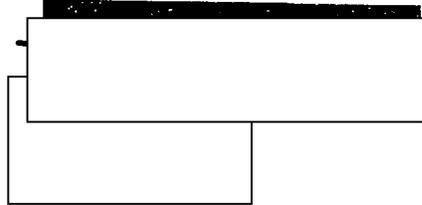




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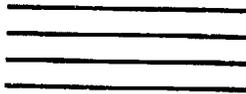
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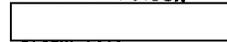
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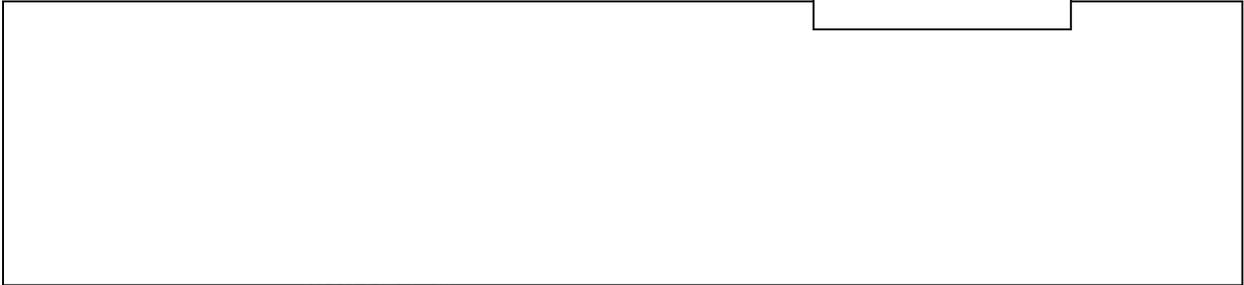


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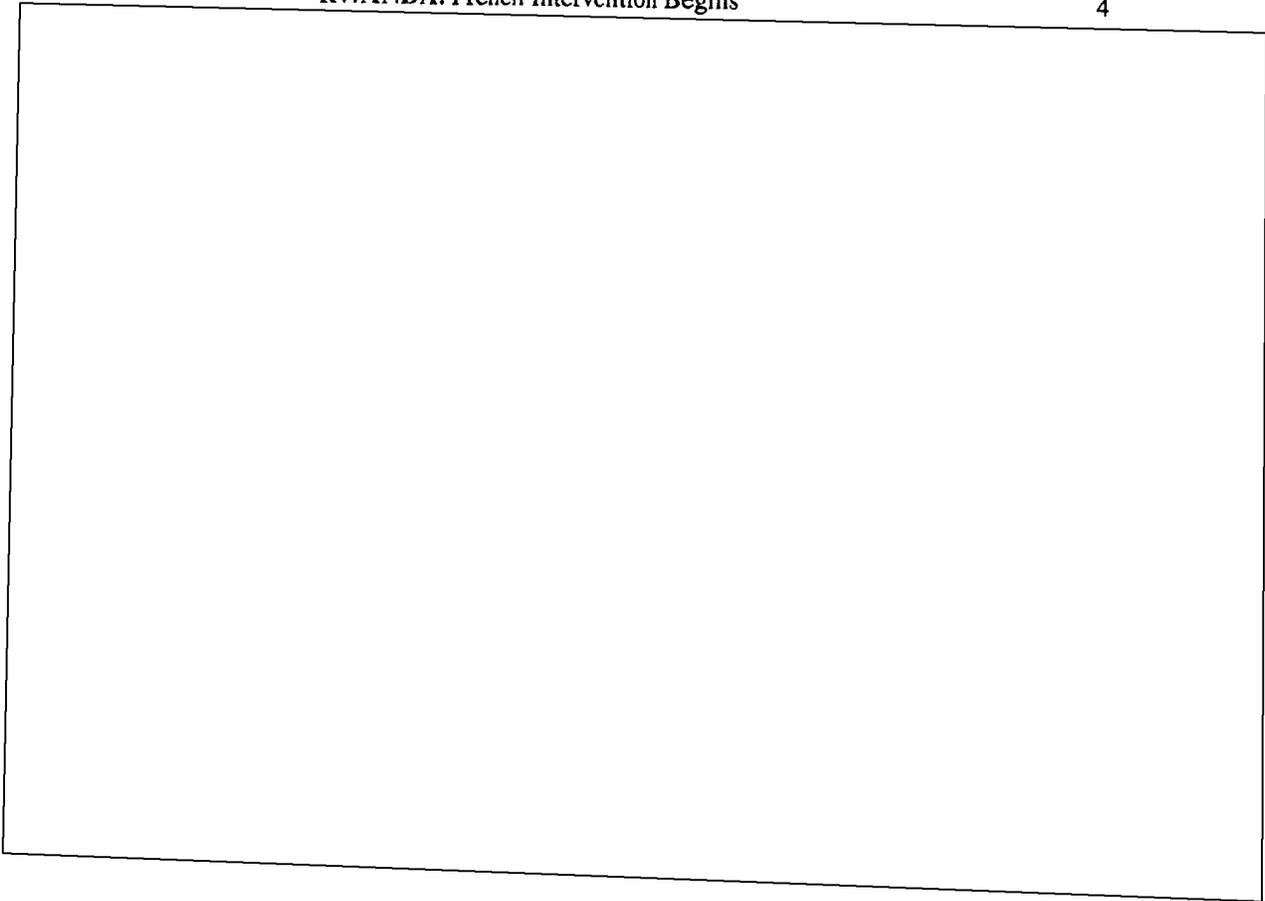
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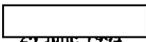
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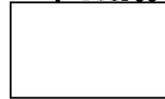
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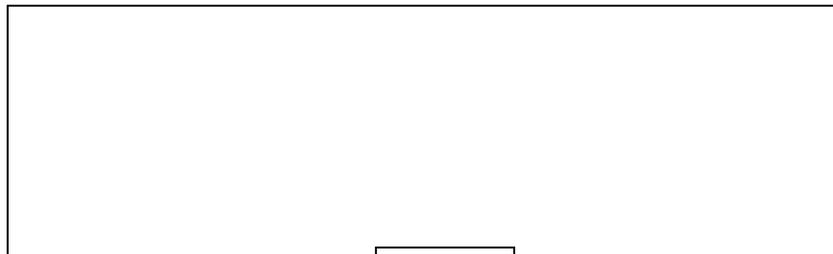
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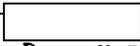
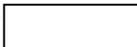
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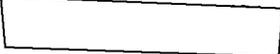
The first 600 French troops arrived in Zaire yesterday, and the entire 2,600-man contingent will be deployed in Rwanda by Sunday, according to press reports. As they made their first forays into Rwanda, senior officials in Paris reportedly began to reduce the scope of the operation.

- The French military will set up field hospitals in Zaire and deliver relief supplies across the border.
- French officers appealed to other countries to provide transport aircraft and publicized their use of chartered Russian aircraft to transport helicopters from France to Zaire. 

The Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front yesterday continued to issue public warnings to UN peacekeepers in Kigali and relief workers across Rwanda who might be seen as sympathetic to the French. *Its statements and actions threaten to paralyze the rest of the UN effort in Rwanda.*



French relief workers told  they are temporarily suspending operations from Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania because of threats to personnel and growing Tutsi opposition to the French humanitarian mission 

The current deployment of French troops to Cyangugu in the southwest, where at least 8,000 Tutsis are at risk from Hutu militias and government forces, may be a goodwill gesture to the RPF. The RPF forces, stretched thin and preoccupied with capturing Kigali, may make no immediate response to the French deployment. 

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