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SUBJECT: GOMN: NEUTRAL CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I SPOKE WITH GOMN COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL OPALEYE THIS MORNING ABOUT LAST WEEK'S MEETING BETWEEN THE GOMN, THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA (GOR) AND THE RPF. OPALEYE SAID IT WAS HIS PROPOSAL THAT EACH SIDE WITHDRAW ONE AND A HALF KILOMETRES FROM WHERE THEY ARE. THE GOR ACCEPTED THE PROPOSITION BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SUCH A MOVE MIGHT DISPLACE ADDITIONAL CIVILIANS. IT ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LEAVING CERTAIN KEY POSITIONS BECAUSE OF TERRAIN ADVATAGES.

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3. THE RPF SAID IT WAS NOT WILLING TO MOVE, USED THE EXCUSE THAT THEY HAD MOVED ONCE BEFORE, THEN STATED CLEARLY THAT IN CERTAIN PLACES A MOVE OF 1.5 KILOMETRES WOULD PUSH THEM BACK INTO UGANDA. THE GOMN TOLD THE RPF THAT THEIR PREVIOUS WITHDRAWALS HAD BEEN FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES AND HAD BEEN DONE BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WAS IMPLEMENTED. THEREFORE IT WAS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR NOT PULLING BACK NOW.

4. AT LONG LAST, THE GOMN WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE MAPS OF RWANDA TO THE RPF. OPALEYE HOPES THAT NOW BOTH SIDES ARE WORKING FROM THE SAME MAPS AND THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER AN AGREEMENT ON WHERE THE NEUTRAL CORRIDOR WILL BE AND WHERE THE FIXED POSITIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

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5. OPALEYE CLOSED THE MEETING LAST MONDAY BY ASKING THE TWO PARTIES TO RETURN TO THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS

TO GET A POLITICAL ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF MOVEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. HE SAID HIS BELIEF IS THAT THE TERRAIN PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED RATHER SIMPLY BY MOVING BACK AN AVERAGE OF 1.5 KILOMETRES BUT, PERHAPS, MAKING IT MORE IN SOME PLACES AND LESS IN OTHERS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE TERRAIN ADVANTAGES THAT NOW EXIST. HE HAS ASKED THE GOR TO COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE POSSIBLE NEED TO MOVE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FROM THE AFFECTED AREAS. HE BELIEVED THAT BOTH ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED BY COMPROMISE.

6. OPALEYE WAS UNWILLING TO COMMIT HIMSELF IN EVEN VAGUE TERMS ABOUT WHEN THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE. HE DOES BELIEVE THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE, AND THAT IT MUST SUCCEED, AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THOSE SUPPORTING THE CEASEFIRE TO HELP CONVINCE BOTH SIDES THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS A GOOD ONE. FLATEN

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