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David Rawson Notes: UNAMIR January to March 1994

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- 11. Unamir not to take Gendarmerie's place
- 12. Col. Marchal + Col. Nazouf agreed under no illusion that weapons had been cached by both the ROK and RPF as well as civilian population. When deemed appropriate UNAMIR could ~~also~~ cordon off area and search for weapons
- 13. biggest concerns are weapons in civilian hands especially youth, particularly the intercommunal
- 15. ^{Amalgam} still do not have telephone to communicate with sub-sector commanders

~~lack~~ shortage of men + material.

- 21. week of December 20-24 Intercommunal release commencing. They would be implementing their version of the final status in week of Dec 20-24
- 27. Main concern is not threatened activity but split in MDR+PL threaten successful implementation of the transition govt.

12 Jan 94

Kigali ~~5350~~ 0157 (C) - UN Special Representative Asho for Support on Security Demands

- 2. SRSG convokes Fr. Belg US - PM designate had put him in touch with informant - member of MRND militia charged with passing out arms. Tired of his subversive role; insisted UN to know where arms kept and how distributed.
- 3. Hqs. told BB that before operation BB to see Pres. advise him of evidence, note violation of arms cease zone, ask Pres. in 48 hrs to show how he would retract arms and dismantle militia apparatus

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BB to brief hmb before demand and seek support in bringing to President concerns about security situation in KGL

4. Rumor circulating for sometime regarding MRND arming of its youth wing. Interahamwe potential seen in blockade 118.

"According to the UN informant, demonstrators used to brand Belgian soldiers as a way of further disturbing the peace provoke RPF action & Militia led counteraction

5. Recommendation: But we join Fr. B.

- strict conformity to Kigali as Weapons ~~Free~~ ^{Secure} Zone
- deep concern over evidence of arms distribution
- only secure future is for all parties to leave security & integrated security force
- play positive role in breaking impasse over installation

13 Jan 94 Staff 11254 UN Proposal for a Security Demarche

~~Part~~ agrees with parties recommendation for a joint demarche

broaden Third part - parties work together, abide by the peace accords and leave security to UN

20 Jan 94 Kigali 0275 Demarches on Security Concerns

2 Concerns pointedly raised by each and by Amissano in ~~the~~ Diplomatic Meeting with Pres. on 1/14 and summarized by Belg. at conclusion

3 ^{then} Agreed Demarche while not unilateral had more effect for being carried out within a broad-based diplomatic presentation. Any further representation to Pres would be counter productive. Wait to see if Pres keeps promise to deal with sit.

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5. ~~BBG~~ ^{BBG in telcon with} had called Haby expressed deep concern over the security situation as well as lack of progress in installing the BBTG

6. Dallaire outlined contacts with informant proved validity of info by giving details of demerol to Bus & Ngirumpatse - gave specifics on arms caches - orders to hurry up distribution. Dallaire said his current orders would not allow him to carry out operation against these caches. BB hoped for positive response from Pres or effective guidance on dealing with arms troppi

7. In meeting with MRND Pres Ngirumpatse and Health Min: Bizimungu Aumb Ranson pressed hard on the dangers of paramilitary activities. Admitted that some panicked by RPF infiltration of Kigali might have purchase arms but that was not under MRND direction or control.

26 Jan 94 Kigali 383 Kigali Demonstration Turns Violent
Demonstration in front of CN 1/26 shot heard likely some demonstrators were Interahamwe related to incident 1/23; 1/25 & ten day before gunfire at BB's house

RTLm blames Bizimungu

22 Feb 94 Kigali 784 (C) Minister / Politician Assassinated
5. Assassination capped 2 day of disturbances leaving 8 dead. - block participation in MDR faction demo; ^{CDR} protest outside Foreign Minister access to code of letters

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25 Feb 94 Kigali 0833 (c) Catabazi's Funeral, President's New Initiative

- 3. Rwandan clergy and govt official conducted ceremony in solemn dignity
- 4. Mechanism demonstrated Rwandan capacity to do things right. Preparations showed how much of Rwandan polity & civil society is still intact.
- 5. Found that RTLM had deceived proximity of govt. Chama told Pres - legal advice and Cabinet Direct that we were now in America interim arrangement vacuum could be filled only by proceeding to install the interim govt. Any govt set up otherwise contrary to constitution & fundamentals we could not assist unconstitutional regimes.
- 8. BBG called Pres told him to stop dalliances

28 Feb 94 Kigali 0843 (c) Calum Prevails; New Political Commitment Table

- 3. Rumors of imminent military activity by RPF or GDR Govt. Corp to support Amshu & install BBG
- 4. RTLM declares RPF have escaped CAD compound and infiltrated into population. Marchal & Dallaire say it would be impossible
- 6. RPF statement 2/27 called killings selective targeted massacres recalling Kib, Iva, Bigogwe, Busenya, Kibuye Rutenzu, Gisenyi - "a strategy of demands designed to impose a series of induced concessions on RPF"
- 9. Agreement by parties in govt would have Pt share deputy & minister post. Land faction to get NA President PM accepts two minister from other MSR faction

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10. Magimihaka + Bizimungu say they would not accept a solution imposed by President. Results of all party meetings 2/18 were satisfactory.

B. said parties opposed to Pres. had word of impending assassination of a political leader and had challenged MRAs about it in 2/18 meeting.

MAR 4 ~~MAR~~ 94 Kigali 933 (C) RPF Questions President's Political Will

3. March 1 RPF issues communique rejects agreements reached Feb 25 ~~reached~~ "reached in a climate of terror". Only list they would accept was list approved by Pres of Const. Court Jan 4. Amb. urged continued dialogue. RPF would accept

8. intra party compromise base Feb 18 all parties meeting. Meanwhile they wanted explanation for ambush of UNAMIC/RPF convoy.

9. RPF was firm, emotional and focused entirely on Habyarimana as the cause of violence and terrorism in Rwanda post-25. Agreed to continue dialogue but not in a negotiating mood.

01 MAR 94 Kigali 0853 (C) RPF Rejects Party Agreement; Kigali Remains Strong.

4. RPF reacted negatively to outcome of 2 day party meeting. rejects division of PL list. via liaison office.

5. US sent message to Ndindizi. Communique reflected true positions of party leaders, not a result dictated by President.

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6. BB - to travel to Mulindi with some message
At last meeting with K he hinted RPF might have no option but return to war. May + Biz told UNAMIR 2/24 that they opposed alliances that would give the President ability to block acts of the new govt and suggested that they could not agree to participate in such a govt.
8. Pres upset by SYG straight talk 2/24 and sent special envoy Andre Ntagerura to New York to correct false impressions.

14 MAR 94 Kigali 1081 (C) Incidents continue to destabilize security situation

1. Summary. ~~Ganda~~ Grenade attack on home of former PM Nsiziyaremye 3/3 - Rumors of more civil violence and imminent RPF attack ICRC est. deaths week of Feb 21 at 100
6. Kangura and Le Flambeau claim plot by each faction to stir unrest assassination
9. Pro RPF sympathizer asks what would be ^{public} reaction to renewed war.

07 MAR 94 Kampala 01849 Press Reports RPF warning of War in Rwanda

- 2 (C) ~~the~~ ^{the} Vision quotes Kagame as saying
"War is very imminent because the whole peace process has been frustrated by Pres. Haby. - violence thuggery - arm youth wing & civilians - hunger manipulation & intimidation of TC over which he would retain unlimited power, taking whole country & people on a dangerous ^{path}

14 Jan 94 Kigali 0217 Transition Institutions. No Movement Yet

3. ^{Ninze convene} Review pol. situation in light of demarches on Pres.
P.M. PM-D RPF Pres. Latter Three blame Pres.
Int'l community should bring pressure on Pres. to capitulate. PMD might be willing to discuss unassim ^{Standard law} RPF denied any responsibility. Pres respects accords, cannot blame involved in internal party disputes looking for consensus before he swears in govt or N/A

4. Decided to call again on Pres

5. Pres. ^{at 11:00 AM.} conferred. Nuncio, Belg, Fr, Egypt, Tanz. U.S., German, French. - Nuncio stressed security Leaders of Umuwami gush run down - U.S. politics erupting outside any framework. without gov. and NA involves to street and violence

7. Pres. say he support accord, wanted peace, understood Corps concern about security

10. Tanzanian Amb said 1/8 meeting of Pres & RPF

11. changed him with addressing PL differences. Lands called out before Tanz put forward its proposals

12. PL Lands communique accused Tanz Amb. of meddling in a dangerous exercise; mediation effort a Presidential manoeuvre

13. Meeting with Ugandan ~~Katete~~ Katete girwe. RPF needed a well-argued position not open to pol. compromise or looking forward toward long-term future of co-existence within a Hutu dominated country. Ug Amb said he was going to see Museveni and would try to get a better fix before he died.