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PART VI: (U) AFRICA WARNING PROBLEMS

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7. ~~(S)~~ OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: **RWANDA** -- REBEL SITUATION. FIGHTING IN THE NORTHEAST CONTINUES, WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES ENCOURAGED BY THE ARRIVAL OF ZAIRIAN TROOPS. THE REBELS' GUERRILLA TACTICS ARE CAUSING DIFFICULTIES FOR THE RWANDAN ARMY. IN RECENT FIGHTING, GOVERNMENT LOSSES HAVE INCLUDED ONE OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, 50 CASUALTIES NEAR BYUMBA, AND ONE GAZELLE HELICOPTER DAMAGED, ALL

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WITHOUT APPARENT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE REBELS. IN THE CAPITAL, THE ARRESTS OF PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF DISLOYALTY, INCLUDING ARMY OFFICERS, CONTINUE. MEANWHILE, ZAIRE'S TROOPS HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED TO SERVE IN THE NORTHEAST. WITH KIGALI RELATIVELY QUIET, THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS CONTINUES. RWANDAN ARMY HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN DISPERSED TO AVOID SABOTAGE, BUT THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WILL VERY LIKELY BE DEGRADED BECAUSE THE RWANDANS HAVE USED ALL THEIR ROCKETS. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFERED SOME LOSSES, THEY STILL HAVE THE UPPER HAND. FIGHTING WILL LIKELY CONTINUE, SINCE MAJ GEN RWEGIYEMA'S REBELS, AN ESTIMATED FORCE OF 1,000 TO 2,000 PERSONNEL, SHOW NO SIGNS OF SURRENDERING TO THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS 5,000 TROOPS.

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PART VII: (U) ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: NONE.

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