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SUBJECT: ARMS TO RWANDANS IN ZAIRE - TALKING POINTS

REF: (A) MORAN/FENDRICK E-MAIL 7/20/95

IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCED E-MAIL REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY BE USED IN DISCUSSING THE JULY 19 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ENTITLED "ARMS FLOWS TO RWANDANS RAISE ALARMS." SOME POINTS ARE TAKEN FROM JULY 19 PRESS GUIDANCE, AS NOTED IN THE REFERENCE.

-- THE USG HAS MADE NO ACCUSATION -- DIRECT OR IMPLIED -- THAT ARMS TRANSFERS TO THESE RWANDANS ARE ABETTED OR SANCTIONED BY THE GOF.

-- AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO CLEAR EVIDENCE AS TO THE ORIGIN OF ANY ARMS WHICH MAY BE REACHING RWANDANS IN THE CAMPS.

-- THE USG BELIEVES THAT MOST OF THE ARMS IN THE CAMPS WERE TAKEN THERE BY THE EX-FAR WHEN THEY FLED RWANDA.

-- WE SURMISE THAT ANY ARMS TRANSFERS WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED ARE THE WORK OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OF NO  
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PARTICULAR NATIONALITY, OPERATING WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY CONCERNED GOVERNMENT.

-- WE RECOGNIZE AND WELCOME THAT THE GOF HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS FLOWS, AS SUGGESTED IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

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