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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE BELOW

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SUBJECT: Rwanda - Update (11:00 a.m.)

OUR ACTIONS ON RWANDA:

We are planning to ask the Burundian government to allow our Marines in Bujumbura to stay until tomorrow, so that they can fly during daylight hours. Some of the troops will be returning to Kenya, while we are asking the Ugandan government's permission to station others at Entebbe for 3 days in possible support for evacuation operations in Rwanda.

We have been asked by the Germans for helicopter assistance in getting about a dozen of their citizens out of a Deutsche Welle relay station near Kigali. We have indicated that we do not intend to introduce American forces into Rwanda (as we similarly declined requests from the Belgians and French), and are discussing with the Belgians/French what assets they may have available to meet the German request.

We are also following the progress of American "stragglers". Of some concern is a group of Adventists who are east of Kigali. Most of this group intends to continue on to Tanzania, but two elderly members of the group are planning to return to the airport in Kigali for air transport out.

The U.N. Security Council will meet this afternoon on the UNAMIR mission's future. Apparently, the Commander on the ground says that the troops should be pulled out, as he is hard-pressed to see how his troops can support a mission that no longer exists. We will need to work out our position on this soon.

Assistant Secretary Moose has been asked to brief members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee on Rwanda at 1 p.m. today.

We last had contact with Human Rights watcher Monique at 6:45 a.m. yesterday. She was safe. We have asked UNAMIR to pay close attention to her safety.

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