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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA AND HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH OFFICIALS ROTH AND DES FORGES CALLED ON AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT AND AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH TO THANK THE USG FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN RWANDA AND TO PLEA FOR THE CONTINUATION OF UNAMIR PRESENCE IN COUNTRY. SHE AND DES FORGES SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF THREAT AGAINST THE BLUE HELMETS WAS TOLERABLE, AND THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL COULD LEAD TO THE DEATHS OF 20 - 30,000 RWANDANS NOW UNDER THEIR PROTECTION AND TO THE SPREAD OF FIGHTING THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AFRICA. SHE URGED UN AND/OR OAU
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INVOLVEMENT IN ARRANGING A CEASE FIRE AND ISOLATING AND CONTROLLING WHAT SHE SAID WERE THE THREE KEY MILITARY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAMPAIGN OF ATROCITIES. ROTH GAVE AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT A COPY OF A LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT KEATING CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE THREE OFFICERS AND DEALING WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CRISIS IN
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RWANDA, WHICH ALLEGEDLY CONSTITUTES GENOCIDE.
MUJAWAMARIYA WILL SEEK MEETINGS WITH A/S'S MOOSE AND SHATTUCK AND WITH NSC OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

3. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT EXPRESSED HER DEEP RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR MUJAWAMARIYA'S ROLE AND HER PERSONAL SUFFERING AND THAT OF HER COUNTRY. SHE ALSO NOTED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL CAN DECIDE NEXT STEPS FOR RWANDA. END SUMMARY.

4. RWANDAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA (MM), ACCOMPANIED BY HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (HRW) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KENNETH ROTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH AFRICA DIVISION OFFICER ALISON DES FORGES (ADF -- ALSO A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO), CALLED ON AMBS ALBRIGHT AND INDERFURTH APRIL 21.

5. MM EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION FOR THE HELP OF THE USG AND AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH IN PARTICULAR IN ASSISTING HER EVACUATION FROM KIGALI. SHE SAID SHE IS MEETING WITH NUMEROUS UN AND MISSION OFFICIALS IN A SHORT NEW YORK TRIP IN ORDER TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE NECESSITY FOR

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UNAMIR TO REMAIN IN RWANDA. CITING THE INFLUENCE THE U.S. HAS IN THE UN, SHE APPEALED TO AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT TO TAKE THIS POSITION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF UNAMIR LEAVES, SHE CONTINUED, THE 30,000 RWANDANS NOW UNDER UN PROTECTION IN A HOTEL (MERIDIEN), HOSPITAL (KING FAISAL), AND (AMAHORO) SOCCER STADIUM WILL SURELY BE KILLED.

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6. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT REPLIED THAT THE U.S. HAD BEEN GREATLY CONCERNED FOR MM'S SAFETY AND THAT SHE WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE HER WELL IN NEW YORK. SHE EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA. IN REPLY TO MM'S APPEAL, SHE NOTED U.S. CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF UN FORCES. THE U.S. IS VERY AWARE OF THE DANGERS POSED TO MANY RWANDANS, BUT WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY THE POSSIBILITY OF A MASSACRE OF UN TROOPS IF THEY REMAIN.

7. DES FORGES RESPONDED THAT, SINCE THE KILLING OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

TEN BELGIAN BLUE HELMETS WHO WERE PROTECTING THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RECENT CRISIS, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE UNAMIR TROOPS. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS

ALWAYS A RISK, BUT THIS RISK MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE CERTAINTY OF MASSIVE MURDER OF THE RWANDANS CURRENTLY BEING PROTECTED BY THE TROOPS.

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8. NOTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH DOES NOT USE THE TERM LIGHTLY, DF WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT THE SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN BY THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES TO ELIMINATE THE TUTSI CONSTITUTES GENOCIDE, CITING RADIO BROADCASTS URGING HUTUS TO TAKE UP ARMS SO THAT "YOUR CHILDREN WILL NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT A TUTSI IS." SHE ALSO POINTED TO THREATS TO ERADICATE THE PYGMIES, WHICH CONSTITUTE LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

9. DF THEN REFERRED TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN RWANDA, WHERE THE BORDERS WITH BURUNDI AND ZAIRE ARE CLOSED. THIS EFFECTIVELY TRAPS A LARGE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN TWO OR THREE POCKETS, WITH NO PLACE TO GO. THE MODERATE GOVERNOR OF THE REGION (JEAN-BAPTISTE HABYALIMANA OF BUTARE PROVINCE), WHO HAD SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING PEACE, HAS JUST BEEN REPLACED BY A MILITARY MAN.

10. TO AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S QUESTION ABOUT WHAT CAN BE
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DONE, MM ARGUED THAT THERE ARE STILL MODERATE OPPOSITION LEADERS IN HIDING AND THAT A GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE ARUSHA ACCORDS IS POSSIBLE. SHE SAID THE UN SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THOSE NOT INVOLVED IN THE KILLING AND HELP PUT TOGETHER A MULTI-TENDENCY PARTY. SHE ASSERTED THAT ISOLATING THE WORST LEADERS WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT, CLAIMING THAT THE KILLINGS WERE SO WELL PLANNED AND ORGANIZED THAT ONLY A RELATIVE HANDFUL OF SPECIALLY RECRUITED AND PAID MILITIA WERE NECESSARY TO CARRY THEM OUT. (SHE SAID THAT IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, SIX WELL-ARMED MEN WITH NEW MAPS INDICATING WHERE THEIR VICTIMS LIVED EXECUTED OVER 200 PERSONS.)

11. ADF INTERJECTED THAT THERE ARE TWO LEVELS OF VIOLENCE: FIRST, BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES -- AND THIS CAN BE STOPPED BY A CEASE FIRE. ONCE THE CEASE FIRE IS ARRANGED, THEN SOMEONE (SHE DID NOT SAY WHO) SHOULD SEEK OUT THE SMALL GROUP OF MILITARY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECOND LEVEL OF VIOLENCE -- AGAINST THE TUTSIS AND OTHER OPPONENTS OF THE MILITARY. SHE SAID THIS CAMPAIGN SHOULD BEGIN BY SEEKING OUT THREE MILITARY OFFICERS SHE
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AND MM BELIEVE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THIS VIOLENCE (IDENTIFIED IN THE HRW LETTER AS COL BAGOSORA, COL

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AUGUSTIN BIZIMUNGU AND CAPTAIN PASQUAL SIMBIKANGWA).

12. ADF ALSO CALLED FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. FIRST OF ALL, INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN LEADERS SHOULD LET THE RWANDAN MILITARY KNOW THAT ANY GOVERNMENT THEY LEAD WILL NEVER HAVE THE RESPECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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(SHE SAID THAT FRANCE, USA, BELGIUM, CANADA, AND SWITZERLAND SHOULD ALSO UNDERLINE THIS POINT); SECOND, THE OAU SHOULD HAVE A GREATER ROLE; THIRD, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT SANCTIONS ONLY TOUCH THE PEOPLE -- NOT THE KILLERS; FINALLY, THE SYG SHOULD CONSIDER NAMING ANOTHER, HIGHER RANKING, ENVOY TO RWANDA (OTHER THAN BOOH-BOOH). ALTHOUGH SHE PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT MWINYI OF TANZANIA, SHE SAID THE UN FOR ITS PART SHOULD NAME SOMEONE HIGHER. THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF IT DOES NOT ACT, THE VIOLENCE COULD SPILL OVER INTO BURUNDI, ZAIRE AND THE REST OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

13. MM ADDED HER VIEW THAT THE PRESENCE OF UNAMIR TROOPS WOULD INTIMIDATE THE MILITARY LEADERS. THEY CANNOT FIGHT UNAMIR BECAUSE THEIR TROOPS ARE AFRAID AND ARE NOT WELL TRAINED.

14. ROTH THEN GAVE A COPY OF THE HRW LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT KEATING TO AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT (COPY FAXED TO AF/C AND IO/DHS).

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15. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF OAU
 INVOLVEMENT AND AGREED THAT A NEW ENVOY WITH NO RECORD

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IN RWANDA COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE, SOMEONE THE PARTIES
COULD NOT REFUSE TO DEAL WITH. SHE REITERATED HER
UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION, AND HER FRUSTRATION AT
THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE. UPON LEARNING THAT THE PARTY
PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON LATER IN THE DAY, THE
AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THEY MEET WITH A/S SHATTUCK,
A/S MOOSE, AND WITH RICE AND CLARK AT THE NSC.
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