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NOTE TO MR EGELEND

Subject: Darfur – return to Geneina

After conducting a UN Security Assessment of the West Darfur capital town of Geneina, the Designated Official ai in Sudan has, with my endorsement (I am currently not in-country) agreed that United Nations Staff Members may return to Geneina town itself.

Further UN security assessments will be conducted beginning 03 January 2004 for locations situated "outside" the perimeters of Geneina.

Other locations in the Darfurs outside the three capital towns remain inaccessible, for practical assistance purposes by the UN, though we continue to make attempts on a case-by-case basis.

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