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To Senator Bob Dole

We at The Carter Center have been working for several months to reduce the level of violence and suffering in the Great Lakes region of East Africa. Although the leaders of Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zaire have not been willing to participate in an international conference sponsored either by the United Nations or the Organization of African Unity, they have now met twice with us.

Assisting me, with the approval of their heads of state, are Archbishop Tutu and former presidents Nyerere of Tanzania and Touré of Mali.

Attached is a communiqué approved by all of us at our most recent meeting in Tunis, which ended this past week. I want you to be aware of our efforts, and hope you will provide any information or advice that you think will be helpful to us. It would be helpful if you will share this with any of your associates who have a special interest in this region.

We now plan another meeting in Atlanta in May, which will be correlated with the annual meeting of CNN International. The focal point of this event will be the Great Lakes crisis, which many of us consider to be the world's most serious, although largely forgotten.

Bob, congratulations on your wonderful victories in the Republican primaries. Having been through it all before, I know how much planning and perseverance it requires to gain the nomination. If you are ever in Atlanta and have time, we would be delighted to have you visit us at The Carter Center to receive a concise briefing on the above and some of our other projects.

Sincerely,

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