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Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary
for Special Political Affairs
B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Resident Representative, UNTAB

1 October 1964

Belgian criticism of the United Nations relief programme in Albertville

Further to my previous correspondence on the subject above,
I am pleased in transmitting the information received from Dr. Beynett,
WHO medical doctor who remained in Albertville during the whole period
of rebel occupation of that town :

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his controversial report he was referring to the ANC troops occupying
Albertville before the 18 June and not the actual. Taillemande confirms
that actual troops have a perfect attitude towards population.

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for a few days to make a quick survey without following it. He refers
particularly to Mr. O'Byrne construction iron. But he recognizes the
excellent work of the Public Works team. Unquote

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM DR BEYNET (ALBERTVILLE) TO F.SCHELLER

PLEASE INFORM MR OSORIO TAFALL BROOKS AND SAUNDERS THAT ~~EXE~~:

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cc: MR OSORIO TAFALL
MR BROOKS
MR SAUNDERS

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TAB 713 KHOURY FROM SAUNDERS INFO BERNANDER. BERNARD MUKALAY
ICAO STUDENT SHOULD TRAVEL TO LEOPOLDVILLE ON C-46 FLIGHT 30
SEPTEMBER VIA ELISABETHVILLE FOR COURSE WHICH STARTS 1 OCTOBER.
PLEASE CONTACT HIM THROUGH PRO-RADIO. ALSO INFORM HIM HE WILL
SPEND NIGHT IN ELISABETHVILLE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER HE BOARDS
PLANE.

T. O. R.

T. O. D.

BY: EMC:ms

Drafted by : E. Cacouris
Authorized : J. Saunders
Date : 29 Sept 64

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Albertville

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MUKALAY Bernard

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L-639/64

26 September 1964

TO: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary
for Special Political Affairs

Mr. David Owen, Executive Chairman
Technical Assistance Board

FROM: B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Resident Representative, UNTAB

SUBJECT: Relief Programme in Albertville

1. In continuation to my previous correspondence on the subject above, I am pleased in attaching a copy of the code cable just received from our Regional Officer in Elisabethville, Mr. B. Bernander.

2. The cable brings into sharper focus the position of the Belgian Vice-Consul.

3. We discovered that the man more responsible for communicating to the State Department in Washington the adverse comments on the UN relief project in Albertville was the US Consul in Elisabethville, who, instead of conveying to Washington the constructive criticism of Mr. Guillot, gave a distorted version of the comments. Traduttore - traditore.

4. In respect to Guillot's criticism I have the following to say:

- (a) The wooden bridge between the Albertville airport and town was repaired under a UN project in a record time. The steep slope access to bridge was entirely resurfaced.
- (b) The work to protect CFL port and railway as well as town in general against next year floods demands such a considerable expenditure that it is outside the scope of any UN project.

5. I share the Belgian consul's pessimism about Albertville's fate if the level of the waters of the Tanganyika lake continues rising.

6. Accordingly, the only practical solution will be to rebuild the town at the higher level.

TO : OSORIO-TAFALL, LEOPOLDVILLE
FROM : BERNANDER, ELISABETHVILLE
DATE : 25 SEPTEMBER 1964
No. : TAB/ELLEO 168

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REUR TAB/666. HAD A FRIENDLY DISCUSSION WITH GUILLOT WHO DENIED HAVING CRITICISED OR MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT UNATIONS MISSION TO ALBERTVILLE AS SUCH. SEND HIS DECIDED VIEWS ON MATTER AS PER CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO LEOPOLDVILLE EMBASSY AND BRUSSELS AS FOLLOWS : UNLESS (1) WOODEN BRIDGE BETWEEN AIRPORT AND TOWN REPAIRED AND STEEP SLOPE ACCESS TO BRIDGE RESURFACED BEFORE RAINS AND UNLESS (2) C.F.L. PORT AND RAILWAY AS WELL AS TOWN IN GENERAL PROTECTED AGAINST NEXT YEARS FLOOD, IT WAS USELESS SPENDING A SINGLE FRANC ON ALBERTVILLE. HENCE HIS POOR OPINION OF UNATIONS PROJECTS GENERALLY THOUGH HE KNEW BRIDGE AND ROAD ACCESS WERE INCLUDED IN OUR PROJECTS A-1 AND A-3.

GUILLOT HAD JUST RETURNED FROM NEW VISIT TO ALBERTVILLE AND THOUGHT UNATIONS HAD DONE GOOD WORK THERE FOR WHAT IT WAS WORTH CONSIDERED AGAINST ABOVE BACKGROUND. STATED ALSO CONSUL HUMBLET WENT STEP FURTHER IN HOLDING VIEW THAT ALBERTVILLE SHOULD BE ABANDONED FORTHRIGHT AS HOPELESS.

GUILLOT HIMSELF THOUGHT THAT IF ABOVE TWO CONDITIONS FULFILLED IT COULD BE WORTH WHILE HOLDING OUT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

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Elisabethville, 23 September 1964

TO : Mr. John M. Saunders, Deputy Residential Representative
(Administration) Leopoldville
FROM : B. Bernander, Civilian Affairs Officer, Elisabethville
SUBJECT : EXPENSES UNTAB OFFICE ALBERTVILLE

1. For my recent mission in Albertville I draw an advance from the Elisabethville account of 200.000 C.Frs.

Some of the expenses incurred related more to the existing office than to the Rehabilitation programme, such as payment of salaries to locally employed, expenses for the installation of the SSB equipment, and other miscellaneous items. I therefore decided to keep the two accounts separate, allocating 50.000 C.Frs. of the above sum for UNTAB office expenditure.

On my departure from Albertville I handed over receipts and balance to Mr. Khoury, Purchase and Supply Officer, and suggest he be entrusted with future petty expenditure for running the office. Disbursements can conveniently be made from here, unless authority is given to Mr. Khoury to draw from the Albertville ONUC Account, Banque du Congo, in which there is at present a 10 million deposit.

I would like further to have your cabled instruction as to what procedure should be used for effecting MSA or allowances payments to UNTAB personnel in Albertville.

2. The locally employed, who remained in Albertville during the events part or all the time, consisted of 4 drivers and 1 "Tous travaux". The latter, ANCOURI Mathée, was reported killed in August. One of the drivers, KAZADI Emile, died a natural death in mid-July. FATAKI André, driver, went into hiding 30 August having been recruited by force by the rebels two days previously and in fear of ANC reprisals. Still working in Albertville in September were only 2 drivers: KALUMBA Louis and MIKOMBE Samuel.


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... The July salaries of these employees were paid by Mr. Emile Lejeune, Community Development Expert, through Miss Geneviève Nagant, Social and Community Development Worker, Albertville. Mr. Lejeune should therefore be credited with the total amount of 17.225 C.Frs. (See attached sheet).

Miss Nagant states the two drivers, Kalumba Louis and Fataki André, showed exemplary courage and were of the utmost assistance to her, on her expedition to save UN office equipment and also one or two vehicles. Her testimony is corroborated by Dr. Beynet.

In view of this, I strongly recommend a substantial salary increase, retroactive from 1 July 1964, for the two above mentioned local employees, in token of the appreciation of the United Nations.

CC : Mr. M. Gauvreau, Chief of Personnel
Mr. E. Cacouris, Administrative Officer



REÇU de M. EMILE LEJEUNE, Expert au Développement
Communautaire, la somme de 17.225 Francs (dix-sept mille deux-cent
vingt-cinq francs) représentant le reliquat des salaires de :

Noms	Poste	Salaire	Avance reçu 15/7	Reçu Reliquat	
Kalumba Louis	Chauffeur	6.150	2.000 frs.	4.150 Frs	Signa-
Fataki André	"	5.850	2.000 "	3.850 "	"
Mikombe Samuel	"	5.850	2.000 "	3.250 "	tures
Amouri Mathéo	Tous Travaux	4.700	2.000 "	2.700 "	"
TOTAUX		21.950.Frs	8.000 Frs	13.950 Frs.	
Kazadi Emile	Chauffeur	(6.750 : 2).....		3.375	
				17.225 Frs	

Fait à Albertville, le 16 juillet 1964

G. Nagant signature

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Mr. Success ✓

message received by flad, ssb station fm berrnander, albertville
at 1347z

to mr. pichler *only!*

tafniez, representant cfl, Leo

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Le 21 septembre par Leopoldville 2 generatrices 12 volts, 1 gene-
ratrice 6 volts, 2 regulateurs tension 12 volts, 1 regulateur
tension 10 volts, 3 starters de demarrage avec clef, 24 bougies
14 mm, 24 bougies 18 mm.

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17/9/64

I sent a copy
to Mr. Tafnierz today.

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BAT-460/64

31 August 1964

Dear Dr. Candau,

Complying with your request in your letter No. 01/180/11 Congo,
I have transmitted to Mr. J. Wood your appreciation for the
service rendered with the occasion of the evacuation of WHO
personnel from Albertville.

Yours sincerely,

B.P. Osorio-Tafall
Resident Representative, UNTAB

Dr. W.G. Candau
Director-General
World Health Organisation
Palais des Nations
Geneva

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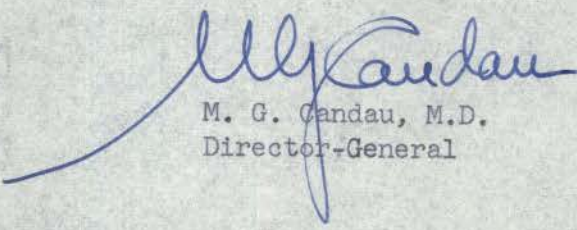
G1/180/11 Congo

Dear Mr Osorio-Tafall,

Dr Bellerive, as you are certainly aware, is keeping me posted about the various steps taken to relieve the situation in Albertville and other hazardous areas.

May I avail myself of this particular opportunity to ask you to convey my special appreciation to Mr J. Wood for the very efficient assistance he gave to our Albertville personnel in the difficult situation they found themselves in at the time of their evacuation in June and July.

Yours sincerely,


M. G. Candau, M.D.
Director-General

Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall
Resident Representative and
Director of Special Fund
Programmes, TAB/SF
United Nations
Leopoldville
Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville)

OUTGOING CLEAR

TAB ALBERTVILLE

TAB 655 KHOURY FROM BROOKS

A MISSION COMPOSED OF ANHOURY PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER, SUCCAR, UNATIONS;
THOMASON, RAUSTEIN, TONKEIN, U.S.; DEPARTING LEOPOLVILLE 8.00 HRS 21
SEPTEMBER IN PLANE OF US AIR ATTACHE TO STOP OFF IN ELISABETHVILLE AND PROCEED
ALBERTVILLE FOR ARRIVAL SAME DAY. PURPOSE OF MISSION TO REPORT ON CIVILIAN
AFFAIRS PROGRAMME FOR THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF ALBERTVILLE AND TO
RECOMMEND FURTHER ACTION. GRATEFUL YOU ARRANGE TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION
FOR MISSION AND COOPERATE FULLY



J. R. Brooks

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h ~~Bohler~~
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BAT 319/64

18 August 1964

Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, Res. Repr., UNTAB

John M. Saunders, Dep. Res. Repr., UNTAB

Message to TAB Bujumbura

1. Miss Mathers, TAB Bujumbura, reported via US Embassy SSB radio at 1600 hours today that the situation in Albertville was very disturbed. One missionary had been killed and 12 others put in jail. CPL was sending a boat to Albertville this evening, and Dr. Colombo, WHO, had raised certain questions. I spoke with Dr. Bellerive and sent the following reply by telephone to Mr. Bergman at the US Embassy, who repeated the answer to Miss Mathers so that I could hear him over the telephone:
2. Dr. Colombo has full permission
 - (a) to go to Albertville, if he wishes to do so;
 - (b) to buy \$240 worth of penicillin and other drugs, as he may judge appropriate, to take to Albertville.
3. The reply in para (2) is from Dr. Bellerive.

ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
AU CONGO



UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION
IN THE CONGO

BOITE POSTALE 7248
LEOPOLDVILLE
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
CABLE: ONUC. LEOPOLDVILLE

AUG 14 1964

ACTION

Ref. N° ACCN/TAB-2848

Leopoldville, 13 August 1964.

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To : Mr. E. M. Cacouris, Administrative Officer.
From : E. ALEXANDROU, Chief Accommodation and Maintenance Branch
T A B.
Subject : Villa N°4, Avenue Delcommune - Albertville.

With reference to your letter N°BAT/203/64 dated 3 August 1964 I wish to inform you that we have approached the Administrative Officer A'ville Mr. Sheikh, who gave us in writing the following :-

"On the next day of my arrival in"
"A'ville, the town was taken over by"
"the rebels, and I could do nothing"
"whatever either for the cancellation or"
"other wise".

We shall, therefore investigate the matter again when communication will be re-established. Until such time payment of rent will not be effected.

cc : Chief Finance Officer
Mr. Sheikh, Administrative Assistant Albertville c/o Personnel Office Leo.
Mr. E. Bayerl HQ Mail OPS :- Please inform this office upon re-establishment of Communications.

BAT/203/64

3 August 1964

Mr. E.Alexandrou, Chief Accommodation and Maintenance Branch, TAB

E.M.Cacouris, Administrative Officer

Villa No.4 Avenue Delcommune - Albertville

I refer to the copy of your memorandum of 28 July 1964, addressed to the Administrative Officer, Albertville. I wish to advise you that the field office in Albertville has been evacuated and no communications with that city is possible for the time being.

In this connection, I would suggest that you contact Mr. Sheikh, who was the Administrative Assistant in Albertville at the time of the evacuation. He is currently in Leopoldville and should be in a position to inform you whether notice of cancellation of the contract has been given to the landlord, prior to his departure.

If no notice of termination has been given, I would suggest that the matter be brought up again when communications have been re- established.

Mr Cacaris

Ref. N° ACGN/TAB-2792

Leopoldville, 28 July 1964.

C/ADM/510(2) ALB.

To : Administrative Officer - Albertville.

From : E. Alexandrou, Chief Accommodation and Maintenance Branch
T.A.B.

Subject : Villa n°4 Avenue Delcommune - Albertville.

Reference your FAR N°8 para IV/5.

Before the contract for villa 4 Avenue Delcommune could be processed, it is imperative to have an "Etat des lieux" and a priced inventory, if the villa is to be rented furnished; other wise it should be clearly stated in the contract "villa non-meublée".

Please treat this as very urgent, as considerable delay has incurred, due to the prevailing conditions in your area which caused the delay of our answer with FAR now no longer in use.

[Signature]

cc : Mr. John M. Saunders, Deputy Resident Representative (Administration) (TAB).

ROUTING SLIP

TO

Mr. Sanders

APPROVAL

SEE ME, PLEASE

YOUR SIGNATURE

NOTE AND FILE

NOTE AND RETURN

YOUR COMMENTS

YOUR INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

DNVC

Contract expires

30 September 1964

Thanks

- ① Let's speak
- ② Show this report to Schell

then file

Go, 10/11

DATE

FROM

31 July



ROUTING SLIP

TO

Mr. Bacon

APPROVAL

SEE ME, PLEASE

YOUR SIGNATURE

NOTE AND FILE

NOTE AND RETURN

YOUR COMMENTS

YOUR INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

*Please find out what is
date of end of contract
for Sheikh*

DATE

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FROM

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ROUTING SLIP

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TO

Mr. Schell

APPROVAL

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YOUR SIGNATURE

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YOUR COMMENTS

YOUR INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

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DATE

6 Aug

FROM

[Handwritten initials]

ROUTING SLIP

TO

Mr. Osorio - Tufall

APPROVAL

SEE ME, PLEASE

YOUR SIGNATURE

NOTE AND FILE

NOTE AND RETURN

YOUR COMMENTS

YOUR INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

Mr. Sheikh is here
+ you may like to see
him.

Breedy
Saunders

check contract date
ends

DATE

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FROM

Saunders

OPERATION DES NATIONS UNIES
AU CONGO



UNITED NATIONS OPERATION
IN THE CONGO

BOITE POSTALE 7248
LEOPOLDVILLE
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
CABLE: ONUC. LEOPOLDVILLE

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28 July 1964

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Mr J.M. Saunders, Deputy Director Special Fund Programmes

From: Iftikhar Sheikh, Administrative Assistant *Iftikhar*

Subject: Albertville - 18 June to 6 July 1964

As asked by your office, I give hereunder my report for the days I spent in Albertville on my transfer from E'ville till the evacuation of ONUC personnel from that station.

2. I reached Albertville at about 10.30 hours on 18 June and was surprised to see Mr Schmidt and his wife, with baggage, ready to leave by the same plane for Leopoldville. I asked him if he had not received a cable to delay his departure for a few days so that he could brief me. He denied having received such a cable (?) and told me that there was nothing to worry. Mr Ponticelli took me to the town through a deviation of lengthy kilometers (due to floods) and I was refused accommodation as there was no space in the hotel. I went to the house of an Indian businessman. He was glad to see me but horrified to learn that I was transferred to Albertville at that time!

3. The information I gathered by evening from various people was very discouraging in that I learnt that a number of ANC soldiers were menacing the public and only the other night had taken CF 100,000 from two non-Congolese residents.

4. The first inkling we at Albertville had that the situation was immediately serious was on Thursday morning, June 18, when a group of ANC positioned ~~with~~ a bazooka on the cliff facing to the bridge over the Lakuka (river). The Mulelists (rebels) were then reported to be about 35 kilo. from Albertville. There was a jeep pickup of the voice navigable positioned in front of the main doors of the CFL building with a machinegun mounted on top of the car. It disappeared an hour later. Meantime some truck loads of soldiers passed with a great deal of shouting and apparent confusion. The bazooka and other guns

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and their crew also disappeared.

4. The ANC started demanding keys to the cars and used them largely to carry things from their camp to the RR station at KM 711. A special boat, ⁴ three train loads were said to have gone through the night and the suburban CFL workers' conveyance seemed also to have gone. In the boat, the following ONUC personnel also managed to leave :

Dr Toro and family
Dr Bennet
Mr Besson and family

5. Next morning, June 19, very few soldiers were visible in the town. I saw only one truck on its way out of town southwards. The two missionaries, with whom I spent my days till the evacuation, told me that ^{he} drove up to Kankomba mission at about 0830 hours and found it in the hands of Mulelists who allowed them into the house, but they did very little and left again soon, as a fair number of (apparently) Mulelists were coming across the bridge and might not have been so reasonable. It was definitely within an hour or so that Enoke and Mwamba (teachers) drove Mr Sandwe (the President) and Numbe (a highly qualified Congolese) up to find the ANC Major, followed by a car full of police escort. Enoke's car was surrounded by the Mulelists and killed three of the occupants. The police meanwhile jumped out of the pickup and tried to hide in the grass. The chauffeur was able to turn about and got away. Four military (some of the police escaped?) were also killed and the seven bodies were reported to have been left on the road till next morning, when the missionaries saw them (about noon) at the morgue. One of the missionaries recognised Mr Sandwe and Enoke. They could not identify any of the others. (Also at the morgue was one Mulelist and the hearse brought another six dead and a seventh still breathing but mortally wounded while ~~at~~ they were still there).

6. At about 0930 hours while ^I was returning to the house with my friend in his car, we encountered the Mulelists entering the town. A very excited group of four asked us to stop the car. They were armed with spears, matchets, sticks etc., and my friend on the wheel got frightened. He did not stop and on the next corner a rebel slashed with his long knife on our fast running car. Immediately we left the car on the road and ran towards the first house. The Mulelists gathered round the house and started shouting and beating the door and knowing that there was no escape we came down and opened the door. In answer to their question

we said that we did not stop as we were frightened and that there were no soldiers in the house. They told us that they had killed Sendwe and others and that they were after ANC and police only. They left us then. We could hear scattered rifle shots in the town.

7. At about 1430 hours I left the house to look for the other ONUC personnel. On my way I saw a dead man shot behind the left ear. I was frightened. The town was dead silent. I was alone on the main street. I met a European badly slashed near the Palace Hotel (old ONUC HQ), who was being taken away to the hospital by two nuns. A Mulelist standing by warned ^{me} not to run otherwise I could meet the same fate pointing towards the injured man. I pushed on to Hotel du Lac. As I could not find any of the ONUC personnel in the hotel I went to the CFL docks. I had to go right through the knee-high water to find none there. On my way back I met Mr Van Cauter ONUC expert, who was transporting Mulelists. They did not permit me to sit in the vehicle and Mr Van Cauter picked me up later.

8. I settled with two American/Canadian missionaries, whom I have referred in para.5 above, for the night in a house - the occupants seemed to have left in a hurry on 18 June. I slept behind the bar in the house as there was no other room until we were evacuated on 6 July.

9. On 20 June, three Mulelists entered the house where Mr Van Cauter with his family and some other local families were staying, and asked for sunglasses and watches and forced us to put them on the table. They returned all the watches except mine, which perhaps attracted them as it was almost new and expensive. Witness to this highhandedness were Mr Van Cauter and others. Of course, in the following days, they took watches, money, hand bags etc. from other ONUC as well as private persons.

10. Requisitioning of cars commenced on Saturday and by Monday evening almost all the cars were gone. However, three vehicles remained with OMS.

11. In about four days, the Mulelists had killed 45 Congolese including soldiers and police who could not escape. Now they were coming right into the houses asking for food and money. The Minister

for Health in Sendwe's cabinet was nominated as President of the National Liberation Movement.

12. I saw Mr Grand Jean trying to send out a message. As all messages had to be screened I wonder whether ^{he} was able to send any.

13. All UN staff members had moved in the empty houses on the CFL hill area. The teachers were very panicky and frightened as their place was constantly frequented by the Mulelists for money clothes, radios and food. They lost a lot.

14. On 20 June, a plane flew high at about 1600 hours roughly N-S. Also on 21 June, a small blue plane (Air Bruce) flew over high, circled, went south down the lake high, and about five minutes later came back low, fast, offshored and drew rifle fire. On Monday 22 June and also on 23 June, an Air Congo plane, four-motor, drew a good deal of fire.

15. On Tuesday, 23 June, the Mulelists under the chairmanship of the new President held a trial of Genevay (an ex police officer) and retained him in custody.

16. I paid salaries of the local staff by borrowing money from Mr Van Cauter. Copies of the Pay Roll with signatures of the staff have already been sent to Mr de Candia. This amounted to CF 32,346.

17. On 29 June, Mr Sumailot arrived in Albertville.

18. On 30 June, there was a small gathering outside the Bank to celebrate the 'Independence Day' !

19. As nothing was safe in office, I could manage to leave some of the office machinery with Mml. Nagat, a Social Worker, who agreed to take the following to her house: three typewriters, three indola table fans, one duplicator and one Remington adding machine. Due to transport difficulties, other office equipment could not be moved. I obtained a receipt from her which I now have handed in to Mr Cacouris. The keys of the office are lying behind a flower pot entering the living room of Dr Van Damme's house on the CFL hill where I spent my days until evacuation.

20. On 2 July, three rebels forced the UNESCO teachers to pay CF 10,000 as damages because Mr Foulonneau's son and Mr Campbell (teacher) ^{were} alleged to have touched them. (Please note that the Mulelists had 'dawa' annotated on their forehead by the witch doctor which as they

claimed made them invincible and they believed that bullets fired ~~at~~ ~~them~~ would return and kill the person shooting at them, and that touching of their body by other than Mulelist voids the charm!). The situation was awful.

21. Mr Castrillon was taken to the Muelists' camp. He was questioned for hours and one angry Mulelist hit him. During this whole period, ONUC personnel had lost plenty of money, personal effects, radios and watches etc. to the incessantly exacting Mulelists.

22. On 4 July, a UN flagged boat entered the docks, and we were told that ONUC personnel would leave by 1600 hours. We were asked to obtain laissez-passer from the President and the Surité. Among other formalities we had to pay a fee of 400 CF per head and I paid CF 2000 for my LP and for a few other UNESCO teachers who had no money at that time.

23. Procedural negotiations for the evacuation between Mr Wood and the Muelists could not reach at any conclusion ^{that} day. Attitude of the Mulelists and their leaders could well be explained by Mr Wood as I was ^{not a} party to ~~any~~ such negotiations. We were of course glad to leave on 6 July with the minimum possible personal effects. Mr Sumailot thought that I had too much money and took all the CF 25,000 in the presence of Mr Wood who considered any kind of protest useless and advised me to surrender the money.

24. When I was making inquiries concerning evacuation from UN staff individually, Mr Lejeune told me that if ONUC HQ allowed him he would prefer to stay. Anyhow, he was among us on the ^{be} day of evacuation and the reasons why he was refused to leave could be explained by Mr Wood who was near the desk with Mr Sumailot helping clearing the staff members. As there was no time for me to ask Mr Lejeune and I was on the farther end of the queue (in fact I was the last on the queue) I do not know the circumstances which forced Mr Lejeune to stay back in Albertville. I now understand that he has already arrived in Bujumbura.

25. We arrived Bujumbura at about 1400 hours on 7 July. On board I had again borrowed CF 1200 from Mr Van Cauter to pay for my food. While almost all teachers left for their home, Mr Foulonneau was there. He was furious. He blamed Mr Wood for everything. As to why there were no reservations for him and his family and what instructions Mr Wood had from HQ, I have no idea. They left for France on 11 July and I proceeded on sick leave to Uganda. During my stay

in Albertville, I lost appetite, weight and sleep. The facts that I was right in there to go through all this trouble, the Mulelists' attack on my car, robbing of watch and money and day and night-long breaking in the house to look for food, money and arms left me all perturbed and I had no proper place to sleep. The food was equally a great problem for me. I got bad and Dr Estime recommended me sick leave for one month which of course I curtailed to fifteen days as I was sure to feel better after that rest.

26. I therefore feel that -

- a) some concrete steps should be planned for real security of UN personnel in situations like this and that the agreement that ANC are responsible for the security of UNO staff members is impractical. I have nothing but to second the mature judgment of Major Lawson who came to the Congo with the Nigerian detachment and won DSO for his work that "Wherever the troops (Congolese) were stationed, the local population lived in a state of terror. The soldiers were completely undisciplined, and pillaged at will....". Truly speaking, the public suffered and feared more of ANC;
- b) there should be some independent arrangement of communication with HQ. Reliance and dependency on ~~ANC~~ CFL in Albertville during the period under report perpetuated in 'no-hope' for UN personnel;
- c) necessary steps for general compensation ^{to those} who cannot account for the losses be taken;
- d) the vehicles and other office equipment which could not be transported to a safe place (if any) in Albertville would perhaps have to be written off. Action also is required for the liquidation of any contract for accommodation; and
- e) as Dr Bennet is the only UN staff member remaining in Albertville and the fact that there is no other doctor in the town, I wonder what could be done about him.

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MATHERS FROM OSORIO-TAFALL

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cc: Dr. Bellerive

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Drafted by : B.F. Osorio-Tafall

Authorized : B.F. Osorio-Tafall

Date : 30 July 1964

BAT/134/64

24 July 1964

Mr G.A.Dunn, Secretary Property Survey Board

John H.Saunders, Deputy Resident Representative (Administration)

UN property - Albertville

Further to my memorandum BAT/97/64 of 20 July 1964, we have received confirmation that vehicle OHUC 3149 Willys Station Wagon was returned to Albertville at the time of the WHO Doctor's transfer from Kabalo to Kolwezi.

..... This information has been transmitted in a cable from Mr Halbert, copy of which is attached herewith for ready reference.

c.c. Mr Mortensen
Mr Carvin

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~~Mr. Cacouris~~

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CF.360/64

21 July 1964

To : Mr. R.O. Brown, Chief, Audit and Inspection

From : John M. Saunders, Deputy Resident Representative
(Administration)

Subject : Audit and Inspection Report No 135
Civilian Operations Administration - Albertville

In reply to your memorandum dated 16 July 1964, I advise you that Mr. Schmid, then Administrative Assistant, did not consider the office equipment in excess, since he anticipated a certain extension of the administrative activities. His wife was also employed as secretary.

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UNITED NATIONS OPERATION
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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

JUL 16 1964

ACTION

To: Mr. J. Saunders,
D/CAO Civilian Operations

From: Chief, Audit and Inspection Service

Subject: Audit and Inspection Report No. 135
Civilian Operations Administration - Albertville

Date: 16 July 1964

TO: Saunders 262

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☐ - Acknowledged

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With reference to your reply dated 8 June 1964 to the above mentioned Report, I should be grateful if you could let me know the reasons why it was considered necessary to retain office equipment in excess of requirement. Paragraph 9 (g) refers.

R. D. Brown

(R. D. BROWN)

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, Officer-in-Charge
A: United Nations Operation in the Congo

DATE: 20 July 1964

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

FROM: Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary
DE:

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Albertville
OBJET: Evacuation of Albertville

1. I have read with interest your memorandum of 14 July 1964 on the above subject and the enclosed copy of Mr. John Wood's report to you of 10 July. I am in general agreement with the measures suggested with regard to communication, rotation of personnel and staffing of the field offices. These are, however, questions which fall entirely within the area of TAB's jurisdiction. I understand they are being considered at present by Mr. Owen's office.

..... 2. I appreciate as much as you do the excellent job done by Mr. Wood, and I am enclosing copy of the telegram I sent him on 7 July.

[Handwritten signature]

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TECABOARD
BUJUMBURA (BURUNDI)

____LUCAS, WOOD. GREATLY RELIEVED AND HAPPY TO LEARN THAT EVACUATION MISSION
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. WE ALL THANK AND CONGRATULATE YOU FOR LEADING THIS
SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

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cc: Mr. Ali Darwid

R.J. Bunche. Under-Secretary

BAT/97/64

Mr G.Dunn, Secretary,
Property Survey Board

20 July 1964

John M.Saunders, Deputy Resident Representative (Administration)
UN property - Albertville

With reference to my memorandum BAT/61/64 of 17 July 1964, regarding the abandonment of UN property, I wish to inform you that Willys Jeep N° ONUC 9, in the inventory records of Albertville, was assigned to Dr De Lucia, in Kamiana. As no evacuation has been effected from that area, please exclude the aforementioned vehicle from the list of possible losses.

Another vehicle, ONUC 3149, Willys Station Wagon, was assigned to Dr Casiras in Kabalo. Dr Casiras was transferred to Kolwezi prior to the outbreak of disturbances and we are not certain whether the vehicle was sent to Kolwezi or left in Albertville. We are investigating this point and will advise you as soon as we have received the pertinent information. In the meantime, please keep any action on ONUC 3149 pending.

C.c. Mr G.Seward
Mr K.Mortensen
Mr PJM.Carvin

BAT/61/64

17 July 1964

To : Mr. E. Dunn, Secretary, Property Survey Board
 From : John M. Saunders, Deputy Resident Representative
 (Administration)
 Subject : Field Office - Albertville

The Field Office at Albertville had to be abandoned on 6 July 1964 and the staff and experts evacuated.

All U.S. property, including vehicles and other equipment were abandoned, as the de facto authorities would not authorize removal of any property. Whether any of our property can be recovered later, it is impossible to say, but I bring the situation to your attention now in case there is any formal interim action the Survey Board may wish to take.

cc : Mr. Seward
 Mr. Cooper
 Mr. Mortenson
 Mr. Hanson
 Mr. Brown

CF.352/64

17 July 1964

Mr. Hennion, Acting Chief, UNESCO Mission

H. Pichler, Administrative Officer, Congo Fund

Advances to UNESCO Teachers evacuated from Albertville

1. The following Unesco teachers received on 7 July 1964 from the transit TAB Office, Bujumbura, Burundi, RBF 500,- each, while on transit from Albertville to their home countries

Mr. Kabbara Nabil	RBF. 500
Mr. Balter	RBF. 500
Dr. Estime	RBF. 500
Mr. Van Cauter	RBF. 500
Mr. Fils Aime	RBF. 500
Mr. Adonis	RBF. 500
Mr. Mostart	RBF. 500
Mr. Vermeulen	RBF. 500
Mr. Fery Jacques	RBF. 500
Mr. Nelson	RBF. 500
Miss Fornells	RBF. 500
Miss Cendes	RBF. 500
Mr. Hasbani	RBF. 500
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Mr. Fery Jacques	RBF 1000
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2. We should be grateful if these amounts could be recovered from the teachers payrolls for the months of July and August.

cc: Mr. De Candia (copy of the original list for recovery action)

BAT/72/64

16 July 1964

Destinataire : Mr. Laurent, Conseiller juridique principal pour la
Magistrature

Origine : John M. Saunders, Représentant résident adjoint, BAT

Objet : Assassinat de magistrats à Albertville

En réponse à votre mémorandum du 10 Juillet dernier, nous avons interrogé un certain nombre de personnes appartenant à l'Organisation internationale récemment évacuées de la région d'Albertville. Il ne nous a malheureusement pas été possible d'obtenir des renseignements concrets qui pourraient confirmer ou infirmer la nouvelle que le Ministère de la Justice a reçue.

Deux de nos experts auraient entendu des rumeurs selon lesquelles le Chef de la prison et un substitut du Parquet seraient morts.

Nous vous transmettons cette information sous toute réserve, nos experts n'ayant pas confirmé lesdites rumeurs.

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Mr. Lescours
Please check with Wood
+ any others who return
eg Ponticelli

Le 10 juillet 1964

P 10/ VII

A: Monsieur B. Osorio-Tafall, Représentant Résidant de l'ONUC
Du: Conseiller Juridique Principal pour la Magistrature
Objet: Assassinat de 4 magistrats à Albertville.

[Signature]

1. D'un câble reçu de Bukavu, il ressort que quatre magistrats et juges congolais auraient été assassinés à Albertville par les détenus libérés par les rebelles, au moment de la prise de la ville.

2. Le Ministère de la Justice, avant de diffuser cette nouvelle, voudrait en avoir confirmation.

3. A cet effet, j'ai été sollicité de prier l'ONUC d'essayer d'obtenir de son Représentant dans la région, confirmation de ces assassinats.

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BAT-52/64

15 July 1964

Dear Mr. Wood,

I wish to thank you for the very illustrative report you have sent me on the Evacuation of Albertville of UN and foreign personnel, undertaken under your leadership.

This has been a remarkable achievement for which you deserve heartfelt gratitude and congratulations.

I thank you again for a job performed under difficult and trying circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

B.F. Osorio-Tafall
Resident Representative of the TAB
and Director of SF Programmes

Mr. John Wood
Administrative Officer
UNESCO
Leopoldville

cc: Mr. J. Wood's personal file

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L-192/64

14 July 1964

TO: Mr. Ralph Bunche, Under-Secretary for
Special Political Affairs

FROM: S.F. Gecio-Tafall, Resident Representative of the YAB
and Director of Special Fund Programmes

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Albertville

1. attached is a copy of Mr. J. Wood's report to me, of 10 July 1964, on the evacuation of UN staff, experts and dependants from Albertville. It makes a number of useful points.
2. To have speedy and sure communication between field offices and headquarters in Leopoldville, by means which are under our exclusive control, is vital to any operation in emergency conditions. You will know from my earlier reports that plans have been in existence since April for the provision of an SSB transceiver to each of the field offices including Albertville. But the sets were in the hands of the military, and in spite of my personal intervention at the highest level, the sets were not released to us, with one exception (the set sent to Bukavu), until toward the end of June last (in fact two of them were left behind in Southern Rhodesia by the Canadian Signals in a damaged state). So that in this respect nothing could be done to help our colleagues in Albertville when the blow threatened.
3. You will note the difficulties, springing from cable delays, that arose in Bulumbura in trying to understand the two plans for evacuation.
4. You may wish to consider the suggestion regarding installation of a telex machine in the YAB Bulumbura Office, but meanwhile I should like to verify with the U.S. and Belgian Ambassadors their views on our use of their radio facilities in emergency.
5. If normal work becomes possible again in Albertville, we shall install the SSB radio as planned.
6. The comments made by Mr. Wood on the behaviour of some experts have been transmitted to the respective chiefs of mission in Leopoldville.

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7. The suggestions advanced for the rotation of WHO medical personnel in Albertville are being discussed with Dr. Bellerive, the WHO representative in the Congo. At the same time, benefiting from the visit to Leopoldville of Mr. Seann, representative of the International Red Cross, an effort will be made to relieve Dr. Reynet in due time.

8. I should like to comment on the problem which faced Mr. Sheikh, since it exists in three others of our field offices (Cochin, Stanleyville and Bukavu). The problem begins with a post written into the 1964 budget, at P.4, for each office. The post is for an administrative assistant, who is to give routine administrative and financial services to experts. By definition the assistant is junior in grade to every expert in the region, and he is not intended to be UN representative, nor "head" of the regional operation. But since he sits at a central point, experts tend to look to him in emergency. In Bukavu, we are saved by a man who rises far above the level of performance and responsibility required of him; but this is not to say that anyone else should be criticised because he is not a Kamukama. We have not yet found a way out of this difficulty. An ideal solution, though hardly practicable, at the moment, would be to find for each post a senior officer at the P.3 or P.4 level, who would, in practice, be the key officer in the region, in normal, as well as in extraordinary times.

9. I shall be in touch with you again in the future on this whole matter but meanwhile I simply want you to know we are very conscious of the difficulties, and will do our best to find some solution.

10. As you know, there is no such problem in Elisabethville and Luluabourg. We have Bernander in the former place, and will have Elom shortly in the latter.

11. In conclusion, I should like to say that Mr. Wood did a very good job under difficult and extremely trying circumstances. He showed courage, as well as resourcefulness. You may wish to consider sending him a letter of thanks, to mark his achievement.

cc: Mr. John McDiarmid

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14th July, 1964.

To: Mr. B. O'Sorio-Tafall, Officer-in-Charge.
From: J. Wood, Unesco.

Material losses UN and Unesco Staff Albertville

It is beyond my scope to be able to give a description as to how personal belongings were stolen, pillaged and extorted. In conditions of anarchy the means are manifest. The facts as concerns the general situation are as follows:

On the 23rd May the rebels seized control of Albertville and neutralized the ANC. Confusion and breakdown of law and order. On the 27th the ANC regained a tenuous control in circumstances of continuing disorders. On the 18th June the ANC abandoned control of Albertville and the rebels arrived. All expatriates were rounded up and taken to a hotel in town. Their houses were left unprotected and open to pillage. For the sake of safety the expatriates grouped in a small area around the C.F.L. Company's housing estate. Their houses were for the most part left abandoned. Expatriates had no means of transport and confined their appearance on the streets to the strict minimum for fear of being molested. It was unwise and unsafe to go searching for belongings in houses that had been abandoned. Furthermore, it was useless to collect more belongings to take away than one could physically carry.

Those who departed on the first boat of the 18th June, whilst the ANC were still nominally in control of Albertville had but a few minutes warning and departed with practically nothing. Even these had to pay the ANC "guards" on the boat in order to be allowed to board. Those who departed in the evacuation of the 6th July normally took with them one suitcase each. This was on my instructions as too much baggage risked to prolong the "formalities" at the departure and so prevent others from boarding the boat. Even so, I personally saw money, radios, typewriters and other objects confiscated by the rebel leader Soumialot at the departure.

I would like to place clearly on record that I consider anyone foolish enough to protest vigorously against the theft and extortion to which he may have been subjected by the rebels in Albertville would take his life in his hands. It is easy in retrospect to criticise those who have abandoned their belongings, but I for one did not feel the risk worthwhile to do ~~task~~ otherwise.

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Mr. T. De Candia, Chief Finance Officer

15 July 1964

H. Pichler, Administrative Officer, Congo Fund

Salaries of local staff paid in Albertville (June 1964)

1. We enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Sheikh, Administrative Assistant Albertville together with Pay Roll for the local staff for the month of June 1964
2. Mr. Sheikh indicates that he had to borrow CF 32.346 from Mr. Van Center Public Works expert, since the bank in Albertville had not yet received the instructions concerning Mr. Sheikh's authority to withdraw funds.
3. Mr. Van Center paid CF 1.200 to Mr. Sheikh for feed on the boat, an amount to be recovered from Mr. Sheikh MSA account.
4. We would appreciate if you would make the necessary accounting adjustments.
5. A separate memorandum is on the way requesting you to cancel the bank signatory of Mr. Sheikh.

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TAB
Leopoldville

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15 July 1964

To : Chiefs of Mission of the Specialized Agencies and
Senior Advisers of other Technical Assistance Units,
Leopoldville

From : B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Resident Representative and
Director of Special Fund Programmes, TAB/SF

Subject : Loss of personal possessions by experts
leaving Albertville

In the recent evacuation from Albertville, experts were forced to leave behind a good many of their personal possessions. Those mission chiefs concerned will be taking up with their headquarters offices any claims that may be made by experts (see paras. 9 through 13 of my Leo/Admin./CM 12 of 1 June 1964).

The following extract from a report by Mr. J. Wood, the officer who was in charge of the evacuation of experts and dependents by the boat "Dhanis", outlines the circumstances in which personal possessions had to be left behind.

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I am writing to thank you for your letter of July 10 and to express by deep appreciation for all the help given by the United Nations in the recent evacuation of British subjects from Albertville.

I should be glad if you would express my thanks to Mr. John Wood for the part he played in this successful operation.

(E.M. Rose).

Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall.

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Leopoldville

14 July 1964

Check list compiled by Mr. J. Wood
Experts remaining in Albertville or evacuated to Bujumbura

1. Remaining in Albertville

Dr. Beynet, WHO
Mr. Lejeune, Community Development
Mlle. Vielvoys, UNESCO

2. Evacuated to Bujumbura by the Dhanis

(a) Departed direct from Usumbura -

Mr. Adonis	UNESCO
Mr. Campbell	"
Mlle Candas	"
Mr. Falardeau	"
Mlle Fornelie	"
Mr. Hasbani	"
Mr. Kabarra	"
M. et Mme Nelson	"
Mr. Bejani	"
Mr. Balter	"
Mr. Mostaert	"
Mr. Vermeulen	"
Mr. Ferry	"
Mr. Cheriez	" (from Manono)

(b) Departed via Leopoldville in transit to home country

M. et Mme. Foulonneau + 3 enfants UNESCO
Mr. Delbecq, UNESCO
Mr. Derenne "

(c) Transferred to Leopoldville

Mr. and Mrs. Ponticelli, Customs
Dr. Estimé, WHO
Dr. Stanojevic, WHO
Dr. Castrillon, WHO

(d) On leave

Mr. and Mrs. Van Caeter + 2 enfants Public Works (Kisenyi)
Mr. Sheikh, ONUC (Nairobi)

cc: Mr. Osorio-Tafall
Dr. Bellerive
Mr. Honnion
Mr. Larcher
Mr. Kuitenbrouwer
Mr. de Candia
Mr. Gauvreau
Mr. Brown

13 July 1964

BAT/41/64

Mr. John M. Saunders

B.F. Ogaris-Tafall

Notes on Mr. J. Weed's report on evacuation of Albertville

1. I think that Mr. Weed's report is excellent and there is very little with which I am not in agreement.
2. We are well aware of the difficulties of communication between Bujumbura and Leopoldville, Bujumbura and Bukavu and Bukavu and New York.
3. The recommendation made for installing at the TAB Office, Bujumbura, of telex and SSB equipment should be approved.
4. The confusion between the Liamba and the Dhanis projects is easy to explain taking into account the difficulty of communication.
5. Actually, they were two independent projects, one negotiated by New York Headquarters through the TAB office in Dar-es-Salaam with the Government of Tanganyika, and the second originated by Dr. Lucas in Bujumbura. The decision to adopt the Dhanis project was based on two principal reasons:
 - a) the fact that the authorities in Albertville preferred the Dhanis project, and that
 - b) the negotiations undertaken with the Government of Tanganyika for the Liamba project proceeded only slowly
6. The observation that if the UN office in Albertville could be provided, in time, with a SSB, the Central Office in Leopoldville would have a better knowledge of the situation in North Katanga.
7. It was not possible, in spite of our démarches to the Chief of Staff of ONUC Forces to dispose of the equipment needed until the 30 June.

8. If the SSB could have been released by the military at an earlier date, as it was for Bukavu, there is no doubt that we could have direct communications Leopoldville/Albertville.

9. The comments made by Mr. Wood on the behaviour of some experts has been transmitted to the respective chiefs of missions in Leopoldville.

10. The suggestions advanced for the rotation of WHO medical personnel in Albertville are being discussed with Dr. Bellerive, the WHO representative in the Congo. At the same time benefitting from the visit to Leopoldville of the Representative of the International Red-Cross, an effort will be made to relieve Dr. Baynet in due time.

11. We ascertain the responsibility for appointing as Regional Representative in Albertville a man who proved not to be qualified for that difficult job. It might be said however that our instructions were for some days of overlapping between the former representative, Mr. Smith, and the new representative, Mr. Sheikh. It is thought that if we could have had in Albertville during the past events a man of the stature of Mr. Kunitzberger, the conditions of our personnel there would be much better.

12. I wonder if we could prepare a note for the Press, giving the facts of our rescue expedition. It would serve the useful purpose of "presenting the truth", minimizing the impact of adverse comments made by the journalists on the basis of individual experts' statements.

13. I intend to address to Mr. Wood an official letter, stating our appreciation for the difficult job well done.

14. In the letter to Dr. Bunche we should request that he himself address a letter of thanks to Mr. Wood.

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MATTERS INFO WOOD FROM OSORIO TAFALL.
GRATEFUL YOU INSTRUCT WHO DOCTORS CASTRILLON ESTINE, STANOVIVIC,
UNESCO EXPERT FOULONNEAU AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHEIKH TO
PROCEED LEOPOLDVILLE ON NEXT AVAILABLE PLANE FOR REPORTING AND/OR
DEPARTURE ON LEAVE WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE.
MEILLAND WHO REPRESENTATIVE ALREADY CONTACTED.
PLEASE ISSUE TICKETS AND CHARGE LEOPOLDVILLE BY IOV.

cc : Mr. Osorio-Tafall
Mr. Sallerive
Mr. Najman
Mr. Sauvreau

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FOR WOOD FROM OSORIO-TAFALL. CONGRATULATIONS ON HANDLING SO
EFFECTIVELY THE DIFFICULT TASK OF EVACUATING STAFF, EXPERTS
AND OTHER FOREIGN PERSONNEL FROM ALBERTVILLE. RELIEVED TO KNOW
YOU AND ALL OTHERS WERE BACK SAFE AND WELL IN SPITE OF MATERIAL
LOSSES. LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING YOUR REPORTS AND HEARING FROM
YOU PERSONALLY ON RETURN.

cc: Personnel File (Mr. Wood)
Mr. Najman

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FOR WOOD FROM OSORIO-TAFALL. CABLE IMMEDIATELY LIST OF
NAMES AND NATIONALITIES ALL PEOPLE EVACUATED FROM ALBERTVILLE
WHETHER UNATIONS OR NON-UNATIONS. FOR UNATIONS STAFF EXPERTS
AND DEPENDANTS INDICATE NAME OF AGENCY AND FOR NON-UNATIONS
INDICATE SO FAR AS POSSIBLE BUSINESS FIRM, MISSION, OR OTHER
BODY FOR WHOM THEY WORKED. INFORMATION NEEDED URGENTLY FOR
UNATIONS HEADQUARTERS AND FOR EMBASSIES IN LEOPOLDVILLE.

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