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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

DAILY SITREP PERIOD 070600Z APR TO 080600Z APR 94 .

1. GEN SITUATION. THE SITUATION RETURNED INTO CHAOS AFTER THE CRASH OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE ON 062030 APR 94. ASSASSINATIONS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN THE MORNING OF 07 APR 94 ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TENDENCY AND ON U'AMIR TROOPS. TEN BELGIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND ONE GHANAIAN OFFR IS MISSING. HEAVY FIRING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. INTERMITTENT FIRING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT ALSO.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THERE IS NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY. ON 081100 APR 94 SRSG WAS MOVED TO HOTEL MERIDIEN WHERE HE CAN ACCESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES OUTSIDE RWANDA. ALSO IN THIS HOTEL ARE MAJORITY OF UNAMIR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. FORCE COMD LINKED UP WITH THE CRISIS COMMITTEE "COMITE THE CRISE" CREATED BY ALL RGF COMMANDERS ON 071000 APR 94. THE COMMITTEE ASKED ALL COMD TO BRING THEIR UNITS UNDER CONTROL AND THE REMAINING POLITICIANS TO START IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL PARTIES TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT (TRANSITIONAL ?).

3. FACIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. RGF. THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BATTALION AND A FACTION OF RGF STARTED FIRING RANDOMLY IN ORDER TO CREATE A SITUATION OF PANIC AND TO CONDUCT THE PLANNED ASSASSINATIONS OF MAINLY OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS AND RPF SUPPORTERS.

B. RPF. ON 071600 APR 94 ONE RPF COMPANY (THREE PLATOONS) WENT OUT OF CND COMPOUND AT KIGALI AND ENGAGED THE QUARTER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BATTALION. AT 16.00 HRS RPF COMD, MAJ GEN KAGAME, FORWARDED A MESSAGE THAT HIS TROOPS WOULD LEAVE MULINDI TOWARDS KIGALI ON 071800 (LAST LIGHT) IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE LOYAL TROOPS AND TO STOP THE KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. ON 081200 APR 94 WE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE FROM RPF THAT ONE RPF BATTALION IS MOVING TOWARDS KIGALI AND THAT THEY WILL NOT ALLOW ANY AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE PURPOSE OF THE BATTALION WILL BE TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT FORCES IN KEEPING RENEGADE FORCES FROM KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE. THE RPF FURTHER CAUTIONED THE CRISIS COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THE ADVANCING BATTALION IS NOT FIRED UPON DURING THE ADVANCE. UNAMIR ADVISED AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF AN RPF BATTALION INTO KIGALI BUT WELCOMES GEN KAGAME'S WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND MEETING IN KIGALI.

C. OTHERS. THE ASSASSINATIONS OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS IS FOLLOWED BY KILLINGS OF ETHNIC NATURE AND SOME INDISCRIMINATE KILLING. ALSO HOUSES ARE SEARCHED AND LOOTED.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. MOVEMENT OF UN TROOPS WERE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY BY THE RGF AND GENDARMERIE. BUT UNAMIR TROOPS

MANAGED TO RESCUE AND EVACUATED THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE TO UNAMIR HQ. UNAMIR FORCE HAS ALSO EVACUATED ITS OWN PERSONNEL AND CARRIED OUT MEDICAL EVACUATION OF WOUNDED UNAMIR AND OTHER PEOPLE. FC JOINED THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND TRIED TO NEGOTIATE/ASSIST THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF RGF AND GENDARMERIE TO BRING THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

B. UNCOMUR: NTR

C. DMZ: THE SITUATION IN THE DMZ AREA IS CALM. NTR.

D. MILOR: THE SITUATION AT RPF SECTOR IS VERY TENSE WITH INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF STAFF OFFERS AND TROOPS INSIDE MULINDI. AT 1700 HRS GEN KAGAME AND ONE PLATOON TROOPS, MOVED OUT OF MULINDI. SUSPECTED MOVING TO A STEP UP HQ. AT 1730 HRS A SENIOR OFFER MOVED OUT OF MULINDI WITH FAMILY OF GEN KAGAME, SUSPECTED MOVING TO UGANDA. AT 1830 HRS 3 X MINI BUSES FULL OF FAMILIES OF RPF MOVED OUT OF MULINDI, SUSPECTED ALSO MOVING TO UGANDA. AT 1905 HRS A PICK UP TRUCK WITH SEVERAL DRUMS OF FUEL MOVED OUT OF MULINDI, SUSPECTED TO REFUEL TASK VEHICLES.

E. KIGALI SECTOR

(1) KIBAT: 1 PLATOON IS STILL DEPLOYED AT AIRPORT IN ALL ROUND DEFENCE. 11 PERSONNEL ARE BLOCKED IN THE CANTONMENT VIKING. 10 KIBAT PERSONNEL TAKEN AS PRISONER AT CAMP KIGALI HAVE BEEN MURDERED. THEY WERE ORIGINALLY REPORTED AS MISSING. KIBAT HQ WAS HIT BY 03 X 30mm SHELL. THE HQ WAS REDEPLOYED AT HOTEL MERIDIEN AND IS NOW OPERATING FROM THERE. THEY ALSO PROVIDE SECURITY TO THE HOTEL WHERE MANY EXPATRIATES AND LOCALS TOOK SHELTER.

(2) RUTBAT: INTENSE FIRING AROUND AMAHORO CONTINUED FROM 071400 TO 071730 APR 94. RPF, RGF AND GENDARMERIE ARE IN POSITION AROUND THE STADIUM. WHOLE RUTBAT WAS UNDER CROSS FIRE. NO LOSS OF LIFE MATERIAL BUT ONE SOLDIER HAS A MINOR BULLET INJURY AND IS PRESENTLY UNDER TREATMENT. AT 15.30 HRS 25 BELGIAN TROOPS (KIBAT) WERE SURROUNDED BY RGF, GENDARMERIE AND A CROWD OF PEOPLE IN FRONT OF THE AMAHORO STADIUM. THEY FIRED THEIR WAY, SUSTAINED NO INJURY BUT ABANDONED THEIR VEHICLES AND TOOK SHELTER IN THE STADIUM (RUTBAT), ALSO 7 OBSERVERS OF URUGUAY AND 250 LOCALS TOOK SHELTER AT RUTBAT. DURING THE FIRING 05 ARMED RGF PERSONNEL CAME WITH INJURY AND WAS TREATED. THESE 05 PERSONS ARE STILL AT RUTBAT LOCATION. RUTBAT COLLECTED 04 X SLR, 01 X SMG, 210 ROUNDS OF AMMO AND 08 GRENADES FROM THE STADIUM AREA APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY.

(3) BYUBAT GOLF: DRAWN ALL PERSONNEL BACK TO DEFENSIVE POSITION AFTER THEY WERE OVERPOWERED BY LARGE AND BETTER EQUIPPED PRESIDENTIAL GUARDS AT VIP GUARD POINTS. EXCEPT FROM FORCE HQ, KIGALI SECTOR HQ AND SRSG'S HOUSE WHERE THE GUARDS STILL MAINTAIN THEIR

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POSITION. ONE SOLDIER TOOK SHELTER IN THE NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE WHEN THE HOUSE OF MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS WAS ATTACKED AND STILL MISSING. 05 X G-3 RIFLES WERE SEIZED BY ARMED ELEMENTS, BELIEVED TO BE PRESIDENTIAL GUARDS. 05 X G-3 RIFLES, 05 BLANKETS, 05 SLEEPING BAGS AND 01 WALKI TALKI SET WERE SEIZED FROM THE GUARDS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE.

(4) TUNISIAN COY. REMAINED DEPLOYED AT CND IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION.

5. UNCIYPOL. ALL PERSONNEL ARE SAFE AND UNDER PROTECTION OF UNAMIR FORCES.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. NO LOGISTICS AND RATION COULD BE SUPPLIED TO ANY UNITS OWING TO INTENSIVE FIRING ON ALL ROUTE FROM COY LOCATION.

9. MISC.

(1) RURAL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS ARE OUT OF ORDER SINCE 080900 APR 94.

(2) UNAMIR CASUALTIES

SL NO	RANK AND NAME	ID NO	COUNTRY	TYPE OF INJURY
01	10 X BELGIAN SOLDIERS		BELGIAN	DEAD
02	01 X SOLDIER OF GHANA		GHANA	MISSING
03	WO HARUN		BANGLADESH	BULLET
04	CAPT TARRASCO	749	URUGUAY	HAND INJURY *
05	MAJ CIESLINSKAS	586	URUGUAY	ABDOMEN *

(*) MAJOR INJURY