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TAGS: PREL, MARR, MOPS, OAU, UN, RW, UG
SUBJECT: SC MEMBERS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BORDER FORCE

REF: STATE 167041

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. USUN POLOFF SOUNDED OUT SEVERAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ELICIT THEIR REACTIONS TO THE RWANDA/UGANDA

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BORDER FORCE. THERE IS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM, BUT NO STRONG OPPOSITION. POLOFF POINTED OUT TO CAPE VERDE, DJIBOUTI, BRAZIL, PAKISTAN AND UK MISOFFS THE CONCERNS IO PDAS WARD LAID OUT FOR THE FRENCH (REFTEL). SHE ALSO PASSED ON INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THE BELGIANS THAT THE RPF HAD THREATENED TO FIRE ON ANY UN HELICOPTER WHICH MIGHT OVERFLY RWANDAN AIRSPACE.

3. ALL MISOFFS ADMITTED THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT LOOKED AT THE MILITARY ASPECTS IN GREAT DETAIL. SOME VOICED RELUCTANCE TO INVOLVE THE COUNCIL IN "MICRO-MANAGING" THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF A MILITARY OPERATION. THE BRAZILIANS WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION, AS THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE OBSERVERS FOR THE BORDER FORCE. CAPE VERDE WAS FOLLOWING THE OAU LEAD IN SUPPORTING THE BORDER FORCE, BUT WOULD TAKE A CLOSER LOOK NOW THAT WE HAD POINTED OUT THE FLAWS IN THE PLAN. UK MISOFF REVEALED THAT LONDON HAD LITTLE INTEREST IN RWANDA, WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE BORDER FORCE, BUT DID NOT

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WANT TO CROSS THE FRENCH. IN LIGHT OF OUR POINTS, HE BELIEVED LONDON WOULD PROBABLY AGREE WITH OUR CONCERNS AND BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITION IN THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHOULD RESUME DISCUSSION OF THE RWANDA RESOLUTION SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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