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FOR A/S SHATTUCK

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: RWANDA SITREP MAY 6, INFORMATION FOR GENEVA PRESS REMARKS
REF: (A) 94 GENEVA 4318

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF MAY 6 AND
MIGHT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR A/S SHATTUCK'S
BRIEFING OF GENEVA-BASED MEDIA CITED IN REFTEL

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(LOU) UNAMIR WILL REOPEN THE KIGALI AIRPORT ON SATURDAY.

(C) UNSYGSR BOOH BOOH WILL RETURN TO KIGALI ON SATURDAY.

(U) AUSTRALIA HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE 1200 TO 1500 TROOPS
TO A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

(C) CANADA HAS OFFERED A 200 MAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
AND EQUIPMENT TO A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

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THE RWANDA/BURUNDI MAY 6 SITREP FOLLOWS:

SITUATION ON THE GROUND

(LOU) UNAMIR REPORTS THAT KIGALI IS RELATIVELY QUIET THIS AFTERNOON. (AF/C UNAMIR TELCON)

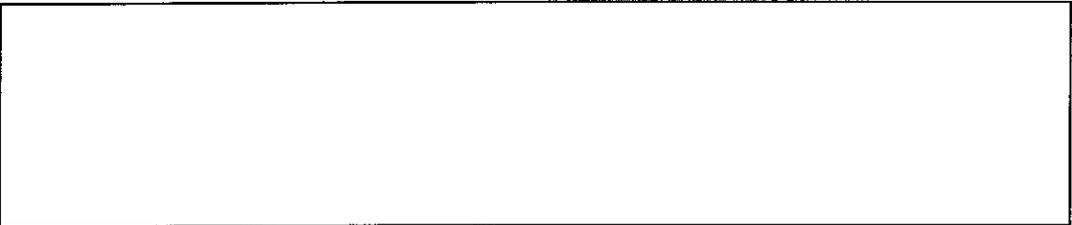
(U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HEAVY MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE CONTINUED IN KIGALI'S CITY CENTER THIS MORNING, BUT THE RPF APPEARS TO HAVE GAINED GROUND AFTER YESTERDAY'S HEAVY FIGHTING. SHELLS WERE FALLING IN THE CITY CENTER AND NEAR THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL WHERE 300 REFUGEES ARE AWAITING EVACUATION. AID WORKERS ALSO REPORTED RPF FORCES HAVE ENCIRCLED RUHENGARI AND WERE ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE IT. THE AIRPORT REMAINS CLOSED AFTER A CANADIAN C-130 WAS SHOT AT YESTERDAY WHILE UNLOADING SUPPLIES. (REUTERS, API)

(U) HUNDREDS OF RWANDANS DAILY ARE SWIMMING THE KAGERA RIVER TO REACH THE BENACO REFUGEE CAMP IN TANZANIA.

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(REUTERS)



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DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS

(U) TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RWEASIRA TODAY ANNOUNCED IN DAR ES SALAAM THAT RWANDA'S INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAD SIGNED A DOCUMENT CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE STARTING TOMORROW. HE SAID THE RPF DID NOT SIGN, BUT HAD PROMISED TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT A CEASEFIRE WAS SIGNED IN GABADOLITE, BROKERED BY MOBUTU. (REUTERS)

(LOU) BELGIAN OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED WITH THE RPF THAT THEY SIGNED A CEASEFIRE IN GABADOLITE, BUT IT WAS CONDITIONED ON THE END OF MASSACRES AND GOR ACCEPTANCE OR ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS. (AF/C EMBASSY BRUSSELS TELCON)

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(U) A/S SHATTUCK AND TANZANIAN PM MALACELA TODAY AGREED ON A PRESS STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED IN DAR ES SALAAM TOMORROW: THE TWO FULLY AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CEASEFIRE, THAT THE UNAMIR COMMANDER SHOULD CONVENE A MEETING IN KIGALI OF HIGH RANKING MILITARY COMMANDERS OF BOTH SIDES TO DISCUSS A CEASEFIRE, THAT ONCE A CEASEFIRE IS AGREED, AN EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE WOULD BE

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IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED, AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION CREATED TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND THE ARUSHA PROCESS RELAUNCHED. (BUJUMBURA 01578)

(C) EU OFFICIALS SEE RWANDA AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S - EU COOPERATION. THEY WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES TO JOINTLY ENCOURAGE AN OAU PEACEKEEPING FORCE UNDER UN AUSPICES, FOLLOWED BY PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY TO KEEP THE SITUATION FROM SPREADING - ESPECIALLY TO BURUNDI. THE EU IS ALREADY PROVIDING SOME HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES, BUT IS GEARING UP TO PROVIDE MORE AID ONCE THE SITUATION STABILIZES. (BRUSSELS 05050)

(C) OAU/SSG SALIM AND UN/SYG BOUTROS GHALI DISAGREE ABOUT WHO SHOULD LEAD THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE TROOPS FOR AN EXPANDED FORCE IN RWANDA. IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED MAY 2 AND 5, BOUTROS GALI SUGGESTED THE UN MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ANY REGIONAL EFFORTS THAT MIGHT BE MADE, WHILE SALIM INSISTED THE UN SHOULD RETAIN THE LEAD AND BUILD ON THE EXISTING UN FORCE. (ADDIS ABABA 03325)

(C) OAU SYG SALIM, MET ON MAY 5 WITH A/S SHATTUCK IN DAR ES SALAAM. SALIM FULLY SUPPORTS RECONSTITUTING UNAMIR TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, PROTECT REFUGEES AND CIVILIANS, AND MONITOR A CEASEFIRE WHEN ONE IS ACHIEVED. HE STRONGLY BELIEVES UN INTERVENTION SHOULD INCLUDE A HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING COMPONENT, INCLUDING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLING AND MASSACRES. SALIM IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT JOINT OAU/UN LEADERSHIP, SAYING THAT WHERE THE OAU CAN "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" IS IN SECURING

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(C) THE UNSC YESTERDAY AGAIN DISCUSSED RWANDA, HOPING TO MOVE AWAY FROM SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE COUNCIL TO SYG BOUTROS GHALI AND BACK AGAIN. IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE TOWARDS DECISIVE ACTION, THE SC IS TODAY CIRCULATING A DRAFT LETTER ASKING THE SYG TO PROVIDE AN INFORMAL NON-PAPER PRESENTING A POSSIBLE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO WHATEVER DECISION THE SC MIGHT TAKE. MANY DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THAT HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS SHOULD BE THE CURRENT PRIORITY. THE NON-ALIGNED ARE ALSO WORKING ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE TABLED TODAY OR MONDAY. (USUN 01926)

(U) NIGERIA IS CONSIDERING A UN REQUEST TO SEND TROOPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN RWANDA, ACCORDING TO KADUNA RADIO NIGERIA.

(C) MONIQUE MUJAWAMIRA AND ALISON DES FORGES YESTERDAY CALLED ON AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH TO ARGUE FOR GREATER US INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA. THEY URGE A US INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE DONORS TO PROCLAIM THEY WILL NEVER SUPPORT THE CURRENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND CALLING FOR BRINGING THE KILLERS TO JUSTICE, RESUMPTION OF THE ARUSHA TALKS EXCEPT FOR SOME MILITARY LEADERS AND AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLINGS. USUN WAS PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THEIR INSISTANCE THAT ENOUGH MODERATES HAVE SURVIVED TO FORM A VIABLE NEGOTIATING PRESENCE AND EVENTUALLY TAKE PART IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT. (USUN 01922)

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(U) THE UN YESTERDAY APPEALED FOR 38.8 MILLION IN AID TO COMBAT THE CRISIS. UN SOURCES SAID MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES WOULD START FERRYING SUPPLIES INTO TANZANIA TODAY FOR RWANDAN REFUGEES, ALTHOUGH HEAVY RAIN WOULD DELAY ROAD TRANSPORT. (REUTERS)
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