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TO: —   Ambassador Albright

THRU: Ambassador Walker

FROM: POL – John S. Boardman

SUBJECT: Your meeting with Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF)
             representative Claude Dusaidi, Thursday, April 28,
             3:00 pm

As you are aware, the vast majority of the civilians who have been slaughtered in Rwanda are Tutsis. The RPF is a predominantly Tutsi organization (although it prides itself on including Rwandans of all ethnic backgrounds) and has been opposed to the Government of Rwanda (GOR) since the first wave of Hutu massacres against Tutsis over a decade ago which drove multitudes of Tutsis into Uganda. They want you to hear their side of the story.

The RPF is a signatory of the Arusha Accords, along with the GOR. As such, they have been referred to in past SC resolution as one of the two parties to the dispute in Rwanda. At this point, however, they are voicing resentment at being put on a par with the Government, since they have not been responsible for the atrocities. Mr. Dusaidi is sure to bring this up with you.

The RPF is extremely suspicious of the GOR's recent flurry of diplomatic activity in Africa and Europe. They believe the GOR is trying to purchase arms, to be shipped across the lake from Zaire. They favor an arms embargo against Rwanda. The RPF is already prohibited, by a SC resolution, from bringing in arms from Uganda.

You should be mostly in a listening mode during this meeting. You can voice general sympathy for the horrific situation in Rwanda, but should not commit the USG to anything.

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