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PERSONALLY HAND DELIVERED -- OPEN LETTER

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Re: request for immediate personal security assistance in Rwanda

Dear friends and fellow-Minnesotans,

As you may recall, I am a professor of law at Wm. Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and have met and supported each of you in the recent past. Now I must urgently request your assistance with respect to my international human rights work.

I am Lead Defense Counsel at the UN Tribunal for Rwanda, and have been able to secure acquittals of senior military officers on charges of conspiracy or planning to commit genocide in 1994. *See*, ICTR Military-1 Judgment (*Bagosora et al*) February 2009. This was accomplished by locating, and introducing into evidence, contemporaneous UN and USG documents which show that the current President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, was actually primarily responsible for the 1994 "Rwandan Genocide" and the massive violence that has killed millions in the eastern Congo since that time. Please see the website: www.rwandadocumentsproject.net which is based at Wm. Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. //

In February of this year, I received reports that President Kagame specifically targeted me, and several other European lawyers, journalists and academics, for "discrediting or assassination" at a meeting of all Rwandan ambassadors who had gathered in Rwanda. www.africanexecutive.com Several ambassadors and generals went into exile at about the same time, and in light of the long history of violence and assassination befalling Kagame's opponents, I must take the threat seriously.

Within the past month, I have been retained by Madame Victoire Ingabire, the first female candidate to stand for the Rwandan presidency. However, the election of August 2010 promises to be a re-play of the shame 2003 election which Kagame won with 95% of the vote, after opposing candidates were arrested or expelled from the country, and

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opposition political parties declared illegally "divisionist." I have been engaged to defend Madame Ingirabire from false criminal charges brought to derail her election bid. www.globalresearch.ca. I believe that Madame Ingabire will be known to history as the female Nelson Mandela, as her stand against tyranny becomes better known.

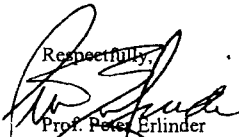
In addition, I have been engaged by Madame Habyarimana and Madame Ntaryimira, the widows of the Rwandan and Burundian presidents, who have filed a civil wrongful death action against Paul Kagame, in federal court in Oklahoma City. The suit seeks damages for the assassination of their husbands on April 6, 1994, and other *ongoing* human rights violations, including some 6-million deaths in the eastern Congo. www.news.bbc.co.uk

In order to carry out my representation of these clients, it will be necessary for me to travel to Rwanda in the near future. Before I put myself in jeopardy, I must request that members of the Minnesota congressional delegation contact appropriate representatives of: the Obama administration, Secretary of State Clinton, the UN Security Council and representatives of the Rwandan government, to assure my safe passage in Rwanda, as well as during investigations in Africa and Europe.

Of necessity, a copy of this request will be forwarded to War Crimes Ambassador Stephen Rapp (a former ICTR prosecutor who actually brought the false charges against my client); Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; ICTR President Dennis Byron; UN Secretary General Ban-ki Moon and the Rwandan Ambassadors to the United States, and United Nations. Before traveling to Rwanda, I also intend to issue a public statement regarding these security issues, including this letter, so that I can benefit from any restraint that public exposure might provide.

Please contact me, as soon as possible, if I can provide additional details or sources. The precise date of my arrival in Rwanda must remain confidential, as you can appreciate.

Respectfully,


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