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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ambassador Walker
FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey *JK*
SUBJECT: Security Council informals on Rwanda, 11:00, Monday, April 11.

BACKGROUND

Today's Security Council informals will continue the discussion on evacuating UN and foreign nationals from Rwanda, and UNAMIR's future.

On Evacuation

FC Dallaire is attempting to secure a 48-hour truce between the RPF and the government of Rwanda to allow for the evacuation of foreign nationals and UN personnel; the obstacle is that the RPF will not recognize the provisional government. This truce is scheduled to go into effect 6:00 pm Kigali time (12:00 pm NY time). Even if a truce is brokered, whether planes will be able to land and take-off, and convoys able to leave unhindered, is still uncertain; the Presidential Guard still controls part of the airport; it is unknown if the provisional government's decision will be recognized by all parties; and fighting and chaos continue in Kigali. Therefore, any future truce should be welcomed but not considered firm.

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On UNAMIR's Future

FC Dallaire and SRSG Booh-Booh have vainly attempted to broker a cease-fire between the GOR and the RPF; the RPF claims that the provisional government represents the same clique that shattered the previous cease-fire and the Arusha Accords. Therefore, the truce that allows for the evacuation of foreign national is not a cease-fire between the parties; the RPF claims that they will march on Kigali in 48 hours.

Because UNAMIR has been unable to broker a cease-fire and start political negotiations, and because it appears that the situation will become even more violent, FC Dallaire is pessimistic that UNAMIR can play a constructive role in the near future. According to UN officials, Dallaire is leaning toward recommending of UNAMIR's evacuation; no decision will be made for at least another day.

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