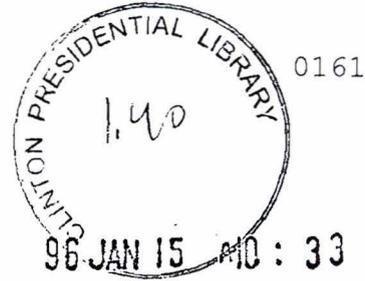


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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT: Letters for Ambassador Albright to Deliver to
Angolan President dos Santos, Rwandan President
Bizimungu and Burundian President Ntibantunganya

Purpose

To provide Ambassador Albright with letters that she can deliver to Angolan President dos Santos, Rwandan President Bizimungu and Burundian President Ntibantunganya during her visit to Africa next week.

Background

Angola: President dos Santos has carried out several of the commitments he made to you during his visit to Washington last month to push the peace process forward. To date, UNITA has not reciprocated despite indications that they would. The most pressing concern is the quartering of UNITA troops, which is several months behind schedule. President dos Santos must remain patient as we apply continued pressure on UNITA to adhere to their commitments under the peace accord.

Rwanda: Donor patience with the government continues to be tested as little has been done to address the two most pressing problems facing the country: more than two million refugees remain outside the country, and the government has done little to alleviate serious overcrowding in its prisons. In addition, more than 40 NGOs were recently forced to cease operations because they had failed to provide the government with the requisite documentation. The political leadership in Kigali must take more forceful action to promote reconciliation among its people to enable political and economic development to occur.

Burundi: The situation has degenerated significantly over the last 30 days as political murders, violence against civilians and attacks against Westerners increase. Several embassies (including ours) are drawing down staff and many NGOs have scaled back or suspended operations. Extremist elements are gaining strength as the position of the moderate president and his government becomes more precarious.

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Ambassador Albright's trip is important and timely because each of these three countries is currently facing critical transition periods in which American influence could be an important determining factor. She will also travel to Liberia.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters to Angolan President dos Santos (Tab A), Rwandan President Bizimungu (Tab B) and Burundian President Ntibantunganya (Tab C).

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to President dos Santos
- Tab B Letter to President Bizimungu
- Tab C Letter to President Ntibantunganya

