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MEMORANDUM

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TO: AF - Mr. Moose

THROUGH: AF - Ms. Bushnell *#3*

FROM: AF/C - Arlene Renden *R*

SUBJECT: Appointment Request - RPF Chairman Kanyarengwe

DISCUSSION

On January 31, RPF local representative Charles Murigande informed us that RPF Chairman Alexis Kanyarengwe is in Washington this week to attend the Congressional Prayer Breakfast. Kanyarengwe has requested a meeting to discuss the current situation in Rwanda. (Murigande suggested meeting on Friday, Feb. 4.) We recommend that you agree to meet Kanyarengwe and use the opportunity to urge the RPF to cooperate in forming the broad-based transition government as soon as possible. If this meeting cannot be worked into your schedule, we recommend that DAS Bushnell meet with Kanyarengwe.

During the troika meeting in Paris, we agreed with the Belgians and French that a trilateral demarche on all the players was necessary in order to push the Rwandans to form the new government. The longer the impasse over formation of the government continues, the greater the risk of violence, which could threaten the entire peace process. We instructed our Embassy to coordinate with the French and Belgians to make the demarche discussed at the troika meeting. We can use the meeting with Kanyarengwe in Washington to reinforce the message being delivered in Kigali.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to meet with RPF Chairman Kanyarengwe

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