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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PREL, MASS, AORC, OAU, RW  
 SUBJECT: DEADLOCK CONTINUES OVER PRIME MINISTER;  
 - MRND SELECTS LEADERS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY: THE PL, PSD AND MDR REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE NEXT TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY FEARS THAT A PROLONGED DEADLOCK COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PLACE ACCORD BUT MOSTLY ESCHEWS TAKING SIDES. MEANTIME THE MRND HAS CHOSEN MODERATE MATHIEU NGIRUMPATSE AS PRESIDENT, BUT A HARDLINER AS NATIONAL SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.

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3. THE PARTIES OF THE CONCERTATION GROUP, PSD, PL AND MDR, MET FOR FOUR HOURS JUNE 30 TO TRY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. THE MEETING WAS INITIATED BY PL PRESIDENT MUGENZI WITH SUPPORT FROM PSD PRESIDENT NZAMURAMBAHO. PRIME MINISTER

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NSENGIYAREMYE HELD HIS GROUND. FAILING TO REACH AGRBEMENT, THE PARTIES SCHEDULED A FOLLOW-UP MEETING FOR FRIDAY, JULY 2, WHILE THE PARTIES WENT OFF TO CELBBRATE THE JULY 1 INDEPENDENCE DAY IN TYPICAL POLITICAL FASHION.

4.8 THAT NIGHT THS PRIME MINISTER USED HIS INDEPENDENCE ADDRESS TO DESRIE THOPESWHO OPPOSDK HIS CANDIDACY AS ENEMIES OF PEACE. HIS MILITANT SUPPORTERS HHEN USED A JULY 1 POLITICAL RALLY IN GIKONGORO TO LAUWCH VICIOUS ATTACKS ON THE LEADERS OF THE PSD, PL AND MDR FACTIONS WHICH OPPOSED THE PRIME MINISTER. AS A RESULT, THE CHEDULED MEETING JULY 2 COLLAPSED. THERE IS A MEETING TODAY OF THE THREE PARTIES WITH THE PRESIDENCY TO DISCUSS THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PARTIES TO REOPEN THE QUESTION THAT DIVIDES THEM SO BITTERLY.

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7. COMMENT: I HAVE REPEATED TO MUGENZI AND OTHERS  
 HERE MY WARNING THAT WESTERN CAPITALS WILL NOT  
 UNDERSTAND IF THIS DEADLOCK RESULTS IN A DEFERRAL OF  
 THE PEACE ACCORD. I HAVE URGED COMPROMISE, INCLUDING  
 THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH MECHANISMS AS THE INNER  
 CABINET WHICH WAS PROPOSED EARLIER AS A MEANS OF  
 FORCING THE PRIME MINISTER TO CONSULT WITH HIS  
 COLLEAGUES. MINISTER OF DEFENSE GASANA TOLD ME THAT  
 THE INNER CABINET IDEA HAD BEEN ACCEPTED IN THE PAST,  
 USED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS IN THE SPRING, THEN  
 DISAPPEARED AS THE PRIME MINISTER REFUSED TO USE THE  
 MECHANISM. MUGENZI HAS ADDED AN ACCUSATION OF

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CALLOUSNESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, WITH SEVERAL  
EXAMPLES, TO HIS LIST XF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SINS.  
THUS, COMPROMISE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY CLOSER THAN  
IT WAS A WEEK AGO. END COMMENT.

MRND MOVES FORWARD  
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B. UNTROUBLED BY THE STORM BREWING AROUND IT, THE  
MRND MET IN ITS CONGRESS JULY 3-4 AND, AS EXPECTED,  
ELECTED MATHIEU NGIRUMPATSE AS PARTY PRESIDENT, AND

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EDOUARD KARAMERA AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY THEY SELECTED JOSEPH NZIRORERA, FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND BEFORE THAT MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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9. THE PARTY FURTHER DEMONSTRATED ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMAMA BY DECLINING TO OFFER HIM AN EX OFFICIO SEAT IN THE POLITICAL BUREAU. THUS THE PARTY INCREASINGLY LOOKS LIKE A POLITICAL PARTY LIKE THE OTHERS AS IT CONTINUES ITS TRANSITION FROM ITS FORMER PARTY UNIQUE STATUS.

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10. THE ELECTIONS WERE A COMPROMISE: NGIRUMPATSE IS A LEADER OF THE MODERATE WING WITHIN THE PARTY AND THE MOST OUTGOING NEGOTIATOR FOR THE PARTY WITH OTHER PARTIES AND THE GOVERNMENT. KARAMERA WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES LAW AND THE MOVING FORCE BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S OPENING TOWARD MULTIPARTISM DURING 1991. NZIRORERA HAS A RATHER UNPLEASANT REPUTATION. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE BOTH A CORRUPT AND EXTREMELY HARDLINE HUTU FROM THE NORTH.

11. COMMENT: MRND STALWARTS BELIEVE THAT NGIRUMPATSE WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO RETAIN CONTROL OF THE PARTY AND TO CONTINUE TO MOVE IT IN A MODERATE DIRECTION. OTHERS ARE SKOPTUCAL, FEARING A TAKEOVER OF THE PARTY BY THE NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY. END COMMENT. FLATEN

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