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SUBJ: **RWANDA**-UGANDA: ATTACK FEARED. (U)

DOI: 3 OCT 91 (AS OF 1830 EDT)

TEXT: 1. (~~C/NF~~) KIGALI FEARS AN ATTACK FROM UGANDA, EITHER BY RWANDAN REBELS OR BY THE UGANDAN ARMY, DURING THE NIGHT OF 3-4 OCTOBER.

2. (~~C/NF~~) THE RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER CLAIMS THAT UGANDA HAS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS, ALONG WITH HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AT THE BORDER. KIGALI BELIEVES KAMPALA PLANS TO HELP RWANDAN REBELS GAIN A FOOTHOLD IN RWANDAN TERRITORY BEFORE PEACE TALKS CAN RESUME. THE ARMY PREDICTS A MAJOR INCURSION BY HOSTILE FORCES INTENT ON PUSHING AS FAR AS RUHENGERI. RWANDAN OFFICIALS THINK THE ATTACK WILL TAKE PLACE NEAR CYANIKA, WHERE **RWANDA** LAST WEEK CAPTURED A UGANDAN SOLDIER, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED TO SPYING FOR THE REBELS.

3. (~~C/NF~~) (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d) ON 29 SEPTEMBER A COLUMN OF ABOUT 30 VEHICLES WERE TRANSPORTING EITHER REBELS OR UGANDAN TROOPS TO UGANDA'S SOUTHWEST BORDER NEAR **RWANDA**'S VOLCANOES PARK.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d) HEAVY MORTAR BOMBARDMENT AND A BATTALION-SIZE INCURSION INTO **RWANDA** ENSUED BUT WERE WITHSTOOD BY RWANDAN FORCES, WHO SUSTAINED SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES.

4. (~~C/NF~~) COMMENT: **RWANDA** HAS REGULARLY, AND OFTEN MISTAKENLY, RAISED THE ALARM SINCE THE CONFLICT BEGAN A YEAR AGO. KIGALI HAS BEEN RELEASING PRESS STATEMENTS ON THESE ALLEGED PLANS SINCE 24 SEPTEMBER BUT CURIOUSLY HAS YET TO ANNOUNCE THE 29 SEPTEMBER CLASH.

5. (~~C/NF~~) (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4 AN ATTACK WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RWANDAN CONFLICT AND THE DEATH OF THE ORIGINAL REBEL COMMANDER. WITH ZAIREAN MEDIATION AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF A MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP STYMIED, THE REBELS MAY BELIEVE THEY NEED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION THROUGH A LAND GRAB.

6. ~~(C/NF)~~ IF THE ATTACK TAKES PLACE, THE UGANDAN ARMY WILL TRY TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF INVOLVEMENT. NONETHELESS, **RWANDA** WOULD DECRY UGANDAN ARMY INVOLVEMENT TO DONORS AND A WAR-WEARY RWANDAN POPULATION.

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