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1. THE GEN SITUATION IS VERY TENSE AND FLUID. INTENSIVE FIRING AND SHELLING CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE DAY. TODAY THE BATTLE AREA SPREADED INTO THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE KIGALI CITY. RPF SHELLED AROUND HOTEL MILLIE COLLINS, MIN OF DEF AND DOWN TOWN KIGALI. RGF ALSO RETALIATED AND FIRED ARTY SHELLS DIRECTLY TO THE CND BUILDING. RPF CONTINUED TIGHTENING THEIR GRIP IN THE CITY. RGF PUTTING UP SOME RESISTANCE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE KIGALI CITY. HOWEVER NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF BOTH THE WARRING GROUPS IN THE CITY. MILITIA STILL HOLDING SOME AREAS IN THE TOWN UNDER THEIR CONTROL. AT 0941 HRS ONE OF THE FACTION FIRED DIRECTLY WITH SMALL ARMS TO THE UN MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS STATIONED AT THE RUNWAY. UNAMIR LODGED A STRONG PROTEST TO BOTH THE FACTIONS. RPF STILL TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH THE RGF POSITION IN RUHENGERI AND NKUMBA. HEAVY EXCHANGE OF ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE CONTINUED IN THAT AREA.

2. FC HELD A CONF WITH HIS COMMANDERS AND PSOs AT PORCE HQ. FC MET COS RGF IN THE EVENING. FC STATED THAT SOME GROUP IS TARGETTING UNAMIR INSTALLATIONS AT THE AIRPORT. COS RGF HAVE ASSURED FC THAT THIS TYPE OF INCIDENTS WOULD NOT BE REPEATED FROM HIS SIDE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR MISSION. COS RGF RE- STATED THAT UNAMIR MISSION HAD TO STAY TO BRING PEACE IN THIS COUNTRY.

3. HAC CONTINUED PATROLLING WITH UNMOS AT VARIOUS DISPLACED PERSON CAMPS IN KIGALI. AN AGREEMENT WAS FORWARDED TO THE COS OF

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RGF AND RPF FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A SECURE MEANS TO EXCHANGE DISPLACED PERSONS TO THE AREAS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE. ANOTHER MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN THE HAC, RGF AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL MILITIAS. ICRC DELIVERED FOOD SUPPLIES TO TWO ORPHANAGES GIZINBA AND MARC MOTHER. A CONVOY MOVED FROM BUJUMBURA TO KABGAYI TO SET UP A FD HOSPITAL IN THE CONVENT AT KABGYI. HA TEAM DELIVERED HEALTH KIT TO AMAHORO STADIUM.

4. PLEASE FIND HERE WITH ATTACHED UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGHLIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERED.

5. REGARDS.

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SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	050830	Aircraft arrives Kigali Airport at 0745 hrs.
2	050912	One mortar bomb landed at Amahoro Stadium at 0912 hrs no injury reported.
3	050925	Aircraft expected at KIA at 0930 hrs.
4	050937	Aircraft landed at 0936 hrs.
5	050941	Aircraft taken off and going back to Nairobi due to sporadic siring of small arms towards the aircraft.
6	05947	Mortar bomb landed in front of arrival hall. Mortar bomb and SA fire coming from the RPF positions north of airport.
7	051120	Shelling going on around Sainte Famille area.
8	051121	LO RPF requested not fire toward Sainte Famille as lot of displaced people states there.
9	051132	RPF is shelling city center and areas around Milles Collins. RGF is asking RPF to stop shelling.
10	051346	RPF stated that they are shelling only Mil installations and not to civ.
11	051336	Meeting will be held by RGF and civilians heads to discuss evacuation exercise. They are requesting a representative from UNAMIR to attend.
12	051605	Two bombs landed within the vicinity of KIA.
13	051647	FC and his convoy moving from RGF HQ to Force HQ. Shelling obs on the way request RPF to stop shelling.
14	051708	Aircraft arrival timing at KIA from today: a. 1st flt. - 0740 hrs. b. 2nd flt - 1410 hrs. This timing will remain until further order.
15	051723	Shelling going on around Hotel Milles Collines, Min of Def and down town Kigali. RGF indicates they will continue further shelling to Hotel Milles Collines.

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16	051845	Firing coming from all directions to the terminal building except from the runway side. All military personnel at KIA were advice to take necessary shelter.
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