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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PINS, AEMR, CASC, PREL
SUBJECT: WGRW01: WORKING GROUP FORMATION TO DEAL WITH
THE SITUATION IN KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. ON APRIL 7, 1994, AT 1300 EDT, THE SECRETARY DIRECTED THAT A 24 HOUR WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED IN THE OPERATIONS CENTER TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA. TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE WORKING GROUP ARE 202-647-6614, 6616, 6617 FOR INTERNAL STATE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND 202-647-0900 FOR CONGRESSIONAL, PUBLIC AND PRESS INQUIRIES. THE NUMBER 202-647-0900 IS THE ONLY NUMBER THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN OUT TO THE PRESS OR GENERAL PUBLIC. WORKING GROUP SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: STU III - 202-647-0764 AND 202-647-0765 AND STATE DEPARTMENT MLP-1 INTERFACE #2010.

3. THE WORKING GROUP IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY PRUDENCE BUSHNELL. THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING BUREAUS AND OFFICES: AF, INR, CA, IM, H, PA, DS, IO AND PM.

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4. THE WORKING GROUP IS THE CENTER OF ALL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY CONCERNED WITH THIS SITUATION. ALL REPORTING RELATED TO THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD INCLUDE THE SAME INDICATOR WHICH APPEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUBJECT LINE OF THIS MESSAGE:

- WGRW01; RPT WGRW01.

5. KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY:

- A. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISH A 24-HOUR OPEN TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN KIGALI AND THE WORKING GROUP, THE LINE SHOULD BE MONITORED AT ALL TIMES.

- B. BY RETURN NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS AND OTHER KEY OFFICERS WHO WILL HAVE ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THIS CRISIS.

- C. PROVIDE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ALL SECURE VOICE ASSETS AND OTHER USG COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS LOCALLY AVAILABLE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR IMMEDIATE SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS.

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- D. START A SINGLE, COMPREHENSIVE LOG OF ALL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND ACTION ITEMS. THE LOG SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE TO REPORTING AND INFORMATION PASSED VIA SECURE AND NON-SECURE VOICE. LOG SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO S/S AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORKING GROUP.

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- E. PREPARE A DAILY SITUATION REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY 1500 EDT FOR AS LONG AS THE WORKING GROUP IS IN OPERATION.

- F. REVIEW POST'S EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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