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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TOLD THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR THAT A NEW DATE FOR SIGNING PEACE WITH THE RPF IN ARUSHA WOULD BE ARRANGED WITH THE TANZANIANS ONCE ALL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS RETURNED TO KIGALI TO EXPLAIN THE ACCORD TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE CND. MEANWHILE, DEADLOCK CONTINUES OVER THE NOMINATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE NEXT TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. MANY RWANDANS SEE THE DELAY AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY HABYARIMANA TO PREVENT PEACE. THIS CONCLUSION IGNORES THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE PRESIDENT'S MRND IS IN AGREEMENT ON BOTH POINTS WITH THE OPPOSITION PL, PSD, AND PARTS OF THE MDR. CHANCES OF SIGNING BEFORE THE OAU SUMMIT ARE REMOTE, BUT WE BELIEVE ALL PARTIES HERE ARE EAGER TO COMPELTE THE PROCESS EARLY IN JULY. END SUMMARY.

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3. REFTELS REPORTED A TANZANIAN EFFORT TO PERSUADE HABYARIMANA TO GO TO ARUSHA TODAY TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS HIMSELF. THIS WAS THE STRONG PREFERENCE OF AMBASSADOR MBEZI AND APPARENTLY OF AMBASSADOR MPUNGWE IN ARUSHA, BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE MBEZI WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO GO TO ARUSHA. SHE WAS RATHER TASKED TO EXPRESS THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA WITH THE FACT THAT THE SIGNING DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 24, AND TO SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD, IN THE VIEW OF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A RATIFICATION AFTER THE SIGNATURE. AMBASSADOR MBEZI TOLD ME THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO MAKE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE POSTPONEMENT.

4. AMBASSADOR MBEZI, HOWEVER, WAS QUITE UPSET WITH THE DELAY, AND FELT THAT HABYARIMANA DID NOT ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH HER ON THE POSTPONEMENT, BUT RATHER ASKED HER TO TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT MWINYI THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

-- THE TWO PARTIES MUST COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS, THEN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL RETURN TO

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KIGALI TO EXPLAIN TO THE GOVERNMENT, TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND TO PARLIAMENT THE MEANING OF THE ACCORD. AND FINALLY A NEW DATE WILL BE ARRANGED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR. THE PRESIDENT DID REAFFIRM TO AMBASSADOR MBEZI HIS INTENTION TO GO TO ARUSHA TO SIGN THE FINAL ACCORD.

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A PRIME MINISTER?

5. INTERVIEWED ON RADIO RWANDA, THE PRIME MINISTER, DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE, INSISTED THAT HIS CANDIDATURE FOR PRIME MINISTER IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS PROPERLY PRESENTED (IT WASN'T). HE SEES IN THE CHALLENGE A MOVE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED PEACE AS A PRETEXT FOR REFUSING PEACE AND CONTINUING THE WAR. IN HIS TURN, MDR PRESIDENT FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU DECLINED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS, POINTING OUT THAT THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PARTY

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HAS NOT YET MET TO GIVE ITS OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE
ISSUE.

6. ON JUNE 23RD, WE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE
POLITICAL BUREAU HAD ALREADY MET AND HAD DECIDED TO
REJECT TWAGIRAMUNGU AND FULLY SUPPORT THE PRIME
MINISTER. IN FACT, A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE CALLED
ME DIRECTLY TO GIVE ME A VERY DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE
POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING, A MEETING WHICH HAS NOT YET
TAKEN PLACE. FROM POINT OF FACT, THE MDR HAS REFUSED
TO MEET UNTIL IT RECEIVES THE FORMAL REJECTION BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE MDR NOMINATION OF DISMAS
NSENGIYAREMYE. THIS HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED, AND THE
MDR IS SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY.

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KIGALI REACTION

7. THERE IS WIDE AND DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT IN KIGALI OVER POSTPONEMENT OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORD. MANY RWANDANS FEAR THAT THE LAST CHANCE FOR PEACE HAS BEEN LOST AND WAR WILL COME BACK AGAIN. MANY BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA NEVER
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WANTED TO MAKE PEACE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND HAS NOW SUCCEEDED IN MANIPULATING THE OTHER PARTIES TO HELP HIM AVOID THE UNPLEASANTNESS OF PEACE.

8. AT THE SAME TIME, THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SEEMS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH THE MINI CRISIS THEY HAVE CREATED OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THAT THEY SEEM NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAY. POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS FROM MDR AND PL HAVE IMPLIED THAT THEY HAD SUFFICIENT CONTACTS WITH THE RPF BEFORE RAISING THE PRIME MINISTER ISSUE SO THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE RPF WILL NOT WALK AWAY FROM THE TABLE WHILE THIS IS IN PLAY.

9. THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO LEAVE SATURDAY, JUNE 26, FOR THE OAU SUMMIT IN CAIRO. HIS CABINET DIRECTOR, ENOCH RUHIGIRA, IS TODAY RESUMING LOBBYING EFFORTS WITH THE CND TO FACILITATE ACCEPTANCE OF ACCORD WHEN COMPLETED. RUHIGIRA HOPES THAT ALL DETAILS WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE SUMMIT AND THAT SIGNATURE CAN BE HELD IN ARUSHA ON THE WAY BACK FROM CAIRO.

COMMENT

10. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AN UPHILL BATTLE BECAUSE FOR FIRST TIME THE MRND, THE PL, THE PSD AND PART OF HIS OWN MDR PARTY ARE UNITED. THIS IS THE TYPE OF INTER-PARTY COOPERATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ENCOURAGE FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. THE IRONY OF IT IS THAT IT HAPPENS ONLY AT A TIME WHEN ITS EFFECT IS TO
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FURTHER DELAY THE PROCESS OF PEACE.

11. IF THE PRIME MINISTER LOSES IN HIS PARTY, THE
CONSENSUS CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MDR
PRESIDENT FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU. IF THE PRIME
MINISTER WINS IN THE PARTY, HE WILL HAVE TWAGIRAMUNGU
SUSPENDED FROM THE PARTY IN ORDER TO FORECLOSE ANY
POSSIBILITY THAT TWAGIRAMUNGU COULD BE A CANDIDATE
FOR PRIME MINISTER. THIS IS BECAUSE THE PROTOCOLS
CALL FOR THE MDR TO PROPOSE THE PRIME MINISTER AND IF
FAUBTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU IS NO LONGER A PART OF THE
PARTY, HE COULD NOT BE A FURTHER CHALLENGE TO

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DIBMAS. SOME HERE EXPECT THE POLITICAL BUREAU
MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27, TO RESOLVE
THE ISSUE.

12. ON THE PEACE FRONT, IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE
STILL ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN ARUSHA, THEREFORE, IT
IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL SEE A SIGNING UNTIL AFTER
THE CAIRO SUMMIT OF THE OAU. FLATEN

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