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To His Excellency Mr. François MITTERAND  
President of the French Republic  
Paris/FRANCE

Excellency,

I have the honor of presenting you my compliments, on behalf of the Rwandan Patriotic Front, and to express to you the most sincere thanks for the role France played as an observer at our negotiations.

The efforts and the perseverance of the two parties in negotiation have allowed us to surmount many obstacles and to pursue the dialogue that led us to the signature of the Arusha Peace Accord on August 4, 1993.

This Accord constitutes a historical event for the Rwandan people, the beginning of a new era of respect for human rights, the rule of law, and peace. However, we remain aware of the major challenge of its implementation. In particular, we believe in the necessity of the quick deployment of a neutral International Force and the departure of French troops, as planned for in the accord, to allow the establishment of the broad-based transitional government which will lead the country until the elections.

Excellency, France and the Rwandan Patriotic Front have not always shared the same point of view about the French government's position in this conflict. However, we remain convinced that France's total support for the implementation of the Arusha Accord will allow the Rwandan people to actualize its hopes for a state of law, for democracy, and for development.

Excellency, allow me to seize this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude and to reassure you of the full commitment of the Rwandan Patriotic Front with respect to the Arusha Peace Accord.

Please accept, Your Excellency Mr. President, my highest regards.

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