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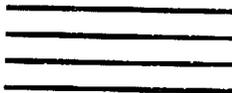
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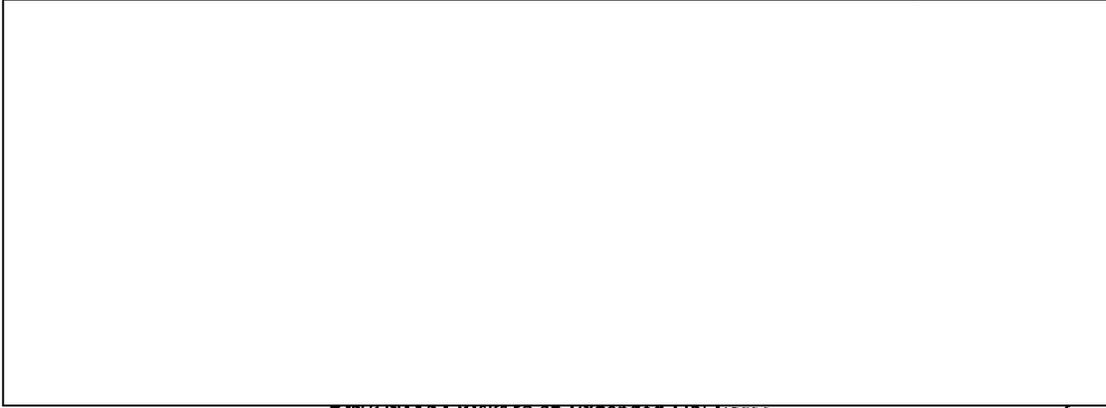
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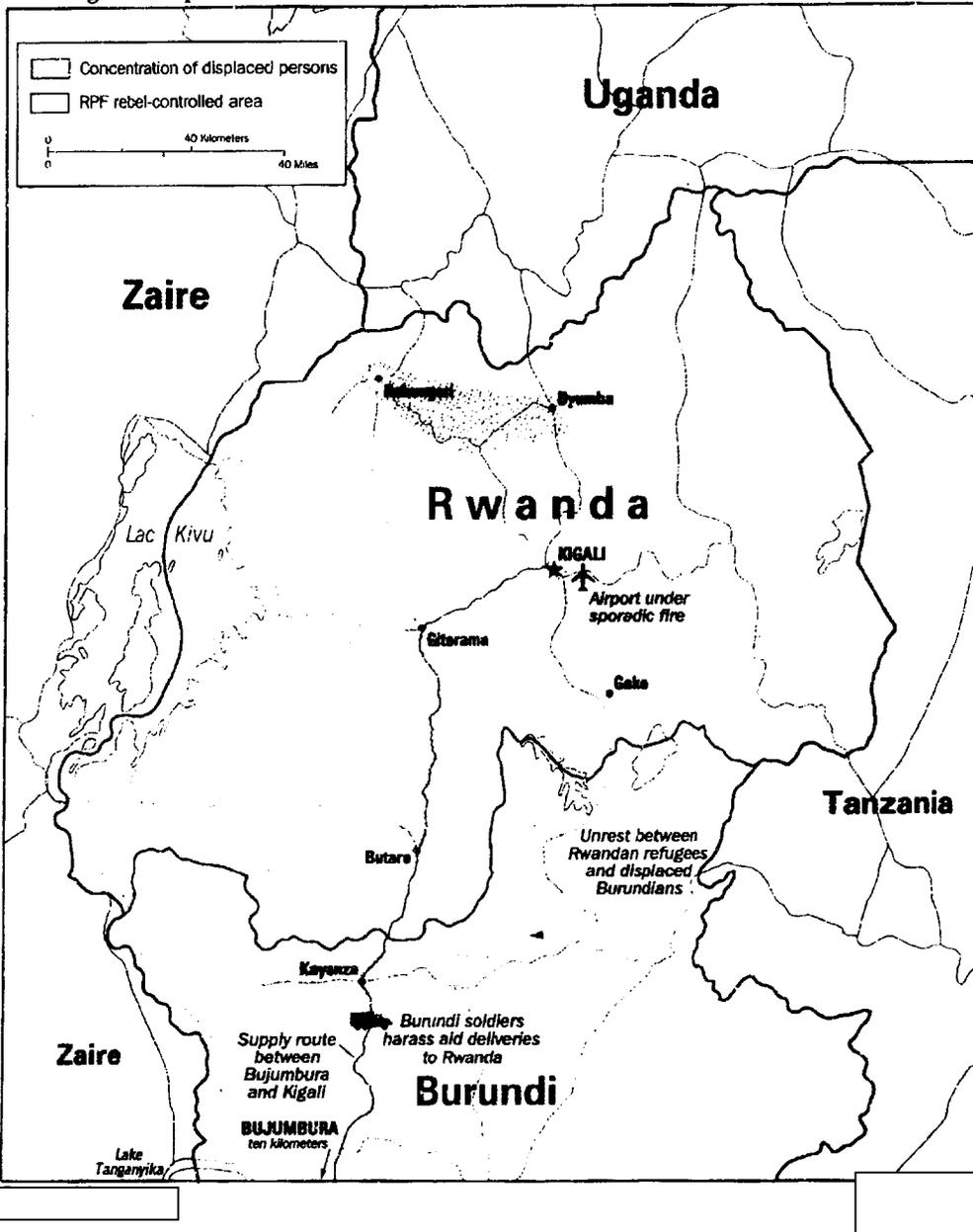
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### Challenges to Proposed UN Forces



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**Risks to an Expanded UN Force**

The two factions are trying to set very different conditions for acceptance of the 5,500-man contingent that the UN Security Council yesterday informally agreed to add to the 400 UN peacekeepers already in Kigali.

- Rwanda's UN Ambassador is pushing for a large force that would enforce a cease-fire and back up a political settlement.   
 *The interim government probably wants a UN force that would freeze battlelines and block advances by the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front.*
- Leaders of the RPF want a new UN force to have no more than 2,500 soldiers,

*Government troops are likely to pose a serious threat to an enhanced UN military presence.* Despite RPF advances, the Army retains a core of some 10,000 combat-effective troops, who are equipped with armored vehicles, air defense missiles, antiaircraft guns, and other heavy weapons.

- Earlier this year the security forces trained and armed some 10,000 radical Hutu militiamen; UN officials say the regime has begun to recruit 50,000 new troops. The irregulars have harassed foreign aid workers and could evolve into a guerrilla force capable of taking on UN troops.

*RPF forces are less likely to confront an enhanced UN deployment.*

Kigali's airport, the only facility capable of receiving large transport aircraft, is on the frontline between government and rebel forces; *either side probably could shut down any airfield in Rwanda, and supply convoys would be easy to ambush in the hilly terrain.* There are more than 50,000 uncleared mines in the north.

*A force based in Burundi to protect vulnerable civilians in southern Rwanda also would face serious political and logistic problems.*

Tutsi-dominated military would be chary of any foreign military presence, probably out of fear of unrest among the Hutu majority.

- Food aid shipments reportedly already are straining Bujumbura's port on Lake Tanganyika and, to a lesser extent, its airport.

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