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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUEST - MR. PIERRE-RICHARD
PROSPER

REF: STATE 77677

1. WE APPRECIATE THE AID/STATE'S EFFORT IN LOCATING
ADDITIONAL TALENT TO JOIN WITH OUR ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE TEAM IN ADDRESSING HOW BEST TO HELP RWANDA
QUICKLY SET UP A JUDICIAL SYSTEM THAT CAN MOVE FORWARD ON
THE DISPOSITION OF PRISONERS NOW OVERCROWDING RWANDA'S
JAILS. THE PROPOSED TIMING OF PROSPER'S TRIP, HOWEVER,
DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR WELL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS
TASK:

--   THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR WITH WHOM MR. PROSPER MUST
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INITIATE HIS WORK IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL APRIL 18.

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-- THE COUNTRY IS GOING INTO DEEP MOURNING FOR A WEEK
BEGINNING APRIL 7; GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL FOCUS ON
LITTLE ELSE THAN THE CEREMONIES BURYING THE DEAD AND
MEMORIALIZING GENOCIDE FROM APRIL 7-14.

-- OUR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE TEAM IS SCOPING OUT
MANY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSTRAINTS TO THE DELIVERY OF
JUSTICE IN RWANDA. MR. PROSPER CAN GET MORE QUICKLY TO
THE NUB OF THE PROBLEM HE IS ADDRESSING IF HE BUILDS ON
THEIR WORK, READY IN DRAFT IN ANOTHER WEEK.

-- WE MUST BRIEF RWANDAN AUTHORITIES ON PROSPER'S
INTENDED TRAVEL AND WITH THEIR HELP MESH HIS EFFORTS
WITH WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY, FOCUSSING THIS EFFORT ON
CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IN RWANDA. THIS
CANNOT BE DONE BEFORE PROSPER'S INTENDED DEPARTURE
FROM CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 4.

2. I, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT MR. PROSPER PUSH BACK HIS
DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR ONE WEEK FROM THE
PROPOSED APRIL 7 TIMEFRAME. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS GRANTED
ON THAT BASIS.
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