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SUBJECT: RWANDA: FRENCH PULLOUT FROM HUMANITARIAN ZONE
- REMAINS ON TRACK

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: SENIOR QUAI AND ELYSEE CONTACTS CONFIRM THAT THE GOF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE HUMANITARIAN ZONE REMAINS ON TRACK FOR AUGUST 21. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REACTED COOLLY TO THE SUGGESTION OF A GOF STATEMENT INDICATING THERE IS NO REASON FOR RWANDANS TO LEAVE THE ZONE, SAYING THAT SUCH A STATEMENT IS FOR THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE FRENCH MILITARY HAD REPEATEDLY REASSURED THE LOCAL POPULATION. ON A HOPEFUL NOTE, BOTH

[REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT THE TRANSFER OF ZONE CONTROL TO OTHER FORCES HAS NOT QUICKENED THE EXODUS. [REDACTED] URGED THAT U.S. FORCES NOT PULL OUT FROM GOMA IN SEPTEMBER, AS HAS BEEN RUMORED IN GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

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DEJAMMET: HAD KIGALI'S ATTITUDE BEEN DIFFERENT . . .

3. DCM CALLED ON [REDACTED] TO DISCUSS RWANDA AND OTHER ISSUES. [REDACTED] UNDERScoreD THAT THE GOF HAD TAKEN A FIRM DECISION TO LEAVE RWANDA, ADDING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT ON TELEVISION LATER IN THE EVENING. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RPF'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT THE FRENCH PRESENCE HAD BEEN A DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE FRENCH DECISION; HE SAID THERE IS NO CHANCE THE FRENCH WILL STAY IN THE FACE OF RPF OPPOSITION.

4. [REDACTED] WAS COOL TO DCM'S SUGGESTION OF A FRENCH STATEMENT TELLING THE RWANDANS THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR LEAVING THE ZONE FOR BUKAVU. THE FRENCH WERE OF COURSE NOT ENCOURAGING RWANDANS TO LEAVE THE ZONE, HE SAID, BUT FRANCE COULD NOT WITH HONESTY SAY THE ZONE WILL REMAIN SAFE. IN ANY CASE, HE ADDED, SUCH STATEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

5. HAD KIGALI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD A FRENCH PRESENCE BEEN

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DIFFERENT, [REDACTED], THE FRENCH MIGHT HAVE PUT OFF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR A FEW DAYS OR A WEEK TO ENSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION. BUT EVEN THIS WAS NOT COMPLETELY SURE: JUPPE HAD GONE OUT ON A LIMB IN LAUNCHING OPERATION TURQUOISE; THOUGH THE RISK HAD PAID OFF, HE HAD RECOGNIZED FROM THE OUTSET THAT SUCCESS COULD BE ASSURED ONLY WERE THE OPERATION KEPT SHORT.

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[REDACTED] WITHDRAWAL IS FIRM

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6. WE ALSO DISCUSSED GOF RWANDAN CONTINGENCY PLANNING SEPARATELY WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH REITERATED FORCEFULLY THAT FRENCH TROOPS WILL LEAVE THE HUMANITARIAN ZONE BY MIDDAY AUGUST 21, WHEN FRANCE'S UN MANDATE EXPIRES.

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7. [] STRESSED THAT THE GOF HAD BEEN WILLING TO
CONSIDER A LIMITED EXTENSION SHOULD UNAMIR TROOPS NOT BE
IN PLACE, BUT ONLY IF THE NECESSARY PRECONDITIONS --
KIGALI'S AGREEMENT AND AN EXTENDED UN MANDATE -- WERE
MET. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, THE RPF HAS MADE IT CLEAR
THAT FRENCH FORCES ARE NOT WELCOME AFTER AUGUST 21. []
ADDED THAT FRANCE HAD REPEATEDLY CONTACTED THE GOR IN
RECENT DAYS, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WEEK'S
VISIT TO THE ZONE BY GOR OFFICIALS, BUT THAT THE

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RWANDANS WERE NOT AMENABLE TO MODIFYING THE WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE. BOTH [] UNDERScoreD THAT THE GOR'S ATTITUDE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR FRENCH FORCES TO REMAIN, EVEN SHOULD A MASS EXODUS FROM THE ZONE ENSUE.

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8. [] SAID THAT, GIVEN THE INABILITY OF SGSR KHAN, THE USG OR OTHERS TO CONVINCe KAGAME TO RELENT, THE UN IS NO LONGER PUSHING THE GOF TO EXTEND ITS PRESENCE. [] TOOK A MORE POSITIVE TACK, SAYING THAT THE GOF HAD BEEN REASSURED BY KHAN'S AVOWALS THAT UNAMIR IS READY TO TAKE OVER THE PROTECTING ROLE IN THE ZONE AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN FEWER DEPARTURES TO DATE THAN THE GOF HAD FEARED. FRENCH MILITARY IN THE FIELD HAD FREQUENTLY MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO REASSURE THE LOCAL POPULATION; THE QUAI FEELS IT HAS DONE ALL THAT IT CAN TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION, HE CONCLUDED.

9. BOTH [] UNDERScoreD THAT THE TRANSFER TO GHANAIA N FORCES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ZONE TWO WEEKS AGO HAD NOT CAUSED AN OUTPOURING OF RWANDANS, NOR HAD THE MORE RECENT HANDOVER TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN UNITS IN THE KIBUYE AREA. THE FIRST ETHIOPIANS ALREADY ARE IN PLACE IN THE CYANGUGU SECTOR, HE SAID; THE GOF ANTICIPATES THAT THE TRANSFER IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR WILL BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 20. FRANCE WILL LEAVE 500 TROOPS IN THE GOMA AREA AFTER IT PULLS OUT FROM THE ZONE, BUT GOF OFFICIALS HAVE REVISED THEIR PLANNING AND WILL NOT HAVE A UNIT IN THE BUKAVU AREA. FRENCH FORCES WILL CONTINUE THEIR HUMANITARIAN WORK AND WILL PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE FRANCOPHONE UNITS, WHICH WILL COME TO GOMA FOR SUPPLIES.

IS A U.S. PULLOUT IMPENDING?

10. [] SAID HE UNDERSTANDS FROM UNHCR/GENEVA THAT
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ISRAEL, CANADA AND THE U.S. ARE PLANNING TO PULL OUT FROM GOMA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. HE APPEALED THAT WE NOT DO SO, SAYING THE GOF CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE LONGER-TERM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND HOPES THE U.S. ALSO WILL STAY.

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