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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO
PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR FRANCOIS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. I
AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEEDS TO
SUPPORT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS SO THAT EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO
RWANDA ARE NOT COMPROMISED.

TO THAT END, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A UN MISSION IN RWANDA, ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT
OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE OPERATION AS
WELL AS ITS COST CAN BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED. AS I STATED
BEFORE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT
WE CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS OF AN OPERATION BEFORE WE MOVE TO A
FINAL VOTE. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A SHORT DELAY IN THE COUNCIL'S VOTE ON
THIS MATTER SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN
THE U.S.

ON A SEPARATE MATTER, AS YOU KNOW, WE THINK IT VITAL THAT THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EFFORTS IN SOMALIA RECEIVE THE CONTINUING
STRONG SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. I DO HOPE

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THAT FRANCE WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND ITS PARTICIPATION IN UNOSOM II BEYOND DECEMBER TO HELP ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT UN MISSION. LET ME CLOSE BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN MAINTAINING THE STRONG COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U.S. ON PEACEKEEPING MATTERS AROUND THE WORLD.

WITH BEST WISHES.

BILL CLINTON

END TEXT

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