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DEPT ALSO PASS AID/AFR/EA MARWITZ AND PEACE CORPS -
AF BOUCHARD AND CRABILL

USIA FOR AF K. KELANEY
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 LONDON FOR KOLKER
 PARIS FOR FENDRICK
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 TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PREL, UG, RW, TZ
 SUBJECT: REBEL LEADER CALLS FOR RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT
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1. (C) IN AN INTERVIEW BROADCAST IN RWANDA AT 0700 HOURS LOCAL TIME OCT 16, REBEL LEADER ALEXIS KANYARENGWE, FORMER RWANDAN MILITARY OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, DISCUSSED THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT'S (RPF) CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOR. KANYARENGWE FLED RWANDA IN 1980 AFTER AN ABORTED COUP ATTEMPT. HE HAS LIVED IN TANZANIA IN EXILE UNTIL THE RPF INVASION OF RWANDA OCT 1. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT KANYARENGWE, A HUTU, PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE RPF. HE HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR FOR HABYARIMANA, SHOULD THE RPF SEIZE POWER IN RWANDA. (SEE REFTELS).

2. (U) IN AN INTERVIEW ON RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONALE, KANYARENGWE ENUMERATED THREE CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOR:

- THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA, "WHO HAS USED TRIBAL POLITICS TO REMAIN IN POWER."
- THE HALT OF ARRESTS AND THE RELEASE OF ALL PERSONS DETAINED BY THE GOR SINCE THE ONSET OF HOSTILITIES OCT 1.
- THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS, WHO ARE "INTERFERING IN A RWANDAN MATTER."

3. (C) COMMENT. KANYARENGWE'S INTERVIEW CONFIRMS THE ROLE HE PLAYS IN THE RPF AND CONTRADICTS REPORTS THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED DURING FIGHTING IN GABIRO.

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KANYARENGWE'S PRESENCE IN THE RPF HIERARCHY IS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN FOR RWANDAN OBSERVERS. AS A FORMER CHIEF OF THE RWANDAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, AND MOST SENIOR ARMY OFFICER (AFTER PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA), HE "KNOWS THE TERRAIN AND THE SYSTEM'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES." AS A PROMINENT HUTU AND ONCE POPULAR LEADER FROM THE NORTHERN PREFECTURE OF RUHENGERI, HE LENDS A NEEDED INTER-ETHNIC AIR TO THE RPF FORCES WHICH ARE PREDOMINANTLY COMPOSED OF TUTSI EXILES. END COMMENT.

REGARDS FROM KIGALI.
SPEARMAN