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INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE  
ACTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DURING THE 1994 GENOCIDE IN RWANDA

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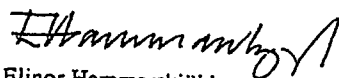
Dear Lieutenant-General Baril,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Independent Inquiry into the actions of the United Nations during the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda, which as you may know was appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in May this year. The Members of the Independent Inquiry are Mr Ingvar Carlsson (former Prime Minister of Sweden), Professor Han Sung-Joo (Former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea) and Lieutenant-General Rufus Kupolati (Nigeria). The Inquiry has been requested to establish the facts regarding the response of the United Nations before and during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, covering the period October 1993 to July 1994, and to make recommendations to the Secretary-General. The Members of the Independent Inquiry are expected to present a report to the Secretary-General before the end of this year.

In order to fulfil their mandate, the Members of the Independent Inquiry would appreciate the opportunity to interview you. The Inquiry will be meeting in New York during the first week of October, and wonder whether it would be possible for you to meet with them in New York on Monday, 4 October 1999.

As focal point for the Independent Inquiry, I would be grateful if you could inform me at your earliest convenience about your availability for such an interview. I can be reached at fax no 1 212 832 0389 or phone 1 212 583 2515.

Yours sincerely,



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