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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

BITREP COVERING PERIOD 250600Z FEB TO 260600Z FEB 94.

1. GEN SITUATION: OBSERVED TO BE VERY TENSE. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND IN PARTICULAR KIGALI CITY IS DETORATING. THERE WERE FEW ROAD BLOCKS, LOT OF SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND GRENADE EXPLOSIONS AT KIGALI CITY. TWO CONFIRMED DEATH CASE REPORTED. SEVERAL INJURED PERSONNEL HAVE REPORTED TO THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL. FEW BANDITRY INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE TOWN. OBSERVING AND AFTER QUESTIONING MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT KIGALI HOSPITAL IT SEEMS NOT THAT THERE IS AN ETHNIC PURIFICATION STARTED, IT IS MORE AN INDISCRIMINATE KILLING WITH SOME POLITICAL BACKGROUND DURING LAST FEW DAYS. LOCAL PEOPLE ARE IN PANIC ALL OVER KIGALI CITY.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS STILL NOT INSTALLED. NEGOTIATIONS ONGOING. A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES WAS HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. THE AIM OF THE MEETING WAS TO FIND A POLITICAL COMPROMISE TO FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF THE BBTG. THE TALKS WILL BE CONTINUING NEXT SUNDAY. AT 251030 HOURS SRSG HAD A MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF). AT UNAMIR HQ. SRSG HAD A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN IN UGANDA, H. E. MR. EDWARD CLAY AT 1200 HOURS IN THE UNAMIR HQ.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. NTR.

B. RPF

(1) FORCE COMMANDER EFFORTS IN HAVING A MEETING WITH RPF COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL KAGAME ON THE ISSUE OF DMZ VIOLATION (RPF POSITIONS IN DMZ) HAVE BEEN DENIED SEVERAL TIMES. HOWEVER, FORCE COMMANDER WILL TRY TO MEET GENERAL KAGAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A FORMAL PROTEST IN THIS REGARD WILL BE LODGED ASP.

(2) THE RPF BATTALION COMMANDER LOCATED AT CND COMPLEX IS NOT ALLOWING ANY UNMO TO GET INSIDE CND COMPLEX. HE IS ALSO TELLING UNMOs WORKING INSIDE CND TO GET OUT FROM THE COMPLEX.

(3) ON 251005 FEB 94 VICE CHAIRMAN OF RPF LEFT CND ON THE WAY TO AMAHORO WITHOUT ESCORT.

C. OTHERS.

(1) SOME FAMILIES RESIDING IN KICUKIRO AREA REPORTED TO THE HEADQUARTERS THAT THEIR LIVE IS UNDER THREAT. THEY REQUESTED SECURITY AS SUCH KIGALI SECTOR HQ TRIED TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM GENDARMERIE BUT GENDARMERIE DENIED TO TAKE ANY COMPLAIN/REPORT IN THIS REGARD.

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KIBAT PATROL WAS SENT TO THE SPOT.

(2) AT 251340 HOURS FIVE TO SIX FAMILIES FROM GIKINDO AREA CAME AND GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE SECOND GATE OF CND COMPLEX. THEY WERE FACING INSECURITY IN THEIR AREA AND ASKING SHELTER AT CND COMPLEX.

(3) MORE AND MORE CASES OF DISPLACED OR TERRORIZED PERSONS SEEKING REFUGE AND ACCOMMODATIONS OF UNAMIR PERSONNEL.

4. CND MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. NTR.

B. UNCOMUR. THE UNCOMUR OPERATION AREA IS CALM. THE NEW CMO VISITED KAFUNZO, BIGAGA AND KATUNA. HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DCMO AND HIS STAFFS. ON 26 FEB 94 A HANDOVER CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FORCE COMMANDER. NIGHT ON 25 FEB THE OUT GOING CMO COLONEL MATINAZA WAS CALLED BY TELEPHONE AROUND MID NIGHT BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON, WHO CHARGED HIM WHY HE VISITS OFTEN TO THE RWANDESE AMBASSADOR AT KAMPALA. THIS PERSON HAS ALSO THREATENED TO KILL HIM. CIVILIANS BORDER CROSSING AT GATUSA:

	FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA	FROM RWANDA INTO UGANDA
25 FEB	5 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 24 PASSENGERS WITH 23 MEN AND 1 WOMAN.	3 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 7 PASSENGERS WITH 6 MEN AND 1 WOMAN.

C. DMC. RGF STILL ON ALERT POSITION AT RUHINGERI AREA. RGF REINFORCED THEIR POSITION BY SECTION (+) STRENGTH AT NGONDORU. TEAM A CONDUCTED PATROL TO GUHUNGA, MUBANGA AND RUHINGERI. TEAM B CARRIED OUT SHORT DISTANCE PATROL TO KALINGOREMBA, KIRAMBO AND TARUKA. TEAM E WENT ON RECCE TO NGARAMA FOR ACCOMMODATION. A COMPANY OF HYUBATT (GHANA) REPORTED A MOVE OF RGF TROOPS AT NYAMUGALI AND HEADING TOWARDS KIRAMBO BY A TOYOTA VEHICLE. A PLATOON FROM B COMPANY WAS DEPLOYED AT BWSIGE ON 25 FEB 94. THEY FOUND A BOX OF AMMUNITION AT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AT NGARAMA. ONE PLATOON OF C COMPANY DEPLOYED AT KIDARO ON 25 FEB 94. CONDUCTED FOOT PATROL TO NYANGA, NYAGAFUNSO, GAFUKA, RUTAMBA AND NYAKURA JUNCTION. FOLLOWING AMMUNITION HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED BY HYUBATT EOD TEAM AT NGARAMA ON 25 FEB:

- (1) 105 MM SHELL : 01
- (2) ROCKET 106 MM : 01
- (3) MINE ML 60 MM : 02
- (4) 120 MM MORTAR (HE FILLING) : 01
- (5) HAND GRENADE ANTI PERSONAL HE M791 A2: 15

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(6)	FUSED 60 MM MORTAR	:	02
(7)	ANTI TANK RPG 7	:	01
(8)	40 MM HE	:	01

FORCE ENGR COY (BANGLADESH) PROVIDED SECURITY AT NGONDORE.

J. MILOR: CARRIED OUT ESCORT FOR A UNAMIR CONVOY CONSISTING OF NINE CONTAINERS FROM RUSUMO (TANZANIA BORDER) TO KIGALI. ESCORTED FOR THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR FROM KIGALI TO GATUNA AND NYUMBA. CARRIED OUT ESCORT FOR RPF (19 MILITARY, 55 WOMEN, 4 BUSES) FROM MULINDI TO KIGALI.

(1) RGP SECTOR

(A) TWO HAND GRENADE ATTACKS OCCURRED IN THE NIGHT OF 24/25 FEB IN GISENYI. THE FIRST ATTACK WAS ON THE HOUSE OF MR. SEMUCYO, A TEACHER FROM NYUNDO. HE IS TUTSI AND PL PARTY MEMBER. THE SECOND ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT AGAINST MR. ARISTARQUE, ACCOUNTANT AND HUTU, HE IS MARRIED TO A TUTSI AND COMES FROM RUHENGIERI. HIS 16 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

(B) FOUR CONTAINERS FOR RUBAT CROSSED THE BORDER FROM TANZANIA TO RWANDA. TEN CIVILIAN TRUCKS WITH BUILDING MATERIAL ALSO CROSSED THE BORDER FROM TANZANIA TO RWANDA.

(C) RGP SECTOR COMMANDER REQUESTED FOR A PERMANENT CIVPOL STATION IN GISENYI TO FACILITATE INVESTIGATIONS AND LIAISON WITH GENDARMERIE.

(2) RPF SECTOR

(A) RPF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS ARE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE BTC.

(B) ROUTINE PATROLS CARRIED OUT ALL OVER AOR.

(3) SOUTHERN SECTOR

(A) SITUATION IN BUTARE IS CALM. PEOPLE COMMENCED WORK AGAIN AND SHOPS ARE OPENING.

(B) ON 251400 FEB LATE CDR PRESIDENT WAS BURIED IN CYANGUGU. FUNERAL CEREMONY CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY.

(C) MEMBERS OF PSD PARTY IN BUTARE HEADED BY THE JUDGE OF MBAZI COMMUNE HAVE CONVENED A BOARD OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF CDR PRESIDENT.

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7. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM LOCAL POPULATION RECEIVED ABOUT APPROXIMATELY 20 HOUSES WERE BURNT AND AT LEAST 6 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN RETALIATION AFTER THE MURDER OF CDR PRESIDENT IN THE AREA OF CYANGUGU. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAVE TAKEN SHELTER AT MURURU AND THE CHURCH OF CYANGUGU. MILITARY TEAM AT CYANGUGU IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

8. KIGALI SECTOR. ONE RIOT TOOK PLACE AT AREA KICHUKIRU AND KABIZA BETWEEN TWO RIVALRY GROUPS AT AROUND 1800 HOURS ON 25 FEB 94 AS A RESULT OF WHICH A GROUP OF ABOUT 65 TO 70 PEOPLE INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN CAME TO AMABORO STADIUM FOR SHELTER. THEY WERE EVACUATED TO CENTER CHRISTUS CHURCH GR 132842. THESE PEOPLE WERE KEPT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF GENDARMERIE. THE VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY TDR PARTY MEMBERS. A PLATOON STRENGTH WAS EMPLOYED ON 25 FEB 94 TO PROVIDE PROTECTION ON THE ROAD FROM GADDAFI CROSS TO SQ 0690. ON 251500 FEB 94 SECTOR COMMANDER ATTENDED A MEETING WITH THE RPF AND RGF PERSONNEL AT KIGALI SECTOR HQ ABOUT KWSA. ON 25 FEB TWO RPF MEMBERS WERE APPREHENDED BY THE GENDARMERIE PERSONNEL AT RUGENGE AREA. SECTOR KIGALI CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PATROL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA (KWSA). PROVIDED 8 UNMO ESCORTS FIVE FOR RPF, ONE FOR RGF AND TWO FOR GENDARMERIE PERSONNEL. PROVIDED FOUR ARMED ESCORTS: ONE FOR PRIME MINISTER, TWO FOR RPF AND ONE FOR SRSG. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, FORCE HQ, SECTOR HQ AND KIGALI AIRPORT. DURING THE NIGHT ASSURED THE PROTECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS AND SRSG.

5. UNCIIVPOL. THE SITUATION IS STILL TENSE BECAUSE OF THE DELAY OF INSTALLING THE BBTC. CIVPOL INVESTIGATED IN THE CASE OF ALLEGED MURDERING ON MR. KALINGANIRE JOSEPH, A MEMBER OF THE MDR. THE INVESTIGATION TEAM VISITED CRCD AND GOT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE. MJBURAKALI TOLD THEM THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE KILLING WAS NOT CORRECT. THE ABOVE MENTIONED PERSON IS STILL ALIVE.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO DELAY IN ADEQUATE VEHICLES AND RADIOS. THE LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER COMPANY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT IS BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE.

9. MISC. NTR.