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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PREL, PINS, RW, UG SUBJECT: RPF'S DR. NDIHIRO ON ARUSHA TALKS

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2. RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE **REVIEW AUTHORITY: HARRY R MELONE** DATE/CASE ID: 14 DEC 2006 200503196

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NDIHIRO MET WITH DCM AND POLOFF ON MAY 27. HIS CENTRAL MESSAGE WAS THAT THE RPF REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS, DESPITE THEIR SLOW PACE. NDIHIRO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TOUR OF BRITAIN, BELGIUM, GERMANY, AND SWITZERLAND WITH RPA COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME, WHO HE SAID HAD RETURNED TO REBEL-HELD RWANDA ON MAY 26.

3. NDIHIRO DESCRIBED THE RPF POSITION ON THE ISSUES OF ELECTIONS IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, THE RPF ROLE IN THE GENDARMERIE, AND THE FRENCH ROLE IN PEACEKEEPING FORCES. HE OFFERED AN EARNEST EXPLANATION OF RPF VIEWS ON THOSE TOPICS, BUT DID NOT BREAK ANY NEW GROUND.

4. THE DCM WELCOMED NDIHIRO'S ASSURANCES THAT THE RPF REMAINED COMMITTED TO THE ARUSHA TALKS, AND STRESSED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE TO MAKE REAL CONCESSIONS TO MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS A SUCCESS.

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