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SUBJECT: TRILATERAL MEETING ON RWANDA

REF: STATE 269241

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT
- 2. SUMMARY: AS PART OF THE TRILATERAL MEETING ON ZAIRE IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30 (REFTEL), ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN RWANDA WITH HIS FRENCH AND BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS. THE THREE SHARED ASSESSMENTS OF

THE NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, DISCUSSED THE ALLEGATIONS OF REPRISAL KILLINGS IN THE SOUTHEAST, THE DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AND THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE RAISED THE QUESTION OF REPAYMENT OF RWANDAN ARREARS TO THE WORLD BANK IN ORDER TO FREE UP 250 MILLION DOLLARS IN PROJECT ASSISTANCE. THE BELGIANS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN MOBILIZING DONORS AND CONTRIBUTING TO FUNDING THE ARREARS REPAYMENT. THE FRENCH FLOATED THE NOTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE THE REGIONAL CRISIS, BUT ADMITTED THAT THE "MOMENT HAD NOT YET COME." END SUMMARY.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE REMARKED THAT IN THE US ASSESSMENT, THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS A SERIOUS INTERLOCUTOR, BUT THAT THE ALLEGATIONS OF REPRISAL KILLINGS IN THE SOUTHEAST "RAISED ALL THE OLD QUESTIONS." MOOSE EMPHASIZED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S ACTIONS MAY DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS IN RWANDA. HE SAID THAT THE US HAD PRESSED HARD FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR IN PART AS A RESPONSE TO THE REPORTS OF INCIDENTS IN THE SOUTHEAST. CONFIDENTIAL

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MOOSE ADDED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE UN DEPLOY HUMAN
RIGHTS MONITORS IN RWANDA QUICKLY, AND THAT DELAYS HAD
GIVEN RISE TO JUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM IN THE US NGO
COMMUNITY.

4. MOOSE MENTIONED THAT UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH HAD DELAYED HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL KAGAME ON THE ISSUE OF REPRISAL KILLINGS.

MOOSE UNDERLINED THE DESTITUTION OF THE KIGALI GOVERNMENT, AND NOTED THAT CREATING CONDITIONS FOR A RETURN OF THE REFUGEES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE ABSENCE OF BASIC STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT AND A JUDICIAL SYSTEM. MOOSE ADDED THAT THE US UNDERSTOOD THE WORLD BANK MIGHT MAKE AVAILABLE 250 MILLION DOLLARS IN PROJECT ASSISTANCE IF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT REPAID ARREARS TO THE BANK WHICH WILL REACH 7 MILLION DOLLARS BY MAY 1995.

5. BELGIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRANS VAN DAELE SAID THAT BELGIUM WAS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN MOBILIZING DONORS AND FUNDING THE ARREARS IN ORDER TO FREE В1

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"AN IMPORTANT AMOUNT" OF BANK MONIES. THE BELGIANS
UNDERSTOOD THE ARREARS TO BE 4 MILLION, HOWEVER, RISING TO
5.2 MILLION IN MARCH 1995. VAN DAELE SAID THAT BRUSSELS
HAD RESUMED NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN
KIGALI, BUT NOTED THAT THE BELGIANS WOULD PRESS THE
GOVERNMENT TO BROADEN ITS BASE TO "REACH THE THRESHOLD OF
POLITICAL RECONCILIATION." THE BELGIANS SUPPORTED THE
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RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, AND URGED THE US AND FRANCE TO CONSIDER INCLUDING COORDINATION OF THE MONITORS AND UNAMIR WHEN NEXT THE LATTER'S MANDATE IS RENEWED (IN DECEMBER).

6. ON THE QUESTION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. THE BELGIANS SAID THEY AWAITED THE REPORT DUE NEXT WEEK OF THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS. A/S MOOSE SAID THAT EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL SEEMED THE FASTEST MEANS TO

GET THIS OPERATIONAL, BUT HE AGREED WITH VAN DAELE'S JUDGMENT THIS WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE LACK OF ANY SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IN RWANDA.

7. FRENCH AFRICA DIRECTOR JEAN-MARC DE LA SABLIERE WAS SILENT THROUGH MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION ON RWANDA. AT THE END OF THE MEETING HE FLOATED THE NOTION OF AN INTEGNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RWANDA AND BURUNDI WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ALL OF THE "PRINCIPAL ACTORS." DE LA SABLIERE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT "THE MOMENT HAD NOT YET COME." CHRISTOPHER

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