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SUBJ: **RWANDA**: INVASION. (~~CONF~~)

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TEXT: 1. (~~CONF~~) PERSONNEL FROM UGANDA'S NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY (NRA), ALONG WITH RWANDAN REFUGEES, INVADED **RWANDA** NEAR KAGITUMBA ON 1 OCTOBER.

2. (~~CONF~~) THE INVASION FORCE, ESTIMATED AT 175 TO 500, WAS INITIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN CAPTURING THE AIRSTRIP NEAR KAGITUMBA IN NORTHEASTERN **RWANDA** BUT LATER WITHDREW, POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF THE ARRIVAL OF A FRESH RWANDAN BATTALION SENT FROM THE MILITARY CAMP AT GABARO. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATED THAT THE REBELS HAVE CAPTURED A RWANDAN MILITARY CAMP IN THE NORTHEASTERN QUADRANT OF THE COUNTRY.

3. (~~CONF~~) KIGALI REMAINS QUIET, ALTHOUGH REFUGEES FROM THE NORTH HAVE BEGUN ARRIVING, MILITARY ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN PLACED ALONG MAJOR APPROACHES TO THE CAPITAL, AND A 2000 TO 0500 CURFEW HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

4. (~~CONF~~) THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE INVASION, CLAIMING THAT THE ACTION WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT ITS KNOWLEDGE OR SUPPORT. THE 603 US CITIZENS RESIDING IN **RWANDA** DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IN IMMINENT DANGER.

5. (~~CONF~~) COMMENT: THE NRA MEMBERS OF THE INVASION GROUP ARE PROBABLY ALL TUTSIS WHO JOINED THE NRA EITHER DURING UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI'S GUERRILLA DAYS IN THE ANTI-AMIN ERA OR WHEN

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RWANDANS WERE BROUGHT INTO THE NRA TO FIGHT THE OBOTE GOVERNMENT. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE PROBABLY RWANDAN MINORITY TUTSIS REFUGEES WHO DESIRE TO OVERTHROW THE MAJORITY HUTU GOVERNMENT OF **RWANDA**. DESPITE A RECENT REFUGEE REPATRIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIGALI AND KAMPALA, DISSATISFACTION STEMMING FROM THE AGREEMENT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCURSION. THE 5,000-STRONG RWANDAN MILITARY COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY OVERCOMING THE INVADERS IF THE CONFLICT EXTENDS BEYOND 2 OR 3 WEEKS DUE TO THE ARMY'S LIMITED LOGISTIC RESERVES.

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