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Restricted Council: Wednesday, March 3rd, 1993

(Notes taken by Hubert Védrine)

1. Situation in Rwanda

The President: “We must get out, but by going through the United Nations. We cannot pull back like this.

It’s up to the Quai d’Orsay to ensure this shift very quickly. Is this possible?

We have to bridge the gap, to slow the advance of the Ugandans. It is urgent to obtain a decision from Boutros Ghali.

Our soldiers can become United Nations soldiers, but not them alone. We must act very quickly, in two or three days.”

2. Situation in the former Yugoslavia

The President: “If this were to turn into a NATO monopoly, I would reexamine the very principle of our participation. Eventually I would ask for an emergency meeting.

We are only involved with the United Nations.

I do not believe that the Americans want a real war (or else, they will have it fought by others).”