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CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN A DEMOCRACY

1. POST WISHES TO THANK COLONEL DONELY, COMMANDER HINKLEY, LT. COMMANDER ASELTINE, AND MAJOR OHARE FOR CONDUCTING AN EXPANDED-IMET FUNDED CONFERENCE FROM JANUARY 10-21, 1994 ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN A DEMOCRACY. THE ONE WEEK CONFERENCE WAS PRESENTED TWICE TO 120 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PARTICIPANTS FROM THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND REBEL RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF). THE CONFERENCE WAS VIEWED BY ALL AS AN IMPORTANT CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE FOR THE MILITARY IN EASING SOME OF THE TENSIONS CAUSED BY DELAYS IN SETTING UP THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. THE CONFERENCE WAS ALSO VERY SUCCESSFUL IN STIMULATING THOUGHTFUL DIALOGUES ON MANY ISSUES THAT BOTH ARMIES AND THE GOVERNMENT FACE IN IMPLEMENTING THE AUGUST 4, 1993 PEACE ACCORDS.

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2. POST BELIEVES THAT COLONEL DONELY, COMMANDER HINKLEY, LT. COMMANDER ASELTINE, AND MAJOR OHARE WERE OUTSTANDING MILITARY TRAINERS TO SEND TO RWANDA FOR THIS CONFERENCE. SPECIFICALLY, HINKLEY'S, ASELTINE'S AND OHARE'S LEGAL BACKGROUND AS ATTORNEY'S IN THE U.S MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS INVALUABLE IN PROVIDING BOTH THE GOR AND RPF WITH A DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. SYSTEM AND THE LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES EACH SOLDIER OR OFFICER HAS IN THE MILITARY. COLONEL DONLEY'S EXPERIENCE ON THE OPERATIONS SIDE REENFORCED THE LESSONS TAUGHT ON HOW MILITARY JUSTICE ACTUALLY WORKS OUT IN THE FIELD, OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM. ALL FOUR TRAINERS' EASY ABILITY TO QUICKLY ADAPT THE MILITARY-POLITICAL SITUATION IN RWANDA TO THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND THEIR GENERAL EASE

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IN ESTABLISHING QUICK RAPPORT WITH ALL OFFICIALS HELPED TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE A BIG SUCCESS AND WORKED TO FURTHER USG GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SUPPORTING THE GOR AND RPF IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORDS.

3. ALL FOUR TRAINERS' EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF PEACEKEEPING AND THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT WERE ALSO WELL-RECEIVED BY THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND LAUDED BY THB UN FORCE COMMANDER AS HELPING TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES AS TO THE ROLE UN FORCES COULD BE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN DEMOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF RWANDA'S MILITARY FORCES.

4. OVRALL, THIS EXPANDED-IMET FUNDED CONFERENCE WAS CONDUCTED AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN U.S.- GOR RELATIONS, ALLOWING FOR TIMELY MILITARY-TO-MILITARY AND MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN CONTACT FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE THE MILITARY SHOULD PLAY IN RWANDA'S EMERGING MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY. THE FOCUS ON SUCH TOPICS AS MILITARY JUSTICE, THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MILITARY PERSONS, REGULATIONS DRAFTING AND INVESTIGATIONS PROVED USEFUL IN STIMULATING DISCUSSION AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS ABOUT THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED ONCE THE TWO FORCES ARE INTEGRATED. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA (UNAMIR) FORCE, THE GOR EXPECTS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FORCE INTEGRATION SOMETIME IN APRIL, 1994.

5. POST HOPES THAT FUNDING CAN BE FOUND FOR A SECOND CONFERENCE THAT WILL PROVIDE SIMILAR TRAINING TO RWANDAN FORCES ONCE INTEGRATION IS COMPLETED, SOMETIME IN

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AUGUST-OCTOBER 1994. SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE A
COST-BFFECTIVE WAY FOR THE U.S. TO SUPPORT RWANDAN AND
UN PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PEACE ACCORDS AND WILL ULTIMATELY SUPPORT THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPARTY DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN
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6. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR A VERY PRODUCTIVE, SUCCESSFUL
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