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SG has been briefed on your cable no. 1095 regarding Rwanda.

As I conveyed to you last night, Belgian Foreign Minister specially flew to Bonn to discuss Rwanda situation with SG. He painted an extremely grim picture. He informed SG that his Government has definitely decided to withdraw its contingent from UNAMIR. He reconfirmed readiness to leave the Belgian equipment behind for UNAMIR.

In the light of Belgian decision, SG has decided that UNAMIR will have to be withdrawn. In taking this decision, SG has taken into account his SRSG and Force Commander's views as contained in yours no. 1095.

I enclose text of a letter from SG to President of Security Council. Kindly have it sent under SG's signature.

You would no doubt wish to inform SRSG and FC of the above in advance.

You would notice that SG's decision is based on Belgian decision to withdraw and not on the security situation in Rwanda. This should be emphasized in your oral explanation to the Council as well as to the African Group.

Regards,

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Bonn, 13 April 1994

Dear Mr. President.

I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Willy Class, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, had a meeting with me in Bonn on 12 April 1994. The Minister convayed to me his assessment of the situation in Rwanda which, according to him, has deteriorated drastically in the recent days and continues to deteriorate rapidly.

H.E. Mr. Class informed me that the Government of Belgium; has decided to withdraw its contingent serving with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR), at the earliest possible date. I conveyed to the Minister, on behalf of the United Nations, sincere condolences on the death of 10 Belgian officers serving with UNAMIR as well as deep gratitude and appreciation for Belgium's contribution to UNAMIR. The Minister assured me that his Government would like the withdrawal of its contingent to take place in a coordinated manner.

In the light of the decision of the Government of Belgium mentioned above, it is my assessment that it will be extremely difficult for UNAMIR to carry out its tasks effectively. The continued discharge by UNAMIR of its mandate will become untenable unless the Belgian contingent is replaced by another, equally well equipped contingent or unless the Government of Belgium reconsiders its decision to withdraw its contingent.

His Excellency
Mr. Colin Keating
President of the Security Council
United Nations
New York

In these circumstances, I have asked my Special Representative and the Force Commander to prepare plans for the withdrawal of UNAMIR and send their recommendations to me in this regard. I shall keep the council informed.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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