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Amb Gharekhan informed that SG's special envoy I. Riza who was joined by gen. Baril, military advisor for PKOs, completed their mission in Rwanda and would be returning to New York over the weekend. They met twice with RPF representatives in Mulindi and twice with representatives of the RGF in Kigali. This apparently resulted in an agreement of both sides to meet on Monday 30 May under the auspices of UNAMIR to discuss a possible ceasefire. UNAMIR has prepared a draft agreement which in addition to a ceasefire includes the control of the militias, protection of civilians, cessation of broadcast of the private radio station Mille Collines and the question of protection of the Kigali airport.

The military situation is tense and unpredictable. During their stay in Kigali, the parties upheld the ceasefire both in the capital and in its vicinity so that for the first time in a long time, UNAMIR observers had the chance to travel outside Kigali. According to latest information, the RPF is stabilizing its position at Kigali airport and in the city, RGF units are starting to leave the capital. The RPF is attaining important military successes also in the south of the country. The RGF is apparently fortifying the provincial town of Butare as their last stronghold. Under UNAMIR control, some 400 Hutus have been moved to a Kigali zone controlled by the RGF and 300 Tutsis to a zone under the RPF.

Ghana, Ethiopia, Senegal and Zimbabwe gave the SG written assurances of their readiness to contribute troops for Rwanda. Ghana can strengthen its units right away, others are negotiating with Western countries on providing military equipment.

After their return, Riza and Baril will inform the SC. They will also prepare a report for the SG which should form the basis for the SG's report for the SC, for it to be able to consider UNAMIR's readiness for the second phase of the operation.