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Regarding: visit to President Habyarimana  
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1. It seems legitimate to me to examine the opportunity for a visit to President Habyarimana. Cf. MT 77 of 23/01 under 12 regarding Mr. Devaux of the World Bank, who is asking himself questions on a (relatively long) trip abroad at a point when the situation in Rwanda is so confused. I received a telephone call yesterday evening (26/01) from Maître Gillet, informing me that the situation is worsening in safety terms. Due to this troubled climate, Gillet states, they are trying to see whether the publication of part of the report (on the genocide) could not be brought forward, i.e. within 15 days. The global report would then be published during the following month. For my part, I did not mention the presidential visit. It is possible that Maître Gillet will make contact with your services.
2. Another element which seems to me should be indicated is the following. In their opposition to the appointment of the Defence Minister Gasana as head of delegation for Arusha, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Ngulinzira referred to a manoeuvre by President Habyarimana. During our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon (26/01), Ngulinzira himself spoke of a "Machiavellian plan".  
According to the two ministers, the president is involved in the destabilisation and serious disturbances which are currently occurring. The dispatch of the Minister Gasana to Arusha (who appears to be a moderate and does not always share the positions of the MRND) implies that his Chief of Staff, Colonel Bagasora has been replaced in the delegation by Colonel Rutayisire (head of external security), who has also been discarded due to his relatively poor relationship with Bagasora. According to a communiqué issued on Sunday evening by the MDR branch of Kigali (MT 080 of 25/01, item 5), this latter party shall remain in Kigali in order to assist with the preparation and execution of a well determined plan.
3. This Machiavellian plan to which Ngulinzira alluded would resemble the following, according to certain rumours:
  - pursuit of destabilisation (ethnic disturbances, demonstrations, etc.)
  - departure of the President abroad, where he explains the dramatic and uncontrollable situation
  - coup d'état or takeover by Colonel Bagasora, Colonel Anatole Nsengiyumva (chief of staff) and Colonel Bizimungu (head of the operational zone of Ruhengeri).