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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two governments regarding the status of U.S. military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who may be present in Zaire in connection with humanitarian efforts, and otherwise with respect to their official duties, presently ongoing now. I have the honor to propose that such personnel be accorded the same status as provided to the technical and administrative staff of the U.S. Embassy. If the foregoing is acceptable to your government, I have the further honor to propose that this note, together with your reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments effective from the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[signature]

Charge d’Affaires ad interim

Enclosure:

Response to Note No. 40

His Excellency
Lunda Bululu,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kinshasa
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 40 of July 21, 1994, regarding the arrival and presence in the Republic of Zaire of military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense of the United States of America in connection with humanitarian efforts now under way in the Regions of North and South Kivu as a result of the massive influx of Rwandan refugees (estimated to date at two million fifty thousand men, women, children and old people) and many thousands more who were already in eastern Zaire.

In reply, I have the pleasure to inform you that on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zaire, I hereby agree in principle to the presence in Zaire of said military personnel and civilian employees and to your government’s request that they be granted the same status as
that which is granted to the administrative and technical staff of the Embassy of the United States of America in Kinshasa.

It is, however, clearly understood that this status will not be granted individually to each of the persons concerned until the full list and respective file of each one has been seen.

This being the case, I should like to stipulate, as you have done, that this letter and your aforementioned letter shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, effective as of July 22, 1994.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

[Signature]

Mukulumanya wa N'Gate Zenda
Knight of the National Order of the Leopard
Vice Minister

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