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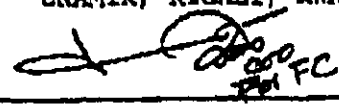
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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 191800H TO 200600H MAY 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. SITUATION REMAINS VERY TENSE WITH SPORADIC EXCHANGES OF FIRE OVERNIGHT. MAJOR AREAS OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDE REMERA, KICHICKURU, SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST OF THE CITY AND THE AIRPORT. TWO ARTY SHELLS FELL BEHIND THE KIA TOWER AND ARRIVAL HALL CAUSING SOME DAMAGES TO TWO UNAMIR VEHICLES. HEAVY SA FIRE AND MORTAR FIRE WAS ALSO REPORTED AROUND HOTEL MERIDIEN. INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF FIRE AROUND THE AIRPORT COMMENCED EARLY THIS MORNING.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENTS OF GHANA, GABON AND CONGO HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE REQUESTS OF THE SRSG FOR AN AUDIENCE TO DISCUSS THE CIVIL CONFLICT IN RWANDA AND TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR ITS RESOLUTION AND THE RESUMPTION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. THE FORCE COMMANDER WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE AFRICAN SERVICE OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA. DR. KABIA BRIEFED THE SRSG ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA AND PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE NEW MANDATE OF UNAMIR ORGANIZED BY PUBLIC RADIO STATION IN WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK (WBAI).

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. SEEMS TO BE SQUEEZING THE CITY AND ISOLATING RGF POSITIONS. FIRING CONTINUED IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST OF THE CITY. PRESSURE BEING PUT ON RGF TROOPS AT THE AIRPORT AND KANOMBE CAMP.

B. RGE. INITIATED THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING. CONTINUE TO DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY, AIRPORT AND KANOMBE CAMP. EXCHANGED HEAVY MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE WITH RPF OVERNIGHT.

C. MILITIA. MILITIA ARE READY TO COMPROMISE ON MOVEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN HOTEL MILLE COLLINES EXCEPT FOR FIVE PEOPLE WHO THEY ALLEGE ARE RPF SUPPORTERS.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

A. FORCE HQ. NORMAL ROUTINE WORKS WERE CONDUCTED. FC HELD NORMAL BRIEFING WITH STAFF AT 191900 MAY 94. PREPARATIONS HAVE STARTED TO RECEIVE THE UN SPECIAL ENVOY AND MAJ GEN BARIL ARRIVING HERE TOMORROW.

B. INCOMUR. AREA GENERALLY CALM AND NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.

C. BYIRAT. AREA AROUND AMAHORO STADIUM AND FORCE HQ RELATIVELY CALM BUT HEAVY MORTAR, ARTY AND SA FIRE CONTINUED AT THE AIRPORT.

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(2) CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT AMAHORO STADIUM AND FORCE HQ.

D. TWO PLATOON(+). THERE WERE SPORADIC EXCHANGES OF FIRE NEAR MERIDIEN HOTEL FROM THE CITY CENTRE. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT MERIDIEN HOTEL, HOTEL MILLE COLLINES AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL.

E. MILOR. RPF CONTINUE TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF UNMOS IN RPF HELD AREAS.

5. UNCIPTOL. NONE IN RWANDA CURRENTLY.
6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.
7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.
8. LOGISTICS. NTR.
9. MISC. NTR.