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 TAGS: CASC, MOPS, PREL, CG, RW, FR
 SUBJECT: THE SISTERS OF ST. MARY OF NAMUR AND THE
 FRENCH MILITARY OPERATION IN RWANDA

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1. EMBASSY KINSHASA ALSO PASSED ON THE STORY OF THE
 SISTERS AT KIBUYE. CONOFF WENT TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY
 AND SPOKE WITH THE MILITARY ATTACHE THERE, COLONEL
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 DOMINIQUE BON.

2. CONOFF GAVE COLONEL BON A SUMMARY OF CONTENTS OF
 REFTTEL, STRESSING THAT THE VISIT HAD NOTHING AT ALL
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AID; USG CONCERN WAS THAT THE FRENCH MILITARY BE AWARE OF THE LOCATION OF THE SISTERS, AND OF OUR HOPE THAT ALL THAT COULD BE DONE TO AID THEM WOULD BE DONE.

3. COL. BON WAS BREEZY IN HIS ASSURANCES THAT IN THEIR CURRENT LOCATION, THE SISTERS WERE IN NO DANGER. PROCEEDING TO HIS WALL MAP OF RWANDA, HE SKETCHED THE PLAN FOR THE OPERATION, POINTING AT GOMA AND BUKAVU AT NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS OF LAKE KIVU. SAYING, "THIS IS NO REAL SECRET," HE SAID THAT 2500 FRENCH TROOPS HAD TAKEN UP OR WERE TAKING UP POSITIONS IN THOSE TWO LOCATIONS TO BEGIN A PUSH INTO RWANDAN TERRITORY. WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS, THE NORTHERN GROUP, GOING SOUTHEAST, WOULD MEET THE SOUTHERN GROUP, PUSHING NORTHEAST, TO CREATE AN ARC ENCLOSING THE WESTERN PORTION OF RWANDA AS A FRENCH-CREATED, FRENCH-CONTROLLED SAFE HAVEN. THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO EVACUATE "SOME" REFUGEES ACROSS LAKE KIVU INTO ZAIRE, HE ADDED.

4. HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE NUNS WOULD BE UNDER THE FRENCH UMBRELLA BY SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

5. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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