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 SUBJECT: RPF COMMENTS ON RECENT EVENTS IN RWANDA AND  
 URGES AMERICAN STATEMENT AND SUPPORT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE RPF LEADERSHIP IS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY  
 THE UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE IN RWANDA AND PLACES MOST OF  
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 THE BLAME ON HABYARIMANA, THE MRND AND CDR. THE RPF  
 BELIEVES HABYARIMANA IS TRYING TO USE THE VIOLENCE TO  
 DISCREDIT THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE AT ARUSHA.  
 THE RPF BELIEVES THE USG SHOULD ISSUE A STRONG PUBLIC  
 STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE CURRENT VIOLENCE, REAFFIRMING  
 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PROCESS AND ENDORSING THE  
 PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE BEEN INITIALED THESE ACTIONS  
 MIGHT HAVE A SOBERING EFFECT ON HABYARIMANA. IF THE  
 ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN RWANDA CONTINUES AND LARGE GROUPS OF  
 TUTSIS ARE KILLED, THE RPF MAY BE FORCED TO ACT  
 MILITARILY. THE RPF IS PREPARED TO BEGIN THE NEXT

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ROUND OF TALKS IN ARUSHA IMMEDIATELY BUT IS GROWING INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT WHETHER THE POLITICAL TURMOIL IN KIGALI WILL PERMIT AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

3. RPF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE DR. THEOGEN RUDASINGWA MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR FOR AN HOUR ON JANUARY 27. RUDASINGWA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL WEEKS IN RPF-HELD TERRITORY IN RWANDA, AND SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE RPF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO PASS ON THREE POINTS.

-- THE RPF LEADERSHIP IS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE UPSURGE IN COMMUNAL VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT RWANDA, WHICH IT BLAMES ON PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, THE MRND AND THE CDR. HABYARIMANA'S INSTIGATION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND HIS DECISION TO NAME A NEW NEGOTIATOR IN THE ARUSHA TALKS ARE AN EFFORT TO OVERTURN THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AT ARUSHA AND TO BLOCK FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. HABYARIMANA REMAINS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, AND THE RPF WILL HOLD HIM PERSONALLY

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNNECESSARY DEATHS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

-- THE RPF IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IT PERCEIVES AS AMERICA'S SILENCE AND INDIFFERENCE ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KIGALI AND ARUSHA. THE RPF HAS ALWAYS REGARDED THE U.S. AS THE PRINCIPAL EXTERNAL CATALYST IN THE PEACE PROCESS. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE EC AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAVE REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PEACE PROCESS, AND HAVE URGED, ACCORDING TO RUDASINGWA, GREATER CONCESSIONS FROM HABYARIMANA. GIVEN THE VIOLENCE IN KIGALI AND THE CONTINUING IMPASSE OVER THE LATEST ARUSHA PROTOCOLS, THE RPF BELIEVES THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR THE USG TO ISSUE A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE, REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PROCESS AND ENDORSING THE ARUSHA PROTOCOLS SIGNED ON JANUARY 9. (NOTE: IN AN ASIDE, RUDASINGWA SAID THAT THE RPF'S WASHINGTON REP HAD REPORTED THAT RWANDAN DESK OFFICER CAROL FULLER HAD CRITICIZED THE RPF FOR PROCEEDING WITH THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS IN DECEMBER WHILE INTERPARTY TALKS WERE PROCEEDING IN KIGALI. RUDASINGWA ALSO CLAIMED THAT FULLER HAD SAID THE U.S. COULD NOT ACCEPT THE JANUARY PROTOCOLS SINCE NO U.S. OBSERVERS WERE IN ARUSHA WHEN

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THEY WERE SIGNED. RUDASINGWA QUESTIONED WHETHER THESE STATEMENTS WERE HELPFUL AND REPRESENTED OFFICIAL USG POLICY. END NOTE.)

-- FINALLY, RUDASINGWA SAID THE RPF DID NOT POSSESS INFINITE PATIENCE AND THAT IF THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUED ON A MAJOR SCALE AND WAS DIRECTED AT ONE

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ETHNIC GROUP (THE TUTSIS), THE RPF WOULD BE FORCED TO INTERVENE MILITARILY. RUDASINGWA EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE A MOCKERY TO MAINTAIN A CEASEFIRE AND TO CARRY ON THE TALKS IN ARUSHA WHILE HABYARIMANA AND THE MRND WERE KILLING PEOPLE IN KIGALI.

4. AFTER MAKING HIS THREE POINTS, RUDASINGWA SAID THE RPF HAD ALREADY DISPATCHED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF ITS DELEGATION TO ARUSHA AND THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY ON REFUGEE ISSUES AND MILITARY INTEGRATION. HE DOUBTED, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE CURRENT VIOLENCE AND POLITICAL IMPASSE IN KIGALI WOULD PERMIT AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF TALKS.

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5. THE AMBASSADOR THANKED DR. RUDASINGWA FOR HIS COMMENTS AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THEM BACK TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO TOLD THE RPF REP THAT THE SITUATION IN KIGALI IS VERY DELICATE AND  
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THAT THE RPF SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO EXACERBATE OR INFLAME THE PROBLEM. NOW WAS NOT THE TIME FOR HOT-HEADED RHETORIC OR PRECIPITOUS PUBLIC THREATS. THE RPF HAD GAINED SUBSTANTIAL CREDIBILITY BECAUSE OF ITS ADHERENCE TO THE CEASEFIRE AND ITS CONSISTENT WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AT ARUSHA. MORE OF THE SAME WAS CALLED FOR -- A STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE CEASEFIRE AND A CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY BUT FLEXIBLY. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO WARNED AGAINST DRIVING HABYARIMANA INTO A TIGHT CORNER BY SAYING HE WOULD BE PERSONALLY HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE RECENT DEATHS AND VIOLENCE. THIS WOULD MAKE HIM EVEN MORE STUBBORN. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE WE HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SILENT PUBLICLY, OUR AMBASSADOR IN KIGALI HAS BEEN ACTIVE BEHIND THE CURTAINS IN URGING REASON, RESTRAINT AND COMPROMISE ON A VERY HARDHEADED HABYARIMANA.

6. RUDASINGWA SAID HE COULD CONVEY THE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS BACK TO THE RPF LEADERSHIP, BUT THAT FUTURE RPF ACTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA.

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7. THE AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH DR. RUDASINGWA  
ABOUT THE ICRC'S EFFORT TO TRANSPORT FOOD INTO RWANDA  
ALONG THE KAGITUMBA ROAD IS REPORTED SEPTEL.

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