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REF: A) STATE 92374 B) LEONARD-JOHNSON/DUBROW TELCON
APRIL 8, 0930 HOURS LOCAL TIME

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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2. REPEATED BELOW ARE POINTS MADE DURING EMBASSY'S CALL TO THE OPS CENTER ON APRIL 8 (REFCON), AS WELL AS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY BOTH THE BELGIAN MFA AND THE BELGIAN WIRE SERVICES.

-- WIL JAENEN, MFA DIRECTOR FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA INFORMED POLOFFS THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CABINET) APRIL 7 EVENING MEETING DID NOT/NOT PRODUCE A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH AN EVACUATION OF BELGIAN EXPATRIATES. THE CABINET WILL MEET IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION ON APRIL 8, 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO EVACUATE. (FYI: WE HAVE HEARD CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THE TIME WHEN THE CABINET WILL MEET. BOTH PM DEHAENE AND FONMIN CLAES WERE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND ARE FLYING BACK TO BRUSSELS BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS. SHOULD THE MEETING TIME CHANGE WE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM DEPT.)

-- THE BELGIAN MFA, ACCORDING TO JAENEN, WILL CONSIDER
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STATEMENTS MADE BY FONMIN CLAES IN BUCHAREST ON APRIL 7 SAYING THE GOB WILL REQUEST THE UN TO STRENGTHEN UNAMIR'S MANDATE. THE MFA'S VERBATIM TEXT OF CLAES' STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH THE FOLLOWING REMARKS: "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BELGIAN SOLDIERS ARE UNDER CANADIAN COMMAND OR UN COMMAND, THEY CANNOT REMAIN PASSIVE WHEN COMPATRIOTS ARE IN DIFFICULTY". AN APRIL 8 REPORT FROM BELGA WIRE SERVICE QUOTING THE UN COMMANDER IN KIGALI AS SAYING THE BELGIAN BLUE HELMETS HAD BEEN MISTREATED BEFORE BEING SHOT WILL LIKELY ADD TO THE PRESSURE ON THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

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-- BELGIAN MOD PLANNERS HAVE INFORMED DATT A CHANGE IN THE MANDATE COULD RESULT IN BELGIAN EXPATRIATES BEING TARGETED ON PURPOSE. WITH 1,200-1,500 BELGIANS STILL IN

RWANDA, THIS BECOMES AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

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-- POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS ALREADY TAKING PLACE, SHOULD THE GOB DECIDE TO EVACUATE. BELGIAN FORCES ON THE GROUND IN BELGIUM ARE PREPARING IN CASE A DECISION IS MADE IMMINENTLY.

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-- COORDINATION BETWEEN BELGIAN, FRENCH, AND US MILITARY PLANNERS IS PROCEEDING. THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS CONFIRMS THIS INFORMATION. CECILE POZZO DI BORGO, FIRST SECRETARY AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY, REPORTED THAT AS OF LATE APRIL 8, EARLY APRIL 9, THE GOF HAD NOT MADE A DECISION TO EVACUATE. LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN KIGALI, SHE SAID, NOW INDICATED A RAPIDLY DETERIORATING SITUATION. POZZO DI BORGO SAID SHE ANTICIPATED HEARING FURTHER FROM PARIS AND WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN COORDINATING WITH THE GOB.

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-- BELGIAN MFA CONFIRMS IT IS ABLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH
ITS AMBASSADOR TELEPHONICALLY. THEY HAVE NOT MANAGED TO
RESTORE THEIR TELEX COMMUNICATIONS. AS IS THE CASE WITH
AMERICAN AND FRENCH PERSONNEL, BELGIANS ARE DISPERSED
THROUGHOUT KIGALI, CANNOT REACH THE EMBASSY, AND ARE
BASICALLY INCOMMUNICADO.

-- BELGIAN JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF OPERATIONS CENTER HAS
INFORMED THE DATT THE RWANDA ARMY HAS CONTROL OF THE
KIGALI AIRPORT. RWANDAN FORCES HAVE REPORTEDLY PLACED
EIGHT/EIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT WEAPONS OF UNKNOWN TYPE AT THE
AIRPORT.

-- EUCOM HAS REQUESTED, THROUGH DAO OFFICES IN BRUSSELS,
THAT THE BELGIAN MOD ACCEPT 4-5 PLANNERS AT THE

CONTINGENCY PLANNING OFFICE TO BEGIN DISCUSSING
COORDINATION OF COMBINED MILITARY OPERATION IN KIGALI.

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3. PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT IN EMBASSY FOR RWANDA AND
BURUNDI IS POLOFF JEANNETTE P. DUBROW. EMBASSY PHONE
NUMBER: 513-3830, EXT. 2477.

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4. BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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