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LONDON FOR MCKINLEY, PARIS FOR FENDRICK

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PINS, RW, UG, FR, TZ
SUBJECT: RWANDA: TANZANIA WILL AGREE TO MEDIATE

REF: A) BENTLEY-FULLER PHONECON 05/29/92
- B) PARIS 14646

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. TANZANIAN MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AMI MPUNGWE CONFIRMED THAT THE TANZANIANS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED "IN A GENERAL WAY" BY THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF TO MEDIATE THE CONFLICT. THEY PLAN TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY CONCRETE REQUEST WHEN IT IS MADE. AMBASSADOR MPUNGWE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE U.S. OFFER OF TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED NEGOTIATORS; HE IS UNDER NO ILLUSION REGARDING THE

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WEAKNESSES OF THE MFA IN THIS AREA. END SUMMARY.

3. POLOFF SPOKE TO THE DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AT THE TANZANIAN MFA, AMBASSADOR AMI MPUNGWE, ON MAY 30, TO RELAY THE INFORMATION CONVEYED IN REF A PHONECON. MPUNGWE NOTED THAT WHILE DOUBTS STILL REMAINED ABOUT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI HAD LED THE TANZANIANS TO THINK THAT A SETTLEMENT COULD NOW BE ACHIEVED. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE GOT HAS BEEN APPROACHED "IN A GENERAL WAY" BY BOTH SIDES AND THAT WHILE THEY WERE STILL AWAITING SPECIFICS, THE GOT IS WILLING TO MEDIATE AND TO HOST NEGOTIATIONS IF THE PARTIES SO DESIRE.

4. MPUNGWE IN PARTICULAR APPRECIATED THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER TO MAKE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF THE U.S. OBSERVERS AVAILABLE TO THE TANZANIAN MEDIATORS. HE REMARKED THAT SINCE TAKING OVER THE AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIRECTORATE HE HAS BEEN CONCERNED BY THE LACK OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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AND NEGOTIATION AMONG HIS STAFF. (HE ASKED, IN FACT, IF WE WOULD TAKE "INFORMAL SOUNDINGS" WITHIN THE U.S.G. ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR HOLDING A WORKSHOP IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR MFA STAFF. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS VIA SEPTTEL.)

5. MPUNGWE CONFIRMED THAT CURRENT THINKING AT THE MFA IS THAT THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, AMB. CRISPIN MBAPILA, WILL LEAD A TANZANIAN MEDIATION EFFORT. MPUNGWE HIMSELF EXPECTS TO BE MBAPILA'S MAIN ASSISTANT.

6. COMMENT. FOR NOW, WE FEEL THAT WE CAN TAKE MPUNGWE'S WORD ON THE GOT INTENTION TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A FORMAL REQUEST TO MEDIATE AS DEFINITIVE.

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