

TD Kigali

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Kigali, 11 April 1994 at 3.19 p.m.

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF THE EMBASSY

In view of the decision to close the French Assembly Centre, the worsening situation in Kigali and the fact that the Government has settled in the *Hôtel des Diplomates*, very close to the Embassy and which may therefore be targeted by the shooting, I would advise the Department to close the Embassy.

This could be done tomorrow morning.

For all intents and purposes, please note that the Apostolic Nunciature and the Heads of missions of the United States, Canada, Libya and Germany have left Rwanda. So has Switzerland, this afternoon. My Belgian and Russian colleagues say they will remain for the time being.

In the event of closure, I propose that the news be announced only at the last moment./.