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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. EFFORTS OF TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO BREAK POLITICAL DEADLOCK DURING WEEK-LONG VISIT MAY BEAR FRUIT AFTER HIS DEPARTURE 3/18. BUT IF PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE MAKES UNILATERAL

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET, WITHOUT CONSULTING THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE, WE MIGHT HAVE JUST TURNED IN ONE MORE CIRCLE. END SUMMARY.

FACILITATOR'S EFFORTS

3. TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S ONE WEEK STAY IN RWANDA HAS ENDED WITHOUT A CLEAR BREAKTHROUGH. THE RPF SEEMED THE RECALCITRANT PARTY, HE TOLD WESTERN AMBASSADOR'S IN A BRIEFING 3/16. THE RPF TOLD HIM THEY COULD ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPT COMPROMISES REACHED UNDER DURESS AT THE PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY 25/27 MEETING. THE PARTIES WHO COMPROMISED INSISTED THEY MADE THEIR COMPROMISES FOR POLITICAL REASONS, AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY, NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE TERRORIZED FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF GATABAZI.

ALL-PARTIES MEETING FAILS

4. IN ORDER TO HAVE THE VARIOUS SIDES MAKE THEIR POINTS DIRECTLY TO EACH OTHER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED AN ALL PARTIES MEETING FOR 3/17, WITH ARUSHA.
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 OBSERVERS PRESENT. IN THIS FORUM, HE REASONED, THE PARTIES AT THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING COULD SAY WHETHER THEY HAD FELT TERRORIZED OR NOT. ALL ARRIVED EXCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY AND THE MUGENZI FACTION OF THE PL. A SECOND ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE MEETING 3/18 HAD THE SAME RESULT. THE MINISTER SAID HE COULD NOT, THEREFORE, CONVENE THE MEETING.

INFORMAL MEETING INSTEAD

5. THE PARTIES PRESENT AT THE FACILITATOR'S MEETING DECIDED TO HAVE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINSISTER AND THE OTHER DIPLOMATS. MINISTER LANDO, WHO HEADS THE PL FACTION OPPOSED TO MUGENZI, TOLD THE ASSEMBLED GROUP THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED A 6-5 DIVISION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT OF THE LIBERAL PARTY UNDER PRESSURE OF CIRCUMSTANCES BUT ULTIMATELY OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY. THE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THIS FACTION, CURRENTLY CABINET DIRECTOR AT THE

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, STATED THAT HE ENDORSED THE 6-5
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NER, THIS DERNALED TACIT APPROVAL OF THE RPF
FOR THIS SPLIT, A POSITION THEY ESCHEWED TIL NOW.
END NOTE.) PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE, FAUSTIN
TWAGIRAMUNGU, TOLD THE MEETING THAT HE WAS READY TO
NAME HIS CABINET AND WOULD DO SO AFTERNOON OF 3/18.

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6. AMBASSADOR TOOK THE FLOOR TO URGE THE PARTIES TO
MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S MRND TO
DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS AND REASONS FOR THEIR ABSENCE
FROM THE MEETING. ARUSHA HAD SHOWN, HE SAID, THAT
RWANDANS WERE BEST PLACED TO WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS
INFORMALLY AMONG THEMSELVES. HE ALSO COUNSELLED THE
PRIME MINISTER TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT ABOUT HIS
CABINET CHOICES PRIOR TO ANNOUNCING THEM. THE
BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SUPPORTED THIS POSITION.

WHY NO MRND

8. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR JUVENAL RENZAHO
TALKED AT LENGTH WITH AMBASSADOR EVENING BETWEEN TWO
FAILED MEETINGS. HE ALLEGED THAT THE PRESIDENCY HAD

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NO OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THE MEETING. HE ALSO SAID THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS LIKELY TO DETERIORATE INTO A SHOUTING MATCH OF ACCUSATIONS AND COUNTER-ACCUSATIONS DUE TO THE RECENT ASSASSINATION AT KINIHIRA IN WHICH AN MRND RELATIVE OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET DIRECTOR AND A PL DEPUTY (MUGENZI FACTION) WERE KILLED. MUGENZI REPORTEDLY FORMALLY DECLINED TO ATTEND.

COMMENT

 8. THE KILLINGS EARLIER THIS WEEK CERTAINLY POISONED THE ATMOSPHERE DURING THE TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S WEEK-LONG EFFORTS TO BROKER A COMPROMISE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER TWAGIRAMUNGU WILL CONSULT THE PRESIDENT, WHICH HE NOTED WOULD DELAY HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS ALREADY AFTER 3 PM AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. EMBASSY IS ALERT TO THE POTENTIAL FOR WEEKEND VIOLENCE CREATED BY YET ANOTHER SUSPENDED EFFORT TO BRING THE VARIOUS SIDES TO AN UNDERSTANDING SO THE PEACE PROCESS CAN MOVE

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