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FOR DAS BUSHNELL AND PARTY

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SUBJECT: POINTS FOR MEETING WITH GOR ON REPORTS OF RPF

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2. REFTEL REPORTED UNHCR INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT OF SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BY THE RPF AND INDICATED THAT POINTS FOR MEETING BETWEEN U/S WIRTH, DAS BUSHNELL, AND AMB. RAWSON FOR USE WITH GOR WOULD FOLLOW SEPTTEL. AS FURTHER BACKGROUND TO UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH GOR, IT

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SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UN IS NOT SIMPLY ASSUMING THESE REPORTS ARE TRUE OR TAKING A HOSTILE APPROACH WITH THE GOR; RATHER, AT THIS POINT, THE UN IS REPORTING WHAT ITS INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES HAS HAPPENED AND IS SEEKING TO DETERMINE HOW THE GOR INTENDS TO RESPOND. THE U.S. AND UN POSITIONS ARE VERY CLOSE, AND WE SHOULD TAKE THE SAME APPROACH. THE ANNAN AND WIRTH/BUSHNELL MEETINGS WITH KAGAME LET THE GOR KNOW THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTS AND GIVES THE GOVERNMENT THE CHANCE TO RESPOND.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE USED IN MEETINGS WITH THE GOR:

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT A UNHCR INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAS REPORTED WIDESPREAD AND SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY RPF SOLDIERS OVER THE PAST WEEKS AND MONTHS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE UN HAS BROUGHT THESE REPORTS TO YOUR ATTENTION.

-- WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THESE REPORTS AND WOULD  
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LIKE TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE. WHAT HAS THE GOVERNMENT DONE AND WHAT WILL IT DO TO LOOK INTO THESE REPORTS AND ADDRESS THEM AND THE UNDERSTANABLE CONCERNS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY?

-- WE URGE YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO HALT ANY AND ALL ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS, TO ENSURE COMPLETE DISCIPLINE OF ALL GOVERNMENT TROOPS, TO INVESTIGATE THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND TO SEE THAT THOSE WHO DIRECTED, LED, OR COMMITTED THE ATTACKS ARE PUNISHED.

-- WE ALSO URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE UN, UNHCR, UNAMIR, AND THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S EFFORT TO END HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN RWANDA, BRING PROTECTION TO RWANDAN CIVILIANS, AND BRING PERPETRATORS OF ATROCITIES TO JUSTICE.

4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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