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NIACT FOR KIGALI HOLD FOR 0800 JUNE 6

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 SUBJECT: RWANDA TALKS IN PARIS: DAS DAVIDOW MEETING
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE PARIS TALKS BETWEEN THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5-7 HAVE GOTTEN OFF TO A BUMPY START CAUSED BY AN APPARENT RPF OFFENSIVE AS WELL AS BEEN DELAYED FOR AT LEAST ONE DAY AS RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA IS ALLEGEDLY STUCK IN DAKAR DUE TO AN AIRLINE STRIKE. MEANWHILE, THE REPORTED RPF OFFENSIVE IN NORTHERN RWANDA HAS PROMPTED PRESIDENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: FRANK H PEREZ
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HABYARIMANA TO REQUEST FRENCH MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS. THE FRENCH TELL US THEY ARE PREPARED TO SEND ONE ADDITIONAL COMPANY TO RWANDA TO OPERATE OUTSIDE KIGALI, BUT ARE AWAITING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET. HOWEVER, THE FRENCH ARE CONTEMPLATING DEPLOYING THE COMPANY IF THE SAFETY OF THE FRENCH AND EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY SO WARRANT. IN HIS MEETING WITH QUAI AFRICA DIRECTOR DIJOURD, DAVIDOW ASSOCIATED THE U.S. PRESENCE AS SUPPORT FOR A DOMINANT FRENCH ROLE IN THE GOR/RPF NEGOTIATIONS, WARNED THAT THE U.S. CANNOT OFFER FINANCIAL OR MANPOWER RESOURCES AND, IN DISCUSSING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ROUND, PRESSED DIJOURD TO SEEK FROM THE PARTIES A JOINT GENERAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES TO GIVE MOMENTUM TO FURTHER TALKS. END SUMMARY.

FAST-MOVING CHANGES

3. WHEN DAS DAVIDOW, EMBASSY KIGALI DCM LEADER AND
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POLOFF APPEARED AT THE QUAI JUNE 5 FOR THEIR SCHEDULED MEETING WITH QUAI AFRICA DIRECTOR DIJOURD AND EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA DIRECTOR BOIVINEAU, THEY WERE INFORMED THAT RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA HAD BEEN DELAYED IN DAKAR DUE TO AN AIRPLANE STRIKE. THE FRENCH HOPE, BUT ARE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN, THAT NGULINZIRA WILL ARRIVE JUNE 6 PERMITTING THE TALKS TO BEGIN WITH ONE DAY'S DELAY. IN ADDITION, THE QUAI OFFICIALS SAID THAT AN APPARENT RPF OFFENSIVE IN NORTHERN RWANDA HAD PROMPTED HABYARIMANA TO REQUEST FRENCH MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS. THE FRENCH SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND ONE COMPANY OF REINFORCEMENTS BUT HAVE REQUESTED THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER AS WELL. THE SEQUENCE OF THE DAY'S EVENTS PROMPTED CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION FROM BOTH THE FRENCH AND U.S SIDES THAT HARDLINERS IN EITHER OR BOTH THE GOR AND RPF WERE MAKING MOVES TIMED TO DERAILED THE PARIS TALKS WHILE SADDLING THE OTHER SIDE WITH THE BLAME.

DIJOURD'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE TALKS



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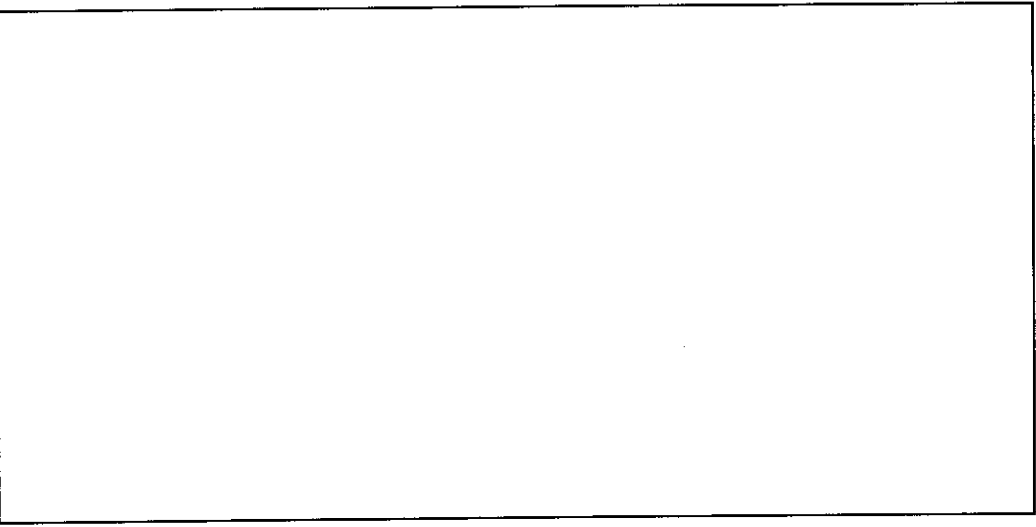
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DAVIDOW ON THE CONFLICT AND TALKS STRUCTURE

5. DAS DAVIDOW RESPONDED THAT THE RWANDAN PROBLEM HAS BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL COMPONENTS BOTH OF WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED. CONCERNING THE UGANDAN ROLE, DAVIDOW SAID A/S COHEN HAS SPOKEN WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND SENT HIM A LETTER CALLING FOR A NON-AGGRESSION PACT AND THE OPENING OF THE ROAD TO KIGALI. COMMENTING ON THE DAY'S RPF OFFENSIVE, DAVIDOW SAID IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE RPF IS ATTACKING FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES RELATED TO THE TALKS, TO GAIN TERRITORY WITH AN INTENT TO WIN THE WAR, OR BOTH. REGARDING THE TALKS, DAVIDOW STRESSED THAT A/S COHEN SUPPORTS THE FRENCH ROLE AND IS ASSOCIATING ITSELF AS A

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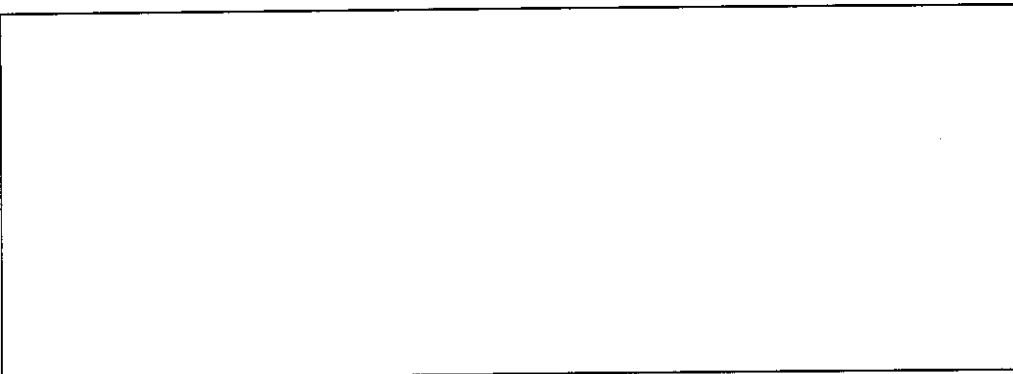
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PRESENCE IN THE TALKS. DAVIDOW CAREFULLY AVOIDED USING THE TERM "OBSERVER." HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY CONTRIBUTING EITHER MANPOWER OR MONEY, ALTHOUGH WE COULD HELP WITH THE UNHCR OR PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE. DAVIDOW SUGGESTED THAT THE RWANDANS CANNOT SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM ALONE AND NEED MEDIATION. WHILE FOR VARIOUS REASONS ZAIRE, BURUNDI AND UGANDA ARE

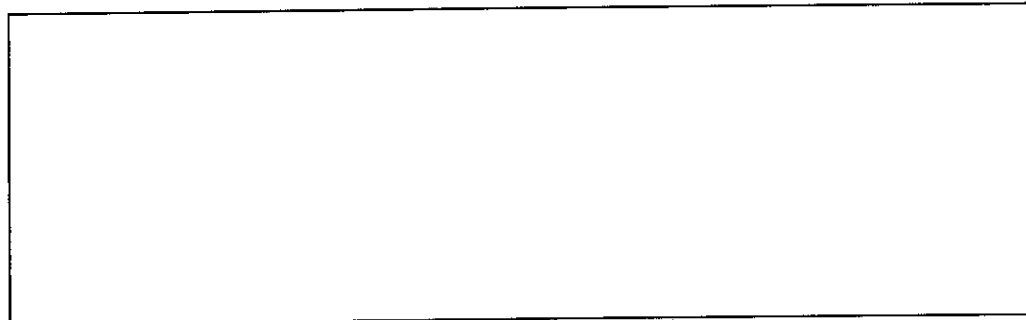
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UNACCEPTABLE AS A MEDIATOR, TANZANIA LACKS THE WEIGHT AND MORE IMPORTANT, THE RESOURCES TO GO IT ALONE. FRANCE, EVEN IF CONSIDERED PARTIAL TO KIGALI BY THE RPF, HAS THE ABILITY TO ELICIT CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOR. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT, DAVIDOW ASSERTED, THAT THE MEDIATOR BE POWERFUL THAN THAT IT BE NEUTRAL. THE ANSWER COULD BE JOINT FRENCH-TANZANIAN MEDIATION.



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8. DAS DAVIDOW HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.
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