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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 150600Z APR TO 160600Z APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. FIRING CEASED IN THE AFTERNOON. ALSO THE NIGHT WAS VERY QUIET AT KIGALI. AGAIN TWO MOR SHELLS LANDED ON THE AIRPORT. THE BELGIAN BRIGADE COMD THREATENED WITH AIR STRIKES AND THE SHELLING STOPPED. THE BELGIAN AND ITALIAN TROOPS (NON UNAMIR) LEFT THE COUNTRY BY AIR. THE AIRPORT IS NOW BEING CONTROLLED BY THE BELGIAN UNAMIR BATTALION. THIS BATTALION WILL BE RELIEVED BY THE GHANAIAN BATTALION OF WHICH THE BULK IS STILL IN THE DMZ SECTOR. THE MOVE OF THIS BATTALION TOWARDS KIGALI IS NOW CRITICAL. 10 TRUCKS AND ONE BUS LEFT AT KIGALI THIS MORNING. EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES IS STILL ONGOING. PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING TO THE ASSEMBLY POINTS AND ASK FOR UNAMIR ESCORT.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. A FIRST CEASE FIRE MEETING WAS ORGANIZED AT HOTEL MERIDIEN ON 151500 APR 94. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY SRSG, FC, RGF CHIEF OF STAFF ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RGF CRISIS COMMITTEE AND THE COMD OF THE KIGALI RPF BATTALION (CND COMPOUND). THERE WAS NO TANGIBLE RESULT BUT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE WARRING PARTIES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING TODAY 16 APR 94 AT 10.00 HRS. HOWEVER THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL 14.30 HRS.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES. RPF TROOPS CONTINUE TO ENTER KIGALI. THEY ARE COMING BY FOOT AND CARRY LUGGAGE AND OTHER STUFF ON THEIR BACK. THEY INFILTRATE THE CITY VERY CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO HAVE NO LOSSES NOR INJURIES. THEY ARE FACING LACK OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES. RPF CONTROLS MAINLY THE NORTHERN PART OF KIGALI. THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA IS THE MAIN ROAD KACYIRU - MERIDIEN ROUND-ABOUT - CHEZ LANDO CROSSING - REMERA. RPF SURROUNDED THE GENDARMERIE CAMP AT KACYIRU (NORTH-EAST OF KIGALI) AND THE QUARTER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BATTALION (SOUTH-EAST OF THE PREMATURE). MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WENT TO NYAMIRAMBO (KIGALI CENTER) AND DETECTED MANY ROAD BLOCKS MANNED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL MILITIA INTERAHAMWE. EVEN RGF TROOPS ARE CHECKED. ALSO THEY DEMONSTRATED ANGRY AND AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BELGIANS. THEY CALMED DOWN WHEN HE STATED THAT THE BELGIANS HAVE LEFT THEN COUNTRY.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

A. FORCE HQ. REORGANIZATION PLAN IS FINISHED. ALL BELGIAN STAFF POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED UP BY OFFR COMING FROM THE DISMANTLED DMZ HQ OR MILOB GROUP. SOME HEAVY ARMAMENT AND AMMO ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND BY THE BELGIANS. STABILIZING THE STAFF, SOLVING THE LOGISTIC PROBLEMS, REDEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS, IMPROVING THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PERSONNEL HYGIENE ARE NOW THE MAJOR CONCERNS.

B. UNOMUR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL WITHIN OAR. FORCE COMD WANTS THE BELL 212 HELICOPTERS FROM UNOMUR TO BE REDEPLOYED TO KIGALI FOR MEDEVAC TASKS. NEGOTIATION ONGOING WITH THE WARRING PARTIES.

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C. DMZ. THE DMZ SEC EXISTS NO LONGER. DMZ TROOPS (DMZ HQ (15 PERSONS), GHANA BATTALION (500 PERSONS) AND 28 UNMOS) ARE IN THE DMZ AREA AT NKUMBA, KINIHIRA AND NGARAMA. ADVANCE PARTY OF THE DMZ TROOPS HAS MOVED TO KIGALI. RECCE PARTIES ALREADY ARRIVED YESTERDAY TO TAKE OVER FROM KIGALI SEC HQ AND KIBAT. SEVEN FOREIGN JOURNALISTS VISITED THE FORCE HQ.

D. SEC KIGALI. KIGALI SEC HQ SHIFTED TO THE KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIA) AND OPERATES NOW FROM THERE.

(1) KIBAT. BELGIAN BATTALION (KIBAT) IS DEPLOYED AT THE KIGALI AIRPORT. THE LAST LOGISTIC STORE AT RWANDEX (KIGALI CITY) HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE FORCE ENGR COY. ONLY 10% OF THE STORES ARE LEFT BEHIND BY THE BELGIANS. KIBAT PARTICIPATED IN THE EXPATRIATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. KIBAT PREPARES ITS HAND OVER TO THE GHANAIAN BATTALION (BYUBAT). HAND OVER SHOULD BE FINISHED TOMORROW EVENING (17 APR 94).

(2) RUTBAT. BULK OF THE BANGLADESH CONTINGENT IS DEPLOYED AT THE AMAHORO STADIUM, NEXT TO THE FORCE HQ (AMAHORO HOTEL). ONLY THE BANGLADESH LOGISTIC COMPANY (200 TROOPS) AND BYUBAT GOLF (200 TROOPS FROM GHANA) ARE DEPLOYED AT KIGALI CITY.

(3) TUNCOY. TUNISIAN COMPANY IS DEPLOYED AT HOTEL MERIDIEN AND PROVIDED SECURITY TO THEIR LOCATION AND THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL BEING LOCATED 500 M NORTH OF THIS HOTEL.

(4) BYUBAT GOLF. PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE KIGALI SEC HQ AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE SRSG.

E. MILOB.

MILOB HQ ASSISTS IN THE EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES AND CO-ORDINATES THE REDEPLOYMENT AND EVACUATION OF MILOBS. BECAUSE OF THE TECHNICAL FAILURE OF THE MILOB CHANNEL BEING THE ONLY CHANNEL WHICH COVERED ALMOST THE WHOLE COUNTRY WE LOST CONTACT WITH THE MILOB TEAM AT BUTARE. MILOB TEAMS AT KIGALI ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN ESCORT AND LIAISON TASKS. THEY REPORTED INTERMITTENT MORTAR AND HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRING AT BYUMBA AREA.

5. UNCIVPOL. NTR. ALL CIVPOL HAVE LEFT THE MISSION AREA.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. FORCE COMD REASSESSED THE HUMANITARIAN CELL OF THE FORCE HQ. FOUR OFFR ARE NOW WORKING IN THIS CELL AND THEY EMPLOY SIX UNMO TEAMS. THE MAIN TASK OF THIS CELL IS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND TO DETERMINE THE URGENT NEEDS IN THIS REGARD. THEY HAVE TO LIAISE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NGOs AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO BUILD UP THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AID TO THE POPULATION.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

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8. LOGISTICS. LOGISTIC BUILD UP OF THE MISSION IN THIS SITUATION OF CRISIS IS GOING ON. 12,000 LITERS OF DIESEL ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA. ALSO 1,000 FLACK JACKETS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM NAIROBI. FORCE COMD LAUNCHED THE POSSIBILITY TO PURCHASE CLEANING MATERIAL AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS AT NAIROBI IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE HYGIENIC SITUATION IN THE UNAMIR CANTONMENTS. TWO UNAMIR LOG OFFRS WERE SENT TO NAIROBI AND CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THEM.

9. MISC. UNAMIR CASUALTIES. NO CHANGE.