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1. (U) RWANDA'S TWO PRIVATE RADIO STATIONS, THE RPF'S RADIO MUHABURA AND PRO-HUTU RTLM, REPORTED ACCIDENT 3/6 NEAR THE RPF'S KIGALI HEADQUARTERS INVOLVING A PICK-UP TRUCK FILLED WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THE TRUCK, THE REPORTS SAID, BORE BURUNDI LICENSE PLATES. RADIO RTLM CLAIMED THE ARMS AND MUNITIONS WERE DESTINED FOR THE RPF. RADIO MUHABURA ALLEGED THE VEHICLE WAS COMING FROM A GOVERNMENT MILITARY CAMP NEAR THE AIRPORT AAHN

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THE WEAPONS WERE INTENDED TO DESTABILIZE BURUNDI.

2. (C) HEAD OF THE UN OBSERVER FORCE IN KIGALI TOLD DCM THE TRUCK BORE OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATES FROM BURUNDI. THE UNAMIR OFFICER SAID THAT THE DRIVER, WHOM HE INTERVIEWED TWICE, STUCK TO HIS STORY: HE BOUGHT THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN KIGALI TO TAKE BACK TO BURUNDI. AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT IS UNDERWAY.

3. (C) PRESIDENTIAL CABINET DIRECTOR TELEPHONED EMBASSY 3/8 TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER WEEKEND KILLINGS IN BUJUMBURA AND THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS THAT MIGHT OCCUR IN RWANDA. HE URGED THE U.S. TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ASSURE THAT THE BLOOD NOT CONTINUE TO FLOW. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THE CABINET DIRECTOR ACKNOWLEDGED HEARING ABOUT THE VEHICLE ACCIDENT AND SAID AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. DCM NOTED THAT IF IT WERE DETERMINED THAT THE ARMS WERE DESTINED FOR BURUNDI, THIS WOULD BE VERY TROUBLING.
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