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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, UN, FR, RW
SUBJECT: WGRW01: FRENCH AGREEMENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF
- KIGALI AIRPORT; APRIL 8, 2030 HRS LOCAL TIME

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE SPOKE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT 2030 HRS ON
APRIL 8 WHO CONFIRMED TO US THAT FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM IN BRUSSELS, THE GOF HAS
AGREED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT IN KIGALI TO
PERMIT THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS DUE TO THE
DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION. HE STATED THAT THE
OPERATION WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN FULL COORDINATION WITH
THE BELGIAN FORCES IN KIGALI.

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3. THE FRENCH TROOPS WILL COME FROM GOF OPERATIONAL TROOPS STATIONED IN THE C.A.R.; [REDACTED] EXPECTS THE FORCE TO NUMBER BETWEEN 100-200. HE STATED THAT THE RWANDAN MILITARY COMMAND HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND AGREED TO THE FRENCH OPERATION. THE FRENCH HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATIONS TO THE RWANDAN ARMY CONCERNING TIMING, METHODS OR SIZE OF THE CONTINGENT. THE RPF HAS NOT/NOT BEEN NOTIFIED NOR DO THE FRENCH INTEND TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN SEIZED. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL TIME OF THE FRENCH FORCES IN KIGALI SINCE SOME DETAILS OF THE EXPEDITION ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED. HE ADDED THAT THE SEIZURE WOULD TAKE PLACE "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

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5. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE BELIEVES/BELIEVES THAT THE FRENCH JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ADMIRAL LANXADE, HAS CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO HIS U.S. COUNTERPART. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT THE FRENCH DEFENSE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON WILL BE INFORMED SHORTLY.

6. BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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