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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/C AND EUR/NE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PREL, PGOV, CVIS, RW, BE, US
 SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY RWANDA INTERIM GOVT.
 FONMIN JEROME BICAMUMPAKA

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT. ACTION REQUEST PARA. 3.
2. DURING DISCUSSION OF USG POLICY OBJECTIVES IN RWANDA (SEPTTEL), BELGIAN MFA DIRECTOR FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA WIL JAENEN CONFIRMED THE GOB HAD REFUSED/REFUSED RWANDAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT FONMIN BICAMUMPAKA A VISA TO COME TO BELGIUM TO DISCUSS THE CRISIS IN RWANDA. JAENEN SAID ISSUANCE OF A VISA WOULD BE TROUBLESOME TO THE GOB. DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION WAS STILL VERY EXERCISED OVER THE DEATHS OF TEN BELGIAN PEACEKEEPERS IN RWANDA. IT WAS

ENTIRELY POSSIBLE A VISIT BY A GOR OFFICIAL WOULD TRIGGER PROTESTS. FURTHERMORE, RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BOTH IN RWANDA AND ABROAD, PERSIST IN ACCUSING BELGIUM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF HABYARIMANA. BELGIUM WANTS A CLEAR AND PUBLIC DISAVOWAL OF THIS POSITION, JAENEN SAID. THE GOB IS NOT LIKELY TO AGREE TO MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT UNTIL THE ACCUSATION IS RETRACTED.

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4. POST RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT AVAIL ITSELF OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LET ITS GOR INTERLOCUTORS KNOW THAT THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN OF MAKING UNSUBSTANTIATED ACCUSATIONS THAT BELGIUM MURDERED PRES. HABYARIMANA IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IT DOES NOT HELP ESTABLISH WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE NOR DOES IT CONTRIBUTE TO A LESSENING OF TENSIONS. FINALLY, IT EXACERBATES ANTI-BELGIAN SENTIMENTS. AS LONG AS THERE IS NO SECURITY AND THE "HUNT" FOR BELGIANS CONTINUES, NGOS, RELIGIOUS WORKERS, AND THE GOB ARE UNLIKELY TO RETURN TO RWANDA IN FORCE. FYI: RWANDA RECEIVED THE LARGEST TRANCHE OF BELGIUM'S DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATION, AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING - TO THE TUNE OF APPROXIMATELY BF 1.2 BILLION IN CY 93 (BF 35.00 EQUALS USDOLS 1.00). BELGIAN FUNDS AND PRESENCE WILL BE NEEDED TO RECONSTRUCT RWANDA ONCE HOSTILITIES ARE OVER. IF THE BELGIANS ARE MISSING FROM THE EQUATION, EVERYONE'S JOB WILL BE THAT MUCH HARDER. END COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST.

5. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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