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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PREL MOPS, RW, FR
 SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FRENCH INITIATIVE ON RWANDA

REF: USUN NEW YORK 2513

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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2. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST. REFTEL OUTLINES FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A MULTINATIONAL FRENCH-LED FORCE TO INTERVENE IN RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THREATENED CIVILIANS UNTIL THE REGULAR UNAMIR CONTINGENTS CAN ARRIVE. POST SHOULD INFORM THE GOF THAT THE USG SUPPORTS THIS INITIATIVE BUT HAS SOME CONCERNS THAT WE WOULD LIKE THE FRENCH TO ADDRESS AND THAT WE ARE WILLING TO HELP THEM WITH. END SUMMARY.

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3. THE USG'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IN RWANDA IS TO STOP THE KILLINGS NOW. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WOULD PUT TROOPS ON THE GROUND TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE AND THEY COULD ARRIVE MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN THE EXPANDED UNAMIR FORCES. FOR THIS REASON, WE SUPPORT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE RPF WILL CONSIDER THIS AS A FRENCH ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND MAY EVEN RESIST ANY DEPLOYMENT ON THE GROUND.

4. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS FOR THE
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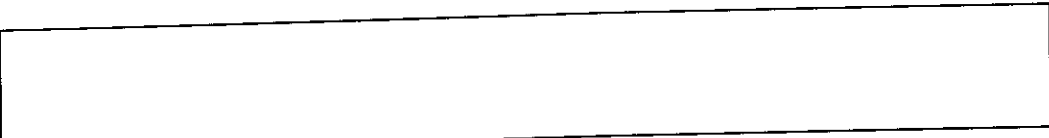
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OPERATION, MINIMIZE THE RISKS TO THE TROOPS BEING DEPLOYED, AND AVOID UNDERCUTTING THE UN'S EFFORT TO DEPLOY UNAMIR -- WHICH REMAINS THE LONGER-TERM ANSWER TO PROTECTING POPULATIONS -- [REDACTED]

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-- COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS CLOSELY WITH THE UN AND OBTAIN UN BLESSING FOR THE MISSION. IN OUR VIEW, A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DELAY AN URGENT MISSION.

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5. FOR PARIS: POST SHOULD INFORM THE GOF OF OUR DECISION TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION, DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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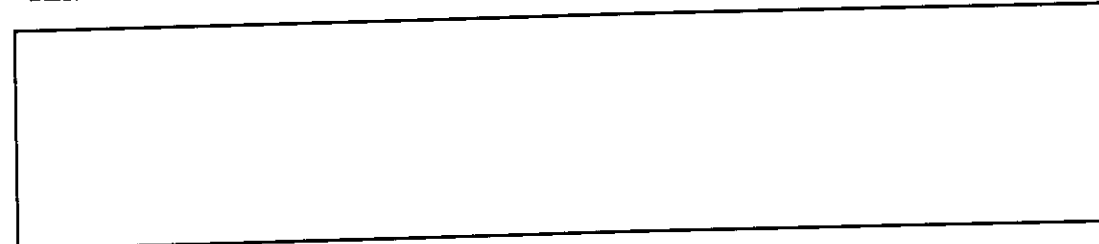
-- WE AGREE THAT THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO STOP THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA AND THAT THIS MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY.

-- FOR THIS REASON, WE SUPPORT YOUR PROPOSED PLAN FOR A MULTINATIONAL FRENCH-LED FORCE TO INTERVENE NOW, AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE. WE ALSO SUPPORT YOUR PLAN TO "BRIDGE" THE GAP UNTIL THE REGULAR UNAMIR CONTINGENTS CAN ARRIVE.

-- IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION AND THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WE RECOMMEND YOU ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

-- THE MISSION SHOULD HAVE THE SANCTION OF THE UN AND SHOULD BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH UNAMIR. WE WOULD PREFER A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MISSION, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT DELAY THE MISSION.

-- WE AGREE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO THIS INITIATIVE. WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO HEAR THAT THE SENEGALESE AND PERHAPS OTHERS HAVE AGREED TO JOIN.



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-- IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE PERCEPTION THAT YOUR ACTIONS WILL LEND LEGITIMACY TO THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO INTERVENE IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE RPF OR TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS FORCES. WE WILL MAKE THE SAME POINT.

-, IN THE MEANTIME, WE NEED TO ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO DEPLOY AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO HELP EXPEDITE DEPLOYMENT. WE HAVE COMPLETED THE LEASE WITH THE UN FOR 50 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC'S) AND HOPE TO START DELIVERY NEXT WEEK.

-- WE ARE LOOKING AT EQUIPMENT NEEDS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE GHANAIAN BATTALION, WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO GET ON THE
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GROUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP

EQUIP THEM AND HOPE YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH OTHER
CONTINGENTS.

-- THE U.S. HAS NO INTENTION OF SENDING TROOPS INTO RWANDA.

6. FOR BUJUMBURA, DAR ES SALAAM, KAMPALA, ADDIS ABABA
(FOR OAU): POSTS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS/OAU OF
THE USG DECISION, DRAWING ON BACKGROUND ABOVE AND POINTS
BELOW:

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-- THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO STOP THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA AND THIS MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY.

-- FOR THIS REASON, WE SUPPORT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A MULTINATIONAL FORCE TO INTERVENE NOW, UNDER UN AUSPICES, AND "BRIDGE" THE GAP UNTIL THE REGULAR UNAMIR CONTINGENTS CAN ARRIVE.

-- WE WANT THE MISSION TO HAVE THE SANCTION OF THE UN AND TO BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH UNAMIR.

-- WE ARE AWARE OF THE RPF'S CONCERNS OVER FRENCH INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, THIS IS A MULTILATERAL EFFORT AND THE PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT CIVILIANS AND SAVE LIVES, NOT TO INTERVENE IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE RPF OR TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS FORCES.

-- IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UN TO
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ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT OF EXPANDED UNAMIR. WE HAVE COMPLETED A LEASE WITH THE UN FOR 50 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC'S) AND HOPE TO START DELIVERY VERY SOON (FYI: WEEK OF JUNE 20).

-- WE ARE WORKING ON OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUESTS NOW AND ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AS WELL.

7. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. TALBOTT

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