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Rwanda

1. In continuation of cable earlier today, following are new developments:

- 2. Regrettably, number of Belgian soldiers (not military observers) killed now is ten, apparently in an ambush. Twenty other Belgians have been detained by another Rwandese army unit but appear to be safe. Two Ghanaian soldiers are missing.
- 3. The Prime Minister-designate has taken refuge in UNAMIR headquarters. There is every danger of his being killed if he were to fall into hostile hands. UNAMIR, in keeping with its task of providing security to political leaders until the establishment of the broad-based transitional government, will provide him protection, taking appropriate preventive measures.
- 4. RPF troops in the demilitarized Zone have made some movements, but are not yet advancing toward Kigali. As such, the situation in the Zone appears to be stable.
- 5. Security Council this evening issued Presidential Statement attached. Apparently French delegation is inclined to suggest withdrawal of UNAMIR, but has made no move to propose this. Certain delegations are deeply concerned about the safety of their nationals and have posed the question whether UNAMIR could extend protection to foreigners and then assist in evacuating

them. Our response has been that this would require some form of authorization by the Security Council. There are reports, however, that access to the airport is blocked by the Presidential Guard which also has placed obstacles on the runway to prevent its use.

6. We have been in touch on the telephone with both SRSG and FC. They hope to convene meeting tomorrow morning to try and establish an interim authority. If this is successful, and there are some signs of a semblance of stability returning, then the continued presence of UNAMIR probably will become an important factor in restoring order. If, on the other hand, the situation continues to deteriorate there may be no option but to recommend the withdrawal of UNAMIR to the Council.

Respects and regards.