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DIA WATCHCON CHANGE REPORT -- **RWANDA**. (U)

AS OF 192000Z FEB 93

1. (~~S~~) DIA RAISED ITS WATCH CONDITION FOR THE **RWANDA** INTERNAL WARNING PROBLEM FROM V TO IV ON 19 FEBRUARY.
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 IS CONSOLIDATING ITS POSITION IN THE NEWLY "LIBERATED" PARTS OF THEIR ETHNIC HOMELAND. 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~~) WESTERN 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 WESTERN PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES.

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