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COUNTRY: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SUBJ: FRANCE, UGANDA TO ORGANIZE PEACE CONFERENCE ON RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS RADIO FRANCE 'INTERNATIONAL IN FRENCH 1230 GMT 1 JUL
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TEXT:

((TEXT)) FRANCE AND UGANDA HAVE AGREED TO ORGANIZE A REGIONAL
PEACE CONFERENCE ON RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS HAS BEEN
ANNOUNCED IN AN ELYSEE COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED AFTER THIS MORNING'S
MEETING BETWEEN FRANCOIS MITTERRAND AND UGANDAN PRESIDENT YOWERI

MUSEVENI. AFTER THE MEETING, THE UGANDAN HEAD OF STATE TOLD
JOURNALISTS THAT MITTERRAND EXPLAINED TO HIM THE ROLE OF THE
HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RWANDA:

((BEGIN MUSEVENI RECORDING)) PRESIDENT MITTERRAND EXPLAINED TO ME
THE HUMANITARIAN ROLE OF THE FRENCH TROOPS OPERATING IN RWANDA. I
KNOW THIS BECAUSE MY COUNTRY IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
KNOW THAT THE FRENCH DID NOT GO TO RWANDA TO TAKE PART IN THE
FIGHTING THAT IS GOING ON THERE BUT TO HELP THE POPULATION AND
PROVIDE RELIEF, THROUGH DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND PERHAPS EVACUATING
TRAPPED CIVILIANS. ((END RECORDING))

A JOURNALIST ASKED: IT IS REPORTED THAT YOU ARE SUPPLYING THE
RPF ((RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT)) WITH WEAPONS. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI
ANSWERED: THIS IS WRONG, IT IS THE RWANDAN DIASPORA THAT HAS BEEN
IN EXILE FOR A LONG TIME, WHICH IS SUPPORTING IT MILITARILY. SECOND
QUESTION: ARE ARMS GOING THROUGH UGANDA? PRESIDENT MUSEVENI
ANSWERED: NO, NO, THIS IS NOT TRUE. I THANK YOU, THAT IS ALL FOR
NOW.

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COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: CYANGUGU PRIESTS SAY GENOCIDE PREPLANNED

SOURCE: (CLANDESTINE) RADIO MUHABURA IN FRENCH TO RWANDA
1030 GMT 8 JUL 94

TEXT:

// ((LETTER FROM RWANDAN CATHOLIC CLERGY TO CARDINAL ROGER
ETCHEGARAY, PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND
PEACE, ISSUED IN BUJUMBURA ON 23 JUNE))

((EXCERPT)) TO YOUR EMINENCE CARDINAL ROGER ETCHGARAY IN
BUJUMBURA: EMINENCE, WE ARE A FEW RWANDAN PRIESTS FROM THE CYANGUGU

DIocese WHO SURVIVED THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE. HAVING LEARNED OF YOUR
VISIT TO BUJUMBURA, WE WISH TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A TESTIMONY ON WHAT

WE HAVE SEEN AND EXPERIENCED IN OUR RESPECTIVE PARISHES. WE NOTED
THAT THE METHODS USED TO CARRY OUT THE SINISTER GENOCIDE OF THE
TUTSI ETHNIC GROUP AND OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PEOPLE POLITICALLY
INVOLVED IN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES WERE SIMILAR THROUGHOUT THE
WHOLE REGION OF CYANGUGU DIOCESE AND EVEN THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF
RWANDAN TERRITORY. THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING TO US SINCE THE
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT ((MRND))-
COALITION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC ((CDR)) MILITIAS HAD BEEN
PROVIDED WITH MILITARY TRAINING WITH THAT DIRTY TASK IN MIND LONG
BEFORE PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA DIED. WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE THEY
MERELY ENFORCED THE PRE-PLANNED PROJECT BY ATTRACTING AND DRAWING ON
THE HUTU POPULATION TO LOOT AND BY PAINTING IN GLOW'NG COLORS THE
FACT THAT IT WAS NOW POSSIBLE FOR HUTUS TO INHERIT THE PROPERTIES OF
TUTSIS FOR GOOD.

THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE ARE THE SOLDIERS AND
THE MRND AND CDR POLITICAL PARTIES AT ALL LEVELS BUT ESPECIALLY AT
THE HIGHEST LEVELS, BACKED BY THE FRENCH WHO TOOK PART IN TRAINING
THEIR MILITIAS. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE CONSIDER THAT THE FRENCH
MILITARY INTERVENTION, DESCRIBING ITSELF AS A HUMANITARIAN ONE, IS
CYNICAL. WE NOTE WITH BITTERNESS THAT FRANCE DID NOT REACT DURING
THE TWO MONTHS WHEN THE GENOCIDE WAS BEING COMMITTED THOUGH SHE WAS
BETTER INFORMED THAN OTHERS. SHE DID NOT UTTER A WORD ABOUT THE
MASSACRES OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS. SHE DID NOT EXERT THE SLIGHTEST
PRESSURE ON THE SELF-PROCLAIMED KIGALI GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH SHE HAD
THE MEANS TO DO SO.

FOR US, THE FRENCH HAVE COME TO RWANDA FOR NOTHING. THEY DID NOT
EVEN SPEAK OUT TO HELP TUTSIS WHO WERE BEING TAKEN AS HOSTAGES, TO
FLEE. ((SENTENCE AS HEARD)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED))
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SERIAL: LD0505141894

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: UNAMIR COMMANDER VIEWS CURRENT SITUATION IN KIGALI

REF: AB0505101594 PARIS AFP ENGLISH 050921 -- FIERCE FIGHTING
REPORTED IN KIGALI; PEACE EFFORTS COLLAPSE

SOURCE: PARIS RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL IN FRENCH 1230 GMT
5 MAY 94

TEXT:

((EXCERPTS)) VERY VIOLENT FIGHTING FLARED UP AGAIN THIS MORNING
IN THE RWANDAN CAPITAL, FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER A VERY HOT NIGHT
LAST NIGHT. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) LISTEN TO THE ACCOUNT OF GENERAL
DALLAIRE, THE COMMANDER OF THE UN MISSION IN RWANDA ((UNAMIR)) IN
KIGALI, WHO SPOKE ON THE PHONE TO CORINNE MONJOU:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) ((DALLAIRE)) AS FAR AS KIGALI AND ITS
SURROUNDINGS ARE CONCERNED, THERE WAS QUITE A LOT OF FIGHTING
YESTERDAY BETWEEN OUR HEADQUARTERS AND THE AIRPORT, A DISTANCE OF
ABOUT 2 KM. THERE WAS MORE SHELLING AND ATTACKS THIS MORNING, AND
SHOOTING AROUND AND OVER THE AIRPORT.

AS FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS VERY HARD TO KNOW, BECAUSE
WE ARE EXCEPTIONALLY LIMITED IN WHERE WE CAN GO, GIVEN THE MILITIAS
AND THE LOCAL DEFENSE GROUPS WHICH PREVENT US FROM PASSING, AND
THERE REALLY ISN'T A LOT OF PHONE COMMUNICATION, SO IT IS VERY HARD
TO GET INFORMATION.

((MONJOU)) IS THE UNITED NATIONS NOT PLANNING TO SEND
REINFORCEMENTS TO KIGALI?

((DALLAIRE)) FOR ME THE QUESTION OF REINFORCEMENTS DOES NOT
ARISE, UNLESS THE UNITED NATIONS THINKS OF MODIFYING THE MANDATE TO
CARRY OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES.

MY MANDATE HERE, WHICH WAS MODIFIED ON 21 APRIL, IS VERY CLEAR:
I HAVE TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS TO TRY TO GET THE TWO SIDES TO
AGREE A CEASE-FIRE; I HAVE TO HELP TO COORDINATE THE HUMANITARIAN

AID EFFORTS; I HAVE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF

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THE RWANDANS WHO HAVE COME UNDER OUR CONTROL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
THE WAR; AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS TO TRANSFER
REFUGEES BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES IF THE TWO BELLIGERENTS AGREE. ((END
RECORDING))
((PASSAGE OMITTED: NO HOPE OF TALKS; REACTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS))
(ENDALL) 051230 ANDREWS/ML 05/1419Z MAY WC 285

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