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SUBJ: PARIS TO RESUME AID TO RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS LIBERATION IN FRENCH 20 JAN 95 P 11

TEXT:

//((REPORT BY PIERRE HAZAN: "MASS INTERNATIONAL AID FOR RWANDA"))

((FBIS TRANSLATED EXCERPT)) WESTERN DONORS HAVE PROMISED HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY, AND HELP THE 150,000 ORPHANS AND 2 MILLION REFUGEES. (PASSAGE OMITTED)

FRANCE, WHICH HAD BEEN THE MAJOR SUPPORTER OF THE FORMER HABYARIMANA REGIME, DID NOT PLEDGE ANY FIXED AMOUNT BUT "PROMISED AID." MICHEL DE BONNECORSE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA, SAID THAT "PARIS WILL SOON RESUME COOPERATION WITH KIGALI, WHILE MONITORING THE REFUGEES RETURN, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RULE-OF-LAW STATE, AND THE RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL DIALOGUE." THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TERMED THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER'S PERFORMANCE "REASSURING." IN FACT PARIS EXPECTS TO FULLY ASSESS KIGALI'S INTENTIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY. (PASSAGE OMITTED)

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COUNTRY: FRANCE

SUBJ: PARIS DECIDES TO APPOINT AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS FRANCE-INTER RADIO NETWORK IN FRENCH 1400 GMT
13 JAN 95

TEXT:

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) FRANCE HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT AN
AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA. PARIS SAYS IT IS READY TO COOPERATE WITH THE
RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH IT IS HOLDING OUT ITS HAND. THIS
COOPERATION WILL DEVELOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PACE OF THE EFFORTS
MADE BY THE KIGALI AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
AND TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES. THE RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER
IS EXPECTED IN FRANCE NEXT MONTH.

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COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER INDICTS FORMER OFFICIALS, ARMY OFFICERS

SOURCE: ANTWERP GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN IN DUTCH 27 JAN 95 P 6

TEXT:

// (UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "KIGALI HAS 200 MAIN ACCUSED")

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) KIGALI -- THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL
SOON PUBLISH A LIST WITH 200 NAMES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ARMY
OFFICERS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, WHO ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN
PLANNING THE GENOCIDE IN WHICH AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION PEOPLE WERE
KILLED, PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU STATED ON THURSDAY.

THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT
AMNESTY TO ORDINARY HUTUS WHO TOOK PART IN THE KILLINGS BETWEEN
APRIL AND JULY LAST YEAR AFTER PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA WAS
MURDERED.

THE AMNESTY IS SCHEDULED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE LIST WITH
200 NAMES OF FORMER POLITICIANS, OFFICIALS, AND ARMY OFFICERS,
AGAINST WHOM THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS IT HAS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
THEY ASSISTED IN "PLANNING, INSTIGATING TO, AND CARRYING OUT OR
HAVING CARRIED OUT THE KILLINGS."

ACCORDING TO TWAGIRAMUNGU, THE REFUGEES WILL BE REASSURED AFTER
THE LIST'S PUBLICATION, AND BE INCLINED TO RETURN, SINCE THE
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER ALL OF THEM TO BE CRIMINALS. HOWEVER,
THE PRIME MINISTER, HIMSELF A HUTU, STATED THAT THE REFUGEES MUST

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SUBJ: DESCRIPTION OF GATSINZI'S ROLE, POSTS SINCE APR 1994

REF: EA25012132395 KIGALI RADIO RWANDA FRENCH 251800 -- FORMER
GOVERNMENT ARMY OFFICER APPOINTED GENDARMERIE CHIEF

SOURCE: BRUSSELS LA LIBRE BELGIQUE IN FRENCH 27 JAN 95 P 5
TEXT:

// ((REPORT BY MARIE-FRANCE CROS: "NEW ARMY ACCEPTS HABYARIMANA'S
TROOPS"))

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) IT IS "AN IMPORTANT STAGE ON THE ROAD TO
RECONCILIATION," BELIEVES PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU. ON
WEDNESDAY, A CEREMONY BROADCAST BY RADIO MARKED THE INCLUSION IN THE
NEW RWANDAN ARMY OF 1,011 SOLDIERS FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S
FORMER FORCE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE OF THEM, COLONEL GATSINZI,
AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

MODERATE ((SUBHEAD))

COLONEL MARCEL GATSINZI WAS KNOWN AS A POLITICALLY MODERATE
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LAST. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD HAD BEGUN

PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF, UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE DE FACTO GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN OFFICE BY THE
MILITARY. BUT HE ONLY REMAINED 10 DAYS IN THE POST.

THE REASON WAS NO DOUBT HIS REPUTATION AS A MODERATE AND HIS
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HARDENING ((SUBHEAD))

WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ON 17 APRIL, MARCEL GATSINZI WAS
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THE RPF WAS ABLE TO GET TO KNOW GENERAL GATSINZI WHEN, IN THE
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KAKA. THIS "CROSSED" DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
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SERIAL: BR3001143595

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER INDICTS FORMER OFFICIALS, ARMY OFFICERS

SOURCE: ANTWERP GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN IN DUTCH 27 JAN 95 P 6

TEXT:

// (UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "KIGALI HAS 200 MAIN ACCUSED")

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) KIGALI -- THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL
SOON PUBLISH A LIST WITH 200 NAMES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ARMY
OFFICERS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, WHO ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN
PLANNING THE GENOCIDE IN WHICH AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION PEOPLE WERE
KILLED, PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU STATED ON THURSDAY.

THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT
AMNESTY TO ORDINARY HUTUS WHO TOOK PART IN THE KILLINGS BETWEEN
APRIL AND JULY LAST YEAR AFTER PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA WAS
MURDERED.

THE AMNESTY IS SCHEDULED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE LIST WITH
200 NAMES OF FORMER POLITICIANS, OFFICIALS, AND ARMY OFFICERS,
AGAINST WHOM THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS IT HAS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
THEY ASSISTED IN "PLANNING, INSTIGATING TO, AND CARRYING OUT OR
HAVING CARRIED OUT THE KILLINGS."

ACCORDING TO TWAGIRAMUNGU, THE REFUGEES WILL BE REASSURED AFTER
THE LIST'S PUBLICATION, AND BE INCLINED TO RETURN, SINCE THE
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER ALL OF THEM TO BE CRIMINALS. HOWEVER,
THE PRIME MINISTER, HIMSELF A HUTU, STATED THAT THE REFUGEES MUST

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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER INTERVIEWED ON FRENCH, OTHER TIES

SOURCE: PARIS RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL IN FRENCH 1230 GMT
8 FEB 95

TEXT:

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) NOW WE HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH ANATASE GASANA, RWANDAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HIS VISIT TO PARIS SIGNIFIES A REAL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN KIGALI AND PARIS, AS HE EXPLAINED TO DOMINIQUE DE COURCELLES:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) ((GASANA)) THERE HAS BEEN A NORMALIZATION, A NEW BOOST TO COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RWANDA AND FRANCE. MY MEETING WITH MINISTER ALAIN JUPPE WENT VERY WELL. FRANCE (?SET) A FEW CONDITIONS, WHICH YOU ARE ACQUAINTED WITH: THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES, A HEALTHY JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS FAR AS THE RETURN OF REFUGEES IS CONCERNED, FRANCE APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS THAT RWANDA IS MAKING IN THIS AREA. AS FAR AS A HEALTHY JUSTICE SYSTEM IS CONCERNED, RWANDA HAS ASKED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. RWANDA IS READY TO COOPERATE WITH THIS INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, SO HERE WE HAVE SIMILAR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF ERADICATING IMPUNITY.

THERE ARE NO MORE CLOUDS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, SO COOPERATION SHOULD START AGAIN IN ALL SECTORS WITHOUT HINDRANCE.

((DE COURCELLES)) THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS JUST ACCUSED THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF A DEGREE OF COMPLICITY WITH THOSE WHO COMMITTED THE GENOCIDE, AND IS ASKING MR. BUTRUS BUTRUS-GHALI TO PROPOSE A SUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A SUITABLE SOLUTION?

((GASANA)) YES, WE KNOW THAT OUR RWANDAN COMPATRIOTS ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE NOW BY FORMER TROOPS, MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA, FORMER POLITICIANS, WHO ARE USING THEM AS A KIND OF POLITICAL SHIELD, BEHIND WHICH THEY DIG IN, IN ORDER TO HIDE FROM THE WORLD THE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY THEY COMMITTED WHEN THEY WERE IN POWER IN RWANDA. WE WANT THESE RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE SINCE BECOME HOSTAGES TO BE RELEASED. THIS IS WHY WE ARE ASKING FOR THE HELP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SO THAT THE REPATRIATION OPERATION FOR OUR COMPATRIOTS CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

((DE COURCELLES)) HOW, SPECIFICALLY?

((GASANA)) SPECIFICALLY, AS THE NAIROBI COMMUNIQUE SAYS QUITE CLEARLY, AS A FIRST STAGE, THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITIAS, THE FORMER TROOPS AND FORMER POLITICIANS, HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE PEOPLE. WE REALIZE THAT SOME OF OUR PEOPLE CROSSED THE BORDER BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE SHOOTING THAT THEY HEARD, OR BECAUSE THEY WERE FORCED BY THE FORMER POLITICIANS, THE FORMER TROOPS, AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITIAS TO CROSS THE BORDER, AND THUS BECAME THE HOSTAGES OF THESE PEOPLE. SO FIRST OF ALL THEY HAVE TO BE SEPARATED IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CASES OF INTIMIDATION AND MURDER THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE CAMPS, SO THAT LATER AT A SECOND STAGE, OUR REFUGEES CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE RWANDAN BORDER, TO A SECURITY CORRIDOR, SO THAT THE FORMER TROOPS AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA DO NOT SET AN AMBUSH AND SO THAT THEY CAN BE RECEIVED AT THE BORDER BY TROOPS FROM THE RWANDAN ARMY AND FROM UNAMIR ((UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION TO RWANDA)), WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS 5,600 MEN STRONG IN RWANDA.

((DE COURCELLES)) AND UNTIL THAT HAS BEEN DONE, YOU THINK THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ACTING IN COMPLICITY WITH THOSE WHO

CARRIED OUT THE GENOCIDE, AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST SAID?

((GASANA)) WELL, I THINK THAT WHEN YOU SEE WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS DONE SINCE THE GENOCIDE STARTED IN RWANDA -- WELL, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS MADE UP OF MANY DIFFERENT PARTS: THERE ARE THE NONGOVERNMENTAL AID ORGANIZATIONS, WHO HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK, SO WE CANNOT TALK ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A GLOBAL ENTITY -- BUT WE ARE EXPECTING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT GESTURES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN THE SENSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SO THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN HELP US COME TO THE AID OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE, SO THAT THEY CAN RETURN HOME. ((END RECORDING))

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