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**THE WHITE HOUSE  
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DATE RECEIVED: 06/30/2003

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE BIDEN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO FULLY SUPPORT THE INTERIM EMERGENCY MULTNATIONAL FORCE AUTHORIZED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1484

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**THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON**

August 1, 2003

Dear Senator Biden:

President Bush has asked that I reply to your letter expressing concern over the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and, in particular, support to the European Union-led Interim Emergency Multinational Force (IEMF). I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

We strongly supported the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1484 on May 30, authorizing the rapid deployment of an EU-led IEMF to the Ituri region to assist in the stabilization of the area until a reinforced United Nations presence can be established there. In discussions regarding the deployment with the Government of France, the lead nation in the IEMF, we were told that European Union member states would be providing adequate financial and material resources for the mission. NATO and the EU later clarified these arrangements through consultations under the "Berlin Plus" framework for NATO-EU security cooperation. We did provide, at their request and in collaboration with EU member states, diplomatic and political support for the deployment.

Further, we have worked to ensure that the follow-on United Nations force possesses the appropriate mandate and has at its disposal the necessary equipment and field forces to carry out its duties. While at present these details have not yet been fully finalized, we are encouraged by progress to date.

The inauguration of the Government of National Unity in Kinshasa on July 17 was a significant step toward bringing a peaceful resolution to the fighting in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ultimately, the

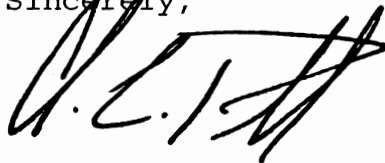
The Honorable  
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,  
United States Senate.

resolution of violence in the Ituri region, as with elsewhere in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is dependent upon the political will of the Congolese parties.

I look forward to your support as we continue to work closely with all Congolese parties to ensure a peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the establishment of the authority of the Transitional Government of National Unity.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. L. Powell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colin L. Powell

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE**

**REFERRAL**

July 11, 2003

**TO:** DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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**MEDIA:** LETTER, DATED JUN 06, 2003

**TO:** PRESIDENT BUSH

**FROM:** THE HONORABLE JOE BIDEN  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

**SUBJECT:** URGES THE PRESIDENT TO FULLY SUPPORT THE INTERIM EMERGENCY  
MULTNATIONAL FORCE AUTHORIZED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
1484

**PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS  
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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

June 6, 2003

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I write to urge you to take all appropriate actions to fully support the Interim Emergency Multinational Force authorized by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1484.

As you know, an estimated 5000 men, women and children have been killed in the Ituri region of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo as the result of conflict between the Hema and Lendu ethnic groups. The latest wave of violence has resulted in over four hundred dead, including two United Nations peacekeepers and two Red Cross workers. In a chilling parallel to actions taken by the Hutu during the Rwandan genocide, Hema militia have used Candip radio to broadcast messages threatening people who have sought sanctuary with the United Nations forces in Bunia.

UN officials have warned that the ethnic killings, though smaller in scale, are reminiscent of those under taken in Rwanda in 1994, and that they could constitute genocide.

The United States played an active and essential role in facilitating the passage of Resolution 1484 by securing the agreement of Uganda and Rwanda to support the deployment of a French-led interim force. I applaud those actions. We must follow them by offering robust financial and in-kind contributions to the European Union as they undertake this critical mission.

The situation in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is grave. It is essential that we take proactive steps to ensure that the emergency force is able successfully to fulfill its mandate and that any follow-on force has the ability to protect UN personnel, humanitarian workers and innocent civilians from attack.

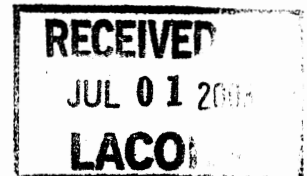
I know that you share my concern. None of us wants to see a repeat of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

I look forward to working closely with you on this effort.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
Ranking Minority Member



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**Faxed to EW**  
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