MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

DATE: Friday, June 17, 1994
TIME: 1416 EDT
PARTICIPANTS: The Secretary and French FM Juppe
SUBJECT: France’s Rwanda Initiative; Bosnia Peace Process

Foreign Minister Juppe called the Secretary from Abidjan to discuss France’s Rwanda initiative. The Secretary told Juppe he had been fully briefed by Deputy Secretary Talbott. The Secretary said he admires the initiative and wanted to lend it his support. He has spoken to Ambassador Albright and instructed her to support France’s efforts to achieve approval of a UNSC resolution sanctioning the operation.

The Secretary said U.S. support of the effort will be logistical in nature and promised that 50 APCs would be airlifted to Rwanda, beginning June 19.

E.O. 13526, 1.4(d)

Juppe told the Secretary he had spoken to UNSYG Boutros-Ghali, who supports the French initiative. Boutros-Ghali believes there will be a need for a UNSC resolution authorizing states to undertake a humanitarian mission to Rwanda, similar to other resolutions issued in the past. Juppe said Italy and Senegal had expressed willingness to contribute troops to this operation, and added

He said African countries had expressed political support for France’s moves.

E.O. 13526, 1.4(b), E.O. 13526, 1.4(d)

Juppe stressed that the operation is a purely humanitarian mission of short duration, intended to put an end to the genocide. France has no desire to install its forces for a long period in Rwanda. The operation will halt the slaughter, restoring a degree of order and paving the way for a full-fledged UN peace-keeping operation.
The Secretary shifted the conversation to the Bosnia Contact Group meeting in London. He was encouraged by reports that the Contact Group had made progress in outlining a map of the disputed territory. However, no consensus has been reached about how to proceed if one side in the conflict accepts the map and the other does not. The Secretary asserted that it is necessary to encourage the Contact Group to continue to work on a map and also develop an approach to deal with the consequences of any disagreement over the map's outlines. No high-level meeting should occur until both issues are resolved.

Juppe agreed that the reports from London on the work of the Contact Group were encouraging and no high-level meeting should take place in the absence of an agreement on both the map and consequences. He stressed that much depends on a shared U.S.-French viewpoint and that we should strive for a late June date for a high-level meeting on Bosnia.

The call concluded at 1426 EDT.