME TO COME. AT THEIR REQUEST, I SPENT TWO HOURS WITH RUHIGIRA SATURDAY, AND WILL PASS THE AFTERNOON MONDAY WITH THE LEADERS OF THE FOUR PARTIES. END COMMENT.
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