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WITHDRAW TO THEIR PREVIOUS CEASEFIRE POSITIONS. THEY ALSO CLAIM THAT THE FAR IS ATTEMPTING TO OCCUPY POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY LOST. CONVERSELY, A MEMBER OF THE GOR DELEGATION COMPLAINED TO THE GERMANS THAT THE RPF IS FIRING ARTILLERY AT UNSPECIFIED FAR POSITIONS.

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THE FIRST ITEM DISCUSSED BY THE TWO PARTIES ON MARCH 17 WAS WHETHER THE GENDARMERIE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS, I.E., INTEGRATED, DISBANDED, OR

LEFT ALONE. IN THE END, THE GOR AGREED TO INCLUDE THE GENDARMES ON THE AGENDA. ON MARCH 18, THE TWO PARTIES BEGAN DISCUSSING THE MISSION AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES (INCLUDING THE GENDARMERIE), INCLUDING WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL PARTIES. IT APPEARS THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW THE MILITARY TO VOTE AND JOIN POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT NOT ENTER INTO PARTISAN ACTIVITY WHILE IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, I.E., ON MILITARY BASES OR WHEN IN UNIFORM.

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SUBJECT: ARUSHA UPDATE: 03/18/93

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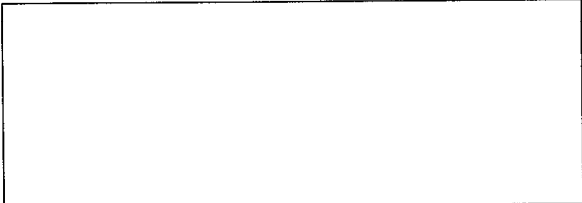
2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS WAS PROVIDED BY LTC HARLEY TO AF/C LATE MARCH 18.

3. THE PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MARCH 18 WAS CANCELED AT THE REQUEST OF THE TWO PARTIES BECAUSE THEY ARE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS AND WOULD RATHER CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER THAN LOSE MOMENTUM. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE PLENARY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME MARCH 19. THE OBSERVERS HAVE ASKED FOR A MORNING SESSION IN ORDER TO REPORT TO THEIR CAPITALS BEFORE THE WEEKEND.

4. THE OAU DELEGATION HAS NOT YET ARRIVED IN ARUSHA, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF A MEETING BETWEEN A RWANDAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION AND THE SYG ON MARCH 19. PRESIDENT NBYARITHANA SENT THE DELEGATION TO ADDIS ABABA TO CLARIFY THE GOR POSITION ON OAU AND UN PARTICIPATION IN OBSERVING THE CEASEFIRE. THE OAU DELEGATION IS NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ARUSHA ON SATURDAY VIA THE ETHIOPIAN AIR FLIGHT.



5. THE RPF DELEGATION IN ARUSHA HAS COMPLAINED TO SEVERAL OBSERVERS AND THE FACILITATOR THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCIDENTS OF THE FAR TRYING TO AMBUSH RPF TROOPS AS THEY



10. COMMENT. THE TALKS APPEAR TO BE GOING WELL. THE PARTIES.

[REDACTED] BELIEVE THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS, THAT EVERYONE IS NEGOTIATING SERIOUSLY, AND THAT THEY WILL COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSION OF THE MILITARY AGENDA IN THE 10 DAYS ALLOTTED. THE MANDATE FOR THE CURRENT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT LED BY PRIME MINISTER NSENGIYAREMYE WILL EXPIRE APRIL 16, SO THE PARTIES SEE THEMSELVES AS "UNDER THE GUN"; THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES MAY WELL STICK TO THE TIGHT TIMETABLE THEY HAVE SET FOR THEMSELVES. IF IT DOES SLIP, IT'S NOT EXPECTED TO

SLIP VERY MUCH. EVERYONE AGREES THAT A PEACE ACCORD WILL HAVE TO BE SIGNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON APRIL 16, E.G. WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL NAME A NEW PRIME MINISTER TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT, AND NO ONE WANTS TO FIND OUT UNTIL AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONCLUDED. THIS IS ADDING AN ADDITIONAL, AND PERHAPS ESSENTIAL, SENSE OF URGENCY.
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