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DEPT FOR RWANDA WORKING GROUP, ALSO IO/UNP;
WHITEHOUSE PASS TO NSC FOR RICE AND MOZENA;
JOINT STAFF FOR CHAIRMAN, DIR JS, J3;
SECDEF FOR OSD/ISA

E.O.12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: MARR, PINS, PREL, MOPS, PGOV, KDEM, RW, UNSC
SUBJECT: WGRWOL: UNSC DISCUSSES RWANDA; NO ACTION TAKEN

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. UNSC MET APRIL 9 TO RECEIVE BRIEFINGS FROM THE FRENCH AND THE UN SECRETARIAT ON RECENT ACTIONS IN RWANDA. THE FRENCH EXPLAINED THAT THEIR DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO KIGALI WAS TAKEN FOR THE PURELY HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF EVACUATING THEIR NATIONALS WHO WERE AT RISK. THE TROOPS WOULD REMAIN FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY. THE FRENCH STRESSED THAT THEY WERE NOT SEEKING THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION FOR THEIR NATIONAL ACTIONS, BUT MERELY INFORMING THE COUNCIL. OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FRENCH DECISION.

3. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AGREED WITH THE FRENCH THAT THE LARGER QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR WAS ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE FRENCH UNILATERAL ACTIONS, ALTHOUGH ONE MIGHT HAVE PRACTICAL REPERCUSSIONS ON THE OTHER. THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT EVACUATING UNAMIR OR REVISING ITS MANDATE.

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DECISIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE FORCE, ITS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE, AND THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. UN U/SYG FOR PEACEKEEPING KOFI ANNAN SAID THAT IF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND PERMITTED UNAMIR TO REMAIN, THE COUNCIL MIGHT REEVALUATE ITS MANDATE. NIGERIA, AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, POINTED OUT THAT THE LARGER QUESTION OF WHAT COULD OR SHOULD BE DONE TO RE-ESTABLISH POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN RWANDA, PERHAPS IN COORDINATION WITH OAU EFFORTS, WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AT SOME POINT. THE NEXT MEETING TO DISCUSS UNAMIR'S FUTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 11.

4. IN ITS BRIEFING, THE SECRETARIAT MENTIONED THAT A CONVOY OF UN CIVILIANS, ORGANIZED BY UNDP, HAD COME UNDER "MINOR ATTACK". SOME INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED, AND THE CONVOY IS SPENDING THE NIGHT AT GITARAMA (SP?). THEY SAID THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND SECRETARIAT TO INFORM OF THEIR OPERATIONS. U/SYG ANNAN NOTED THAT U.S. TROOPS WERE IN BURUNDI, BUT THE USG HAD NOT/NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SYG. HE SAID THE AIRPORT WAS UNDER FRENCH CONTROL. THE RUNWAY HAD BEEN CLEARED AND THEN BLOCKED BY RWANDAN CIVILIANS, BUT COULD BE CLEARED AGAIN

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EASILY. THE RPF HAD MOVED FROM THE DMZ.

5. THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE DISTRIBUTED A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED IN BRUSSELS STATING THAT THE RPF OPPOSED THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT; WAS NOT OPPOSED TO THE EVACUATION FORCES IF THEY WOULD LEAVE AFTER COMPLETING THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS; AND HAD LAUNCHED AN

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OFFENSIVE TO "LIBERATE THE COUNTRY".

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT MAY WISH TO KEEP IN MIND THAT IF U.S. ACTION WILL INTERFACE WITH UNAMIR, WE OWE IT TO KOFI ANNAN TO COORDINATE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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