

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Paris, September 27th, 1993

Mr. President, dear Bill,

You know the importance that France attaches to the settlement of the Rwandan issue.

The conclusion of peace accords, on August 4th at Arusha, marked the culmination of long negotiations that the United States, like France, has actively encouraged. However, the implementation of these accords is wholly dependent on the deployment of a United Nations force to Rwanda.

A draft resolution to establish this force is currently being debated in the Security Council. It seems essential to me that it be adopted quickly.

In effect, the situation in Rwanda is deteriorating because of the disintegration of the political forces, the breaking down of the economy, and the military tensions that remain intense. If the international community does not react rapidly, the peace efforts that the United States and France have, along with countries in the region, firmly supported, risk being compromised.

S.E. Mr. William J. CLINTON
President of the United States of America

I therefore wish, Mr. President, that, in light of these considerations, and in line with the position that the United States has taken towards the conflict, you will be able to actively support a prompt decision by the Security Council in favor of the dispatch of a United Nations force.

Please accept, Mr. President, my highest consideration, and my heartfelt remembrance,

François Mitterand