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SUBJECT; PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA RECEIVES DASD IRVIN,
PROMISED INSTALLATION CEREMONIES ABORTED

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA RECEIVED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (DASD) FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PATRICIA IRVIN AFTERNOON 3/24 FOR AN HOUR-LONG VISIT. THE PRESIDENT WARMLY WELCOMED DASD IRVIN NOTING THAT HER VISIT WAS A SIGN OF UNITED STATES SYMPATHY FOR RWANDA AND SUPPORT FOR

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ITS NEEDS. HE ASKED HER TO THANK HER GOVERNMENT FOR ALL ITS HELP IN THE DIFFICULT THREE YEARS OF RWANDA'S RECENT HISTORY, ESPECIALLY HELP ON DISPLACED PERSONS.

3. DASD IRVIN EXPRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT HER DELIGHT IN BEING IN RWANDA AT THIS HISTORIC JUNCTURE. SHE HOPED THAT THE RWANDAN AUTHORITIES WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO PUT IN PLACE THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SO THAT U.S. PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA COULD GO FORWARD. SHE THEN OUTLINED THE FUNCTIONS OF HER OFFICE AND THE PARTICULAR ROLE IT PLAYS IN HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, PEACEKEEPING AND SUCH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS DEMINING. IN OUTLINING HER ITINERARY TO AFRICA, SHE NOTED THE PARTICULAR INTEREST WHICH RWANDA HELD DUE TO THE PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES HERE AND THE CHALLENGE OF BRINGING A BETTER LIFE TO WAR-WEARY RWANDANS.

4. THE PRESIDENT INFORMED DASD IRVIN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO SET UP TRANSITIONAL

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INSTITUTIONS. THERE WOULD BE A CEREMONY THE NEXT DAY, FRIDAY. AMBASSADOR RAWSON QUERIED WHETHER ALL ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED. THE PRESIDENT TURNED TO HIS DIRECTOR OF CABINET WHO MENTIONED THE CDR'S EXCLUSION FROM THE ASSEMBLY. THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED U.S. STRONG SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF ALL POLITICAL FORCES AND RECOUNTED THE RECENT EFFORTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT HIGH OFFICIALS TO CONVINCING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THIS POINT. THE AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED IF THE PRESIDENT COULD GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY REMAINING ISSUE. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT YET SEEN ALL THE PARTY LISTS, BUT HE COULD GIVE ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD BE AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING (CND) FOR INSTALLATION CEREMONIES AT 9:00 AM.

5. COMMENT: TWO HOURS AFTER THIS HEARTENING WORD, THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET SUBMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER A LIST OF DEPUTIES WHICH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE SWEARING IN THE NEXT DAY. THIS LIST DIFFERED IN THREE RESPECTS FROM THE LIST THE PRIME MINISTER HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: A DIFFERENT NAME EACH FOR PDI AND MDR AND THE ADDED NAME OF A CDR DEPUTY.

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6. AMBASSADOR'S LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS PARTIES UNTIL MIDNIGHT FAILED TO BRIDGE THIS NEW IMPASSE. BY 9:00 AM, OFFICIALS GATHERED EXPECTANTLY AT THE CND, BUT RUMORS WERE RIFE THAT THE RPF DELEGATION WAS NOT COMING. WHEN PRIME MINISTER UWILINGIYIMANA ARRIVED SHE HURRIED OBSERVERS, RPF'S MAZIMHAKA AND KAREMERA AND PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF
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CABINET RUHIGIRA INTO A SIDE ROOM. AFTER RAISING THE ISSUE OF THE DOUBLE LISTS, THE PRIME MINISTER DREW RPF AND PRESIDENCY REPRESENTATIVES INTO FOUR HOURS OF MUTUAL RECRIMINATION OVER EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

7. PARTIES EVENTUALLY EVOLVED A CONSENSUS TO THE EFFECT THAT CHALLENGES IN ISLAMIC PARTY AND THE MDR SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE COURTS. PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVES WERE, HOWEVER, ADAMANT THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT IMMEDIATE INSTALLATION OF THE CDR IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE CDR WOULD HAVE TO PROVE ITS GOOD INTENTIONS. ITS CASE WOULD BE JUDGED BY THE

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE AT THE
APPROPRIATE TIME. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT DID AGREE TO
MEET WITH CDR UNDER UN AUSPICES AND FURTHER DISCUSS
THE ISSUE AFTERNOON 3/25.

8. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SHE WOULD ANNOUNCE
ANOTHER INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR THE NEXT DAY,
SATURDAY, 3/26. WE ARE NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT THAT THE
DIFFERENCES OVER CDR REPRESENTATION IN THE ASSEMBLY
WILL BE BRIDGED BY THAT TIME. END COMMENT. RAWSON

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