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SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

Our C04529 and fax 2701. At informals this evening Secretariat was asked by the Czech Republic (Kovanda) for an update on the situation of the 30,000 civilians trapped at Kabgayi. Special Rep Gharekhan said that the UN had received reports of the massacre of 500 people who had taken refuge at this place which is in "government" territory about 30 miles from Kigali. UNAMIR had sent four military observers to the area. To be able to achieve this was, in itself, quite a breakthrough for UNAMIR.

2 According to Gharekhan there were 38,000 people, mainly Tutsi, at Kabgayi camping under difficult conditions. He said the four observers had yet to report. The UN was therefore not able to confirm the reports of massacres. He then added, contradictorily, that at the hospital they had seen corpses which had been attacked by machetes and had found the general atmosphere among the refugees to be one of fear and nervousness.

3 Kovanda suggested that the letter from Archbishop Martino had been sufficiently alarming to warrant the President (Al-Khussaiby) telling the media that members of the Council were concerned about the reports. Al-Khussaiby said he would brief the press in these terms.

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