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MEMORANDUM

TO: AF - Pru Bushnell  
FROM: AF/C - Arlene Render  
SUBJECT: U.S. Position on UNAMIR

In preparation for your Peacekeeping Core Group teleconference concerning the future of UNAMIR at 5:00 P.M. today, you may wish to use the the following talking points:

-- Two of the alternatives proposed by the UNSYG are clearly unacceptable to the U.S., i.e. (a) Alternative I: "immediate and massive reinforcement of UNAMIR" to enforce a ceasefire with its possible conversion to a Chapter VII operation; or (b) Alternative III: immediate and complete withdrawal of UNAMIR with the corollary risk of killings of persons currently under UN protection and the likelihood such deaths would cause immediate repercussions in Burundi.

-- Consequently, the only politically and ethically viable option appears to be modified Alternative II: to maintain a UN political and military presence in Rwanda sufficient to continue to broker a ceasefire and to protect the persons currently under UN protection, until such time as their security can be reasonably assured. This option would imply not agreeing to the SYG's proposed reduction of UNAMIR to a 270-man force, but requesting continuation of the present force as long as it is needed to protect these civilians now depending for their security on UNAMIR. (This assumes UNAMIR's own security can continue to be met.)

Once those conditions are met, the UNSC could either move to the "Angola option" skeleton force option (the SYG's Alternative II) or total withdrawal (Alternative III) depending on conditions prevailing in Rwanda at the time.

Attachment:

UNSYG April 20 Report on UNAMIR

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