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1. GEN SITUATION IS TENSE. THE DAY STARTED WITH HEAVY EXCHANGE OF ARTY/MOR AND SA FIRING BETWEEN RPF AND RGF AT VARIOUS PLACES IN KIGALI CITY. THE MAJOR BATTLE AREAS WERE GIKONDO, REMERA, KICHIKIRO AND KANOMBE. RPF SHELLED AT RWANDESE TV STATION KILLING 3 JOURNALISTS. RPF ALSO SHELLED AT DOWN TOWN AND KIYOVO AREA. INFORMATION REVEALED THAT 40 YOUNG PERSONS WERE KILLED AT KIYOVO AREA DUE TO HEAVY ARTY SHELLING. RGF ALSO RESPONDED BY HEAVY ARTY SHELLING TO THE CND. HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED FROM RUHENGERRI, TUMBA AND NKUMBA TO THE NORTH AND BUGSERA AND SOUTH OF KIGALI. RGF PUTTING UP RESISTANCE IN MOST OF THE BATTLE AREAS. INFORMATION REVEALED THAT PRESIDENT OF THE MIL JUSTICE AND SOME MIL OFFRS HAVE RESIGNED AND LEFT THE COUNTRY. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF BOTH THE WARRING FACTIONS IN KIGALI CITY. MILITIA STILL HOLDING SOME AREAS IN KIGALI CITY UNDER THEIR CONTROL. A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THEIR BEHAVIOR WERE OBSERVED. THEY WERE FOUND SOBER AND POLITE THAN BEFORE. ON OUR REQUEST RGF HAVE DISPOSED TWO UNEXPLODED BOMBS FROM THE RUNWAY OF KIA.

2. AT 1300 HRS FC MET GEN KAGAME AT BYUMBA. THEY DISCUSSED ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES INCLUDING CEASE FIRE AND THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ABOUT THE NEW MANDATE OF UNAMIR AND THE NEW FORCE STRUCTURE WHICH IS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. GEN KAGAME ASSURED FC THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO IMPLEMENT CEASE FIRE IN TO THOSE PARTICULAR AREAS WHERE REFUGEE WOULD MOVE. EIGHT JOURNALISTS FROM CNN, CTV, BBC AND FRENCH MEDIA HAVE ARRIVED UNAMIR FORCE HQ AT 1430 HRS. SRSG BRIEFED THEM ON LATEST POLITICAL SITUATION IN RWANDA. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS LATER GAVE A BRIEFING REGARDING THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND UNAMIR PRESENT ACTIVITIES. LATER

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JOURNALIST TEAM PAID A VISIT TO THE AMAHORO STADIUM AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL.

3. UNOMUR OPERATION AREA IS CALM. MOVEMENT IN THE MERAMA HILL AREA IS STILL RESTRICTED BY NRA. TWO HELICOPTERS AT KAHALE ARE PRESENTLY OPERATIONAL.

4. UNMOB AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TEAM COULD NOT CONDUCT HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS DUE TO HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE CITY. THE CHO GAVE A BRIEFING TO THE VISITING JOURNALIST TEAM AT FORCE HQ. MR ARTURO HEIN, THE HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA, HELD A MEETING WITH THE RWANDAN MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT ICRC HQ. THEY DISCUSSED CONCERNING HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE MEETING WAS POSITIVE.

5. ATTACHED HERE WITH PLEASE FIND THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGH LIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERING.

5. REGARDS.

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SL NR	DTC	MESSAGE
1	100530	There is heavy firing going on in and around Kanombe Camp.
2	100545	There is heavy mortar and small arms firing to the West of KIA.
3	100550	Clearance has not been given by RPF for the aircraft to land at KIA.
4	100600	Three shells have landed at Anahoro Stadium, no casualties.
5	100745	LO RPF was requested to confirm whether clearance has been given for landing at KIA or not.
6	100810	Inform, the aircraft to return to Nairobi as RPF did not give clearance and be ready to come back at 1330 hrs.
7	100840	LO RPF was requested to get clearance from RPF for the next flight at 1330 hrs.
9	100915	One shell landed in front of Anahoro Stadium. No casualties to own troops. Casualties to civilian unknown.
10	100930	At 0925 hrs two Arty shells landed about 50 metres from RGF checkpoint on road from Anahoro to airport.
11	100950	8 rounds have landed at the Kanombe Camp.
12	100952	Clearance for the aircraft landing has not been given by RPF HQ.
13	101005	Clearance has been given by RPF for 2nd flight scheduled at 1330 hrs.
14	101010	Shelling around tower, Radio Rwanda and roundabout area is going on.
15	101055	A lot of shelling near King Faisal Hospital.
16	101056	Request an armed escorts for the journalist from KIA.
17	101315	Flight arriving at 1334 hrs with 13 passengers and 16000 tons of food.
19	101340	The aircraft has landed at 1335 hrs.
20	101356	The aircraft took off at 1355 hrs.
21	101433	One arty shell landed south of the area where the UN Log elements are located near the runway.
22	101434	The road to the town is cleared and calm.

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23	101443	The unexploded shells which were found in runway has been demolished by the Engr elements of RGF by 1440 hrs.
24	101539	Journalist Team is going to visit the Anahoro stadium.
25	101652	Flight timing for 11 May 94 are as under: a. 1st Flt - 0830 hrs. b. 2nd Flt - 1530 hrs.