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## David Rawson Notes: January, February, March, and July in Kigali

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C. 06 Jul 94 USUW ~~062539~~ <sup>02784</sup>  
About Humantarian Zone

French Reassure SC

#. Described in Amb M erimie letter to SYG  
Action in face of massive exodus of civilians from  
Approaching RPF

para 2+5

Use of force banned  
No staying here or troop rest  
Neutral in military terms  
Troops had disarmed ~~and~~ militia  
Kugame & Museveni informed and did not object

EXCISE

P 1.4 (d)  
1.4 (b)

Would not give protection to those responsible  
for war crimes support reporters & commissions  
of reports - ~~note~~  
Please for equipment for UNAMIR to replace French

7. NW SRS & Kham began discussions with RPF and GDR  
coordinating mechanism with French - Goma  
Kigali has no water, electricity, markets, food, stamps

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- 5. ~~BBG~~ <sup>BBG in telcom with</sup> 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 demarcation to Pres & Ndirumputse - gave specifics on arms caches - orders to hang up distribution. Dallaire said his current orders would not allow him to carry out operations against these caches. BB hoped for positive response from Pres or effective guidance on dealing with arms troppi
- 7. In meeting with MRND Pres Ndirumputse 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

RTLA blames Interahamwe

22 Feb 94

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Minister / Politician Assassinated

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Assassination capped 2 day of disturbances leaving 8 dead. - block participation in MDR faction demo. <sup>CDR</sup> Protest outside Foreign Ministry access to code of ethics



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- BB to brief triba before demands and seek support in bringing to President concerns about security situation in KGL
4. Rumor circulating for sometime regarding MRND arming of its youth wings. Interahamwe potential seen in blockade 118. "According the UN informant, demonstrators were to hunt Belgian soldiers as a way of further disturbing the peace provoke RPF action & Militia led counteraction
5. Recommendation: That we join Fr. B.
- strict conformity to Kigali <sup>as</sup> Weapons ~~Free~~ <sup>Secure</sup> Zone
  - deep concern re evidence of arm 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

Statk 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

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Demarches on Security Concerns

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

- 3 <sup>then</sup> 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 without

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~~98~~ Kigali 5357

11. Unamir not to take Gendarmerie's place
12. Col. Marchal + Col. Nagval agreed under no illusion that weapons had been cached by both the EOR and RPF as well as civilian population. When deemed appropriate UNAMIR could ~~see~~ cordon off area and search for weapons
13. biggest concerns are weapons in civilian hands especially youth, particularly the intercommunal
15. <sup>Analysis</sup> Skulls not have telephone to communicate with sub-sector commanders  
~~the~~ shortage of men + material.
21. week of December 20-24 Intercommunal violence commencing. They would be implementing their version of the final situation in week of death - December 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 <sup>0157 (C)</sup> ~~5357~~ - UN Special Representative Asha for Support on Security Demands

2. SRS6 convokes Fr. Belg US - PM designate had put him in touch with informant - member of MRDD militia charged with passing out arms, Tired of his subversive role; insisted to know where arms kept and how distributed.

3. Hqs. told BB that before operation BB to see Pres. apprise 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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25 Feb 94 Kigali 0833 (c) Catabayi's Funeral, President's New Initiative

3. Rwandan Clergy and govt officials conducted ceremony in solemn dignity
4. Mechanis demonstrated Rwandan capacity to do things right. Preparations showed how much of Rwandan polity & civil society is still intact.
5. Found that RTLM had dismissed possibility of govt. Chem. told Pres. legal adviser and Cabinet Direct that we were now in Amshas interim arrangement vacuum could be filled only by proceeding to install the interim govt. Any govt setup otherwise contrary to constitution & fundamentals we could not assist unconstitutional regimes
8. BBB called Pres told him to stop dalliances

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

3. Rumors of imminent military activity by RPF or GOR. Govt. Coup to support Amshas & install BBB
4. RTLM declares RPF have escaped CAS compound and infiltrated into population. Marchal & Dallaire say it would be impossible
6. RPF statement 2/27 called killings selective targeted massacres recalling Kib, Iira, Bigogwe, Bugesera, Kibuye, Rubengera, Gisenyi - "a strategy of demarcation designed to impose a series of induced concessions on RPF"
9. Agreement by parties in govt would have PL share deputy ministerial post. Land faction to get DA. President PM accepts two minister from other MDR faction

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

B. said parties opposed to Pres. had word of impudence, assumption of a political leader and had challenged MRW about it in 2/18 meeting.

MAR 4 ~~1994~~ 94 Kigali 933 (C) RPF questions President's Political Will

3. March 1 RPF issues communiqué rejects agreements reached Feb 25 ~~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 UNAMIR, RPF convoy.

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

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

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

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5. ~~US~~ sent message to Rubundi via liaison office. Communiqué reflected true positions of party leaders, not a result dictated by President



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6. BB to travel to Ndanda, 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 report 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  
Mugenyimana 313 - 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 ask what would be <sup>public</sup> reactions  
to renewed war.

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

2 (U) ~~Ka~~ <sup>New</sup> 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 & curfew - hunger  
manipulation & intimidation of TG over which he would  
retain unlimited power. Taking whole country & people on a dangerous  
path"

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