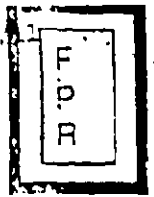


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His Excellency Salim Bin Mohammed Al-Khussaiby
President of the Security Council
United Nations


Mr. President

I received instructions this afternoon to convey to the members of the Security Council the request of the Rwandese Patriotic Front, that if the Council plans to approve the proposed French intervention, it should, simultaneously, authorize the withdrawal of the existing contingent of UNAMIR.

The Rwandese Patriotic front is concerned that its personnel may not always be in a position to make a clear distinction between UNAMIR and other foreign forces in the event of an escalation of hostilities. We have, regrettably, come to the conclusion that it is necessary that UNAMIR personnel be withdrawn to safety, at least on a temporary basis.

We wish to assure your Excellency that this request is made in good faith and does not, in anyway, reflect a desire on our part to avoid our responsibility for the safety of United Nations personnel in our territory.

For: The Political Bureau of the Rwandese Patriotic Front


Mr. Gerald Gahima

c.c. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali
All members of the Security Council
Secretary-General of the OAU.

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