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SUBJECT: RWANDAN AMBASSADOR SAYS KILLINGS CONTINUE; FOREIGN  
MINISTER PLANS TO COME TO US

1. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR UWIMANA CALLED ON AF/C DIRECTOR  
RENDER APRIL 26. UWIMANA REPORTED THAT FIGHTING WAS  
STILL GOING ON IN RWANDA, AND SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER  
JEROME BICAMUPAKA WANTS TO COME TO THE US NEXT WEEK TO  
MEET WITH DEPARTMENT AND UN OFFICIALS (SEE SEPTEL).  
UWIMANA SAID THAT HE HAD PASSED WASHINGTON'S DEMAND THAT  
KILLINGS MUST STOP TO GOR OFFICIALS IN KIGALI. END  
SUMMARY.

2. AT HIS REQUEST, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR ALOYS UWIMANA  
CALLED ON AF/C DIRECTOR ARLENE RENDER LATE AFTERNOON  
APRIL 26. AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON ALSO ATTENDED THE  
MEETING. UWIMANA SAID THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR HIS CALL  
WAS TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JEROME  
BICAMUPAKA WAS IN PARIS AND WANTED TO COME TO US NEXT  
WEEK TO MEET WITH USG AND UN OFFICIALS. UWIMANA SAID  
THAT BICAMUPAKA, A MEMBER OF THE MDR, IS THE SON OF AN  
MDR LEADER AND HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN GERMANY, BELGIUM  
AND FRANCE. RENDER THANKED UWIMANA FOR THE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER  
HE WOULD BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

3. RENDER ASKED UWIMANA IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THE  
CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA. UWIMANA REPORTED THAT  
FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE

SAID THAT PHONE SERVICE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO KIGALI BUT  
NOT TO OUTLYING AREAS. UWIMANA SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN  
EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH AN AMERICAN WOMAN IN WISCONSIN  
WHO HAD TALKED BY PHONE WITH HER HUSBAND IN KIGALI. SHE  
REPORTED THAT TWO MARKETS IN KIGALI WERE FUNCTIONING  
AGAIN, AND THAT SOME BANKS WERE OPEN OUTSIDE KIGALI,

THOUGH BANKS IN THE CAPITAL REMAINED CLOSED. UWIMANA  
SAID THAT THERE ARE POCKETS OF RPF TROOPS AROUND THE  
CITY, PARTICULARLY ALONG THE ROAD TO BYAMBU, WHERE THE  
RICE MILL, SUGAR FACTORY AND GASOLINE STORAGE DEPOT ARE  
LOCATED. HE SAID THAT THE ARMY HESITATED TO ATTACK THE  
RPF ALONG THIS ROAD BECAUSE OF ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
LOCATED THERE.

4. RENDER TOLD UWIMANA THAT THE USG WAS EXTREMELY UPSET  
ABOUT THE CONTINUING MASSACRES, AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD  
PASSED ON TO THE GOR WASHINGTON'S MESSAGE THAT THE  
MASSACRES MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY. UWIMANA SAID THAT HE  
HAD PASSED THIS MESSAGE TO KIGALI. HE ADDED THAT THE  
POPULATION WILL CONTINUE KILLING AS LONG AS THE RPF  
PROLONGS THE WAR, AND THAT THE POPULATION IS  
SPONTANEOUSLY KILLING IN ORDER TO DEFEND ITSELF FROM THE  
RPF.

5. AMBASSADOR RAWSON STRONGLY DISAGREED WITH UWIMANA'S  
CLAIM THAT THE KILLING WAS SPONTANEOUS AND COULD NOT BE  
STOPPED. HE EMPHASIZED TO UWIMANA THAT THE POPULATION IS  
BEING ORDERED TO KILL BY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN RWANDA,  
AND THAT THESE SAME HIGH OFFICIALS MUST IMMEDIATELY ORDER  
THE PEOPLE TO STOP KILLING. UWIMANA INSISTED THAT THE  
KILLING IS SPONTANEOUS, ADDING THAT KIGALI IS BEING

DEFENDED BY PEASANTS WITH MACHETES. UWIMANA ACKNOWLEDGED  
THAT MASSACRES WERE BEING CARRIED OUT BY BOTH SIDES, AND  
SAID THAT IT IS TOO BAD THAT THE POPULATION HAS RETURNED  
TO THE FAILURES OF THE 1960'S.

6. AF/C DIRECTOR RENDER ASKED UWIMANA WHAT THE USG  
SHOULD DO TO HELP END THE KILLING. UWIMANA REPLIED THAT  
THE US SHOULD TELL THE MINORITY TUTSIS TO ACCEPT THEIR  
STATUS AS A MINORITY, AND TELL THE RPF THAT, ALTHOUGH  
THEY MIGHT WIN THE WAR, THEY CANNOT GOVERN THE COUNTRY.  
UWIMANA SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT A POWER SHARING  
ARRANGEMENT CANNOT WORK, AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE FAILURE  
OF THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE  
SALVADORAN MODEL OF BRINGING THE GUERRILLAS INTO THE  
ELECTORAL PROCESS AND INTO THE POLICE, BUT NOT INTO THE  
MILITARY, COULD PERHAPS BE WORKABLE IN RWANDA. UWIMANA  
ADDED THAT THE JUDICIAL POWER IN RWANDA NEEDS TO BE  
REINFORCED IN ORDER FOR SOCIETY TO FUNCTION.

7. RENDER AND RAWSON REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED TO UWIMANA  
THAT THE MOST CRUCIAL PRIORITY RIGHT NOW IS TO STOP THE  
MASSACRES. RENDER POINTED OUT THAT THE GOR AND THE ARMY  
MUST TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GETTING THE PEOPLE TO  
STOP KILLING EACH OTHER. RAWSON ADDED THAT ALL THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT HAD ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST IS BEING  
DESTROYED AND THE COUNTRY IS BEING TORN APART BY THESE  
MASSACRES. UWIMANA AGREED TO AGAIN PASS ON TO THE GOR  
WASHINGTON'S DEMAND FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE MASSACRES  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEASEFIRE.

8. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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