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Cape Martin, France, November 6th 1996.

To His Excellency  
Mr. William Jefferson Clinton  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600, Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to hasten and congratulate you for your recent reelection victory. I know you must be very happy about this new four years term that enables you to lead the United States of America. The American people are satisfied with your strong leadership. I share in your joy.

As you know it, the situation that prevails in the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa is worrisome.

Zaire is suffering on its eastern boundaries from a dramatic situation and once again, we are victims of our hospitality. Indeed, after we suddenly opened up in 1994 our borders to more than one million refugees for humanitarian reasons, we are actually facing an unfair warfare imposed to us by some neighboring states.

The current conflicts in several countries bordering Zaire are of ethnical intensity. They are at the same time complex; we ought to solve them through politically concerned means. That is why I strongly urge the United States to use his strong leadership to help reach the global, political and concerted solutions to the present conflicts in the Great Lakes Region.

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Such a positive implication of the United States in this approach will of course help as it did in the former Yugoslavia case, and put an end to the ethnic and unjustified warfare that Zairean neighboring states have imposed upon him. Finally, I would like to seize this opportunity and let you know that the democratic process in my country is going on quite well. As it has been agreed on by all the Zairean political leaders and other international partners, the free, transparent and democratic elections will be held next year.

I thank you in advance for your benevolent attention to my request and for the reply you intend to give to it. My best wishes and highest regards.

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