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7. (U) BURUNDI: RUMORS OF RENEWED FIGHTING

~~(S/NF)~~ RUMORS OF RENEWED VIOLENCE HAVE SURFACED ONCE AGAIN AND ADDITIONAL FIGHTING BETWEEN PALIPEHUTU REBELS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES MAY BE IMMINENT. THE REBELS, CLAIMING THEY REPRESENT THE HUTU PEOPLE, HAVE BEEN DEMANDING AN EQUA1 VOICE IN THE TUTSI-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI. A SERIES OF REBEL ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN LATE NOVEMBER REPORTEDLY LEFT 200 DEAD. SINCE THEN, RUMORS HAVE ABOUNDED THAT MORE FIGHTING WOULD SOON OCCUR. AS A RESULT, LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LEAVING THE COUNTRY. A RENEWAL OF FIGHTING, COUPLED WITH SEVERAL RECENT REPORTS THAT CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED NEAR THE BORDERS WITH ZAIRE AND **RWANDA**, COULD IMPERIL REGIONAL STABILITY, ESPECIALLY SINCE BURUNDI HAS ACCUSED **RWANDA** OF PROVIDING SANCTUARY FOR THE REBELS.

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