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SERIAL: BR2604153195

COUNTRY: BELGIUM

SUBJ: DERYCKE ANNOUNCES PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF AID TO RWANDA

REF: LD2504214395 PARIS RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL FRENCH 251830
GMT -- GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS AID TO RWANDA

SOURCE: ANTWERP DE FINANCIEEL-EKONOMISCHE TIJD IN DUTCH 26 APR 95
P 38

TEXT:

// ((UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE: "BELGIUM SUSPENDS PART OF BILATERAL
AID TO RWANDA"))

((FBIS TRANSLATED EXCERPT)) BELGIUM IS SUSPENDING A PART OF ITS
BILATERAL AID TO RWANDA, WHILE AWAITING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE
KIBeho MASSACRE, FOREIGN MINISTER ERIK DERYCKE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY.
HUMANITARIAN AID IS CONTINUING, TOGETHER WITH ASSISTANCE IN
RESTORING A CONSTITUTIONAL STATE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FAMILY OF
HABYARIMANA HAVE LODGED A COMPLAINT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF
JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE AGAINST THE SUSPECTED PERPETRATORS OF THE
ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE ON 6 APRIL 1994.

AFTER THE STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE MASSACRE IN KIBeho, THE
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CALLED FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WHICH
MUST RESULT IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER. IN THE MEANTIME, BELGIUM IS

SUSPENDING A PART OF ITS BILATERAL AID TO RWANDA.

BELGIAN AGRICULTURAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS ARE TO BE STOPPED,
TOGETHER WITH BELGIAN ASSISTANCE WITH RWANDA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS,
EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID, AID IN ESTABLISHING A CONSTITUTIONAL
STATE, AND MULTILATERAL AID ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS MEASURE.

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO STRESSED THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT
MUST ALLOW THE RED CROSS AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK UNHINDERED. THE RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE EXCLUSION OF THREE BELGIAN NGOS.
FINALLY, DERYCKE CALLED FOR POSITIVE ACTIONS BY THE RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL RETURN OF REFUGEES WHICH IS
"NECESSARY FOR STABILITY IN CENTRAL AFRICA." (PASSAGE OMITTED)

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COUNTRY: BELGIUM
SUBJ: BELGIUM URGE ON EU TO ALSO SUSPEND AID TO RWANDA

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

//((UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE: "BELGIUM APPROACHES EUROPEAN UNION
OVER RWANDA"))

((FBIS TRANSLATED EXCERPT)) BELGIUM IS TO URGE THE OTHER EUROPEAN
UNION COUNTRIES TO TAKE "MEASURES" AGAINST RWANDA FOLLOWING LAST
WEEKEND'S BLOODBATH IN THE KIBEHO REFUGEE CAMP. JOINT EUROPEAN
ACTION IS SEEN AS POSSIBLE AND EVEN LIKELY IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES,
ESPECIALLY AFTER THE CALL BY THE EU COMMISSION TO SUSPEND GOVERNMENT
AID TO KIGALI. SUCH A STANCE COULD BE IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE
APPROACH OF THE AMERICANS WHO LAST WEDNESDAY CALLED UPON THE
MILITARY TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOODBATH, BUT MADE IT
KNOWN THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SUSPENDING THEIR AID TO THE CENTRAL
AFRICAN COUNTRY.

THE BELGIAN APPROACH COINCIDES WITH THE MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE

UNION'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS TODAY AND TOMORROW THE
COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF THE HEADS OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS IN
FOREIGN MINISTRIES OR THEIR DEPUTIES FROM THE 15 EU COUNTRIES.
TOGETHER WITH THE NETHERLANDS WHICH HAS ALREADY SUSPENDED DIRECT
AID, BELGIUM WILL URGE THE EU TO TAKE "EQUIVALENT MEASURES " IT
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION TO SEND A CLEAR POLITICAL
SIGNAL TO KIGALI THAT SUCH ACTION BY THE MILITARY IS TOTALLY
UNACCEPTABLE, IT WAS BEING SAID IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES ON WEDNESDAY.
ACCORDING TO THE SAME CIRCLES, IT MUST BE MADE PERFECTLY CLEAR TO
THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT "THAT WE ARE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS."
(PASSAGE OMITTED)

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SERIAL: BR3001143195

COUNTRY: RWANDA

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
OFFICER AT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S DEATH ON 6 APRIL
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
REGIONAL ORIGINS. HE COMES FROM KIGALI IN THE CENTER-SOUTH OF THE
COUNTRY, WHICH DENIED HIM THE CONFIDENCE OF THE NORTHERN EXTREMISTS
OF HABYARIMANA'S ENTOURAGE. ALSO, SHORTLY AFTER BEING APPOINTED
GENERAL, HE APPARENTLY DREW UP A REPORT EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES
FOR A SOLUTION IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT
(RPF) WHICH WENT ON THE MILITARY OFFENSIVE WHEN THE MASSACRES
BEGAN.

HARDENING ((SUBHEAD))

WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ON 17 APRIL, MARCEL GATSINZI WAS
SIDELINED. IN THE MIDST OF THE WAR, THIS GENERAL WAS APPOINTED
DIRECTOR OF A SCHOOL FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN THE SOUTH OF
THE COUNTRY. HE WAS REPLACED AS CHIEF OF STAFF BY COLONEL AUGUSTIN
BIZIMUNGU, A NORTHERN "HAWK" PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL FOR THE
OCCASION. COLONEL BIZIMUNGU GOVERNED THE MILITARY REGION OF
RUHENGERI AT THE TIME OF THE MASSACRE OF THE BABOWES TUTSI PASTORS
IN EARLY 1991, IN WHICH THE RWANDAN ARMY WAS INVOLVED.

THIS HARDENING WAS GENERALLY APPARENT. THE SAME DAY, THEODORE
SINDIKUGWABO, THE DE FACTO "PRESIDENT" WHO WAS NOT RECOGNIZED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, RETURNED TO HIS REGION OF ORIGIN -- THE
SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD SO FAR BEEN SPARED OF THE WAR AND THE
MASSACRES -- TO LAUNCH THE GENOCIDE. RWANDA THEN BECAME AN IMMENSE
SLAUGHTERHOUSE. THERE WAS NO QUESTION HERE OF ONE GROUP FIGHTING
AGAINST ANOTHER. THE UNARMED VICTIMS HAD NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

NEGOTIATIONS ((SUBHEAD))

THE RPF WAS ABLE TO GET TO KNOW GENERAL GATSINZI WHEN, IN THE
COURSE OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, HE WAS CHARGED WITH NEGOTIATING WITH
THE GUERRILLAS, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE
NEGOTIATIONS FAILED AND HABYARIMANA'S ROUTED ARMY FLED TO ZAIRE.

WHEN GATSINZI DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY LAST FALL WITH
OTHER OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS THEY WERE SENT TO MILITARY CAMPS FOR
TRAINING BY THE RPF WHICH REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE RANK OF GENERAL
BESTOWED UPON GATSINZI BY THE (ILLEGAL) AUTHORITIES OF THE GENOCIDE.
THIS TRAINING IS NOW COMPLETE, BUT NOT WITHOUT HAVING CAUSED SOME
CONCERN AMONG THE RPF'S GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WHO HAD RECEIVED NO NEWS
OF THESE SOLDIERS.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED DURING WEDNESDAY'S CEREMONY THAT ANOTHER
OFFICER FROM HABYARIMANA'S FORMER FORCE, COLONEL DEOGRATIAS
NDIBVAMI, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GENDARMERIE. HE
IS SECONDED BY AN OFFICER FROM THE RPF, COLONEL KAYUMBA NYAMAWASA.
COLONEL GATSINZI HIMSELF SECONDS AN OFFER OF THE RPF, COLONEL SAM
KAKA. THIS "CROSSED" DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
ARUSHA ACCORDS SIGNED BETWEEN THE HABYARIMANA REGIME AND THE RPF
BEFORE THE GENOCIDE. THE DECISIONS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK ARE
THEREFORE UNDOUBTEDLY A MOVE TOWARD RECONCILIATION.

JUST UNDER A THOUSAND OTHER SOLDIERS OF HABYARIMANA'S FORMER
FORCE ARE AT PRESENT BEING TRAINED FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE NEW
RWANDAN ARMY, WHILE SOME 200 OF HABYARIMANA'S SOLDIERS HAVE
"RECENTLY" LEFT ZAIRE TO RETURN TO RWANDA, ACCORDING TO KIGALI, AND
HAVE ALSO JUST BEGUN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE
NEW ARMY. THERE ARE SOME 30,000 REFUGEE RWANDAN SOLDIERS IN ZAIRE.

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SERIAL: LD2604094195

COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

SUBJ: EVANS TO CONSIDER UN REQUEST TO KEEP TROOPS IN RWANDA

SOURCE: MELBOURNE RADIO AUSTRALIA IN ENGLISH 0700 GMT 26 APR 95

TEXT:

((FBIS TRANSCRIBED TEXT)) FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER GARETH EVANS
SAYS HE'LL CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM DR. BUTRUS-GHALI TO KEEP
AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN RWANDA. (SANDRA FABRETTI) REPORTS THAT DR.

BUTRUS BUTRUS-GHALI CALLED ON AUSTRALIA TO RECONSIDER PULLING ITS
TROOPS AND MEDICAL STAFF OUT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN NATION
((FABRETTI)) AFTER A WEEKEND MASSACRE WHICH LEFT AT LEAST 2,000
PEOPLE DEAD, DR. BUTRUS-GHALI HAS CALLED FOR A CONTINUATION OF AID
IN RWANDA -- SOMETHING SENATOR EVANS SAYS HE'LL LOOK AT. HE SAYS
(?ALTHOUGH) AUSTRALIA ORIGINALLY INDICATED IT WAS ONLY GOING INTO
RWANDA FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME, HE SAYS THESE THINGS ARE ALWAYS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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SERIAL: BR1002131395

COUNTRY: FRANCE

SUBJ: COOPERATION MINISTRY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS LE MONDE IN FRENCH 9 FEB 95

TEXT:

// (UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "FRANCE WILL HELP RWANDA RESTORE RULE-
OF-LAW STATE")

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) AFTER HAVING APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR TO
RWANDA, PARIS CONTINUES WITH THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING ITS
RELATIONS WITH RWANDA. ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY, THE COOPERATION
MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ALLOCATE 4 MILLION FRANCS TO
ENCOURAGE THE RESTORATION THE RULE OF LAW IN RWANDA. THE
COOPERATION MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE STIPULATES THAT "THIS CONTRIBUTION
WILL ALLOW THE SENDING OF FRENCH-SPEAKING MAGISTRATES IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THE RESTRUCTURING OF LAWS, THE
SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE SENDING OF OBSERVERS

ON FACT-FINDING MISSIONS."

"THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS PART OF A CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AGENCY PROGRAM AIMED AT RESTORING THE RULE OF LAW IN
RWANDA," THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES. THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES ANNOUNCED IN GENEVA ON TUESDAY THAT 40,000 RWANDANS WHO HAD

SOUGHT REFUGE IN ZAIRE AND BURUNDI HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME
COUNTRY.

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COUNTRY FRANCE

SUBJ: PARIS TO RESUME AID TO RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS LIBERATION IN FRENCH 20 JAN 95 P 11
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//((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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