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I've mentioned it before (see link), but if you can stand it, Philip Gourevich's book, "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families" is an utterly compelling and horrifying account of the genocide in Rwanda and the events leading up to it. Shamefully, the international community did nothing -- or rather worse than nothing. The genocide was coordinated in substantial part by the government radio station in Kigali. A single cruise missile or smart bomb on the transmitter and/or tower might well have saved hundreds of thousands of lives. Meanwhile, Madelaine Albright and the State Department were frantically arguing that no legally cognizable "genocide" was taking place and were urging the UN to withdraw the meagre peacekeeping force on the ground. Romeo Dallaire felt that even his small force could have averted, or at least significantly curtailed, the killing before it got underway. Kofi Annan refused. Disgusting.
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