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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Saturday, 9 April 1994

Rwanda

The President announced that he had called these consultations following talks with the French and Rwandese Ambassadors early this morning. The Rwandan Ambassador had felt things were reasonably encouraging, with progress on an interim government and a cease-fire. On the other hand, the RPF was taking action on three fronts and ONUMUR should step up its activities to monitor the situation; meanwhile UNAMIR should maintain its efforts to reach a cease-fire.

Mr. Riza said he had spoken to the Force Commander at 3 am (NY time), who had told him that there had been a very serious deterioration in Kigali, with widespread fighting and disorder. Almost all the RPF in the compound were now fighting the Presidential guard, while the RPF from the DMZ was moving towards Kigali. The hopeful expectations of yesterday had been dashed, although the Force Commander was still trying to broker an agreement. The RPF was disavowing the new interim government. The airport was under the control of French troops, and UNAMIR had been ordered to cooperate with them, but not go beyond its mandate or impartiality.

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TO: BOOH-BOOH/DALLAIRE, UNAMIR, KIGALI

FROM: ANNAN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: ¹⁰⁶⁰ Franco-Belgian Evacuation Operation/Security Council Consultations

1. First, thank you for your very prompt notification of French landings at Kigali. You already are aware of impending Belgian landings.

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3. As was clarified to you on the telephone, you are to deal with the present situation on the basis of these two separate operations - one international, and the other national - being conducted concurrently in Kigali, centered at the airport. You are requested to cooperate with both the French and Belgian commanders to facilitate the evacuation of their nationals, and other foreign nationals requesting evacuation. You may exchange liaison officers for this purpose. You should make every effort not to compromise your impartiality or to act beyond your mandate but may exercise your discretion to do so should this be essential for the evacuation of foreign nationals. This should not, repeat not, extend to participating in possible combat, except in self-defence.