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E.O. 12356: DECL: 4/28/2003
TAGS: PREL, EAID, RW, FR
SUBJECT: QUAI COMMENTS ON RWANDA: DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE LINKED TO POLITICAL PROGRESS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. ON APRIL 27, WE ASKED QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS JEAN-MARC ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO EVENTS IN RWANDA APRIL 27, AND IN PARTICULAR WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY ON ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA.
3. LA SABLIERE REPLIED BY EXPRESSING SHOCK AT THE
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SCALE OF EVENTS AT THE KIBEHO DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP,

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IN MUCH THE SAME TERMS AS AN APRIL 23 PUBLIC STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE. HE WENT ON TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE FAILURE OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO PROMISES, NOTABLY ITS SLOWNESS IN SETTING UP COURTS TO TRY OFFENDERS. HE REMINDED US THAT FRENCH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AS OPPOSED TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA, HAD BEEN EXPLICITLY LINKED TO POLITICAL PROGRESS AND ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTINUE, HE STRESSED, BUT FRENCH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA HAD NOT REALLY EVEN BEGUN TO FLOW. HE LEFT UNSAID, BUT STRONGLY IMPLIED, THAT FRENCH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA WOULD NOT BEGIN ANY TIME SOON.

4. COMMENT: THE GOF HAS INDEED STRESSED A LINKAGE OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL PROGRESS IN RWANDA. THE EVENTS AT KIBEHO CAMP HAVE REINFORCED GOF DOUBTS ABOUT THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL SERVE TO REVIVE THE FRENCH TENDENCY TO HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AT ARMS LENGTH.

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