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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

October 5, 1990

Mr. H. Cohen
Assistant Secretary of State
For African Affairs
State Department
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Cohen,

After the invasion of RPF, the Rwandese Patriotic Front, which wants to topple the government of General HABYARIMANA, which it accuses of "tribalism, corruption, incompetence, mismanagement, stealing of public funds, physical and intellectual genocide of tutsi", a lot of innocent civilians, especially Tutsi intellectuals, civil servants and businessmen are being rounded up by the Rwandan Government forces. Front the US Embassy information, BBC World Service, Radio France Internationale, Agence France Presse, Reuters, UPI... all Rwandan prisons and stadiums are full of detainees. The stadium of Nyamirambo (Kigali) has at least 1,500 people. Hundreds are already dead of dehydration and starvation. Tutsi peasants in the countryside have been massacred. This is clearly genocide. It is not only Tutsi, there are many hutu army officers, and many Hutu intellectuals, priests and businessmen who have also disappeared because they are suspected of being sympathetic to RPF's political program or oppose HABYARIMANA's policies. ~~HABYARIMANA's regime is very unpopular. It is even detested by his proper army.~~ It is the reason why he has asked for military assistance from Belgium, France and Zaire. The whole country and especially the capital, the Presidential Palace and the national airport are controlled by these foreign troops. He has also requested military assistance from the US Government, which I hope will not be approved because it will be used to kill innocent Rwandan citizens and to keep in power a regime that the Rwandan people don't want. This request is apparently "under consideration".

I am thus requesting you to do your best to advise the Rwandan Government to stop killing innocent civilians because they happen to be Tutsis and to release all the people that have unjustly been arrested. I give below a list of some names of detainees that has been sent to me.

The names of the following people have either been killed or in detention:

1. Evariste SISI, businessman. Kigali.
2. Dr. Thomas KABEJA, University professor. Ruhengeri.
3. Serge RWAMASIRABO, civil servant.
4. Gérard NTASHAMAJE, son of Minister NTASHAMAJE, the only tutsi minister.
5. Mrs. Assinapol RWIGARA & Children, a tutsi businessman, Kigali.
6. Mrs. Jacqueline CYAMAZIMA, my wife's aunt, Kigali.
7. Mrs. Béatrice MUKARUMONGI, my wife's older sister, Kigali
8. Cécile MUTABONWA "Nyirabihogo", businesswoman, Kigali
9. Seraphine KAREKEZI, sister of Cécile MUTABONWA
10. Anselme RUSINGIZA, employee at Assinapol RWIGARA, Kigali
11. Aziza MUREBWAYIRE, employee at RWIGARA, Kigali
12. Donatien RUGEMA, Ministry of Planning
13. Anselme SAKUMI
14. MUKURIRA

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15. Célestin GATERA
16. Célestin KABANDANA
17. Stanislas MUKURIRA, businessman, in Kigali (hutu)
18. Evariste KAMUGUNGA, businessman, Butare
19. Paul GAKUBA, Counsilman, Butare
20. Marie-Thérèse MUTAMURIZA, worker at Electrogaz, widow with 3 children
21. Landuard NDASINGWA, businessman, Kigali — **KNOWN BY KH**
22. François UDAHEMUKA, civil servant, Kigali
23. Asiel KABERA, Kigali
24. Anne-Marie, Landuard Ndasingswa's sister
25. Joseph HABIMANA, Landuard Ndasingswa's brother-in-law, Assistant Governor of National Bank (hutu)
26. Jean MBAGUTA, senior civil servant, Ministry of Planning
27. Etienne GAKWAYA, Businessman, (hutu)
28. François MUNYAMPUNDU, Businessman
29. François KAYIRANGA, ERP
30. Fidèle MUTAGANDA, Businessman
31. Father Epimaque Shaliti, Parish Kamonyi
32. Lieutenant-Colonel NSENGIYUMVA (hutu), chief of military intelligence services
33. Lieutenant-Colonel RUTAYISIRE (hutu)
34. Major SEBAKUNZI (hutu)
35. Commander KAYINAMURA (hutu)
36. Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU
37. Father André SIBOMANA, Editor of Kinyamareka, a catholic weekly
38. Colonel Epimaque RUHASHYA, the only tutsi officer in the country — **good guy**
39. François KAYIRANGA
40. Mme Thérèse MUKAMITARI
41. Jean-Paul MUVUNYI (hutu)
42. Eugène MURENZI, customs officer
43. Faustin HARERIMANA
44. Védaste RUBANGURA
45. Mme Marie-Paul SEBERA, from Cyangugu
46. Jean-Paul (brother of Mme M.-P. Sebera), lawyer
47. Hervé (brother of Mme M.-P. Sebera), employee of Electrogaz
46. Commander MUTAMBUKA (hutu)
47. KARAMBIZI and wife (hutu), businessman, Kigali

I thank you very much for your help and sympathy and I hope you will act as soon as possible to avoid this cruel tragedy.

Sincerely,

Alexandre Kimenyi

cc. Amnesty International
 Aloys UWIMANA, Rwandan Ambassador, US
 Roger WINTER, Director US Committee for Refugees
 Africa Watch