

elected to the National Assembly of Ruanda in the elections of August, 1961 we were satisfied that the objectives of our mission had been fulfilled.

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