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SUBJ: CIVPOL SITREP OF 14 DEC 94

1. GEN SITUATION: AREA CALM AND PEACEFUL.

2. CRIME WAVE: NTR

3. INVESTIGATIONS: NTR

4. TRAINING: NTR

5. MANPOWER: THREE (3) CIVPOL PERSONNEL

6. LOGISTICS: ONE SERVICEABLE TOYOTA SALOON CAR NO UNAMIR 1050.

7. MISC: NTR

8. GEN ASSESSMENT: CIVPOL PERSONNEL WENT ON FAMILARISATION PATROL.

CYANGUGU AND ITS ENVIRONS GENERALLY CALM WITH PEOPLE ALL GOING ABOUT

THEIR LAWFUL DUTIES. NO INCEDENT RECORDED.

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From: G2

26 March 95

Subject: IR: BURUNDI
INTREP 005

1.(UN R) The situation in Bujumbura appears to be tense but stabilized. It is likely that the military seized upon the opportunity presented by Friday's violence to launch a cordon and search operation in an effort to disarm extremist gangs. UNHCR Kenya reported that 600 Burundians and 3,000 Zairans fled Bujumbura for the Uvina camp (a known base of operations for Burundian Hutu militia). This may lend credibility to a military report that armed Hutu militia had been entering the city for the purposes of creating instability. If this is the case, current military actions may have helped prevent escalations of violence within the capital and outlying regions.

2.(U) Reports of wholesale European evacuation of European nationals appears to have been exaggerated by the press. Although Italy may have decided to react to Friday's violence in such a way, the French suggestion to withdraw non-essential personnel (around Easter time) appears to have been under discussion prior to the violence and seems a reasonable precautionary measure, not an indicator of a situation beyond control. Belgium is has not made such a decision, although Spain may have.

3.(C) As for the possibility of an Army-led coup, one could become a requirement should the government mechanism become counter-productive to the efforts of maintaining stability. To quote recent history, in the last Turkish coup, the government was badly fragmented, nothing was being done or could be done (no real direction or decisions) while a large scale internal security matter was seeing hundreds of people dying each day unchecked. The military took power under its mandate as "protector of the constitution" (3rd coup in 3 decades), sorted out the internal security situation, sorted out government administration then let elections and an elected government return to power. No indication to support
near here.

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(U) 1. 27 Mar: Italy had already advised Italian citizens
before Friday's violence 132

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4.(U) As for the actual incident of Friday/Saturday, a synopsis is as follows:

a.(U) Friday, 1500B: Fighting between rival groups of Hutu and Tutsi started. Reports indicated gunfire and grenade explosions, one man killed, several homes in the suburbs (BWIZA and BUYENZI) were set afire and telephone lines cut. The fighting had ceased and streets clear by the 1900B curfew.

b.(U) The military appears to have cordoned and swept at least BUYENZI. Journalists report approximately 50-60 dead in the area.;²

c.(U) The violence appears to have abated by Saturday morning; and

d.(U) UNHCR Kenya reports 600 Burundians and 3,000 Zairans had fled to Uvira as a result of the situation.

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2.(U) BBC Reports figures of 1500 pers dead (27 Mar) B/J

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