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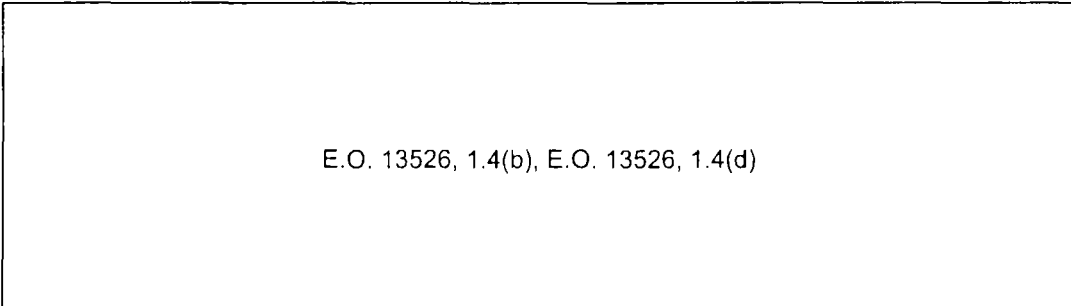
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ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS ADVISED WAITING, OTHERS STILL WANT TO TRY FOR A RESOLUTION TODAY. COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE AT 4:30 PM APRIL 15. END SUMMARY.

3. THE COUNCIL'S APRIL 15 MORNING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEGAN WITH A READ-OUT FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. THE FORCE COMMANDER (FC) IS STILL TRYING TO GET TALKS GOING. UNAMIR IS MOVING INTO THE AIRPORT BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE BELGIANS. FRENCH FORCES ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY OUT; BELGIAN NON-UN FORCES WILL BE OUT BY SATURDAY. BELGIAN UNAMIR FORCES WILL BE OUT WITHIN 48-72 HOURS. A SMALL ITALIAN COMPANY LANDED AT THE KIGALI AIRPORT WITHOUT NOTICE. THE FC ASKED THEM TO DEPART. THE FC HAD TWO REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL: FIRST, GIVE THE FC THE FLEXIBILITY TO SET APPROPRIATE TIMEFRAME FOR A CEASEFIRE, NEGOTIATIONS, ETC. SECOND, DO NOT CAST BLAME ON ANY ONE PARTY, BUT ~~RECEIVE~~ ALL MESSAGES TO BOTH.

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DOING OTHERWISE WOULD COMPLICATE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. NIGERIAN AMB GAMBARI LAID OUT ITS MAXIMALIST POSITION, ON BEHALF OF THE NAM CAUCUS. WHILE BELGIAN CONCERNS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE, THEY SHOULD NOT DICTATE TO THE COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR. UNAMIR SHOULD NOT RPT NOT WITHDRAW. BOTH SIDES WANT THE UN TO STAY, SINCE THEY ARE PROVIDING A MEASURE OF ORDER IN A CHAOTIC SITUATION. NO OTHER TROOPS CONTRIBUTORS INDICATED A WISH TO WITHDRAW. THE FIGHTING HAS DIMINISHED AND THE UN IS ENCOURAGING A CEASEFIRE. THE OAU WROTE TO SAY UNAMIR IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESTORATION OF PEACE, AND TO APPEAL TO THE SC TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF UNAMIR. THE OAU ALSO OFFERED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING A CEASEFIRE, THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF OAU SYG SALIM, OAU PRESIDENT MUBARAK, TANZANIAN PRESIDENT MWINYI AND UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI. THE UN SYG AND SRSG WANT UNAMIR TO REMAIN. GIVEN ALL THE ABOVE FACTORS, NIGERIA ASSERTED THAT THE QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED WERE: WHAT TASKS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE UN, AND WHICH OF THE TWO OPTIONS BEST ENABLES THE UN TO CARRY OUT THOSE TASKS.

5. GAMBARI SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FOUR TASKS WERE APPROPRIATE FOR THE UN: (A) LEND A HELPING HAND IN SAVING INNOCENT CIVILIAN LIVES, WITHOUT GUARANTEEING SAFETY OF CIVILIANS, (B) HELP BRING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE, (C) PROMOTE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE NEEDED FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, AND (D) ESTABLISH A LIAISON FOR THE OAU'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, ONCE THOSE GET OFF THE GROUND. HE DECLARED THAT THE NAM PREFERRED OPTION ONE, BUT WITH A FORCE OF THE SIZE OF UNAMIR PRIOR TO BELGIAN WITHDRAWAL.

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7. THE SC PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT BY NOT TAKING A DECISION TO WITHDRAW, THE COUNCIL WAS ACTUALLY DECIDING TO KEEP THE FORCE IN PLACE, ALTHOUGH THE DECISION WAS NOT ON PAPER.

E.O. 13526, 1.4(b), E.O. 13526, 1.4(d) WANTED TO HOLD OFF FOR NOW. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID A FAILURE TO TAKE A DECISION WAS UNSATISFACTORY. IT WOULD LEAVE UNAMIR IN PLACE, BUT WITHOUT ANY SENSE OF [REDACTED], AND WITH A MANDATE IT

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CANNOT POSSIBLY FULFIL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HOW HARD IT WOULD BE TO GET A DECISION TODAY WITH THE NAM AND THE U.S. SO FAR APART. UK LEANS TOWARDS OPTION 2, SINCE IT HAS NO TIME LIMIT. THERE DOES NOT NEED TO BE A LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY LEFT IN RWANDA. SOME MILITARY STAFF ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE THEIR EXPERT OPINIONS ON THE TALKS ABOUT CEASEFIRE. THE LIMITED UN PRESENCE LEFT TO FACILITATE PEACE TALKS COULD BE CALLED SOMETHING OTHER THAN "UNAMIR", IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THEN UNAMIR COULD BE SUSPENDED.

E.O. 13526, 1.4(b), E.O. 13526, 1.4(d) URGED A SC DECISION ASAP. HE FEARED A WEAKENED UNAMIR COULD BE OPEN TO ATTACK, IN WHICH CASE THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD HAVE THE NEW CASUALTIES ON THEIR CONSCIENCES- HE ALSO LEANED TOWARDS OPTION TWO, WITHOUT NECESSARILY THAT NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

10. COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH U.S., FRANCE, NIGERIA AND BELGIUM AT 3:30 4/15. COUNCIL WILL RESUME INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AT 4:30 4/15.

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