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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM AF/C - K. AISTON

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1. (C) UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: AS YOU SAW FROM GENEVA 00816 (JAN. 28), THE UNHRC WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO RECOMMEND KEEPING RWANDA UNDER REVIEW FOR ANOTHER YEAR. AF/RA HAS ASKED ME WHETHER WE HAVE ANY OBJECTION

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TO THIS RECOMMENDATION. I DIDN'T THINK SO BUT I WANTED TO CHECK WITH YOU BEFORE ANSWERING AF/RA'S QUERY. THEY WOULD LIKE A RESPONSE BY WED. (FEB. 9).

2. (LOU) WORLD BANK/UNDP AND DEMOBILIZATION: MARLENE URBINA SPOKE TO DEAN KLINE AND SENT ME AN E-MAIL WITH A
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READOUT OF THE TELCON. FROM WHAT MARLENE FOUND OUT, IT LOOKS LIKE THE WORLD BANK WON'T BE DELAYING THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE. FOR YOUR INFO, HERE'S THE TEXT OF MARLENE'S E-MAIL:

I JUST GOT A CALL FROM DEAN KLINE, USED ASSISTANT, AND HE PROVIDED AF/EPS WITH THE FOLLOWING READOUT ON HIS CONVERSATION/CONSULTATIONS WITH JEROME CHEVALLIER (JC) CONCERNING RWANDA:

-- THE WORLD BANK AGREES TO THE TIME TABLE AS ENVISIONED BY THE UNDP. JC WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNDP HUMANITARIAN ROUNDTABLE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY IN GENEVA. JC REITERATED THAT HE LIKES WORKING WITH THE UNDP.

-- THE WORLD BANK HAS AGREED TO UNDP'S TIGHT/COMPRESSED SCHEDULE.

-- THIS (UNDP PROGRAM) IS PROBABLY THE ONLY THING GOING FOR RWANDA SINCE AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM/POLICY AGREEMENT IS DELAYED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

-- THE WORLD BANK IS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE/WORK WITH UNDP IN PUTTING TOGETHER A HUMANITARIAN PACKAGE BUT JC HIGHLIGHTED THAT THIS IS NOT BANK'S BUSINESS ANYHOW (THE BANK COVERS STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS).

-- THE WORLD BANK AND IMF WERE HOPING THAT RWANDA WOULD HAVE AGREED TO AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM BY APRIL 1 -- WHEN CURRENT RWANDA ESAF PROGRAM EXPIRES. BUT AS THINGS STAND
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NOW (NO TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO DO BUSINESS WITH), THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

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GOVERNMENT AND IFIS IS BLEAK.

-- FOR THE WORLD BANK, THE UNDP SCHEDULE IS A LOT LESS PRESSING NOW SINCE IT IS LIKELY RWANDA WILL NOT HAVE AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN PLACE BY APRIL 1.

-- LOOKS LIKE MEETINGS (HUMANITARIAN & ECONOMIC) WILL BE HELD SEPARATELY.

-- THERE IS A WORLD BANK MISSION IN RWANDA UNTIL THE END THIS WEEK (2/6). (HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL BRIEF OUR AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE).

-- ON DEMOBILIZATION, JC'S VIEW IS THAT UNDP HAS DONE A RELATIVELY GOOD JOB. HOWEVER, JC BELIEVES SOME OF UNDP'S PROPOSALS ARE UNREALISTIC.

-- GENERALLY THE WORLD BANK FINDS THE UNDP HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM TOO BIG, AND IS AFRAID THAT IT MAY CROWD OUT WHAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT MAY NEED ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE (I GUESS IN TERMS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT IT).

-- THE WORLD BANK STILL ENVISIONS AN SPA-LIKE DONOR MEETING ON RWANDA. JC DID NOT SPECIFY WHEN AND WHERE.

-- HQ WORLD BANK HAS BEEN RELAYING BANK'S VIEWS TO THE RESIDENT REP IN THE FIELD. MAINLY, HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNDP
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PERSON AND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM,

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-- OVERALL, DEAN SAID THAT THE WORLD BANK (JC) WAS SUPPORTIVE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE BANK / IMF WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THERE IS A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN PLACE TO FINALIZE AN ECONOMIC POLICY PROGRAM. MEANWHILE, THE BANK IS MORE THAN WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH UNDP EFFORTS (AS MUCH AS THEY CAN I SUPPOSE).

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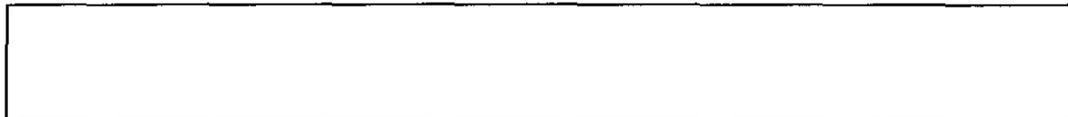
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