

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

October 8, 1990

The Admiral
President's Chief of Staff

– NOTE –

to the attention of the President of the Republic
(care of the Secretary General)

SUBJECT: Situation in RWANDA

The situation in RWANDA remains very worrisome. Relative calm reigns in KIGALI while fighting seems to be taking place in the northeast of the country.

The evacuation of our nationals continues, as well as their regrouping in the capital under our troops' protection.

I had two telephone conversations with the Rwandan president, who repeated his requests for aerial support and engagement of our ground units. I have confirmed that we could not respond favorably to this request, indicating that the mere presence of our force already had a stabilizing effect.

He was provided with ammunition during the early days of the crisis. A small package of rockets to arm his helicopters could now be useful if delivered to him.
(HANDWRITTEN NOTE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND: *yes*)

I believe that, furthermore, a pressing demand needs to be made of President MUSEVENI, who is evidently complicit in, if not responsible for, the coup d'état. BURUNDI appears to have engaged less openly but it is clear that President BUYOYA was informed of the rebels' plans and that he did not oppose them.
(HANDWRITTEN NOTE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND: *yes*)

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