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(U) BURUNDI: BUYOYA TRYING TO REASSURE TUTSI
AS OF 0500Z 9 MAR 00

1. ~~(C)~~ PRESIDENT BUYOYA IS STRUGGLING TO CALM TUTSI REACTION TO
FACILITATOR NELSON MANDELA'S RECOMMENDATION LAST MONTH AT THE PEACE
TALKS IN ARUSHA THAT BUYOYA ALLOW A 50-50 SPLIT BETWEEN HUTU AND
TUTSI IN THE ARMY. CONCERN IN THE TUTSI-DOMINATED MILITARY ABOUT

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LOSING JOBS TO HUTU REBELS COULD DERAILED THE TALKS AND THREATEN THE
STABILITY OF BUYOYA'S GOVERNMENT.

-- MANDELA ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT BUYOYA CRAFT AN AMNESTY POLICY
AND CONSIDER ABDICATING POWER.

-- TUTSI EXTREMIST GROUPS LAST WEEK RAILED AGAINST MANDELA'S
REMARKS IN THE LARGEST ANTI-ARUSHA PROTEST TO DATE.

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4. ~~(S)~~ A MANDELA VISIT TO BURUNDI IS CRITICAL TO CONTINUING THE PEACE PROCESS -- ANOTHER ARUSHA MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH. MANDELA COULD BRING ON BOARD TUTSI EXTREMISTS FROM THE SMALLER PARTIES AND MILITIAS THAT ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT COULD SPOIL IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACCORD.
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