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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RAWSON'S MEETING AT ICRC  
HEADQUARTERS ON RWANDA; LATEST REPORT OF MASSACRES

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. ICRC (STRICTLY PROTECT THROUGHOUT) TOLD MISSIONOFF ON 5/26 THAT 500 RWANDANS WERE MASSACRED THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN THE KAPGAYE COMPOUND NEAR GITARAMA ON THE BASIS OF LISTS OF THOSE TO BE ELIMINATED. THE ICRC COMPOUND IN KIGALI WAS HIT FOR THE SECOND TIME WITH SHELLING ON 5/26. IN A MEETING WITH VISITING AMBASSADOR RAWSON ON 5/25, ICRC STAFF REPORTED THAT SELECTIVE

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KILLINGS CONTINUE. AMBASSADOR RAWSON BRIEFED ICRC ON HIGH-LEVEL USG EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH SAFE PASSAGE FOR ENDANGERED RWANDANS TO SECURE AREAS. END SUMMARY.

3. ON 5/25, VISITING AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON AND MISSIONOFF MET AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS WITH PAUL GROSSRIEDER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS; JEAN-DANIEL TAUXE, DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR AFRICA; AND DANIEL AUGSTBURGER, RWANDA-BURUNDI DESK OFFICER.

4. AUGSTBURGER REPORTED THAT A SHELL HAD HIT THE ICRC COMPOUND ON 5/25, RESULTING IN TWO FATALITIES AND FIVE WOUNDED RWANDANS. ICRC'S STAFF IN KIGALI DID NOT YET KNOW FROM WHERE THE SHELLING HAD COME. AMBASSADOR RAWSON ASKED IF THE ICRC COMPOUND WAS HIT INTENTIONALLY,  
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AND TAUXE SAID THAT THE COMPOUND'S FIELD POSITION MADE IT LIKELY THAT IT WAS UNINTENTIONAL.

5. AUGSTBURGER ALSO SAID THAT MASSACRES STILL GO ON. AT THE LARGE KAPGAYE COMPOUND NEAR GITARAMA (A PORTION OF WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY ICRC), RWANDANS ARE STILL BEING ELIMINATED LITTLE BY LITTLE. THE SECURITY SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED IN RUHENGERI. AUGSTBURGER ALSO SAID THAT ICRC HAS BEEN PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE, FOOD ASSISTANCE AND A SANITATION ENGINEER TO 7,500 TUTSIS IN CYANGUGU, AND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO LARGE-SCALE MASSACRES THERE SINCE ICRC BEGAN OPERATING. TAUXE SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE STILL IN GREAT DANGER IN CYANGUGU, HOWEVER, AND HE POINTED OUT THE INCIDENT IN WHICH 600 WHO HAD TRIED TO LEAVE WERE KILLED BY MILITIA UPON RETURNING. AUGSTBURGER SAID THAT SINCE LAST WEEK ICRC HAS BEEN TRANSPORTING ASSISTANCE TO CYANGUGU VIA A PAVED ROAD IN BURUNDI, RATHER THAN GOING VIA ZAIRE. HE SAID THEY HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN BUKAVU, ZAIRE. TAUXE SPOKE OF ICRC'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNER OF KIVU.

6. TAUXE DESCRIBED THREE CURRENT ICRC PROBLEMS OPERATING IN RWANDA. IN KIGALI, THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL WAS HIT AND ITS OPERATIONS THEATER DESTROYED ON 5/22; 1,500 WOUNDED HAD TO FIND THEIR WAY TO ICRC'S FIELD HOSPITAL FOR CONTINUED MEDICAL CARE. SELECTIVE MASSACRES CONTINUE TO OCCUR "ON ONE SIDE." [REDACTED]

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7. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR RAWSON'S QUESTION, GROSSRIEDER REAFFIRMED HIS EARLIER ADVICE THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTACT AND SUPPORT CERTAIN KEY INTERIM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (ESPECIALLY THE PRIME MINISTER, GIVEN HIS APPARENT READINESS TO BE "MORE REASONABLE THAN HIS ENVIRONMENT"). AMBASSADOR RAWSON THEN BRIEFED ICRC ON NUMEROUS EFFORTS TAKEN BY THE USG AT DIFFERENT LEVELS TO INSIST ON SAFE PASSAGE OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO SECURE AREAS. GROSSRIEDER AGREED THAT SAFE AREAS WERE

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ABSOLUTELY NEEDED AS A FIRST STEP. [REDACTED]

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8. IN A CONVERSATION THE NEXT DAY WITH MISSIONOFF, AUGSTBURGER REPORTED THAT THE ICRC COMPOUND IN KIGALI WAS HIT AGAIN ON 5/26 AND ONE RWANDAN WAS WOUNDED. ICRC EXPAT DELEGATES REMAIN IN KIGALI, EXCEPT FOR THE HEAD OF DELEGATION WHO HAS TRAVELED TO MULINDI TO MEET WITH KAGAME. TAUZE WILL ARRIVE THERE ON FRIDAY FOR A "POLITICAL" MEETING WITH THE RPF ON ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ICRC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THERE IS A POLITICAL PRICE TO PAY FOR ICRC'S PRESENCE, WHEREAS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT ICRC'S PROTECTION MANDATE DO NOT MAKE SUCH DEMANDS.

9. AUGSTBURGER THEN REPORTED THAT ANOTHER 500 RWANDANS HAD BEEN MASSACRED OVER WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 5/25, AT THE KAPGAYE COMPOUND NEAR GITARAMA. THEY WERE KILLED BASED ON LISTS, WHICH SOME NOW CALL THE "BAGASORA SYNDROME." WE ASKED AUGSTBURGER HOW ICRC COULD REMAIN ON THE COMPOUND WHILE SUCH KILLINGS GO ON, AND HE RESPONDED  
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THAT TO DEPART WOULD PROVIDE A "BLANK CHECK" TO THOSE WHO WANT TO KILL THE REMAINING 40,000 RWANDANS SHELTERED THERE.

10. AUGSTBURGER ALSO TOLD US THAT THE ONLY ENCLAVE THEY HAVE DISCOVERED TO ADD TO THE LIST REPORTED IN REFTTEL IS "BUTARE CAMP" WITH THOUSANDS OF RWANDANS (MOSTLY TUTSIS).

11. NOTE. VIRTUALLY THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR THIS INFORMATION ON THE LATEST MASSACRE IS THE ICRC, AND ITS DELEGATES COULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER IF SUCH INFORMATION WERE TO BE RELEASED. PLEASE RETAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION HEREIN AND STRICTLY PROTECT THE SOURCE. WE LEAVE IT TO THE ICRC TO DETERMINE WHEN/IF TO MAKE THE

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INFORMATION PUBLIC. END NOTE.

12. AMBASSADOR RAWSON DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
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13. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SPIEGEL

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