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TAGS: MARR, PINS, PREL, MOPS, PGOV, KDEM, RW, UNSC

SUBJECT: RWANDA: TWO UN PEACEKEEPERS EXECUTED

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

UNHQ INFO

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2. UNHQ SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT TWO UNAMIR PERSONNEL WERE EXECUTED IN RWANDA APRIL 7. BELGIAN UNAMIR TROOPS WERE ATTACKED, AND HAVE RETURNED FIRE. THE RPF HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THEIR COMPOUND IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. THE UN REPORTS FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF KIGALI, BUT CANNOT CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN KILLED; THEY HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS. THE UN FORCE COMMANDER, GENERAL DELAIRE, WAS PREVENTED FROM GOING TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WAS KILLED TO INVESTIGATE. THE UN DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT. THE UN HAS NO PLANS TO EVACUATE AT THIS POINT.

BELGIAN INFO

3. BELGIAN MISSION SOURCES TOLD USUN THAT BELGIAN TROOPS WERE PATROLLING THE STREETS OF KIGALI, AND HAVE SINCE BEEN TRAPPED IN SCATTERED LOCATIONS BY ROADBLOCKS. A BELGIAN DETAIL OF 10 SOLDIERS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSIGNED TO THE PRIME MINISTER. THEY HAVE BEEN DISARMED
AND CONFINED. THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. BELGIAN
POLOFF SAID 20 UNAMIR SOLDIERS WERE SURROUNDED AT THE
AIRPORT; THEY HAD NOT BEEN DISARMED. A BELGIAN C-130
AIRCRAFT IS ALSO AT THE AIRPORT; THE CREW CANNOT GET TO
IT.

4. BELGIAN POLOFF NOTED THAT THEIR INFORMATION WAS SKETCHY, SINCE MOST BELGIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL WERE TRAPPED IN THEIR HOUSES IN KIGALI BY THE FIGHTING, AND COULD NOT GET TO THE EMBASSY- THE BELGIANS HAVE NO PLANS TO EVACUATE THEIR PERSONNEL AT THIS MOMENT. THEY REPORT THAT EUROPEANS ARE NOT PRESENTLY AT RISK. THEY BELIEVE THIS COUP WAS INSTIGATED BY THE RWANDAN ARMY. THE RPF HAS DENIED ANY RESPONSIBILITY, HAS STATED THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PROMOTING VIOLENCE, AND IS MEETING AT THEIR HQ TO PLAN THEIR STRATEGY.

FUTURE UN ACTIONS

5. THE BELGIAN PERMREP WILL MEET WITH UN DPKO U/SYG KOFI ANNAN APRIL 7 TO DISCUSS WHAT STEPS THE UN COULD/SHOULD TAKE. AS OF 10 AM (NYC TIME) 4/7, BELGIAN POLOFF REPORTED THAT BRUSSELS DID NOT WANT TO SEE

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UNAMIR'S MANDATE MODIFIED, BUT COULD NOT SAY WHETHER THAT POSITION MIGHT CHANGE. HE MENTIONED THAT BELGIUM HAD TWO BATTALIONS OF PARA-COMMANDOS STANDING BY FOR CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS THESE. HE COULD NOT SAY WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BELGIAN COMMANDOS DEPLOYED BILATERALLY AND BELGIAN COMMANDOS ALREADY IN RWANDA AS PART OF THE UN FORCE MIGHT BE, BUT INDICATED THAT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE DISCUSSED WITH U/SYG ANNAN. UN DPKO SOURCES NOTED TO
USUN POLOFF THAT THE UN WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO
ENGAGE IN SOMALIA-LIKE HOSTILITIES. UNAMIR REQUESTED
PERMISSION, DURING THE NIGHT OF 4/6-4/7, TO USE ARMS.
UNHQ DENIED THAT PERMISSION, TELLING UNAMIR IT WOULD NOT
BE PRUDENT TO ATTACK.

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