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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS

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1. USUN/L IS ASKED TO SUBMIT TO THE UN UNDER APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC NOTE THE FIRST REFORT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REPORT WILL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

- 2. THE MISSION IN GENEVA IS ASKED TO SUBMIT A COURTESY COPY OF THE SAME TO THE UN IN GENEVA.
- 3. TEXT OF THE COVER MEMO FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

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PARAGRAPH 2 OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 935 (1994) AUGUST 1994

IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 935 (1994), THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL CALLED UPON STATES AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLATE

SUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION OR SUBMITTED TO THEM RELATING TO GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, INCLUDING BREACHES OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE, COMMITTED IN RWANDA DURING THE CONFLICT WHICH BEGAN ON APRIL 6, 1994, AND TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS ESTABLISHED BY THE SAME RESOLUTION. THIS REPORT IS AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SOLICITED COOPERATION FROM NON-GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN GATHERING INFORMATION CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND BREACHES OF THE
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APRIL 6, 1994. WE URGED THE ORGANIZATIONS EITHER TO
SUBMIT INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION OR TO SEND
INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR FORWARDING TO THE
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ORGANIZATIONS URGED US TO STRICTLY PROTECT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO US, FEARING THAT IF IT FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS OR WERE PUBLISHED, IT MIGHT ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THEIR WORKERS IN THE FIELD. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE COMMISSION MAINTAIN THE STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREUNDER UNLESS GRANTED PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE INFORMATION BY THE USG OR A DULY CONSTITUTED INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS HEREBY SUBMITTING ITS FIRST COLLECTION OF INFORMATION, DRAWN LARGELY FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES. WE WILL PREPARE SUBSEQUENT REPORTS THAT WILL DRAW INFORMATION FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES.

THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION RANGES FROM GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE MASSACRES TO DIRECT

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TESTIMONY CONCERNING SPECIFIC INCIDENTS. THE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORTS ARE IN EITHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH. THE VIDEOTAPED REPORT IS IN KINYARWANDA.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

1) COMPILATION OF NEWS REPORTS BY THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 04 STATE 230038 260114Z REFUGEES (ENGLISH);

- 2) EYEWITNESS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES (FRENCH);
- 3) GENOCIDE IN RWANDA APRIL-MAY 1994, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/AFRICA (ENGLISH);
- 4) EXCERPT FROM HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA AND U.S. POLICY, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/AFRICA (ENGLISH);
- 5) "HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA," STATEMENT OF ALISON DES FORGES, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/AFRICA BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1994 (ENGLISH);
- 6) "HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURUNDI AND RWANDA AND U.S. POLICY,"
 TESTIMONY OF ALISON DES FORGES, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/AFRICA
 BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TUESDAY,
 JULY 27, 1994 (ENGLISH);
- 7) "RWANDA CRISIS SITUATION REPORT NO. 4," INTERACTION, JULY 1, 1994 (ENGLISH);
- 8) "GENOCIDE IN RWANDA: WITNESSES ACCOUNTS," JULY 1994 (ENGLISH AND FRENCH);
- 9) VIDEOTAPED INTERVIEWS WITH MASSACRE SURVIVORS SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES (KINYARWANDA);
- 10) EXCERPT FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT 1994 UNCLASSIFIED

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(ENGLISH);

- 11) COMMUNICATION FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DATED APRIL 11, 1994 (ENGLISH);
- 12) RWANDA: MASS MURDER BY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS AND TROOPS IN APRIL AND MAY 1994, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (ENGLISH).
- 13) BACKGROUND MATERIALS: EXCERPT FROM COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES FOR 1993 SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (ENGLISH).
 END TEXT.
- 4. THE USG HAS MAD NO INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE NGOS. TALBOTT

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