

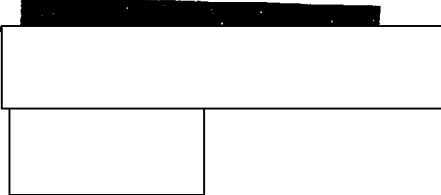
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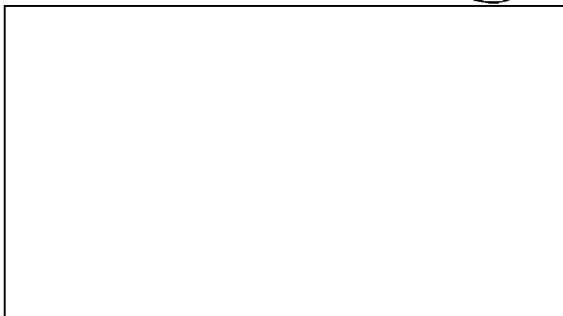
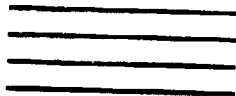
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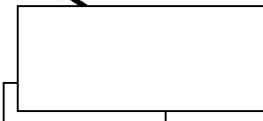
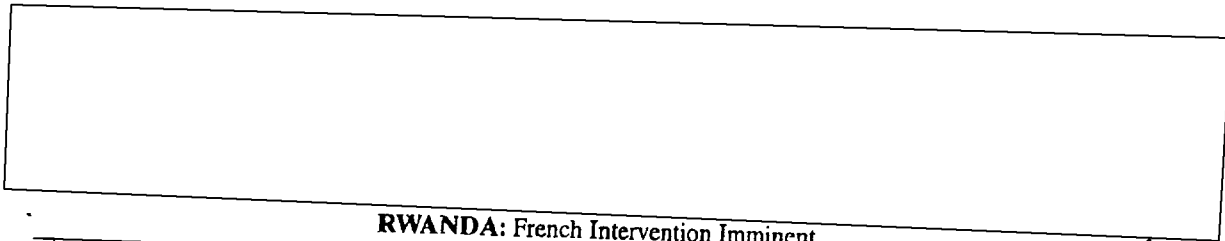
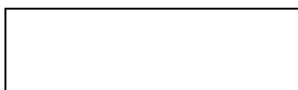
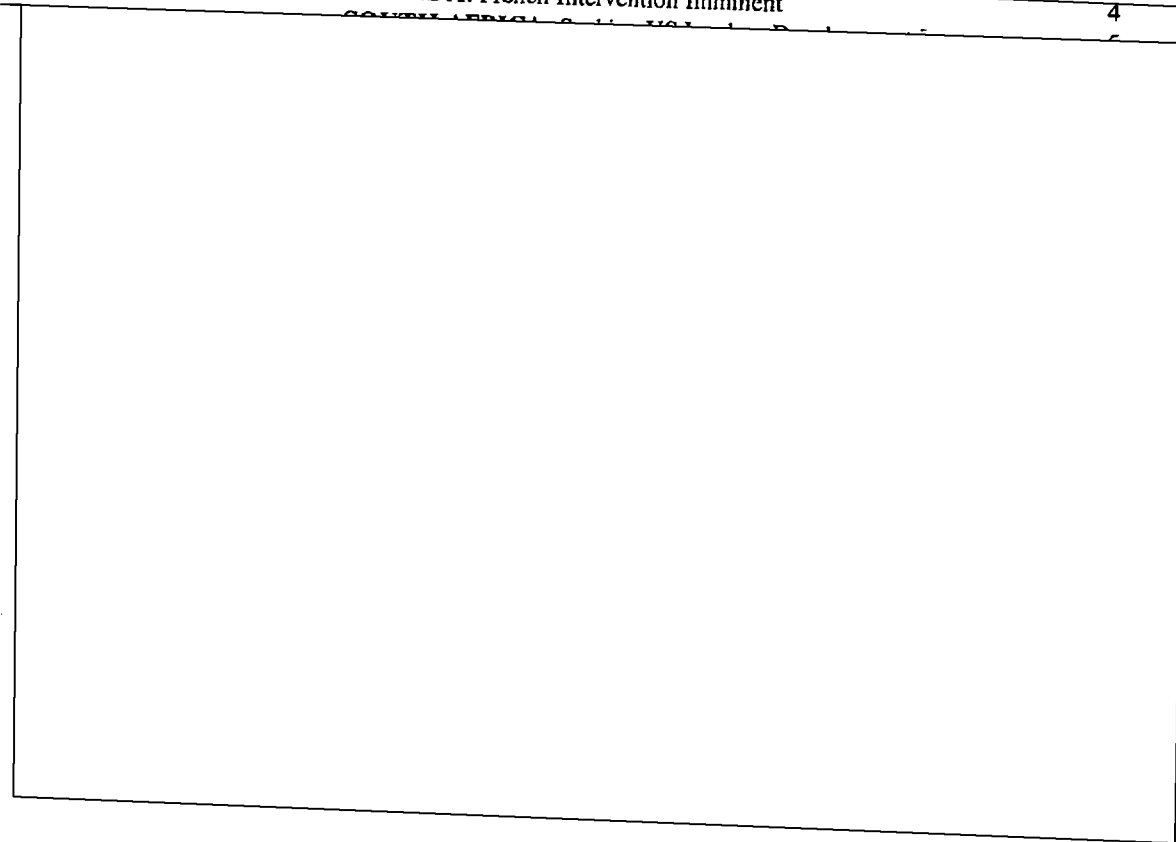


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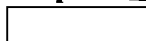


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Likely Rwandan Reaction to French Forces

Paris's past relationship with Hutu former President Habyarimana and its tacit support for the Hutu interim government suggest that the Rwandan military will welcome the arrival of French troops as a show of support. French units, which were deployed to Kigali during the fighting in 1993, assisted the Hutu-dominated army.

- The interim government—whose officials have met with French officials since the beginning of the fighting in April—will seek to establish relations with the intervention force to establish its identity as the government and seek French help against charges that the Hutu murder campaign is continuing.

The Rwandan Patriotic Front has long been opposed to French involvement in Rwanda. Rebel military leader Kagame has blamed France, in part, for arming the militias, who have committed most of the massacres, according to press reports.

- Incidents such as the RPF's reported attack yesterday that killed a UN peacekeeper suggest that the rebels may confront French troops and seek reprisals for the deaths of Tutsis.

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Paris has decided to intervene in Rwanda next week to halt the atrocities, [redacted] France reportedly received a lukewarm response to its plan for French action from the UN Security Council yesterday.

- Senior French officials have said that they are prepared to act with or without UN approval but admitted to US diplomats that they would reconsider their plan in the face of strong resistance from European and African countries.
- Some Council members are concerned that unilateral French action would poison the atmosphere for the UN peacekeeping force that is being assembled in the region, [redacted]

The French military is concerned about the possibility of becoming bogged down in Rwanda and wants to limit the scope and duration of any such operation to creating a few safehavens for up to two months. [redacted]

[redacted] French [redacted] forces will remain under French rather than UN command and will fight to protect themselves and prevent massacres.

- Paris has announced it can deploy 1,000 troops from the nearby Central African Republic on short notice and another 1,000 from France later, if necessary.
- Italian officers have told [redacted] that Italy is prepared to send special forces troops to support a French intervention. [redacted]

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