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CONSULATE GENERAL
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To Belgian Nationals residing at KIVU - MANIEMA

The Consulate-General of Belgium has the honour to advise Belgian Nationals residing at Kivu-Maniema, following receipt of a telegram from Brussels, that the Government of Belgium has decided to recommend to our Nationals with the greatest possible insistence that they leave the Province of Kivu and the Orientale Province.

ONUC, having been apprised of this situation, has kindly agreed to send detachments to Kivu and Maniema to protect and repatriate Europeans towards the frontier.

In consequence, the Consulate-General of Belgium strongly urges the Belgians in your region to join the ONUC column that will show them this letter.

The invitation extended by the Government of Belgium to leave Kivu is addressed to all Belgians. The mining societies on their side have decided to evacuate their employees. If they have not received direct orders in this respect, this letter will take place of such orders.

Shangugu, 16 February 1961.

(signed) R. RITTBERGER de BOCOR,
Consul General.

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SANTS DE LA PROVINCE ORIENTALE ET DU KIVU

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- 3) Il souhaite, d'une manière générale, que ceux qui ne se croient pas menacés restent sur place, dans toute la mesure du possible.

Transmis à l'ONU le 14-2-61.

Le Gouvernement belge demande des nouvelles de M. Claude HANTON, ressortissant belge, agent de l'ordre judiciaire, qui serait soigné actuellement à l'hôpital de KINDU pour fracture des deux jambes à la suite de sévices.

L'hôpital serait sous la responsabilité de l'O.N.U.C./.

Bukavu informé 26 14/2

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Chenoweth
C/Pol 130
Belgium

Leopoldville, 9 August 1960

Dear Ambassador van den Bosch,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 August setting forth certain reports about conditions in Coquilhatville and Stanleyville which have been submitted by the Belgian Consuls in those localities, as well as information from other sources.

As usual, our military people will check on the specific complaints, but I must point out that our experience thus far, as you know from our previous correspondence on such matters, has indicated that many of the reports are groundless, outdated or greatly exaggerated. With specific regard to the reports by your Consul in Coquilhatville, the great inaccuracy of his report on the size of the UN detachment there may be a gauge of the accuracy of his reporting in general. In this regard, I cannot avoid recalling our correspondence about the activities of this official as set forth in my letter to you of 26 July and your frank reply of the same date.

As to Stanleyville, we were already aware of the letter of 30 July, signed by the several consular representatives there, but also somewhat puzzled by the fact that at a dinner in Stanleyville on 4 August, given by the British Consul and attended by the French Consul and his wife, not the slightest mention of these matters was made to General Iyassu, Commander of the Ethiopian UN Forces in the Province Orientale, who was a guest at the dinner. Moreover, these reports do not correspond at all with the direct observations made there as late as 7 August by Brigadier General Rikhye, the Military Adviser at UN Headquarters in New York, who has just returned from a visit to Stanleyville.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Bunche
Special Representative of the
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. J. van den Bosch
Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Mission
Leopoldville

C/Pol 130 *Chinois*
Belgium

Leopoldville, 9 August 1960

Dear Ambassador van den Bosch,

I write to you on this matter only because, at your direct request, the UN Force has undertaken to protect you and the Belgian Embassy against an irate local population.

As mentioned to you this morning, the Belgian flag flying from your Embassy is an increasing cause of incitement to the Congolese outside who do not believe that you intend to observe the Congo Government's order. The removal of the flag would be a tangible expression of your intention in this respect.

It is my understanding that you have now received formal notification of the Government order, which had not been the case at the time of this morning's telephone conversations.

I must now reiterate my appeal to you to lower the flag, since it has been flown for some time under questionable right, in any case. If the flag continues to be flown, I have to inform you that we cannot give you assurance of all the protection necessary against a growing crowd being needlessly incited.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph J. Bunche
Special Representative of the
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. J. van den Bosch
Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Mission
Leopoldville

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C/Pd 130
Belgique

Léopoldville, le 6 août 1960

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Le Secrétaire général m'a chargé d'accuser réception de vos lettres des 4 et 5 août 1960. Il a pris note des documents que vous avez bien voulu lui transmettre ainsi que vos observations et celles de votre Gouvernement à ce sujet.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma haute considération.

Ralph J. Bunche
Représentant spécial du
Secrétaire général

S. E. M. J. van den Bosch
Chef de la Mission Diplomatique belge
Léopoldville

C/Pd 130
Belgen

Leopoldville
3 August 1960

Dear Mr. Davignon,

I enclose a communication which we have received from Antwerp, and would be grateful if you would deal with it as you think fit.

Yours sincerely,

Brian E. Urquhart

Mr. Davignon,
Belgian Diplomatic Mission,
LEOPOLDVILLE.

C/Pol 130
Belgium

Leopoldville, 29 July 1960

Dear Ambassador van den Bosch,

Enclosed please find message from the Secretary-General to Foreign Minister Wigny which he asks you to be so kind as to transmit urgently to Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph J. Bunche
Special Representative of the
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. J. van den Bosch
Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Mission
Leopoldville

C/Pol 170 Belgium

Leopoldville, 29 July 1960

My dear Ambassador,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26 July in response to my letter of the same date concerning the action by Belgian troops at Tshikapa.

Your comments on this matter have been noted.

I have also noted your statement with regard to your understanding that "the action had been taken in agreement, or at least after consultation of the local United Nations Commander on the spot". I have consulted the senior officers of the UN Force about this and they inform me that they are unaware of any such agreement or consultation. They are making further inquiry but point out that there was no "local United Nations Commander on the spot" at the time of the action, since UN troops came to Tshikapa only after the action. To the best of their knowledge, no call for UN troops to go to Tshikapa had been received from any Belgian source.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph J. Bunche
Special Representative of
the Secretary-General

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Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Mission
Leopoldville