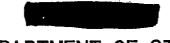
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SUBJECT: RWANDAN AMBASSADOR SAYS KILLINGS CONTINUE; FOREIGN
MINISTER PLANS TO COME TO US

- 1. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR UWIMANA CALLED ON AF/C DIRECTOR RENDER APRIL 26. UWIMANA REPORTED THAT FIGHTING WAS STILL GOING ON IN RWANDA, AND SAID THAT FOREIGN MININSTER JEROHE BICAMUMPAKA WANTS TO COME TO THE US NEXT WEEK TO HEET WITH DEPARTMENT AND UN OFFICIALS (SEE SEPTEL). UWIMANA SAID THAT HE HAD PASSED WASHINGTON'S DEHAND THAT KILLINGS MUST STOP TO GOR OFFICIALS IN KIGALI. END SUMMARY.
- 2. AT HIS REQUEST, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR ALOYS UWIMANA CALLED ON AF/C DIRECTOR ARLENE RENDER LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 26. AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. UWIMANA SAID THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR HIS CALL WAS TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JEROME BICAMUMPAKA WAS IN PARIS AND WANTED TO COME TO US NEXT WEEK TO MEET WITH USG AND UN OFFICIALS. UWIMANA SAID THAT BICAMUMPAKA, A MEMBER OF THE MOR, IS THE SON OF AN HOR LEADER AND HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN GERMANY, BELGIUM AND FRANCE. RENDER THANKED UWIMANA FOR THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER HE WOULD BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.
- 3. RENDER ASKED UVIMANA IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA. UVIMANA REPORTED THAT FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE

SAID THAT PHONE SERVICE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO KIGALI BUT NOT TO OUTLYING AREAS. UMIHANA SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH AN AMERICAN WOMAN IN WISCONSIN WHO HAD TALKED BY PHONE WITH HER HUSBAND IN KIGALI. SHE REPORTED THAT TWO MARKETS IN KIGALI WERE FUNCTIONING AGAIN, AND THAT SOME BANKS WERE OPEN OUTSIDE KIGALI.

THOUGH BANKS IN THE CAPITAL REMAINED CLOSED. UWIMANA SAID THAT THERE ARE POCKETS OF RPF TROOPS AROUND THE CITY, PARTICULARLY ALONG THE ROAD TO BYAHBU, WHERE THE RICE HILL, SUGAR FACTORY AND GASOLINE STORAGE DEPOT ARE LOCATED. HE SAID THAT THE ARMY HESITATED TO ATTACK THE RPF ALONG THIS ROAD BECAUSE OF ALL THE IMFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED THERE.

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- 4. RENDER TOLD UNIMANA THAT THE USG WAS EXTREMELY UPSET ABOUT THE CONTINUING MASSACRES, AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD PASSED ON TO THE GOR WASHINGTON'S MESSAGE THAT THE MASSACRES MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY. UNIMANA SAID THAT HE HAD PASSED THIS HESSAGE TO KIGAL!. HE ADDED THAT THE POPULATION WILL CONTINUE KILLING AS LONG AS THE RPF PROLONGS THE WAR, AND THAT THE POPULATION IS SPONTANEOUSLY KILLING IN ORDER TO DEFEND ITSELF FROM THE RPF.
- 5. AMBASSADOR RANSON STRONGLY DISAGREED WITH UWIMANA'S CLAIM THAT THE KILLING WAS SPONTANEOUS AND COULD NOT BE STOPPED. HE EMPHASIZED TO UWIMANA THAT THE POPULATION IS BEING ORDERED TO KILL BY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN RWANDA, AND THAT THESE SAME HIGH OFFICIALS MUST IMMEDIATELY ORDER THE PEOPLE TO STOP KILLING. UWIMANA INSISTED THAT THE KILLING IS SPONTANEOUS, ADDING THAT KIGALI IS BEING

DEFENDED BY PEASANTS WITH MACHETES. UWIMANA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MASSACRES WERE BEING CARRIED OUT BY BOTH SIDES, AND SAID THAT IT IS TOO BAD THAT THE POPULATION HAS RETURNED TO THE FAILURES OF THE 1968'S.

- 6. AF/C DIRECTOR RENDER ASKED UWIHANA WHAT THE USG SHOULD DO TO HELP END THE KILLING. UWIHANA REPLIED THAT THE US SHOULD TELL THE MINORITY TUTSIS TO ACCEPT THEIR STATUS AS A MINORITY, AND TELL THE RPF THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT WIN THE WAR, THEY CANNOT GOVERN THE COUNTRY. UWIHANA SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT A POWER SHARING ARRANGEMENT CANNOT WORK, AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE FAILURE OF THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SALVADORAN HODEL OF BRINGING THE GUERRILLAS INTO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND INTO THE POLICE, BUT NOT INTO THE MILITARY, COULD PERHAPS BE WORKABLE IN RWANDA. UWIHANA ADDED THAT THE JUDICIAL POWER IN RWANDA NEEDS TO BE REINFORCED IN ORDER FOR SOCIETY TO FUNCTION.
- 7. RENDER AND RAWSON REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED TO UWIMANA THAT THE MOST CRUCIAL PRIORITY RIGHT NOW IS TO STOP THE MASSACRES. RENDER POINTED OUT THAT THE GOR AND THE ARMY MUST TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GETTING THE PEOPLE TO STOP KILLING EACH OTHER. RAWSON ADDED THAT ALL THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST IS BEING DESTROYED AND THE COUNTRY IS BEING TORN APART BY THESE MASSACRES. UVIHANA AGREED TO AGAIN PASS ON TO THE GOR WASHINGTON'S DEHAND FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE MASSACRES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEASEFIRE.
- a. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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