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SUBJ: DEFENSE WATCHCON CHANGE REPORT FOR THE **RWANDA** INTERNAL WARNING PROBLEM - RWINT (S)

1. (S) DIA IS RAISING ITS WATCH CONDITION FOR THE **RWANDA** INTERNAL WARNING PROBLEM FROM V TO IV ON 19 FEB 93 AND JOINING US EUCOM AND DRM FRANCE IN MONITORING THIS WARNING PROBLEM.
2. (S) THE **RWANDA** PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) RESUMED MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ON 8 FEBRUARY. FEW DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING ARE AVAILABLE, BUT THE RPF HAS SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED GOVERNMENT FORCES BACK IN SOME AREAS AND APPEARS TO BE CONSOLIDATING ITS POSITION IN THE NEWLY "LIBERATED" PARTS OF THEIR ETHNIC HOMELAND. THE RPF MAY DECIDE TO HOLD AT THAT POSITION WHILE OFFERING A POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL

IN EXCHANGE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS. RETREATING GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY ASSAULTING CIVILIANS AND LOOTING PROPERTY IN AREAS THROUGH WHICH THEY ARE PASSING. THE RENEWED FIGHTING IS RAISING THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANOTHER ROUND OF ETHNIC ATROCITIES AGAINST TUTSI BACKERS OF THE RPF. ADDITIONALLY, THE CONFUSION IN THE SECURITY SITUATION HAS LED TO AN INCREASE IN GENERAL LAWLESSNESS.

3. (S) THE FRENCH HAVE DEPLOYED ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO THE CAPITOL, KIGALI, TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY AND THE BELGIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT SHOULD THEY BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN EVACUATING THEIR CITIZENS. U.S./ALLIED PERSONNEL AND INTERESTS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE DIRECTLY TARGETED IN THE CURRENT VIOLENCE. SHOULD THE REBELS SHELL THE CAPITOL OR IF GENERAL CHAOS ENSUES AS THE CITY S POPULATION SWELLS WITH REFUGEES AND RETREATING TROOPS, THERE MAY BE AN INCREASED THREAT TO US AND ALLIED PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES.

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4. ~~(S)~~ DIA WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION BASED ON THE INDICATOR LIST BEING DEVELOPED BY US EUCOM. DIA BELIEVES THE THRESHHOLD FOR THE NEXT INCREASE IN WATCH CONDITION LEVEL WOULD BE CROSSED IF THE RPF PRESSES ITS OFFENSIVE BEYOND THE LIMITS OF ITS TRADIONAL ETHNIC HOMELAND OR MOVES INTO A POSITION FROM WHICH IT COULD SHELL KIGALI.

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