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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA CALLS FOR NATIONAL
UNITY AND CONTINUED VIGILANCE

1. SUMMARY. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE
RETURNING TO RWANDA OCT 3 TO RESUME COMMAND OF THE
RWANDAN ARMED FORCES, PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA CALLED FOR
NATIONAL UNITY AND CONTINUED VIGILANCE. HABYARIMANA'S
SPEECH WAS DELIVERED AFTER THE INTENSE FIREFIGHT
BETWEEN RWANDAN AND INVADING FORCES IN AND AROUND
KIGALI BETWEEN 0200 AND 0600 HOURS LOCAL TIME. HE
STATED THAT THE "WORST WAS OVER" BUT THAT FIGHTING
CONTINUES. ALTHOUGH THE ATTACKERS RELIED ON SUPPORT
FROM INDIVIDUAL "TRAITORS" INSIDE RWANDA, HABYARIMANA
PROMISED THAT NO SINGLE ETHNIC OR REGIONAL GROUP WILL
BE SINGLED OUT FOR BLAME. HE SAID THAT RECENT ARRESTS
AND INTERROGATIONS DID NOT IMPLY THAT THE CONCERNED
PARTIES WERE GUILTY. THE SPEECH WAS DELIVERED AT 1415
HOURS LOCAL TIME IN BOTH KINYARWANDA AND IN FRENCH.
END SUMMARY.

2. A ROUGH TRANSLATION OF HABYARIMANA'S SPEECH
PREPARED BY POST FOLLOWS:
RWANDANS, FRIENDS OF RWANDA,

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir.
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OUR COUNTRY IS UNDER ATTACK. THIS ATTACK WAS WELL
PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT BY ARMED REFUGEES, MOST OF
WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY OF
UGANDA.
WHEN NEWS OF THE ATTACK REACHED ME, I INTERRUPTED MY
TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN ORDER TO
RETURN TO KIGALI AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY MANY THOUSANDS OF TROOPS
EQUIPPED WITH ARMS, AMMUNITION AND WAR MATERIEL. THE
MOST VIOLENT CLASHES OCCURRED IN THE MUTARA REGION.
THE TACTIC USED BY THE ATTACKERS WHEN THEY REALIZED
THEY FACED POWERFUL AND DETERMINED RESISTANCE WAS TO
HIDE THEMSELVES AND INFILTRATE DEEPER INTO RWANDA IN
SMALL AND EVEN VERY SMALL GROUPS. THIS TACTIC WAS USED
AS AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE THE FATE THAT AWAITED THEM AT
THE HANDS OF THE RWANDAN ARMY, AND TO SOW CONFUSION
AND DISORDER IN THE RWANDAN POPULATION.
BEFORE LAST NIGHT'S ATTACK WE REALIZED THAT SOME OF
THESE GUERRILLAS HAD INFILTRATED INTO KIGALI. BECAUSE
OF THIS INFILTRATION, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF IMPOSED
A CURFEW IN KIGALI AND PROHIBITED THE ASSEMBLY OF
GROUPS OF MORE THAN TWO PERSONS. THESE MEASURES WERE
IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT ALL RWANDANS. THE MEASURES HAVE
BEEN STRENGTHENED TODAY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT
GUERRILLAS STILL SEEK TO INFILTRATE OUR CAPITAL.
IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS ATTACK WAS WELL PREPARED IN
ADVANCE. WE HOPED THAT THE OUTLAWS WHO CARRIED OUT THE
ATTACK WOULD REALIZE THAT ARMS CANNOT RESOLVE THEIR
PROBLEMS. WE DEPLORE THE FANATICISM OF OUR ADVERSARIES
WHICH HAS HURT THE CAUSE OF THE REFUGEES. IT HAS
DISCREDITED THEIR REAL INTENTIONS.
I AM SORRY TO NOTE THAT THE REBELS HOPED TO BENEFIT
FROM THE COMPLEXITY OF ELEMENTS INSIDE OF RWANDA. THE
INDIVIDUAL CASES OF TREASON WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED
ARE BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION. WE WILL FOLLOW ALL LEADS
TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, THE ARRESTS AND
INTERROGATIONS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE DO NOT MEAN THAT
THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED ARE NECESSARILY GUILTY.
WE DO NOT SINGLE OUT ANY OF OUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS
FOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK, WHATEVER THEIR
ETHNIC OR REGIONAL BACKGROUND. I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT
OUR POLITICAL MATURITY WILL GUARANTEE CONTINUED
NATIONAL UNITY, UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE. NO INDIVIDUAL
NOR EVENT CAN SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THESE IMPORTANT
IDEALS.
IN THE COURSE OF THIS ATTACK WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
COUNT ON THE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS. FOR THIS, I REJOICE.
RWANDA HAS PREFERRED TO INVEST ITS RESOURCES IN
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, RATHER THAN IN NATIONAL DEFENSE.
RWANDA HAS PASSED THROUGH A GRAVE MOMENT. THE WORST IS
OVER, BUT FIGHTING CONTINUES. THANKS TO THE ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION OF OUR CITIZENS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
UNMASK THE INFILTRATORS IN OUR MIDST. I WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SELF-CONTROL AND MASTERY OF
THE SITUATION. I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE RWANDAN
ARMED FORCES, WHICH HAVE DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE
AND PATRIOTISM. I HOPE THAT WE MAY ALL MAINTAIN OUR
CALM AND SERENITY IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE IMPORTANT
PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE TOWARDS PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT.
THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL, BUT WE MUST REMAIN
VIGILANT.
TO ALL THE EXPATRIATES LIVING IN OUR MIDST I WOULD

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LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE. YOU DID NOT
EXPECT TO HAVE TO EXPERIENCE SUCH DIFFICULTIES IN
RWANDA. WE HAVE DONE ALL IN OUR POWER TO GUARANTEE
YOUR SAFETY. WE WILL BE THE FIRST TO INFORM YOU IF YOU
ARE IN ANY DANGER. PLEASE REMAIN INFORMED BY FOLLOWING
THE UPDATES CARRIED ON RADIO RWANDA.
LONG LIVE RWANDA!
2. SPORADIC GUNFIRE WAS HEARD IN DOWNTOWN KIGALI AS
THE PRESIDENT DELIVERED HIS SPEECH.
REGARDS FROM KIGALI.
PATRICK
END OF MESSAGE

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