

President's Chief of Staff

NOTE

to the attention of the President of the Republic

(care of the Secretary General)

SUBJECT: RWANDA

The military situation is worrying. New battalions, "christened as R.P.F." for the occasion, are preparing to penetrate RWANDA from UGANDA to feed the Ugandan-Tutsi offensive.

If President MUSEVENI's actions are not stopped, the Rwandan army will not be able to resist the Ugandan power. Our logistical help, which is not up to the demands of the situation, will not offset the existing balance of power.

This worrying situation is worsening because of the political situation in the Rwandan government. The observations of Mr. Bruno DELAYE and Mr. ROCHEREAU de la SABLIERE made in KIGALI on Friday, February 12th would bring one to the conclusion that the Rwandan Prime Minister, Mr. NSENGYAREMIE (MDR Party, in opposition to President HABYARIMANA, ethnic origin: southern Hutu) has already intellectually anticipated the Ugandan military victory.

President HABYARIMANA sees the embodiment of what he has always dreaded and often denounced in the events of the day. He refuses to speak with the Prime Minister, whom he accuses of collusion with the aggressors in a time of conflict when the Rwandan army is fighting.

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President HABYARIMANA is contemplating returning to the old strategy of the northern Hutus: withdrawal back to loyal clans and defense of the country hill by hill. This is a tragic path which would lead to Hutu-Tutsi ethnic clashes.

Mr. Bruno DELAYE and Mr. ROCHEREAU de la SABLIERE worked to bring the President and Prime Minister closer to one another on the evening of Friday, February 12th, hoping for the publication of a joint communiqué that should have materialized today.

This morning, Mr. DELAYE and Mr. ROCHEREAU de la SABLIERE are meeting President MUSEVENI in KAMPALA. These talks will be difficult, as the president considers a political and military victory in KIGALI to be within his grasp.

General QUESNOT