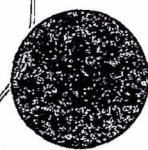
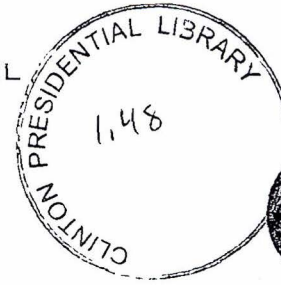


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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: MACARTHUR DeSHAZER *MS*

FROM: SHAWN McCORMICK *SM*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Rwandan Vice President Paul Kagame, 11:15 a.m., Friday, August 9

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Recent Developments

Rwanda -- Internal: The RPF-led coalition government has brought a measure of stability to the country, but has both adopted and created several formidable problems. The judicial system and administrative state were decimated in 1994. At least 75,000 people suspected of genocide but as yet uncharged live in squalid prisons with more being added daily. The Parliament has repeatedly delayed passage of a draft genocide law which would categorize crimes, allow charges to be brought and permit limited amnesty. Members of Congress, NGOs and the international community are concerned about these ongoing problems. Guerrillas linked to the former genocidist regime now launch attacks into western Rwanda, and have committed hundreds of assassinations throughout the country. This fuels the RPF's feeling of insecurity, which in turn makes it unwilling to act on the draft genocide law. It also raises the spectre of retaliatory raids into Zaire. Rwandan troops have also committed atrocities since Kagame took office.

Refugees: There are 1.7 million Rwandan refugees living in camps under the care of international organizations (1 million in eastern Zaire and 700,000 in Tanzania). Reconstituted elements of the former regime, their army and militias which were responsible for the 1994 genocide largely control the camps and have prevented any substantive efforts at repatriation. The presence of these camps has become a serious destabilizing element in the region. The international community is spending approximately \$1 million on these camps of which the United States provides 30 percent.

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BACKGROUND

Vice President, Minister of Defense and pre-eminent RPF military tactician and politician Paul Kagame, is here on a private visit at the invitation of the Council on Foreign Relations where he is scheduled to speak on August 8. His itinerary includes events at CSIS, the Holocaust Museum, U.S. Committee for Refugees, IMF, World Bank and the Corporate Council on Africa. He has already met with Tim Wirth, George Moose and Secretary Perry during this visit. **You last met with Kagame in your office in December 1994 and again during your ten-day trip to the continent the same month.**

The U.S. is a strong supporter of the GOR. AID has provided transition assistance, DOD humanitarian assistance and IMET, and various agencies have contributed money and personnel to assist the International War Crimes Tribunal and Rwandan court system. We have also supported Rwanda at the UN, including support for lifting the arms embargo. European governments believe the U.S. has a heightened degree of credibility with the GOR.

Vice President Kagame's Agenda

Kagame will want to discuss continued cross border attacks from elements of the former regime based among the camps in eastern Zaire. He may also raise the larger security threat posed by the continued existence of the camps and the unwillingness of camp leaders to permit repatriation. He can be expected to seek further development aid and diplomatic/political support. Kagame has indicated an interest in obtaining non-lethal military equipment from DOD stocks.

OBJECTIVES

You should emphasize your commitment to a strong U.S.-Rwandan relationship. Stress need to attain GOR goals of repatriation, reconciliation, reconstruction and bringing those guilty of genocide to justice.

General Kagame has expressed concern about general security situation and cross-border incursions into Rwanda. **You should inform him that the United States is preparing to take the lead in developing a plan with the international community to stimulate voluntary repatriation and camp relocation away from the Rwanda border.** Kagame will likely be very supportive of such measures but may express concern about how best to separate the ex-FAR from the returning refugees. You should highlight important GOR role in protecting and welcoming refugees home and stress need for Rwandan Parliament to pass draft genocide law.

Burundi: The GOR has supported small-scale transfers of weapons to the Burundi military over the last two years. While it is willing to support sanctions against the Buyoya regime, the GOR felt deceived by other regional states which moved last week to implement sanctions immediately rather than using the threat as leverage for beginning talks with Hutu insurgents. ^{you should} Express interest in working to end arms flows to Burundi and press, with the regional leadership, for talks between the Burundi government and Hutu insurgents.

Concurrence by: Eric Schwartz ^{ES}

Attachments

Tab I Talking Points

Tab II Bio