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1. Situation deteriorated sharply in Kigali after dawn today. Interim Prime Minister, Madame Agathe Uwilingiyimana, evidently was executed by members of the Presidential guard, although there still is no eye-witness confirmation. She had sought refuge in UNDP compound. Force Commander tried to get APCs to the spot but they were held up by road blocks. Under Rules of Engagement they did not use force to get through, especially since we had instructed FC that UNAMIR should fire only in self-defence. The Interim Prime Minister's guards were overpowered and she was taken away and reportedly killed in another spot.
2. UNAMIR personnel and premises have been under sporadic fire, and have fired in self-defence, but not to kill. 13 Belgian military observers were taken captive, and FC confirms three killed by unruly elements of Army and the rest not accounted for.
3. Presidential guard also kidnapped UNDP civilian personnel, but Force Commander has been able to obtain their release.
4. RPF personnel in compound under UNAMIR protection were restrained by UNAMIR personnel but at about 1630 local time (1030 NY time), a third of them (i.e., 150-200 out of 600) forced their way out and there has been fighting in the streets between them and the Presidential guard.

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5. Earlier, UNAMIR had reported concentrated and then sporadic fire in various parts of the city in early hours, apparently more for intimidation than fighting. Situation became disorderly when Presidential guard (about 600-700 strong and responsible only to late President) went around city abducting opposition leaders and their families, including three ministers, President of Constitutional Court and President of National Assembly. There are unconfirmed reports that they also were killed. Prime Minister-designate is in hiding and out of contact.

6. SRSG and FC inform that there is no authority in control at this moment in Kigali. They have urged military and Gendarmerie to form some interim authority and efforts are underway toward this. UNAMIR is attempting to conduct joint patrols with the Gendarmerie. Prime Minister-designate, who is in hiding, did not deliver radio address as announced, but Defence Ministry spokesmen are on the air and calling for calm. The planned meeting in US Ambassador's residence apparently did not take place as SRSG and other Ambassadors could not reach it due to insecure conditions.

7. SRSG and FC also warn of possible violence in the demilitarized zone where Government and RPF troops face each other with a UNAMIR battalion in between. RPF commander has notified FC that RPF troops would move to Kigali to confront Presidential guard. In doing so, they will avoid UNAMIR positions. However, such a move would bring clashes with the Government troops in the zone which may affect UNAMIR personnel which, of course, can fire only in self-defence.

8. RPF has denied responsibility for air crash. Presidential guard has obstructed UNAMIR personnel from examining wreckage of aircraft. US, France and Belgium are ready to send experts to investigate crash, but as yet there is no authority in Kigali to

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take decision.. UNAMIR mandate could extend to such an investigation without which no conclusion can be reached as to how the crash was caused.

9. Rest of Rwanda apparently is calm. Calm also reported in Bujambura where President of National Assembly has taken charge of Government.

10. Belgian and French Ambassadors came separately today to express concern over situation and, in particular, the safety of their nationals. Belgium is considering sending an additional battalion and asked whether it could be used to protect foreign nationals either as part of UNAMIR or separately. He was informed that, as part of UNAMIR, it would have to observe established Rules of Engagement and that if it acted separately, the situation could become even more confused. He will inform his Government. French PR is drafting Presidential statement in Council calling on the Rwandese armed units to cooperate with UNAMIR in restoring stability and order.

Respects and regards.

