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TAGS: PGOV, FREL, CG, RW SUBJECT: TFR01 ZAIRE REACTS TO RWANDA EVENTS

1. REACTION IN KINSHASA TO EVENTS IN RWANDA HAS BEEN MUTED -- BUT KINSHASA IS A THOUSAND MILES AWAY FROM THE CONFLICT AND COMMUNICATION WITH ZAIRE'S EASTERN FRONTIER IS SPOTTY AT BEST. MOBUTU HAS MADE VAGUE DARK CHARGES THAT THE PLANE CRASH WHICH KILLED THE TWO PRESIDENTS WAS PART OF A LARGER PLOT TO DESTABILIZE THE REGION, AND HAS CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION. HE HAS SENT HIS SECURITY ADVISER, NGBANDA, TO KENYA, UGANDA, AND TANZANIA TO DELIVER MESSAGES CONCERNING THE CRISIS. ZAIRIAN TV HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE CRISIS TO STICK IT TO THE BELGIANS, THE FORMER COLONIAL POWER HERE, BY SUGGESTING THAT BELGIUM MIGHT BE BEHIND THE DEATHS OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS, AND BY DECRYING THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS, LEAVING THE RWANDANS TO THEIR FATE.

2. REPORTS FROM UNHCR AND OXFAM SUGGEST THAT SECURITY ALONG THE BORDER WITH RWANDA HAS BEEN TIGHTENED UP, BUT THAT REFUGEES ARE BEING ALLOWED THROUGH. BEST ESTIMATE WE CAN GET IS THAT SOME 10,000 HAVE CROSSED INTO ZAIRE FROM RWANDA SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BIRINDWA GOVERNMENT HAVE CLAIMED THAT REFUGEES ARE BEING FED AND HOUSED BY THE GOZ, A CLAIM WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. YATES

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