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I. GENERAL

THE OVERALL SITUATION IS STABLE IN THE COUNTRY BUT TENSION IS RISING IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL. THE MISSION ADVANCE PARTY IS DOING ALL IT CAN WITH LITTLE RESOURCES AND NO BUDGET. OUR EFFECTIVENESS IS SEVERELY HAMPERED BY THE UNACCEPTABLE BUDGETARY SITUATION. THINGS ARE PROGRESSING CALMLY IN THE UNOMUR SECTOR.

A. POLITICAL

- (1) THE ABSENCE OF A POLITICAL ADVISER IS NOT PERMITTING THE MISSION TO BE AS PRODUCTIVE AND AS CLOSE TO THE SUBTLE TRENDS EVOLVING WITHIN THE CAPITAL IN PARTICULAR. DR KABIA IN KABALE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHUTTLE TO KIGALI IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, AS THE SITUATION IN UGANDA AND IN KABALE IN PARTICULAR STABILIZES AND GETS INTO A STEADY STATE OF OPERATION. A PA IS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK.
- (2) THE EXTREME HUTU WING OF THE MDR PARTY, WAS TO HAVE A DEMONSTRATION LAST FRIDAY 5 NOV. IT NEVER REALLY MATERIALIZED DUE TO THE EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF THE GENDARMERIE. THE KIGALI OFFICIALS AND MOST GOVERNMENT LEADERS DID NOT WANT NOR DID THEY AUTHORIZE THIS DEMONSTRATION, AS IT HAD TONES OF CRITICIZING THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE RPF BATTALION INTO KIGALI ACCORDING TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT. THE LEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION CAME TO SEE THE UNDP RES REP ON THURSDAY TO CONFIRM THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS NOT AGAINST UNAMIR IN ANY WAY. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN POSTURING. DPA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH RES REP ON THIS BUT NOT WITH UNAMIR.
- (3) THE MRND PARTY HELD A RALLY YESTERDAY BUT ALL THE RHETORIC WAS AIMED AT SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. WE HAVE HOWEVER SEEN MORE OF THE YOUTH PARA-MILITARY ELEMENTS OF SOME OF THE PARTIES DRIVING AROUND THE CAPITAL IN THEIR PARTICULAR UNIFORMS MAKING NOISE. NO WEAPONS HAVE BEEN SEEN.
- (4) THE NGO AND UNHCR ARE WORKING HARD IN HELPING THE BURUNDI REFUGEES IN THE SOUTH OF RWANDA. THE HORROR STORIES ARE NOT BEING REPEATED TO ANY SIGNIFICANT EXTENT IN RWANDA AND ALL SEEM TO BE TRYING TO DOWN PLAY THE ETHNIC ASPECTS OF THIS CATASTROPHE. IT REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP SOMETHING POSITIVE MOVING IN ASSISTING BURUNDI TO

RESTABILIZE ITSELF, AS THE SOONER THAT HAPPENS, THE SOONER THE 300,000 REFUGEES IN THE SOUTH OF RWANDA WILL RETURN HOME, AND THE LESS WE WILL HEAR OF THE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES IN BURUNDI UP HERE. THIS WILL REINFORCE THE ATTENTION OF ALL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENT. DEFUSING THE BURUNDI PROBLEM WITH OUTSIDE HELP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A VIABLE OPTION IN SUPPORTING THE RWANDAN PEACE PROCESS.

- (5) THE UNOMUR POLITICAL SITUATION IS STABLE, EXCEPT FOR THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS NON-AVAILABILITY TO DISCUSS THE NEGATIVE PRESS ARTICLE OF LAST WEEK REGARDING UNOMUR PERSONNEL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.
- (6) TODAY, FC, COS AND ADC FINALLY MET WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA JUVENAL. FC INDICATED TO THE DIFFERENT MINISTERS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT AFTER TWO WEEKS ON THE GROUND, IT WAS HIGH TIME FC WAS RECEIVED AT PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES. LAST NIGHT, FC RECEIVED THE INVITATION FOR THIS MORNING. IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS PERSONAL STAFF AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS TOTAL SUPPORT, AVAILABILITY AT ANY TIME TO THE FC AND OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE. HE INDICATED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE KIGALI POPULATION WORRYING OVER THE ARRIVAL OF THE RPF SECURITY BATTALION. HE ASKED FC WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO TO ALLAY THE FORCES. FC EXPLAINED THE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEAPONS SECURE AREA AND THAT AFTER THIS WEEK'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES, WE WILL BE INFORMING THE POPULATION OF OUR METHODOLOGIES.
- (7) AFTER THE SESSION, THE MEDIA ATTEMPTED TO QUESTION THE BELGIAN (EX-COLONIAL POWER) PARTICIPATION IN THE KIGALI BN. ANSWER WAS DEFLECTED BUT FC REGRETTED THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT APPEAR WITH HIM ON THE SCREEN.

B. MILITARY:

- (1) THE STAFFS ARE BUILDING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTING UP A FORCE HQ UNDER UNACCEPTABLE LOGISTIC CONSTRAINTS THAT COME FROM THE INEFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF LAUNCHING MISSIONS WITH NO SET-UP PACKAGES OR BATTLE BOXES OF AT LEAST THE MINIMUM FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE ADVANCE PARTY HAS THUS BEEN LESS THAN HOPED FOR BUT STILL THE PERSONNEL IS GETTING ON WITH ITS JOB WITH DEDICATED ZEAL AND INTEREST. THE LANGUAGE

(FRENCH/ENGLISH) SITUATION IS DIFFICULT AS THE BULK OF THE MISSION STAFF IS MONOLINGUAL (ENGLISH).

- (2) THE DMZ SECTOR HAS BEEN IN OUR HANDS SINCE 1 NOV. 93 AND WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IN DETAIL THE OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTIC SITUATION. THE FEW FUNCTIONING VEHICLES HANDED OVER FROM NMOG II HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO HARD SURFACE ROADS, TO THE VALLEY FLOORS AND NO NIGHT PATROLS. NO MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN DONE ON THESE VEHICLES OVER THE LAST 15 MONTHS AND THEY ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TRAILS THAT COVER THE DMZ. THE FRENCH FORCES HAVE REQUESTED ME TO RETURN ALL 12 VXHF RADIO SETS THEY LOANED TO NMOG II AS THEY NEED THEM FOR BURUNDI. WE ARE ALREADY LOW IN WORKING RADIOS AND WE WERE TRYING TO INSTAL THE FRENCH SETS IN OTHER VEHICLES. THIS AFFAIRE WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION IN MORE DETAIL IF WE CAN'T GIVE THE 12 SETS BACK TO THE FRENCH. THE TUNISIAN PLATOONS AT THIS TIME ARE LIMITED TO DOING STATIC PROTECTION OF HQS, THE JOINT SESSION/DISCUSSION SITES IN THE DMZ AND CERTAIN ROAD BLOCKS. A DETAILED LIST OF THEIR NEEDS HAS BEEN COMPILED AND WILL BE SENT. A NUMBER OF THESE SOLDIERS ARE CONSCRIPTS WITH TWO MONTHS OR SO FORMAL TRAINING. IT IS THUS MY ASSESSMENT THAT, WITH THE SIGNIFICANT VOLUME OF ESCORT DUTIES THROUGH THE DMZ DUE TO THE INCREASE IN CONTACT WITH THE RPF LEADERSHIP BY ALL SORTS OF FORMAL AGENCIES, ETC., WITH THE TERRIBLE STATE OF OUR VEHICLES AND RADIOS, AND NO NIGHT MONITORING (NMOG II NEVER PATROLLED AT NIGHT) RENDER OUR OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS IN MONITORING THE DMZ EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE ARE INVESTIGATING ALL VIOLATIONS AND WE ARE SUPPORTING THE KINIHIRA ACCORDS FOR THE DMZ THAT IMPLICATED THE NMOG II IN THIS PART AND NOT UNAMIR AS SUCH, BUT WE ARE PATROLLING IS AT A TRICKLE AT BEST. THIS SITUATION IS CONSIDERED CRITICAL AND REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

- (3) THE KIGALI WEAPONS SECURE AREA DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS STILL EVOLVING AS WE PREPARE FOR A SECOND ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES ON THE DETAILED SOPs THAT WE WANT TO IMPLEMENT. WE STILL ARE CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE OF ALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN THE AREA AND ARE REVIEWING THE KIGALI BATTALION DEPLOYMENT PROPOSALS. WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO PUT THE RPF VIPS AND SECURITY BATTALION. OUR ADVANCE

PARTY HAS NO PERSONNEL DEDICATED TO THE KIGALI SECTOR HQ SO WE HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK FROM FORCE HQ ON THE SUBJECT. WE WILL INVOLVE THE MILOB GP HQ AS OF NOVEMBER.

- (4) MILOBS GROUP HQ IS REASONABLY IN PLACE AND HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE DMZ SECTOR HQ IN ITS ACTIVITIES. IT HAS NOT REALLY TAKEN UNDER COMMAND THE UNOMUR SECTOR DUE TO ITS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (THIS IS A CIVILIAN STRUCTURE AND NO PERSONNEL NOR EQUIPMENT ARE ON THE GROUND NOR EXPECTED DUE TO BUDGET DELAYS). THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE UGANDAN POSITION ON UNOMUR INTEGRATION WITH UNAMIR HAS SLOWED DOWN THE INTEGRATION. THE UTILITY OF DEPLOYING UNMOS BEFORE AT LEAST THE END OF NOVEMBER 93 BECAUSE OF OUR TOTAL LACK OF VEHICLES AND RADIOS TO EFFECTIVELY USE THEM IS OF CONCERN.
- (5) THE MEDICAL SUPPORT AND EVACUATION SITUATION IS AT BEST DANGEROUS. OUR DOCTOR HAS DONE A COMPLETE REVIEW OF EX-NMOG II PERSONNEL AND OUR NEW ARRIVALS. A LIST OF URGENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES IS BEING FINALIZED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, AS WE HAVE LITERALLY NO BASIC MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PEOPLE. CASES OF MALARIA ARE APPEARING. THIS HAS ALSO AFFECTED THE OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ AS THERE ARE NO EVACUATION CAPABILITIES FROM THAT SECTOR. NMOG II HAD TWO POORLY TRAINED NURSES UNDER CONTRACT. WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN KIGALI AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE BELGIAN KIGALI CONTINGENT NEXT WEEK TO GIVE US SOME SUPPORT.
- (6) THE UNOMUR SECTOR IS PROGRESSING STEADILY IN ALL ASPECTS. THE PERMANENT CHECK POINTS 1 AND 3 ARE NEARLY COMPLETED AND THE OTHER IN THE PAPER MILL. THE PATROLS ARE CONTINUING BUT BOTH THE LACK AND STATE OF VEHICLES IS SEVERELY RESTRICTING THE EFFECTIVE USE OF ALL THE PERSONNEL. THE MEDICAL EVACUATION SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED AS YET. WE HAVE ORDERED A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT AT THE BORDER AND ALSO INTO THE SEX ALLEGATIONS IN THE MEDIA.

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(7) VIOLATIONS, INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS

DATE/ TIME	PLACE	EVENT	REMARKS
02.11.93	VUGAMBA RANGE (4810)	MINE INCIDENT, A 12 YEAR OLD BOY STEPPED ON AN AP MINE AND LOST BOTH LEGS	NOT ON THE TRACK USED FOR FOOT PATROLLING
03.11.93	KATUNA OP/CP	A UGANDAN TRUCK CAME FROM RWANDA AT APPROXIMATELY 2330. DRIVER HAD NO DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PASSPORT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE. TRUCK WAS EMPTY AND THE DRIVER SAID THAT HE WAS COMING TO COLLECT FOOD FOR THE RPF.	TRYING TO MAKE CO-RELATIONS AMONG OTHER VEHICLES.

C. CONCLUSION

WE ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE KIGALI DEDICATED BN. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE WANTING TO MEET WITH THE RPF AS THEY ARE MORE AND MORE INTO THE JOINT WORK SESSIONS IN PREPARATION OF THE BBTG. THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN CAO REPORT TO FOD ARE NOTHING LESS THAN URGENT. THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE CRITICAL. THE BUDGET IS FUNDAMENTAL TO US BEING ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN A REASONABLE WAY. THIS MISSION IS OPERATIONALLY COMMITTED IN TWO SECTORS (DMZ AND UNOMUR) AND IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH A THIRD SECTOR (KIGALI). VEHICLES, RADIOS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO DO THE JOB AT LEAST TO A MINIMUM VIABLE LEVEL ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY AT DMZ.

REGARDS.