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DEPT FOR AF/C (SHATTUCK), IO/UNP, IO/PHO;  
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TAGS: MARR, PINS, PREL, PHUM, MOPS, PGOV, RW, UNSC  
SUBJECT: RWANDA: REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE UN HAS ACCELERATED PLANNING FOR A RWANDAN MISSION. THE SYG ASKED AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT IF THE USG WOULD SUPPORT A SPECIAL FUND FOR RWANDA OF ABOUT

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50 TO 70 MILLION DOLLARS. UNDPKO HAS ESTIMATED A FORCE REQUIREMENT OF 5 TO 8 BATTALIONS (3 MECHANIZED) AND ABOUT 5 TO 8 THOUSAND SUPPORT TROOPS. NO SPECIFICS WERE PROVIDED, BUT USUN HAS LEARNED THAT THE NIGERIANS WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE ONE BATTALION IF THE USG WOULD PROVIDE AIRLIFT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

3. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TOLD AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT ON MAY 4 THAT HE BELIEVED FORCES FOR RWANDA WOULD BE AVAILABLE, IF THE UNITED STATES COULD "ENSURE" A SPECIAL FUND BY MEANS OF A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. HE HAD IN MIND A TOTAL FUND OF 50-70 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS. AMB. ALBRIGHT SAID SHE WOULD DISCUSS THIS AGAIN WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MAY 5. (COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT MEETS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TOMORROW AT 4:00 PM. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL A SENSE OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING THE RWANDAN PEACEKEEPING FUND. END COMMENT.)

4. THE MILITARY ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TODAY REQUESTED PLANNING INFORMATION RELATING TO POTENTIAL US  
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ASSISTANCE FOR A UN OPERATION IN RWANDA.

5. NO WRITTEN REQUEST HAS BEEN PROVIDED, AND FEW PRECISE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE. THE UN HAS OFFERS OF TROOPS FOR RWANDA, FROM OTHER AFRICAN STATES IN NUMBERS THAT LEADS THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT A VIABLE FORCE COULD BE ASSEMBLED TO INTERVENE IN RWANDA, IF THAT FORCE CAN BE TRANSPORTED AND OUTFITTED, AND IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES SUCH AN OPERATION.

6. BASED ON AN ANALYSIS BY THE GROUND COMMANDER OF UNAMIR AND UN ASSESSMENTS OF POTENTIAL FORCES, A FORCE OF 5-8 INFANTRY BATTALIONS IS PLANNED, 3 OF THEM MECHANIZED, PLUS A SUPPORT BATTALION (5-8K TROOPS).

7. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INDICATE IF THE US WOULD PROVIDE, UPON REQUEST, SUFFICIENT STRATEGIC LIFT TO MOVE SUCH A FORCE, AND HOW MANY APCS OF THE M113 GENERATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THE UN HAS INDICATED THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE A FORCE EITHER ADEQUATELY TRAINED OR READILY TRAINED TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SUCH EQUIPMENT.

8. THE INTENT OF THIS REQUEST IS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF MATCHING POTENTIAL

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EQUIPMENT. SHOULD THIS LOOK POSSIBLE AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVES A MANDATE, DEPLOYMENT WOULD BE SOUGHT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ON THE ORDER OF 1-2 WEEKS.

9. NIGERIAN PERMREP GAMBARI TOLD AMBASSADOR GELBER THAT HE HAD CONVINCED THE GON TO CONTRIBUTE ONE BATTALION TO AN AFRICAN PKO FOR RWANDA. HE SAID THE GON WILL NOT PUT ITS OFFER ON THE TABLE WITHOUT ASSURANCES

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OF AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE USG. US SUPPORT, HE SAID, WOULD BE NEEDED AS A CATALYST; IF THE GON WAITED FOR THE OAU OR UN TO ACT, IT WOULD BE TOO LATE. GAMBARI SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A TOTAL OF THREE AFRICAN BATTALIONS FOR A POSSIBLE PKO, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD CONTRIBUTE.

10. ACTION REQUEST: WE NEED TO RESPOND TO GAMBARI'S OFFER AND TO THE SYG ASAP. PLEASE INFORM USUN WHAT FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, IF ANY, USG IS WILLING TO SUPPLY TO AN AFRICAN PKO.

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