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1. THE GEN SITUATION IS VERY TENSE AND FLUID. INTENSIVE FIRING AND SHELLING CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE DAY. MAJOR COMBAT IN AREA BETWEEN FORCE HQ/STADIUM AND AIRPORT. OUTCOME NOT YET KNOWN. A FEW SHELLS LANDED VERY CLOSE TO THE FORCE HQ IN TWO OCCASIONS, IN THE MORNING AND EVENING. THE SPLINTERS HIT THE OPS ROOM BRACKING SOME WINDOW GLASSES. RPF STILL TIGHTENING THEIR GRIP IN THE CITY. RCF PUTTING UP SOME RESISTANCE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE KIGALI CITY. HOWEVER NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF BOTH THE WARRING GROUPS IN THE CITY. MILITIA STILL HOLDING SOME AREAS IN THE TOWN UNDER THEIR CONTROL. ORIGINALLY THOUGHT MORTAR SHELLS WERE LATER CONFIRMED AS MORTAR AND ROCKET LAUNCHED PROJECTILES ALSO LANDED NEAR THE HANGER AT KIA AT 0747 HRS INJURING ONE GHANIAN SOLDIER ON THE SPOT. 3 GHANIAN SOLDIERS (INCLUDING THOSE 2 WHO WERE INJURED ON 03 MAY 94) WERE EVACUATED TO NAIROBI DUE TO LAST NIGHT'S FIRING ON LOG COY HANGER (A FULLY WELL DEFINED INFRASTRUCTURE).

2. THE CANADIAN MEDIA TEAM LEFT FOR NAIROBI TODAY.

3. PC HELD A CONF WITH HIS COMMANDERS AND PEO AT FORCE HQ. ALSO CONDUCTED PERSONAL INVRSTIGATION AT AIRPORT ON THE SHELLING OF GHANIAN SUB UNIT.

4. UNOMUR REPORTED THAT NRA IS SHOWING NON-COOPERATION IN PROVIDING SOLDIERS WITH THEIR PATROLS UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT THEY ARE RUNNING SHORT OF MAN POWER.

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5. ICRC DELIVERED SIX TONS OF BEANS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO SAINTE FAMILLE CAMP, ONE TON TO TANZANIA EMBASSY AND THREE TONS TO THE ZAIRE EMBASSY. NO EVACUATIONS COULD BE CARRIED OUT TODAY DUE TO THE INTENSIVE FIRING THROUGH OUT THE DAY. UNOMUR REPORTS THAT ONE VEHICLE OF WFP CARRIED OUT RECCE AROUND LUBIRIZI-KASHAKYE AREA TO FIND OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CARTING THE FOOD AID TO RWANDA THROUGH THAT ROUTE.

6. PLEASE FIND THE ATTACHED UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGHLIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERED.

7. REGARDS.

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SR NO	DTG	OCCURRENCES
1.	040745	The first aircraft landed at 0745.
2.	040747	One shell landed on the airport.
3.	040750	Another shell landed on the airport injuring one Ghanaian soldier. Informed to LO RPF.
4.	040805	RPF has given word that they will not shell the airport for next one hr.
5.	040920	Continuous shelling is going on through out the morning. At least 8 shells have landed at CMD complex.
6.	040955	Force HQ was under shelling. some shells landed very close to the force HQ building.
7.	041135	The next aircraft is scheduled to land at 1340 hrs.
8.	041425	The aircraft landed at 1358hrs and departed at 1415 hrs.
9.	041815	Heavy fighting is going on south of the airport. It is very close to the airport.
10.	041840	Bullets are hitting the arrival hall of the airport.
11.	041900	Two shells landed very close to the Force HQ and splinters hit the HQ building breaking the window glasses of the OPS room.