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FROM: Donald K. Steinberg
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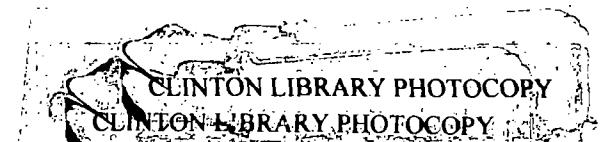
SUBJECT: USG Actions on Rwanda

Stories throughout the weekend seem to suggest that we are sitting on our hands while the blood-letting in Rwanda rages. It is true that our capacity to end the killing is painfully limited, but we are undertaking a series of measures.

- It was our initiative to ask regional leaders in Tanzania and Uganda (now supported by the UN and OAU Secretary General Salim Salim) to draw together the leaders of the Rwandan army and the RPF to seek a cease fire and re-assert the Arusha process. Our Ambassadors in Tanzania (De Vos) and Uganda (Carson) have been deeply involved in these so-far largely unsuccessful efforts. We expect to send Ambassador Rawson back out to the region shortly to facilitate this process.
- Whereas we strongly supported efforts to safeguard the lives of the U.N. peacekeepers, we also insisted that the draw-down of the peacekeepers not be accomplished in a way that put at risk the lives of Rwandans under their protection.
- Following Tony's meeting on Friday with Rwandan human rights monitor Monique Mujawamarija, we issued a tough statement (attached) condemning the continued violence and calling on both sides to stop the killing, with the specific mention of names of the leaders of Rwandan armed forces (to put them on notice that we are watching them). We instructed our envoy to the Arusha talks to read the statement to the Government and RPF representatives there. He says that when he read the statement, the RPF representatives smiled, the Government representatives "blinked."
- We are about to announce new humanitarian assistance funds (\$15 million) for Burundi and Rwanda.
- We have contacted DOD to see if any of the U.S. military trainers who worked with Rwandan government forces in the past believe they have contacts within Rwanda that may be of use.

These efforts, of course, are not enough. I hope to sit down today with Ambassador Rawson to discuss other possible actions, especially in terms of greater involvement for other African leaders in the process. We will also discuss what we might do in Burundi to keep it from going the same route, especially in light of this morning's failed coup. State is holding a working group on Rwanda/Burundi tomorrow afternoon. I'll keep you posted.

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