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To: Ambassador Inderfurth  
Thru: POL - Cameron Hume  
From: POL - Peter Fromuth, Laurie Shestak  
Subject: Political strategy for Rwanda; SC Informals on  
Rwanda, July 6, 11am

Summary

Paris' decision to establish a secure humanitarian zone in the contested area of southwestern Rwanda creates a de-facto interpositional force.

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Council review of French intervention will occur today at 11am and again tomorrow. While this morning's media coverage suggests France is already acting to reduce chances of conflict with the RPF by limiting the size of the safe area, recommend you seek opportunity to draw out Merimee or Ladsous on their political/withdrawal strategy and plans for hand-off to UNAMIR. You may want to draw on the following points as appropriate.

Points

- \* We agree with France that the short term goal is to create secure conditions permitting French withdrawal in favor of a reconstituted UNAMIR.
- \* We understand your decision to establish a safe humanitarian zone in southwestern Rwanda, consistent with resolutions 929 and 924 (para 4-b).
- \* We are anxious to assure that this does not lead to conflict with RPF forces. If this were to occur it could reduce the willingness of the Council to approve, or troop contributors to support, a reconstituted UNAMIR.

- \* To avoid such a result and to hasten establishment of conditions for transfer of responsibilities to UNAMIR we believe several steps would be useful to build confidence and underscore the strictly humanitarian character of the safe area.
- \* For example, we suggest that the safe area not be geographically larger than that required to safely accommodate Hutu refugees, and that it not include areas occupied by the RGF, its forces or known militia concentrations.
- \* Within the safe area an important confidence-builder with the RPF would be a policy to pursue aggressively any report of Hutu atrocities.
- \* Once the area is secure, a dramatically expanded international humanitarian presence would be extremely helpful practically and politically.
- \* It is also necessary to counter the inflammatory effect of Hutu radio broadcasts by direct or indirect means. A substantial humanitarian presence among the main concentrations of Hutu refugees would make such scare-tactics less effective.
- \* Finally, once the SYG's Special Representative, Tanzania, other countries and the parties revive a process of negotiation based upon the Arusha principles, this will provide a stronger basis for an enlarged UNAMIR, which could be helpful in facilitating French withdrawal from the safe area.

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