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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RAWSON'S MEETINGS WITH RPF
OFFICIALS AND RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA JUNE 20

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SUMMARY

2. AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON RELAYED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH INITIATIVE IN RWANDA TO PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU AND TWO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE RPF OFFICIALS EXPRESSED [REDACTED] AND REPEATED THE RPF PARTY LINE THAT THE MASSACRES MUST STOP BEFORE A CEASEFIRE CAN OCCUR. BIZIMUNGU DESCRIBED THE OAU CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT FOR RWANDA AS A PUBLICITY PLOY BY MOBUTU, WHICH THE RPF HAD NEITHER NEGOTIATED NOR SIGNED.

3. AMB. RAWSON ALSO MET WITH RWANDAN AMBASSADOR KANYARUSHOKI ON JUNE 20. KANYARUSHOKI DESCRIBED THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AS "EXTREMISTS" AND MAINTAINED THAT RWANDAN MODERATES, A GROUP TO WHICH HE APPEARS TO RELATE, ARE LARGELY IN HIDING. END SUMMARY.

RPF OPPOSES FRENCH TROOPS

4. ON JUNE 20, AMBASSADOR RAWSON AND HIS DELEGATION MET WITH RPF COMMISSIONER PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU, AND AUGUSTIN MUKAMA AND J. BOSCO BUTERA OF THE RPF'S HUMANITARIAN BRANCH. U.S. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED COL. BERAUD (OSD), P/M ADVISOR FISHER (AF/RA),

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5. AMB. RAWSON EXPLAINED THE MISSION OF THE DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. OBJECTIVES IN RWANDA: AN END TO THE KILLINGS; A CEASEFIRE; AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS; MORE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR; AND FACILITATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. BIZIMUNGU RESPONDED WITH THE RPF'S VIEW OF EVENTS AND THE FRONT'S INSISTANCE THAT A CEASEFIRE IS DEPENDENT ON AN END TO THE KILLINGS. THE RADIO STATIONS (LILLE COLLINES AND RADIO RWANDA) THAT ARE INCITING THE POPULATION TO VIOLENCE MUST ALSO BE STOPPED, HE STRESSED. BIZIMUNGU REPEATED THE RPF'S BELIEF THAT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS SHOULD BE THE BASIS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN RWANDA, BUT SAID THERE CAN BE NO RECONCILIATION OR NATIONAL UNITY WITHOUT BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRES. THE RPF IS APPEALING TO RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM, WHICH IS BEYOND RWANDA'S CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH, HE SAID.

6. AMB. RAWSON READ THE POINTS IN REFTEL OUTLINING U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH INITIATIVE TO SEND TROOPS TO BRIDGE THE GAP UNTIL THE UNAMIR EXPANSION CAN TAKE PLACE, UNDER U.N. AUSPICES AND WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF UNAMIR. BIZIMUNGU REPLIED THAT IF THE FRENCH FORCE ABIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES AMB. RAWSON HAD OUTLINED, THE RPF WOULD WELCOME IT.

AND WOULD BE MORE "COMFORTABLE" WITH A NEUTRAL COUNTRY SENDING TROOPS TO RWANDA.

7. AMB. RAWSON SAID HE WOULD RELAY TO WASHINGTON THE RPF'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. HE URGED BIZIMUNGU TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR MALRAUD, FRANCE'S AMBASSADOR TO KIGALI, WHO WAS DUE IN KAMPALA LATER ON JUNE 20 TO DISCUSS FRENCH PLANS WITH THE RPF.

MOBUTU'S "CEASEFIRE" AT THE OAU

8. TO AMB. RAWSON'S INQUIRY ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THE CEASEFIRE SIGNED AT THE OAU, BIZIMUNGU REPLIED THAT MOBUTU WANTED TO SHOW THE WORLD THE "SUCCESS" OF HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS. MOBUTU HAD CALLED A MEETING ON THE RWANDAN CEASEFIRE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF KENYA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA; THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION FROM BURUNDI; AND THE OAU DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, ALL OF WHOM WERE PRESENT. THE RPF

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NEVER SAW "THE OTHER SIDE" AND SIGNED NOTHING NEW IN
TUNIS. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT THE RPF HAD SIGNED AN
AGREEMENT IN GBADOLITE ON MAY 5; IN TUNIS, THEY
REAFFIRMED THAT COMMITMENT. THE OAU "CEASEFIRE" WAS
NOT/NOT A NEW AGREEMENT, BIZIMUNGU SAID, BUT A
PUBLICITY PLOY BY MOBUTU.

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ARUSHA WILL HAVE TO GUIDE ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT IN
RWANDA, WHICH MUST INCLUDE SOME SORT OF POWER-SHARING.

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14. COMMENT. |

RWANDAN AMBASSADOR - AN ENVOY WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT

9. EARLIER ON JUNE 20, AMB. RAWSON CALLED ON RWANDAN
AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA CLAVER KANYARUSHOKI. CHARGE
SHIPPY AND POLOFF BEIK (NOTETAKER) SAT IN ON THE
MEETING. AMB. RAWSON REVIEWED U.S. POLICY TOWARD
RWANDA, EMPHASIZING OUR QUEST FOR PEACE AND STABILITY
THROUGH A CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO THE KILLINGS, ALONG

END COMMENT.

WITH SUPPORT FOR UNAMIR, THE HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS
CALLING FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE VIOLENCE, AND URGENT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS.

15. THIS CABLE WAS DRAFTED AFTER AMB. RAWSON'S
DEPARTURE FROM POST.

16. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHIPPY

10. KANYARUSHOKI DESCRIBED THE RPF AS AIMING FOR A
MILITARY VICTORY, BUT SAID SUCH A VICTORY WOULD BE AN
"ILLUSION." THE RPF WANTED A PROGRAM LIKE THE NRM
(NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT) OF UGANDA, WHERE THE
ARMY WOULD FORM THE BACKBONE OF A TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT WITH "UNTOLD TIME" TO RULE.

11. ON THE OTHER SIDE, KANYARUSHOKI SAID, THE
"EXTREMISTS" OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE
EQUALLY HARD TO CONVINCE TO COMPROMISE. KANYARUSHOKI
ADMITTED THAT HE HAD HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH THE
GOVERNMENT SINCE APRIL, SAYING THAT THEY HAVE
SATELLITE TELEPHONES BUT THEY CHOOSE WHOM THEY WISH
TO CALL AND TURN THEM OFF TO THOSE CALLING THEM.
KANYARUSHOKI SAID GITARAMA IS NOW IN RPF HANDS, AND
THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE IN GISENYI,
ALTHOUGH MANY ARE TRAVELING ABROAD.

12. AMB. RAWSON ASKED WHERE THE MIDDLE GROUND LAY.
KANYARUSHOKI REPLIED THAT THERE ARE MANY MODERATES
"IN THE CAMPS" WHO ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
HE CITED SEVERAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIGURES WHO,
HE FELT, WERE MORE MODERATE THAN THE "EXTREMISTS"
INCITING THE MILITIAS TO KILL. KANYARUSHOKI SAID THE
INTERIM GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTROL THE MILITIAS, BUT
THE ARMY COULD. THE RPF WANTS THE MILITIAS TO STOP
THE KILLINGS BEFORE A CEASEFIRE, BUT THE ARMY WILL

NOT FIGHT AN "ALLY" (THE MILITIAS) AT THE SAME TIME
AS THEY CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE RPF. THE MILITIAS ARE
ORGANIZING BEHIND RPF LINES, KANYARUSHOKI NOTED; THE
RPF CANNOT CONTROL THE AMOUNT OF TERRITORY IT NOW
HOLDS. WITHOUT A SERIOUS CEASEFIRE, KANYARUSHOKI
MAINTAINED, NOTHING ELSE CAN BE ACHIEVED.

13. KANYARUSHOKI, WHO HELPED FORCE THE ARUSHA
AGREEMENT LAST YEAR, SAID THAT ARUSHA REPRESENTS THE
BEST POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT FOR A FUTURE RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT. "EVERY SENTENCE WAS A COMPROMISE," HE

SAID. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GO BACK TO THAT
AGREEMENT, MORE DIFFICULT TO MOVE AWAY FROM IT TO
ANYTHING ELSE, IN HIS VIEW. KANYARUSHOKI FELT THAT
THE ARUSHA STRUCTURE COULD BE RECONSTITUTED.
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE DEEP DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE
PARTIES, "THE PARTIES ARE STILL THERE," HE SAID.
AMB. RAWSON AGREED THAT THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF

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