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1. PROVIDED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI
SITREP CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR JUNE 17. THE
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2. BEGIN TEXT OF SITREP:

RW/BY SITREP FOR JUNE 17

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

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ONE UNAMIR SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED WHEN AN
RPF SOLDIER FIRED A ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE AT THEIR
UN-DESIGNATED VEHICLE IN RPF-CONTROLLED TERRITORY 20 KM
NORTH OF KIGALI, ACCORDING TO A UN SPOKESMAN. (REUTER)

UNAMIR VEHICLES AND THE UN COMPOUND HAVE FREQUENTLY COME

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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UNDER FIRE IN RECENT DAYS, DESPITE GOVERNMENT AND RPF PROMISES NOT TO FIRE ON UN OR RELIEF AGENCY PERSONNEL. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO IS NOW ACCUSING GENERAL DALLAIRE OF BEING SYMPATHETIC TO THE RPF. (NAIROBI 010727)

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GOR/RPF PEACE TALKS RESUMED IN KIGALI TODAY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE, BUT LED TO NO AGREEMENT. (REUTER)

AN AID WORKER REPORTED THAT HUTU MILITIAS STORMED A HOTEL TODAY, IN WHICH SOME 500 TUTSI CIVILIANS HAD TAKEN REFUGE, IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PART OF KIGALI. THE MILITIAS ABDUCTED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TUTSI MALES APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR AN OVERNIGHT ASSAULT BY THE RPF ON A MILITIA-HELD CHURCH COMPOUND, WHERE SOME 2,000 TO 3,000 CIVILIANS HAD TAKEN REFUGE, THAT RESULTED IN THE LIBERATION OF SOME 600 TUTSIS. (REUTER)

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(C) UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ABDULLAH IS GLOOMY ABOUT THE POLITICAL PROCESS NOW THAT IT WAS BACK TO SQUARE ONE IN THE WAKE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT'S DECISION THAT THE 1993 ELECTION WAS FLAWED. ABDULLAH VIEWS THE 11 PRECONDITIONS OF THE HARDLINER-DOMINATED TUTSI OPPOSITION AS DICTUMS THAT LEAVE NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE. HE BELIEVES THE HARDLINERS ARE RUTHLESSLY SILENCING MODERATE TUTSI VOICES AND THAT THE ONUS IS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A GOOD FAITH GESTURE BY EITHER MEETING A FEW OF THE CONDITIONS OR AGREEING TO CONVENE A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON COHABITATION AFTER A HEAD OF STATE IS INSTALLED. (BUJUMBURA 002121)

A FRENCH GENDARME COOPERANT WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT AND KILLED BY HIS OWN FORCES IN BUJUMBURA THURSDAY NIGHT WHEN HE STUMBLED ON A SENTRY. THE GENDARME WAS APPARENTLY DRUNK. (REUTER)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

ITALY CALLED A MEETING OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

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(WEU) IN BRUSSELS TODAY TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RWANDA TO PREVENT FURTHER KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS. (REUTER)

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THE FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TO THE SC'S PERMIVE THAT FRANCE WILL DEPLOY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TROOPS TO RWANDA ON A
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TWO-MONTH MISSION UNDER FOUR CONDITIONS: 1) THE WARRING SIDES CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE CEASE-FIRE; 2) MASSACRES OF CIVILIANS CONTINUE; 3) THE EXPANDED UNAMIR CONTINGENT IS NOT ON THE GROUND IN DAYS; AND 4) FRANCE FINDS A EUROPEAN PARTNER. THE FRENCH TROOPS WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE FORCE ON ANY PARTY THREATENING DISPLACED CIVILIANS AND WHILE COORDINATING ITS OPERATIONS WITH UNAMIR, WILL NOT PUT FRENCH UNITS IN HOSTILE SITUATIONS UNDER UN COMMAND. FRANCE WILL LIKELY ASK THE SC FOR A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBER STATES TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER. (NEW YORK 002513)

A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT SPAIN AND ITALY ARE THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR FRANCE'S EUROPEAN PARTNER AND PRESIDENT MITTERAND MAY CALL ON THE UNITED STATE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS, AND MEDICAL FACILITIES. (PARIS 016740)

THE FRENCH WILL RELY ON ITS PRE-POSITIONED TROOPS IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND MAY EQUIP AND TRANSPORT SENEGALESE TROOPS TO JOIN WITH IT. [REDACTED] NEW YORK 002513)

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THE UN MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE SYG ADVISED USUN THAT THE UN IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT UNAMIR-BOUND APCS FROM THE UNITED STATES AT ENTEBBE, UGANDA NO EARLIER THAN WEDNESDAY. (NEW YORK 002511)

(C) BRITAIN HAS INFORMED THE UN THAT IT WILL PROVIDE 50 4-TON 4-WHEEL TRUCKS TO UNAMIR. THE TRUCKS WILL LEAVE FOR RWANDA IN 4-8 WEEKS. (LONDON 009680)

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TWO RUSSIAN HEAVY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT LADEN WITH EMERGENCY SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR RWANDA LEFT FOR TANZANIA ON THURSDAY NIGHT. A DELEGATION WAS ON BOARD TO CONCLUDE A CONTRACT WITH THE UNHCR. (ITAR-TASS)

LIBYAN PRESIDENT MUAMAR QADHAFI, IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF MALI, NIGER, AND BURKINA FASO, CALLED FOR A PARTITION OF RWANDA INTO ETHNICALLY SEPARATE STATES. (REUTER)

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

(C) THE UNHCR SPECIAL ENVOY IN RWANDA ANTICIPATES SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE KIVU REGION OF ZAIRE IF IT RECEIVES A LARGE INFLUX OF REFUGEES. HE SAID THE AIRPORT AT BUKAVU LACKS ADEQUATE FREIGHT FACILITIES AND THE ROAD NETWORK ON THE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER IS A NIGHTMARE. MOREOVER, THE LONG-NEGLECTED KIVU REGION IS ADMINISTERED BY CORRUPT CIVIL SERVANTS AND ILL-DISCIPLINED SOLDIERS, WHO PROBABLY WOULD FRUSTRATE THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AGENCIES. HE ALSO SAID THE GOVERNOR OF THE REGION HAS DIVIDED LOYALTIES, FAVORING THE HUTU-LED GOVERNMENT BUT DEPENDENT FINANCIALLY ON WEALTHY TUTSI EXPATRIATES. HE FEARED THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE DRAWN INTO ERRATIC FAVORITISM THAT COULD DESTABILIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REFUGEES AND THE RESIDENTS. (BUJUMBURA 002120)

NGOS HAVE LEFT THE BENACO REFUGEE CAMP IN TANZANIA IN THE
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WAKE OF WEDNESDAY'S RIOT. THE LEADER OF THE RIOT REMAINS AT LARGE IN THE CAMP AND THE NGOS BELIEVE THEY WILL BE AT RISK FROM VENGEFUL SUPPORTERS ONCE HE IS EVENTUALLY REMOVED. (DAR ES SALAAM 003860)

(LOU) UNHCR TOLD THE DART TEAM IN BURUNDI THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE NGOS FROM BENACO MAY HAVE DISRUPTED FOOD DISTRIBUTION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO FURTHER AND POSSIBLY UNCONTROLLABLE RIOTS GIVEN THE CAMP'S 350,000-PLUS POPULATION. (BUJUMBURA 002118)

FRANCE IS SENDING NEW HUMANITARIAN AID TO RWANDA,

INCLUDING AN INITIAL 30 MTS OF EMERGENCY AID FOR
DESTITUTES AND ORPHANS. THE AID WILL BE SHIPPED TO
ENTEebbe, UGANDA FOR LAND TRANSPORT TO RWANDA. (REUTER)

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