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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE SYG DID NOT HAVE A REPORT WITH

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL. U/SYG GHAREKHAN BRIEFED THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. HE SAID THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES, THAT 264 NON-ESSENTIAL UNAMIR TROOPS WERE EVACUATED TO NAIROBI. ALSO 237 GHANAIS WERE MOVED FROM THE DMZ TO KIGALI AND THAT THE REST WOULD MOVE TODAY. NIGERIA REPORTED ON EFFORTS BY UGANDA AND THE OAU TO SEEK A CEASEFIRE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS GHAREKHAN REPORTED THE AIRPORT WAS OPERATIONAL BUT NO CIVILIAN FLIGHTS WERE OPERATING AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEW SHELLING OR PROPAGANDA AGAINST UNAMIR TROOPS. GHAREKHAN HOPED THE SYG REPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW BUT WOULD NOT PROMISE. A NUMBER OF MEMBERS STRESSED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD TO TAKE ACTION ON RWANDA BEFORE THE WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

WHEN IS A REPORT NOT A REPORT

3. AT INFORMALS ON APRIL 20 THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED
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RWANDA. U/SYG GHAREKHAN BEGAN BY ANNOUNCING THAT CONTRARY TO HIS STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL THE DAY BEFORE, THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE SYG ON FUTURE OPTIONS. HE THEN GAVE AN ORAL BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT FIGHTING HAD BEEN INTENSE ON TUESDAY BUT SLACKED OFF IN THE AFTERNOON. THIS ALLOWED THE ICRC TO EVACUATE THE WOUNDED FROM THE STADIUM TO THE HOSPITAL. THE NUMBER OF DEAD AT THE STADIUM WAS NOW PLACED AT 40. THERE WAS ALSO FIGHTING AROUND THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL NORTHWEST OF KIGALI. GHAREKHAN REPORTED THAT THE BELGIANS HAD LEFT AND AN ADDITIONAL 264 NON-ESSENTIAL UNAMIR TROOPS HAD BEEN EVACUATED TO NAIROBI LEAVING A FORCE LEVEL OF 1707. 237 GHANAIS TROOPS OF UNAMIR HAD BEEN MOVED FROM THE DMZ TO KIGALI ON TUESDAY AND THE REMAINING 87 WERE EXPECTED TO GO TO KIGALI WEDNESDAY.

4. NIGERIA PERM REP GAMBARI GAVE THE COUNCIL SOME INFORMATION ON THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. HE SAID THERE WAS A MEETING IN KAMPALA WHERE UGANDA'S PRESIDENT TRIED TO PERSUADE BOTH SIDES TO AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE AND THERE WAS TO BE ANOTHER MEETING TOMORROW; ALSO THAT LEADERS OF THE REGION HAD AGREED TO MEET IN ARUSHA ON SATURDAY. THE SYG OF THE OAU HAD CONTACTED REGIONAL LEADERS TO

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COOPERATE ON A COMMUNICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. GANBARI CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE HOPED THAT THE COUNCIL COULD RETURN QUICKLY TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RWANDA AFTER THE SYG'S REPORT WAS RECEIVED.

MORE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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5. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL QUESTIONED GHAREKHAN SEEKING MORE INFORMATION. BRAZIL ASKED IF THE 264 NON-ESSENTIAL WERE ALL OR MIGHT MORE LEAVE, SAYING THEY HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT 500 UNAMIR TROOPS WERE LEAVING. GHAREKHAN SAID THE REPORT OF 500 WAS NOT TRUE, BUT MORE TROOPS MIGHT LEAVE DEPENDING ON THE DECISIONS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES AND WHAT DECISIONS THE COUNCIL TOOK. ARGENTINA EXPRESSED SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF UN PERSONNEL AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS AT THE AIRPORT, ANY SHELLING OF UN FORCES AND

ANY REPORTS ON THE ATTITUDE OF BOTH SIDES TOWARDS THE UN TROOPS PARTICULARLY ANY HOSTILE PROPAGANDA. GHAREKHAN RESPONDED THAT UNAMIR TROOPS WERE AT THE AIRPORT WHICH WAS STILL OPERATIONAL ALTHOUGH NO CIVILIAN FLIGHTS WERE OPERATING NOW. UNAMIR DID NOT BELIEVE THEY COULD ARRANGE FOR THE AIRPORT TO BE CONSIDERED NEUTRAL. ALSO THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER ATTACKS ON UNAMIR AND NO DELIBERATE HOSTILITY OR PROPAGANDA TOWARDS THEM.

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 ACTION BY FRIDAY, THE CALL

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6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY SPAIN GHAREKHAN SAID HE "HOPED" THE REPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY BUT COULD NOT PROMISE THAT. THIS REVELATION PRODDED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO STRESS THE NEED NOT TO GO INTO THE WEEKEND WITHOUT ACTING. UK AMB HANNAY SAID THAT WHILE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS HOLD THE ULTIMATE POWER TO DECIDE IF TROOPS WOULD REMAIN, THE COUNCIL SHOULD TRY TO STAY ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THEM. HE SAID IT WAS BETTER TO RATIONALLY DECIDE TO DOWNSIZE THE MISSION THAN HAVE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS DO IT FOR THE COUNCIL. HANNAY CONCLUDED THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO DECIDE SOON, WE "CAN'T RETIRE FOR THE WEEKEND WITHOUT TAKING ACTION."

7. NEW ZEALAND COMMENTED THAT AS PRESIDENT HE WAS ENCOUNTERING A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES NOT COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNCIL WAS NOT SAYING ANYTHING ON 'THIS HORRIFIC KILLING,' AS WELL AS QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA WHY THE COUNCIL WAS NOT

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POINTING OUT WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS KILLING WHEN THE WERE RECEIVING REPORTS ON WHO WAS AT FAULT. AMB KEATING SAID THE COUNCIL HAD GOOD REASONS WHY THEY HAD NOT ADOPTED A RESOLUTION LAST FRIDAY BUT HE BELIEVED THE COUNCIL CAN NOT GO BEYOND THIS FRIDAY WITHOUT ACTION.

8. AMB CARDENAS OF ARGENTINA JOINED THIS CHORUS SAYING THE COUNCIL HAD TO TAKE A DECISION NO LATER THAN FRIDAY. HE SAID THE UNAMIR FORCE MAY BE EVAPORATING THROUGH ACTIONS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND THAT UNAMIR HAS BEEN IN LIMBO. HE ADDED THAT UNAMIR HAD A MANDATE NOT RELATED TO THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VERY DISTURBED IF UNAMIR REMAINED IN THIS LIMBO. (COMMENT AFTER THE MEETING CARDENAS COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS CRAZY, THAT THE BANGLADESH WANTS TO REMOVE IT TROOPS AND UNAMIR SHOULD BE REMOVED. END COMMENT.)

9. THE PRESIDENT SAID IF THE SYG REPORT ON RWANDA CAME OUT ON THURSDAY HE WOULD TRY TO ADJUST THE SCHEDULE OF WORK TO ALLOW AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IF NOT HE WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS RWANDA ON FRIDAY.

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