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situation in Kigali remained relatively quiet, with

reported that the situation remains calm there.

SITUATION REPORT IN SITUATION AS OF 2400 EDT

sporadic gunfire. At 2100 EDT, Charge Lange in Bujumbura

At 2030 EDT, the visiting DATT reported that the

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(C) At 2140 EDT, Embassy Kigali reported hearing a plane fly overhead, followed by heavy explosions and subsequent gunfire. (Embassy telcon)

(S) At 2200 EDT, the National Military Command Center reported that the French military are on the ground in Kigali. There are apparently 100-200 troops. At 2220, USUN reported by phone that the French have secured the airport in Kigali. (Watch/USUN telcon)

OTHER AGENCIES: AID

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(U) At 2300, Embassy Kigali reported a large explosion near the airport. (Embassy telcon)

- (S) Charge Lange in telcon reported he had obtained clearance for bringing U.S. military assets into Burundi ENERGY (LDX) to facilitate evacuation of Rwanda.
  - (U) Embassy Nairobi has arranged to have an African Airlines Charter Boeing 707 placed on standby in Nairobi to support evacuation of Americans in the region. craft is reserved through 1800 local time, Sunday, and could be made available after that, if necessary. (Nairobi 06325)

The Red Cross estimates at least 1000 have been killed in since the violence started on April 6.

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