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SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Our C04272.

The Secretariat has called us as President to advise that they have just been advised by the Force Commander in Kigali that about an hour ago (2am Kigali time) three French military aircraft landed at Kigali Airport and discharged approximately 150 French combat troops.

2 As of the present time UNAMIR who have made contact with the French are unaware of their precise orders but they assume that their primary mission is to secure the airport in advance of the landing of a more substantial force after daylight.

3 We requested Secretariat to circulate this information by fax to all Security Council members.

4 Clearly the French were further down the intervention track than our contacts here were aware. We suspect these developments will make it inevitable a Security Council meeting will be required tomorrow (9 April).

End Message

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