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(e) MEETING WITH THE UN ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR RWANDA: On 16 May, LTC Johnson as part of an interagency team went to brief the UN Secretariat in New York on a proposed UN PKO for Rwanda. Ambassador Inderfurth headed the U.S. delegation. George Ward and Ed Brynn represented State and Bill Gravelink OFDA. COL Baltimore (J-5) and Lt Col Reynolds (J-4) were the Joint staff team members. Assistant Secretary for Peacekeeping Risa and the Secretary General's Military Advisor General Baril were the leading members of the UN delegation. After brief introductions the UN team stated that the UN would not withdraw from Rwanda. They did not support the U.S. proposed option of providing humanitarian assistance from outside the country (outside-in) and sought our approval for their option of humanitarian operations emanating from within the country out towards the border areas (inside-out). A/S Risa's rationale for the UN's option was that the UN had to get at the heart of the problem as soon as possible. He said the UN was morally obligated to stop the killing of civilians and alleviate the humanitarian crisis. Those problems are not as severe in the border areas that the U.S. had proposed in its option. Agreeably, the UN option was riskier commented General Baril but the circumstances required immediate action. The UN was working to achieve consent of both the RPF and the GOR of the UN operation to be headquartered in Kigali along with 2-3 regional location bases. When pressed by the U.S. delegation for details on the concept of operation General Baril commented that the proposed resolution's force of 5,500 was the number of troops the UN believed they could get from troop contributors, not necessarily what was needed to provide nation wide security and humanitarian assistance. He commented that troop availability (type and amount) and the resources they'd require (from transport to equipment and training) were the UN's major concerns. The U.S. team left with an understanding that the resolution would be re-worked to include support for deploying the remainder of the Ghanaian Battalion to Kigali, a provision for the UNMOs (70 in Kigali and 150 in Nairobi) to conduct an on-the-ground assessment of the situation and the UNSYG would report back to the Security Council as soon as possible on their findings and provide a "fleshed out," refined concept of operations for follow-on UNAMIR operations. (LTC Johnson)

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