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COUNTRY: (U) **RWANDA** (RW).

SUBJ : (b)(3):10 USC 424 ROAD REPORT (U)

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SUMMARY: (C) MAIN NORTH-SOUTH ROAD FROM KIGALI TO  
RUHENGERI AND BEYOND REMAINS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND  
CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING HEAVY AND HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC.

TEXT: (C) 1. ROAD TRAVEL FROM THE RWANDAN CAPITAL OF  
KIGALI (b)(3):10 USC 424 PAST THE CITY OF

RUHENGERI (b)(3):10 USC 424 VIA CAR TOOK JUST  
OVER TWO HOURS TO COVER THE APPROX 120 KILOMETER  
DISTANCE. THE ROAD WAS AN ALL WEATHER, HARD SURFACE  
ROAD IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. BUILT BY THE CHINESE  
ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, THE ROAD WAS WELL MAINTAINED AND  
HAD ONLY TWO MINOR POTHOLES OVER THE ENTIRE DISTANCE.

2. (C) ALL BRIDGES ALONG THE ROUTE, WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF THE BRIDGE CROSSING THE MPENGE RIVER AT KIGOMBE VIC

(b)(3):10 USC 424 WERE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING  
HEAVY, SEMI-TRAILER TRUCK-TYPE TRAFFIC. (b)(1);(b)(1)1.4(c)

(b)(1);(b)(1)1.4(c) THIS BRIDGE  
HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY BY RECENT SEASONAL RAINS AND  
REPAIRS WERE NOT YET COMPLETE.

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3. (S) AT THE EDGE OF RUHENGERI (GOING IN A NW DIRECTION) THE ROAD WAS WASHED OUT. THE BRIDGE IN USE IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING 2 1/2 TON TRAFFIC AS RO WAITED FOR SUCH TRAFFIC TO CROSS. (b)(1)1.4(c) NORTH OFF MAIN ROAD RIGHT AFTER MIL CANTONMENT AREA AT THE END OF RUHENGERI (NO ACTIVITY NOTED), THE ROAD GAVE WAY TO A ROCKY DIRT ROAD MORE SUITABLE FOR FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES.

COMMENTS: (S) (b)(1)1.4(c);(b)(3):10 USC 424

IMPRESSED WITH THE WORKMANSHIP OF THE HIGHWAY BUILT IN SUCH A HILLY COUNTRY. ONE OF THE PASSENGERS (b)(1);1.4 (c) HAD BEEN IN KINSHASA FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS AND ALL THROUGHOUT THE EXCURSION EXALTED IN AMAZEMENT ABOUT HOW MUCH BETTER THE ROADS WERE IN RWANDA THAN IN ZAIRE. (b)(1);1.4 (c) WOULD HAVE TO AGREE STRONGLY AS THE ROADS IN ZAIRE DETERIORATE EVEN WORSE DAILY.

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