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REPLACEMENT FORCE. THE DOCUMENT ALSO ENVISAGES THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INFORM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES OF ITS DECISIONS BY LETTER BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS START AGAIN IN ARUSHA ON 15 MARCH, AND THIS TIME IT WILL BE FOR A DEFINITIVE PEACE AGREEMENT.

(ANNOUNCER) LET ME ADD THAT ONCE THESE 600 MEN HAVE GONE, THE ONLY FRENCH TROOPS REMAINING IN RWANDA WILL BE INSTRUCTORS FROM THE FRENCH ARMY, WHO ARE TRAINING THE GOVERNMENT ARMY, IN OTHER WORDS A FEW DOZEN OFFICERS.

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TEXT:

((EXCERPT)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED: FIGHTING IN NORTHERN RWANDA)) ON SUNDAY (7 MARCH), WHEN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND REBELS WAS SIGNED AT DAR ES SALAAM, THERE WAS TALK OF A CONFIDENTIAL CLAUSE. WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT, MONIQUE MASSE?

((MASSE)) THE SOLE OBJECT OF THIS CONFIDENTIALITY WAS TO AVOID ANNOYING FRANCE. THE PUBLIC PART OF THE DAR ES SALAAM AGREEMENT MENTIONS THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM RWANDA; THE CONFIDENTIAL ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS MEANS FRENCH TROOPS, AND IT GIVES A TIMETABLE FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM RWANDA. THE FIRST CLAUSE CONCERNS THE FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO RWANDA AFTER THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) OFFENSIVE ON 8 FEBRUARY. THESE ARE TWO COMPANIES, ABOUT 300 MEN, WHO WILL HAVE A WEEK FROM 17 MARCH TO LEAVE RWANDA.

THE TWO OTHER COMPANIES OF FRENCH TROOPS, WHO ARRIVED IN RWANDA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE OCTOBER 1990 WAR -- ALSO ABOUT 300 MEN -- MUST THEN BE WITHDRAWN TO BARRACKS IN KIGALI, THE CAPITAL, FROM 17 MARCH, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD UNTIL THEY ARE REPLACED BY A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE, ON WHICH THE RPF AND THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAVE TO AGREE.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE ALREADY AGREED THAT IT WILL BE THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL CONTACT THE COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT SUPPLY THIS