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David Rawson's Notes on France

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France

31 Jan 92 Paris 1936 Comments of MOFA
Director D. J. and

① If the French press the RPF and GOR a little more it may obtain positive results. Haby may institute internal reform; RPF is ^{negotiated in bad faith} intransigent while ~~re~~ demanding good will gestures has intensified the fighting.

~~9~~ 9 May 92 State 147561 PCC Meeting -
French policy in sub-Saharan Africa (Feb 20, 1992)

2. Much of what France does in Africa is consistent with U.S. policy goals. We should increase our dialogue with Paris. On balance it remains in our interests that the French are "out in front" in a number of African countries.

21 Jul 92 Paris 19766 Rwanda President Habyarimana's Meeting
with President Mitterand, July 17

3. Haby expressed doubt about Arusha agreement
Request for direct French military intervention turned down
Request pressure on Museveni, M agrees to joint demand
Request help with negotiations + logistics for cease-fire monitoring

30 Aug 92 Paris 21127 AIS Cohen's July 29 Discussion
with GOP policy Advisors on Africa

④ Serious concern re state of Rwandan army. ~~Should~~ Rwanda
the ~~FAR crack~~ ~~Army~~ on the edge of being destabilized. Increase
in Hutu extremism + ethnic clashes. Should FAR crack, there could well

11 Sep 92 Paris ~~24062~~ 24062 Assistant Secretary Cohen's
Tour d'Horizon with Quai's New Director for Africa
Jean Marc de la Sabliere, August 28.

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#1 DLS We missed a catastrophe in Rwanda by the skin of
our teeth. It is absolutely essential to the 605 that
(5) ~~the~~ Arusha negotiations succeed - long term and
military integration - Cohen - RPF must accept a
logic of democracy.

16 December 92 Paris 34858 A/S Cohen's Discussions
with French on Rwanda

- #4 Delay - negotiations at end-game. Haby ^{nervous} ~~is~~
feels he is in trouble. ~~but~~
Can accept 90% of RPF demands but cannot
allow MRND to be marginalized. Might accept
Haby visit in Jan. Long transition would
destabilize the country. Favors elections at the local

- (6) level ^{wants to bring in extremist elements in to govt to produce}
^{them taking to sheets - French found points reasonable}
#5 DLS - RPF has not totally renounced military solution
France will not allow RPF to win control by arms.
Delay RPF must not put Haby where he cannot accept their
conditions. would result in Hutu ex-Premier & collapse of
Rwanda fragile peace