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BODY
COUNTRY: (U) BURUNDI (BY); RWANDA (RW).

SUBJ: IIR BURUNDIAN CHIEFS OF STAFF DISCUSS MILITARY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI TROOP DISPOSITION ALONG NORTHERN BORDER (U)

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THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN RWANDA. THEY ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON BURUNDIAN TROOP DISPOSITIONS ALONG THEIR BORDER WITH RWANDA.

1. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE DISPOSITION OF BURUNDIAN MILITARY UNITS ALONG THE BORDER WITH RWANDA.

2. SAID THAT CAMP GAKO (ABOUT 35 KM SOUTHWEST OF KIGALI) HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE RPF AND THAT RUHENGIRI (ABOUT 70 KM NORTHEAST OF KIGALI) WAS ENCIRCLED BY THE RPF BUT THAT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES STILL HAD POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN THE CITY. CONCERNING KIGALI, MENTIONED THAT AT 2200 HOURS, 9 MAY 1994, THE RPF WAS BOMBARDING THE RWANDAN ARMY CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE CITY WITH ARTILLERY AND THAT THE ENTIRE CITY MAY SOON FALL UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

3. THE OPINION THAT ONCE THE RPF SECURED AN AXIS THAT RUNS FROM RUHENGIRI TO KIGALI TO CAMP GAKO THEY WILL "PROBABLY" BE SATISFIED AND NOT PRESS FURTHER WEST TO THE ZAIREAN BORDER. HOWEVER, SHOULD MASSACRES BY RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE IN THE AREAS THEY OCCUPY, THE RPF WOULD BE OBLIGED TO CONTINUE THE OFFENSIVE UNTIL THEY CONTROL THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

4. DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES, PALIPEHUTU, INTERHANWE OR THE MILITARY WING OF THE CDR (IMFUZANGABWI) INfiltrATING INTO BURUNDI. HAS SUFFICIENT FORCES IN THE NORTH TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEM THAT MIGHT ARISE.
- CIBITOKER - 1 BN
- KAYANZA - 1 BN PLUS "HALF OF THE 11TH ARMORED RECON BN"
- KIRUNDO - 1 BN PLUS "SOME UNITS FROM THE 1ST PARA BN"
- MYINGA - 1 BN

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NGOZI WHERE EITHER THE 4TH OR 6TH INFANTRY BN RESIDE, THE OTHER "BNs" LISTED ARE ACTUALLY MILITARY CAMPS WHICH REPORTEDLY HAVE 300 TO 500 PERSONNEL FROM VARIOUS SERVICES.)

5. [SI REDACTED] THE ABOVE LISTED UNITS ARE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN THE NORTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ELEMENTS OF THE 11TH ARMORED RECON BN AND 1ST PARACHUTE BN WHICH WERE SENT TO THE NORTH "SEVERAL MONTHS AGO." DUE TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE 21 OCTOBER 1993 COUP ATTEMPT, THE 11TH ARMORED RECON BN AND THE 1ST PARACHUTE BN WERE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, BANISHED FROM THEIR HOME BASE IN BUJUMBURA.) [SI REDACTED] THE NORTH HAS NO REINFORCING GENDARME UNITS IN THE NORTH, ONLY THOSE UNITS THAT ARE PERMANENTLY BASED THERE.

COMMENTS: 1. [SI REDACTED]

2. [SI REDACTED]

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