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1. THE DAY STARTED WITH HEAVY ARTY/MORTAR SHELLING BY BOTH THE PARTIES. RGF CONTINUED HEAVY SHELLING ON CND COMPLEX BY ARTY/MORTAR AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER THROUGH OUT THE FIRST HALF OF THE DAY. THE INTENSITY OF SHELLING REDUCED IN THE AFTERNOON DUE TO HEAVY RAINFALL. SPORADIC EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS AND MG FIRING CONTINUED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF CITY THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.
2. NORTH AND NORTHEAST PART OF COUNTRY REMAIN UNDER RPF CONTROL. NORTHWEST, WEST AND SOUTH OF PART OF COUNTRY UNDER RGF CONTROL. RPF ADVANCE WESTWARD FROM RWAMAGANA TOWARDS KIGALI SLOWING DOWN BY RGF FORCES AROUND KIBUNGO. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT BYUMBA IS NOW UNDER RPF CONTROL. NO SERIOUS FIGHTING UP NORTH AND IN EAST OF COUNTRY. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN DISPOSITION IN THE CITY. INFILTRATIONS AND RESCUE MISSIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD IN THE CITY. COS OF RPF FEELS THAT KIGALI CITY IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO CAPTURE BUT NOT CRITICAL. RPF FORCE DOMINATING HIGH GROUNDS OVER LOOKING THE CITY. RGF REINFORCEMENTS OBSERVED MOVING NORTH FROM GITARAMA TOWARDS KIGALI. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DISPOSITION WITHIN THE CITY. ATTACK TO SEIZE CND DURING PERIOD WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. IT APPEARS COS OF RGF IS NOT IN FULL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION EVEN THOUGH BENT ON PREVENTING RPF FROM CAPTURING KIGALI.
3. FC RETURNED TO KIGALI THIS MORNING AFTER HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH MAJ GEN. KAGAME AT MULINDI YESTERDAY. THEY DISCUSSED ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES ON THE PRESENT SITUATION. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT

PROGRESS ON THE POLITICAL FRONT. FC'S DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERIM GOVT DID NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT POLITICIANS ARE IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. FC OBSERVED THERE IS NO DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RGF HIGH COMMAND AND INTERIM GOVT. THIS GAP IS CAUSING LOTS OF DELAYS ON ISSUES THAT NEED URGENT ATTENTION.

4. THE PERIOD USED FOR READJUSTMENT OF UNITS AND BUILDING UP STRONG DEFENSIVE POSITIONS BY SITTING WITH HEAVY WPNS IN ALL UNAMIR UNIT LOCATIONS INCLUDING FORCE HQ. REORGANIZATION OF UNAMIR FORCE STRUCTURE STILL ON GOING. FC HELD CONFERENCE WITH STAFF AND COMMANDERS AT 240915 APR 94.

5. PLAN FOR CROSS EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES IN PROGRESS. ICRC AND UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS GOT FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON CURRENT SITUATION AND URGENT NEED FOR RELIEF ITEMS. HE LEFT BEHIND A TEAM OF HUMANITARIAN EXPERTS TO EVACUATE THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID.

6. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGH LIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERING.

7. REGARDS.

SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	240730	FC started from Mulindi and likely to arrive Kigali between 0830 to 0845. Morning conf will be at 0930 hrs.
2	240810	ICRC requested to provide one APC escort for them at 1130 hrs for a meeting and one armed escort at 1430 hrs with an UNMO escort to pick up 55 expatriates to the airport.
3	240825	Msg from RPF that all movements from Hotel Meridien to airport will have to be informed to RPF.
4	240825	There are 04 Chinese Nationals at the Chinese Embassy, wishing to be evacuated.
5	240835	Sick soldier of TUN Coy needs evacuation and medical care.
6	240900	FC returned to Kigali from Mulindi.
7	240905	Asked TUN Coy to return to FHQ with the APCs from Hotel Millie Collins. But the LO RGF requested to keep the APCs in their present position that is at the Hotel location.
8	240950	Heavy shelling is going on over CND.
9	240950	Two Tanzanians want to be picked up from their home.
10	241005	Shells are directly hitting the CND. Requested to stop firing/shelling at CND for evacuation of the UNMOs at CND.
11	241020	One C-130 aircraft is arriving at Kigali at 1023 hrs, carrying 3,000 lbs of medical supplies.
12	241025	Landing of the aircraft is delayed due to the obstruction on the Runway.
13	241030	COS of RGF agreed to give a break of shelling for 30 mins for evacuation of the UNMOs from CND.
14	241032	All UN personnel left CND but left behind one vehicle due to damage.
15	241035	RGF informed that all movement from Hotel Meridien should be through the Gendarmerie Camp - Rwandax road. No move through the road near CND.

16	241150	Meeting between the ICRC and Humanitarian Gp at 1430 hrs is cancelled.
17	241155	Instructed BYUBAT to provide one armed escort, for ICRC, with two pick ups, one bus and one truck by 1230 hrs. If the bus cannot be provided, then two trucks should be provided.
18	241200	Requested MILOB HQ to provide one UNMO escort for the ICRC.
20	241515	The C-130 aircraft took off from Kigali airport.
21	241630	RPF has requested to move all UNAMIR personnel from the city to Amahoro, because there is a possibility of escalating the fight to all parts of the city.
22	241700	Inspection of BYUBAT and Force Engr Coy location by the UNMOs from RPF sector, indicated that most of their stores, left behind by them while withdrawing, have been vandalized. The UNMOs requested Engr assistance to clear the area.