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RWANDA: SITUATION UPDATE. (S)

AS OF 1955Z 4 OCT 90

1. (S) RWANDAN HELICOPTERS HAVE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON REBEL FORCES NEAR GABIRO AND KAGITUMBA.
2. (S) THE AIR FORCE, USING ITS GAZELLE HELICOPTERS EQUIPPED WITH ROCKETS AND CANNONS, IS SAID TO HAVE DESTROYED A REBEL SUPPLY COLUMN NEAR GABIRO THE EVENING OF 3 OCTOBER AND THE REBEL HEADQUARTERS AT KAGITUMBA ON THE 4TH.
3. (S) THE REBELS HAVE REPORTEDLY DIVIDED INTO SMALL GROUPS AND ARE CONDUCTING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF LAKE MUHAZI. GOVERNMENT ARMORED AND PARATROOP BATTALIONS HAVE RETURNED TO KIGALI TO PREVENT GUERRILLA INCURSIONS IN THE CAPITAL.
4. (S) OTHER THAN THE TUTSIS JOINING THE FORCE, NO LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REBELS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.
5. (S) COMMENT: MEANWHILE, THE WORST MAY BE OVER FOR THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, REBEL LEADER MAJ GEN RWIGYEMA HAS THE EXPERIENCE AND THE POTENTIAL TO CONDUCT A PROTRACTED GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN IF HE CAN REGROUP HIS FORCES AND GAIN MORE SUPPORT FROM RWANDAN TUTSIS, ALTHOUGH THEY MAKE UP ONLY 9 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. RWIGYEMA MIGHT TRY TO ESTABLISH AN AREA OF CONTROL FROM

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WHICH HE COULD BARGAIN FOR GREATER POLITICAL INFLUENCE FOR THE
TUTSIS IF HE DECIDES THAT TAKING KIGALI IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

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