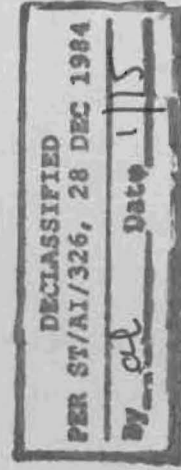


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DATE 20 JUNE 1961

PRIORITY - ELLED 436 - LINNER MACBOIN FROM CRUISE OBRIEN BOON WE CALLED THIS MORNING ON FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL LAMBROSCINI TO ASK FOR HIS COOPERATION IN WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH MERCENARIES HERE. THE CONSUL STRESSED THAT SUCH FRENCH MERCENARIES AS ARE HERE HAVE COME IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY AND NONE ARE IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE COULD NOT THEREFORE ORDER THEM TO RETURN. WE POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD ADVISE THEM TO DEPART AND EXERT STRONG PRESSURE IN THAT DIRECTION. IF THEY DID NOT GO VOLUNTARILY THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED AND HE SUGGESTED IT WAS IN FRENCH INTEREST AVOID THIS. HE PROFESSED DESIRE COOPERATE AND SAID HE WOULD CABLE PARIS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. AT OUR REQUEST HE THEN GAVE US LIST FRENCH CITIZENS KNOWN TO HIM TO BE HERE AS MERCENARIES. LIST FOLLOWS AT END THIS TELEGRAM. WE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE DEPARTURE OF THESE PEOPLE WAS IMPERATIVE AND URGENT ONE CASE IN PARTICULAR DEMANDED INSTANT ACTION. THIS WAS THE CASE OF CAPTAIN LABOURDONNAIRE. THIS OFFICER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE SAME CAPTAIN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN ALGIERS EXTREMIST POLITICS AND NOT ABLY IN THE PROCES DES BARRICADES. HE IS OBVIOUSLY A DANGEROUS MAN. WE TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL THAT HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE HERE COULD NOT BE TOLERATED. THE CONSUL GENERAL EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD ADVISE LABOURDONNAIRE TO DEPART BUT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN HIS ADVICE WOULD BE TAKEN. WE TOLD HIM THAT IN FACT IN THAT CASE HE WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPELLED. THE CONSUL GENERAL STRESSED NECESSITY AVOID PUBLICITY. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID PUBLICITY WOULD BE FOR LABOURDONNAIRE AND THE OTHERS TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND VOLUNTARILY. THE CONSUL GENERAL HOPES TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS TOMORROW AND WILL THEN COMMUNICATE WITH US. WE DID NOT DISCUSS FOLLOWING ASPECTS WITH CONSUL GENERAL BUT ARE CONCERNED LEST FOLLOWING DEPARTURE WEBER, A FRENCH OFFICER OF LABOURDONNAIRE'S TYPE MAY ENDEAVOUR FILL POLITICAL VACUUM HML TIME TRINQUERBUT

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THIS TIME WITHOUT EFFECTIVE BELGIAN OPPOSITION. CONTINUED DISSENSION IN COLLEGE MAKES SUCH A ROLE POSSIBLE. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE BUT JUDGE WISE TO FORESTALL ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY. AT MEETING COLLEGE TODAY PRESSED THEM FOR LIST FRENCH MERCENARIES AND DREW SPECIAL ATTENTION LABOURDONNAIE CASE. MUNONGO PROMISED INVESTIGATE AND IF SATISFIED LABOURDONNAIE AS REPRESENTED WOULD ORDER HIS REMOVAL. FOLLOWING LIST OF FRENCH MERCENARIES RECEIVED FROM FRENCH CONSULATE : LABOURDONNAIE, FAULQUES, DEMARD, MERIA, BOVANIER, PRADIER.

CASE NO 145

30 AUG 1961

DENARD Robert, Lieut Ind.

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Married - 1 child 6½ yrs

NATIONALITY: French

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REGT NO: Battalion de Gendarmerie Mobile

RANK: Sous-Lieutenant

MILITARY SERVICE: Commander group - Gendarmerie Mobile

IDENTIFICATION: None on presence NIEMBA

ENTERED CONGO: 6 Mars 1961

CAPTURED: 28-8-61 NIEMBA - Ghanaian

PASSPORT: issued: NIEMBA on 14-9-1959 No. 346332

AUTHENTICATED: Préfecture de Police Paris

VISAS: KATANGA, 6 Mars - BRAZZAVILLE

CURRENCY ANNOTATIONS: 4000 francs KATANGA

INTERROGATOR: Basil ZAROW

Summarized views: Calm and collected - had passport

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CONFIDENTIAL RV-275 O'BRIEN FROM LINER. I HAVE FORWARDED TO SECDEM FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

1. AT FRENCH AMBASSADORS REQUEST, I HAVE GIVEN HIM THIS MORNING A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AVAILABLE REGARDING THE FRENCH CITIZENS WORKING FOR THE KATANGA GOVERNMENT. THIS SUMMARY READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

NOTRE REPRESENTANT A EVILLE DES A INFORME EN DATE DU 20 JUIN QUE LES CITIZENS FRANCAIS DONT LES NOMS SUIVENT SE TROUVENT ETRE AU KATANGA EN QUALITE DE MERCENAIRES LE COMMANDANT LABOURDONNAIE LE COMMANDANT PAULQUES **DENARD**, MARIA, BOHAVERIAN, PRADIER, DOUSQUET (COMMANDANT) LE COMANDANT EGE. PARA. IL APPARAITRAIT QUE LE COMMANDANT LABOURDONNAIE L'OCCUPE DE LA SECTION 05 DE LA GENDARMERIE KATANGAISE QUI EST RESPONSABLE EN PARTICULIER DE LA GUERRE PSYCHOLOGIQUE ET IL TRAVAILLE DIRECTEMENT AVEC LE MINISTERE DE L'INTERIEUR PARA LE COMMANDANT EGE OCCUPE LES MEMES FONCTIONS A ALBERTVILLE TANDIS QUE LE COMMANDANT PAULQUES DIRIGE LE CENTRE D'ENTRAINEMENT DE SHINKOLOMBE OU IL EST SOUSPOUSSE DE JOUER UN ROLE SEMI POLITIQUE PARA D'APRES DES RENSEIGNEMENTS NON CONFIRMES LE COMMANDANT LABOURDONNAIE SERAIT LE MEME QUE CELUI QUI AVAIT PRIS PART AU PROCES DES BARRICADES D'ALGER OU IL FAISAIT LA POLITIQUE DES EXTREMISTES PARA LE CONSUL GENERAL A EVILLE, M. LAMBROCHINI QUE NOS REPRESENTANTS ONT VU A PLUSIEURS REPRISES A DEJA DEMANDE DES INSTRUCTIONS A PARIS EN CE QUI CONCERNE UN EVENTUEL RETRAIT DE CES PERSONNES. M. LAMBROCHINI SOULIGNE CEPENDANT QU'AUCUN DE CES OFFICIERS NE SE TROUVENT EMPLOYES PAR LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE ET QU'ILS ONT ETE ENGAGES PAR LES AUTORITES KATANGAISES D'UNE MANIERE TOUT A FAIT PRIVEE PARA TOUJOURS

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D'APRES NOTRE REPRESENTANT A ELISABETHVILLE, LE RECRUTEMENT DES CITOYENS FRANCAIS POUR LE KATANGA CONTINUERAIT ET IL S'EFFECTUE PAR LES SOINS DU MINISTRE RESIDENT DU KATANGA A PARIS, MONSIEUR DIUR LEQUEL RECOIT SES ORDRES DU MINISTRE DE LA DEFENSE YAV. C'EST AINSI QUE MLE LIEUTENANT COLONEL TOUPET-THOMAS EST ARRIVE RECEMMENT AU KATANGA OU IL OCCUPE LE POSTE DE CONSEILLER SPECIAL AUPRES DU MINISTERE DE LA DEFENSE PARA UNE SECRETAIRE FRANCAISE, MADAME VERRIERE EST EGALEMENT ARRIVEE RECEMMENT A ELISABETHVILLE OU ELLE DOIT COMMENCER A TRAVAILLER DANS CE MEME MINISTERE DE LA DEFENSE, MME VERRIERE AYANT SERVI PENDANT HUIT ANS DANS LES SERVICES SPECIAUX EN ALGERIE PARA UNE DEMANDE OFFICIELLE VA EGALEMENT ETRE SOUMISE AUPRES DU GOUVERNEMENT KATANGAIS PROTESTANT CONTRE LE RECRUTEMENT CONTINU DE TELS CONSEILLERS DONT LA PRESENCE A ELISABETHVILLE NE PEUT QUE RENDRE PLUS DIFFICILE L'APPLICATION PAR LES NATIONS UNIES DE LA RESOLUTION DU CONSEIL DE SECURITE DU 21 FEVRIER 1961 UNQUOTE.

2. CHARPENTIER REITERATED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT FRENCH OFFICERS BUT MERELY FRENCH CITIZENS AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY TAKEN THEIR CASES UP DIRECTLY WITH YOU. HE, CHARPENTIER, HAD FURTHERMORE NO INSTRUCTIONS TO DEAL ABOUT THEM WITH US HERE.