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3. FOLLOWING ARE KEY POINTS FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF OFFICIALS ON RWANDA AS OF 1800 HRS, APRIL 12.

# SHIFTING GEARS

- -- THE GOF FOREIGN POLICY MACHINERY REMAINS TOTALLY ABSORBED BY THE EVACUATION, CLOSURE OF ITS EMBASSY IN KIGALI AND TROOP MOVEMENTS. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS IN BANGUI (AND DESPITE PRESS REPORTS THAT HE RETURNED ALREADY) IS EXPECTED BACK IN FRANCE TODAY.
- -- THE FRENCH EMBASSY WAS CLOSED IN GOOD ORDER. THE GOF WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE WITH THEM ON THE SITUATION IN KIGALI AND RWANDA.

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THE QUAI AND ELYSEE ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF ANY STATEMENT BY UNSYG BOUTROS GHALI OR INDICATIONS OF HIS THINKING ON UNAMIR'S FUTURE DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

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-- THE FRENCH UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CLAES WILL PROPOSE AN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF UNAMIR MILITARY

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### EVACUATION

-- THE EVACUATION OF FRENCH AND FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM RWANDA IS COMPLETED, ANY STRAGGLERS WHO SHOW UP WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY FRENCH FORCES RETURNING TO BANGUI.

-- ACCORDING TO THE QUAI, THE GOF HAS TAKEN OUT APPROXIMATELY 1600 PEOPLE TO BUJUMBURA AND BANGUI, OF WHICH 700 WERE FRENCH NATIONALS.

# PRESS COVERAGE

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-- COVERAGE IN THE THREE LARGEST DAILY PAPERS HAS BEEN (REF B) HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO BE DISPLACED BY NATO AIR STRIKES IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA AND SOME INTERNAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE SUICIDE OF AN AIDE OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AT THE ELYSEE. WE EXPECT THAT ATTENTION WILL DROP FURTHER ONCE ALL FRENCH NATIONALS ARE REPATRIATED.

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POLICY CIRCLES (REFLECTED, WE ASSUME, IN GOF PRESS
BACKGROUNDERS), FRENCH TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER
COVERAGE HAS EXPLAINED CAREFULLY THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT
HABYARIMANA AND HUTU ETHNIC DOMINATION SINCE
INDEPENDENCE.

ORPHANAGE AT GISENYE

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NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A
GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE FATE OF AN ORPHANAGE LOCATED AT GISENYE, ABOUT 100 KMS TO THE
NORTH OF KIGALI. THE STAFF HAS ASKED FRENCH ASSISTANCE
FOR EVACUATION TO A SAFER AREA AND THE GOF FEARS THAT
THE CHILDREN COULD BE MASSACRED.  NOTED THAT DUE TO RPF HOSTILITY, THE GOF CAN NOT GET
SAFE PASSAGE FOR ITS MILITARY TO TRAVEL TO GISENYE AND
WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE THE USG OR AMERICAN NGOS COULD OFFER. PLEASE ADVISE.

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