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SUBJECT: A/S MOOSE'S CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND HIS FRENCH AND BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS DISCUSSED ZAIRE, RWANDA AND BURUNDI JANUARY 16 IN PARIS.

3. ON ZAIRE, THEY REVIEWED THE KENGO GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESS ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM, OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS OF MOBUTU'S ENTOURAGE, THE CONTINUING ROLE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN THE TRANSITION, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR ELECTIONS IN 1995. A/S MOOSE SUGGESTED THE THREE SHOULD ESTABLISH TRILATERAL CRITERIA FOR WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE ADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS.

4. ON RWANDA, ALL SIDES AGREED THAT THE ANIMOSITY OF THE RWANDAN DELEGATION AT THE RECENT REFUGEE MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA SHOULD BE PRESSED ON THE NEED FOR

A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, AS WELL AS THE MORE BASIC AGENDA OF CREATING CONDITIONS LIKELY TO ENSURE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, JUSTICE FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN GENOCIDE, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

END SUMMARY.

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS GEORGE MOOSE, FRENCH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA JEAN-MARC ROCHEREAU DE LA SABL'ERE, AND BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRANS VAN DAELE LED THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS AT A TRILATERAL MEETING ON ZAIRE IN PARIS JANUARY 16, A MEETING THAT ALSO EXPANDED INTO DISCUSSION OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

ZAIRE: A POLITICAL OBSTACLE COURSE

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9. MOOSE NOTED THAT MOBUTU'S ROLE IN ALL OF THIS CONTINUED TO BE A CONCERN. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. HAD

LEARNED FROM A PRIVATE SOURCE THAT THE ZAIRIAN LEADER WAS BEGINNING TO BACK AWAY FROM HIS OFT-STATED PUBLIC DEMAND FOR EARLY AND INEVITABLY FLAMED ELECTIONS, MOBUTU'S ENTOURAGE CONTINUED TO STAY TIGHTLY FOR KENGO.

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A TROIKA DEMARCHE? NOT YET

11. A/S MOOSE SAID THE U.S. SHARED A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF KENGO'S PROGRESS. THE U.S. HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY KENGO'S ATTEMPTS TO "DO WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO." HOWEVER, WE REMAINED CONCERNED THAT KENGO WOULD PRESS TOO HARD AND FORCE MOBUTU TO REACT. A/S MOOSE SAID THE U.S. WAS NOT CONVINCED MOBUTU FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE STAKES, AND ADDED THAT THE U.S. HAD PROPOSED A TROIKA DEMARCHE ON THE PRESIDENCY TO "REINFORCE AND REAFFIRM OUR JOINT POLICY."

ELECTIONS:

14 A/S MOOSE NOTED THAT THE U.S. STILL WANTED TO SEE ELECTIONS IN ZAIRE, PROVIDED THEY TOOK PLACE UNDER PROPER CONDITIONS. AT PRESENT IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR KENGO TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF ELECTIONS, AND THERE IS STILL NO ELECTORAL COMMISSION IN PLACE.

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23 A/S MOOSE OBSERVED THAT UNSYG BOUTROS-GHALI HAS
PUSHED THE PROBLEM OF CAMP SECURITY BACK TO THE UNHCR

AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE OVER
THE LAST SIX MONTHS. HE NOTED THAT THE CLEARING OF
RWANDA'S WORLD BANK ARREARS OPENED THE ROAD TO GREATER
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN RWANDA.

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28. A/S MOOSE DEPARTED PARIS BEFORE THIS CABLE WAS
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