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TAGS: PINS, AEMR, CASC, PREL
SUBJECT: TFRW01: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 06:00 EDT.
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1. (LOU) EMBASSY KIGALI IS PROCEEDING WITH AN OVERLAND
EVAUATION TO BURUNDI. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO ORDER
AMERICAN CITIZENS TO GATHER AT THREE CONSOLIDATION
POINTS IN KIGALI. UNAMIR PLANS TO ESCORT THREE CONVOYS
TO THE BORDER APRIL 9, WITH THE FIRST SCHEDULED TO
DEPART IN THE AFTERNOON. UNAMIR HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES

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THAT THE CONVOYS WILL NOT BE FIRED ON. AMBASSADOR RAWSON HOPES ALL AMERICANS WILL DEPART KIGALI TODAY OR TOMORROW. THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY STRONGLY PREFERRED AN OVERLAND EVACUATION, AS IT FEARED AN AIRLIFT WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO BEING SHOT DOWN AS WAS THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY KIGALI TELCON)

2. (LOU) INDIAN, KENYAN, TANZANIAN, WORLD BANK, AND GERMAN EVACUEES MAY JOIN THE U.S. OVERLAND CONVOY. THE BELGIANS AND FRENCH APPARENTLY STILL INTEND AN AIRLIFT. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY KIGALI AND EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM TELCONS)

3. (LOU) CHARGE LANGE SECURED GOB APPROVAL TO USE BUJUMBURA AS AN EVACUATION STAGING AREA AFTER MEETING WITH THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, THE ACTING PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET APRIL 9, OVERCOMING THE MILITARY'S SUSPICION OF THE TROOP ARRIVAL. THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAS ALSO GIVEN BLANKET CLEARANCE TO CONDUCT EVACUATION OPERATIONS FROM KENYA. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY BUJUMBURA TELCON; KUSLO NAIROBI 090449Z LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. (LOU) PLANNING FOR THE AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE OF BUJUMBURA PROCEEDS, WITH GROUPS OF 3-4 PEOPLE LEAVING VIA COMMERCIAL AIR IN THE NEXT WEEK. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY BUJUMBURA TELCON)

5. (LOU) NEW RWANDAN PRESIDENT SINDIKUBWABO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO FORM A "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT" WITH THREE TASKS: ESTABLISH ORDER; PURSUE CONTACT WITH THE RPF TO FORM A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE UN-PRESCRIBED TIME FRAME (SIX WEEKS); AND DECIDE HOW TO RESOLVE THE QUESTIONS OF FAMINE AND THE RETURN HOME OF DISPLACED PERSONS. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY KIGALI TELCON)

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