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KAMPALA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE
AND AMBASSADOR CARSON FROM AMBASSADOR

CASE NO: TETR-98-41-1
EXHIBIT NO: DNT 121
DATE ADMITTED: 13-5-2008
TENDERED BY: DEFEK
NAME OF WITNESS: H. SRITZK

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PINR, RW
SUBJECT; NEGOTIATIONS SLIDE INTO LONG WEEKEND

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN VIEW OF YOUR 4/4 MEETING WITH MUSEVENI, I

WANTED TO GET YOU THE LATEST FROM HERE ON THE STATE
OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITION
INSTITUTIONS. A ROUND OF GOOD FRIDAY CALLS TO
OBSERVERS, THE UN AND KEY PLAYERS SUGGESTS THAT THE
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SIDES ARE INCHING TOWARDS EACH OTHER, BUT AFRAID TO
MAKE THE FINAL OFFER. MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE
INSTALLATION OF INSTITUTIONS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE
ARUSHA SUMMIT ON BURUNDI.

THE CDR ISSUE

3. INTERNAL OPPOSITION PARTIES TOLD ME 3/31 THAT IF
THE PRESIDENT WERE TO MAKE A CLEAR CUT DECLARATION
THAT ADMISSION OF THE CDR TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
WAS THE LAST ISSUE INHIBITING INSTALLATION OF THE
INSTITUTIONS, THEY WOULD LOBBY FOR CDR. RPF TOLD
AMBASSADOR TAMBWE THE SAME DAY THAT, IF THEY GOT
FORMAL ASSURANCES FROM THE PRESIDENT THAT CDR WAS THE
LAST ISSUE AT STAKE, THEY WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR
POSITION. AS OF NOW, THEIR POSITION IS THAT THE CDR
MUST WAIT A MONTH OR TWO BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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ACTS ON ITS APPLICATION TO JOIN. MEANWHILE, IN SPITE OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ONE OF ITS YOUTH LEADERS, CDR CONTINUES TO URGE ITS PARTISANS TO BE PATIENT. KIGALI HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET WITH DAILY TRAFFIC AT USUAL LEVELS. THE NIGHT OF 3/31 DID, HOWEVER, OFFER UP SEVERAL GRENADE EXPLOSIONS AND SOME GUNSHOTS. THERE IS ONE REPORTED FATALITY AMONGST YOUTH WHO WERE REPORTEDLY TAUNTING GUARDS AT THE PRESIDENCY LATE AT NIGHT AND DREW THEIR FIRE.

IS CDR THE LAST ISSUE?

4. OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE CONCENTRATED MY DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ON PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS. I
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REMINDING THEM THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR EQUITY TO ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE CDR, DERIVES FROM OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORD. ALL OTHER CURRENT DISPUTES ARE INTERPARTY QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE RESOLVED AFTER THE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE. PRESIDENTIAL CABINET DIRECTOR RUHIGIRA SAID THAT THE CDR WAS THE LAST OUTSTANDING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE FOR THE PRESIDENT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT CONTROL PARTY SENTIMENT. PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR RUNYINYA ELABORATED THE LINKS BETWEEN ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND A POSSIBLE REVOLT BY PL MUGENZI OVER INSTALLATION OF MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO RUNYINYA, IF MUGENZI'S CANDIDATE, FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE MBONAMPEKA, WINS EITHER THE PRESIDENCY OR THE VICE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MUGENZI WILL BE SATISFIED. IF MBONAMPEKA LOSES BOTH OFFICES, MUGENZI WILL NOT FEEL ADEQUATELY REWARDED FB HAVING GIVEN UP THE JUSTICE MINISTRY TO HIS PARTY OPPONENT, MINISTER NDASINGWA. MUGENZI WOULD THEN PROBABLY CALL FOR A SUSPENSION OF THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR GOVERNMENT. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT ENVOY TO WESTERN CAPITALS AND THE UNITED NATIONS) SAID ALL WOULD BE WELL WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ONCE THE CDR WERE ADMITTED, BUT OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS MIGHT STILL TROUBLE THE FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT. I MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL THE ABOVE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONSIDERED THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY TO BE ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. THE PRESIDENT AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD GO TO THAT CEREMONY PREPARED TO COMPLETE IT WITHOUT FURTHER
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DELAY OR RAISING ANY NEW ISSUES.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CDR ISSUE IS THE ONE
REMAINING REAL IMPEDIMENT TO PUTTING THE INSTITUTIONS
IN PLACE. IF THE PRESIDENT GETS SATISFACTION ON
THAT, HE WILL CARRY THROUGH WITH THE INSTALLATION,
BUT THE PRESIDENCY IS WAITING FOR RPF TO BUDGE. EACH
PARTY IS AFRAID TO MAKE FINAL COMMITMENT FOR FEAR OF
LOSING ADVANTAGE. BOTH TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR AND
GERMAN AMBASSADOR (CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE
EUROPEANS) BELIEVE THAT THE INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT BE

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ESTABLISHED UNTIL PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA GETS BACK
FROM THE ARUSHA SUMMIT ON BURUNDI. OUR MAJOR FEAR IS
THAT THE RELATIVE CALM WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED KIGALI
THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WILL NOT HOLD UNTIL THEN. I

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HAVE URGED ALL MY INTERLOCUTORS TO USE EVERY
INFLUENCE AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO ENCOURAGE CALM AS WE
APPROACH THIS LAST TURN ON THE COURSE.

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