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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5304  
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY KIGALI  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, RW, UG  
SUBJECT: RPF URGED TO PERMIT ICRC FOOD MOVEMENTS INTO  
RWANDA

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH RPF DIPLOMATIC REP DR. THEOGEN RUDASINGWA ON JANUARY 27, HE STRONGLY URGED THE  
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RPF TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THE MOVEMENT OF  
RELIEF FOOD FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA ALONG THE KAGITUMBA  
ROUTE. RUDASINGWA WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE. HE  
CLAIMED THE GATUNA ROAD WAS THE SAFEST AND FASTEST WAY  
TO CONVEY FOOD TO RWANDA'S REFUGEES AND THAT THE  
KAGITUMBA ROAD WAS LONGER, INFERIOR AND MILITARILY  
CONTESTED. HE SAID THAT IF THE RPF GAVE PERMISSION OR  
ENCOURAGED THE USE OF THE KAGITUMBA ROUTE, GOR/FAR  
SOLDIERS WOULD STAGE AN ATTACK ON AN ICRC CONVOY AND  
BLAME THE RPF. RUDASINGWA ALSO ACCUSED THE ICRC OF

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BIAS IN FAVOR OF THE GOR AND OF SLIGHTING RPF LEADER  
KANYARENGWE IN 1992 MEETING IN EUROPE. HE OFFERED  
NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO BACK UP THE LATTER CHARGES.  
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3. AFTER HEARING RUDASINGWA OUT, THE AMBASSADOR WENT  
THROUGH ALL THE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF USING BOTH  
KAGITUMBA AND GATUNA AND WARNED TWE RPF REP THAT HIS  
ORGANIZATION WOULD SUFFER A PUBLIC RELATIONS "BLACK  
EYE" ON THIS ISSUE IF DISPLACED RWANDANS STARTED TO  
STARVE BECAUSE OF RPF INTRANSIGENCE. THE AMBASSADOR  
ALSO INFORMED RUDASINGWA THAT THE UGANDANS FAVORED THE  
USE OF BOTH THE KAGITUMBA AND GATUNA ROUTES AND WARNED  
HIM OF A POSSIBLE GOU REACTION TO THE RPF'S NEGATIVE  
TACTICS ON THIS HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. THE AMBASSADOR  
ENCOURAGED RUDASINGWA TO TAKE THE ISSUE BACK TO KAGAME  
AND KANYARENGWE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND TO MEET WITH  
THE ICRC REP JUNOD IN KAMPALA. THE AMBASSADOR  
VOLUNTEERED TO SET THE MEETING UP. RUDASINGWA SAID HE  
WOULD REPORT THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCERNS BACK TO THE RPF  
EXCUTIVE COUNCIL.

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