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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SITREP PERIOD COVERING 28 APR 94.

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1. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATE THAT THE RPF SEEMS TO
   TIGHTENING ITS GRIP ON THE CITY. RPF TROOPS SPOTTED AROUND BIBUN
   ABOUT 30 KMS SOUTH EAST OF KIGALI. THE RGF LOCAL COMMANDER H
   INDICATED THAT THE AREA IS FALLING TO THE RPF. IT IS ALSO CONFIRM
   THAT AFTER INTENSIVE FIGHTING BASE (ON ROAD KIGALI - RUHENGIR
   FELL TO RPF ON 28 APR 94, IN AN APPARENT ADVANCE NORTHWARDS TOWAR
   RUHENGIRI. THIS DEVELOPMENT COUPLED WITH SEEMINGLY SWIFT MILITA
   SUCCESSES THE RPF HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED IS CREATING A GENER
   ATMOSPHERE OF GLOOM AND DOOM FOR SOME TROOPS AND OFFICERS WITH
   THE RGP. RGF YOUNG OFFICERS ARE EXPECTING RETALIATION FROM THE P
   IN RGF CONTROLLED AREAS ESPECIALLY AGAINST RGF PRISONERS OF WAF

2. SITUATION IS MAKING THE HITHERTO HARD LINERS NOW TALKING
   MODERATES IN THE RGF HIGH COMMAND. THE MODERATES ARE SUGGESTING
   UNCONDITIONAL CEASEFIRE TO ENABLE DIALOGUE WITH THE RPF. THE F
   COS HAS GONE WITH THESE PROPOSALS TO THE INTERIM GOVT IN GITAR
   THE OUTCOME IS YET NOT KNOWN.

3. THERE IS ALSO A MASSIVE EXODUS OF REFUGEES FROM THE GITAR
   AREA HEADING EASTWARDS TOWARDS THE TANZANIAN BORDER. ABOUT 100,
   ARE ALREADY KNOWN TO HAVE CROSS THE BORDER. ALSO IN GITARAMA,
   HUNT FOR OPPONENTS OF THE INTERIM GOVT IS STILL ON. THE MASSACR
   IN BUTARE ARE ALSO ON THE INCREASE.

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4. BULK OF THE RGF OFFICERS FEEL THAT IF DIALOGUE DO NOT TAKE PLACE IN TIME, MOST OF COUNTRY INCLUDING KIGALI WILL SOON BE UNDER CONTROL OF RPF. RELIABLE SOURCES INFORMED THAT YOUNG OFFICERS ARE PLANNING TO CARRYOUT MASSACRES IN MILLES COLLINS, SAINT FAMILLE, ECOLE NOTRE DAME DE CITEAUX AND OTHER REFUGEE CAMPS (MOSTLY TUTSIS) LOCATED IN RGF HELD AREA.

5. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SHOW UNAMIR PRESENCE AT THESE AREAS WHILE WE CONTINUE MONITORING THE SITUATION.

6. OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE WHOLE SITUATION NOW IS THAT THE RGF SIDE MAY CRUMBLE SOON AND SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, RGF TROOPS ARE LIKELY TO GO ON THE RAMPAGE IN FRUSTRATION AND DESPERATION.

7. ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE.