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~~(S)~~ RWANDA INTERAGENCY TELECON: On 11 May, MEA, PK/PE, and SO/LIC attended the daily Rwanda IWG telecon. After a brief sitrep (read from press articles since no one had heard from Kigali today), AF/C announced that the owner of one of the hotels in Kigali (where the foreign press may be staying) had called State and said that he had heard that the GoR forces were going to attack it due to the bad publicity they were getting. AF/C solution? Pru Bushnell will call the GoR military and tell them we will hold them personally responsible if anything happens (!). BBG was quoted in the Geneva press today as saying he is "confident" that a 5,500 man PKO force can be raised from Nigeria, Tanzania, and Ghana, and that the U.S. will ferry in the troops to Kigali." (!) Namibia has indicated that, if asked, it might be willing to send troops, and State is checking on the reported Canadian offer to send 200 support troops. AF/C brought up the ICRC request for the U.S. to provide a C-130--the unanimous decision was that OFDA would help fund such an aircraft lease, but that there would be no US military aircraft involved. Then another incoming ICRC request was discussed--U.S. military airlift of an additional 240MT of food, medical supplies, and tentage from Nairobi to Bujumbura. Three important questions were raised: has Bujumbura been informed?, who will pay?, and, isn't there a Congressional Notification required somewhere along the line? AF/C said it would make sure Bujumbura knew, it would try to firm up funding, and yes, at the \$3M non-reimbursed level the Congress needs to be informed. At that point the meeting degenerated into a NSC/State attempt to sign-up our Principals to support a Chapter VII operation wearing Chapter VI sheep's clothing, with OSD and Joint Staff in stiff opposition. Joint Staff did a masterful job of pointing out the differences between Chapters VI and VII, but was unable to convince NSC and State to hold a Peacekeeping Core Group meeting on the subject prior to going to the Deputies for a decision. (There will be a PK Core Group meeting at 1100 on Monday--no topic or discussion paper--and for Principals only--assume Haiti is the topic but no one was talking) Instead, State sent out a straw-man for overnight clearance by the Deputies. PK/PE will have a cover-memo with suggested changes ready for DASD/MEA and ASD/ISA chop before we have to leave for the 1030 State-hosted meeting on "where the people are who need protecting in Rwanda, and how can we flesh out our proposal for the UN?" Deputy-level chops are due back to State by early afternoon. The position as of now: NSC and State seem convinced that the VP's mention during his visit to S. Africa of the U.S. not liking the UN's proposed plan to put a large number of forces in Kigali and our expressed interest in examining other solutions means that we have signed up to the alternative solution that he introduced (setting up camps for the refugees where they can be safe and cared for). Joint Staff and the OSD AO's feel that the U.S. is not committed to supporting that option, but that we are committed to examining it and other alternatives. In particular, Joint Staff and we strongly object to signing up for open-ended missions that could lead to UN troops being in life-threatening situations without proper arms or ROEs. One of the main problems with the NSC/State thinking is that it puts a camp for refugees on the

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Burundi/Rwanda border, right in the path of escape for any renegade Hutu forces that might be pursued by the RPF. Those forces (which are the reason the people are in the camp in the first place) must go someplace, most likely through the camp, unless the PKO force turns them back (not a Chapter VI operation), or unless the PKO force takes them into protective custody (but you can't put them in the camps full of people they have been killing). Even if the PKO force did take them into custody, what will they say to the RPF when they demand the PKO release the Hutu killers to them? Meanwhile, all of this is very likely to have destabilized Burundi to the point that it comes apart and the PKO camp is now in the middle (land-locked and without air-evacuation options) between two civil wars. Of course the bottom line that Joint Staff and OSD participants signed up to was, "If the Deputies determine that such an action is the way we want to go, then that is the way we want to go. however, we want the details fairly presented to the Deputies so they understand exactly what they are signing up for." (LtCol Harvin)