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PAUSE UNTIL AT LEAST FEBRUARY 10 OR 11. THE TANZANIANS ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY HOSTING A MEETING OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE WHICH IS DEALING WITH OAU POLICY FOR ALL OF AFRICA, AND TANZANIAN FACILITATOR MPUNGWE HAS RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR CONSULTATIONS. BENTLEY AND MOST OF THE EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS ARE ALSO RETURNING TO DAR FOR A FEW DAYS.

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SUBJECT: ARUSHA PAUSE

J. COMMENT: A PAUSE IN ARUSHA IS PROBABLY NECESSARY NOW, BUT A LENGTHY FORMAL HALT COULD BE DANGEROUS. INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE IS MOUNTING ON THE PRESIDENT--WE ARE CONSIDERING ISSUING A STATEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS--TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTIONS AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH INSTIGATING AND LEADING THE RECENT VIOLENCE. LACK OF ACTION IN THE NEXT WEEK OR A RESURGENCE OF VIOLENCE COULD LEAD TO RPF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE AFFECTED AREAS. AN END TO THE CEASEFIRE WOULD LIKELY PRODUCE WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE. UNLIKE OCTOBER 1999 WHEN

HABYARIMANA AND HIS RULING HRND PARTY COULD MARSHAL PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST AN EXTERNAL TUTSI (AND UGANDAN) INVASION, THERE IS A NOW A SUBSTANTIAL SECTOR OF THE POPULATION THAT FEARS BOTH GROUPS.
CHRISTOPHER

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR FLATEN IN KIGALI LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THE GOR IS TAKING STEPS TO DEAL WITH RPF DEMANDS FOR SECURITY AND TO CREATE A MANDATE FOR THE RWANDAN DELEGATION FOR ARUSHA--BUT SLOWLY. FOLLOWING A ONE-DAY VISIT BY HABYARIMANA TO THE NORTHWEST FEBRUARY 4, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED TO FORK A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE WHICH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO FIRE FOR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE RECENT VIOLENCE AND WHICH TO COMEND FOR TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION. THE REPORT IS TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE WEEK. KIGALI INDICATES THAT AT LEAST 100 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR "HAVING CAUSED THE TROUBLE," BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHO THEY ARE.

3. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET FOR LONG SESSIONS FEBRUARY 3-5 AND HAS APPARENTLY AGREED ON A MANDATE FOR ARUSHA. THE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFED THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS FEBRUARY 6 AND WILL ADDRESS THE NATION FEBRUARY 7. HE WILL REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCE SUSPENSION OF SIX OFFICIALS IMPLICATED IN THE RECENT VIOLENCE: 1 PREFET, 1 SOUS-PREFET, AND 4 BOURGHESTRES.

4. DAR ES SALAAM POLOFF BENTLEY REPORTED FROM ARUSHA LATE SATURDAY THAT RWANDAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE GASAMA HAD BRIEFED THE RPF AND REMAINING OBSERVERS IN ARUSHA ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 6 CONCERNING THE PROGRESS IN KIGALI. THE RPF HAS CALLED THE FIRING OF THE SIX OFFICIALS A "POSITIVE FIRST STEP," BUT INSISTS THAT MORE ACTIONS ARE NEEDED. UNLESS THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS IN HIS NATIONAL ADDRESS, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE

LITTLE MOVEMENT IN THE ARUSHA TALKS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

5. THE TANZANIANS DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR THREAT TO SUSPEND THE ARUSHA TALKS, BUT THERE IS AN INFORMAL

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