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We of course have heard reports of French plans to intervene in Rwanda and would very much like to know what the French Government's current position and plans are on this issue.

We share your outrage and anguish over the continued killings and fighting in Rwanda, and understand your impatience with the international community's response and your desire to intervene.

However, we believe that any intervention should be coordinated with the UN and should, if at all possible, have the sanction of the Security Council.

We also believe that any intervention should be a multilateral effort, with African troops if possible, and should be viewed as a temporary measure until the African battalions committed to UNAMIR are able to arrive.

We are concerned about the reaction of the RPF if French troops are sent to Rwanda. Although we know your purpose could be to help stop the killings, the RPF may well perceive any French intervention as an attempt to support the interim government forces and perhaps roll-back RPF military gains.

If you do decide to send in French troops, we urge you to discuss your plans with the RPF (as well as the interim government) beforehand and obtain their agreement, just as the UN has done with the planned UNAMIR expansion.

The U.S. has no intention of sending its own troops into Rwanda.

We are working hard to help expedite deployment of expanded UNAMIR. We have completed the lease with the UN for 50 Armored Personnel Carriers (APC's) and hope to start delivery as early as Sunday and complete delivery by the end of next week.

We are willing to provide equipment and logistical support to the expanded UNAMIR effort and hope you can do the same.

We are looking at equipment needs, particularly for the initial Ghanaian battalion, which we are trying to get on the ground as soon as possible. We will do our best to help equip the Ghanaians and hope you can do the same with other contingents.

With a concerted effort to speed deployment of the African battalions already committed to UNAMIR, intervention outside the UNAMIR context might be avoided.

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