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IN THEIR DECLARATION, THEY STATE THAT THEY REALIZED THAT THEY WERE SERVING A FAKE GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF GREEDY, SELFISH, AND EXTREMIST PEOPLE. THE LETTER THEN STATED THAT THIS EXTREMIST GROUP HAD MURDERED MANY ARMY OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN INTELLECTUALS. THE OFFICERS REQUESTED THAT A TRIBUNAL BE SET UP TO TRY AND BRING THE CRIMINALS TO BOOK. ALL NINE OFFICERS WHO WROTE AND SIGNED THE DECLARATION AGREED OFFICIALLY TO WORK WITH ANY GROUP THAT COULD FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE EXTREMIST CLIQUE, SO THAT THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE UNITED, NOT DIVIDED.

THOSE WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1. BRIGADIER GENERAL LEONIDAS RUSATIRA; 2. BRIG. GEN. MARCEL GATSINZI; 3. COLONEL (VENANCE MUSAMERA); 4. LIEUTENANT COL. (FRAUDUALD MUGEMANA); 5. MAJOR EMMANUEL HABYARIMANA; 6. MAJ. (CYRIAQUE HAGBARAWATUMA); 7. MAJ. (ALEX GBABUKWESI); 8. MAJOR (JEAN NDAMAJI) AND; 9. MAJ. (MARTIN DAMAJE). IT IS SUCH OFFICERS WHO WOULD HELP TO IDENTIFY AND ARREST ALL THOSE WHO COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA. RPF WISHES TO INFORM THOSE OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ARMY WHO HAVE SIMILAR FEELINGS THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND FORM THE NEW NATIONAL ARMY, AND THAT THEY SHOULD FEEL ASSURED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY.

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