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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REMOVES PRIME MINISTER

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1. -- ENTIRE TEXT. OADR: FOREIGN GOVERNMENT

INFORMATION.

2. AT ABOUT 1500 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 28 THE RWANDAN  
PARLIAMENT REMOVED PRIME MINISTER TWAGIRAMUNGU FROM  
OFFICE. THE PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN MEETING IN REGULAR  
SESSION. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PASSED OVER RADIO RWANDA AT

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NOON SUMMONING ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS TO SESSION AT 1500 SHARP. THEY ARRIVED TO FIND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, WHO CONVENED THEM IN SPECIAL SESSION, TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE PRIME MINISTER AND ASKED THE PARLIAMENT TO VOTE THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF OFFICE. THE PARLIAMENT QUITE PROMPTLY COMPLIED AND BY 1545 THE PARLIAMENT HAD RETURNED TO ITS ORDINARY SESSION. THE VOTE WAS 55 TO 0, WITH 6 ABSTENTIONS. RADIO UNAMIR REPORTED THE VOTE AT 1630, INTERVIEWING THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, WHO CITED TWAGIRAMUNGU'S "FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ARUSHA ACCORDS" AND "SECURITY PROBLEMS" AS THE REASONS FOR HIS FALL.

3. THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT FALLS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT MINISTERS REMAIN IN PLACE AWAITING THE NEW GOVERNMENT. VICE PRIME MINISTER KANYARENGWE HEADS UP THE CARETAKER REGIME. THE PRESIDENT HAS 15 DAYS TO NAME A NEW PRIME MINISTER.

4. [ ] HAD RECEIVED ADVANCE WORD OF THIS MOVE EARLIER IN THE MORNING AUGUST 28. ACCORDING TO MINISTER OF HEALTH COLONEL/DOCTOR JOSEPH KAREMERA, THE TARGETS OF RESHUFFLE ARE THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AND THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, WHO ARE BLAMED BY THE RPF AND THEIR ALLIES IN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FAILURE OF THE JUSTICE AND PRISON SYSTEMS.

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5. KAREMERA TOLD [ ] THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD OFFER THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER TO TWAGIRAMUNGU'S PARTY, THE MDR. WE HAVE NO WAY OF PREDICTING HOW LONG THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE, OR IF THE MDR WOULD SIMPLY

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OFFER TWAGIRAMUNGU AGAIN.

6. COMMENT. THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT CONTROLS PARLIAMENT THROUGH ETHNIC ALLIANCES WITH OTHER PARTIES, SO THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TO DISMISS GOVERNMENT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE WON PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. IT IS IRONIC THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR SHOULD BE BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE IT WAS PARLIMENT'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE

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TWAGIRAMUNGU GOVERNMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUPREME COURT, FORMATION OF THE HIGHER MAGISTRATES COURT AND THE USE OF FOREIGN MAGISTRATES THAT HELD THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN POLITICAL DEADLOCK. IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE IRONIC IF WESTERN PRESSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS DEADLOCK PROVIDED THE EXCUSE TO FIRE THE GOVERNMENT'S STRONGEST CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY FOR ALL RWANDANS. HOW THIS ALL PLAYS OUT DEPENDS ON WHO IS CHOSEN TO FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

7. KIGALI IS CALM. THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT TROUBLE SINCE NEITHER THE PRIME MINISTER OR ANY OF HIS ALLIES HAS A STRONG POLITICAL BASE IN KIGALI OR ANY RECOURSE TO FORCE TO CHALLENGE THE DECISION. RAWSON

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