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TAGS: PREL, RW, UG
SUBJECT: RWANDA: RPF CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

REF: A) KIGALI 68 B) STATE 6775

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. RPF COMMISSIONER FOR DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS PATRICK MAZIMHAKA MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON,
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JANUARY 12. MAZIMHAKA REQUESTED THE MEETING TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR ON THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST ROUND OF THE ARUSHA TALKS.

3. MAZIMHAKA EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND THE MNRD WOULD ACCEPT THE LATEST ARUSHA PROTOCOLS, BUT ADDED NO NEW DETAILS TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED (REFTELS) ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. MAZIMHAKA SAID THE RPF WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE LAST ROUND AT ARUSHA AND HOPED FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA'S WORK WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY

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HABYARIMANA AND THE MNRD. MAZIMHAKA SAID THE RPF LEADERSHIP WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE LATEST ARUSHA PROTOCOLS IN ORDER NOT TO AGITATE THE MNRD OR TO UNDERCUT NGULINZIRA.

4. MAZIMHAKA SAID THE RPF WOULD BE READY TO RESUME TALKS IN ARUSHA ON MILITARY INTEGRATION ON JANUARY 25. MAZIMHAKA EXPLAINED THAT THE RPF WAS STILL FORMULATING ITS THINKING ON MILITARY INTEGRATION. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE RPF BELIEVES:

-- THE OVERALL SIZE OF THE MILITARY (RPF AND GOR FORCES) SHOULD BE REDUCED AS A PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT;

-- EACH SIDE SHOULD RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE BULK OF THEIR FORCES DURING THE TRANSITION, BUT THAT THEY SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO CLEARLY DEFINED BASES;

-- THE QUESTION OF PARITY IN THE RANKS BETWEEN THE RPF AND GOR FORCES WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE ISSUE OF THE RPF
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BEING ABLE TO RETAIN SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO DEFEND ITSELF;

-- MILITARY INTEGRATION SHOULD START DURING THE TRANSITION, BUT PROCEED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. THE HIGH COMMAND SHOULD BE INTEGRATED ALONG WITH ONE BATTALION. THE INTEGRATION OF THE ONE UNIT WOULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER UNITS LATER.

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING THE AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED MAZIMHAKA THAT THE SITUATION IN KIGALI WAS AT A DELICATE STAGE AND THAT THE RPF SHOULD NOT TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THE RPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND MAINTAIN THE CEASEFIRE. MAZIMHAKA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ISSUES AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THE RPF WOULD NOT BREAK THE CEASEFIRE

6. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE SEEN MAZIMHAKA SINCE THE EMBASSY FACILITATED HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA IN MAY OF 92. HE STRIKES US AS A SELF-CONFIDENT AND TOUGH NEGOTIATOR. WE HOPE HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT HABYARIMANA'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST ROUND OF ARUSHA TALKS

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