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ARUSHA TALKS AND HEARING WITH UGANDAN PRESIDENT

KAMPALA, 4 MAY 1994

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- 1. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED TWO CABLES ON THE ABOVE.
- 2. MANY THANKS FOR TRANSMITTING AND REGARDS.

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ARUSHA PEACE TALKS

ARUSHA, 4 MAY 1994

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THE FACILITATOR, I LEFT KIGALI ON 2 MAY EN ROUTE TO ARUHSA VIA NAIROBI TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED ON 3 MAY BETWEEN THE RWANDESE WARRYING PARTIES. ACCOMPAGNYING ME WERE THE DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER, THE SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER AND THE SPOKESMAN.

- 2. BEFORE I LEFT KIGALI AND WHEN I WAS IN ARUSHA, THERE WAS TOTAL CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) WOULD ATTEND THE PLANNED CEASEFIRE TALKS. THE RPF RADIO STATION HAD DENIED ON 1 MAY ANY RPF PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT CEASEFIRE TALKS WITH THE INTERIM GOUVERNMENT OF RWANDA. THE RPF ALSO SAID THAT THE INTERIM GOVERMENT OF GITARAMA IS ILLEGAL AND THAT IT MIGHT ACCEPT TO ENTER IN NEGOTIATIONS ONLY WITH THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT FORCES (RGF). FURTHERMORE, THE RPF RADIO SEVERELY ATTACKED TANZANIA WHICH IT ACCUSES OF NO LONGER BEING AN IMPARTIAL BROKER IN THE RWANDESE CONFLICT. IT ALSO ACCUSED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR NOT HAVING INTERVENED TO STOP THE MASSACRES. THE RPF SAID THAT BY INSISTING NOW FOR A CEASEFIRE, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS IN FACT SIDING WITH THE RGF WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE RPF, STARTED THE WAR AND WHICH ARE NOW ON THE LOOSING END OF IT.
- 3. HOWEVER, A RPF DELEGATION LED BY RPF PRESIDENT, COLONEL ALEXIS KANYARENGWE ARRIVED IN ARUSHA ON 3 MAY. THERE WAS ALSO A DELAGATION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA, COMPOSED OF THREE MINISTERS AND TWO RGF HIGH COMMAND OFFICERS AND LED BY TRANSPORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER (THE SAME WHO HAD MET WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN NEW YORK AS A SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF RWANDA).
- 4. THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OBSERVER CONTRIES TO THE ARUSHA PEACE PROCESS WERE ALSO PRESENT IN ARUHSA.

- 5. IT APPEARED THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE A NON-STARTER AS THE RPF CLEARLY INDICATED THAT IT CAME TO ARUSHA ONLY TO DEFEND ITS CONDITIONS FOR POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE TALKS. THESE INCLUDE THE DISBANDING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, THE DISBANDING OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMET AND THE END OF THE MASSACRES.
- 6. THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO LET THE RGF CONDUCT THE TALKS ON ITS BEHALF AS IT ARGUED THAT THE RGF ARE UNDER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FURTHER STATED THAT ANY CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE RETURN OF THE RPF TO MULINDI INCLUDING ITS BATAILLON IN THE CND BUILDING IN KIGALI.
- 7. NO FORMAL MEETING TOOK PLACE AS SUCH, BUT INDIRECT INFORMAL TALKS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THE TANZANIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF THE FACILITATOR.

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- 10. THE DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER AND THE SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER HAVE REMAINED IN ARUSHA TO FOLLOW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THERE, WHILE I AM ON MY WAY TO KAMPALA TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI.
- 11. I WILL KEEP APPRISED YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
- 12. REGARDS

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