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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

WEEKLY SITREP COVERING PERIOD 28 JUN 94 TO 03 JUL 94.

1. HIGH LIGHTS. THE GEN SITUATION OBSERVED TO BE TENSE DURING THE WEEK. BOTH THE FACTIONS CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE OF ARTY/MORTARS, HMG AND SAZ FIRE AS RPF KEPT ON PRESSURING ON RGF POSITION IN THE CITY. RGF ALSO RETALIATED WITH LESS INTENSITY DUE TO SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION. FIGHTING WERE MAINLY CENTERED AROUND KIMIHURURA, NYAMIRANBO, CAMP KYCHIRU, CITY CENTER, VILLAGE URUGHIRO AND GADDAFI CROSSING. RPF CONTINUED TO ISOLATE AND SQUEEZE RGF POSITIONS WITH A VIEW TO CLEAR KIGALI BEFORE THE FRENCH TROOP'S INTERVENTION. DURING THE LATER PART OF THE WEEK RPF LAUNCHED A MAJOR OFFENSIVE ON RGF POSITIONS IN CAMP KYCHIRU AND KIMIHURURA AND ACHIEVED VICTORY BY CAPTURING ALL THE RGF POSITIONS INCLUDING THE RGF HQ. RGF VACATED THE POSITIONS OVER NIGHT. LEAVING BEHIND THEIR ARMS, AMMUNITION, VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS, THEY WITHDREW HURRIEDLY. RGF ARE NOW REPORTED TO BE LOCATED 20 KMS NORTH OF KIGALI. THE BATTLE SCENARIO IN THE SOUTH ALSO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. RPF IS QUITE CLOSE TO BUTARE IN THE SOUTH AND RESUMED THEIR ADVANCE TOWARDS SOUTH WEST OF THE COUNTRY. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT RPF HAVE STALLED THEIR ADVANCE 10 KMS SHORT OF GIKONGORO TO AVOID ANY CONFORMATION WITH THE FRENCH TROOPS LOCATED AT GIKONGORO. THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOTH WARRING FACTIONS HAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. MILITIA AND INTERHAMWE CONTINUED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE RGF CONTROLLED AREAS. AFTER THE FALL OF KIGALI MOST OF THE MILITIA/INTERHAMWE FLED AWAY WITH THE RGF AND A LOT OF THEM WERE ARRESTED BY RPF AFTER THE BATTLE OF KIGALI. THE FRENCH COALITION FORCES CONTINUED THEIR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. FRENCH HAVE EVACUATED 600 ORPHANS FROM BUTARE TO GOMA BY ROAD AND HELICOPTER. HOWEVER THEY DID NOT FACE ANY DIFFICULTIES DURING THEIR EXERCISE. THE FRENCH WANTED A WELL DEMARCATED PROTECTION ZONE IN THE WESTERN PART OF RWANDA. FRENCH STATED THAT THEY HAVE COME TO RWANDA ON A HUMANITARIAN TASKS AND THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY INTENTION TO CAPTURE OR FIGHT WITH THE RPF BUT IF RPF WANTS CONFORMATION IN THAT CASE FRENCH WILL ALSO RETALIATE. SO FAR FRENCH TROOPS DID NOT ESTABLISH ANY CONTACT WITH RGF AS WELL AS RPF. THEY ARE ONLY FOLLOWING THEIR INTENTION TO CARRY OUT HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. UNAMIR COULD ESTABLISH AN UNHO LIAISON TEAM AT GOMA TO MAKE CLOSE CONTACT WITH FRENCH COMMAND AND RGF. THE UNHO LIAISON TEAM ALSO VISITED THE INSTALLATION OF THE FRENCH TROOPS IN GOMA. FORCE COMMANDER MET THE FRENCH TROOPS COMMANDER IN GOMA ON 30 JUN 94. A CONVOY OF 3 X M-113 APCs, FUEL AND RATIONS ARRIVED IN KIGALI FROM ENTEBBE. A RECCE TEAM FROM THE CANADIAN SIGNAL SQUADRON ARRIVED DURING THE PERIOD. A HIGH LEVEL HUMANITARIAN DELEGATION LED BY MS GLYNNE EVANS, HEAD OF UN DEPT AT UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICER VISITED KIGALI TO GET FIRST HAND IMPRESSION ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. THE FIRST RECREATIONAL TRIP TO NAIROBI HAS STARTED DURING THIS WEEK BY SENDING TWO OFFICERS AND 30 TROOPS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE WEEK. NORMAL ESCORT DUTIES UP TO MAGITUMBA WERE CARRIED OUT FOR THE PERSONNEL PROCEEDING TO NAIROBI VIA ENTEBBE.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA BISSAU HAS SUPPORTED THE FRENCH INITIATIVE AND THEY ALSO STATED THEIR READINESS TO SEND THEIR TROOPS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CUSTOMS UNION OF CENTRAL AFRICA HAS ALSO DECLARED THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS FOR THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. DURING THE FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES MEETING IN LIBERVILLE ONLY SENEGAL HAS STATED THEIR READINESS TO JOIN THE FRENCH AND OTHERS WANT THEIR TROOPS TO BE SENT AS A PART OF UNAMIR. THE BOURGHESTRE OF KIGALI HAS WELCOME THE FRENCH INTERVENTION. HE HAS CALLED THE LOCAL POPULATION AT GISENYI TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO EQUIP AND TRAIN THE MILITIA. THE RWANDAN STUDENTS FRONT LEAGUE SUPPORTS THE FRENCH INTERVENTION AND ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE THE CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM. CARDINAL ECCEKERA VISITED RPF ECHE THROUGH UGANDAN BORDER. HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE RPF IN BYUMBA. THOUSANDS OF TUTSIS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE FRENCH PRESENCE IN RWANDA. THE RPF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO SAY THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE FRENCH TO HALT THEIR ADVANCE WILL BE MET WITH FORCE. FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTER AND MINISTER OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION INSPECTED THE FRENCH TROOPS IN SAIRE. THEY ALSO VISITED THE REFUGEE CAMPS OF NYARUSHISHI AND KIRABO. 01 JUL 94 WAS OBSERVED AS RWANDA INDEPENDENCE DAY. PEOPLE EXPECTED PRESENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI FOR THE CELEBRATION. THE FRENCH PM WAS REPORTED TO BE IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE HE REQUESTED SOUTH AFRICA TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION TURQUOISE. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN BURUNDI OBSERVED TO BE DETERIORATED. PRESIDENT MUSEVENZI OF UGANDA HAS STATED THAT THE RWANDESE PROBLEM HAS TO BE SOLVED BY THE RWANDESE THEMSELVES.

### 3. MILITARY.

#### A. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(1) RPF. RPF CONTINUED THEIR PRESSURE ON RGF POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN KYCHIRU, GIKONDO, VILLAGE URUGWIRO, NYAMIRANDO AND THE CITY CENTRE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK WITH ARTY/MORTAR, HQ AND BAG FIRE. THEY ALSO REINFORCED THEIR TROOPS INTO KIGALI FROM THE NORTH. INFORMATION REVEALS THAT RPF HAD A CLASH WITH FRENCH TROOPS AROUND BUTARU. ON EARLY MORNING OF 3 JULY 94 RPF LAUNCHED A MAJOR OFFENSIVE ON RGF POSITIONS IN CAMP KYCHIRU AND KINIHURURA. THEY KEPT ON POUNDING ON RGF POSITIONS ON MONT KIGALI AND KYCHIRU GENDARMERIE CAMP THROUGH OUT THE DAY. ON NIGHT 3 JULY 94 RGF VACATED ALL OF THEIR POSITIONS FROM KIGALI CITY LEAVING BEHIND ARMS, AMMUNITION, VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS. RPF HAVE SUGGESTED AN IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR ARMED CONTINGENTS TO REPLACE THE FRENCH TROOPS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION WITH THE FRENCH. IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT RPF MAY ANNOUNCE A GOVT SOON IN VIEW OF THE MILITARY VICTORY IN KIGALI. THEY HAVE ALSO LIFTED THE RESTRICTION WHICH WAS IMPOSED ON THE MOVEMENT OF UNMOs DURING THE KIGALI BATTLE. THEIR ADVANCE WESTWARD IN THE SOUTH STALLED 10 KMs SHORT OF GIKONGORO TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE FRENCH TROOPS DEPLOYED IN THAT AREA. NO MAJOR CHANGES IN DISPOSITION HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE NORTH. THEIR

MORALE IS HIGH IN VIEW OF THEIR MILITARY VICTORY.

(2) RGF. RGF CONTINUED TO RETALIATE TO RPF FIRES WITH LIGHT MORTARS, HIG AND BAG FIRE. THEY WERE OBSERVED TO BE TIRED AND FRUSTRATED DUE TO LACK OF FOOD, CLOTHING, BEER AND OTHER WAR SUPPLIERS. RGF HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRENCH TROOPS ARE NOT COMING TO KIGALI TO RESCUE THEM. HOWEVER THEY CONTINUED TO FIGHT BACK FROM THEIR POSITIONS WITH LESS HOPE OF VICTORY. RGF SUSTAINED A LOT OF CASUALTIES IN THE BATTLE OF CAMP KACYIRO. ON THE NIGHT OF 03 JULY 94 RGF HAVE PULLED OUT FROM THEIR POSITIONS IN KIGALI. THEY ARE NOW REPORTED TO BE LOCATED AT 20 KMS NORTH WEST OF KIGALI. THEIR MORALE IS ABSOLUTELY SHATTERED DUE TO THE SERIES OF DEFEAT IN ALL THE FRONTS. DURING THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM KIGALI THEY LEFT EVERY THING BEHIND INCLUDING ARMS, AMMUNITION AND VEHICLES. COS RGF IS REPORTED TO BE IN GISENYI.

B. ORH

(1) FORCE HQ. NORMAL ROUTINE WORKS WERE CONDUCTED. DFC HAD DETAIL DISCUSSION WITH THE RPF SENIOR OFFICERS ON UNAMIR'S FUTURE REQUIREMENT OF ACCOMMODATION. RPF ACCEPTED MOST OF PROPOSALS. A HIGH LEVEL HUMANITARIAN DELEGATION LED BY MS GLYNNE EVANS, HEAD OF UN DEPT AT UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE VISITED KIGALI ON A TWO DAY VISIT TO GET THE FIRST HAND IMPRESSION ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. FC MET THE FRENCH TROOPS COMMANDER IN GOMA (ZAIRE). GHANBATT PROVIDED SECURITY AT ANAHORO STADIUM, KIA AND FORCE HQ. ALSO PROVIDED PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PERSONS AT KIA AND ANAHORO STADIUM. PROVIDED ARMED SECURITY FOR THE TRANSFER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE MOVEMENT OF VISITORS WITHIN KIGALI CITY. TUN COY (-) PROVIDED SECURITY AT HOTEL MERIDIEN AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND PROVIDED PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PERSONS AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND HOTEL MERIDIEN. ALSO CARRIED OUT ARMED ESCORT DUTIES.

(2) UNOMUR. AREA OF OPERATION WAS CALM. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROLS. FC DISTRIBUTED UN MEDALS TO AVAILABLE PERSONNEL OF UNOMUR. ACHO VISITED HERAMA HILLS AND KATUNA CP/OPS. ACHO ALSO COORDINATED LIAISON TEAM'S ACTIVITIES IN ENTEBBE. MR TEDLA TESHOME, RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP KAMPALA HAS VISITED THE MISSION AND DISCUSSED WITH ACHO ABOUT TRANSIT MOVEMENT FROM ENTEBBE. THREE HELICOPTERS WERE OPERATIONAL OVER THE PERIOD. CONTINUED TO FLY UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND OTHER PASSENGERS BETWEEN ENTEBBE AND KAGITUMBA. DETAILS OF BORDER CROSSINGS BETWEEN UGANDA AND RWANDA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**(A) UGANDA TO RWANDA**

I. VEHs	-	253.
II. PASSENGERS	-	3987.
III. REFUGEES	-	2138.

**(B) RWANDA TO UGANDA**

I. VEHs	-	232.
II. PASSENGERS	-	1154.
III. REFUGEES	-	801.

HUMANITARIAN AID AGENCIES CONTINUED TO BRING HUMANITARIAN AIDS INTO RWANDA. A TOTAL 295 VEHICLES CROSSED INTO RWANDA FROM UGANDA.

(3) MILOB GP HQ. PLANNING AND REORGANIZATION FOR DEPLOYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW MANDATE CONTINUED. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE LIAISON WITH RPF AND RGF. MILOBS ESCORTED MSF PERSONNEL TO REFUGEE CAMPS WITHIN KIGALI AND ALSO THE ICRC TO EVACUATE CASUALTIES FROM RED CROSS HOSPITAL TO THE KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. PROVIDED TEAMS TO ESCORT CONVOYS TO AND FROM KAGITURUBA, TO ESCORT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CONVOYS AND VISITORS. PROVIDED MONITORING TEAMS IN REFUGEES CAMPS WITHIN THE CITY. MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH FRENCH TROOPS AND ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES IN GOMA.

(4) UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH. THE FORCE LEVEL AT THE END OF THE WEEK IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) <u>TROOPS.</u> INF	-	352, STAFF - 27.
(B) <u>MILOBS.</u> RWANDA	-	93, UGANDA(UNOHUR) - 81, KENYA - 116.
(C) <u>INCIVPOL.</u> RWANDA	-	0, KENYA - 15.

(5) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. THE FORCE RESERVE STOCK AT THE END OF THE WEEK IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) RATION	-	29 DAYS.
(B) WATER	-	15 DAYS.
(C) FUEL	-	19,600 LTRS.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. THE TRANSFER OF DISPLACED PEOPLE REMAINED SUSPENDED THIS WEEK DUE TO INSECURITY. THE RGF ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THEIR DROP OFF POINT AT RUNDA ON THE GITARAMA

ROAD WAS NO LONGER SAFE DUE TO FIGHTING BETWEEN THE WARRING FACTIONS. THE VACCINATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. ICRC AND KING FAISAL HOSPITALS RECEIVED MEDICAL SUPPLIES. PATIENTS FROM ICRC HOSPITAL WERE TRANSFERRED TO KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. HOWEVER MORE PATIENTS CONTINUED TO BE ADMITTED AT THE HOSPITAL DUE TO THE MANY CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THE CONTINUED FIGHTING IN THE CITY. DURING THE PERIOD, WFP DELIVERED FOOD ITEMS TO DISPLACED PEOPLE AT KIA, AMAHORO STADIUM, MERIDIEN HOTEL AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. IN THE NORTH, DIFFERENT HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES CROSSED THE BORDER WITH VARIOUS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION INTO RPF CONTROLLED AREAS.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

6. CASUALTIES. ON 03 JULY 94 ONE UNMO TEAM WAS GOING TO RGF HQ FOR LIAISON DUTIES. ON THE WAY TO THE CITY CENTRE THE UNMO VEHICLE WAS FIRED NEAR THE SOPECYA GAS STATION AT 1130 HRS. MAJOR S ANTONOV, UNID 708 OF RUSSIA SUSTAINED BULLET INJURY. HE WAS EVACUATED TO KING FAISAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT LATER HE WAS EVACUATED TO NAIROBI. THE OFFICER IS IN GOOD HEALTH. ON 281630 JUN 94 ONE JOURNALIST NAMED JRICARDO HAZALAM FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS WAS SHOT IN THE LEG WHILE STANDING ON THE BALCONY OF HOTEL MERIDIEN. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED TO KING FAISAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT AND THEN TO NAIROBI. ON 02 JULY 94 AT 0800 HRS THREE SHELLS LANDED IN THE CITY MARKET CENTRE KILLING 18 PERSONS AND INJURING 25 OTHERS.

7. CONCLUSION. TENSION REMAINED HIGH BEFORE KIGALI WAS CAPTURED BY RPF. THE PERIOD SAW CONTINUED EXCHANGES OF ARTY/MORTAR, BMG AND SAM FIRE BETWEEN THE BELLIGERENT. THE RPF CONTINUED TO SQUEEZE AND ISOLATE RGF POSITIONS TO TAKE THE CITY BEFORE THE FRENCH SETTLED. THE FRENCH ARE DEPLOYED IN TWO GROUPS ESTABLISHING THEIR HQ IN GOMA. THE FRENCH TROOPS REPORTEDLY HAS NOT ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH RGF AND RPF. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE FRENCH INTERVENTION HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN SOME RPF CONTROLLED AREAS. THE FRENCH IN THEIR MARCH TOWARDS BUTARE FACED RPF FIRE. THE SECURITY SITUATION AFTER FULL OUT OF RGF TROOPS HAS IMPROVED TO A GREAT EXTENT. A GHANA MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVED IN KIGALI ON A FACT FINDING VISIT. THE TRANSFER OF DISPLACED PEOPLE REMAINED SUSPENDED DUE TO INSECURITY.