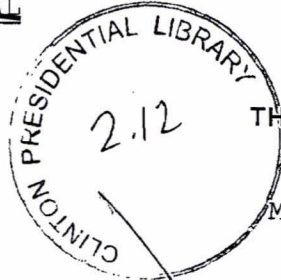


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *[Signature]*  
SYLVIA MATHEWS *[Signature]*  
STEPHANIE STREETT *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Possible Stop in Rwanda on Your Trip to Africa

Purpose

To decide whether you will make a tarmac stop in Rwanda.

Background

The Rwandan Government has invited you to stop in Rwanda for a brief event to underscore our condemnation of genocide no matter where it occurs. Given the centrality of this issue for Rwandans, President Bizimungu and Vice President Kagame believe that without an airport stop by you in Rwanda, it would be impossible for them to attend the regional meeting in Uganda.

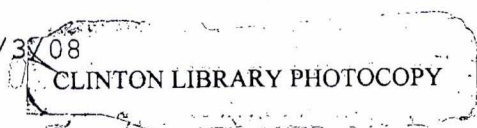
Rwandan participation in the Kampala summit is clearly important to achieving our objectives for the meeting. But there are other compelling reasons for stopping in Rwanda, as well. Remembering the victims of genocide in the country where the atrocities occurred sends a powerful message that the United States and the international community are as concerned with genocide in Africa as we are with genocide in other parts of the world -- a message that would resonate both in Africa and in the United States. The stop would also more vividly highlight the importance of the regional discussions we will be having in Uganda on ending the cycle of impunity. Finally, we should be able to announce several additional elements of support for Rwanda (likely candidates include a contribution to the newly established genocide survivors fund, assistance in the area of democratization and hate radio).

We can accommodate this event by making a brief trip to the Kigali airport in lieu of the roundtable discussion with women emerging from conflict scheduled for the second day in Kampala.

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The new schedule - resulting in a long day - would be: depart Kampala for Kigali at approximately 8:00 a.m.; about one hour flight time; conduct the airport stop at Kigali; return early afternoon for the Regional Summit; and depart Kampala that evening, arriving at your hotel in Cape Town at approximately 2:00 a.m. You are down the following day until early afternoon.

The Secret Service believes that concerns about security associated with a visit to Rwanda while real can be managed so long as the activities in Kigali are limited to the airport, are small in scope, and are kept logistically simple. We are also working with the Secret Service and our military to heighten security for the advance team that will prepare the stop.

RECOMMENDATION

That you make a tarmac stop in Rwanda.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachment

Tab A Letter from President Bizimungu

