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TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PGOV, RW
SUBJECT: ACTING SECRETARY CONVOKES RWANDAN AMBASSADOR

1. SUMMARY/ACTION REQUEST. THE RWANDAN INTERIM
GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE ACTING SECRETARY'S MAY 17 PROPOSAL
THAT EVACUATION BY UNAMIR BE ARRANGED WITHIN 72 HOURS FOR

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ALL PERSONS TRAPPED IN PLACES OF REFUGE IN GOR-CONTROLLED ZONES OF RWANDA. ACTION REQUESTS FOR USUN, KAMPALA AND PARIS IN PARAS. 6, 7, AND 8. END SUMMARY/ACTION REQUEST.

2. ACTING SECRETARY TALBOTT CONVOKED RWANDAN AMBASSADOR ALOYS UWIMANA MAY 17 TO EXPRESS USG'S EXTREME CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF SOME 30,000 PEOPLE TRAPPED IN VARIOUS PLACES OF REFUGE (INCLUDING HOTELS, CHURCHES, AND STADIUMS) BEHIND GOR LINES. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GEORGE MOOSE (AF), JOHN SHATTUCK (HA) AND DAS GEORGE WARD (IO) ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING, AS DID U.S. AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA DAVID RAWSON. THE ACTING SECRETARY TOLD AMB. UWIMANA IN STRONG, DIRECT TERMS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER PLACE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE ON THE GOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN TO EVACUATE, WITH UNAMIR PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE, ALL PERSONS TRAPPED IN PLACES OF REFUGE IN GOR-CONTROLLED TERRITORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY TOLD AMB. WIMANA THAT IF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS IMMEDIATE EVACUATIONS OF
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TRAPPED CIVILIANS, HE WOULD ASK USUN TO WORK WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND UNAMIR TO COORDINATE THE LOGISTICS OF THE EVACUATIONS. HE ALSO PLEDGED US ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING THE COOPERATION OF THE RPF TO PERMIT THE EVACUATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT. THE ACTING SECRETARY REMINDED AMB. UWIMANA THAT IF THE GOR DID NOT COOPERATE WITH IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF THOSE TRAPPED, RWANDA WOULD FACE FURTHER AND STRONGER INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION IN THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON RWANDA. AMB. UWIMANA AGREED TO PASS ON THE PROPOSAL TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

4. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY, AMB. UWIMANA MET SEPARATELY WITH AF A/S GEORGE MOOSE. IN THAT MEETING AMB. UWIMANA PROTESTED THE S REFUSAL TO MEET WITH INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER BICAMUMPAKA AND COMPLAINED THAT THE US FAVORED THE RPF AND WAS PREJUDICED AGAINST THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, CITING RECENT US VISA RESTRICTIONS ON GOR OFFICIALS. A/S MOOSE REITERATED TO AMB. UWIMANA THAT THE U.S. HAD CALLED UPON BOTH SIDES IN RWANDA TO END THE KILLINGS AND CEASE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. A/S MOOSE EMPHASIZED THAT THE DIRECTION OF FURTHER USG ENGAGEMENT ON RWANDA DEPENDED ON THE GOR'S

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RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT ALL TRAPPED CIVILIANS BE IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED.

5. AN HOUR AFTER HE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT, AMB. UWIMANA TELEPHONED A/S MOOSE TO SAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO INTERIM GOVERNMENT PRIME MINISTER JEAN KAMBANDA, WHO CONFIRMED THE GOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE EVACUATION PROPOSAL. AMB. UWIMANA

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REPORTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED VISITING FRENCH ENVOY BERNARD KOUCHNER THAT THE GOR ACCEPTED THE NEED FOR EVACUATION OF TRAPPED PERSONS. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT EVACUATION OF THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL WAS TO HAVE BEGUN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 17, BUT SAID HE HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH KIGALI FROM HIS LOCATION IN GITARAMA TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS TRUE.

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

6. FOR USUN: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL US OFFICIAL) MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH SYG BOUTROS GHALI (OR APPROPRIATE SYG OFFICER) TO APPRISE HIM OF THE ACTING SECRETARY'S MEETING AND THE GOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL TO IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE TRAPPED CIVILIANS. THE SYG SHOULD BE ASKED TO CONSULT WITH UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER DALLAIRE TO DETERMINE HIS VIEWS AS TO THE BEST METHOD OF CARRYING OUT THE EVACUATIONS.

7. FOR KAMPALA. A/S MOOSE WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH RPF COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME BY TELEPHONE MAY 18 TO REQUEST FULL RPF COOPERATION WITH THE PLANNED EVACUATIONS OF THE PLACES OF REFUGE. KAMPALA SHOULD ALSO CONVOKE RPF POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS TO INFORM THEM OF THE PLANNED EVACUATIONS AND TO DEMAND RPF COLLABORATION. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT OF RESULTS OF DEMARCHES TO RPF.

8. FOR PARIS. POST SHOULD BRIEF GOF OFFICIALS AT
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APPROPRIATE LEVELS ON GOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACTING
SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF TRAPPED
CIVILIANS, AND SHOULD ASK THAT EFFORTS BY GOF FORMER
MINISTER OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS BERNARD KOUCHNER BE
COORDINATED WITH OUR EFFORTS THROUGH UNAMIR.

9. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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