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TO:

P - Mr. Tarnoff

FROM:

AF - George E. Moose ⁴⁶²

SUBJECT:

Appointment Request: Rwandan Prime Minister
Faustin Twagiramungu

AAA
MLA

REQUEST:

Office call by Prime Minister of Rwanda, Faustin Twagiramungu. The Government of Rwanda requested a meeting with Undersecretary Wirth, who is out of town.

PURPOSE:

To discuss priority policy issues including efforts at political reconciliation in Rwanda, security in the refugee camps, support for the international tribunal, human rights within Rwanda, and assistance to the new government. The meeting is also an opportunity to discuss the Rwanda Operational Support Group ("Friends of Rwanda") meeting held November 22, and to ask the Prime Minister about assistance for Rwanda from the World Bank.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS SOUGHT:

The Prime Minister is here primarily to consult with World Bank officials. Within the USG, he has also sought meetings with A/S Moose, A/S Shattuck, A/S Oakley, NSC Steinberg and USAID Administrator Atwood.

BACKGROUND:

Prime Minister Twagiramungu, a moderate Hutu, was designated as Prime Minister of the Transition Government to be set up under the Arusha Accords. He fled Kigali after the violence broke out on April 6 and stayed in Europe until he was named Prime Minister

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after the RPF took power in Rwanda in July. This is his first visit to the U.S. since taking office as Prime Minister in the present government. Rwandan President Bizimungu met with the Deputy Secretary on October 5.

TIMING: The Prime Minister will be in Washington on Monday, November 28 through Wednesday, November 30. He would prefer a meeting on the morning of November 30.

LOCATION: Your office.

PROPOSED

PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.

Assistant Secretary Moose
AF DAS Prudence Bushnell
Notetaker: Kevin Aiston

RWANDA

Prime Minister
Faustin Twagiramungu
Minister of Finance
Marc Rugenera
Min. of Youth/Sports
Patrick Mazimhaka
Rwandan Embassy Charge
Joseph Mutaboba

MEDIA: None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you agree to meet with Prime Minister Twagiramungu for thirty minutes during his visit to Washington.

Approve _____
Date _____
Time _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment:

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