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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Rwanda: Jamming Civilian Radio Broadcasts (U)

Sandy,
(C) I understand that during their luncheon yesterday Tony Lake raised with Dr. Perry the possibility of jamming Rwandan radio broadcasts. We have looked at options to stop the broadcasts within the Pentagon, discussed them interagency and concluded jamming is an ineffective and expensive mechanism that will not accomplish the objective the NSC Advisor seeks.

(Ø) International legal conventions complicate airborne or ground based jamming and the mountainous terrain reduces the effectiveness of either option. Commando Solo, an Air National Guard asset, is the only suitable DOD jamming platform. It costs approximately \$8500 per flight hour and requires a semi-secure area of operations due to its vulnerability and limited self-protection.

(Ø) I believe it would be wiser to use air to assist in Rwanda in the relief effort, particularly in neighboring countries, like Tanzania. This weekend we will be assisting with air lifts to Tanzania for the UNHCR (blankets and plastic sheeting) and an American NGO, AmeriCares (medical supplies). In addition, we are developing several additional options for providing excess DoD non-lethal supplies such as food and medical supplies to refugees. Furthermore, we are considering funding commercially contract relief flights into Kigali in support of the UN, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and other relief groups.

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