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RWANDA: SITUATION UPDATE. (S)

AS OF 2130Z 3 OCT 90

1. (S) FIGHTING CONTINUES IN UPPER NORTHEAST **RWANDA** BETWEEN REBEL FORCES AND RWANDAN TROOPS.
2. (S) THE LEADER OF THE EX-UGANDAN REBEL FORCE THAT INVADED **RWANDA** ON 1 OCTOBER IS MAJ GEN FRED RWIGYEMA, WHOSE FORCES WERE IN CONTACT WITH UGANDA'S NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY (NRA) HEADQUARTERS AFTER THE INVASION AND WERE TOLD THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED IF THEY RETURNED TO UGANDA. WHILE 400 NRA DESERTERS JOINED RWIGYEMA IN HIS INVASION BID, 100 OTHER NRA TUTSIS WERE CAUGHT AND ARRESTED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES BEFORE THEY COULD LINK UP WITH THE NRA DESERTERS. SEVERAL THOUSAND OTHER RWANDANS IN THE NRA REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS. THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE INVASION AND PROMISED UNSPECIFIED HELP TO **RWANDA**. REPORTED INFILTRATIONS FROM TANZANIA HAVE THUS FAR FAILED TO BRING THE EXPECTED SMALL-SCALE ATTACKS.
3. (S) MEANWHILE, FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE NORTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY, WITH THE FRONT CENTERED AROUND GABIRO. BOTH RWANDAN TROOPS AND THE UGANDAN INVADERS APPEAR TO BE TIRING AND RUNNING LOW ON AMMUNITION AND FUEL. THE REBELS HAVE ADVANCED TO WITHIN 64 KM OF KIGALI AND HAVE TAKEN GABIRO. REPORTS OF SUCCESSFUL GOVERNMENT COUNTERATTACKS TO PUSH THE REBELS BACK TO THE BORDER ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED.
4. (S) THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTACKS IN OTHER AREAS SINCE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAVE STATED THAT

TRUCKLOADS OF ARMED TUTSIS ENTERED SOUTHEAST **RWANDA** FROM BURUNDI THE NIGHT OF 2 OCTOBER.

5. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT: SINCE THE COMPETENT AND WELL-LIKED RWIGYEMA IS LEADING THE INVADING FORCES, OTHER TUTSIS MAY JOIN THE FIGHT. IF THEY DO SO BEFORE SIGNIFICANT SETBACKS TO THE REBEL ADVANCES OCCUR OR HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE ARRIVES, KIGALI MAY RUN OUT OF AMMUNITION, POSSIBLY THREATENING THE GOVERNMENT'S SURVIVAL. ~~(DECL OADR)~~

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