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SUBJECT: GOR WARNED IT IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FATE OF
 -- CIVILIANS BEHIND ITS LINES

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. ACTION REQUEST PAR. 7.
3. CONCERNED ABOUT PRESS AND UNAMIR REPORTS THAT GOR FORCES PLANNED AN ATTACK ON THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL, AND THAT CIVILIANS WERE BEING KILLED IN THE CYANGUGU STADIUM IN WESTERN RWANDA, AF DAS PRUDENCE BUSHNELL TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY MAY 11 AND EARLY MAY 12 TO REACH RWANDAN DEFMIN CHIEF OF CABINET, COL. BAGASORA, BY PHONE. BAGASORA'S CLERK REPORTED THAT BAGASORA WAS ON LEAVE BECAUSE HIS FATHER HAD DIED, AND PROMISED TO DELIVER BUSHNELL'S REQUEST TO RETURN THE CALL PROMPTLY. BUSHNELL WAS ABLE TO REACH GOR CHIEF OF STAFF BIZIMUNGU AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE USG WAS HOLDING HIM, BAGASORA AND THE PRESIDENT OF RWANDA PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE HOTEL MILLE COLLINES, AND ALL OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE AGAINST MASSACRES
-- INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STADIUM IN CYANGUGU.

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4. BIZIMUNGU'S FIRST RESPONSE WAS "WITH THAT THREAT WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE ME OUT AND SHOOT ME." HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO A NOW FAMILIAR LITANY OF REASONS WHY HE WAS POWERLESS TO CONTROL EVENTS IN RWANDA: IT WAS THE PRESIDENT OF RWANDA, NOT HE, WHO WAS IN CHARGE AND, NO, HE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER OR HOW TO CONTACT HIM; WITH RPF BOMBS FALLING HE COULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO HELP; HE DID NOT KNOW COL. BAGASORA (ALTHOUGH AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION HE WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM BAGASORA'S PHONE NUMBER) AND SHOULD NOT BE LUMPED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS HE; ALL ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MASSACRES WERE LIES CREATED BY THE RPF AND "THAT MONIQUE." (REFERRING TO ELL-KNOW HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA). WHEN BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN RWANDA, BUSHNELL COMMUNICATED HER WHOLEHEARTED AGREEMENT.
5. TO BIZIMUNGU'S CLAIM THAT A CEASEFIRE WAS NEEDED FOR HIM TO RESTORE LAW AND ORDER, BUSHNELL SUGGESTED THAT HE RELEASE EVERYONE IN THE CYANGUGU STADIUM AS A GESTURE OF GOR SINCERE INTENTIONS. BIZIMUNGU RETORTED THAT HE HAD NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH CYANGUGU; HE COULD ONLY COMMUNICATE BY TELEPHONE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. BUSHNELL CONCLUDED THE

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CONVERSATION EMPHASIZING YET AGAIN THAT THE WORLD, AND THE USG IN PARTICULAR, WAS WATCHING RWANDA VERY CLOSELY AND THAT HE, AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE RWANDAN MILITARY WOULD BE HELP PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE LIVES OF INNOCENTS BEHIND GOR LINES. SHE SUGGESTED THAT HE FIND SOME WAY OF COMMUNICATING THAT SAME MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO COL. BAGASORA SO THEY WOULD BE EQUALLY ADVISED OF OUR VIEWS.

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6. COMMENT. BIZIMUNGU SEEMED GENUINELY RATTLED BY THE CONVERSATION. UNFORTUNATELY THAT DOES NOT MEAN HE CAN OR WILL DO ANYTHING TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN THE HOTEL MILLE COLLINES AND OTHER POINTS OF REFUGE. WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REACH BAGASORA TO GIVE HIM THE SAME MESSAGE BIZIMUNGU RECEIVED. END COMMENT.

7. ACTION REQUEST. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CALL IN THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR AND INFORM HIM, IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, OF THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:

-- THAT THE U.S.G. AND THE WORLD HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA, AND ITS CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF CIVILIANS IN RWANDA BEHIND GOR LINES.

-- THAT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MUST IMMEDIATELY MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CALLING FOR AN END TO THE MASSACRES, AND MILITARY OFFICERS MUST TAKE STEPS TO BRING RENEGADE UNITS AND MILITIAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

-- THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE ADEQUATE STEPS TO PROTECT THE LIVES PARTICULARLY OF THOSE GATHERED IN THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL, IN THE CYANGUGU STADIUM, AND IN ALL OTHER PLACES OF REFUGE THROUGHOUT RWANDA.

8. POSTS SHOULD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEES THE RWANDAN REACTION TO THE DEMARCHE.

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9. FOR CAIRO: SEPTTEL PROVIDES TALKING POINTS ON RWANDA
FOR USE WITH THE GOE. POST MAY ALSO BRIEF GOE ON THIS
DEMARCHE.

10. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZED CONSIDERED. TALBOTT

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