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1. WE SPOKE AGAIN WITH UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER DALLAIRE
THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE SITUATION IN KIGALI, THE ARUSHA
RECESS, DALLAIRE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNAMIR OBJECTIVES,
AND HIS RELATIONS WITH THE GOR.

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

2. THE UNAMIR C-L30 TOOK OFF THIS AFTERNOON WITH THREE HOLES IN THE BODY; BOTH SIDES VEHEMENTLY DENY SHOOTING AT THE PLANE OR FIRING THE MORTAR ROUND WHICH HIT THE AIRPORT JUST AFTER THE TAKEOFF. DALLAIRE NOW SUSPECTS A THIRD GROUP, TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL OF CHIEFS OF STAFF, POSSIBLY DIRECTED BY [REDACTED]

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DALLAIRE HAS MADE A STIFF PROTEST. NEVERTHELESS, DALLAIRE SAID THE PRESS REPORTS OF THE BATTLE OF THE PAST DAY ARE EXAGGERATED THERE WAS HEAVY FIGHTING LAST NIGHT WHEN THE

RPF SOUGHT TO CUT THE ROAD FROM TOWN TO THE AIRPORT; THEY MAY TRY AGAIN TONIGHT.

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3. DALLAIRE NOW SAYS THAT THE RPF, ALTHOUGH ON THE OFFENSIVE, MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WIN MILITARILY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, OR EVEN MONTHS. THEREFORE IT IS CLEARLY WORTH THE EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

ARUSHA RECESS

4. DALLAIRE'S INTERPRETATION OF THE ARUSHA FAILURE IS SLIGHTLY UPBEAT. HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE NOW ACQUIESCED IN THE FACT THAT A CEASE FIRE MUST BE A MILITARY PLAN, WORKED OUT BETWEEN MILITARY COMMANDERS- HE SEES THIS AS A CALL FOR HIM TO TAKE THE LEAD. HE MAY HAVE TO SHUTTLE AT FIRST, BUT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO BRING THE SECOND IN COMMAND OF BOTH SIDES INTO DIRECT CONTACT AT THE MERIDIAN HOTEL. (UNAMIR NOW CONTROLS THE MERIDIAN WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE GOR-RPF LINES AND IS PROTECTING 300 REFUGEES IN THE HOTEL. 3000 REMAIN IN THE STADIUM, MOSTLY OLDER PEOPLE AND ORPHANS). DALLAIRE HOPES THAT IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING A CEASE-FIRE, THE PARTIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO ADDRESS POLITICAL ISSUES. FOR THE MOMENT, DALLAIRE EXPECTS TO OPERATE ON BOTH THE CEASE-FIRE AND POLITICAL TRACKS, SINCE SRSG BOOH BOOH HAS NOT RETURNED FROM ARUSHA, AND MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL THE AIRPORT PROBLEM IS WORKED OUT.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO AMB FLATEN'S QUESTIONS, DALLAIRE AMPLIFIED ON HIS PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION OF HOW HE WOULD USE AN EXPANDED FORCE. FIRST HE REPEATED THAT HE SAW THE FORCE AS A CHAPTER VI HUMANITARIAN OPERATION, USING FORCE ONLY TO ASSURE SAFE PASSAGE OF PERSONS AND ASSISTANCE. IN THE FIRST PHASE, WITHIN TWO WEEKS, HE WOULD AUGMENT THE GHANA BATTALION FROM ITS CURRENT STRENGTH TO A FULL 800 MEN TO SECURE THE AIRPORT AND THE UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO BRING IN TWO ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS, ONE WOULD WORK IN THE KIGALI AREA, REMOVE BARRIERS TO MOVEMENT, ASSURE THE MOVEMENT OF FOOD, AND PERMIT PEOPLE TO BEGIN TO MOVE FREELY IN AND AROUND KIGALI. WHEN ASKED HOW HE COULD DO THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR ZONE, HE REPLIED THAT HE IS ALREADY MOVING EASILY IN

KIGALI WITH THE AGREEMENT IN EACH CASE OF THE TWO PARTIES. THE ONLY PROBLEM HE HAS NOW, AND THAT HE SEEKS REINFORCEMENTS TO DEAL WITH ARE THE MILITIAS. THUS DALLAIRE ENVISAGES THE KIGALI BATTALION NOT BEING CHALLENGED BY EITHER THE ARMY OR THE RPF, GAINING PERMISSION FROM EACH TO ASSURE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

6. GENERAL DALLAIRE WOULD MOVE A THIRD BATTALION TO THE GITARAMA - BUTARE - BURUNDI BORDER CORRIDOR TO PROTECT THOSE CURRENTLY DISPLACED IN THE REGION, TO DEFEND THOSE POLITICAL MODERATES WHO ARE IN EXILE IN THE REGION, AND TO ASSURE THE DELIVERY OF FOOD AID TO THE IMPOVERISHED REGION WHOSE POPULATION IS SWOLLEN BY THE NEW DISPLACED ADDED TO THE BURUNDI REFUGEES, MANY OF WHOM ARE STILL IN THE AREA.

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FINALLY, AFTER A MONTH OR SO, THE ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS WOULD BE MOVED TO THE RUHENGERI - GISENYI AREA TO ASSURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND PEOPLE. IN THE MEANTIME, DALLAIRE PLANS TO USE HIS 200 OBSERVERS TO CIRCULATE IN THE RPF CONTROLLED AREA TO HELP

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PREVENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BEHIND THE RPF LINES.

7. ON FOOD AID, DALLAIRE SAID THE RELIEF AGENCIES ARE READY TO MOVE FROM THE UGANDA SIDE, BUT ARE BEING DELAYED IN THE HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION IN THE SOUTH WHICH IS STILL UNSAFE, APPARENTLY UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE BATTALION FOR THE REGION. ON THE PROTECTION OF ENCLAVES, DALLAIRE SEES HIS ROLE AS BEING ABLE TO SEND A SMALL TROOP OUT WHENEVER HE LEARNS OF A GROUP THREATENED IN A CHURCH OR A COMMUNITY CENTER, EITHER TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM PROTECTION, OR TO ESCORT THE THREATENED PERSONS TO WHAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER A SAFE AREA. THAT IS, FOR TUTSIS AN AREA BEHIND THE RPF LINES. DALLAIRE FEELS THAT NO SPECIAL PROTECTION IS NEEDED IN THE SOUTH EAST WHERE HE WAS WITH KAGAME ON TUESDAY, NEVERTHELESS, DALLAIRE FEELS THAT HE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE THE THREATENED POPULATIONS ARE BEFORE HE CAN COMPLETE HIS PLANS. (NOTE, IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, DALLAIRE SAID HE EXPECTED A REPORT FROM THE HEAD OF THE GENDARMERIE ON WHERE PEOPLE ARE WHO MOST NEED PROTECTION).

8. BOTTOM LINE FOR DALLAIRE IS THAT IF HE CAN PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION AND THE ASSURANCE OF AID DELIVERIES AS ENVISAGED, HE BELIEVES THAT HE CAN GET THE RPF TO STOP THE WAR. IF NOT, THE FIGHTING AND THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS

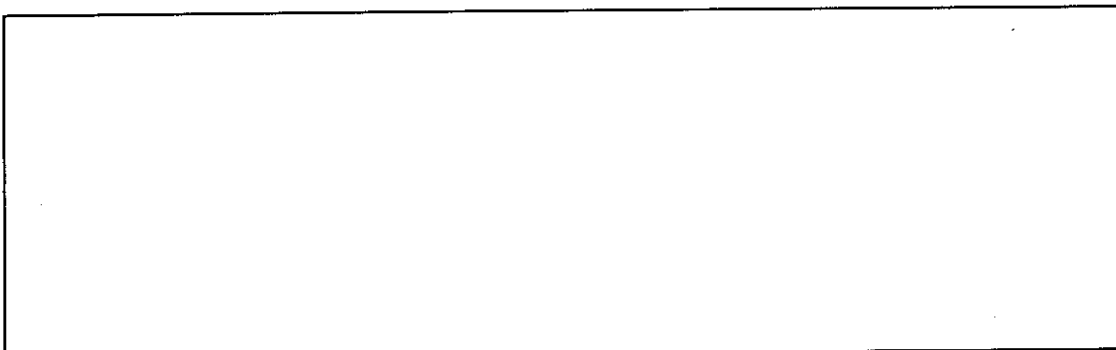
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MAY GO ON FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS. FOR UNLESS THE RWANDAN TUTSIS ARE PROTECTED, THE RPF WILL CONTINUE THE WAR AS

LONG AS IT TAKES.

RELATIONS WITH GOR



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