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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. TROOPS BE PART OF A FORCE THAT WILL SERVE IN A PEACEKEEPING AND STABILIZING CAPACITY

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Brady:

The White House has asked the Department of State to reply to your letter of July 18 regarding U.S. military support for stabilizing the situation in Liberia.

United States forces did play a key supporting role to ECOWAS in opening up the Freeport area of Monrovia, and in protecting the Roberts Field airport base of the ECOMIL force as it began deployment. A quick reaction unit was deployed to the airport, and engineering units provided support at the port. Helicopter and fixed wing air assets from the Marine Expeditionary Unit provided cover for the initial ECOMIL mission to Buchanan. The Department of State has provided \$10 million for assistance to ECOWAS units with lift, logistics and other key needs of the ECOMIL troops, ensuring their rapid deployment to Liberia.

As you know, UN Security Council resolution 1497 set an October 1 date for a transition from ECOMIL to a United Nations Peacekeeping Operation. The United States will continue to take a lead role in planning for a stable Liberia, and will consider U.N. requests for specific assistance, particularly in areas of expertise which other countries may not have.

Thank you for your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly  
Assistant Secretary  
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The Honorable  
Robert A. Brady,  
House of Representatives.

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE  
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**TO:** PRESIDENT BUSH

**FROM:** THE HONORABLE ROBERT BRADY  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. TROOPS BE PART OF A FORCE THAT WILL SERVE IN A  
PEACEKEEPING AND STABILIZING CAPACITY



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The Honorable George W. Bush  
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Dear President Bush:

I support your willingness to help to bring peace to Liberia as expressed to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. However, the crisis in Liberia continues to worsen as we watch the escalation of a humanitarian disaster. The United States has a vital role to play in helping to stabilize a country that has been wracked by wars for nearly two decades. Liberians caught in the middle of a virtual nightmare report that recent fighting is the worst in memory. The United States should commit to work with Liberia's neighbors toward establishing a long-term political solution to stabilize the region.

In the meantime, the U.N. has asked for a deployment of American troops to lead an international stabilization force, including a West African military force that would serve as the backbone of a peacekeeping effort. Liberians in and outside of the country are asking for American intervention, including Liberians who live in the greater Philadelphia area and in the First Congressional District. I join this call for U.S military action and humanitarian assistance in order to bring peace and security to people who have suffered too long.

While any commitment to military intervention is a grave decision, America cannot stand by passively while civilians in the capital city of Monrovia, named after U.S. President James Monroe, are murdered and tortured, and casualties from disease and malnutrition dramatically increase. These are conditions that can become fertile ground for the spawning of increased violence that can lead to the widespread political and economic destabilization of the larger West African region.

This is not a recommendation to wage war, but I strongly believe that our troops should be part of a force that will serve in a peacekeeping and stabilizing capacity.

Sincerely,



ROBERT A. BRADY  
Member of Congress

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