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2. SUMMARY. IN A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 4, RPF REPRESENTATIVES COMPLAINED ABOUT HABYARIMANA'S ATTEMPT TO DILUTE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CABINET POSITIONS GIVEN TO THE RPF AND OPPOSITION PARTIES AS A PART OF THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT. THEY ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED UN INTERVENTION FORCE ALONG THE RWANDA/UGANDA BORDER, AND WHETHER THE

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- U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO THAT FORCE. END SUMMARY.
- 3. RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVES PASCAL BIZIMUNGU AND DR. NDAHIRO REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 4, AND CALLED ON HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE. POLOFF SAT IN ON THE MEETING.
- 4. BIZIMUNGU COMPLAINED ABOUT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S RECENT SECRETIVE MANIPULATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES HANDLED BY PARTICULAR MINISTRIES WHICH WOULD FALL UNDER THE RPF AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. THE RPF FEELS THAT HABYARIMANA IS SINGLEHANDEDLY UNDERMINING THE SPIRIT OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE AND OTHERS WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE NOTE OF ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE ACCORD.
- 5. BIZIMUNGU INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE UN NEUTRAL INTERVENTION FORCE (NIF), NOTING THAT IT IS PAST THE TIME SPECIFIED FOR DEPLOYMENT IN THE ARUSHA

PAGE 03 KAMPAL 07873 061353Z ACCORD. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION IS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAY WELL BE PASSED THIS WEEK. WHILE NO ONE SEEMS OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF THE FORCE, MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE TIME-CONSUMING AND THE UN IS OVER-EXTENDED THESE DAYS IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. CONCERNS ABOUT THE PRECISE MISSION OF THE FORCE AND BUDGET PRESSURES ARE CAUSING THE DELAY. AMBASSADOR ASSURED THE RPF THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED. THE UN AND ITS MEMBER STATES JUST HAVE OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS THESE DAYS.

6. THE RPF REPS ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND TROOPS AS PART OF THE NIF. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD THE QUESTION OF U.S. TROOPS RAISED. HE SAID, FRANKLY, HE DID NOT THINK WE WOULD PLAN TO SEND TROOPS, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE RPF AND GOR WISHED TO MAKE A JOINT REQUEST, IT WOULD CARRY MORE WEIGHT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

7. COMMENT. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL, WITH BIZIMUNGU CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING THE ARUSHA FOLLOW-UP PROCESS ON TRACK.

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THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE WOULD RELAY THE RPF'S MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. END COMMENT.

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