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AT THE ARUSHA TALKS, JOYCE LEADER.

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2. SUMMARY: THE GOR AND RPF DELEGATIONS REPORTED TO
A PLENARY SESSION ON MAY 8, 1993. THEY HAVE AGREED
ON AN AMBITIOUS DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS THAT WOULD
REINSERT ALL DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS INTO RWANDAN
SOCIETY WITHIN ONE YEAR. THE PARTIES ARE TURNING NOW
TO OUTSTANDING MILITARY ISSUES, FORCE PROPORTIONS
BEING THE MOST CRUCIAL. THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES ON AN INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY FORCE REMAIN STATIONARY. THEY HOPE, HOWEVER, TO MOVE ON TO REFUGEE ISSUES IN A WEEK OR 10 DAYS. THE FACILITATOR AND OBSERVERS ARE CONTEMPLATING THE FUTURE OF THE JPMC, AND HOW TO KEEP THEIR ROLE ALIVE DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD. END SUMMARY.

DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS

3. THE RPF PRESENTED A PAPER (NOT YET AVAILABLE) TO THE FACILITATOR AND OBSERVERS IN PLENARY SESSION ON MAY 8, OUTLINING THE AGREED PRINCIPLES, MODALITIES, AND FOLLOW-ON PROCEDURES FOR THE DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS. THE AIM IS TO FIND A SUITABLE PLACEMENT IN THE SOCIETY FOR EACH DEMOBILIZED GOR AND RPF SOLDIER ACCORDING TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND NEEDS WITHIN A STRICTLY SPECIFIED TIME FRAME. CATEGORIES ENVISIONED INCLUDE: THOSE NEEDING NO ASSISTANCE; THOSE QUALIFYING FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE; LONG AND SHORT TERM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAINING CANDIDATES; HANDICAPPED; THOSE WHOSE REINSERTION DEPENDS ON THE REFUGEE RETURN PROGRAM; AND OTHERS. THE PLAN CALLS FOR PLACEMENT TO BEGIN ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN ASSEMBLY-POINTS, DEPENDING ON THEIR CATEGORY, AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS THEREAFTER. ALL DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL ARE TO RECEIVE VETERAN'S BENEFITS, INVOLVING FREE MEDICAL CARE, TAX EXEMPTIONS, FREE SCHOOLING FOR TWO CHILDREN, FOR A LENGTH OF TIME YET TO BE DETERMINED. EACH DEMOBILIZED SOLDIER IS TO RECEIVE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT BEFORE LEAVING THE ASSEMBLY POINT, RANGING BETWEEN ABOUT RWANDAN FRANC 100,000 (USD 700) AND RWANDAN FRANC 500,000 (USD 3,500), DEPENDING ON RANK.

4. STILL OUTSTANDING IS THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THOSE SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED FOR DEMOBILIZATION WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THOSE SLATED TO REMAIN IN THE ARMY PRIOR TO TAKING UP AN ASSIGNED POSITION IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR. THE GOR CONTINUES TO ARGUE FOR SEPARATION ON GROUNDS THAT THEIR NEEDS WILL IMMEDIATELY BECOME DIFFERENT. THE RPF CONTINUES TO SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SEPARATION.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES
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6. THE SIXTEEN POINTS. THE GOR AND RPF HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF SIXTEEN POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT ON MILITARY ISSUES. A GOR DELEGATE, WHO HELPED DEVELOP THE LIST, SAID MOST CAN BE EASILY RESOLVED. FORCES PROPORTIONS REMAINS THE CENTRAL ISSUE. AMBASSADOR MPUNGWE WILL CONSULT TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES IN DAR ES SALAAM MAY 10 ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THIS ISSUE IN
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LIGHT OF THEIR DISCUSSION WITH BOTH SIDES. (NOTE:
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RWANDAN DEFENSE MINISTER GASANA VISITED DAR MAY 7
WITH REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT. END NOTE.) MPUNGWE
TOLD OBSERVERS HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ARUSHA WITH
THE TANZANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER WHO WILL PARTICIPATE
IN DISCUSSIONS ON FORCE PROPORTIONS.

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7. INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO DISCUSSION OF THIS
AGENDA ITEM, THE TWO SIDES HAVE PUT IT ON THE LIST OF
OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THIS IMPLIES THERE HAS BEEN NO
MOVEMENT SINCE THE TWO SIDES DEADLOCKED SOME WEEKS
AGO OVER WHETHER THE UN OR THE OAU WOULD LEAD AN
INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO SUPERVISE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PEACE ACCORD. THE RPF CONTINUES TO BE VAGUE
ABOUT WHETHER IT WOULD ACCEPT A UN LED FORCE.
UGANDA'S OBSERVER TOLD THE OTHER OBSERVERS THAT
UGANDA HAS SENT SIGNALS TO THE UN THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS (HE WOULDN'T ACCEPT "DEMARCHE") ENCOURAGING THE UN TO SUPPORT OAU INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA (HE IMPLIED SUPPORT FROM START TO FINISH, NOT JUST FOR AN EXPANDED GOMN). MPUNGWE'S DEPUTY, HOWEVER, ASSURED THE U.S. OBSERVER THAT TANZANIA SUPPORTS A UN FORCE AND THAT OAU OBSERVERS ARE EXAMINING COOPERATION MODALITIES AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE TWO PARTIES AND OTHER OBSERVERS.

8. THE GOMN. BOTH SIDES ARE PREPARING LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO THE OAU/SYG, AS PROPOSED BY THE FACILITATOR, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT. ONCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY ARE, TANZANIA MAY PRESS FOR AN OAU INITIATIVE WITH THE UN/SYG TO URGE UN COLLABORATION WITH THE OAU IN RWANDA.

9. INTERNATIONAL FORCE FOR KIGALI. THE TWO SIDES HAVE COMPLETED A JOINT PAPER TO GUIDE DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE AT THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING STILL EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN RWANDA SOMETIME SOON. AS DESCRIBED TO U.S. OBSERVER, THIS PAPER PROPOSES THAT THE MEETING REVIEW: 1) THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE GOMN; 2) THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO REPLACE THE FRENCH IN KIGALI, AND, 3) ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NO.2, SHOULD THESE EFFORTS PROVE INSUFFICIENT.

REFUGEE DISCUSSIONS: COMING SOON

10. UPON HIS RETURN FROM DAR ES SALAAM, AMBASSADOR MPUNGWE PLANS TO REVIEW WITH EACH PARTY THE LIST OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND SET A TARGET DATE FOR BEGINNING REFUGEE DISCUSSIONS. THE THINKING NOW IS THAT MAY 17 OR LATER THAT WEEK IS LIKELY. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THIS ESTIMATE RESTS ON AN OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT ON THE ABILITY OF THE TWO SIDES TO AGREE ON FORCE PROPORTIONS.

11. THE RPF SIDE BELIEVES THE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE DIFFICULTY OF THE REFUGEE ISSUE BECAUSE IT HAS "NOT SERIOUSLY STUDIED THE ISSUE." AN RPF DELEGATE TOLD U.S. OBSERVER THAT AN RPF SURVEY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
UGANDA, BURUNDI, AND TANZANIA INDICATED THAT MOST OF THE REFUGEES WANT TO "GO HOME" TO RWANDA. (NOTE: IN TANZANIA, AT LEAST, THIS FINDING CONTRADICTS THAT OF UNHCR. END NOTE) THE RPF DELEGATE SAID HE HAD ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT TO PLAN FOR VARIOUS SCENARIOS, WITH ONE MILLION RETURNEES AS THE HIGH ESTIMATE. (NOTE: GOVERNMENT PLANNING IS BASED ON AN ESTIMATED 80,000 RETURNEES, 50,000 RURAL AND 30,000 URBAN.) THE RPF DELEGATE PREDICTED HIS OWN FATHER WOULD REMAIN IN UGANDA WHERE THE GRANDCHILDREN ARE, RETURNING TO RWANDA AS A VISITOR TO SEE HIS SISTER AND NEPHEWS.
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12. THE RPF DELEGATE RAISED ONE POTENTIALLY
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CONTENTIOUS REFUGEE ISSUE. HE SAID THE RPF'S
"STARTING POSITION" IS THAT ALL REFUGEES MUST RETURN
BEFORE ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD. SIGNALLING EVENTUAL
COMPROMISE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE "PRACTICAL
DIFFICULTIES" INVOLVED. BUT, HE SAID, IF AT THE END
OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD THE CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY
IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO REFUGEE RETURN, IF THE GOVERNMENT
HAS NOT TAKEN THE STEPS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR
RETURN, IF NO REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED, THEN ELECTIONS
CANNOT BE HELD. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT RULE OUT
ORGANIZING VOTING OUTSIDE RWANDA--INDEED HE SAID THE
RPF COULD DO IT--HE SAID THE RPF WOULD NEVER ADVOCATE
SUCH A SOLUTION. THE GOVERNMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND,
IS ASSUMING ALL REFUGEES CANNOT BE BACK BEFORE THE
END OF THE TRANSITION AND THAT SOME SORT OF ABSENTEE
VOTING WILL BE NECESSARY.

WHITHER THE JPMC?
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13. AT AN OBSERVER'S MEETING MAY 7, THE FUTURE OF
THE JOINT POLITICAL MILITARY COMMISSION (JPMC) AND
THE ROLE OF OBSERVERS IN MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PEACE ACCORD CAME UP, REVEALING POTENTIAL
DIVISION AMONG OBSERVERS. THE OAU OBSERVERS SAID IT
WAS TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE JPMC. THE UGANDAN
OBSERVER SUPPORTED THIS, SAYING THE JPMC'S
COMPOSITION AND STATUS SHOULD BE REVIEWED.
14. THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR SAID HE HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO HAVE THE TWO PARTIES EXAMINE THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 03 DAR ES 02474 03 OF 03 111119Z QUESTION IN DECEMBER. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT THE JULY 12 CEASE-FIRE ACCORD (ART. IV) GIVES THE JPMC RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD. HE SAID THIS STRUCTURE COULD BE USEFUL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, ESPECIALLY IF THERE WERE A BREAKDOWN, AND WOULD PROVIDE AN ON-GOING ROLE FOR THE OBSERVERS. HE ALSO NOTED THE NAMIBIAN CASE, BY WAY OF CONTRAST, WHERE THE COUNTRY GUARANTORS OF THE PEACE ACCORD WERE INTIMATELY ENGAGED IN GETTING THE PROCESS BACK ON TRACK AFTER SWAPO'S SURPRISE APRIL, 1989 OFFENSIVE.


16. COMMENT: THE OBSERVERS WILL RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE JPMC AND THE ROLE OF OBSERVERS IN IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT. COMMENTS WELCOME.

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