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To: Force Comd

From: Force PAO

Info: SRSG, DFC, COS, DCosOps, DCosSp, MA, Executive Director,  
CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 29 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 29 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International Monetary Fund states that African nations are amongst the most heavily indebted nations of all poor countries in the world. Mozambique, Cameroon, Madagascar and Zaire are some of the most heavily indebted nations in the world.

b. Libya has announced that 300,000 Sudanese living in Libya will have to leave the country by Christmas following muslim extremist riots that occurred in Benghazi (sp?). Khartoum is said to be getting ready to accept the Sudanese.

c. Three busloads of expelled Palestinians from Libya have crossed the border en route to either the Gaza Strip or to Jordan. They were expelled as part of Libyan protests against the Israeli/Palestinian peace accord.

d. The former Algerian foreign minister, who last served in government in 1992, has been assassinated in Algeria. Although no longer a serving minister he was seen as a key behind the scenes player with the government who also opposed militant extremists. There have been no claims of responsibility, but the militants have vowed to create havoc as the upcoming Nov 16 elections approach. Since 1992, when the government annulled elections that the muslims were poised to win, 40,000 people have died as a result of extremist terrorist acts.

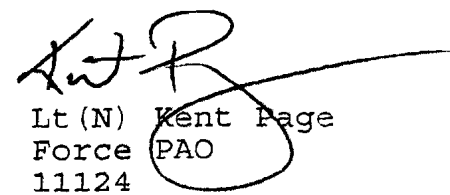
e. President Clinton presided over the signing of a peace accord extending Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank. The US says it hopes that this will give an impetus for improved relations between Syria and Israel. President Mubarek of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan will meet to discuss how peace could be brokered between the two countries. The Lebanese have also been called upon to try and bring peace to the Middle East.

f. NATO is expected to formally endorse a plan which will send thousands of multi-national troops under UN and NATO command into the former Yugoslav republic. NATO is eager to involve Russian troops, but Russia is objecting to NATO expansion to include Eastern European countries.

g. US envoy Richard Holbrook will meet with the Bosnia's Muslim-led government to try and establish a lasting ceasefire and to further the peace process. Meanwhile, heavy fighting continues in the north west as Muslim forces meet stiff resistance as they move on to Serb-held Banja Luka.

h. A French mercenary is leading a coup on the Indian Ocean island of Comoros. Bob Denard was driven from power of the island six years ago and he yesterday led a group of foreign mercenaries that attacked the Presidential Palace and seized the President. He has now opened up talks with the President. Fighting was reported around the palace and many people are reported killed. France has condemned the coup.

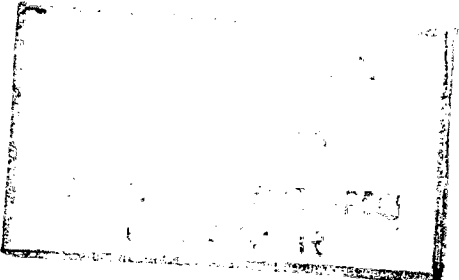
i. Remember: After all is said and done, more is said than done.

  
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Subject: 28 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 28 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

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a. An International Federation of the Red Cross truck travelling four km North of Goma airport hit a mine yesterday on a road regularly travelled by the Red Cross. Up to 23 people sustained injuries as the vehicle overturned. None of the injuries were life-threatening. Two days ago, an ICRC vehicle struck a mine in Gikongoro prefecture, injuring a nurse.

b. China has announced that it has cancelled plans to help Iran build two new nuclear reactors. This has been an area of concern with the US, straining US-Sino relationships.

c. Israel and the PLO will sign an accord today at the White House extending Palestinian self rule on the West Bank. The accord calls for a partial withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank.

d. The next step in the peace process will be to get Israel and Syria together to work on a peace agreement - the main stumbling block being Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

e. The leader of the Serb-led Yugoslav republic has called for a mutual ceasefire starting as early as next week in Bosnia. No word yet as to whether the other parties will agree to it.


f. The murder trial of OJ Simpson is drawing to a close with closing arguments being made to the jury after months of trial. The jury could sit as early as Monday to determine whether Simpson is guilty or not of murder. He claims that he was at home when the murders took place.

g. Colombia's President has claimed that there is an international conspiracy plotting against him which accuses him of accepting drug cartel money, an allegation he denies.

h. Argentina and Britain have agreed to sign an accord to share in profits from oil and gas recovered off the disputed Falkland Islands - both countries claim sovereignty of the Islands.

i. Japan and the US have signed an agreement to tighten up discipline of US troops in Japan following protests over the rape of a schoolgirl in Okinawa by three servicemen. Many Japanese claim this is not enough and want reforms to laws to allow for the extradition of military personnel who commit crimes in their country. At present, military personnel are returned to their home country to face trial.

j. Opposition parties in Zambia are protesting over the government's wish to change the constitution to allow only those who were born in Zambia and whose parents were born in Zambia to run for President. This would nullify presidential candidate Kenneth Kaunda's bid for the presidency as his parents were born in Malawi.

  
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Subject: 27 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 27 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Following the show of unity announcement by Angola's President and the UNITA leader that they would work together to help rebuild Angola following 20 years of civil war, \$1 billion in donor money has been pledged by the international community to help with the repatriation of more than one million refugees, to reintegrate soldiers into civilian life and to help rebuild the country.

b. Health workers in Uganda are now into their second week of striking for higher pay - demanding a 1000% wage increase.

c. Zambia's government is proposing an amendment which would allow only Zambian-born citizens with Zambian-born parents to run for the presidency as well as banning those who have already served twice as president. This new amendment would ban former President Kenneth Kaunda from running again. He says that these are the tactics of the "frightened little men" in power who are threatened by his bid for presidency.

d. Former President Jimmy Carter has painted a bleak picture for the Sudan saying that the country is becoming more isolated and that the rebels and Khartoum are doing nothing to create a more stable environment.

e. UN officials have stated that Libya has expelled another 1500 Palestinians from Libya in protest of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's deal for peace with Israel which Libya opposes. Libya has denied that it is planning to expel all 30,000 Palestinians who live in Libya.

f. Balkan foreign ministers representing Bosnia, Croatia and the Serbs, meeting in New York have come up with a proposed structure for a new Bosnian government, however no agreement was reached on any ceasefire in the region. President Clinton reiterated that US troops could see peacekeeping duties as part of a NATO peacekeeping force.

g. NATO has presented a framework to Russia that would emphasize Russia's special relationship with NATO. This follows Russia's

opposition and strained relations with the West over the proposed expansion of NATO membership to Eastern European countries.


h. French forces have seized a vessel belonging to Greenpeace which sailed into the exclusion zone waters around the Mutura Atoll. A second nuclear test is planned in the next few days.

i. Japan has expressed its dismay and concern that China and France are continuing nuclear tests saying that it demonstrates an act of bad faith considering that an upcoming resolution will call for the ban of all nuclear testing.

j. The World Food Programme says that the food shortage in Iraq is so severe that 4 million people are at risk of physical and mental disease as a result of malnutrition or starvation. Over half of these people are children under the age of five years old.

k. Over 3,000 people protested in Japan yesterday, demanding that 3 US servicemen charged with raping a schoolgirl, be turned over to Japanese authorities for trial. Under terms of agreement, the servicemen have been returned to the US for trial. The protesters also demanded that the US pull its troops out of Japan.

l. Colin Powell says that he might consider running as a presidential candidate for Ross Perot's new Independence Party, but that he would also consider running as a Republican or an independent. However, he said he will make his intentions known about whether he will announce his candidacy until November.

  
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Subject: 25 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 25 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Israeli and PLO negotiators have reached a new deal on expanded self-rule and autonomy which will be signed at the White House on 28 Sep. As part of the deal, Israeli soldiers will begin to withdraw from the region within 10 days of the signing although some troops will remain, particularly to provide security for the Jewish settlers in Hebron. Israel will also release thousands of prisoners as part of the deal. It has not been accepted positively in all areas, however. Israeli settlers have threatened an all out civil war if the plan goes ahead and moderates on both sides are only accepting of the plan, not overjoyed. The UN has cautioned the international community that it must now pull together to help keep the peace process in place.

b. The Bosnian government has declared that it will not send a representative to peace talks in New York tomorrow in what may be a major setback in the peace process. They are protesting details over the issue of constitutional status. Meanwhile, new fighting is continuing along the Croat border.

c. The Sunday Telegraph reported that China has sold Iran nuclear technology and that within 5 years Iran may have nuclear capability.

d. An environmental group has stated that the twenty Iraqi ships that were sunk during the Gulf War may have contained chemical weapons which are threatening the environmental balance in the waters where they lay.

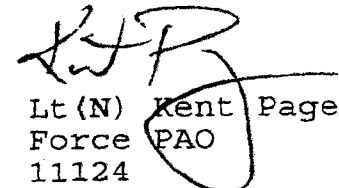
e. The Russian government has banned the cutting of off electrical power to any military base, regardless of whether it has paid its bills or not. This follows last weeks incident in which nuclear submarines at a Northern Fleet base had the power cut off to them after the electrical company was not able to collect on the \$5 million owed to it by the military. The incident caused only minor damage but the potential for a nuclear meltdown was high.



f. A volcano is being classified as a hazardous eruption in New Zealand although at the moment, the volcano is not a serious threat to life there.

g. Somali faction leader Aideed has stated that Libya is the first country that will be sending an ambassador to begin diplomatic relations with the so-called Republic of Somalia, which was formed in June, 1995. Libya would then be the only country in the world to recognize the official status of the Republic. This follows the visit of two Libyan military officials to Mogadishu last week.

h. The Pope has accused Western nations of adding fuel to the civil war fires that are burning across Africa by selling arms to the various countries and factions. He said that the eyes of the children of Africa are watching in judgement of the countries that do so.

  
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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 23 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Israeli and Palestinian authorities will continue their talks on expanded Palestinian self-rule and autonomy. The talks have an air of optimism about them and it is believed that a deal is nearly reached regarding the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers - with the only snag being perhaps Hebron, where Israeli soldiers would conduct reduced, joint patrols of the Jewish settlement there.


b. Fighting continues in Northwest and central Bosnia as the Serbs vow to regain territory lost in the last two weeks. The Serbs have also dismissed Bosnian calls for Banja Luka to be demilitarized.

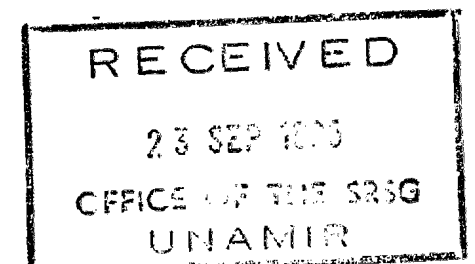
c. The International Court of Justice in the Haag has dismissed New Zealand's request to investigate the need for continued nuclear tests in the South Pacific by France.

d. Nearly 100 countries voted yesterday in Geneva to halt the exporting of toxic waste to developing countries.

e. The UN Security Council has voted to extend the mandate of the UN mission in the Western Sahara into 1996. This means that the 300 peacekeepers will remain there faced with the long-running - more than three years - question of the referendum. The current problem of arguments between Morocco and the Polisario include the fact that the Polisario is complaining that Morocco has including tens of thousands of names in the referendum vote which should not be taking part in the vote. The referendum question is simply, Do you vote for incorporation into Morocco or independence?

f. Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting have announced a deal which will make the companies the largest multi-media company in the world.

  
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Subject: 22 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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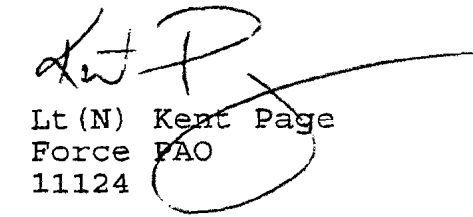
1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 22 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The White House has pledged \$20 million in aid to international and non-governmental organizations to help Rwanda and Burundi. The White House says that the region is important to the States and that investing there is in US interests.
  - b. Former US President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn will be visiting Kenya and Uganda next week on a trip to help solve the regional problems in Rwanda, Burundi and the Sudan. He will meet with the Presidents of both Kenya and Rwanda and has stated that unless real solutions are found soon, the region could explode in widespread violence. He also claims that a strong military force could act as an effective buffer between Zaire and Rwanda. This marks Carter's third trip to Africa this year.
  - c. The Rwandan refugee situation in Goma and Bukavu, Zaire is causing a ecological catastrophe calling for a plan of action which according to Zairean officials would cost \$3 billion. UNDP is tracking the situation and an official states that the main problems are the cutting down of trees for firewood, waste management or lack thereof, and the fact that the region, with its particular flora and fauna and volcanic base, is particularly fragile to begin with and the influx of one million people has disrupted the ecological balance.
  - d. A Zimbabwean Major General has taken over as the UN's Force Commander in Angola who's main job will be to oversee the ceasefire.
  - e. Zambian State Radio stated earlier this week that the former President and seven of his officials were under house arrest for assaulting the Deputy Minister of Education during a motorcade fracas, but it is now reported that he never was under arrest.
  - f. UNHCR will deliver food to 150 Palestinian refugees expelled by Libya and now living along the border of Egypt and Libya.
  - g. Fighting has eased in northern Bosnia. The Bosnian President has stated that he will accept a sixty day ceasefire agreement,

followed by a peace accord, but only if the Serbs withdraw completely from around Sarajevo and Banja Luka. The Serbs have ruled out any temporary ceasefires and are unlikely to leave Banja Luka unprotected.

h. Meanwhile, the UN Special Envoy, Richard Goldstone is to meet with Boutros Boutros-Ghali to discuss the resolve of NATO and the UN to negotiate a settlement.

i. The son in law of Saddam Hussein has stated that Iraq was close to developing a small nuclear bomb during the Gulf War which could have been deployed in missiles or aircraft. He has defected to Jordan and served as a General in Hussein's army.

j. Cuba is dismissing a US House bill which would tighten 33 year old economic trade sanctions against Cuba. President Clinton has vowed to veto the bill even if it passes in the House.



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Subject: 21 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 21 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. NATO and UN officials have agreed to an indefinite suspension of airstrikes against the Serbs, saying that all of their big weapons have been removed from the 20km exclusion zone around Sarajevo. They warn that if the guns move back in or there is any halting of UN and humanitarian convoys to Sarajevo, that the strikes will resume. The removal of the weapons was verified by UN inspection teams on the ground.

b. Tension is high in Angola's capital as security forces prepare for a scheduled protest today against the government and economic hardship and poverty. Gunshots were heard around the capital yesterday but there were no reports of injuries.

c. Somali warlord Aideed has freed seven of the 21 hostages that he took while taking over Baidoa. The remaining hostages are likely to be freed today according to CARE officials.

d. Riot police in the Ivory Coast capital city fired teargas at about 100 demonstrators who were protesting the domination of the government over the mass media in conjunction with upcoming elections there. Some of the protesters were injured.

e. Uganda's striking health workers are demanding a 1000% pay increase but the government has told them if they don't go back to work they will all be fired. They have been on strike since Tuesday.

f. The Turkish President has accepted the resignation of the Turkish Prime Minister.

g. The fourth day of marathon meetings between Israeli and PLO officials ended with no agreement. A consensus is trying to be reached about what details of the Israeli withdrawal from Hebron on the West Bank.

h. The hijacked Iranian airliner is back in Tehran with all its passengers except for the steward who conducted the hijacking and is in Israel asking for political asylum.


i. A top Egyptian newspaper says it has discovered the mass graves of Egyptian prisoners who were massacred by Israeli soldiers during the 1967 Civil War. Israel has made no comment.

j. UN authorities have stated that Iraq has conducted live tests of a SCUD missile armed with chemical/biological weapons.

k. Two gunmen have taken 9 people hostage on a bus in the Caucasus region, demanding \$1 million by noon today and a helicopter.

l. The 16 NATO partners have taken the first administrative steps towards extending NATO partnership to Eastern European nations - a move that is protested by Russia. The number and names of those countries being considered for partnership have not yet been identified.

m. For a third straight year in a row, Taiwan's efforts to join the UN have been thwarted by a veto from China which considers Taiwan to be a rebel province of China.

  
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Subject: 20 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 20 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. France's highest ranking official to visit Rwanda since the civil war last year, the Secretary of State for Emergency Aid, has wrapped up a three day visit to Rwanda. After visiting the refugee camps in Goma and meeting with the President, Vice President and other senior officials, he said that a new spirit of cooperation was beginning.

b. UNHCR officials have stated that Rwanda's Minister of Rehabilitation and the Zairean Deputy Prime Minister will meet in Geneva next Monday to discuss the voluntary repatriation of refugees from Zaire.

c. Zambians voted yesterday in parliamentary by elections which could give an indication of which party may be favored in next year's general elections.

d. South African police are on the hunt for a serial killer in Johannesburg after they discovered the bodies of ten murdered women.

e. Libya has brushed aside pressure to stop expelling Palestinians from Libya. Hundreds are now trapped in the desert between the Libyan and Egyptian border with nowhere to go. Libya says that the Palestinians are leaving of their own accord.

f. UN sources report that Bosnian and Croatian forces will cease their offensive against Banja Luka towards which they have advanced against the Serbs.

g. Israel is putting forth new proposals in meetings with PLO leader Yasser Arafat in the hopes that a new accord in the expansion of Palestinian self-rule can be adopted.

h. Iran is demanding the return of a hijacked airliner, its passengers and the hijacker from Israel. The plane was hijacked

and landed in Israel after it began running out of fuel. Iran says that Israel was behind the whole incident, a claim that Israel denies. Israel says it will send the passengers back, but not the hijacker. Five of the passengers are requesting political asylum in Israel.

i. French police have released all but five people in raids yesterday in Marseille on suspected muslim extremists responsible for bombings in France.

j. The 50th Anniversary of the UN's General Assembly opened yesterday with calls for meeting the challenges of the future and reiteration that the UN is only as strong as its member states.]

k. The publication of the Unabomber's treatise in the Washington Post and the New York Times has spurred on debate that while public safety is important, this has set a chilling precedent and may encourage other irrational persons to do the same. The Unabomber is calling for the revolution against modern industrial society. His 16 letter bombs have killed three people over 17 years. He had threatened to attack again if his philosophy was not published.

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Subject: 19 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 19 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The UN Security Council has demanded that all factions cease fighting in the former Yugoslav republic, this after one peacekeeper was killed and nine injured in an artillery attack near Bihac. It is not known who directed the fire.

b. UN Secretary General Boutros Ghali is recommending that the current peacekeeping force be replaced by a multinational force in the region. Currently 31,000 of the world's 70,000 peacekeepers are on duty in the former Yugoslavia, but they are ill-equipped for combat.

c. The UN has also warned that the continued Bosnian and Croatian offensive could undermine any peace process.

d. Palestinian and Israeli negotiators have announced a possible breakthrough in talks regarding the expansion of Palestinian self-rule in Hebron, saying that the Israelis are now speaking of a complete withdrawal from the area, not a partial withdrawal as previously discussed.

e. An Egyptian human rights group has stated that the government is torturing and murdering hundreds of prisoners in desert jails throughout the country. The government in Cairo has not responded to the allegations.

f. The Clinton administration has eased travel restrictions to Lebanon after a ten year travel ban following a Lebanese terrorist attack.

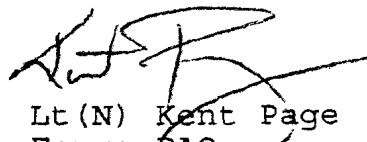
g. The administration also states that it is committed to nuclear disarmament and will sign the nuclear non proliferation treaty.

h. An adviser to President Yeltsin says that at least ten retired Russian nuclear submarines are dangerous as they have defects in their nuclear reactors which cannot be fixed with Russian technology.

i. Pope John Paul will celebrate mass today in Nairobi's Uhuru stadium. One million people are expected to attend on this, the last day of his three nation African tour. Kenyan Muslim leaders have decided to boycott the visit in protest of the Roman Catholic Church's agenda to spread its beliefs throughout Africa.

j. A Somali faction leader says that if warlord Aideed does not pull out of Baidoa, then he must be held responsible for any all-out war that may ensue.

k. The Washington Post has said that it will publish in full the 35,000 word treatise written by the so-called Uni-bomber, who has threatened to strike again if it is not published in full. Both the US Attorney General and the FBI have recommended the publishing in the interests of public safety. The Uni-bomber attacks have killed a number of people. His attacks are in protest of advances made in technology.

  
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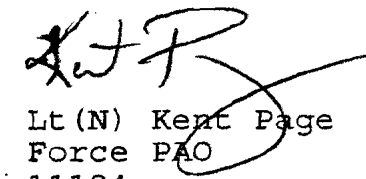
1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 18 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. NATO and the UN have agreed to extend the 72 hour pause in airstrikes as the Serbs have removed half of their heavy weapons from the 20 km exclusion zone around Sarajevo. The Serbs have also allowed the reopening of the airport and to roads allowing relief convoys into the area.
  - b. Bosnian and Croat troops continue to make gains and have liberated some more towns in the north. For the first time since the war, the Serbs are left holding less than half of the region.
  - c. Light voting was recorded yesterday in Haiti as the second round of votes on the way towards a fully constitutional government took place. Violence was also light.
  - d. Nine people have been killed as the Virgin Islands were hit hard by another in a series of hurricanes that have rocked the Caribbean over the past month.
  - e. Reports on the death toll as a result of Typhoon Oscar which has hit Tokyo have not come in yet, but the Typhoon is packing waves of 10 metres in height and winds of 150 kmph.
  - f. Algerian police say that an independent presidential candidate was gunned down at his home yesterday by muslim extremists who have vowed to disrupt the Nov 16 presidential elections. Reports are also in that muslim extremists have slit the throats of 15 people, mostly women and children in a village in Algeria.
  - g. Pope John Paul conducted an open air mass for 100,000 people in Johannesburg yesterday as he continued to plug away at his themes of the importance of the family and evangelism. He moves on to Kenya as the last part of his 11th african tour.
  - h. Somali warlord Aideed has taken control of the town of Bidoah (sp?), 200 km outside of his base at Mogadishu. He encountered no resistance in the takeover.

i. Potential presidential candidate Colin Powell has criticized the Clinton administration's handling of Bosnia saying that mixed signals have been sent and their path has been unclear.

j. Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat will continue to meet to try and press forth on the expansion of Palestinian self-rule.

k. South Africa has vowed to track down the men who raped and/or assaulted four women tourists from Britain and New Zealand, fearing that the attack could have severe repercussions on their tourist industry.

l. Over 60 runners participated in yesterday's 15th Annual Terry Fox Run organized by 95 CMSG. Following a ten km route, the runners raised over \$2500 for cancer research.

  
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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 16 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The Bosnian Serbs say that they are pulling out their heavy guns from the 20 km exclusion zone around Sarajevo, but NATO authorities say that there is no significant sign that they are doing so and will resume airstrikes if the Serbs do not comply.
  - b. UN officials state that the balance of power has definitely shifted from the Serbs as the conflict continues in the region with government forces making advances in central and northwestern Bosnia.
  - c. Four UN flights touched down at Sarajevo airport yesterday - the first in 5 months. Hoping to build on the gathering momentum of peace talks, NATO, UN and western allies will meet again over the weekend to try and bring the conflict one step closer to peace.
  - d. Meanwhile the UN Security Council has voted to begin easing some sanctions against Bosnia, but these do not include trade sanctions.
  - e. Germany's President has dedicated the first new Jewish school opened in Berlin since World War II, stating that the fact that non-Jews can also attend shows that tolerance is alive in Germany.
  - f. The US has criticized the government of Belorussia for not only shooting down an american balloon in which two american pilots were killed, but also forcing down two other pilots, then forcing them to pay \$30 for not carrying a Belorussian visa and deporting them to Poland. The balloons were never scheduled to touch down in Belorussia.
  - g. Egyptian media states that there is conclusive evidence that Sudanese security forces helped terrorists to plan and execute the attempted assassination of President Mubarek.
  - h. The Pope has rallied against violence and corruption in African governments, blaming that, local wars and political instability on the poor state of affairs throughout Africa.

i. Israel's Shimon Peres met with PLO leader Yasser Arafat to continue discussions on Palestinian autonomy.

j. Rival Kurdish factions have ended talks in Ireland to try and get a peaceful settlement in their country, but the talks ended with no agreement and no progress.

k. Tomorrow at 0800 hrs, the 15th Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held starting at the fuel pumps by Trafipro. The Run/Walk is 10 km and is not a race, but is a way of raising money for cancer research. It is named after a Canadian who raised millions of dollars for cancer research when he set out to run across Canada, despite the fact that he had lost a leg to cancer. He made it halfway across, before succumbing to the disease. The Run is now held in 54 countries around the world and if you want to participate, call 95 CMSG or show up tomorrow morning.

  
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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board  
Subject: 14 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 14 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The UN Special Envoy to Rwanda has stated that the recent killing of more than 100 people in Kanama is a setback to efforts to convince refugees to return back to Rwanda. Vice President Paul Kagame said that the Tutsi-dominated RPA may be responsible for the attack and may have used excessive force in the killing. He said that he deeply regretted the incident and stated that those responsible will be punished. The incident may have been triggered by an ambush on a RPA vehicle in which a RPA Lt was killed. Joint UN and Rwandan government investigations into the incident are ongoing.

b. Nigeria's ruling military council will meet today to determine the fate of 40 persons accused of plotting a military coup. Nigeria is under strong pressure from the West to commute their life and death sentences.

c. The UN has called for \$28 million in aid to help repatriate Somali and Ethiopian refugees.

d. Pope John Paul begins his 11th visit to the African continent today, arriving in Cameroon. He will also visit Kenya and South Africa. 1 in 7 Africans is said to be Catholic.

e. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is visiting Namibia to strengthen economic ties with that country as part of his African tour.

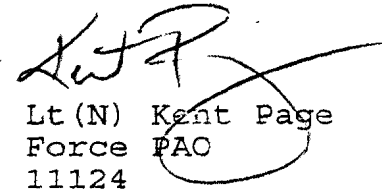
f. The Arab League has joined others in urging Libya to cease expelling Palestinians workers from that country. The workers have nowhere to go and are trapped on the Egyptian/Libyan border.

g. The UN is discussing plans to play a role in Algeria's upcoming Presidential elections in November which extremists have threatened to disrupt. Algerian security forces report that they killed 24 more extremists in various security raids yesterday.

h. Tens of thousands of Serb civilian refugees are said to be fleeing advancing Bosnian forces through central and western Bosnia. More than 40,000 are said to be part of the exodus, on their way to Banja Luka, while NATO airstrikes continue in the region. Meanwhile, the US is trying to convince Italy to allow its Stealth bombers to be based there.

i. A rocket propelled grenade was fired at the US embassy in Moscow yesterday, however damage was minor and no injuries were reported. Heightened security has resulted, but the US says that the attack is not related to conflicts in approaches to the solving the former Yugoslavia crisis and that relations with Russia have not been affected. The attacker escaped and motives are unknown.

j. French police have seized more people in raids connected with recent bombings in France in which 7 have been killed and 120 injured. Algerian extremists are thought to be behind the attacks.

  
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Subject: 12 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 12 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The former Rwandan Prime Minister, an ethnic Hutu, has stated that he will be leaving Rwanda for Brussels, Belgium shortly during what he calls a "difficult time." He says that he quit his post due to internal security problems in Rwanda and to the lack of political will of the government in the area of reconciliation. The Rwandan government says that he was fired for incompetence.
  - b. A Rwandan refugee group, "The Union For the Return of Refugees To Rwanda" has proposed to the UN Security Council that talks be held with the Kigali government on the subject of returning refugees to the country.
  - c. The OAU has stated that a repeat off Rwanda's genocide must be prevented in Burundi where the situation is described as tense, complex and volatile. The OAU says that only through dialogue can the situation be avoided.
  - d. Thousands of students protested in the streets of Khartoum yesterday in protest of the military government there.
  - e. A former top aide and two other senior officials to former Malawian president, under trial for murder, have been released on bail. They are not allowed to leave their houses without advising security authorities and must surrender their passports to security authorities also.
  - f. Despite opposition from Moscow, NATO says that it will not stop its airstrikes against the Serbs until they lift the seige of Sarajevo. Russia has forwarded a resolution that calls for the immediate cessation of the airstrikes and for all parties to remove their heavy weapons from Sarajevo. The Serbs meanwhile have threatened to pull out of peace talks unless the airstrikes stop.
  - g. NATO claims that Sunday's cruise missile strikes did severe damage to radar installations, although they did not destroy them. They denied Serb claims that civilians were killed in the attack.

h. F-117 Stealth bombers will soon be entering the conflict arena to fly as protection from Serb missile defences.

i. The US State Dept has condemned Sunday's attack by Jewish settlers on a girl's school in Hebron in which students and the principal were injured as well as condemning Libya's decision to expel Palestinians to show the failure of the Israel/Palestinian peace process.

j. Thousands of French protesters took to the streets of Paris and other cities in France to protest continued French nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

k. Kigali will have a mixture of sun and clouds today with a high of 27 degrees celsius.

  
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Subject: 11 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 11 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Vice President Kagame attended ceremonies in Butare this weekend in which +1,000 former government forces soldiers were sworn into the Rwandan Patriotic Army after having undergone a year of political and military training. Kagame said that this process will continue but that any former government soldier suspected of involvement in the genocide will be brought to justice. 5

b. German Chancellor Kohl visits South Africa today to strengthen trade and economic ties with that country.

c. Algerian newspapers are staging a three day strike in protest of government inaction to protect journalists from being killed by Islamic extremists. So far 50 journalists have been killed in the past three years.

d. Thirteen Tomahawk cruise missiles were launched from US warships at Bosnian Serb positions in Banja Luka last night. Serb authorities have said that many people died as a result.

e. Serb authorities have refused so far to remove their heavy weapons away from Sarajevo saying that they are necessary to ensure the safety of Serb civilians. The UN and NATO are demanding that the Serbs do so and will continue to strike against them until they do. The Serbs say that they will ensure that power and supplies are readily available to Sarajevo and that the attacks on them should stop.


f. French President Chirac stated that New Zealand and Australia are using the French nuclear tests as a means of attempting to drive the French influence out of the South Pacific. He also condemned those responsible for bombing attacks in France - they are suspected to be Islamic extremists from Algeria.

g. Israel has turned over more local government authority to Palestinians as talks continue leading the way for full autonomy.

h. Libya has deported 200 Palestinians back to Gaza and Jericho to show the failure of the Middle East peace accord.

g. 96% of children surveyed in the US know who basketball superstar Michael Jordan is, 94% know who singer Michael Jackson is but only 21% know who Russian President Boris Yeltsin or South African President Nelson Mandela are.

h. Newfoundland is expected to be hit hard by the hurricanes which lashed the Caribbean last week as their winds make their way up to the Canadian coast.

  
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Subject: 15 Sep 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 15 Sep as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. UN Human Rights has stated that it appears that many of the more than 100 villagers killed by the RPA in the Kanama incident earlier this week may have been executed. The report casts doubts on the fact that it was thought previously that those killed may have been caught in crossfire between the RPA and Hutu extremists.

b. Nigeria's special military tribunal has not decided upon the fate of forty persons accused of coup plotting. The international community has called for leniency in the sentencing. No date for a decision has been made.

c. The Nigerian government has stated that murder charges appear likely for one of the country's top human rights activists. Human rights groups around the world are protesting the charges saying that the government is trying to frame the protester.

d. Pope John Paul is expected to speak on a special Vatican document which will outline the hopes and future of the Catholic church in Africa as part of his six day, three nation tour of Africa. He visits Cameroon today.

e. Malawi's high court has ruled that police officers may testify in the political murder trial in which the former president is charged with ordering the murder of four political opponents. There had earlier been a question of conflict of interest in having the police officers testify.

f. The UN has announced that the Serbs have agreed in principle to a ceasefire and to withdrawing their heavy weapons from Sarajevo. As a result, the NATO air strikes have been cancelled for the next 72 hours, but NATO warns that if no withdrawal takes place that the strikes will begin again immediately. As part of the deal it is expected that the airport will open again.

g. US officials say that it appears that the shooting down of an American balloon in which two US pilots were killed over Belorussia on Tuesday, may not have just been an accident as


previously reported. They are investigating the incident which they now believe may have been a deliberate attack for reasons unknown.

h. Turkish Kurd refugees have freed seven UN workers in Northern Iraq which they have been holding hostage as human shields.

i. An earthquake hit Southern Mexico with its epicentre 300 km southeast of Mexico City, although no estimates of casualties are available at this time.

j. The UN Women's Conference in Beijing wraps up today in which women from around the world tried to put together a 10 year platform to better the rights of women and to call for equality of women in all countries.

k. The book, The Bridges of Madison County, is finally falling off the bestsellers lists in the US after a record 162 weeks at or near the top of the lists. It has sold more than 10 million copies, has been turned into a major film and has made its previously unknown author a multimillionaire.

  
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Subject: 1 Aug 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 1 Aug as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The main prodemocracy group in Nigeria says that more secret trials are being held concerning the coup plotters. This time, two magazine editors are being held and tried for publishing articles about the trial.

b. The Belgian government says it wants answers after Saturday's killing of ten people in Kinshasha, Zaire after government security forces opened fire on a crowd of protesters marching on Parliament. The protesters say that the march was peaceful, however Zairean authorities said that it was violent.

c. A forensic expert testifying at the murder trial of Malawi's former President, stated that the wounds to one of the dead politicians could have been caused by a gunshot to the head. The ex-President is accused of murdering four political opponents in 1983 - he ruled from 1964-94.

d. A British envoy to Kenya says that Britain is not in the process of cutting aid to Kenya as has been reported but is reviewing government funding.

e. Croat forces operating from western Bosnia have shelled the rebel Serb stronghold of Kineen (sp?) in the Kyrina region. The Croatian President is being urged by the international community to use restraint, but some are admitting that the Serbs are now feeling the results of their own aggression.

f. The Red Cross says that while 30,000 Bosnian Muslims from Zepa and Srebrenica reached government territories following the fall of the two cities, another 5,000 men are unaccounted for. There have also been reports of atrocities including murder, rape and the abduction of young women which have been substantiated by Dutch UN peacekeepers.

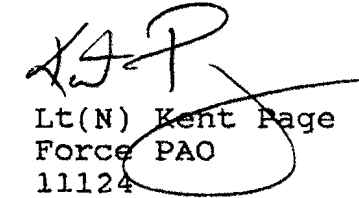
g. The House of Representatives will debate and vote today on whether or not to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government. Despite a subsequent and expected veto by the President, the veto can be overruled by Congress.

h. Six Russian soldiers were killed in fighting in Chechnya one day following the peace agreement signed between Chechnyan and Russian authorities.

i. Palestinian and Israeli negotiators will continue peace process and self-rule talks today.

j. Egypt and Jordan will also hold talks in Alexandria to discuss the Middle East peace process.

k. In the second largest business merger in the history of American business, Walt Disney Corporation has announced that it will purchase Capital Cities ABC for the low price of \$19 billion.

  
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Subject: 29 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 29 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Bosnian Croats and Croatian Army soldiers have captured two towns yesterday which were under the control of Serbian forces and cut off a main supply route to the Bosnian Serbs. This strong offensive has dealt a setback to the Serbs.

b. One day after the US Senate voted to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government, the Bosnian Prime Minister has stated that they have purchased American made M-16's on the international arms market, but have no heavy weapons of American make and only a few M-16's.

c. Meanwhile Serb forces continued their attacks around Bihac.

d. Russian and Chechnyan negotiators will meet again today - this time to discuss the military aspects of a ceasefire in the seven month old war. Chechnya's political status is not on the agenda.

e. The US State Dept and Amnesty International have both called on the Chinese government for the release of human rights activist Harry Wu, however Secretary of State Warren Christopher, said that both the US and China need to maintain constructive relations and that isolationism would not help the situation.

f. Vietnam became yesterday the seventh member state of the Association of South Eastern Asia Nations, which works to build prosperity in the region. Vietnam now also has full diplomatic status with the United States.


g. Twenty people were rescued by police on a bus in Cologne after they were taken hostage - the gunman, the bus driver and a passenger were killed.

h. Nigeria continues its crackdown on political opponents, having arrested a third pro-democracy activist in three days. No word yet on the fate of the forty people convicted of plotting a coup.

i. In the past two weeks, the death toll from the american heat wave now stands at 520 dead - the heat is to continue over the weekend.

j. Sri Lankan officials state that 200 Tamil rebels and 2 Sri Lankan soldiers were killed in five separate government raids on rebel bases yesterday.

k. The jury in the trial of Susan Smith has convicted her of life imprisonment, not the death penalty, for having drowned her two children last year.

  
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Subject: 27 July 95, Daily News Summary


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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 27 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The US Senate voted overwhelmingly yesterday to unilaterally lift the US arms embargo against the Bosnian government. This, despite the fact that President Clinton remains opposed to lifting the embargo, saying that it is a wrong decision and will only lead to more deaths in the region. Russian authorities have deplored the notion of lifting the arms embargo.
  - b. UN Secretary General Boutros-Ghali has relinquished power to military leaders to determine and authorize the use of NATO airpower and airstrikes in the region.
  - c. Fierce fighting continues around the city of Bihac.
  - d. French police are chasing after several leads in Tuesday's bombing at the St Michel subway station - the blast has claimed seven victims and sixty people were injured. They are offering a 1 million franc reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible. No one has claimed responsibility so far for the bombing although prime suspects include muslim extremists and possibly Serb terrorists.
  - e. Nigeria's defence council has reportedly recommended to the Provisional Ruling Council that some of the sentences of those accused of coup plotting be changed to reduced sentences, including a possible pardon of the former military ruler of Nigeria. Meanwhile the lawyer for the former ruler has been arrested for having told reporters that there is no evidence against his client.
  - f. A Nigerian aircraft crash-landed in Moravia, Liberia yesterday. Reasons for the crash are not known, but all 82 people on board safely got off the plane before it burst into flames. UN peacekeepers at the site assisted in the rescue of the passengers.
  - g. The judge and jury at Malawi's ex-president's assassination trial will visit the site today of where the murder of four of the president's political opponents apparently took place.

h. The president of Mozambique begins a four day visit to Tanzania today. China's vice-premier ended his visit to Zimbabwe having pledged \$23M credit to small business to import goods from China as well as an additional \$235,000 in imports.

i. Israeli and PLO peace talks are to resume next week although in the wake of Monday's suicide carbombing and resultant suspension of the talks, it is not clear where the talks will take place.

j. A Presidential investigation has revealed shortcomings in the CIA's reporting procedure, but not involvement, in the murder of a Guatemalan official last year. Absolved of responsibility, the CIA has been determined not to have reported the incident in a timely, official manner.

  
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Subject: 26 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 26 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. In Burundi's capital, Bujumbura, 10 Hutus were killed and 15 injured when two minibuses they were travelling in on Monday were attacked by a mob of Tutsi youths, likely returning from the funeral of 4 Tutsis who had been killed in a Hutu attack on Friday. Sporadic ethnic violence has plagued the country since 1993.

b. The Nigerian Defence Council met yesterday and have forwarded their recommendations to the Provision Ruling Council who will have the final say on the fate of forty people charged with coup plotting, after international appeals for clemency in their cases.

c. At the Malawi ex-president, in absentia murder trial, testimony was heard that he had ordered the assassination and subsequent coverup of the murder of four politicians in 1983.

d. NATO ambassadors have approved the use of airstrikes against Bosnian Serbs if they attack Gorazde. The Serbs have now seized Zepa. The Security Council has called for the immediate withdrawal of the Bosnian Serbs from Zepa and Srebrenica. Bihac is under heavy attack by the Serbs.

e. The US Senate will vote today on whether or not to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government. Opponents, including President Clinton, say that doing so will only increase the fighting and the killing.

f. The International Tribunal has indicted the two main Bosnian Serb leaders for war crimes including atrocities against civilians and the taking of UN peacekeepers as hostages. Despite the indictments, it will be very difficult to bring the two to trial.

g. A bomb exploded on a train at the St Michel station located near Notre Dame cathedral yesterday at rush hour, killing four and injuring sixty - no one has claimed responsibility.


h. Two Chechnyan rebels and one Russian soldier were killed yesterday in fighting in the Chechnyan capital following a breakoff in talks to determine the political future of Chechnya. Chechnyan

negotiators say they will settle for nothing less than political independence.

i. Israeli and PLO leaders are meeting to discuss where to carry on peace talks following Monday's bombing in Tel Aviv. Israel would like the talks to take place in Europe, but the PLO wants them to continue in the Middle East.

j. A senior official of the Algerian government's Religion Ministry was killed yesterday in an attack by muslim extremists, bringing the total number of people killed over the past three years to 14,000.

k. 85 Canadians depart from Kigali today for Canada at the completion of their six month peacekeeping tour in Rwanda. They will be replaced by a similar contingent to be known as the Composite Mission Support Group (CMSG) located at TafiPro.

  
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Subject: 25 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 25 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The Vice Chairman for the "Rally For The Return Of Refugees And Democracy To Rwanda", the former Rwandan ambassador to Uganda is trying to negotiate terms with the current Rwandan government, the international community and aid groups for the safe and expeditious return of millions of Rwandan refugees back to Rwanda. The "Rally" was established in April to achieve the quick and safe return of the refugees. The Vice Chairman says that this cannot be achieved until the Rwandan government improves its "gross violation of human rights", improves its economic situation and improves conditions in its prisons which he describes as "extermination camps." Until then he says, peaceful coexistence cannot be achieved pointing to reports that say that up to 60,000 people remain unaccounted for following the Kibeho incident.

b. Nigeria's Defence Council will meet today to review the cases of forty people accused of plotting a coup after international pressure and appeals for clemency. The results of the review will not be known until after the Provisional Ruling Council is advised.

c. Thirteen western industrialized countries met in Paris in a World Bank sponsored conference to discuss aid to Kenya. They concluded that any future aid to Kenya could be linked to its human rights record and that it must improve this if it wishes the donor countries to be more generous. Specifically, women's rights and the lack of media freedom and political freedom were cited as violations. Last year the countries pledged \$800 million in aid to Kenya. The Kenyan government dismisses the charges as unsubstantiated.

d. The US has expressed its determination to defend all UN safe areas against Bosnian Serb aggression saying that if Gorazde comes under attack it will consider responding with massive air strikes against Serb positions. The Serbs say that any such attacks will be retaliated against. The US also wants NATO to have the authority to launch such air strikes without having to consult the Security Council - Boutros Ghali is against this procedure.

e. The first UN relief convoy to reach Gorazde which has a population of 65,000 people, arrived yesterday - the last convoy to arrive there did so in April.

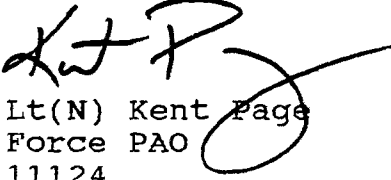
f. The UN Security Council has demanded an end to Serb aggression towards the muslim enclave and UN safe area of Bihac.

g. Saudi Arabia has called on other Islamic Conference members to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Government. The US Senate will meet today to debate and vote on whether or not the US should also lift its arms embargo.

h. Russian and Chechnyan authorities will meet again today to discuss Chechnya's political status although the talks are said to be deteriorating and discussions tense.

i. Both the PLO and Israel say that Monday's suicide car bomb attack which killed six and injured thirty in Tel Aviv will not slow down the peace process.

j. Britain and Ireland are considering setting up a neutral commission to monitor the disarmament of Ireland in its ongoing peace process.

  
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Subject: 21 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 21 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Muslim-led government forces have refused to demands for their surrender in the UN safe area of Zepa, resulting in heavy artillery shelling of their positions by Bosnian Serb forces. The Ukrainian peacekeepers positions were also targetted and damage resulted although there were no reported deaths or injuries.

b. The UN Security Council has demanded a halt to the Serb forces advancement and has expressed its concern for the civilian population of Zepa. The Council has warned Serb leaders that they can be held accountable for crimes against humanity.

c. Today the western allied military leaders will meet to discuss military options. The US is pressing for issuing an ultimatum to the Serbs which will result in heavy airstrikes against them if the ultimatum is ignored. The US also says that a new UN resolution is not required to address the issues, but that there is already ample authority for action.

d. France and Britain have expressed support for the US proposal that airstrikes be used as an option against the Serb forces - particularly missile installations, fuel and ammo depots and radar installations.

e. Russian and Chechnyan negotiators will meet again today to discuss the future of Chechnya. A compromise is said to be in the works regarding the republic's political status.

f. The US is considering taking economic sanctions out against Nigeria if the country does not move more quickly towards a democratic civilian government and if it does not improve its human rights record. The decision will be based on whether or not Nigeria makes any steps towards democratization and better human rights.

g. Three World Food Programme employees, who were taken hostage in Sudan have been freed by the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army and flown to Kenya.

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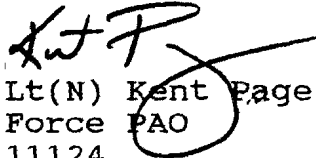
h. The US House of Representatives has voted to step up pressure on China to improve its human rights record.

i. Iraq has stated that the UN imposed embargo and banning of oil exports should be lifted as they have complied with all the recommendations of UN disarmament teams.

j. The death toll from the US heat wave has hit 805 people - 456 died in Chicago. Most of the dead were the elderly living alone.

k. Africa Rights has accused the Sudan government and its troops of systematically killing the leaders of the Nuba tribe and raping Nuba women in an effort to wipe the people out.

l. A Somali faction leader has accused Libya of assisting faction leader Aideed build up his arms supplies which could lead to an outbreak in civil war again in the country.

  
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Subject: 19 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 19 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Today marks the first anniversary of the formation of a new government here in Rwanda, following three months of unprecedented violence during which up to one million people were killed. One year later, there are two million Rwandan refugees living in camps in Zaire and Tanzania, money is desperately needed to repair basic government and economic infrastructure and ethnic strife still exists in Rwanda. The Chief of Staff to the President spoke with VOA and stated that the supposed differences between Hutus and Tutsis are artificially created ones made for political purposes only by former governments. He said that all Rwandans share a common culture, language and political and economic viewpoint. He said that the history of Rwanda is one that is centuries old and that all Rwandans must get past the dark history of only the last thirty years.

b. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Gali is communicating with the Nigerian government expressing his concern over the death sentences of 14 people for allegedly taking part in a coup plot. Canada and France have joined other countries calling for clemency for the defendants. The Nigerian government has not confirmed the death sentences.

c. French President Chirac begins a five day Africa tour to help maintain France's ties with her former colonies - Senegal and the Ivory Coast will be included on the trip.

d. The Angolan parliament has approved the creation of two vice president posts - one of which will be given to the UNITA rebel leader, the other to the ruling party.

e. Hundreds of Zimbabwean university students marched in protest of police brutality during an earlier protest against university mismanagement which the police forcefully broke up.

f. The US has announced that it will close 19 diplomatic consulates and embassies next year in order to save \$12M in foreign budget costs. Included will be Equatorial Guinea and consulates in Bordeaux, Florence and Edinburgh.


g. Ukrainian peacekeepers in the eastern Bosnia town of Jeppa are now being threatened by both Serb forces and muslim-led government forces. The Serbs have threatened to shell the Ukrainians if NATO airstrikes are called in to halt their advance on the town. The muslim-led government forces have surrounded the peacekeepers and said that they will use them as human shields if NATO airstrikes are not called in to halt the Serb advance. Meanwhile, negotiations are still underway to evacuate the sick, wounded and elderly from Jeppa. Shelling continues on Sarajevo and Tuzla.

h. The US says that it is considering using airpower in order to bypass NATO's inability to use its own airpower in the region.

i. PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres will meet in Alexandria today to help bolster their peace talks.

j. Russian President Boris Yeltsin said in a television interview that he is recovering well from his heart operation and that he will return to work shortly.

k. The death toll from the heat wave which hit the US has now reached 669 people dead - 376 have died of heat-related disorder in Chicago alone. It is the worst heat wave to have hit the US in 15 years.

  
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From: Force PAO

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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 20 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 20 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The Bosnian Serbs have claimed that the UN safe area and muslim enclave of Zepa has fallen and is now under their control, while the muslim-led government forces say that the battle continues for control of the town. The UN has not yet confirmed the status of Zepa.

b. New fighting is reported in Bihac and the shelling of Sarajevo continues.

c. US President Bill Clinton says that he will urge US senators today not to lift the Bosnian arms embargo. Meanwhile, allied military leaders will meet on Friday to discuss whether or not military action should be taken in the region. They have reached a consensus that military action should be taken, but to what degree is not certain. They are also unified in backing up the fact that UNPROFOR must stay in business in the region.

d. Russian and Chechnyan negotiators will meet today to further discuss peace talks for Chechnya. Russian authorities are said to be prepared to give Chechnya some political free rein with the Russian system, but not full political independence.

e. The US House of Representatives will vote today on blocking millions of dollars in aid to Mexico.

f. Israel's foreign minister, Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat will meet again today to further the middle east peace process. Both are trying to maintain a July 25 deadline for expanding Palestinian self rule.

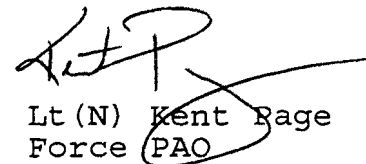
g. Nigeria's military government will rule today on the fate of 14 people sentenced to death for their alleged participation in a coup plot. International outcry has helped to bring the defendant's cases under review.

h. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has issued a international warning that mail bombs have been originating from Vancouver, likely prepared and shipped by a anti-fascist militia

group operating in Vancouver. Four mail bombs have been received in Canada - two were sent to a white supremacist group but did not explode, another was sent to the MacKenzie Institute in Toronto which also did not explode and a fourth exploded as planned, however no one was killed. The RCMP has warned that extreme caution should be used if unsolicited packages are received.

i. Peace talks resume today in Moravia, Liberia two days behind schedule. Yesterday's talks were broken off after a disagreement in seating arrangements between the participants.

j. South African President Nelson Mandela has set up a truth commission which will investigate apartheid political crimes. Compensation for victims will be part of the commission's mandate.

  
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Subject: 18 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 18 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Nigeria's former president has been sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in an alleged coup plot. Fourteen others have been sentenced to death and 25 more have had unknown sentences handed out to them. The US, which has important oil interests in Nigeria, and Britain have requested commutation of the death sentences and called for clemency in the process. They have also stated that the defendants did not receive due process and should have the right to appeal. This, amidst growing condemnation of the secret trials from countries around the world who have asked that democracy be restored as soon as possible to Nigeria which is Africa's most populous nation.

b. The UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros Gali, is holding talks in Ethiopia with the President of Ethiopia and the Secretary General of the OAU. Discussions include talks on conflicts occurring throughout Africa. Ethiopia is the last leg on his tour.

c. Malawi's President has reshuffled his cabinet, dropping the number of cabinet ministers from 35 to 32.

d. Zambia's President has also shuffled his cabinet, firing the Works and Supply minister and making the former Tourism Minister the Foreign Minister.

e. Chinese senior officials will begin a seven country visit to Africa later this week in an effort to bolster Sino-African business and political relations. Countries to be visited include Angola, Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

f. South African President Nelson Mandela celebrated his 77th birthday yesterday.

g. The Bosnian President has offered to hold talks with Bosnian Serb military leaders to discuss the evacuation of the wounded and elderly from the town of Jeppa (sp?) which continues to be under Serb forces attack. The town also has 79 Ukrainian peacekeepers and the Serbs have threatened to shell their positions if NATO airstrikes are undertaken to halt their advance. The Serbs have

mined the roads from the town effectively making the peacekeepers hostages in the town. Tensions remain high in the rest of the region with shelling continuing on Sarajevo. There have been suggestions that the UN should completely withdraw from the region at the end of the current mandate in December.

h. Russian President Boris Yeltsin is undergoing hospital treatment for heart troubles, but the 64 year old President is reported to be continuing some official duties from his hospital bed.

i. Russian and Chechnyan negotiators are reported to be near agreement on the Chechnyan situation although changes to the political status of the republic are likely to be waived until after elections are held.

j. Searing heat across america has left 324 people dead so far - 179 died in Chicago alone. Most were sick or elderly persons who had no airconditioning and could not escape the heat. The death toll is likely to go much higher in the next few days as more bodies are found.



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Subject: 17 July 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 17 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros Ghali arrived in Burundi yesterday to begin a two day visit to the country. He arrived a day after seven people were killed in Bujumbura in an attack on a bus. The Secretary General has also visited Angola and Rwanda during his tour. In Rwanda he addressed the General Assembly, inspected UNAMIR troops and visited the massacre site at Nyarubuye.

b. Nigeria's former military ruler has been sentenced to life imprisonment by a secret military tribunal for his part in an alleged coup plot. His military aide has been sentenced to death. A total of forty people have been sentenced for their part in the coup plot, but their sentences are unknown.

c. Radio Malawi reports that the Malawian President has dissolved his cabinet - no reason has been given.

d. French President Chirac begins a five day visit to Africa on Wednesday during which he will visit four countries including Senegal, Ivory Coast and Morocco.

e. Three Sudanese diplomatic employees were attacked by Egyptian security agents armed with clubs yesterday. These and other attacks are being blamed on poor relations between the two countries since the assassination attempt of Egyptian President Mubarek.

f. Serb forces are conducting an artillery assault on one of the last two remaining UN safe areas in Eastern Bosnia. Bosnian Serb forces have also denied the Red Cross access to the men who have been forcibly separated from their wives and families over the past week. Allied military leaders are meeting to discuss plans for military action in the area, although the US has stated that it will not commit ground troops to such a force, only equipment.


g. Two americans released by Iraqi's President Saddam Hussein begin a trip home via Jordan today. They were arrested after crossing into Iraqi territory earlier this year. Hussein's pardon

of the two will have no affect on the american embargo on Iraq however, according to State Dept officials.

h. More than 200 people have died across the US as a result of a heat wave which has hit the country since last week. More than 100 have died in Chicago alone. The number who have died is expected to climb in the next few days, although moderate temperatures are forecast this week.

i. Russian negotiators will report to Moscow today on progress with Chechnyan officials concerning the future of the country. There has still not been any headway made yet on the key issue of Chechnyan independence.

j. The high will be 26C today in Kigali with periods of cloud and sunshine.

  
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Subject: 3 July 95, Daily News Summary

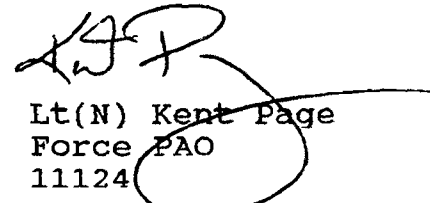
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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 3 July as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. A human rights groups claims that 15 death sentences have been handed out by the secret court trying 23 Nigerian officers and civilians for planning a coup.
  - b. The opposition party has won general elections in Thailand and will create a six party coalition that could form the next government there.
  - c. Twelve people have been killed in clashes between government forces and armed militants in Karachi yesterday.
  - d. Iran's president states that he is confident that Russia will sell nuclear technology to Iran despite american protests to the contrary.
  - e. 25 people were injured this weekend in Sarajevo following Serb shelling of the city. Targets included the UN HQ and shells also landed close to the american embassy. Civilians and peacekeepers were amongst the injured by the shelling which has made a mockery of the UN heavy weapons exclusion zone.
  - f. Thousands of hectares of land are burning west of Jerusalem in what state radio yesterday called the hottest day of the year. 19 people have been treated for smoke inhalation.
  - g. Peace talks will resume today between Russian and Chechnyan authorities who have reached a snag in negotiations as Chechnyans have not yet agreed to the russian zero option.
  - h. Six US astronauts and four Russian cosmonauts begin their last full day in the MIR spacestation concluding cargo transfer operations.
  - i. There have been no reports of injuries or deaths in a 5.6 Richter Scale earthquake which struck yesterday causing disruption in Tokyo's rail and subway services.

j. British PM John Major begins his last day of campaigning for leadership of the Conservative party.

k. Three people were arrested for dumping blood and ashes on the exhibit of the Enola Gay, the airplane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Washington. The exhibit opened on Wednesday.

l. More than half the deputies in the Zairean government have voted for the removal of the Roman Catholic Archbishop Speaker of the House who has been a key figure in guiding Zaire towards democracy. The government there has called for a delay in a return to democracy for another two years.

  
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Subject: 30 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 30 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The Zairean Parliament has said that it will likely delay the transition to democratic government for another two years although the present transition date is 11 Oct. Citing internal problems as the reason, including the fact that hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees have taken refuge in Zaire, the government says that conditions are not in place for free and fair elections.

b. Clashes between the Angolan Army and Unitas rebels are casting doubts as to the peacekeeping process which is supposed to be working effectively in Angola.

c. The human rights group, Human Rights Watch Africa, says that the former president of Nigeria has been convicted of treason by a secret military court, but that no sentence has been given. The group has asked for clemency.

d. The World Bank has stated that Africa risks falling behind the rest of the world if it does not do something to end civil conflicts on the continent - citing Angola, Rwanda, Burundi, Chad, Liberia and Somalia as examples of conflicts hampering economic development.

e. The US House of Representatives is passing on a bill that would reduce federal spending by \$16 billion, which would greatly affect US aid to Africa.

f. 80 people were killed and 800 injured when a department store building collapsed in Seoul yesterday.

g. Yesterday, the space shuttle Atlantis docked successfully with the Mir spacestation.

h. Russian and Chechnya negotiators will continue peace talks and political resolutions again today.

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Subject: 29 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 29 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
    - a. The OAU annual summit ended yesterday with the African leaders not agreeing on the creation of an African Rapid Response Team which could move in quickly to resolve conflicts on the continent. They pushed instead for diplomatic measures to be strengthened in order to resolve such issues. The OAU also condemned the militarization of Burundi where thousands are reported to have died in the last few months.
    - b. Both Egypt and Sudan are accusing the other of starting a border skirmish between border guards, following the assassination attempt on President Mubarek. The number of casualties is unknown.
    - c. Burundi's parliament has rejected the President's request to rule by power of decree - this following last week's presidential reforms of media censorship, nighttime curfews and the security of Bujumbura resting in the hands of the presidential security guard.
    - d. A prodemocracy group in Nigeria is cool to the military leader's actions following the submission of the constitutional report. The leader has simply lifted a ban on political activity whereas they would like political prisoners freed and for him to hand over power to a civilian government.
    - e. The US and Japan have reached a compromise in resolving the auto dispute which had threatened to turn into a trade war. Both sides made concessions in order to reach the consensus.
    - f. Bosnian Serb rockets slammed into the Sarajevo television station which houses the government television studios, killing five people and injuring dozens, including some foreign correspondents. Three others were killed in other mortar attacks on the city.
    - g. Russia has offered broad autonomy to Chechnya within the Russian Federation, but Chechnya has not responded to the offer as peace negotiations continue.

h. The US space shuttle Atlantis will dock with the Mir space station today.

i. Israel's chief policeman says that the Russian mafia is rampant in Israel and has invested \$4 billion dollars in Israel in illegal activities including drug trafficking and prostitution.

j. Fourteen people have been killed in clashes between Mexican peasants and mexican police in South Mexico.

  
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Subject: 28 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 28 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The International Tribunal into the genocide of Rwanda yesterday swore in its judges as well as the chief prosecutor, Judge Goldstone at The Hague. The Tribunal is modeled after the war crimes tribunal set up in the former Yugoslavia.
  - b. Egyptian President Mubarek is blaming radical muslim leaders in the Sudan for plotting the failed assassination attempt on him. Ethiopian police are now searching for suspects in the attempt.
  - c. Nigeria's military ruler has lifted a ban on all political activities in a show of good faith towards the restoration of civilian rule in Nigeria, one day after the submission of the government sponsored constitutional conference. He has stated that on Oct 1, he will announce a timetable to begin handing over power. Critics say this is just a ploy to hang onto power for a longer period and that he should be doing so now, as well as freeing political prisoners. The military ruler seized power in 1993.
  - d. Environmental ministers from 30 African states met at a UN sponsored conference in Durban to discuss ways to assess environmental impacts across the continent.
  - e. Two US soldiers on leave were killed yesterday when their vehicle hit an old mine in the Sinai Desert.
  - f. The Gulf Emirate of Qatar was subject to a bloodless coup yesterday when the ruler's son seized power from him while he was out of the country. The US and other countries have recognized the new leader following assurances that Quatar will maintain its existing policies regarding the middle east peace process and enforcing existing UN resolutions against Iran and Iraq.
  - g. Today is the final deadline for a resolution in the American/Japan auto dispute. The US is threatening to impose 100% tariffs on Japanese luxury cars if Japan does not open its auto market up to the US.



h. Talks resume again between Russian and Chechnyan leaders as they try to resolve the question of peace and political independence in Chechnya.

i. Shells slammed into Sarajevo again yesterday and snipers continued shooting people in the beleaguered city - six children have died this week as a result.

j. President Yeltsin and the lower House of Parliament have reached a compromise following political disputes over the handling of the Chechnyan hostage crisis. Yeltsin will fire leaders of the ministries of defence, interior and security in exchange for an annulment on the vote of no confidence by the Duma.

k. The US Space Shuttle Atlantis is now orbiting the earth and will soon link up with the Mir spacestation - the first such linkup since 1975. Atlantis is travelling with 5 astronauts and 2 cosmonauts and marks the 100th manned space flight since Alan B. Shepard's first manned space flight in 1961.

  
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Subject: 27 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 27 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International Tribunal into the genocide of Rwanda held its first formal meeting yesterday at The Hague. Technical details, such as rules of procedure, were discussed at the meeting as opposed to the trials actually beginning. Investigations for the tribunal have been ongoing for months, but the tribunal lacks resources and hence progress has been slow. It is now likely that the trials will not start until 1996, as opposed to later this year as the tribunal is behind schedule, although indictments may begin later this year. 400 people are on the list for having organized the genocide - most living in Europe, North America and Zaire plus a few other African countries. This raises the problem of deportation of suspects and it is thought that perhaps only 50 people will actually be tried by the Tribunal. The others, if caught, may be tried by Rwandan justice system which can impose the death penalty.

b. Burundi's foreign minister is now in South Africa after having resigned his post and fled the country on Saturday, a move that the UN Special Envoy regrets as the minister represented a positive force in Burundi.

c. Egypt's President Mubarek is safe after an assassination attempt on his life yesterday at the OAU summit in Ethiopia. His motorcade was fired upon by unknown gunmen - two security guards and two attackers were killed. He said that attempts like this would not stop his government from proceeding as planned. The origin of the attackers is unknown, although Sudanese terrorists have twice threatened Mubarek in the past three years.

d. Nigeria's constitutional conference team is expected to produce its end of year report to the ruling military leader today. The team was put together to study how to bring Nigeria back to democracy and it is hoped that following the report, the military leaders will offer some plan on how to restore democracy.

e. President Clinton has praised the UN for its successes over the past fifty years, but also has described the UN as too unwieldy and not flexible enough. He said that the UN must be equipped to

better respond to crisis and added that the UN can be used to combat drug trafficking and world terrorism as well as its more traditional roles. He said the US will not turn its back on the UN and blasted those in Congress who would do so as isolationists who have not learned from the lessons of history.

f. Despite sporadic violations of the ceasefire, Russian and Chechnyan authorities will today resume their peace talks.

g. The leaders of five EU nations, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Austria and Finland, have criticized French President Jacques Chirac for his decision to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific. The criticism was levelled at him during the EU Summit being held this week in Cannes, France.

h. Bosnian Serb forces continue battling around Sarajevo and Gorazde. The EU will be sending an envoy back to Bosnia to try and lift the siege of Sarajevo, to establish a four month ceasefire and to renew peace talks. Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has criticized the way the situation is being handled saying that massive airpower and determined ground troops are the answer there.



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Subject: 26 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 26 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. World leaders and ambassadors are meeting in San Francisco today to mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of the United Nations. Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali, President Clinton and President Lech Walesa will make speeches and 150 ambassadors will represent their countries. The UN presently has 185 members and was created to help end the scourge of war. While it has had many successes in the past, the UN has also been seen to have failed in Somalia and during last year's genocide in Rwanda. However, this criticism must be tempered with recognition that the UN does not have its own resources and is only as strong as the commitment made by its member states. If they do not have the will power or do not provide the resources necessary to do the job, then the job can't be done properly. The Secretary General stated that the UN is facing a debilitating cash flow problem which has reached the critical stage. The UN has been active in Africa since its first mission in the Congo in 1960 and has also overseen the free elections in Namibia, Mozambique and South Africa. The UN has also been very successful at preventing the spread of disease and in assisting refugees and delivering humanitarian aid.

b. Fighting continues in Burundi between Tutsi government forces and Hutu militiamen. Several mortars were fired into the hills around Bujumbura by the troops at Hutu militiamen and civilians. Between 30-40 people have been reported killed as a result.

c. African leaders are meeting in the capital of Ethiopia today to begin the OAU summit. On the agenda will be studies of how to prevent or resolve civil conflicts throughout the continent and how to prevent violence in Rwanda and Burundi.

d. The new president of the World Bank has ended a five day trip to Mali, Malawi, Uganda and the Ivory Coast and has pledged to continue loans to Africa by the World Bank.

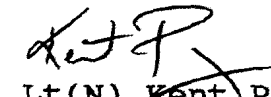
e. Liberia has appealed to the UN to assist in the repatriation of Liberian refugees who are inside the Ivory Coast and who fear violence there which led to the killing of over 20 people two weeks ago.

f. Bosnian Serbs killed nine people including 5 children this weekend in shelling and sniping attacks in Sarajevo after Bosnian government forces continued to press for an end to the 3 year siege of Sarajevo.

g. The Russian Prime Minister has said that he will press for a political solution to the problem of Chechnya and that negotiations for peace and Chechnyan independence will continue on Tuesday.

h. The first free elections in Haiti went off this weekend with problems of violence and intimidation. However, despite a slow start the elections went off - in ten days, due to handcounting, the results should be known.

i. South Africa won the World Rugby Championships this weekend defeating New Zealand 15 - 12.

  
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Subject: 24 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 24 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Russian and Chechnyan authorities will continue their peace talks as they try to find solutions for the breakaway republic. Currently 80% of the land in Chechnya is occupied by Russian forces, but the talks so far include the withdrawal of some troops for the disarming of the Chechnyan rebels. They have also agreed to extend the truce which was reached earlier this week. On the agenda next week will be how elections can be organized, specifically Presidential and parliamentary elections under international observation. The solution to the key political issue however, Chechnya's demands for independence, remains elusive.

b. Russian lawmakers are backing away from President Yeltsin, have shelved impeachment plans for the president following last week's vote of no confidence. Now they are demanding that he fire the defence and interior ministers for their handling of the Chechnya rebels hostage taking crisis.

c. The Serb leader has warned the UN that the British, French and Netherlands rapid reaction force must stay away from Serb troops. The 12,000 strong force has already begun arriving on the ground.

d. Australia says that its recall of its ambassador to France is more than a symbolic protest but one which signifies the seriousness of opposition to France's decision to resume nuclear testing.

e. One day after British Prime Minister John Major announced his resignation as leader of the Conservative party, the foreign minister, Mr Heard, has announced his resignation also, although he says that he will support Major in his reelection bid.

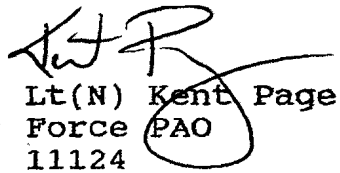
f. The US Secretary of State has spoken with officials from Syria and Israel to try to stop the cross border raids occurring between Lebanon and Israel. Syria has strong influence over the region.

g. Dr Jonas Salk, the man who discovered a vaccine for polio, died yesterday at age 80 of congestive heart failure. He spent the last years of his life searching for a cure for Aids.

h. The US Space Shuttle Atlantis will hopefully take off today, following yesterday's cancellation of its flight due to poor weather. The shuttle will dock with the Russian space station MIR when it finally gets in orbit.

i. President Clinton has said that his 1996 run for presidential re-election will be the last time he runs for anything.

j. North Korea has asked South Korea to delay its first delivery of food citing transportation problems. The two countries have been bitter enemies since the Korean War, but have agreed to South Korea delivering 150,000 tonnes of rice to North Korea.

  
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Subject: 23 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 23 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Russian and Chechnyan negotiators begin the toughest part of their peace talks today as they try to solve the issue that started the six month war - the independence of Chechnya. The Chechnyans still want independence but the Russians are unlikely to allow this to happen. Meanwhile, Russian forces are pulling out of Chechnya in agreement with the rebels vow to disarm themselves.

b. President Yeltsin has come back fighting after yesterday's lower House of Parliament vote of no confidence in his government. He has told the House to either support the government or the Duma will be dissolved.

c. The former president of Burundi, on a visit to South Africa, has appealed to that country to help Burundi and Rwanda solve their ethnic problems citing South Africa as a country which has done so peacefully. He also called for more pressure to be brought to bear on the UN and the OAU to more forcefully intervene in Burundi and Rwanda.

d. British Prime Minister John Major has resigned as leader of the Conservative party claiming that a small group within his party has been critical of his leadership for the past three years. Leadership elections could be held as early as July 4, and Major will run for re-election. He is confident that he will win.

e. The governor of California has declared that he will run in next year's presidential election saying that he is Clinton's most feared political opponent.

f. The latest Israeli / PLO talks have ended with little success - only 8 of 30 issues were agreed upon.

g. President Clinton and his top advisors are to debate whether or not to resume underground nuclear testing later this week following a proposal to do so from the Defence Department.

h. Australia has recalled its ambassador to France in protest of France's decision to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific.




i. The US is considering sanctions against China if it is determined that China has shipped missile guidance systems to Iran and Pakistan. China has declined to speak on the issue.

j. Thousands have marched in protest of the beating of a newspaper publisher in the Ivory Coast earlier this week at the hands of the Minister of Security who was upset over an article written about him.

k. The former military leader of Nigeria and his top aide are currently undergoing secret trials in Lagos this week. The US protests the secret trials which also involve 23 civilian and military officers for allegedly plotting a coup against the government.

l. The South African defence budget has been slashed by 50% since 1988 and is now at the point where parliamentarians are concerned that the country does not have a force strong enough to maintain even minimal self-defence.

m. Five teenage girls were found in a village in Algeria with their throats slashed - apparently victims of muslim extremists who have killed young women in the past for embracing western ways.

  
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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 22 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Japanese police freed 365 hostages on an All Nippon Boeing 747 yesterday in a dawn raid. There were no serious injuries and the hostage taker was arrested following a brief struggle - he was armed only with a screwdriver and had reportedly been demanding the release of the cult leader responsible for the Tokyo subway gas attacks. Police were aided in the rescue attempt by passengers who provided them with information on their cellular phones.

b. Chechnyan authorities have agreed to Russian demands to help find, capture and arrest those responsible for last week's raid and hostage taking in Russia. This, after the leaders escaped inside Chechnya despite Russian vows that they could not do so, resulting in a public humiliation for Russia. The demands came during peace talks in which both sides signed a military protocol which could extend the ceasefire in Chechnya.

c. The UN Commander in the former Yugoslavia turned down a NATO proposal to bomb a Serbian airfield following two Serbian flights clearly violating the no-fly zone in northern Bosnia. The Bosnian Prime Minister has said that the UN is now shirking its duties. Meanwhile, the first UN convoys in a month reached Sarajevo yesterday, delivering two days worth of food and supplies.

d. President Yeltsin has vowed that he will remain in power despite a symbolic vote of no confidence by the lower House of Parliament, the Duma, following last week's handling of the hostage crisis.

e. President Clinton has said that a proposed move of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would seriously damage the peace process in the Middle East.

f. Thirty soldiers and rebels were killed yesterday in clashes between Turkish troops and Kurdish rebels based in Iran yesterday.

g. The Spanish government has stated that the military agency did monitor calls of prominent politicians and figures including King Juan Carlos, but that it did so unintentionally by simple automatic


monitoring.

h. An Algerian newspaper reports that the Algerian government is doing what it has said all along that it would not do - negotiate with the muslim extremists. The paper claims that the government has met with leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front and is considering freeing some of its key officials in return for the ISF working with other extremist groups to ban the terrorist acts which have plagued the country and resulted in the killing of 40,000 people.

i. Colombia's army commander has vowed to arrest the guerillas responsible for the murder of two american missionaries on Monday. The two had been abducted by the guerillas in 1994.

j. The US has renewed criticism of the Nigerian military government over its treatment of the former President who is under arrest without charge. It is also critical of the secret trials of 23 people suspected of being involved in a failed military coup.

k. Three cases of suspected ebola fever have been discovered in Zambia, but the three have been isolated and there is little fear of another outbreak.

  
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MEMORANDUM

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To: Contingent/Battalion/Company/Unit Commanders  
Info: Contingent/Battalion/Company/Unit  
Public Relations Officers  
From: Force PAO  
Lt(N) Page  
Date: 20 June 95  
Subject: Photos For Second Issue of UNAMIR Newsletter


1. Regarding the publication of the second issue of the UNAMIR Newsletter/Magazine "UMWANZURO", we are also looking for relevant photographs to accompany your articles.

2. In order to ensure the timely publication of the next issue, would you please have your staff provide me with articles and photographs (including description on the back) on your unit's participation with UNAMIR - request that they arrive at my office, room 2034, UNAMIR HQ, no later than 26 June.

3. There is no restriction on the types of story you may forward to my office - they can include personal observations, professional insights, unit contributions and may be serious, humorous or reflective in nature. In short, if you think that it is interesting, we probably will also. As a guideline, length of the articles should be approximately 2 - 4 pages in length, typed and double spaced.

3. We will try to publish all articles and photographs forwarded, but will have to respect the realities of space and budget.

4. Thank you for your expeditious assistance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your articles and photographs by 26 June. If you have any questions, please call me at 11124.

  
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MEMORANDUM

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To: Force Comd  
From: Force PAO  
Info: SRSG, DFC, COS, DCos Ops, MA, Executive Director,  
CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board  
Subject: 20 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 20 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Sporadic gunfire was again heard in Bujumbura, particularly in the Hutu dominated suburb of Kamenge, after five days of renewed fighting. However, it is unknown who were the targets of the shooting as it is reported that Hutu militiamen fled the neighbourhood on Saturday after heavy gunfire. Yesterday's shooting followed the prime minister's order that there would be nighttime curfews in the city as well as media censorship.

b. A prominent newspaper publisher was allegedly beaten by policemen in the Ivory Coast on the weekend prompting fears that media intimidation is on the rise in that country.

c. 36 passengers were killed and six injured on a aircraft which crashed in southwestern Angola yesterday. They were all members of an Angolan football team.

d. Zaire's supreme court has ruled that extension of the one year transition period of the government, which would affect the dates of presidential elections, would not be unconstitutional.

e. Tens of thousands of South African workers staged a half day protest in cities in that country yesterday as they protested proposed labor laws. They want the laws to reflect their right to strike.

f. A bus convoy carrying Chechnyan gunmen, escorted by Russian helicopter gunships, is making its way back to Chechnya. The gunmen are being bussed with journalists and legislators who volunteered to act as human shields to ensure their safety. Russia has agreed to give them safe passage back to Chechnya, as well as having ceased military operations in Chechnya and having begun peace talks, after the hostages were set free.

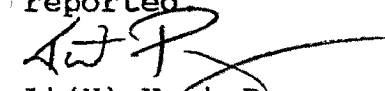
g. Bosnian government forces and Serb forces are reported to be fighting around Sarajevo, both sides claiming military victories. UN peacekeepers, however, are so restricted in their movement in the area, that all they can report is that there was fighting to the north and northwest of Sarajevo.

h. President Clinton says he remains committed that UNPROFOR should remain in the region and be strengthened. However, some prominent senators say that UNPROFOR should be withdrawn immediately from Bosnia.

i. French President Jacques Chirac has rejected Japan's prime minister's appeal to halt plans of resuming nuclear testing, however he says that he understands Japan's concern.

j. The UN says that Iraq has not fully disclosed all the information regarding its biological weapons program, saying that this essential obligation has been left unfulfilled. However, the UN says that Iraq has fully disclosed information on its chemical weapons program.

k. The World Health Organization says that a diptheria epidemic in the former Soviet republics poses the greatest health threat to the continent since World War II. It has requested \$30 million in aid to assist in the battle against diptheria in the region where last year 700 people died from the disease and 50,000 cases were reported.

  
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Subject: 19 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 19 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Rwanda's Foreign Minister has stated that the countries of West Africa have agreed to cooperate with Rwanda to bring the perpetrators of last year's genocide to justice through the International Tribunal and the Rwandan government's justice system. The countries include, amongst others, Burkina-Fasso, the Ivory Coast and Malawi.

b. Sporadic gunfire was heard in the Hutu stronghold neighbourhoods of Bujumbura this weekend particularly in the Kamenge district. Thousands of civilians are reported to have fled the area, but it is unclear how many people have been killed or wounded.

c. After Tanzanian soldiers fired warning shots in the air, Hutu refugees massed at the Tanzanian border are said to be returning to their camp a Mugano. >

d. The South Africa Development Cooperative is asking for \$270 million in food and humanitarian aid to help combat the problems of drought in Southern Africa. The countries most severely hit by drought are Malawi, Swaziland, Lesoto, Zambia and Zimbabwe where up to 80% of their crops have been affected by the drought. Angola, Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique have also been affected heavily by the drought.

e. Muslim extremist guerillas have killed another Algerian journalist in Algiers, bringing the journalist death toll in Algeria to 36 in the last two years.

f. Russian forces attempting to storm the hospital where Chechnyan rebels are holed up with hostages have ceased the operation and negotiations are in progress, although the situation remains unclear. The rebels had first agreed to a deal with the Russians, but hours after the deadline, nothing had yet happened. What is reported is the following: 100 hostages, soldiers and rebels have been killed so far; on Sunday the rebels freed 200-400 hostages as a sign of goodwill; they have agreed to free another 600 hostages; Russian authorities have tentatively agreed to cease


all military operations in Chechnya and to begin peace talks; and the Russians have rejected the rebels request to hold 100 hostages to guarantee their safe return to Chechnya.

g. UN peacekeepers have abandoned four heavy weapons collection points in Serb held territory saying that the situation there is too uncertain. This follows the release of the remaining 26 UN peacekeepers who had been held as hostages by the Serbs. They were exchanged for four Serb militiamen. The Bosnian government has agreed to ease up on its operation against the Serbs around Sarajevo, but only if the Serbs release their stranglehold on the city by moving the exclusion zone 20 kms beyond Sarajevo and by reopening the Sarajevo Airport which has been closed for 10 weeks and reopening supply routes to the city.

h. The extreme right wing National Front party has won a number of seats following France's municipale elections. This is the best the party of leader Jean Marie LePen has ever done in France.

i. US Secretary of State William Perry has stated that the US is considering resuming underground nuclear tests in the future.

j. In World Cup Rugby, New Zealand defeated England 45 - 29 on the weekend, putting them in next week's final match.

  
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From: Force PAO

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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 17 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 17 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Tanzania has closed its border to Burundi as approximately 20,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees make a massive exodus from the Mugana (sp?) refugee camp in Burundi. The refugees are en route or congregating at the border of Tanzania, but that country says it has already accepted 700,000 Rwandan refugees and simply cannot accept any more. Reasons for the exodus were not given.

b. Russian forces are currently storming the hospital complex where Chechnyan rebels are holed up with hundreds of hostages. The number of casualties on either side is not known, but many residents are criticizing the decision to storm the buildings as it puts the hostages at too much risk.

c. At the G7 Summit, it was decided yesterday that the nations would work together to strengthen the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to protect them from crises caused by turbulence in financial markets. The Summit is joined today by President Yeltsin and will discuss terrorism amongst other topics today. Yeltsin is expected to put forth his proposal in regards the Bosnian crisis.

d. Shell Oil's decision to sink the Brent Starr oil rig off the coast of Scotland next week has resulted in activist and consumer protest to the decision. Greenpeace is waging a publicity war against the company while consumers across Europe are boycotting Shell gasoline stations.

e. While President Clinton has said that he sympathizes with the Bosnians, he will not lift the arms embargo against Bosnia unless all UN peacekeepers are pulled out of the Republic.


f. France meanwhile has repeated its protests that unless fighting ceases in the region, it will pull out its peacekeepers.

g. Fighting continues around Sarajevo with the government forces attacking on the north, south and southwest sides of the city. A shell hit the main Sarajevo hospital yesterday killing 15 people, including two patients.

h. The world's largest artificial lake, Lac Volta in Ghana, has been declared an environmental wasteland in which thousands of fish have died as a result of a nearby textile factory dumping its waste water directly into the lake untreated.

i. Today is UN Desert Day, designated to draw attention to the problems related to the expansion of the world's deserts. Already, 10 million people have become refugees as a result of desert expansion around the world.

j. Editorial courtesy of Radio Deutsche Welle: France's decision to resume 8 atomic tests between Sep 95 and May 96 in the Pacific has nothing to do with any military relevance, but merely with politics. France's new President is simply saying to the world that France is a world leader and nuclear power and shall do as it pleases regardless of what the rest of the world thinks. In fact, only New Zealand and Australia have voiced any strong opposition to the decision. The US and Russia, by saying that they were "disappointed" by the decision, have really given France tacit approval to conduct the tests. Although the tests have no military benefit, what they do is undermine efforts around the world to prevent the spread of nuclear weaponry amongst those countries who are not as yet nuclear powers.

  
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MEMORANDUM

To: Force Comd

From: Force PAO

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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 16 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 16 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The United States has called upon Burundi's government to investigate and prosecute those responsible for the attack on a six car convoy which had the US Ambassador to Burundi, Robert Kruger, and the Burundi Foreign Minister, Jean Marie Engaydoho (sp?) in it. The convoy was being escorted by OAU military observers and Burundi military escorts when it was fired upon, killing one OAU military observer and one Burundi military escort - the Ambassador and the Foreign Minister escaped unhurt. Six others are reported to have been injured.

b. Today is The Day of The African Child, celebrated worldwide to draw attention to the situation of African children. Canadian Forces peacekeepers from 95 FLSG will help celebrate the day by visiting an orphanage in Gisenyi and delivering shoes and mosquito netting to the children.

c. Leaders of the G7 met yesterday to begin the G7 Summit in Halifax, Canada. Last evening they discussed Bosnia and called for an end to military operations in the theatre stressing that peaceful negotiations offered the only solution to the problems there as the Bosnian government forces massed for what could turn out to be a huge battle for Sarajevo. The agenda for today will include the International Monetary Fund and World Bank issues.

d. Bosnia's muslim led government forces unleashed heavy artillery attacks on three fronts yesterday north and west of Sarajevo. The Serbs have cut food and gas supplies to the city.

e. Chechnyan rebel gunmen are reported to have killed five of their hostages yesterday because the Russian forces would not allow them to meet with journalists at an assigned time. Earlier reports that there were approx 200 hostages have now been revised and reports say that the rebels have 1500-2000 people hostage in a town 120 km north of Chechnya. Russian troops have surrounded the town, but the rebels say that unless there is a total withdrawal of government forces from Chechnya, they will kill even more hostages.

f. A bomb exploded near the Presidential Palace in Bogata, however there were no deaths in the incident - motive for the blast is unknown.


g. The head of Spain's military intelligence agency has resigned after it was shown that for the past eleven years his agency had been monitoring phone calls illegally of prominent politicians and officials, including King Juan Carlos.

h. Iraq's Republican Guard forces have apparently repelled a possible army mutiny on Wednesday, although details are not yet clear on the nature or origin of the mutiny.

i. At least 15 people have died as a result of the earthquake near Patras, Greece and 60 seriously injured.

j. The US Defence budget has been approved for next year to be set for \$267 billion which is \$9.5 billion more than the administration had asked for. It includes \$553 million to be used for the purchase of mor B-2 Bombers even though the Pentagon says that it has no use for any more of the aircraft.

k. Malawi police arrested a number of officials yesterday for their part in the planned killing of Roman Catholic bishops in 1992 who were outspoken about human rights abuses in the country.

  
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Subject: 15 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 15 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. A six car convoy which had the US Ambassador to Burundi, Robert Kruger, and the Burundi Foreign Minister, Jean Marie Engaydoho (sp?) in it, was attacked yesterday at approx 1700 hrs near Kayanza by unknown gunmen. The convoy was being escorted by OAU military observers and Burundi military escorts when it was fired upon, killing one OAU military observer and one Burundi military escort - the Ambassador and the Foreign Minister escaped unhurt although the vehicle they were in was hit once at which point their bodyguards returned fire. Six others are reported to have been injured. It is also reported that the two dignitaries were evacuated from the area to Bujumbura by a UN helicopter. It is thought that the attack was aimed at the Burundi military, not the ambassador, who was travelling in his vehicle but not flying his ambassadorial flag. Kruger has, however, received death threats before for his outspokenness, particularly in relation to his description of massacres earlier this year in Burundi. The UN Secretary General has condemned the attack saying it does nothing to contribute to the stability in the country.
  - b. UNICEF has reported that 2500 children who have been working with the RPA as child soldiers are being demobilized this week. The children, aged 7 - 18, have been used by the RPA to do chores such as carrying baggage and water, washing clothes, etc. UNICEF is trying to return them to their childhood and to that end will move 1700 of them from military training bases to a centre at Butare where they will go through trauma counselling and asked to talk about their experiences. Efforts will be made to establish contact for them with their extended families.
  - c. Zairean officials have denied that arms are being shipped into Goma to help rearm the FRGF. They say that there are many relief groups in the area and none of them have reported any such shipments.
  - d. Zairean officials have declared that the acute phase of the ebola virus is now over.

- e. Hundreds of passengers were rescued from the Nigerian ship which sent out distress signals two days ago.
- f. The World Food Program will donate \$3 million (9 tonnes of food) to drought-ridden Swaziland over the next year.
- g. Gerry Adams, political leader of Sinn Fein, IRA, is in South Africa meeting with President Mandela to learn about how that country made the peaceful transition to democracy.
- h. Russian forces have sealed off a town, 120 km from the Chechnyan border, after 200 hostages were taken and 41 people killed in a raid thought to have been conducted by Chechnyan rebels who are demanding the total withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya. Chechnyan officials deny responsibility for the raid and hostage taking.
- i. Iraqi soldiers loyal to Saddam Hussein have clashed with Iraqi opposition forces outside of Baghdad. The opponents were repelled by the Iraqi forces armed with helicopter gunships.
- j. The US and the UN are trying to persuade the Bosnian Government not to try to break the siege of Sarajevo in an assault as thousands of their troops mass around the city. They say that they do not have the military might to sustain such an operation and that the only solution is through negotiation.
- k. An earthquake has killed two people and injured many others as buildings were damaged in a city near Patras, Greece. The earthquake, measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale, had its epicentre 200 km from Athens in the Ionian Sea.
- l. President Jacques Chirac says that he will not change his decision to go ahead with nuclear testing despite opposition from many countries.
- m. The G7 Conference opens today in Halifax, Canada - issues on the agenda include France's nuclear testing decision, as well as trade reforms, Bosnia and the US international bankruptcy plan.
- n. The Houston Rockets won the NBA basketball championship last night for the second year in a row, defeating the Orlando Magic 113 - 101.

  
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From: Force PAO  
Info: SRSG, DFC, COS, DCos Ops, MA, Executive Director,  
CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board  
Subject: 14 June 95, Daily News Summary

1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 14 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Amnesty International, in a follow up to their release that Albania and Bulgaria are supplying arms to the FRGF through Goma on aircraft registered in Ukraine, Russia, Ghana and Nigeria, has based its reports on cargo manifests, flight plans, interviews with ground crew and air crew who have all said that the arms shipments are taking place. AI says that Zairean authorities are assisting in the shipments and are actively involved in the process, but AI could not determine the level of involvement of Ghanaian, Nigerian, Russian and Ukrainian authorities. AI says that the arms are used for cross border raids and in death threats to intimidate the refugees. Zaire has said that it denies assisting in the supplying of arms to the Hutus extremists.

b. Russia will send 160 military personnel to the United Nations Verification Mission In Angola starting later this week. This will include pilots, as well as 7 helicopters and 8 ground vehicles.

c. Bosnian Serbs have freed most of the 144 hostages, but are still detaining 14 UN peacekeepers. The Serbs have done so saying that they have been assured that there will be no more NATO airstrikes against them, however NATO denies any such deal was arranged. The release was overshadowed by the buildup of approx 30,000 Bosnian Army troops around Sarajevo, the largest troop deployment in the three year war, likely in place to break the Serb seige of Sarajevo. The Serbs are said to be reinforcing their troops in the area.

d. Australia and New Zealand have broken off military relations, except for peacekeeping and search and rescue, with France following France's announcement to resume nuclear testing in the south Pacific. This will include 8 nuclear tests to take place later this year. The US says that the French decision is disappointing.

e. The US and North Korea have come to an agreement for South Korea to supply US-designed nuclear reactors to North Korea.

f. The US is closer to establishing full diplomatic relations with Vietnam, despite protests from veteran's groups which say that the issue of 1600 MIA's must be resolved before full relations should begin again.

g. Russian forces, with the capture of two more towns in Chechnya, have essentially ended the organized resistance of Chechnyan rebels. The remaining rebels are holed up around the southwestern town of Bamut.

h. A Nigerian ship carrying 727 passengers sounded a distress signal off the coast of Ghana yesterday after power failure. The ship has now dropped anchor and is out of danger.

i. In Sri Lanka, 5 civilians were killed by a landmine set by Tamil rebels, probably put in place for a military patrol following the rebel attack on a military base which left 18 soldiers and 20 rebels dead.

j. The World Health Organization puts the ebola death toll at 220 of 280 confirmed cases. 13 new cases have been reported since Friday - all in Kikwit.

k. The East African Standard, a newspaper in Nairobi, has concluded that of 74 tested brands of bottled water sold in Kenya, 71 of those contained ordinary tap water and only 3 contained actual spring water. Most bottlers claim that their water comes from the pure snows and springs of Mount Kilimanjaro, but it turns out that it really comes from just about any tap in Nairobi.

l. Attached is a summary of MGen Kagame's press conference held yesterday in Kigali.



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SUBJECT:            REPAIR OF SCHOOL IN BUTARE


1. Reference letters on the subject dated 22 May, and 23 May 95.
2. The following stores are required to be procured under own arrangements as they can not be procured by UNAMIR. It is understood that these may be funded by the UNICEF.

SER NO	ITEMS	RATE PER UNIT	UNIT REQUIRED	TOTAL COST
1.	Tube Light Set complete	\$ 12.4	800	\$ 9920
2.	Switch	\$ 6	200	\$ 1200
3.	Socket	\$ 7.2	300	\$ 2160
4.	Main Switch MCB 6 Way Cut Out	\$ 116	30	\$ 3480
5.	Bulbs	\$ 0.6	200	\$ 120
6.	HOLDERS	\$ 6	200	\$ 1200
7.	Screws 1"/ 0.5"	\$3.28/3.6	10 each	\$ 68.8
8.	Pipe Conduit 3/8"	\$ 1.6	200	\$ 320
9.	Wire PVC Copper 3*1.5	\$ 1.92	400	\$ 768
10.	Wire PVC Copper 3*2.5	\$ 2.32	400	\$ 928
11.	Wire Clips	\$ 12	10	\$ 120
12.	Wall Plugs	\$ 0.08	1000	\$ 80
	TOTAL			\$20364.8

3. The remaining stores as mentioned in the letter under reference can be provided by UNAMIR, as they are procurable under Open Ended Contract that the UNAMIR has.

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4. If the proposal is approved, UNICEF may be approached to provide the funding so that the work can be started at the earliest.

  
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MEMORANDUM

To: Force Comd  
MGen Tousignant

From: Force PAO  
Lt(N) Page

Date: 13 June 95

Subject: Transcript of MGen Kagame Press Conference

1. Sir. Today's press conference was attended by local and three international media (Reuters, The New Yorker and Frontline News). Kagame didn't make a statement, but simply responded to questions as follows (salient points only):

a. Ref rearming of FRGF in Zaire, he said:

I have spoken with the government and told them that this does nothing to preserve their own security let alone ours and that they must work together to find a solution to this problem.

b. Ref the Rwandan government not accomodating the return of refugees, he said:

We are doing everything possible to have them return, but a small group is intimidating the rest to stay outside the country to act as shields for them. What can we do that we haven't done? People tell us to reconcile while they are still trying those who committed war crimes fifty years ago in Germany, but we africans are just supposed to forget - even trees (which are cut down) have more rights to the international community to Rwandans (which are cut down). We are interested in prosecuting only those who are the authors of the genocide, the others who are simple and confused killers can be helped to show what they did was wrong - there is hope for them and we want them back. But, the authors of the genocide will face punishment including the death penalty.

c. Ref the fact that Rwanda needs the refugees back to help with the crops, he said:

We want them back not to work, but because it is their right to live in Rwanda and our responsibility to bring them back. To encourage them we must prosecute and see justice done to those responsible for the genocide, then we can talk of reconciliation - this is the best way to move forward. But as we have seen in the past, we cannot rely on the international community to do this - that would be a mistake.

d. Ref the fact that the Directeur de Cabinet for the Prime

Minister is said to have fled the country saying that he can no longer act as a mere observer to the RPA as they terrorize innocent locals and that the current government is no better than the former, he said:

He's a man running from the problem and therefore can't be sincere and if he really wanted to help the situation he wouldn't run. Furthermore, what is he guilty of that he has to run away from Rwanda - maybe he helped in the genocide. There are problems here, but its because we've inherited a bad situation that has built up over 30 years, so now we have to fix the problem but it can't be done overnight. Running away from a problem is no solution unless you are guilty.

e. Ref his agenda at the upcoming OAU Summit, he said:

He will stress the feeling of betrayal Rwanda has felt even by its African brothers who now provide refuge for those guilty of murdering one million people, but no one bothered to ask them what they did in the genocide. This is contrary to the spirit of the OAU and he will request the assistance of Tanzania, Burundi and Zaire to alleviate the problems of finding the authors of the genocide as well as helping convince the refugees to come back to Rwanda.

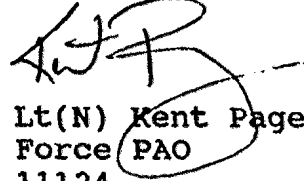
f. Ref the disparity in punishment between the International Tribunal which is going after the authors of the genocide (no death penalty) and the Rwandan judicial system which is going after the mere actors of the genocide (death penalty), he said:

Yes, there is a disparity, but even a life sentence is better than someone going free for what they have done and at least they will be held accountable for their actions. We will do our best to deal with people fairly, as I hope the International Tribunal will do also, however, I won't be surprised if the Tribunal doesn't find anyone guilty of anything.

g. Ref the new mandate changing the focus from peacekeeping to confidence restoring, he said:

It is an academic question which could be debated for days whether or not UNAMIR can or should assist with confidence restoring of the Rwandese. I don't think that it's their role or that they can do it or should do it. The Rwandese people can build up their own confidence, and should do so, without UNAMIR. However, we had to make compromises with the UN so we said, okay, fine, you can try to restore our confidence (laughs). There are negative aspects of UNAMIR being here such as the fact that with their previous security/protection role, even a common thief could steal, then run to UNAMIR and get protection just by saying that he was being oppressed because he was a Hutu and UNAMIR would protect such a thief turning a simple problem into a political one. Also during the anniversary of the genocide some UNAMIR soldiers passed the rumour that there would be a revenge genocide, so that people would run to them to seek protection. This was only done by them to justify their existence here in Rwanda and is another negative aspect of the previous security/protection role that UNAMIR had. But, at the same time,

there are positive things about UNAMIR and we want them to be around still to help out with rehabilitation, reconstruction, reporting back to the international community, etc, so there is some good still in having UNAMIR in Rwanda.

  
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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board  
Subject: 13 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 13 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The London-based human rights group, Amnesty International, stated yesterday that secret arms shipments from Albania and Bulgaria continue to be flown into Zaire to help rearm the perpetrators of last year's genocide in Rwanda. AI says that the arms are flown in on aircraft with registration from Ghana, Nigeria and the Ukraine and are flown in at night despite the fact that the Goma airport has no night flying. The group has called for Zaire to allow for the monitoring of their airports to prevent the arms shipments. The arms are said to be used for retraining and rearming the FRGF and militia and for cross-border raids.

b. The Zairean government has complained to the UN that despite having 1 million Rwandan refugees living within its borders, the UN has done little or nothing to help Zaire deal with the economic problems faced by the country as a result of the influx.

c. Yesterday's second anniversary of the annulment of presidential elections in Nigeria passed without a repeat of last year's anniversary civil unrest and violence. Heavy security was visible throughout the capital of Lagos and security forces were also present around pipelines to prevent sabotage. Most shops and businesses remained closed for the morning, but gradually opened up in the afternoon.

d. The military government of Nigeria has forced 49 independent newspaper and magazine publications to shut down publication due to their anti-military stance. These papers are located mainly in the Southwest of Nigeria where opposition to the military is strongest.


e. At least eight students are reported to have been killed at the University campus in Bugumbura yesterday during clashes between Hutu and Tutsi students. The fighting apparently erupted over a student suspected in the killing of two secondary students the day before. This follows the government troop sweeps of the Kamana and Kamenge neighbourhoods last week in which 35 people were killed.

f. Another foreigner was murdered by muslim extremists yesterday, following Sunday's murder of a popular football personality demonstrating that the extremists are no longer only targetting journalists in their campaign of terror.

g. The Bosnian Serbs are reported to be close to releasing more of the 144 UN peacekeeping hostages still held in Bosnia while the blocking of aid convoys to muslim enclaves continues.

h. The US and North Korea are expected to announce an agreement on the South Korean supply of light water nuclear reactors to North Korea.

i. Kurdish rebels killed 18 Turkish soldiers yesterday in a surprise attack marking the largest number of Turks killed in a single action by the rebels.

  
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1MEMORANDUM

To: Force Comd

From: Force PAO

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CivSpokesperson, Radio UNAMIR, UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 9 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 9 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The UN and the Rwandan government have come to an agreement on the future of UNAMIR over the next six months which will see the reduction of the force from 5,500 to 2,350 over the next three months. This will be followed by a further reduction of 530 peacekeepers in the fourth month. The mandate is extended for a period of six months. The UN Security Council will formalize the agreement today, the expiry date of the current UNAMIR mandate.

b. Zairean officials now put the death toll from the ebola virus at 202 with another 43-46 non-fatal cases reported but no new cases having been discovered since Monday.

c. A Nigerian pro-democracy movement group has called for a sit-down strike in Nigeria on Monday to protest the second anniversary of the annulment of the Presidential elections. Security forces in Nigeria are in full gear in anticipation of any violent protests on Monday. Meanwhile, some pro-democracy activists have been detained at what a human rights group calls "an alarming rate" over the past week.

d. South African authorities state that there are currently 8.5 million illegal aliens in South Africa from as far away as Russia and that measures must be taken immediately to curb the flow.

e. UNICEF has stated that there are 40 million children who are forced to work in Africa due to poverty and that the number could double by the year 2000. This number includes those children involved in child prostitution, street children, labourers and domestics.

f. A UN ambassadorial committee has left Morocco for Layonne, Western Sahara to see what can be done to speed up the referendum process which was supposed to be held in the spring of 1991. (That's not a typo.)

g. The ICRC is now visiting the remaining 145 hostages still held by the Serbs in Bosnia although there is no word yet on their condition. There is word that the Serbs will allow emergency

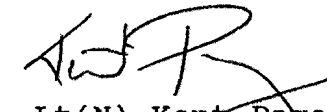


medical and relief supplies into the Sarajevo area, although the airport is still closed and the road supply routes are still blocked. A 10,000 person Rapid Reaction Force has been planned for the region. Meanwhile, the French have deployed a heavy mortar company in the weapons-exclusion zone of Sarajevo and the pilot of the downed F-16 was rescued alive yesterday.

h. The US House of Representatives has passed a bill calling for large cuts in US foreign aid, a move which the Clinton administration describes as isolationist. It proposes to cut \$4.5 billion in foreign aid over the next two years.

i. The President's of Russia and the Ukraine will meet today to discuss the division of the Black Sea fleet, which has been a thorn in their relations since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

j. Baseball legend Mickey Mantle is in critical but stable condition in hospital following a liver transplant. Doctors say that he has an excellent chance for a full recovery.

  
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Subject: 8 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 8 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The Burundian Army completed its sweeps of the Kamana and Kamenge neighbourhoods in Bujumbura to clear out Hutu rebels, however they were offered little resistance and it appears that most of the rebels had already fled the area. Civilians offered evacuation prior to the sweep showed up in only very small numbers, most had also fled earlier. The government says that residents can now immediately begin to re-enter the neighbourhoods to take up their residences. It is reported that between 30 - 100 people were killed in fighting over the last eight days.

b. The US Defence Dept is airlifting 39 tonnes of medical and humanitarian supplies to Burundi on behalf of AmeriCare.

c. President Nelson Mandela has been strongly criticized for issuing an order to kill Zulu national protesters in March, 1994 when they were attacking Mandela's national party headquarters in Johannesburg. Mandela has stated that he gave the orders in self-defence, fearing for his life and that of his staff. He has been criticized for only owing up to the order last week, keeping it a secret until then.

d. A french couple was murdered in Algeria yesterday - at least 30 french nationals have been murdered in the past year as a result of the extremists tensions in the country.

e. Japan has announced that it will donate \$63 million to Zimbabwe to repair and set up its phone system.


f. The Serbs are reported to be likely releasing up to fifty more hostages later today. So far 232 hostages have been released with 145 remaining in custody. In some of the worst fighting recently, Serb forces battled for control of the military supply routes to Pale. Fierce fighting was also reported in Gorazde.

g. Debate in Congress continues over the Bosnian situation with most opposing the idea of sending in American troops except to assist in the complete pullout of UNPROFOR troops or in a true, specific emergency on the ground.

h. The Taiwanese President arrived in L.A. yesterday to begin his private visit to the US - a visit which has strained relations between China and the US. The President will not speak with the media out of respect for the US wishes that the visit be low-key. It is the first visit of a Taiwanese leader to the US since Chinese nationals fled to Taiwan in 1949.

i. The US and North Korea appear to be coming closer to a compromise over who should produce nuclear reactors for North Korea.

j. President Clinton vetoed a bill that would cut federal spending by \$116 million saying that the cuts would affect education but would divert funds to the building of roads and repairing courthouses - a bill that he referred to as "old politics" designed to take care of the interests of those in power, not the people.

  
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Subject: 7 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 7 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Debate continues at the UN Security Council over the upcoming mandate review for UNAMIR. The Secretary General has recommended that just over 2300 UNAMIR troops remain in Rwanda for another six months. There are presently over 5500 troops in Rwanda and there is no question that their numbers will be reduced, it's just a matter of by how much. The Rwandan government has proposed that only 1800 troops remain because the RPA now have control of the security situation in Rwanda. The government also want UNAMIR here for only one more six month term and the government wants to take charge of the delivery of humanitarian supplies throughout the country while UNAMIR troops take on an observer role. It is questionable whether a force of only 1800 troops would be able to perform the magnitude of their job properly however. The Security Council is likely to give support to the Secretary General, but the Rwandan government must give its consent to the mandate review. A delegation from the Rwandan government is in New York to press their case. The current mandate expires on 9 June.

b. Gunfire continues in Bujumbura in the Hutu neighbourhoods of the capital. The government has warned that it will take action soon against those militants remaining in the suburb of Kamenge which government troops have sealed off. The government has stated that anyone who doesn't seek the refuge of the government from the suburb will be considered an enemy of the state. So far, most Hutu residents have ignored the government's offer of sanctuary.

c. South Africa has abolished the death penalty (by hanging) which gets about 400 prisoners on death row off the hook, so to speak.

d. North Korea has agreed in principle with the US on a number of points regarding their nuclear program which will call for parts to be supplied by South Korea, the objective being that that technology will ensure that they do not have the capability to produce nuclear weapons.

e. Congress opens hearings today on Bosnia and it is expected that the majority will be opposed to the option of sending ground

troops in'o Bosnia to assist with UNPROFOR or as part of the Rapid Reaction Force - but that they might provide equipment and troops in the event that the peacekeepers must be evacuated.


f. The Serbs have released 108 more peacekeepers - French, British, Spanish and Ukrainian - who are now in Belgrade. There is talk that more peacekeepers will be released over the next few days to Serb authorities in Belgrade. The release follows warnings to the Serbs from France that if the hostages are not released that the Serbs are on a suicidal path.

g. Italian police arrested 12 men who have supplied arms to terrorists in Algeria, France and Germany.

h. Israel appears to be yielding to the PLO who are demanding full control of the West Bank in the same manner as they have in the Gaza Strip.

i. The US ban on all US trade with Iran goes into effect today as punishment for Iran's support of international terrorism.

j. An american astronaut has broken the US record for duration in space - he has been on the Mir spacestation for 86 days now, however he has a long way to go to meet the record for staying in space, held by a Russian astronaut who stayed on the spacestation for 439 days.

  
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Subject: 5 June 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 5 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Sporadic fighting continues in Bujumbura between Hutu militia and Tutsi government troops. At least 12 people have died in five days of fighting so far, centred mainly in the Kamenge and Kamana neighbourhoods, which have been sealed off from diplomats and journalists by government troops. Thousands of people are said to have fled to the surrounding hills to escape the fighting. The EU peace delegation that was in Bujumbura left on Friday after being denied access to the areas of fighting.

b. Algeria has sentenced an Army Lt to death for the assassination of the President of Algeria in 1992. The Lt was the head of the Presidential Guard and is believed to have acted alone. He has 8 days to appeal his conviction. The death penalty in Algeria is by firing squad.

c. The Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, George Moose has expressed his concern over the arrest of forty leaders of the political opposition in Nigeria last week for holding an illegal meeting. They were arrested by military security forces but were released on Saturday although it is not known whether any charges will be laid. Moose expressed his concern about this abuse of human rights (arrested without charge) and that this would stifle meaningful national debate as Nigeria tries to chart its way back to democracy.

d. An International Red Cross ship hit a mine set by Tamil Tiger rebels on the weekend which blew the ship up off the coast of Sri Lanka. One Red Cross, one UN and nine staff were rescued but one Indonesian worker is missing. It is not clear whether the mine was planted intentionally against the Red Cross.

e. The US has asked the Serb President to secure the release of the remaining 250 peacekeepers held hostage in Bosnia. The Serbs say that no more will be released unless there is a guarantee that there will be no more NATO airstrikes. Serb mortars hit suburbs of Sarajevo yesterday killing five people while Croat forces attacked Serb positions in Cryna (sp?), known to be a Serb stronghold.

f. The US has stated that it has no evidence to support the fact that the US pilot whose plane was shot down on Friday had survived although Serb officials say that he is in their custody.

g. The US says it will send in troops to relocate UN peacekeepers if that is necessary, but it does not believe that this will be the case. Otherwise, US troops will not serve with UNPROFOR nor with any Rapid Reaction Force.

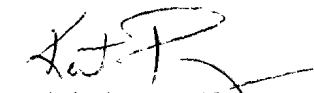
h. A suspected associate of Carlos the Jackal, the world's most notorious terrorist was extradited to Berlin from Yemin this weekend to face numerous terrorist and murder charges.

i. The death toll of the Sakahlin Island earthquake is over 1100.

j. It has become high fashion in Malawi for women to rub marijuana into their hair which apparently makes it grow better - authorities are not sure how to deal with this treatment as the punishment in Malawi for marijuana possession is ten years imprisonment.

k. Russian officials say they have captured a key Chechnyan stronghold in the Caucas Mountains, but Chechnyan rebels say that the claim is nonsense and that fierce fighting continues.

l. A UN peacekeeper was injured on South Lebanon when he was caught in the crossfire between Hezbollah (sp?) and Israeli troops. He was injured in the same location, an Israeli occupied zone, that another peacekeeper was injured at last week. 200 peacekeepers have been killed in Lebanon since 1978.

  
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Subject: 2 June 95, Daily News Summary

1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 2 June as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. China yesterday denied that it had shipped arms to Zaire as alleged by the Africa Watch group earlier this week. China said that it has respected the UN arms embargo since it went into effect and that it has not helped in any way to rearm former government forces in Zaire. Officials said that the allegations were pure fabrication designed to undermine Chinese/Rwandese relationships. France and South Africa have also denied the charges of rearming the FRGF.

b. The European Union, which suspended \$50M in development aid to Rwanda after the Kibeho massacre, will hold talks to determine whether or not to restart the aid program in the near future.

c. There has been continued fighting in clashes in Burundi's capital of Bujumbura where several people were killed yesterday in clashes between Hutu militants and Tutsi-dominated government forces. The clashes were centred around two Hutu neighbourhoods of the capital. Diplomats and journalists have been denied access to the areas where Hutu militia are reported to be firing on anything that moves. Thousands of residents are said to have fled for the surrounding hills to seek refuge. The fighting is taking place during a visit of an OAU delegation there to discuss peace reconciliation.

d. WHO officials say that the acute phase of the ebola virus is over although there will be more cases of people dying in the coming weeks as their incubation period ends. 164 people have died out of a total of 211 confirmed cases.

e. Nigerian military security forces have arrested a number of prominent opposition politicians yesterday under orders of the military leadership of Nigeria.

f. The Bosnian Serb leader has stated that any commando raid to free the approximately 400 UN peacekeepers held hostage will result in their slaughter and that they can easily be released unharmed if it is guaranteed that there will be no more NATO attacks on Serb positions. Britain and France have proposed a rapid deployment

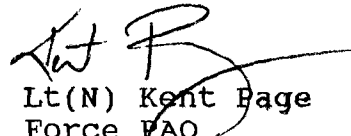


force to move into the area as well as a reinforcement of the entire peacekeeping mission. The rapid deployment force would have about 4-6,000 soldiers and be backed by armour and aircraft and able to cut through enemy lines - the proposal will be further discussed tomorrow. The US has stated that it will consider any option short of permanently committing troops to the area. The UN Secretary General is at odds with the Security Council after it rejected his options of either a reduction in the peacekeeping force or the creation of a multinational force which would work outside of, but parallel to the UN mission.

g. In the Ukraine there is more political discord as the referendum proposed by the President was voted down by parliament. The referendum would have tested support of the President's reform program, but Parliament said that it was both unconstitutional and too expensive.

h. Turkey has warned against Greece exercising its right to turn the Aegean Sea into a "Greek lake" after parliament voted to adopt a UN Law of the Sea which would allow Greece to double its territorial waters. Greece says it reserves the right to do so, but with Turkey beginning military exercises in the area (as well as having the second largest army in NATO - 700,000 troops) it is unlikely it will exercise its right in the near future.

i. Former Panama ruler General Noriega has asked to be paid his \$100,000/year pension for his years of military service - the case is being reviewed by the Panamanian Social Security service.

  
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Date: 31 May 95

Subject: Daily News Summary

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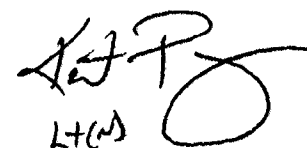
- a. Belgium has issued an international arrest warrant for a former Rwandan government army Colonel who is said to be responsible for the murder of the former Rwandan Prime Minister and ten Belgian soldiers sent to protect her. He and two others, named by Belgium as organizers of the genocide, are thought to be in Zaire.
- b. South Africa and France have denied allegations that they shipped arms into Zaire following the UN arms embargo, however South Africa concedes that arms may have been smuggled into Zaire after Feb 93. The Africa Watch human rights group claims that arms have been shipped into Zaire as late as March 95. France has said that it shipped \$23M worth of arms into Rwanda between 1990-93 to the government at the time, but then terminated their shipments. President Nelson Mandela has dismissed the allegations as nonsense.
- c. Top European Union diplomats will be meeting today to discuss the renewal of aid to Rwanda following their suspension of aid in the aftermath of the Kibeho massacre.
- d. The Rwandan ambassador to the UN says that the arms embargo should be lifted against Rwanda as it is allowing the FRGF to rearm and retrain but not allowing the RPA or even the police to have adequate weaponry to protect civilians and the country. If the embargo was lifted he says, Rwanda poses no threat to its neighbours. It is believed that approximately 50,000 men are retraining in a dozen refugee camps in eastern Zaire.
- e. NATO is moving to increase firepower as a precaution against Serb threats of further action in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The foreign ministers of 16 NATO countries have asked for the immediate release of the nearly 400 peacekeepers held as hostages and that it will not rule out the possibility of a military response.
- f. Russia will be signing a military cooperation agreement with NATO today which will implement their membership in the Partnership for Peace plan.
- g. A Russian human rights activist has accused Russian troops of torturing prisoners in Chechnya as fighting continues in the south of Chechnya.
- h. WHO officials have stated that they believe that they are now successfully preventing any further outbreak of the ebola virus.
- i. Pope Jean Paul, in his 12th encyclical, stated that all Christian churches should work together towards unification, urging patient dialogue in a discussion that could last decades.

j. Amnesty International has state' that Iran has executed tens of thousands of political prisoners over the last few years, not giving them the right to fair trial.

k. Israel and the PLO are said to be making progress on the expansion of Palestinian self-rule.

l. Prince Charles is making an historical visit to Ireland today - the first visit since 1922 of a British Royal. Security is very tight.

m. Finally, in the World Cup of Rugby, despite a valiant effort, the Ivory Coast succumbed to Scotland who thrashed them in an 89-0 victory.

  
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Subject: 30 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 30 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The international human rights group, Africa Watch, based in New York has stated that rearming and retraining of the architects of Rwanda's genocide of last year is taking place in refugee camps and military training bases in Zaire. Africa Watch also says that France, Zaire, South Africa, China and the Seychelles are all providing arms to the soldiers responsible for the genocide despite a UN imposed arms embargo. It says that the retraining and rearming is in preparation for a violent attack on Rwanda from Zaire. The group says that the arms are being flown into Kinshasha and then with the help of Zairean officials, are transferred to Goma. The group has called for the extension of the UNAMIR mandate to include the refugee camps in Zaire, bordering on Rwanda and that UN observers be placed at Zairean airports to help impose the arms embargo. The group calls on the US to send peacekeepers to Eastern Zaire to help disarm the refugees in the camps there. It also states that France, Zaire and South Africa should fully disclose their arms shipments. The former Health and Foreign Minister of Rwanda's last government, in an interview in Nairobi, denies the charges by Africa Watch, saying that former soldiers were disarmed before entering Zaire by Zairean troops and that no rearming or retraining is taking place. He said that any independent observers could affirm that fact and that they are waiting for dialogue to open up between the Rwandan Government and the refugees to discuss the repatriation of the refugees. Africa Watch says that writings by the former Health and Foreign Minister helped to incite people to participate in last year's genocide.

b. The US, France, Britain, Russia and Germany have declared that diplomacy rather than military moves should be exercised in the deteriorating situation in Bosnia, but that peacekeepers should be reinforced with more troops and weaponry. Nearly 400 peacekeepers are presently being held hostage by the Serbs. The Western countries also hold the Serb leaders personally responsible for the fate of the peacekeepers and have demanded an immediate release of them unharmed. The US, France and Britain have dispatched warships to the Adriatic as reinforcements.

c. Hopes for finding more than 2,000 people alive on Sakahlin Island after the weekend earthquake are fading as rescue efforts are hampered by the remoteness of the region, fog and freezing rain. 900 people have been found and 300 bodies have been recovered so far.

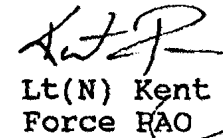
d. In a ceremony attended by US representatives, Hungary destroyed the last of its Soviet-made SCUD missiles yesterday.

e. The Israeli Prime Minister said yesterday that before any of the Golan Heights are returned to Syria, the Israeli people must vote to approve the decision. Syria condemns the statement saying that a referendum should be held for domestic issues, not occupied land.

f. International observers say that elections held in Belarussia were neither fair nor free. The elections resulted in the old regime maintaining power.

g. An international human rights group claims that more than 200 people are being held in prisons where they are tortured in Tibet for expressing their political views.

h. Nelson Mandela begins a 3 day trip to Tanzania today.

  
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Subject: 27 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 27 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. Rwanda's Minister of the Interior stated yesterday that the number of arrests being made would have to be reduced as there is no room left in Rwanda's prisons.
  - b. The ebola virus seems to be weakening and WHO authorities state that the worst appears to be over, but that more people will die from the disease. So far 121 of 160 confirmed cases have resulted in death. Authorities say that the transmission of the epidemic appears to have been interrupted.
  - c. France has threatened to remove its peacekeepers from Bosnia Hercegovina unless the UN takes appropriate action to protect them. This comes after a second round of NATO air strikes against munitions depots held by the Serbs. After the strike, the Serbs have taken more than one hundred peacekeepers hostage and have placed some of them at munitions depots to ward off any future NATO air strikes. Russia, when asked to intervene in the situation, declined stating that NATO air strikes were not the answer.
  - d. The Bosnian ambassador has criticized the international community about being more concerned about the lives of peacekeepers than about Bosnian civilians.
  - e. While severe rocket and artillery attacks pounded Chechnyan positions in the south, diplomats are trying to schedule a second round of peace talks with Russia after the first round broke down.
  - f. Thousands of solidarity union protesters marched against government buildings in Warsaw, clashing with police armed with water cannons and truncheons. They were protesting against growing unemployment.
  - g. Israel has said that it might consider giving back some land appropriated for Jewish housing to aid in the peace process there.
  - h. China has cancelled the visit of the Defence Minister to the US to protest the visit of the Taiwanese President to the US.

i. President Clinton has not yet decided whether or not to renew China's most favoured nation trade status. Last year the renewal was controversial in light of China's poor human rights record. Many argue that the status should be linked to China's human rights abuses.

j. The creator of Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig (plus 300 other cartoons) Fritz Freleng, died yesterday at age of 89. He started out as a cartoonist working with Walt Disney but made his mark beginning in 1930 working with Warner Bros cartoons.

  
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Subject: 29 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 29 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. In its first official statement regarding the Kibeho massacre and the subsequent International Commission convened to investigate the incident, the Rwandan Government has stated that those responsible will face strict punishment for their actions. The Commission concluded that the massacre was not planned, but that RPA soldiers used excessive force while arbitrarily depriving the IDP's of life and their human rights.

b. More than 300 UN peacekeepers are still being held by Serb forces as shields against further NATO airstrikes. 33 British troops are being held hostage and Britain has stated that it will send in an additional 5,000 troops and that the Serbs will face severe consequences if the 33 are not released unharmed.

c. Yesterday the Bosnian foreign minister was killed when Serb forces shot his helicopter out of sky.

d. The US, Britain, France, Russia and Germany will meet today to discuss ways of bolstering the UN peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

e. At least 300 people have been killed on Sakahlin Island, in far east Russia, after a massive earthquake there. Rescue operations are underway but it is feared that hundreds more will die.

f. The death toll of the ebola virus now stands at 122 dead, however WHO officials say that the worst phase of the disease is coming to a conclusion.

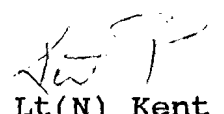
g. Israel has set the stage for continued peace talks by stating that the Golan Heights is part of Syria and not Israel. Israel captured the Golan in 1967 and annexed it.

h. Thousands of Israelis marched and sang in the streets of East Jerusalem celebrating the anniversary of the capture of East Jerusalem and vowing never to give it up. Palestinians claim that East Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine.



i. Egypt may soon be passing new laws which would heavily punish, by fines or imprisonment, journalists who spread false rumors or defame the government. The law is supposedly to be put in place to prevent false statements being made about the state of the economy. The journalistic union however says that it will fight the law which infringes on the right of free press.

j. It is believed that 4 french nationals who went missing months ago in Senegal were killed by Senegales dissidents, however, their bodies have not yet been recovered.

  
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Subject: 26 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 26 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International War Crimes Tribunal has had its six jurists selected by the UN General Assembly based on a list of 12 contenders forwarded by the UN Security Council. The six are from Sweden, Senegal, Bangladesh, Russia, South Africa and Tanzania. They will investigate charges against those thought to have organized last year's genocide and will serve a four year term. Unlike the courts trying those who participated in the genocide, the Tribunal will not be able to hand out the death penalty. The Court is the second of its kind (Yugoslavia also) since the War Crimes tribunals of Nuremburg and Tokyo after World War II. The US has pledged \$7M to assist the Tribunal.

b. The Tutsi Prime Minister in Burundi has called for no violence and has asked people to return to work in an appeal on radio yesterday. People had been prevented from going to work over the last few days by young demonstrators not allowing them to do so.

c. The UNICEF headquarters in Nairobi has been found to be involved in a serious corruption scandal in which \$10 million in funding has been mismanaged through padded expense accounts, funds funneled to non-existent organizations and collusions with local businesses. 24 people from the office are facing charges. The \$10M represents one quarter of its two year budget.

d. Twenty seven heads of state have asked Nigeria to release its former military ruler from house arrest saying that he has been integral to the process of peace during his rule.

e. Twenty Islamic militants were wounded when a bomb went off in their stronghold in Algiers. It is not known who set the bomb.

f. Dozens of people were killed by heavy Serb shelling following yesterday's NATO airstrikes in Bosnia Hercegovina. More air strikes are expected today if the Serbs do not respect a noon deadline to remove heavy weaponry from the free zones around Sarajevo.

g. Russian and Chechnyan peace talks broke down yesterday as fighting continued in Chechnya. The talks however, are expected to resume.

h. Israel has hinted that it may make a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights if that is what it takes to achieve peace with Syria.

i. Iran and Iraq may begin soon to exchange the approximately 15,000 war prisoners each country claims the other has, captured during the 8 year war which ended in 1988.

j. WHO officials put the death toll from the ebola virus at 121 which includes 13 people who died between Jan and March.

k. British Prime Minister John Major and his Conservative party suffered another political blow when they lost a parliamentary seat in Scotland which they had held for 72 years.

l. The shoes worn by Nelson Mandela when he walked free from prison were sold at an auction by Christy's yesterday for \$6700.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Force Comd  
From: Force PAO  
Info: SRSG, DFC, COS, DCos Ops, MA, CivSpokesperson, Radio  
UNAMIR, UNAMIR Media Board  
Date: 25 May 95  
Subject: Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are this morning's top stories from the BBC World Service, CNN and the Voice of America for 25 May 95:

a. The ICRC has announced that it will help to build a prison complex to ease the overcrowded prison situation in Rwanda. The prison is slated to hold 5,000 prisoners.

b. Vice President Paul Kagame has said that he would support a new UN mandate which would reduce the overall number of UN troops in Rwanda but would increase the number of military observers.

c. Five jurists have been selected by the UN to the International War Tribunal for Rwanda - voting on a fifth and final jurist will take place today. The Tribunal will operate in Arusha, Tanzania and will have no authority to impose the death sentence. Those convicted could serve their jail terms in countries which make space available for them in their prisons.

d. Health officials continue to monitor the ebola virus situation in Zaire with the death toll now at 108 - six cases were added from deaths which occurred in January. It appears that the virus is limited to the area surrounding Kikwit although one European journalist who was sent to Zaire to cover the story appears to have the symptoms of the disease. The virus appears to be weakening as it passes from person to person.

e. The Organization of African Unity marked its 32nd anniversary stating that painful economic reforms throughout Africa are now beginning to pay off.

f. Despite an upsurge in fighting, initial peace talks will take place today between Russian and Chechnyan leaders.

g. The UN Commander in Bosnia has given a noon deadline today for the big guns to stop firing around Sarajevo or NATO airstrikes will commence.

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h. A UN naval officer, LCdr Schwartz is being tried for espionage after spending two years in the Persian Gulf where he allegedly provided secret message traffic and daily information situation reports to Saudi Arabian authorities. There is no evidence that he was paid to do so and his motives are unclear.

i. Israel and Syria have agreed to guidelines on security arrangements under which peace talks can begin - a step in the right direction according to the US Secretary of State.

j. President Boris Yeltsin has stated that parliamentary elections will take place this year, followed by presidential elections next year.

k. A man who scaled the White House fence with an unloaded pistol and who was shot in the arm by a Secret Service agent has been hospitalized and diagnosed as having mental problems. President Clinton is reported to have never been in danger from the incident.

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Date: 23 May 95

Subject: Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are this morning's top stories from the BBC World Service, CNN and the Voice of America for 23 May 95:

a. An ambassador has stated that many of those responsible for last year's genocide in Rwanda are now living in various countries including Belgium, France, Canada, US, South Africa, Gabon and Zaire. A Rwandan diplomat states that he has a list of those living in the US and that he will release the names at an appropriate time.

b. The death toll from the ebola virus is holding steady at 101 dead. The news comes as many more countries begin screening those who enter their borders from Zaire.

c. After talks yesterday, Israel has suspended its decision to confiscate land from Arab settlers to provide housing for Jewish settlers. This comes after it became apparent that the government of Yitshak Rabin would be facing a vote of no-confidence over the issue.

d. Hundreds of Israeli Arabs clashed in the streets of Gaza after an Israeli soldier entered a church and sprayed it with gunfire - there were no casualties. An angry mob then tried to force their way into the church to get at the gunman, but he was secreted away by police.

e. China has criticized the private visit of the Taiwanese President to the US saying that it will damage China's sovereignty as well as cool China/US relations.

f. European Security officials say that Russian and Chechnya leaders will meet on Thursday to begin peace negotiations. Meanwhile, heavy fighting continues in the foothills of Chechnya.

g. The Bosnian Serb leader is putting pressure on the head of the church there to officially not recognize Bosnia-Herzegovina despite the fact that this would result in the easing of sanctions against Serbia.

h. Pakistani police continue to clash with protesters in Karachi. So far, 50 people have been killed in the past five days as supporters of the MKM movement protest against the government, demanding new elections.

i. One of the suspects in the Oklahoma bombing was released yesterday as a result of lack of evidence, however two other suspects remain in custody. The ruins of the building will be levelled today.

j. Heavy fighting is reported in a central town in Liberia between rival rebel factions.

k. Soccer star Maradona has blamed the CIA for spiking his communal wine which resulted in his testing positive against drug usage last year. He claims that the US government is responsible for his fall from grace.



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Subject: 22 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 22 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. The death toll from the ebola virus is now 101 out of 137 confirmed cases. Medical records show that the outbreak may have begun as early as Dec 94 and not March 95 when a family of 12 was stricken with the virus, seven of whom died.
  - b. Former US defence secretary (1992) Lee Aspin died Sunday of a massive heart attack.
  - c. Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat will meet today in the Gaza Strip to hold unexpected talks on Israel's decision to expropriate land for Jewish settlement.
  - d. Lebanon's Prime Minister has been reappointed as PM only days after resigning from the post amidst corruption scandals and strikes.
  - e. Fighting has resumed in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina with Serbs attacking Croats in shelling and ground attacks. The Serb leader has said that Serbs will not recognize Bosnian-Croat borders in return for an easing of international sanctions against the region.
  - f. The US Secretary of State says that proposed massive cuts to foreign aid will have a great negative impact on Africa if they go through.
  - g. Suspected militant muslims have killed another Algerian journalist this weekend. More than 30 journalists have been murdered in the past two years by militants who believe that they spread government propaganda.
  - h. The Italian Roman Catholic envoy to Sudan has accused the government of inflicting misery on its people and violating their human rights by not aiding IDP's in the south of Sudan.

  
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Subject: 20 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 20 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International Commission Into The Kibeho Incident states in its report that RPA soldiers used excessive force and that unarmed IDP's were subjected to arbitrary deprivation of life and serious bodily harm in violation of human rights and humanitarian law. The report also said that the number of IDP's killed was significantly higher than that reported by the Rwandan government. The report did not say that the RPA soldiers acted in self-defence. A spokesman for the Rwandan government said that the report was balanced and fair.

b. The Chief Prosecutor of the War Crimes Tribunal in Rwanda, Judge Goldstone, yesterday held a session declaring his concern that if more resources were not committed to the Tribunal there was a danger that it could not function. This morning he announced his delight at the \$6M pledged by donor countries and the Dutch government's pledge to make 35 people available for the Tribunal.

c. The death toll of the ebola virus has now reached 89 dead. There are concerns that a new outbreak may occur in the quarantined area around Kikwit where people are living together in close quarters.

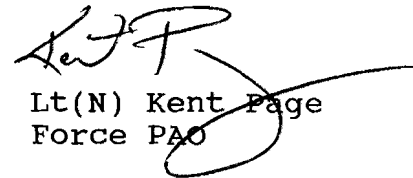
d. The government of Bosnia Hercegovina has pleaded with the UN not to remove its peacekeepers from UN declared safe zones. The UN Secretary General has also stated that he is considering reducing the number of peacekeepers if there is no reduction in fighting there.

e. 300 US soldiers have arrived in the Ukraine to begin joint peacekeeping training with the Ukraine army. They will train against sniper fire, drive by shootings, guarding relief supplies, etc. The exercise comes as relations are still warm between the Ukraine and the US.

f. The Moroccan Prime Minister is in Cairo planning for an Arab summit meeting to fight against the US veto of the UN resolution on Israel's expropriation of land for Jewish settlers.

g. Lebanon's Prime Minister has resigned unexpectedly amidst scandals of corruption within his government and a country crippled by strikes.

h. NASA has announced plans to cut 3,000 jobs over the next five years which will bring it to its lowest employment level since 1961. It also announced plans to cut 25,000 contractor jobs by the year 2000.

  
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Subject: 19 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 19 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International Commission Into the Kibeho Incident concluded its investigation and has criticized Rwandan government soldiers on the site at Kibeho for using excessive force. The Commission also stated that it believed that the excessive force resulting in the massacre was spontaneous and not planned or premeditated. The Commission also stated that the death toll of the IDP's was much higher than the figure provided by the Rwandan government. The Rwandan Interior Minister has said that appropriate action will be taken against the RPA soldiers responsible. The Commission was made up of representatives from seven nations including Canada, Britain, France and Germany, as well as representatives from the UN, the OAU and the Rwandan Government.

b. WHO officials say that 79 people have died of the 114 confirmed ebola cases - Zairean officials say that 87 people have died so far. Three people working as Red Cross emergency volunteers have died this week and a fourth is in the final stages of dying - they were all involved in the burying of ebola victims. The largest percentage of those dead are medical staff who worked at hospitals in Kikwit. The death toll is expected to rise as the 3-4 week incubation period of the virus elapses. Meanwhile, thousands of people have been stopped at roadblocks set up along the main highway between Kikwit and Kinshasha. Officials are saying with cautious optimism that the disease is being controlled so far. French scientists have found a fourth strain of the ebola virus in monkeys found in the Ivory Coast which may lead to clues as to how the virus can be fought. The other strains are known as the Zairean, Sudan and Reston strains. Health officials are now discouraging relatives from conducting the centuries old tradition of washing the corpses of those who have died prior to burial as this is one way of contracting the disease. Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries have joined the list of those screening passengers on flights prior to allowing them entry into their countries.

c. The US and North Korea will resume talks in an attempt to salvage differences on North Korea's nuclear program.

d. Arab nations are angered over the US veto of the UN resolution criticizing the Israeli plan to expropriate more land for Jewish settlers. The Arab states say that the US has lost its status as an honest broker in the Middle East peace process.

e. The US Secretary of State says that he is launching a new drive to encourage UN and NATO retaliation against Serb aggression in Bosnia Hercegovina where the worst fighting in the past year is now taking place. Currently before any military action takes place both NATO and the UN must agree on what will happen which often results in a lost initiative.

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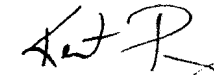
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Subject: 18 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 18 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. WHO officials and Zairean doctors are preparing for an upsurge in the rise of ebola cases at the end of the week given the three week incubation period of the disease. 86 people have now died and there are now 101 confirmed cases. Officials are concerned that they cannot control people fleeing from Kikwit as they are under quarantine but not arrest. Many people have been captured at the cordon set up 30 kms outside of Kinshasha, but this possibly presents a new problem in that there are fears that new refugee camps might be created as people flee but are stopped at the cordon. So far no cases have been discovered in Kinshasha. A man was arrested at Toronto International Airport after arriving from Kinshasha - his mother had died earlier from ebola.
  - b. The US has vetoed a UN resolution which would have prevented Israel from seizing Palestinian land.
  - c. Japan has asked for new talks to begin with the US concerning access to the Japanese auto market after the US threatened to impose tariffs which would double the price of Japanese cars in the States.
  - d. Fierce fighting rages in Bosnia Hercegovina as Muslim-led government forces engage Serbs around Sarajevo where hundreds of bombs exploded yesterday. The UN Security Council threatened unspecified measures if the fighting continues. Diplomats say that a negotiated solution is required.
  - e. Russian and Chechnyan officials have both issued appeals for peace talks despite continued fighting in southern Chechnya.
  - f. A German parliamentary commission will begin investigating whether or not the government concocted a story that plutonium was being smuggled out of Moscow in an attempt to make it look like Moscow had lost control of its nuclear supplies.
  - g. The US defence department says that five nations will add more ships to tighten the naval blockade against Iraq in the Persian Gulf.

h. The White House will not write a letter to Saddam Hussein requesting the release of two americans held hostage in Iraq. The White House says that although the Iraqi foreign minister has said that this might lead to their release, that doing so would condone their initial arrest which should never have happened.



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Subject: 17 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 17 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Nine more people died yesterday from the ebola virus, bringing the total dead to 86 out of 93 confirmed cases. Two suspected cases of infection in Kinshasha turned out to test negative. The death toll is expected to be higher in the future however due to the four week incubation period of the virus, but health officials say that they are confident that the outbreak is being controlled. The virus kills 80% of those infected.

b. Relief groups in Burundi are threatening to slow down aid to that country to protest the recent killing of a Greek aid worker.

c. Representatives from at least nine West African nations are meeting with leaders of the warring factions in Liberia today to try and restart peace talks in that country. However, one of the main rebel leaders is not expected to be present bringing into question whether or not any success will be realized.

d. An Argentinian peacekeeper was killed yesterday during an apparent robbery attempt in Angola.

e. The Zimbabwe President begins a five day visit to the US on the invitation of President Clinton. They will discuss Zimbabwe's economic reform program.

f. The UN Secretary General has suggested that a reduction in forces may be necessary in Bosnia and that troops may have to be redeployed into safer areas. The US is pressing for more aggressive UN action and a toughening response to Serb aggression following shells landing within a few hundred metres of the US embassy in Sarajevo yesterday.

g. The US says that if Japan does not open up its auto market that it will decide on 28 June whether or not to impose tougher tariffs on Japan. Japan is forwarding a complaint to the World Trade Organization on the subject.

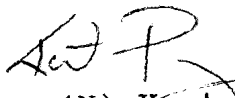
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e police will begin questioning the leader of the murder and attempted murder in connection with gas attack. Meanwhile police and Japanese alert throughout Tokyo in case of any revenge ult members.

s considering an Arab resolution condemning ure which it says violates international law. lies > criticized Israel's action in this case.

j. Jacques Chirac begins a 7 year term as President of France today. His first official visitor will be German Chancellor Helmut Kohl tomorrow.

k. A Human Rights group in El Salvador has accused the government of doing nothing to stop the continued activities of death squads in the country.

  
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Subject: 16 May 95, Daily News Summary

1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 16 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Health officials are working together on a massive education campaign and stepped up quarantine procedures to help control the ebola virus outbreak. 77 people have died of the 84 confirmed cases of the disease - 17 people died yesterday. There are two suspected cases of the virus in Kihshasha. A tighter quarantine of Kikwit is now in place and the twenty journalists who visited Kikwit on Sunday have now been placed in quarantine in Kinshasha. Ebola, though highly deadly, is not a highly contagious disease to the general public as those who contract the disease become very ill, very quickly and then soon die. Therefore the biggest threat is to those who come in contact with them in hospitals where protective clothing and sanitation procedures greatly reduce the risk. The washing of corpses, a practice widespread in Zaire, is also a highly risky activity in regards to ebola. Angola has partly closed its border to Zaire and passengers on flights into Kigali from Zaire are now being monitored.

b. Malawian judges are pressing for South African doctors to examine the former Malawi prime minister to determine his mental state of health as he is being charged with the murder of other politicians in 1983 during his reign as prime minister.

c. Tomorrow marks a national day of mourning in South Africa to remember the 104 miners who were killed last week in a mining accident in which a runaway locomotive crashed onto an elevator, plunging it 500 metres to the bottom of the mine shaft.

d. Japanese police have arrested the leader of a cult who authorized the Tokyo subway gas attack two months ago and charged him with murder. Thirteen other members of the cult have also been charged in connection with the attack which killed 12 people.

e. The US will impose new economic sanctions against Japan in response to a breakdown in the auto and auto imports talks between the two countries. However, the tariffs won't take effect until after the G-7 Summit to take place in Halifax in June.

f. Many countries have criticized China's underground nuclear test which was conducted yesterday, particularly in light of the recent conclusion of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty conference.

g. International observers are trying to identify a body suspected of being a missing american aid worker who disappeared last month in Chechnya.

h. The former head of the French National Blood Bank has been released after serving more than two years in prison for his part in the tainted blood scandal in which hundreds of people were infected with the HIV virus.

i. World leaders are criticizing Israel's decision to expropriate land for Jewish settler housing saying that the decision does nothing to further the peace process in the Middle East.

  
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Subject: 15 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 15 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The Zairean government claims that it is bringing the spread of the Ebola virus under control, despite the fact that outbreaks have now been reported in a town less than 200 km from the capital of Kinshasha. The government claims that 76 cases have been diagnosed and 64 people have died so far, most of them medical staff. WHO reports that 81 cases have been diagnosed. Although the central location of the disease, Kikwit, is said to be quarantined, Zairean troops have been alleged to have taken bribes to allow people to leave the area. Yesterday a group of foreign journalists arrived in Kikwit to cover the story - they returned to Kinshasha a few hours later, were examined then allowed to leave.

b. The Sudanese government says that Sudanese rebels have released 1,000 children who had been forcibly recruited to fight against the government. So far the rebels have forcibly recruited about 20,000 children.


c. A stray mortar hit a school in Mogadishu killing 9 children and injuring many others - it is not clear where the mortar was fired from.

d. Argentina's leader has been declared the victor in presidential election, ensuring his rule for another four years. His victory was a result of his fight against a weakening economy.

e. Japanese police have arrested the man thought to have commanded the Tokyo subway gas attack which killed 12 people and injured over 5,000. It is believed that ten people were involved in the attack.


f. Israel's Prime Minister says that it will confiscate 53 more hectares of land for use by Israeli settlers, but that any future land confiscations will take place in consultation with the Palestinians.

g. Iran says that it plans to construct ten new nuclear reactors with help from Russia and China, but that the technology would not be used to build nuclear weapons. Iran says that the US

  
has been hampered by the fact that Russia will continue to supply Iran with nuclear technology despite protests from the US.


h. UN sources say that heavy fighting is raging throughout northern Bosnia-Herzegovina where more than 2,000 bombs exploded over the weekend. The UN Secretary General will be reporting on the situation to the UN Security Council today.

i. The International War Crimes Tribunal will seek to indict the Bosnian Serb military and political leaders for war crimes prosecution.

  
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Subject: 12 May 95, Daily News Summary



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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 12 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. Zaire has added a new travel restriction in that country following an outbreak of the deadly ebulla virus. Essentially, the city of Kikwit is quarantined and the capital of Kishosha is closed to anyone from that area. There have been 59 confirmed deaths as a result of ebulla with unconfirmed reports of more than one hundred. Health officials fear the disease will spread as the hospital in Kikwit where there outbreak originated is now deserted. Another suspected outbreak has been reported in Musango, 100 km outside of Kikwit. Ebulla kills by liquifying the body's internal organs and has no known cure.

b. Five people were killed and at least 25 injured after clashes took place between government supporters and opponents in Ghana's capital yesterday. The protesters were marching against harsh economic conditions that have resulted from the government's austerity program.

c. There are reported to be 33,000 people in Rwanda's severely overcrowded prisons and the justice system is unable to deal with the case workload, prompting the Minister of Justice to agree that many innocent people are likely in prison for no reason. He has made further appeals to the international community for assistance with the judicial system.

d. The nuclear non-proliferation treaty has been extended indefinitely after the 178 member countries agreed by consensus that it should be extended.

e. President Clinton is near the end of his visit to the former Soviet Union. He made a speech yesterday in the Ukraine praising that country for embracing a market economy and for surrendering its nuclear arsenal.

f. Republican Senators like Bob Dole have already criticized the visit as a grand failure, prompting Clinton advisors to respond that the visit cannot be compared to a baseball game were there are clear winners and losers.

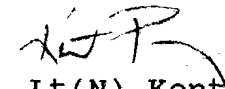
g. The two-week unilateral Russian ceasefire in Chechnya ended at midnight to fierce artillery pounding of Chechnyan positions by Russian forces making it clear that the ceasefire would not be renewed.

h. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Gali meets in Paris today with UN military commanders to discuss the situation in the Balkans.

i. Nelson Mandela has declared a day of mourning following the deaths of many miners in an accident involving a runaway locomotive which crashed on top of an elevator carrying miners, plunging it 500 m to the bottom of the shaft. Human error is cited as the cause of the accident.

j. Pakistan has denied charges by India that it is responsible for the burning of a shrine in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

k. A scientist at the OJ Simpson trial has testified that only 1 in 170 million people could have the same DNA structure as that found in a blood sample at the scene of the crime which matches Simpson's. The defence is arguing that the blood sample is contaminated. With no witnesses to the crime, the final verdict may rest heavily on the DNA evidence.

  
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Subject: 9 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 8 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The International Commission investigating the Kibeho incident will continue its work today. Yesterday initial meetings were held in Kigali. The Commission is responsible to determine the cause and circumstances of the massacre as well as to try and estimate the death toll and the causes of death. The Commission was put together after the outrage of the international community regarding the Kibeho incident in which the Rwandan government claims that 300 people died, but which the UN states that 2,000 people died.

b. Two western journalists have reported that they have information stating that 60-80 Nigerian non commissioned officers have been secretly executed for their part in the coup plot of early this year. The executions are said to have taken place in March following clandestine trials held in Lagos. The Nigerian Defence Ministry denies that any executions have taken place.

c. President Clinton is in Moscow to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. He will have a summit meeting on Wednesday to discuss Russian and NATO expansion, the Russian war in Chechnya and the sale of nuclear reactors to Iran by Russia. Russian troop atrocities in the town of Somaski last month may also be discussed.

d. Bosnian Serb forces continue to shell two cities under UN protection. Serb tanks have moved into the 20 km exclusion zone surrounding Sarajevo and fired into the city as well as shelling Tuzla.

e. Two million white clad Muslims are making their pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia and will be making their way up Mount Arafat today as part of Muslim religious ceremonies over the next few days.

f. President Clinton has signed an executive order banning trade with Iran due to Iran's continued sponsorship of terrorism and the heightened threat that Iran poses to the West.

g. Author Salman Rushdie says that he believes that the six year death warrant put out on him by the Iranian government will be lifted by the end of May due to European Union pressure on Iran to do so.

h. Human Rights groups are protesting the new US policy of returning Cuban refugees to Cuba where they could face reprisals for fleeing the country.

i. The US is continuing to apply pressure on Iraq to free the two americans jailed there for illegally entering Iraq.

j. President Nelson Mandela will meet today with the UN's Special Envoy to Angola to discuss the Angolan peace process.

k. Two World Food Program relief workers have been abducted, possibly by rebels, in Southern Sudan while working on the Lifeline Sudan humanitarian project.

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 8 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. Ethiopia held its first multi-party parliamentary elections yesterday, but because most opposition parties boycotted the election, the ruling party, which has been in power since 1991, is virtually guaranteed to win. The formal results will be announced in two weeks.
  - b. Conservative Mayor Jacques Chirac has won France's presidential election by capturing 52% of the vote. He has promised to be president for "all french people" and to make unemployment, currently at 12.3%, his main focus.
  - c. President Clinton, on the eve of his departure for the Moscow summit, has defended criticism that he has not been tough enough on Russia ref its upcoming nuclear technology deal with Iran. Clinton says that while he is disappointed, it is better to maintain dialogue with Russia than break talks off.
  - d. Sporadic fighting continues in Chechnya despite a two week old, unilateral, Russian led ceasefire which has largely been ignored by rebels.
  - e. World leaders marked the 50th anniversary of the defeat of fascism this weekend. The event was marred by the firebombing of a synagogue in Germany, along with skinhead demonstrations and the desecration of Jewish graves. Germany conducted lowkey ceremonies including a ecumenical church service and speeches.
  - f. Heavy mortar shelling killed 9 people in a Muslim neighbourhood in Sarajevo yesterday as Serbs executed the worst attack since the four month old ceasefire expired last week.
  - g. Talks are resuming again between Israel and the PLO after they broke off as a result of Israel's announcement to seize more land for Jewish housing in Jerusalem.

h. Human rights groups have accused South African police of abuses including the assault and torture of criminal prisoners. They say that this represents a significant blow to the ruling party's attempts to free itself of the shadow's of the former apartheid regime.

i. The US Coast Guard has 13 Cubans on board a ship awaiting their repatriation to Cuba under a new US policy. The 13 were picked up only 36 hours after the US announced that all Cubans entering the US illegally would be returned to Cuba.

j. A new report coming out this week is said to be critical of UN peacekeepers during the UNOSOM tour.

k. An Algerian newspaper has stated that another state prosecutor has been shot and killed in Algiers by suspected muslim militants. He is the 20th prosecutor killed in the ongoing insurgency operations conducted by the radicals. More than 30,000 people have been killed in 3 years of fighting.

  
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MEMORANDUM

To: Force Comd

From: Force PAO

Info: SRSG, DFC, COS, DCos Ops, MA, Radio UNAMIR,  
UNAMIR HQ Media Board

Subject: 6 May 95, Daily News Summary

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 6 May as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:
  - a. Russian plans to sell nuclear technology to Iran will continue despite pressure from the US not to do so. The issue will be high on the agenda at next week's summit with President Clinton.
  - b. A Russian recce aircraft was shot out of the sky by Chechnyan rebels on day 8 of a Russian declared ceasefire - there have been 100 clashes since the unilateral ceasefire began.
  - c. Heavy fighting continues along the Bosnian/Croatian border as international envoys call for a ceasefire.
  - d. Quick action by Tokyo subway workers has averted another poison gas attack yesterday. Workers found two burning bags of chemicals in a rest room and put the fire out before the contents combined to produce deadly cyanide gas.
  - e. President Clinton continues to lash out at paramilitary groups which claim a right to violence against the federal government. Meanwhile, the search for bodies in the Oklahoma bombing has been called off.
  - f. A new US policy to forcibly return Cubans trying to flee into the US will be enforced this weekend after 13 Cubans were picked up on their way to the US by boat yesterday.
  - g. A top assassin for the Medellin cartel has been sentenced for the bombing of a Colombian jet which killed all 110 people on board in 1989 - his target were two suspected informants travelling on the aircraft.
  - h. The wives of two americans jailed in Iraq say that they are frustrated and physically drained over the realization that a quick end to their sentence is not forthcoming.
  - i. Mogadishu has been rocked by the heaviest fighting between rival warlords since the UN left Somalia earlier this year.

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1. Sir. Here are the top stories for the morning of 28 Apr as reported on the BBC World News, the Voice of America and CNN:

a. The UN Security Council has condemned the killings at Kibeho Camp, but stopped short of judging who was responsible. The Council also welcomed the Rwandan government's decision to have an independent international investigation into the incident. Diplomats said that one question that needs answering is whether or not it was official policy to conduct the killings or whether RPA soldiers acted on their own. The UN has been criticized for not preventing the killings, but spokesmen have said that there were only 168 soldiers on the ground and they were greatly outnumbered. The Secretary General has been asked to prepare a report on the role and actions of UNAMIR during Kibeho.

b. Official estimates now say that 24 people were killed in violence in Kamenge, Bugumbura this week - a total which is twice that earlier reported.

c. Sierre Leone's military leadership is lifting it's ban on political parties in an effort to pave the way to promised elections.

d. A gas explosion occurred in South Korea, 240 km south of Seoul, in a subway tunnel under construction which killed 75 people and injured 180. The cause is unknown.

e. A 14 day unilateral ceasefire is now in effect in Chechnya in an effort to appease international leaders visiting Moscow in May.

f. A five nation contact group (Britain, France, US, Russia, Germany) is meeting in Paris to discuss the Bosnian situation, particularly the tattered ceasefire, due to end in two days. Both sides have rejected a ceasefire renewal.

g. Clinton's top security advisor says that it is immensely important that the nuclear non proliferation be extended.

  
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