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 TAGS: PREL, FR, BE, RW, UG
 SUBJECT: RUDASINGWA COMPLAINS OF FRENCH INTERVENTION
 AND ESCALATION OF FIGHTING - BUT PROMISES RPF RESTRAINT

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 2. SUMMARY: RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. THEOGEN RUDASINGWA
 MET WITH CHARGE ON JULY 24. HE COMPLAINED OF FRENCH
 MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOR, OF EFFORTS
 TO SUBVERT THE NEUTRALITY OF THE MILITARY OBSERVER
 GROUP, AND OF ESCALATION OF COMBAT BY THE FAR. HE
 CAREFULLY NOTED POINTS MADE BY CHARGE CALLING FOR
 CONTINUED RESTRAINT, AND PROMISED THAT THE RPF WOULD
 COMPLY. END SUMMARY

3. CHARGE MET WITH RPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
 DR. THEOGEN RUDASINGWA AT 6:00 P.M. JULY 24 AS SCHEDULED

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(REFTEL A). RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL NDAHIRO AND POLOFF ALSO ATTENDED THE 40-MINUTE MEETING AT THE CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.

4. RUDASINGWA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE "FAIR HEARING" THAT THE RPF DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. HE CONTRASTED USG OBJECTIVITY WITH FRENCH AND BELGIAN INTERFERENCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOR. WITHOUT CITING DIRECT EVIDENCE, RUDASINGWA CHARGED THAT THE FRENCH WERE "DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN," TRANSPORTING RWANDAN TROOPS, AND USING RWANDA AS A "TESTING GROUND FOR NEW WEAPONS." (HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO A "NEW" 105 MM LONG RANGE ROCKET LAUNCHER.) HE COMPLAINED THAT THE NUMBER OF FRENCH TROOPS IN RWANDA WAS FAR GREATER THAN WHAT WAS CALLED FOR UNDER THE GOF-GOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT, AND SAID THAT THE RPF WOULD PROPOSE THAT IF THE FRENCH TROOPS WERE REALLY IN RWANDA TO PROTECT FRENCH CITIZENS, THAT ROLE SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY UN TROOPS.

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5. THE RPF IS SUSPICIOUS THAT THE GOR, FRANCE AND BELGIUM ARE ATTEMPTING SUBVERT THE NEUTRALITY OF THE NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP (GOMN). RUDASINGWA COMPLAINED THAT THE RPF WAS NOT CONSULTED ABOUT BELGIUM'S OFFER TO FLY LAND ROVERS INTO KIGALI FOR THE GOMN, AND SAID THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA SHOULD NOT BE SOLICITING HELP FOR THE GOMN, BUT SHOULD LEAVE IT TO THE OAU'S JOINT COMMISSION. RUDASINGWA REPEATED CHARGES THAT THE FAR WAS INITIATING AND ESCALATING ATTACKS ON THE RPF AND QUESTIONED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A CEASEFIRE. RUDASINGWA CLAIMED THAT THE RPF WANTED TO HONOR THE JULY 19 TRUCE, BUT WAS BEING FORCED TO REACT TO FAR ATTACKS.

6. CHARGE MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL B, WHICH RUDASINGWA AND NDAHIRO TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON. THEY PROMISED TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO THE RPF LEADERSHIP, WHICH THEY SAID WAS MEETING IN RWANDA. RUDASINGWA SAID THAT THE RPF "WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT," BUT WOULD NOT DO SO FOR LONG "IN THE ABSENCE OF RESTRAINT ON THE OTHER SIDE." ACCORDING TO RUDASINGWA, RPF "CHIEF COORDINATOR" RUTAREMERA WILL HEAD THE RPF DELEGATION TO ADDIS ABABA. DESPITE THE INFORMATION IN

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REFTEL C, RUDASINGWA GAVE NO INDICATION HE WOULD BE
ATTENDING THE JULY 26 TALKS.

7. THE CHARGE ASKED RUDASINGWA IF HE HAD DETERMINED A
WAY FOR THE EMBASSY TO CONTACT THE RPF. HE SAID HE HAD
NOT, BUT THE RPF WAS STILL WORKING ON IT; HE REALIZED
THE DIFFICULTY CREATED BY THIS, AND HOPED TO HAVE A
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SOLUTION "SOON." IN THE MEANTIME, WE REMAIN DEPENDENT
UPON THE RPF FOR INITIATION OF CONTACT.

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