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Kamina Base

2 August 1962

*Wf/s*

To : Mr. Robert K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC,  
Leopoldville

From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina *g*

Subject : Report for the period 26 July to 2 August 1962

Food Situation

4 Tons of meat was received from Elisabethville and sold at cost price to the Congolese population of the Base. This was the first distribution of fresh meat since October 1961. Arrangements are being made to obtain a regular supply.

Refugee Camp

The water supply to the Refugee Camp is becoming difficult due to the poor condition of the piping system.

Kasongo Nyembo

We have learned that the Grand Chief, Kasongo Nyembo, is actually in hospital and negotiations are under way with the Kaminaville authorities to have a regular supply of local beer for the Base.

c.c. Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville



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*Ref m/7*  
Kamina Base  
25 July 1962

To : Mr. Robert K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina *JP*  
Subject : Report for the period 13 July to 25 July 1962

Shortage of Food

Due to lack of fresh meat, several cases of malnutrition were reported by the Director of the Hospital who insists that fresh meat be provided immediately to the Congolese population of the Base. No fresh meat has been available to the Congolese since October, 1961, reference KALEO 801. Now that we have the cold rooms in operation we are in a position to receive up to 4 tons of fresh meat per week.

Refugees

3 Refugees from Kaminaville have asked asylum on the Base. Two will be repatriated with the North Katanga refugees actually in the camp and one will be retained on the Base as a worker.

Kasongo Nyembo's Visit

Kasongo Nyembo's visit to the Base, which should have taken place on Sunday, 22 July, was cancelled. See our KALEO CODE 86 of 23 July.

c.c. Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville



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Ref 13/7

Kamina Base  
12 July 1962

To : Mr. Robert K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina *JP*  
Subject : Report for the Period 1 July to 12 July 1962

Education

The technical and language courses given by staff members to Congolese workers on the Base (please see our Report dated 25 April 1962), which began on 16 April, are now terminating for the summer recess and will re-commence in September. An application has been made to UNESCO, Paris, for books for the various classes.

Commemoration of the Secession of Katanga

On 11 July, commemoration date of the secession of Katanga, there was no incident or demonstration on the Base.

Invitation of Kasongo Niembo to Kamina Base

The Grand Chef of Kaminaville, Kasongo Niembo, has been invited to visit Kamina Base on 22 July 1962.

Re-uniting of Families

Because of custom laws, Kasongo Niembo has not approved any of three requests recently made to re-unite families who are divided between Kaminaville and Kamina Base. We have many more such requests on hand.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville



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3 July 1962

To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Léopoldville  
From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina Base *JP*  
Subject : Report for the Period 20 June to 30 June 1962

Worker Situation

The food situation for the workers is very satisfactory as one more wagon of manioc has been received from Elisabethville.

Uneasiness was caused among members of Congolese Military Police. They had complaints regarding their pay. Investigations are being carried out to correct this situation.

Repatriation Requests

Five workers asked to be repatriated.

Ten workers were authorized to travel to bring their families to the Base.

Independence Day

On 29 and 30 June Congolese Independence Day celebrations were organised by our workers under our supervision. Everything went smoothly and no incidents were reported between the different ethnical groups on the Base.

Technical Problems

Restoration of electrical power is being carried out in the Congolese quarters and distribution of citrus fruits from the farm has begun.



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*miss Roberts*  
*Rly 25/6*

Kamina Base  
19 June 1962

To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina *JP*  
Subject : Report for the Period 13 June - 19 June 1962

Worker Situation

Two wagons of manioc were received from Elisabethville and a third is expected during the week. This will improve distribution on the Base.

Repatriation Requests

There were no requests for repatriation during the week.

Power Situation - Diesels

The Fairbanks Morse diesels, although completely installed, have not yet been adjusted by the firm's technician.

Ceremony for Re-opening of Kilubi Power Plant

The Kilubi Power Plant was officially inaugurated on June 15 1962, with an official ceremony. Present at the Kilubi reception were the Grand Chef Kasongo Niembo, the District Commissioner Mr. Capotwe, the Territorial Administrator, Mr. Edmond Kasongo and the directors of Regideso from Elisabethville and Kaminaville, Mr. Kukado, Mr. Tavares and Mr. Nday together with advisors, technicians and several other personalities.

ONUC was represented by the Base Administrator, the Base Commander, the Commanding Officer of the Engineer Battalion and his technicians.



The reception was extremely cordial and friendly and emphasis was put, by the District Commissioner, on the good co-operation between Kaminaville and the Base and assurance was given that the administration of Kasongo Niembo will always take good care of the Plant.

#### Operation of the Kilubi Plant

The Kilubi Power Plant worked satisfactorily from 12 June until 16 June at 1325 hours when a breakdown occurred due to a short circuit in a high tension cable box. Emergency power on the Base was immediately switched on. Excellent liaison was established between Kaminaville and the Base to repair this failure.

A provisional repair was carried out by Mr. Feldman and Mr. Newman who left the Base by helicopter and spent the night at Kilubi where they were very well treated. Power was restored at 1800 hours.

Attempts to make final repairs are under way.

#### Farming Section

The farming section expects a good surplus of citrus fruits in about a fortnight. A plan for distribution and sale of the surplus is under way. The farming section continues with the burning of wood in order to provide the Refugee Camp with charcoal.

#### Transfer of Military Headquarters

The Kamina Base Military Headquarters has moved from Base II (Kalunga) to the airport at Base I (Lumwe) since 14 June 1962.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, ONUC, Leo  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, ONUC, Leopoldville



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*Robertson*  
*Mr* *NY 25/6*

Kamina Base  
14 June 1962

To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
: Mr. Tooby, Chief Refugee Co-ordinator, Leopoldville  
From : J. Postma, Base Administrator, Kamina  
Subject : Daily Report on Refugees - Kamina Base *TC*

The situation of refugees at Kamina Base as of 1800  
hours on 14 June 1962 is as follows:

On the 10th train 385 Kaniokas and 906 Baluba-Lubilangi  
-- total 1291 -- arrived.

Five hundred and eighty Kaniokas were airlifted to  
Luluabourg.

Remaining in camp are:

Kaniokas .....	855
Baluba-Lubilangi .....	<u>906</u>
	1,761





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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

4 June 1962

A : Mr. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
De : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
Objet : Liberated Prisoners Arrived at Kamina Base  
by Train on 27 May 1962 - Lt. Borg's Report

Following my memo of 2 June 1962, I am  
.... attaching a copy of Lt. Borg's report on his  
interrogation of the released political prisoners.

A nominal list will follow.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'fury' or similar, is written over the typed text.

cc: Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville  
Mr. Tooby, Co-ordinator Refugee Camp Evacuation, Leopoldville  
Mr. Rolz-Bennett, Civilian Representative, Elisabethville  
Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Packham, Civilian Representative, Luluabourg  
Mr. Ghaleb, Assistant Civilian Representative, Elisabethville



Report on interrogation with political prisoners/<sup>arrived/</sup>at Kamina Base  
on 27 May, 1962.

Interrogated on 2 June by Lt E. Borg, Sector C, Kamina

All questioned had come to Katanga within the last decade mostly because employment in their own areas had been scarce.

Most of them ~~are~~ skilled workers, mainly miners, artisans, mechanics, drivers and clerks.

Not a single individual belongs to any Katanga tribe, the majority being Baluba Kasai, sprinkled with e.g. Batetela, Kanioba, Wahembe, Wasonge, Lulua and others.

Some had been arrested by the Katanguese Police as early as July, 1960 the majority being imprisoned between October, 1960 and September, 1961. Their families were left behind.

A frequent answer to reason for arrest was because of tribe, usually in connection with admitting they were Lumumbists. ~~Some~~ arrests seemed to have been made ~~at~~ random. None admitted having been properly prosecuted.

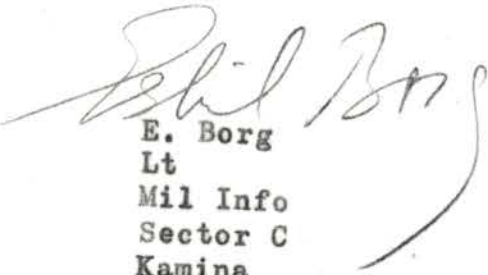
Many had changed prison 2-3 times, without being able to give reason for transfer.

When released they had been transported straight to railway sidings and loaded on to the train.

All questioned had obviously been briefed about certain answers and should this be taken into account when judging their veracity.

As for Ngule prison this should have contained 350 prisoners with now 75 remaining, all political. Kasaji 17 remaining, offenses unknown. Kaminaville no report.

No arrangements have been made for any contacts with their families, who in many cases remain in Katanga, as far as they know. Some might be found in the Elisabethville Refugee Camp.

  
E. Borg  
Lt  
Mil Info  
Sector C  
Kamina



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28 May 1962

*Kam Reg.*  
*RLL 4/5*

To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
From : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
Subject : Weekly Report Over the Period 21 Through 27 May 1962

The Power Situation

The power situation shows a favourable picture. Between 23 and 25 May 1962 five Fairbanks Morse diesel units arrived. Installation of the first three was completed on 25 May and they are being tested by the Fairbanks Morse technician. It is expected that the last two units will be completely installed by 30 May.

The operation of the Kilubi Power Plant still depends on the repair of the transmission lines outside the Base. The work is under way, under the responsibility of Kasongo Niembo.

Refugee Transport

The fourth train with refugees arrived on the Base on 22 May and its passengers were airlifted within the three following days.

The fifth train arrived very early (0300 hours) on 26 May.

Workers

There was no repatriation during this week.

Suggestion Box

No suggestions have been received.

*Summary*

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville





INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

22 May 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
OBJET : Weekly Report Over the Period 14 Through 20 May 1962

The Power Situation

The power situation remains as outlined in last week's report with only one new Fairbanks Morse diesel working. The second new diesel is still awaiting the spare parts. Mr. Kasongo Niembo, Grand Chef of Kaminaville, has yet to sign the agreement concerning the operation of the Kilubi Power Plant. The high tension transmission lines are under repair.

Workers

Three refugees from Kaminaville have been engaged to work for the Engineering Battalion.

Thirteen workers, recruited in Elisabethville, have arrived at the Base with their families by the third refugee train and have also been attached to the Engineering Battalion.

Repatriation

The total number of persons repatriated during the week is eight, consisting of two workers and their families.

Refugee Transport

The second trainload of refugees, which arrived at the Base on 12 May 1962, was airlifted to Luluabourg within the three subsequent days.

The third train arrived on the afternoon of 17 May 1962. The last of the passengers of this train left Kamina Base by air on Monday 21 May.

Suggestion Box

No suggestions have been received.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville





INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

15 May 1962

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A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville

DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina

OBJET : Weekly Report Over the Period 7 Through 13 May

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The Power Situation

Of the two new Fairbanks Morse diesels that have arrived so far, only one is working at present. The other is being inspected by the Fairbanks Morse technician.

An agreement was reached with Kasongo Niembo, subject to your approval, on the re-opening of the Kilubi Power Plant. We are now going to make a joint inspection of the transmission lines (80 kilometres). The plant is in operating condition.

Labour

The newly engaged workers from Elisabethville have not yet turned up.

Transport of Refugees from Elisabethville

Preparations for the transit camp for the refugees were finished on 9 May at 15.00 hours. The first train with 864 refugees arrived on that day at 18.00 hours. The air transport from Kamina Base to Luluabourg was accomplished in two days -- 10 and 11 May 1962. The second train had locomotive engine trouble and arrived on Sunday, 12 May, at approximately 2230 hours, at this Base.

Repatriations

The number of persons repatriated during the week is as follows:

	<u>Workers</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Children etc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Albertville	3	3	9	15
Luluabourg	1	1	9	11
	4	4	18	26

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville

Summary



*Kamina Cases*

Ref: GOV/<sup>362</sup>~~337~~/62

le 9 mai 1962

Monsieur le Ministre,

J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint un document qui a été remis à M Ghaleb, représentant de l'ONUC, par l'INSTITUT NATIONAL DU KONGO à Elisabethville, ainsi qu'une lettre que M Ghaleb vous a adressée.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Le Chargé de la Mission  
des Nations Unies au Congo

Robert K. Gardiner

Monsieur le Ministre de l'Education,  
Bâtiment administratif,  
Kamina,  
LEOPOLDVILLE.

cc: M Ghaleb





*Kam Report*

*Ref 9/5*

INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

8 May 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
OBJET : Weekly Report for the Period 30 April through 6 May 1962

The Power Situation

The installation of the two new Fairbanks Morse diesels was about to be completed at the end of the week.

Repatriation

The following Congolese were repatriated during the week:

	Workers	Women	Children	Total
Albertville	3	2	3	8
Luluabourg	1	1		2
Leopoldville	1			1
	5	3	3	11

Evacuation Plan

According to instructions received on 5 May 1962, preparations have started for receiving and accommodating the refugees who are going to be channelled through this Base.

On 6 May I proceeded to Elisabethville to get more specific information on this project and returned the same day to Kamina.

Recruiting of Workers

Twenty-five teachers and 120 workers have been interviewed in Elisabethville. Out of this number, five teachers and 39 workers have been selected and they will be sent to Kamina Base with the first available transport.

Suggestion Box

No suggestions have been received.

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cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville





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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

30 April 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
OBJET : Weekly Report For the Period 23 Through 29 April 1962

Power Supply

The first two generators that arrived were eventually installed but at the end of the week they were not yet in operation. Some technical trouble had developed and the selling company's representative was at the Base devoting full time to adjustments.

Education

The technical and language courses are proceeding normally after the Holy Week's holiday.

Incidents

During the previous weekend, great activity was noticed on the part of the Congolese population in cutting palm trees for the production of wine. Police action was taken against such illegal activity which is detrimental to the Base's natural resources. The expected arrival of beer will probably help avoid this situation.

Suggestion Box

No suggestion was found in the suggestion box.

Repatriation of Congolese

No repatriation of Congolese took place during the week.

The week was uneventful.

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cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville



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XIV Swed Bn

Kamina

26 April 62.

Mr R. Gardiner,

Chief ONUC Representative, Leo.

Answer  
KA-74

Kamina

1. On Friday 20 April 62, I received a visit at my HQ, Kamina Base, from Lt Col Madan Chief Logistics Officer at ONUC HQ, Leo. His only purpose in coming here was apparently to inform me that rumours were circulating in HQ Leo that XIV. Swedish Bn were taking stolen items from Eville for subsequent despatch to Sweden and also that spare parts for vehicles were being sold by the Swedish Bn.

I was not completely surprised by such rumours in view of the recent incidents in Dar-es-Salam. Apparently there is an intention of tarring the Swedes with the same brush as those involved there. I have had to deal with untruths and false rumours previously in the Congo. But I have not before been accused without being given the opportunity of defending myself. According to Lt Col Madan you have already made statements regarding the misbehaviour of the Swedish Bn without letting me know your suspicions. I find it very disturbing to be condemned without investigation especially after one year's hard service in key positions in the Congo operations.

2. The allegations are difficult to understand also for these reasons:

- a. Since December all outgoing Swedish luggage and even parcel post have been checked on my orders. This was done to forestall at the outset any accusations of traffic in stolen goods.
- b. All luggage to be airlifted during the Swedish rotation, (3-8 May) will be checked in detail before being put on board the planes. It must be obvious that since the Bn has not yet left the Congo, accusations of taking stolen goods from the Congo are ridiculous and malicious.
- c. All luggage will be checked by Swedish Customs on arrival in Sweden.



d. Members of my Bn Staff wished to take some of the office equipment and furniture at our disposal in Eville to Kamina because it is well known and can be checked that this base has been looted extensively by previous contingents. Not only furniture but also such objects as doorhandles, wallmirrors and lampholders have been taken. As I knew about the Dar-es-Salam business, I stopped the move of furniture at once from Eville being aware that false propaganda was likely to spread. The furniture was brought back to the Camp from the airfield and handed over to the relieving unit.

e. The Swedish Army Authorities have had continuous experience of 15 battalions put at UN's disposal for service in different parts of the world and now provide Swedish Battalions with a very extensive schedule of equipment. This combined with the very high standard of living enjoyed by our soldiers at home makes it unlikely that we would be involved in misbehavior of this nature.

f. The Government provides the battalion with welfare funds which amount to 1.200 US \$ per month and which are used for supplying troops with items of equipment not normally supplied by UN. The profits from PX usually amount to 6.000-8.000 US \$ per battalion. As Sweden up to now has had four bns in the Congo this amounts to quite a considerable figure which has mainly been used for buying furniture and equipment such as refrigerators, ice boxes etc for our canteens and messes.

During the airlift from Eville 2 UN Security officers were present and took pictures of these stores which were bought from Swedish funds and on charge to the Bn as National Stores. I presume these are thought to be pictures of stolen goods.

g. Any comment on the amount of Swedish stores is obviously explained by the fact that it is an accumulation from 4 battalions.

3. It has been alleged that we have taken spares from Camp Massart and have tried to sell them to UN.

a. Some days after Camp Massart was taken we found an enormous quantity of spares of the most important value for our operations. I informed HQ Kat Comd and Force Comd about this and asked for permis-



sion to use them. I got the permission and was instructed that all units should be allowed to take spares. This was done. After some days I discovered that some units were taking items not essential to the operation. I reported this to Kat Comd - my letter Ref LOG 1103 of Dec 28, 1961 (copy attached). The reply to this stated that all units should still have permission to take spares and these continued to be taken. Consequently the allegation that we could sell spares to those units must obviously be absurd. Happily it shows the nonsense I am fighting against. In view of the above facts I take no responsibility whatever for Camp Massart looting.

In fact the Swedish Bn used the spares to repair many unserviceable vehicles for Swed Bn and for other units. Our cooperation and help in this matter have been praised by all units in Eville.

I still have spares from Camp Massart in Kamina. They are most useful in this base where many vehicles are nonoperational because of lack of spares. Not one item will be taken from here. A list of the Camp Massart stores will be produced and handed over to Lt Col Madan.

4. I fully realize that this letter cannot quell the propaganda rumours circulating at ONUC HQ, Leo. In order to prove my innocence I request that witnesses from your HQ assist at the checking of Swed Bn luggage before take off from Kamina.

I also ask that those members of Security Police who checked on my stores in Eville without my knowledge should be present.

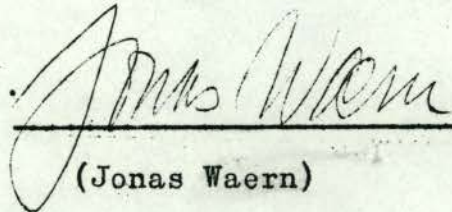
In order that these persons may be briefed on our organisation, schedule of equipment and national stores etc I request that they be present in Kamina on 1 May as the airlift begins 3 May.

5. It has also been reported to me without any confirmation that a cable has been sent to ONUC HQ, New York complaining of the utter lack of discipline among UN units in the Congo. This allegation is so serious that I feel I must ask you to investigate it and if true to obtain a copy for my benefit and that of other



Congo units.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in these matters.

 Colonel  
(Jonas Waern)

Copies to:

Force Comd

Swed LO, Leo

HQ Kat area

Lt Col Madan, Chief Logs Officer, Leo

Congo units.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in these matters.

 Colonel  
(Jonas Waern)

Copies to:

Force Comd

Swed LO, Leo

HQ Kat area

Lt Col Madan, Chief Logs Officer, Leo



Attested Copy

Elisabethville

Log 1103

Dec 28 1961

To: HQ Katanga Comd Eville  
.36 Irish Bn Eville  
14 Swed Bn Eville

Info: HQ 2 BDE Eville

Subject: Retriving of stores and equipment Camp Massart.

- I. The last few days looting-patrols from various units stationed in Eville have been visiting Camp Massart to collect arms and ammunition, spare parts and other equipment from ex-gendarmerie stores. As this creates an enormous security problem for the unit responsible for guarding the camp and also constitutes considerable risks in as far as arms and ammo concerns and loss of valuable equipment when it is gathered and handled by unskilled personel, it is strongly suggested that all retrieving of stores of what ever kind it might be should be made by personel from EME and Ordenance units located at Eville Airport. These units have been issued with special laissez-passer and will be the only ones allowed to enter Camp Massart on retrieving mission. All demands and inquiries concerning equipment ex Camp Massart should be forwarded to these units who will keep units informed about stores available.
- II. To HQ Katanga Comd only: Please instruct 2 BDE and EME and Ordnance units accordingly.

G. Tornerhjelm  
(G. Tornerhjelm) Capt  
LOGS OFFR I BDE

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above is a true and faithful copy of the original letter:

*Handwritten signatures:*  
A. J. [unclear] CAPT  
H. Casey CAPT



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25 April 1962.

To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville.  
From : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina.  
Subject : Weekly Report for the period from 16th through 22nd April 62.

Education.

On Monday morning 16th April 1962 a short ceremony was held at the school premises, to announce the official opening of the technical and language courses for the Congolese.

The following staff members have volunteered to contribute their free time for teaching at these courses:

Mr. Fernandez		Coordinator and Mechanics
Mr. Vannier		Mechanics
Father Demot	9	
Miss Roy	)	French
Mr. Tambwe	)	
Mr. Feldman		Electricity
Mr. McReynolds	)	
Mr. Kalepe	)	English
Mr. Poirier	)	
Mr. Lussier		Mathematics
Mr. Noisy		Bookkeeping

The following number of persons have been eventually accepted:

Mechanics	69	
Bookkeeping	47	
Languages	87	
Radio+Electricity	28	totalling 231 persons, which amounts to about 25% of the working population.

Suggestion Box.

No suggestion has been received.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer.  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations.





INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

16 April 1962

TO : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer-in-Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville.  
FROM : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina.  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report for the Period from 9th through 15th April 1962

Movement of Personnel

The arrival of Mr. Lazarou, cashier, has made it possible for Mr. P. de Gaigneron to devote himself entirely to the Congolese Payroll Section.

On 14th April, Mr. Ahmed M. Aly arrived at the Base and will take over Mr. G. Khalifa's duties as Administrative Officer at the Engineer Battalion.

Boy Scouts Organisation

On 9th April the Boy-Scouts and Girl-Guides organisation were re-activated, under new management.

Repatriation

One Congolese worker left the Base with his family to take up a post with the Katangese provincial Government at Albertville.

Education

At the end of the week preparations have been completed for the elementary technical and language courses to start on Monday.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville.





INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

*Miss Robinson*  
*Ref 12/A*

10 April 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina  
OBJET : Weekly Report for the Period from 2nd through 6th April 1962

The Power Situation

Two 125 KVA diesel units have arrived from Leopoldville. One is damaged and cannot be connected before inspection by the supplier.

News has been received that the third diesel has also been damaged during loading in Leopoldville.

Change of Command

On 5 April 1962 the military command of this Base was handed over by Lt. Colonel Raghuraj Singh of the 2 JAT Battalion to Colonel J. Waern of the Swedish Battalion.

Movement of Personnel

The main body of the 2 JAT Battalion has completed its move to Albertville and there now remains only the Heavy Mortar and Medium Machine-gun Sections, together with the three-man Field Post Office.

Suggestion Box

Since its installation, no suggestions have been received.

Repatriation of Congolese Workers

There were no repatriations last week. Since the 1st January 1962, the total of workers repatriated is as follows:

Unskilled labourers .....	26
Clerks .....	14
Skilled labourers .....	40
	<u>70</u>

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cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer, Leopoldville  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations, Leopoldville



*Kamina*

9 avril 1962

Eminence,

J'ai l'honneur de me référer à votre lettre n° 2974 en date du 4 avril. Je crois comprendre que l'incident auquel vous faites allusion est l'attaque déplorable commise par un jeune travailleur congolais contre l'une des religieuses qui travaillent à l'hôpital de l'ONUC à Kamina.

Nous avons fait une enquête approfondie sur cet incident et j'ai même prié le Chef des Services administratifs de l'ONUC de se rendre à la Base pour s'enquérir lui-même de ce qui s'était passé. Pendant son séjour à la Base, il s'est entretenu avec la Mère supérieure et avec la Soeur qui avait été victime de l'attaque; il leur a donné l'assurance que l'ONU leur donnerait sa protection pleine et entière et qu'elle avait pris les mesures nécessaires pour prévenir le retour de pareils incidents. Le Chef des Services administratifs m'a fait savoir que l'incident n'avait aucun rapport avec une agitation politique d'aucune sorte mais résultait simplement d'une réaction aux ordres de la Soeur infirmière d'un travailleur qui avait perdu la tête.

Je tiens à vous donner, moi aussi, l'assurance que l'ONU accorde aux Soeurs une protection égale à celle dont jouissent tous les autres employés des Nations Unies à la Base de Kamina.

Je vous prie, Eminence, d'accepter les assurances de ma considération très respectueuse.

Le Chargé de la Mission  
des Nations Unies au Congo

R.K.A. Gardiner

Mgr. Gaston Mojaisky-Perrelli  
Archevêque titulaire d'Amida  
Délégué Apostolique  
Léopoldville.



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

3 April 1962.-

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville.  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina.  
OBJET : Weekly Report for the period from 26th March through 1st April 1962

The Power Situation

We received notification from Leopoldville Headquarters that three new 125 KVA generators have arrived in Leopoldville and will be flown to Kamina this week.

This will be a great improvement over the present situation. When the remaining five will arrive (the total requisition was eight 125 KVA units) the power situation will be restored to normal.

Emergency Landings.

On 26th March a Sabena aircraft OO-VAN on its way from Elisabethville to Bakwanga made an emergency landing at 18.00 local time because of defect nose-wheel. It departed the next day (27th March 1962).

The Air Brousse Beechcraft N (3334 G ( erroneously mentioned as N 334 G in last week's report) which made an emergency landing at this Base on 24th was still here at the end of the week.

On 28th March another Air Brousse Beechcraft (90 CT IN) arrived from Luluabourg at Kamina Base with spareparts for the N 3334 G and departed on 29th March.

Movement of personnel.

The 2 JAT Battalion has started preparations for its repatriation.

One Congolese worker was repatriated to Luluabourg together with his family of six persons.

Technical Courses

The application period was closed on Saturday 31st March with the following results:

Mechanics	82
Radio + Electricity	23
Book_keeping	55
Languages	55
	<u>215</u>

The applications will be screened for the courses to start in the near future. Mr. Noisy went to Leopoldville over the week-end in an attempt to locate teaching material.

cc: Mr.S.Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer.  
Mr.Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations.

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

27 March

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A : Mr. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville  
DE : J. Reksonegoro, Administrative Officer Kamina  
OBJET : Weekly report for the period from 19th through 25 March 1962

The Power Situation :

The Jenbacher 15 KVA Generator received from Elisabethville, which was sent back once to Elisabethville for repair, has been broken down again and will be shipped to Elisabethville for checking and repair.

Enquiries have been made with HQ Leo as regards our order of spare parts as lack of spare parts is endangering the operation of the existing generators.

Food situation :

Large quantities of food were received for the Congolese Economat, thereby improving the food situation considerably. This has been possible only because quick action was taken by Leo Headquarters, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the cooperation shown on behalf of the Congolese population of the Base.

Entertainment :

The Irish Entertainment Group, consisting of five artists, have given four performances, at the EPA and the Kalunga Cinemas. All shows were attended more than to full capacity of the Cinemas and many visitors had to remain standing. It has been a great success and a memorable event. We are all looking forward to a repetition of this kind of entertainment. For the third show, invitations were also sent to 120 Congolese, who enjoyed the show very much.

The Indian military band is playing every Sunday between 10.00 and 11.00 in front of the EPA Building.

Aviation :

On March 24 a Beechcraft plane N 334 G chartered by Air Brousse Uganda flying to Leo was forced to land at Kamina at 12.57 local time due to engine trouble.

Permission was requested from HQ Leo ONUC to allow another aircraft to land at Kamina to transport spare parts for the repair of the injured aircraft. On 25th March at 0843 hrs Beechcraft N 9500Z landed at Kamina Base offloaded the spare parts and took off at 10.43 Hrs.



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Violence :

A report has been received from the Base Police about the investigations made in connection with the attack by an unknown person against Miss D. Cremer, a Belgian national (incident reported in weekly report over the period 18-25. 2.1962) . Another report was received from the two investigators sent by ONUC HQ Leopoldville. All efforts to apprehend the culprit have been futile.

Movement of personnel :

Lt. Col Von Braun was replaced on the 22nd March by Lt. Col. H. Brand in the Command of the Swedish Technical Group.

The following number of Congolese were repatriated during the period covered by this report :

	<u>workers</u>	<u>spouses</u>	<u>children</u>	<u>total</u>
Luluabourg	6	6	14	26
Albertville	4	4	12	20
	10	10	26	46

Celebration :

On March 21st the Indian troops celebrated their religious Holy-festival. It started with the lighting of a huge phire, thereafter followed the visit of the Commander of the Indian Contingent to all his units. The day after the festival closed with the customary practice of daubing each other with coloured liquid or powder.

Education :

In connection with the elementary courses for the Congolese ( see weekly report over 5 through 11.3.1962) the following applications have been received :

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Mecanics	37
Electricity	7
Commerce	37
French-	
English	24

New Katangese Gold-coins :

UN personnel from Kamina who visited Elisabethville reported that the Katangese Bank has issued gold coins. Size and design is same as the 5 FRS copper or brass coins.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Leopoldville

Mr. Khiary,  
Chief of Civilian Operations  
Leopoldville



PROVINCE ORIENTALE  
CABINET DU PRESIDENT DU  
GOUVERNEMENT PROVINCIAL

Stanleyville, le 0 mars 1962

Kamina

Seau by RKG  
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N° 932/CAB/62.-

A Monsieur le Représentant de  
l'ONU quartier Général  
à

LEOPOLDVILLE.-

Monsieur le Représentant,

J'ai l'honneur de vous remettre sous ce pli,  
copie de la lettre m'adressée par Monsieur J.M.MKURA, actuel-  
lement détenu à Kamina.-

Puis-je vous prier d'intervenir auprès de  
votre représentant à Kamina pour que l'intéressé soit ache-  
miné vers sa Province d'origine.-

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Représentant,  
l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.-

LE PRESIDENT DU GOUVERNEMENT PROVINCIAL

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

19 March 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville.

DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina.

OBJET : Weekly Report from 12th through 18th March 1962.

General :

In general the week was quiet and uneventful.

The Power Situation :

One 75 KVA generator was received from Kitona Base. At the end of the week it was being checked and it was hoped to put it in service very soon.

Food :

During the week the Congolese Economats received rice, tomatoes in tins, evaporated milk and margarine. The situation was very much improved and on its way to becoming normal.

Movement of population :

Kabeya Innocent, the Congolese worker who attacked a Belgian nurse on 25th February, was sent to Albertville on 13 March 1962 for trial.

On 12th March a Congolese family (one woman and five children) was sent to Leopoldville to join the head of the family, who had been sent by ONUC from Elisabethville to Leopoldville.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed,  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
ONUC, LEOPOLDVILLE  
Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations  
ONUC, LEOPOLDVILLE.

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

14 March, 1962.

A : Mr. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville

DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina

OBJET : Weekly Report from 5th through 11 March 1962

Food for Congolese population

Our requisition for March having been mislaid, there was another shortage of food. The situation was relieved by prompt action on the part of Leopoldville authorities.

Military events

An engagement took place as reported by the military authorities. The Congolese population in Kalunga, including Hospital workers and patients, left the area in fright. In the afternoon they started coming back and the following day the situation was restored to normal.

Education

At the initiative of several ONUC civilians preparations are being made to hold technical and language courses for Congolese workers. The subjects to be taught will be Book-keeping, Electricity, Radio-Technique, Mechanics, French and English. The instructors will be various ONUC civilians and members of the Canadian Signal Corps who have volunteered.

Repatriation

The following number of persons have been repatriated during the week :

	<u>Workers</u>	<u>Dependents</u>	<u>Total</u>
Albertville	4	-	4
Stanleyville	8	31	39
Luluaburg	4	10	14
	<u>16</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>57</u>

Visitors

On Tuesday 6, three journalists visited the Base and left the next day. They were provided with all possible facilities and conveniences. The Base Commander undertook to report on the events. On the same morning the Force Commander visited the Base. On 7th March Mr. S. Habib Ahmed paid a visit to the Base and returned the same day to Leopoldville. It was an excellent opportunity for exchanging views.

The Power situation

There was no change during the week. Negotiations were reopened with Kaminaville with a view to the inspection of Kilubi Plant. No significant progress has been made however.

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

14 March, 1962.

A : Mr. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville

DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina

OBJET : Weekly Report from 5th through 11 March 1962

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New Katangese Currency

During the week a new Katangese banknote of Frs.1000 was seen in circulation. It bears the date of 26 February 1962.

Ceremonies

In accordance with instructions a formal parade was held in front of the 2 JAT Headquarters on 10th March 1962 at 10.00 hours. A similar ceremony took place at the same time at Engineer Battalion Headquarters. They were attended by ONUC military and civilians including Congolese workers. At 11.00 hours a church-service was held with the attendance of a sizable group of ONUC military and civilians including a large number of Congolese workers.

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cc. Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Admin. Officer, Leo  
" Mr. M. Khiary, Chief of Civ. Ops., Leo

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*Pelle  
x Kamina  
x Kitona*

To : Mr. G. Rolz-Bennett  
Chief Civilian Officer

From : C. Taff  
Special Legal Adviser

Subject: Kamina and Kitona Bases

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With reference to your cable ELLEO 381 of 2 March 1962 requesting documentation concerning the legal status of the Kamina base and ONUC's position there, we are transmitting herewith a copy of ONUC's note verbale of 5 December 1961 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which sets forth the basic legal principles covering ONUC's taking possession and use of the Kamina and Kitona bases.

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

9 March 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC , Leopoldville.  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina.  
OBJET : Addendum to weekly Report 27 February through 4 March 1962.

Movement of personnel :

Two Belgian nuns have left the Base: the UN-employed who had been beaten by a Congolese worker; and an otherone who was working at the hospital but who had never been employed by ONUC.

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cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed,  
Chief Administrative Officer ,  
Leopoldville.

Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian Operations  
Leopoldville.



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

6 March 1962

A : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville.  
DE : A. Dardeau Vieira, Base Administrator, Kamina Base.  
OBJET : Weekly Report for the period 26 February through 3 March 1962.

The Power Situation :

No improvement has been achieved in the power situation at this Base. It has remained the same as already explained in my weekly report for the period 12 through 19 February 1962.

Negotiations with the Kaminaville authorities have been interrupted pending decision on points referred to Leopoldville.

Movement of population :

One Congolese person managed to escape from Kaminaville prison and sought asylum on this Base.

One Congolese worker who was involved in the case of insubordination as reported last week was sent to Albertville together with his wife and five children.

A Congolese family was sent to Leopoldville to join the husband, who is following the Air Control Team Course in Leopoldville.

Investigations :

The attack suffered by Miss D. Cremer is still under investigation. In that connection a house search took place and as a by-product some subversive material and a rifle have been found. A full report will be forwarded. Pending that and discussion with Leopoldville authorities, no action is being taken.

Tension :

There was a general easing out of the situation.

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Paradoxally as it may sound, it may be attributable to the firmness displayed by the Administration, which gave a feeling of confidence on one hand and curtailed some excesses on the other.

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cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed,  
Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Khiary, Chief of Civilian  
Operations.



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

5 January

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A : Dr. Sture Linner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the  
Congo, Léopoldville  
DE : Maurice Gauvreau, Acting Base Administrator, Kamina Base  
OBJET : Correspondence with the Grand Chef Kasongo Niembo

Further to my cable KALEO CODE 2, dated 4 January 1962  
I am pleased to attach a copy of my letter dated December 24  
addressed to the Grand Chef Kasongo Niembo together with his  
reply.

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Le 24 décembre 1961

Monsieur le Grand Chef,

Faisant suite à notre conversation téléphonique de ce matin il me fait plaisir de vous transmettre le message qui vous a été adressé par le Premier Ministre Monsieur C. Adoula par l'intermédiaire du Quartier Général des Nations Unies à Léopoldville:

"REFERENCE 908/CAB/AE - 22 DECEMBRE - AU GRAND CHEF KASONGO NIEMBO DU PREMIER MINISTRE ADOULA.

"ETANT DONNE ACCORD INTERVENU AVEC PRESIDENT TSHOMBE GOUVERNEMENT CENTRAL VOUS DEMANDE ENTIERE COLLABORATION AVEC LUI. POUR CE QUI EST DE VOTRE STATUT AINSI QUE DU TRAITEMENT DONT VOUS BENEFICIEZ ACTUELLEMENT COMME POUR LES AUTRES DROITS DONT VOUS JOUISSEZ ILS VOUS SONT GARANTIS PAR GOUVERNEMENT CENTRAL. VOUS PRIE ME MARQUER VOTRE ACCORD POUR FIDELE COLLABORATION AVEC GOUVERNEMENT CENTRAL PAR INTERMEDIAIRE NATIONS UNIES AU CAS IMPOSSIBILITE M'ATTEINDRE DIRECTEMENT"

Je me ferai un plaisir de transmettre votre réponse à Léopoldville dès que vous aurez pris une décision.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Grand Chef, l'expression de mes sentiments très distingués.

Maurice Gauvreau  
Administrateur p.i.  
Base de Kamina

Monsieur le Grand Chef Kasongo Niembo  
Ministre d'Etat  
Kamina-ville



Kamina, le 4 Janvier 1962.

Monsieur GAUVREAU

Administrateur O.N.U.C.

BASE de KAMINA.  
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- COPIE pour information à Monsieur le Président  
du Katanga à ELISABETHVILLE.  
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Monsieur l'Administrateur,

Suite à votre lettre du 24 décembre 1961, j'ai l'honneur de vous demander de bien vouloir remercier le Premier Ministre ADOULA de son message 908/CAB/AE du 22 décembre. Je regrette toutefois de ne pas pouvoir y donner une réponse.

En effet, conformément à l'article 220 de la Loi Fondamentale du 19 mai 1960, la seule autorité avec laquelle j'ai capacité de traiter est le Président du Gouvernement provincial du Katanga.

Je souhaite de tout coeur que la paix et l'entente règnent partout au Congo. Vous n'ignorez pas que des négociations sont en cours entre les autorités responsables de Léopoldville et d'Elisabethville. J'estime, qu'entretemps, des contacts directs entre autorités coutumières et locales et le Gouvernement central, non seulement seraient incorrects, mais encore risqueraient de compromettre gravement l'heureuse issue des négociations en cours.

2°. Concernant la Base de la Kilubi dont l'ONU/Kamina a réclamé à plusieurs reprises la réoccupation, je vous signale que je suis prêt à reprendre immédiatement nos pourparlers en vue de trouver une solution acceptable pour les deux parties, dans l'esprit des conditions du cessez-le-feu d'octobre 1961 (c'est-à-dire le rétablissement de la situation telle qu'elle existait avant le 13 septembre 1961).

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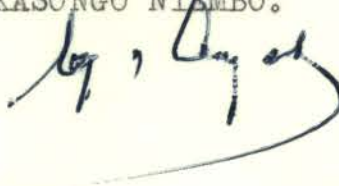


3°. Je compte sur votre intervention pour éviter à Kamina des événements semblables à ceux de Kengele, qui ne peuvent que saper notre confiance dans la bonne foi des autorités du Gouvernement de Léopoldville qui continuent les opérations militaires en dépit des pourparlers en cours.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Administrateur, l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Le Grand Chef

KASONGO NIEMBO.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Kasongo Niembo', written over the typed name.