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2. WE MET WITH NATHALIE LOISEAU-DUCOULOMBIER, AFRICAN  
 AFFAIRS AIDE TO MINISTER JUPPE FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE  
 CRISIS IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI ON APRIL 8 FOLLOWING AN  
 EMERGENCY INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING EARLIER THAT  
 MORNING. LOISEAU-DUCOULOMBIER STRESSED THAT MANY OF  
 THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT THE MEETING ARE BASED ON  
 PARTIAL INFORMATION OR EVEN RUMORS THAT CAN NOT BE  
 CONFIRMED EASILY AT THIS TIME. THE DISCUSSION WITH  
 LOISEAU-DUCOULOMBIER WAS FOLLOWED BY TELEPHONE

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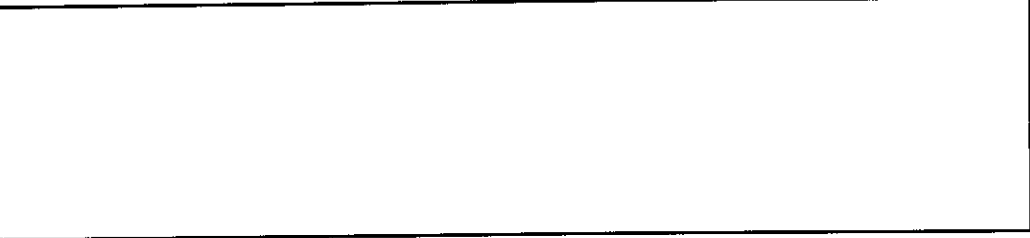
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CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DESK OFFICER FOR RWANDA AND THE  
IO OFFICER FOR AFRICA. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THE  
FOLLOWING:

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-- NEITHER FRENCH MILITARY ADVISORS NOR EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THE WRECK SITE NOR IS  
THERE ANY SOLID INFORMATION ON WHETHER IT WAS STUCK BY  
A MISSILE (THE OPERATING ASSUMPTION) OR OTHER MEANS.

-- ACCORDING TO FRENCH SOURCES, AFTER THE PLANE WAS  
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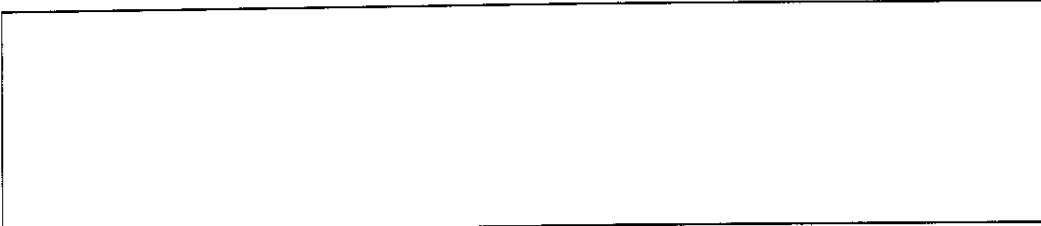
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HIT, IT SKIDDED OFF THE RUNWAY INTO A RESIDENCE WHERE  
THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY WAS STAYING; NONE OF THE FAMILY  
MEMBERS WERE INJURED.

-- THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH  
HABYARIMANA'S FAMILY. THEY ASKED FOR PROTECTION FROM  
FRANCE DUE TO A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN UN FORCES IN  
KIGALI. THERE IS NO ENTHUSIASM FOR SENDING GOF FORCES  
AGAIN TO RWANDA, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS A BELGIAN  
CONTINGENT PRESENT UNDER THE UN COMMAND. AT THIS TIME,  
THE FRENCH INTENTION IS TO SEND ITS OWN FORCES ONLY IF  
NECESSARY TO EVACUATE FRENCH NATIONALS.

-- THE ROAD BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND KIGALI IS OPEN BUT  
SUBJECT TO NUMEROUS ROADBLOCKS BY THE ARMY.

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-- DUCOLOUMBIER ALSO RECALLED THAT HABYARIMANA'S SUPPORTERS HAVE LONG DISTRUSTED OAU AND UN FORCES IN RWANDA, BELIEVING THAT THEY FAVOR THE RPF. THERE IS A STRONG SUSPICION ON THEIR PART THAT THE UN FORCES WERE COMPLICIT IN THE ATTACK.

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FRENCH NATIONALS

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-- THE GOF HAS ACTIVATED ITS RADIO NETWORK AND IS  
ADVISING ALL OF ITS 600 NATIONALS TO STAY AT HOME. NO  
EVACUATION ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN, ALTHOUGH DUCOULOMBIER  
STATED SHE PERSONALLY IS PRESSING HARD FOR SUCH A  
DECISION BEFORE THE SITUATION WORSENS.

-- THE 25 FRENCH MILITARY ADVISORS ASSIGNED TO RWANDA  
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COME TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IF  
THEY CAN DO SO SAFELY; SEVERAL ARE ALREADY PRESENT.

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-- FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM UNAMIR,  
THE GOF WOULD FAVOR A DECLARATION BY THE UNSC CALLING  
FOR ALL PARTIES TO ASSIST THE UN IN CARRYING OUT ITS  
MANDATE IN RWANDA.

-- THE POSSIBILITY OF USING UNAMIR FORCES FOR A  
POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS HAS NOT YET  
BEEN GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT, BUT THE INITIAL REACTION FROM  
THE IO BUREAU WAS THAT THE MANDATE ALREADY CONTAINS  
LANGUAGE ON ASSURING THE SECURITY IN KIGALI AND THUS

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COULD BE INTERPRETED BROADLY.

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-- THE POSSIBLE USE OF CHAPTER SEVEN AUTHORITY FOR UNAMIR FORCES HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE GOF; THEY WILL GET BACK TO US AFTER INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS.

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-- THE FRENCH UNDERSTAND THAT THE BELGIAN FORCES AT THE AIRPORT UNABLE TO LEAVE; THEY DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DISARMED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD. THE GOF ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT TWO GHANIAN UN SOLDIERS HAVE ALSO BEEN KILLED AND OTHER (NATIONALITY NOT IDENTIFIED) TAKEN PRISONER.

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