

11-18-1995

Official Denounces France Influence in Zaire, Rwanda Crisis

US Embassy Rwanda

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/rawson_rwanda

Recommended Citation

US Embassy Rwanda, "Official Denounces France Influence in Zaire, Rwanda Crisis" (1995). *David Rawson Collection on the Rwandan Genocide*. 73.

https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/rawson_rwanda/73

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives and Museum at Digital Commons @ George Fox University. It has been accepted for inclusion in David Rawson Collection on the Rwandan Genocide by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ George Fox University. For more information, please contact arolfe@georgefox.edu.



UNCLASSIFIED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AFRICAN AFFAIRS

INCOMING
TELEGRAM

PAGE 01 OF 02 192107Z
ACTION INR-00

7112 017223 AF5042

192107Z

7112 017223 AF5042

INFO AS-01 XYA-02 XW-01 KE-01 PMA-01 ZF-01 CG-01 BY-01
IV-01 RW-01 UG-01 XW2-01 RCS-02 RWF-02 /017 A1 SDB

INFO LOG-00 AF-00 DS-00 TEDE-00 DSCC-00 /001W
-----010E26 192107Z /38

P 192101Z NOV 95
FM FBIS ABIDJAN IV
TO FBIS RESTON VA
DIO CANBERRA AS
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK//N2//
JICPAC HONOLULU HI
AIC NORFOLK VA
USCENTAF SHAW AFB SC//A2//
330SS EGLIN AFB FL//OSH//
CDR PSYOPGP FT BRAGG NC//ASOF-POG-SB//
FBIS RESTON VA//POLCH//
CDRUSASOIC WASH DC//DIS//
FBIS BRUSSELS BE
FBIS LONDON UK//BBC//
FBIS LONDON UK
ONI WASHINGTON DC//2140//
MARCORINTACT DET QUANTICO VA
FAISA FT BRAGG NC
DA AMHS WASHINGTON DC
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMIN HQ WASHINGTON DC//POL//
STORAGE CENTER FBIS RESTON VA
DEFINTAGNCY WASH DC
VOA WASHINGTON DC
AFISA AMHS BOLLING AFB DC
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC
SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//INR/NECA//

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY PARIS//SCIENCE COUNSELOR//
USDAO PARIS FR
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
NLO ROME IT
SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USD:A&T/USD-P/DSAA//
FBIS VIENNA AU
MPC FT GEO G MEADE MD
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE//ECJ4/ECJ5//
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE//ECJ35-PSYOP//
JAC MOLESWORTH RAF MOLESWORTH UK//DOAM//
US SURVEY SEC SHAPE BE
USCOMSOLANT
NAIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OH//TAI//
ACCT FBAB-EVDK

UNCLAS 8A/LD

WARNING: ATTN C1FM

WARNING: BRUSSELS: POL

SERIAL: AB1911210195
PASS: ATTN BBC AFRICA

COUNTRY: RWANDA
SUBJ: OFFICIAL DENOUNCES FRANCE INFLUENCE IN ZAIRE, RWANDA CRISIS

SOURCE: PARIS AFP IN FRENCH 1732 GMT 18 NOV 95
TEXT:

(FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) KIGALI, 18 NOV (AFP) -- KIGALI TODAY

DENOUNCED "A POSSIBLE FRENCH INTERFERENCE" IN THE CURRENT SERIOUS TENSIONS BETWEEN RWANDA AND ZAIRE. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE ACCUSING

EACH OTHER OF TERRORIST OR WAR ACTIVITIES.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AFP, MAJOR WILSON RUTAYIFIRE, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE RWANDAN INFORMATION OFFICE, SAID THAT THERE WERE "OTHER FOREIGN FORCES BEHIND THE ZAIRE-RWANDA CRISIS," AND HE DESIGNATED FRANCE, WHICH THE FORMER TUTSI REBELLION NEVER FORGAVE THE SUPPORT IT GRANTS TO THE REGIME OF "GENOCIDE" LED BY PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA.

"TO LOOK INTO THIS PROBLEM ONLY FROM A REGIONAL POINT OF VIEW, IS JUST TO SEE HALF OF THE PROBLEM... THE CRISIS TAKES ITS ROOT ELSEWHERE," THE MAJOR OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC ARMY SAID.

ZAIRE ACCUSES RWANDA OF BEING BEHIND THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BEING PERPETRATED ON ITS TERRITORY, IN THE BORDER REGION OF KIVU WHERE MORE THAN A MILLION HUTU REFUGEES WERE INSTALLED AFTER FLEEING THE ADVANCE OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPR) LAST YEAR. THEY INCLUDE THE AUTHORS OF THE MOST TERRIBLE MASSACRES OF THE GENOCIDE THAT LEFT MORE THAN 500,000 DEAD INCLUDING LIBERAL TUTSIS AND HUTUS.

ON ITS PART, RWANDA ACCUSES ZAIRE OF SUPPORTING INTERAHAMWE HUTU MILITIAMEN AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES WHO TOOK REFUGE IN THE KIVU PROVINCE AND WHO, IN THE PAST MONTHS, HAVE LAUNCHED ARMED OPERATIONS AND ATTACKS IN RWANDAN TERRITORY.

MAJOR RUTAYIFIRE FOUND PARTICULARLY REVEALING A RECENT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ZAIRIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MENTIONING THE SEIZURE OF "AN IMPORTANT BATCH OF WAR MATERIAL OF ANGLO-SAXON ORIGIN" FROM "RWANDAN TERRORISTS OF TUTSI ORIGIN" IN THE TOWN OF GOMA.

"ANGLO-SAXON..." THIS IS A WORD WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD FROM FRANCE," HE NOTED. MANY ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY PARIS TO THE HABYARIMANA REGIME, WHICH HAS BEEN THREATENED SINCE 1990 BY FPR REBELS IN EXILE IN ANGLO-SAXON UGANDA LED BY PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVENI, HAS BEEN WIDELY LINKED TO THE FRENCH DETERMINATION TO COUNTER THE "ANGLO-SAXON," AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBITIONS IN FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICA.

MAJOR RUTAYIFIRE ADDED THAT RWANDA DID NOT FEAR A POSSIBLE WAR EITHER WITH THE ZAIRIAN ARMY OR THE FORMER HUTU MILITIAMEN AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES: WE HAVE A CAUSE THAT MAKES US STRONG, THE DUTY TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY... ZAIRIANS HAVE NO CAUSE TO DEFEND. WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY DOING IS TO BLAME RWANDA FOR THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO SOLVE... HOW CAN THEY FIGHT IN SUCH CONDITIONS?"

AS FOR HUTU SOLDIERS AND MILITIAMEN, THEIR UNIQUE CAUSE IS ONLY "TO COMPLETE THE MASSACRE THEY BEGAN LAST YEAR," ACCORDING TO MAJOR RUTAYIFIRE. THIS SITUATION AND THE PROBLEM OF TWO MILLION RWANDAN HUTUS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE, BURUNDI AND TANZANIA, WILL BE THE FOCUS OF THE TALKS THAT ARE TO BE HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER WITH THE RWANDAN LEADERS AND THE FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER.

MR. CARTER HAS BEEN ON VISIT TO UGANDA, RWANDA, BURUNDI, AND ZAIRE SINCE 18 NOVEMBER. HE IS PREPARING THE SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF THESE FOUR COUNTRIES AND TANZANIA AND THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 27 NOVEMBER IN CAIRO.

BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION OF UGANDA AND RWANDA TO ITS MEDIATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS GIVEN UP THE ORGANIZATION OF A SIMILAR CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION.

MAJOR RUTAYIFIRE SAID THAT MR. CARTER HAD SOME CHANCES TO SUCCEED IF HE DID NOT COME WITH AN "ALREADY-MADE SOLUTION." THE PROBLEM OF HUTU REFUGEES THAT IS THREATENING THE ENTIRE REGION OF AN EXPLOSION, WILL ALSO BE THE FOCUS OF A CONFERENCE BY DONOR COUNTRIES AND RWANDAN AUTHORITIES. THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON 21 NOVEMBER IN KIGALI.

THIS CONFERENCE IS ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND AT A TIME WHEN THE THREAT OF AN IMMINENT RETURN OF HUTU REFUGEES IN RWANDA IS LOOMING AND WHILE KINSHASA IS REAFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATION TO SEE THEM LEAVE BY 31 DECEMBER.

ACCORDING TO A EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, THE CONFERENCE IS TO

STUDY THE WAYS AND MEANS TO GRANT PART OF THE PROMISED AID TO KIGALI BY THE DONORS IN ORDER TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES.

THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AFRICAN AFFAIRS

INCOMING
TELEGRAM

PAGE 02 OF 02 192107Z

7112 017223 AFS042

DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT

OWNERS.

(ENDALL) 181732 ST/LHOORE 1M231911.010 PF511911.021 19/2103Z NOV

709 WC

UNCLASSIFIED