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Congressman Robert Matsui
 Courthouse Building
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Dear Congressman Matsui:

Suppose the Nazi movement took place in Germany but did not include an aggressive foreign policy. Suppose, however, that it did include the "final solution" to the "Jewish problem." Suppose as a result of that "solution" that not only were hundreds of thousands of German Jews murdered by the state, but that also a massive refugee problem arose impacting Europe and the world with millions of fleeing Jews. Suppose all this happened and was never even covered by the popular press in the U.S..

Substitute Rwanda for Germany and you have the actual conditions which took place, not from 1933 - 1945, but from 1962 - until this very day:

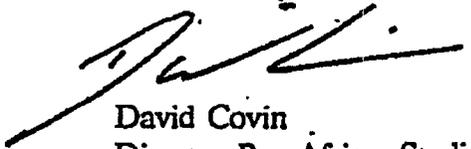
That the U.S. general public is ignorant about these conditions does not mean that the U.S. government should be equally ignorant. The conditions which have existed and which prevail in Rwanda are intolerable.

Neither the Duvaliers, the Ayatolla Khomeini, Saddam Hussein, Kurt Waldheim, or Fernando Marcos has developed a record of barbarism and cruelty comparable to that of the President of Rwanda, Habyarimana. Yet he has applied for and actually expects to receive a visa to enter the United States.

If we would have given one to Hitler, then we should give one to this man. Otherwise, no. Whatever the U.S. stands for and will tolerate, it cannot be the ruthless policies which he and his government have carried out.

I urge your support in the effort to get the State Department to deny him a visa.

Sincerely,


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