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BUJUMBURA FOR CHARGE DAR ES SALAAM FOR ARUSHA OBSERVER

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE SITREP FOR RWANDA/BURUNDI
CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MAY 26. THE SITREP IS
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2. BEGIN TEXT OF SITREP:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP MAY 26

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

RWANDA -

(C) IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RAWSON IN GENEVA, ICRC
REPORTED THAT 500 RWANDANS WERE MASSACRED ON MAY 25 IN
THE KAPGAYE COMPOUND NEAR GITARAMA. THOSE KILLED WERE
REPORTEDLY ON "THE LIST"; AND SUCH FATALITIES ARE NOW
BEING CALLED THE "BAGASORA SYNDROME" - NAMED AFTER COL
BAGASORA, THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE MINISTER OF

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DEFENSE AND ALLEGED AUTHOR OF THE ILENTS IAFCS THAT
OTHER SELECTIVE MASSACRES ARE STILL CONTINUING BEHIND GOR
LINES. THE RPF IS REPORTEDLY BECOMING LESS COOPERATIVE;
THEY HAVE SEVERAL PRISONERS BUT WILL NOT LET ICRC VISIT
THEM. (USMISSION GENEVA 4819) - STRICTLY PROTECT
INFORMATION

(LOU) UNAMIR OFFICERS SAID REPORTS THAT THE RPF HAD TAKEN
THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL WERE NOT TRUE, ALTHOUGH THE RPF
HAS GAINED CONTROL OF LARGER SECTIONS OF KIGALI WITH THE
NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS OF THE GENDARME BARRACKS, THE
PRESIDENTIAL GUARD COMPOUND, AND THE ARMY COMMAND AND
CONTROL CENTERS (WHICH INCLUDE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BUILDINGS LOCATED NEAR THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY ON THE MAIN HILL, KIVOVU). (AF/C TELCON
WITH KIGALI)

(LOU) UNAMIR OFFICERS SAID THERE IS NO RUNNING WATER IN
THE CITY AND FOOD SUPPLIES ARE VERY LOW. ONE OF THE
OFFICERS SAID UNAMIR MORALE IS GOOD UNDER THE

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CIRCUMSTANCES BUT EVERYONE IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING
REINFORCEMENTS. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

(U) DESPITE THE EMBASSY'S ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE THEM,
AMERICAN RELIGIOUS WORKERS HAVE BEEN ENTERING RWANDA VIA
BURUNDI AND UGANDA TO CHECK ON THE WELFARE AND
WHEREABOUTS OF MEMBERS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND/OR
STAFF AT THEIR RWANDAN MISSIONS. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
(CRS) HAS A STAFFER WHO RECENTLY TRAVELLED ALL THE WAY TO
KIGALI; TWO OTHER AMERICAN STAFFERS WITH CRS REPORTEDLY
TRAVEL REGULARLY TO GITARAMA. (BUJUMBURA 1817)

BURUNDI -

(LOU) BUJUMBURA REMAINS CALM. THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE
IN LAWLESSNESS REPORTED AND NO REPORTS OF GUNFIRE FOR THE
PAST THREE WEEKS. THE KAMENGE AND KINAMA NEIGHBORHOODS
ARE BACK TO NORMAL. (AF/C TELCON WITH RSO IN BUJUMBURA)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

(U) PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CONTINUES TO DENY THAT HE IS
SUPPLYING THE RPF WITH ARMS, MUNITIONS, HEAVY WEAPONS,
AND UGANDAN SOLDIERS. HE ACKNOWLEDGES SOME ARMS AND

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MUNITIONS COULD BE FLOWING ACROSS THE BORDER, BUT SUBJECTS
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THE ASSERTION THAT HE HAS OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED AN RPF
RESUPPLY EFFORT. (KAMPALA 4247)

(S) MOBUTU IS INSISTING THAT SINCE HE IS THE SENIOR
STATESMAN (AND THE MEDIATOR) IN THE REGION, HE SHOULD
HOST THE REGIONAL SUMMIT ON RWANDA IN GOMA, ZAIRE. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
(LOU) ZIMBABWE PROVIDED THE UN WITH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION
THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE A MECHANIZED BATTALION
(PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR ANGOLA) TO UNAMIR. ZIMBABWE
WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HALF OF THE EQUIPMENT THE
BATTALION WILL NEED, AND WILL REQUEST THE REMAINDER FROM
THE UN. (AF/C E-MAIL FROM USUN)

(C) RPF VICE-CHAIRMAN MAZIMHAKA MET WITH UN AMBASSADOR
ALBRIGHT ON MAY 25. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT URGED THE RPF TO
AGREE TO A CEASE FIRE. MAZIMHAKA REPLIED THAT THE RPF
COULD NOT AGREE TO A CEASE FIRE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT
STOPPED THE KILLINGS. THE VICE CHAIRMAN VOICED THE RPF'S
DISPLEASURE WITH SRSG BOOH-BOOH BUT SAID THAT THEIR GOOD
RELATIONS WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE WOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE
RPF ALSO GUARANTEED FULL ACCESS TO THE UN FOR ALL FLIGHTS
NOW THAT THE AIRPORT WAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL. (USUN 2221)

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

(U) CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES IS BEING INUNDATED WITH
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM AMERICANS ASKING TO VOLUNTEER TO
WORK IN REFUGEE CAMPS BORDERING RWANDA. (AF/C TELCON WITH
CRS)

(U) CURRENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT THERE ARE 430,000 RWANDAN
REFUGEES IN BURUNDI, ZAIRE, UGANDA, AND TANZANIA.
(GREATER HORN OF AFRICA MEETING)

END SITREP TEXT.

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