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ICRC HAS REQUESTED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF,
 AS WELL AS ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN RWANDA, TO
 PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCES FOR ICRC SECURITY IN ITS
 HUMANITARIAN WORK. END SUMMARY.

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3. FORMER PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE IS
 BAK IN TOWN. HE ARRIVED NOVEMBER 30TH FROM MOMBASA
 WHERE HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH SPONSORED
 RECONCILIATION TALKS WITH THE FACTION OF THE MDR LED
 BY PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU.
 APPARENTLY THE DISMAS FACTION OF THE PARTY IS
 EUPHORIC ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE MOMBASA
 CONFERENCE. TWAGIRAMUNGU TOLD THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR
 THAT DISMAS HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT AT FIRST BUT
 EVENTUALLY HAD TAKEN A MORE REASONABLE POSITION. THE
 TW, FAUSTIN AND DISMAS, WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE
 REUNIFICATION OF THE MDR ON FRIDAY 12/3 UNDER THE
 AUSPICES OF THE BISHOP OF KABGAYI. THIS MEDIATION
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 BGAN LAST AUGUST BUT WAS AWAITING THE RETURN OF
 NSENGIYAREMYE BEFORE IT COULD MOVE FORWARD.

4. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BONIFACE NGULINZIRA TOLD
 CHARGE AT THE WEEKEND THAT HE HAS BECOME AN ARDENT
 PROMOTER OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS OF
 THE PARTY. NGULINZIRA OBSERVED THAT THE BROAD BASED
 GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING THE
 PEACE ACCORDS, AND IMPLIED THAT TWAGIRAMUNGU WILL
 INDEED TAKE UP HIS POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER. HE
 SAID IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE MDR TO FORM
 AN OPPOSITION OPPOSING PEACE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
 THE PEACE ACCORDS. THEREFORE, HE REASONED, THE MDR
 MEMBERS OPPOSING FAUSTIN HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
 FIND A WAY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH HIM AGAIN. ASKED IF
 THIS MEANT THE HUTU EXTREMISTS IN THE PARTY WERE
 MARGINALIZED, HE SAID THEY WERE STILL FIGHTING
 BITTERLY WITHIN THE PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU AGAINST
 RECONCILIATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE COULD NOT
 CONTINUE TO ALLY HIMSELF WITH THESE ETHNICISTS.

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7. President received joint high delegation
 from EEC & UNHCR said all the right things
 but blamed insecurity & violence on RPF.

8. UNHCR might find it difficult to persuade the RPF in Kigali
 that RPF is not the only party to be considered.

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2. DURING A 25 AUGUST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR IRV HICKS (OTHER SUBJECTS SEPTTEL), OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM AGAIN MENTIONED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE SLOW PACE AT WHICH THE UN WAS DEALING WITH THE RWANDA PROBLEM (SEE REFTTEL FOR SALIM'S COMMENTS OF 23 AUGUST).

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3. AMBASSADOR HICKS REPLIED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS PREPARED TO ACT ON RWANDA, BUT WANTED TO DO SO IN A DELIBERATE MANNER, TO ENSURE THAT THE OPTIONS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION STUDIED.

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