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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. IN A MEETING WITH THE U.S. SPECIAL
COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA FRIEDMAN JANUARY 20, THE QUAI
DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS SHARED HIS VIEWS ON RWANDA
AND SAID HE WOULD SOUND OUT THE FRENCH MISSION TO THE
UN ON THE IDEA OF SEEKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OVERALL
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UN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA. IN A SEPARATE MEETING AT

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THE COOPERATION MINISTRY, FRIEDMAN HEARD OF FRENCH PLANS FOR STEP-BY-STEP ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA. END SUMMARY.

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A NEED FOR BETTER UN EFFORTS

3. THE U.S. SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA, AMBASSADOR TOWNSEND FRIEDMAN, MET QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS JEAN-MARC ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE JANUARY 20. THEIR DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE NEED FOR THE UN AND THE UNHCR TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS BETTER THAN IT HAS DONE SO FAR. WHEN FRIEDMAN PRESSED DE LA SABLIERE FOR HIS THOUGHTS ON THE BEST MEANS TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON THE UN, DE LA SABLIERE REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO BRING THE MATTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS-GHALI, AND TO REMIND HIM OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE THE OVERALL EFFORT IN RWANDA.

AN OVERALL UN COORDINATOR?

4. FRIEDMAN OBSERVED THAT CURRENTLY NO ONE WAS ATTEMPTING TO FILL AN OVERALL COORDINATING ROLE IN RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS OF RWANDA, A ROLE THAT THE UN HAD ASSUMED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CAMBODIA. DE LA SABLIERE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT THOUGHT ABOUT THE ISSUE YET, BUT THAT PERHAPS HE COULD QUERY THE FRENCH UN MISSION ON THE IDEA OF PRESSING BOUTROS-GHALI TO APPOINT AN

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OVERALL UN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA, AND THE U.S. COULD DO LIKEWISE. HE STRESSED THAT AN OVERALL UN COORDINATOR, IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE, WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEONE WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PERSONAL PRESTIGE.

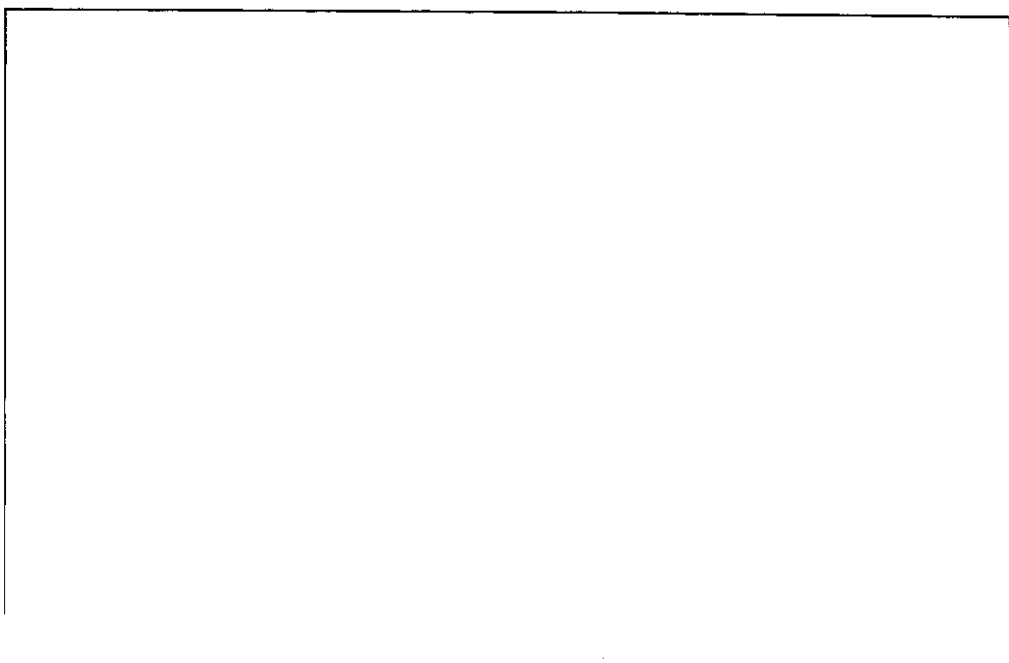
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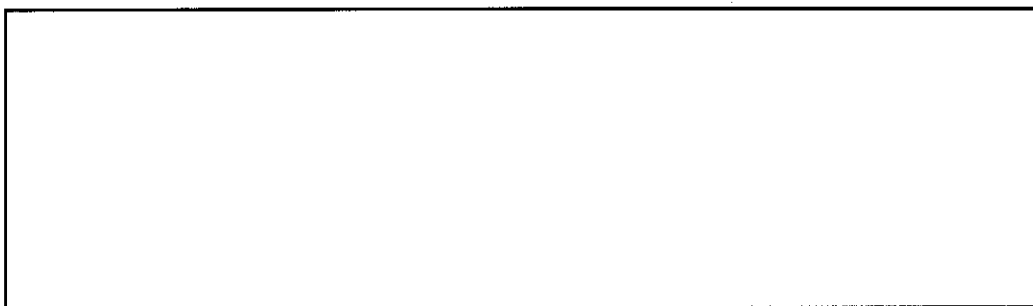
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KEEPING UP PRESSURE ON KIGALI
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MECHANICS OF RECONCILIATION: AN AFRICAN MEDIATOR

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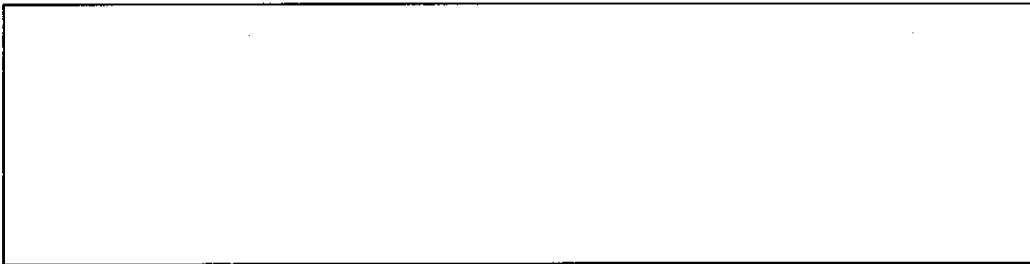
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GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA WAS MOVING TOWARD NATIONAL
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ABOUT PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND
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OLD RWANDAN ARMY INTO THE NEW ARMY.



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FRENCH ASSISTANCE: STEP-BY-STEP

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ANYTHING FURTHER, SUCH AS A LAW OR DECREE, ON THE
SUBJECT. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO BRING TO JUSTICE
THOSE THEY INTEND TO PROSECUTE, SO OTHERS WILL FEEL
SAFE IN RETURNING. FRANCE IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
WITH ARBITRARY DETENTIONS IN RWANDA, AND UNDERSTANDS
THAT UPWARDS OF 16,000 PEOPLE ARE DETAINED. THERE WAS
DISTURBING REPORT THAT A RWANDAN JUDGE WHO HAD ORDERED
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THE RELEASE OF 40 INDIVIDUALS SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED
AND THE 40 WERE RE-IMPRISONED. RWANDA NEEDS GREATER
RULE OF LAW, HE OPINED, BUT THAT NOTED THAT FRANCE
COULD NOT OFFER TO SEND IN FRENCH JUDGES. HE SAID THAT
WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO OBTAIN FIRM COMMITMENTS FROM
THE RWANDANS ON WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO CONCRETELY TO
PROMOTE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

MECHANICS OF RECONCILIATION: AN AFRICAN MEDIATOR

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8. FRANCE AND THE EU WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ITS AID ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION, SO AS TO
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITATION OF THE RETURN OF
REFUGEES. THEY ALSO PLAN ON SOME ACTIVITIES IN THE
HEALTH SECTOR

TO ENCOURAGE THE GOR, THE INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNITY SHOULD ADOPT A GRADUAL APPROACH. ESSENTIALLY,
SIMON SAID, FRENCH AID WILL REACH THE LEVEL IT HAD
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BEFORE THE SITUATION DETERIORATED.

WHAT SIGNS OF PROGRESS?

11. WHEN FRIEDMAN ASKED WHAT KIND OF SIGNS THE GOF IS
LOOKING FOR. SIMON SAID THE FRENCH ARE NOT LOOKING FOR
IMMEDIATE RESULTS BUT MORE AN EXPRESSION OF THE WILL TO
GET TO THE RESULTS. HE SAID FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
SOME MOVEMENT ON THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, AND ON
EVENTUAL ELECTIONS, ALL WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD.

RESPECTIVE INTERESTS

12. FRIEDMAN NOTED THE SPECIAL ROLE OF FRANCE IN
RWANDA, AND IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED PARTICULAR
SATISFACTION OF THE USG AT SEEING RWANDAN-FRENCH
RAPPROCHEMENT. SIMON REPLIED THAT FRANCE HAD NO
STRATEGIC INTEREST IN RWANDA, AND ASKED ABOUT U.S.
INTERESTS. AMBASSADOR FRIEDMAN NOTED THE U.S. INTEREST
IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF
REFUGEES, AND THE RULE OF LAW.

COMMENT

13. THE FRENCH HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN A FEW MONTHS IN
THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MOVE FORWARD ON RWANDA. THE GOF
HAS EVERY REASON TO WISH TO ENCOURAGE NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA, BOTH IN TERMS OF CARING FOR
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THEIR FORMER ALLIES AND IN A PRUDENT USE OF THEIR
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE RESOURCES. AMBASSADOR FRIEDMAN
AGREED TO FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO SOUND OUT USUN ON THE
POSSIBILITIES OF A UN COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA.

14. AMBASSADOR FRIEDMAN DEPARTED PARIS BEFORE THIS
CABLE WAS DRAFTED.

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