

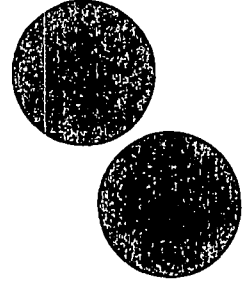
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 2, 1993



ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: RICHARD A. *Walker* CLARKE/JENNIFER *Walker* WARD

SUBJECT: Draft Message from the President to Francois Mitterrand on Rwanda Peacekeeping

President Mitterrand has written to the President to urge that he support a UNSC resolution establishing a UN peacekeeping operation in Rwanda. **A final Security Council vote on the matter has been postponed once at our behest and will likely take place on or before Tuesday, October 5.** We have drafted a reply indicating that we are prepared to support such a resolution assuming that our concerns on cost and the operational aspects of the mission can be adequately addressed. The reply also expresses the hope that France will leave its troops in Somalia beyond the end of this year.

Concurrences by: Jennifer *Walker* Walker

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memo to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

- Tab I Memo to the President
- Tab A Draft Reply to President Mitterrand
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT: Reply to President Mitterrand's Letter on
Peacekeeping in Rwanda

Purpose

To respond to President Mitterrand's letter asking that you support a UNSC resolution establishing a UN peacekeeping operation in Rwanda.

Background

President Mitterrand has written to ask your support for a UNSC resolution establishing a UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda. The resolution is pending before the Council; a final vote is likely to take place by Tuesday, October 5. The French have a keen interest in this operation because deployment of UN troops to Kigali, the Rwandan capital, would permit Paris to withdraw 400 French troops who are currently there to provide security for the expatriate community. Our mission at the UN also reports that, when the French voted for the UN resolutions on Liberia and Haiti, they indicated an expectation that their support would be reciprocated by a U.S. vote for a Rwanda operation.

The UN and the parties to the conflict clearly understand that the U.S. will not participate in this mission. But the U.S. share of the cost of this operation is estimated to be as much as \$80 million over two years. While JCS and OSD have some concerns about the military concept for this operation, the agencies agree that given the seemingly strong will of the parties for a lasting settlement, this mission has a good chance of success. We will work with the French and with the UN to address our operational concerns and ask that the costs be examined more closely.

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E.O. 13526, 1.4(d) Given our desire to draw down the U.S. presence in Somalia, we would clearly like to see the French remain. We will express this hope to the French in New York and in Paris.

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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The attached message from you to Mitterrand indicates our willingness to support the Rwanda mission assuming that the cost and operational details are satisfactorily addressed. It also makes mention of our hope that French troops will remain in Somalia past December.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize transmittal of the message at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

*President has approved
per Shawn Wagner
10/4 18.*

Attachments

- Tab A Response to President Mitterrand
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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