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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, MOPS, FR, OAU, RW  
SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDAN CEASEFIRE  
PROCESS

REF: (A) 92 KIGALI 5023

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2. SUMMARY: THE NMOG REPORT OF A CEASEFIRE VIOLATION (REFTEL) IS RAISING TENSIONS AND COULD ENDANGER THE CEASEFIRE. RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE MAY HAVE CALLED FOR A JOINT POLITICAL MILITARY GROUP IJPMCI MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WHEN HE MET WITH SALIM SALIM RECENTLY. AMBASSADOR FLATEN SHOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH HIS FRENCH COUNTERPART IN KIGALI AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE DAMAGE LIMITATION MEASURES. EMBASSY PARIS SHOULD SHARE OUR CONCERNS WITH THE QUAI. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND

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3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF FRENCH MILITARY  
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INVOLVEMENT ON THE FRONT LINES FOR SOME TIME, REF A PROVIDES THE FIRST EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT BY THE NMOG OF A CEASEFIRE VIOLATION. IF, AS THE NMOG COMMANDER ASSERTS, THE FRENCH WERE SUPERVISING FAR SOLDIERS DIGGING FOXHOLES IN FRONT OF THE CEASEFIRE LINES IN ORDER TO TAKE NEW GROUND, THIS CONSTITUTES A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR THE CEASEFIRE LINE AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR FLATEN SHOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR MARTES, SEE WHETHER THE FRENCH ARE WILLING TO ASSURE THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS WILL NOT BE REPEATED, AND PERHAPS MAKE A SYMBOLIC GESTURE ISUCH AS REPLACING THE COMMANDER RESPONSIBLET THAT WOULD CALM THE SITUATION. EMBASSY PARIS IS REQUESTED TO SIGNAL OUR CONCERN TO THE QUAI, NOTING THAT WE HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR FLATEN TO DISCUSS DAMAGE LIMITATION WITH AMBASSADOR MARTES. EAGLEBURGER

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