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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 6 AS OF 1630 EDT, 04/08/94

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E LANDFAIR
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1. (S) THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO EVACUATE ITS CITIZENS FROM RWANDA VIA THE KIGALI AIRPORT. THE FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT WITH 100-200 TROOPS FROM BASES IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. THE RWANDAN MILITARY COMMAND AGREED TO THE OPERATION, BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE TIMING. THE FRENCH DO NOT/NOT INTEND TO NOTIFY THE RPF AND HAVE URGED THAT WE NOT INFORM THEM. (PARIS 9625; BRUSSELS 4005)

2. (S) THE BELGIAN OPERATION WOULD BE KEPT TOTALLY DISTINCT FROM UNAMIR. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS REQUESTING U.S. AIRLIFT FOR 800-1000 TROOPS AND ARMORED VEHICLES AND LOGISTICAL AND POSSIBLE MEDICAL SUPPORT. (1515 EDT BRUSSELS DATT/DEPT. TELCON)

3. (S) THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. MILITARY ON EVACUATION PROCEDURES. THE NSC HAS GIVEN APPROVAL TO STATE AND DOD

TO PLAN FOR A JOINT U.S.-BELGIUM-FRANCE OPERATION TO

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EVACUATE OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONALS. (BRUSSELS 4005)

4. (C) THE BELGIAN PM ASKED BOUTROS GHALI TO STRENGTHEN THE UN CONTINGENT. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS ENHANCED EQUIPMENT AND/OR FIREPOWER, NOT AN INCREASE IN BELGIAN BLUE HELMETS. THE BELGIANS ARE WILLING TO KEEP THEIR UNAMIR TROOPS IN RWANDA AFTER THE PLANNED EVACUATION, BUT CANNOT PROVIDE MORE TROOPS. (BRUSSELS 4005)

5. (C) THE UN SYG WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN UNAMIR WITH MORE TROOPS. THE BELGIANS WANT TO BRING IN THEIR EVACUATION FORCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT (WHICH WOULD APPEAR IMPOSSIBLE, GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY). (IO/USUN TELCONS)

6. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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