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PART VI: (U) AFRICA WARNING PROBLEMS

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18. ~~(C)~~ OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: **RWANDA** -- THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO HAS CASTIGATED THE DISSIDENT **RWANDA** PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) FOR ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

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(OAU) EFFORTS TO MEDIATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE RPF AND GOVERNMENT. TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 7 SEPTEMBER IN GBADOLITE, ZAIRE. THE RPF, ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DRAW UGANDA INTO THE FRAY BY ATTACKING UGANDAN BORDER POSITIONS AND BLAMING RWANDAN FORCES. THE KIGALI GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO CHARGE THE RPF WITH BEING A MINORITY EXTREMIST GROUP BECAUSE IT DRAWS ITS MEMBERSHIP FROM THE 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION WITH TUTSI TRIBAL AFFILIATIONS. SOME AMONG THE HUTU TRIBAL GROUPING, WHICH MAKES UP 90 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, FEAR THE RPF IS TRYING TO REGAIN TUTSI POLITICAL DOMINANCE LOST WHEN THE HUTU'S CAME TO POLITICAL POWER WITH INDEPENDENCE IN 1962. DESPITE CURRENT MEDIATION EFFORTS BY ZAIRE, THE CIVIL WAR, WHICH PITS SEVERAL THOUSAND RPF GUERRILLAS AGAINST SOME 10,000 GOVERNMENT FORCES ON THE NORTHERN BORDER, APPEARS NO CLOSER TO A SOLUTION.

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PART VII: (U) ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: NONE.

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