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1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT

2. AMBASSADOR MERIMEE INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR FRENCH TROOPS IN RWANDA UNDER CHAPTER VII. THE FRENCH ONCE AGAIN JUSTIFIED THEIR MISSION AS PURELY HUMANITARIAN, AND ASSURED SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THEIR PURPOSE IN RWANDA WAS ONLY TO STOP THE KILLING, AND WAS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A PEACE KEEPING MISSION. THE LENGTH OF TIME WAS LIMITED UNTIL UNIMIR COULD BE DEPLOYED. AMB. MERIMEE ALSO HOPED THAT OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD JOIN THE FRENCH.

3. NEW ZEALAND EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE FRENCH MISSION, STATING THAT A UNITED NATIONS MISSION WAS THE
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BEST WAY TO HELP RWANDA. HE STATED THAT A COALITION OF GOVERNMENTS UNDER THE FRENCH FLAG, AND NOT A UN FLAG, MIGHT EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM. NEW ZEALAND ALSO QUESTIONED THE LOGIC THAT UNIMIR COULD NOT DEPLOY TROOPS, YET MULTILATERAL TROOPS UNDER A FRENCH FLAG COULD BE DEPLOYED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

4. SPAIN, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO EXPRESSED SOMEWHAT SYMPATHETIC VIEWS TOWARDS THE FRENCH MISSION, NOTING THE "UNIQUE SITUATION" CONCERNING RWANDA.

5. NIGERIA, CHINA AND PAKISTAN HELD NO FORMAL OPINION YET, AS THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE DECISION OF THE NAM CAUCUS, NIGERIA, HOWEVER, WONDERED WHY COUNTRIES WERE NOT PRESSURED INTO JOINING UNIMIR INSTEAD OF JOINING UNDER THE FRENCH INITIATIVE.

6. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE UNITED STATES, THE UK, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND DJIBOUTI ALL EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULARLY INFORMING THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THAT THE FRENCH SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR MANDATE AND A LIMITED TIME PERIOD, WHILE THE UK

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SOUGHT CLARIFICATION THAT THE FRENCH MISSION WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE FRENCH. THE RUSSIANS ALSO STATED THAT A CONDITION FOR THE MISSION SHOULD BE THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES, OR AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT NEITHER PARTY REJECT THE INITIATIVE.

7. THE RPF SPOKE WITH USUN AMB. GELBER TO CONVEY THEIR
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DISMAY. THEY STATED THAT THEY WELCOMED UNIMIR, BUT WOULD TREAT THE FRENCH MOVE AS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION. THEY MAINTAIN THAT THE FRENCH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNIMIR INSTEAD OF HEADING UP THEIR OWN MISSION. THE RPF MADE IT CLEAR THEY WILL CONSIDER SC ENDORSEMENT OF THE FRENCH INITIATIVE AS A DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE COUNCIL AGAINST THE RPF. THEY ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT THE FRENCH FOR AS LONG AS THEY STAY IN RWANDA. THE RPF REJECTED REQUESTS BY MINISTER KOUCHNER AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN THE FIELD TO MEET WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP, SAYING THAT THE FRENCH WERE NOT WILLING TO NEGOTIATE, BUT HAD ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MINDS. THE RPF ALSO SENT A LETTER WITH SIMILAR VIEWS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SC (FAXED TO DEPT).

8. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL BE DISCUSSED IN INFORMALS ON JUNE 21 AND A VOTE COULD COME AS SOON AS WEDNESDAY.

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