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to the attention of Mr. Thierry de BEAUCE

S U B J E C T: RWANDA. Meeting of the Presidents.

RWANDA has been subjected to attacks along its northern border with UGANDA since October 1990.

The Ugandan units, majority Tutsi, which had led the October 1990 attack, have now turned back to UGANDA and organized themselves into autonomous forces, still largely supported by the Ugandan army.

These Tutsi forces have no hope of taking power in KIGALI, as RWANDA is more than 80% ethnically Hutu (the ethnic group of President HABYARIMANA).

The democratization engaged in by the Rwandan authorities can do nothing but further marginalize the Tutsis, who therefore refuse all overtures towards such a process and demand an authoritarian power sharing agreement.

This situation, specific to AFRICA, in which democratization reinforces the power of the ruling ethnicity, necessitates a specialized approach.

President HABYARIMANA should be supported in the ongoing liberalization measures and urged not to apply the principle of the majority too strictly, as it is unfavorable to the Tutsi minority,

This development towards peace assumes that FRANCE will not tolerate any new large-scale Ugandan attack. We can assure President HABYARIMANA of our total support on the respect of his boundaries and on the maintenance, if he desires it, of our symbolic military presence (one company).

General HUCHON