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FILE 4

ACC. 24/12/1961-20

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York

From : LINNER, Léo

Date : 18 Dec 61

Nº : L- 437

SECRET

1. Following from Ivan Smith (despatched on 17th at 1400 Z): Quote

Senn accompanied by Colonel Maitra and 2 civilian officers visited SQ Uvira today to bring food and water to stranded families and inspect situation. They returned at 1 PM buried corpses of 1 European Mr. de Deden who was shot on afternoon of 15 Dec and 2 African servants. No one had been allowed to approach Mr. Deden's body which was in bad condition. Ethiopian troops have also pillaged houses and threatened their inhabitants and have forcibly stolen all kinds of valuables including watches and jewellery etc. Colonel Maitra briefed Ethiopian LT, in charge on ceasing to harass civilians and will visit area frequently from now on. Full dispositions have been taken by civilians all will be forwarded by pouch. Unquote.

2. Two hours later Ivan Smith further reported (ELLED 452): Quote

UN Civilian Officer Paul Wies and Red Cross went again to Square Uvira at four p.m. to check situation and give necessary help. Situation greatly improved. Unquote.

JP/jg

OUTGOING CODE

OK *RL*
PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, NEW YORK

From : LINNER, LEO

Date : 17 December 1961

No : L- 436

Disputed

SECRET

Further L-429 following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 445) :

"Relief convoy for Square Uvira left at 1000 today in charge Colonel Maitra.

Delay yesterday explained (L-424). Senn requested us this morning to arrange
cease fire in Lido area for 5 hours so that Sogelec can repair electric pylon
and restore electricity supply in town. Ethiopians very hard pressed in this area
and see no possibility such local arrangement present."

cc F.C.

JP:mm

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 435'

Principal

SECRET

Further L-425 following from IvanSmith (Elleo 446) Quote Fire continues to be directed on Ethiopians position at Lido from Union Miniere main office building as well as from Union Miniere education institute and houses on fringe of Union Miniere Camp. This inevitably makes these buildings military targets. Ethiopians suffered 5 more casualties during night. Action against these Union Miniere installations must be understood in this light, though all possible measures will be taken to ensure avoidance serious damage Union Miniere installations as such. It should be widely realised that perhaps under threat of violence Union Miniere installations have been and remain point used for harrassing activities and fire on UN troops Unquote.

cc: Force Commander

JP/rt

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 434

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SECRET

1. In discussion of memo on next steps, it was unanimous opinion of top civilian group here that policy henceforth should be that mercenaries and all non-Congolese military and paramilitary personnel who are found to be actually participating in military activities against us or directing Katangese Gendarmerie in such activities, will be turned over to Congolese authorities in Leo for prosecution under law of the land. ONUC, however, will participate in guarding of such prisoners to protect them against abuses. Very wide publicity should be given to an initial handover of two or three unchallengeable cases, which are already in hand among a number in the bag in Eville. Para. 4 of SecCo resolution of Nov 24 authorizes such action. Furthermore, circumstances under which Central Government promulgated Ordonnances No. 70 of August 24 and No. 83 of Nov 13 at our suggestion are recalled and have bearing. In our view, compelling reason for handing over of such persons to Congolese justice is deterrent effect such procedure will have on others, particularly those who may intend to prolong the fight.
2. Grateful your views earliest.
3. Cable regarding screening and interrogation needs will be sent separately.

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

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ok PM
ROUTINE

To : RIKHYE, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L-433

Linner

SECRET

One of the two recently arrived Norwegian military intelligence officers returned from Eville at his own request on night of sixteenth. He is Major Andresen. He asked to see Linner, whom I joined to the displeasure of the Major, who wished to talk to Linner "personally". He then proceeded to give an appraisal so shockingly loose, unverified and biased as to disqualify him completely, in my view, for service with this Force. I plan to ask MacEoin to request his recall.

cc: Dr. Bunche

[Handwritten signature]

RJB/rt

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ROUTINE

To : NARASIMHAN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ L- 432

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SECRET

Reference L-401. Quote notorious unquote should read quote colossal
unquote. Sorry for understatement.

RJB

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

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ROUTINE

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ L-431

Union
SECRET

Reference L-374.

Has letter to Union Miniere been circulated to Advisory Committee or otherwise reported?

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

RJB

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 430

Ok
Min
SECRET

1. Have had extensive and very helpful consultations with people concerned here on consideration of next steps paper. Will be sending separate cables on several aspects, while deferring main reporting until my return.
2. As most urgent ^{/a/} action, would appreciate speedy appointment and arrival out here of well-qualified Administrator to assume direction of Eville Refugee Camp and to supervise its ultimate liquidation. Linner and others here agree on high priority of this need. We consider present Swedish Administrator of Algerian Refugee Camp in Tunis or Xavier Caballero, who handled South Kasai Refugee problem, to be suitable. Name of Swede is on a small piece of paper on top of my desk at Headquarters or can be obtained from Agda Rössel. Hope one or other of them will be approached soonest and quick availability can be communicated to us. ONUC troops would be required still to keep order in Camp, of course. Mme. Rössel may be informed that Swedish troops take their camp protection responsibility most seriously and guard it jealously.

RB/rw

RAB

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1961 DEC 17 PM 12:26

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ROUTINE

LEOPOLDVILLE

17 December 1961

UNATIONS NEW YORK

L- 429

SECGEN from LINER

Following retransmitted today to ICRC Geneva from Meeher in Eville

Quote Violent tir de mortier pendant nuit du 15 au 16 décembre. Centre ville subi dégâts importants. Dispensaire hôpital Reine Elisabeth et environs touchés par neuf obus. Dégâts peu importants et pas de blessés. Collège centre ville où se trouvent environ 750 réfugiés touché par trois obus. Pas de blessés. Hôpital Reine Elisabeth enregistré depuis hier soir 12 blessés graves blancs et noirs et cinq tués dont deux européens et trois Katangais tous civils. Hôpital Prince Leopold signale douze blessés dont huit soldats et quatre civils ainsi qu'un soldat tué. Evacuation produits alimentaires vieux musée remise à fin hostilités cause impossibilité circuler avec camions. Ambulance transportant délégué CICR Senn en route pour Square Uvire escortée par militaires ONUC subi tir. De ce fait action ravitaillement remise à 1400 heures. ONUC s'engage prendre mesures adéquates. Tir sporadique mortier Bazooka et mitrailleuse continuent toute journée sur ensemble territoire ville. Seul un blessé signalé. Depuis hier soir ville sans électricité. Coupure d'eau pendant quelques heures. Gouvernement évacué résidence. Président se trouve Kipushi. Selon informations ONUC situation Camp Balubas qui a également subi tir obus de la Gendarmerie Katangaise tragique. 30 morts et 140 blessés. Reçois plusieurs appels Square Uvira signalant présence dans

jardin cadavre homme européen et quelques vols commis par soldats éthiopiens. ONUC envisage enquête en présence délégué CICR et espère pouvoir mettre fin actes de pillage par soldats ONUC. Population civile déjà trop éprouvée par bataille tous autres incidents devant être évités. Sommes toujours sans nouvelles Olivet et compagnons. 16 décembre 2000 heures Senn signale action ravitaillement Square Uvira une fois de plus remise aucun officier ONUC disponible pour accompagner. Tir obus et mitrailleuse continuent partout. Couvent Soeurs hôpital Prince Leopold touché par un obus. Pas de blessés. 17 décembre 0900 heures. Nuit relativement calme. Square Uvira signale soldats éthiopiens avoir tiré bout portant sur famille katangaise tuant père et blessant grièvement mère. Impossibilité évacuer cadavres et soigner blessés dans ce quartier. Espérons ONUC avoir fait nécessaire. Quartier Belair signale un Européen tué. Sommes toujours sans électricité. En raison contestation origine obus ayant atteint hôpitaux, écoles et centre ville proposons étudier avec QG ONUC Newyork envoi commission experts neutres. Prier donner connaissance DPF Berne tout ce qui précède et informer tous ressortissants intérieur. Unquote.

JP/rw

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PRIORITY

LEOPOLDVILLE
17 December 1961

1961 DEC 17 PM 12:26

O.N.U.C.

UNATIONS NEW YORK

L- 428

SECGEN from LINER

Following from IvanSmith (Ellec 447): Quote Overnight situation little changed but Ethiopians continue to be fired upon from houses and industrial buildings around Lido and counter measures inevitable. Swedes are clearing around Camp Massart and have eliminated all but few snipers from BCK Railway area. Irish remain in control tunnel area with surrounding bridge heads. During night Katangese mortared Swedes at Camp Massart but no casualties. During action against Massart Swedes collected several Belgians firing at UN troops. One of them who described himself as simple craftsman had eight loaded rifles at home. Another Belgian detained near Camp Massart was found to have in his luggage a Belgian paratrooper uniform and a blue UN beret. Full details will be sent you with individuals. During the night there were a few small very insignificant counter attacks by odd parties of mercenaries of Katangese against Irish and Swedes Unquote.

cc: Force Commander
Mr. N. Karakaratne

JP/rt

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PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, LINNEN, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 427

M

SECRET

Please forward following to Rikhye.

Received at noon today the message, A 2541, for Mil Ops Logistics
Mov Control Irish Lo and Swedish Lo from Force Commander Quote
Repatriation of Irish and Swedish tps from Eville will now commence.
All available personnel of these battalions will start thinning out
from 18 Dec. onwards in returning empty aircraft from Eville. Arrange
reception and accommodation. Unquote.

SL/rw

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1961 DEC 17 AM 11:26
O.N.U.C. PRIORITY


LEOPOLDVILLE
17 December 1961
UNATIONS NEWYORK

SECGEN from LINNER

Lin

L- 426

RE YOUR 8890 which has been forwarded to Eville I had already sent yesterday a somewhat similar message as follows : Quote Dutch Ambassador asks me to advise you to be prepared for a request from Dutch Consul Eville for evacuation by train to Rhodesia of a certain number of Dutchmen. Presently some 100 stationed in Eville and some 80 elsewhere in Katanga. Dutch Consul in Salisbury requesting through intermediary of Belgian Consul in Eville authorization from Katangese authorities for Dutch males to be evacuated. Any assistance you and/or Redcross could give in this connection would be most appreciated. Unquote.

 JP/rw

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 425

OK / Linner

SECRET

Following from IvanSmith (Elleo 443) Quote Gurkhas have discovered tonight in a house from which fire was being directed against UN Forces map pinpointing key points of offensive against UNO. They are in residential areas and indicated that control in Union Miniere. Some of these houses may be visited socially repeat socially tonight. May be a good idea from your side to release some story about our discovery of map but leave out Union Miniere control point for the moment. Map indicated network. Thread and pins were used to provide inset. Maps indicated details of cells together with telephone numbers and precise location in each case. Concentration of points near to ONUC HQ but thin red line runs to Union Miniere Unquote.

cc: Force Commander
Chief, OPI

JP/rt

OUTGOING CODE

OK *Ram*
PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 424

Lin
SECRET

Following from IvanSmith (Elleo 432) Quote The question of evacuation of civilians at Square Uvira will undoubtedly be made subject of protest by RedCross events today as follows Senn accompanied by Greek Consul arrived HQ 10 am this morning with intention to visit Square Uvira where serious maltreatment of civilians including 1 dead and pillaging of houses by Ethiopians has been reported to Senn. Col Maitra and Paul Wiis, Civilian Officer, set out with RedCross for Square Uvira but on approach to roundabout were fired upon by snipers and had to return. It was then arranged that RedCross should return HQ at 2 pm with food and water truck and medical supplies and try again. Unfortunately due urgent military conference here Maitra and Ethiopian Commanding Officer could not leave until 4 pm by which time RedCross and Greek Consul had lost patience and left ONUC HQ. Immediately military conference over, Maitra, Ethiopian CO and Wiis themselves went to Square Uvira to ascertain situation and give all possible help. This situation much regretted and due exigencies situation here and absence of any telephone contact with town or elsewhere Unquote.

cc: Force Commander

JP/rt

OUTGOING CODE

OK *[Signature]*

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville *[Signature]*
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 423

SECRET

Following from IvanSmith (Elleo 442) Quote Swedes well briefed in advance about possibilities missing ONUC prisoners Camp Massart but found no evidence of their presence. Situation report tonight Swedes still completely in control Camp Massart and Irish of tunnel. Swedes however under mortar fire from area Union Miniere head office. If that goes on inevitably fire must be returned. This is not Union Miniere installation involved in possible air strike early today. The fire on Camp Massart is coming from main administrative block which is fairly close to British Consulate. All concerned are aware of dangers and implications and will act only if fire against Swedes continues dangerously Unquote

cc: Force Commander

[Signature] JP/rt

OUTGOING CODE

OK *Ram*
PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 422

Ram
SECRET

Following from IvanSmith ^{Ellen} (~~Lec~~ 440) Quote Fear Ethiopians in Square
Uvira may have treated local residents and houses roughly, perhaps
dangerously. I had reports today from Greek Consul who claimed house
of Greek citizens had been entered and in Note Verbale he has now listed
articles which he claims were damaged or stolen. Our attempt to get food
convoy into Square Uvira today you will note from my 421 was frustrated
by fire against ONUC enroute. The reason why we kept second convoy until
afternoon was precisely because I wanted RedCross Rep and Greek Consul
to be escorted by Colonel Commanding Ethiopians to avoid any possibility
of an incident involving RedCross and Greek Consul because I feel newly
arrived Ethiopians are not unjustifiably hypersensitively conscious about
mercenaries and illegal use RedCross vehicles. You will see from my 431
that we sent Gurkha Colonel Maitra and our civ Wiis along with Ethiopian
Comdr. We briefed Maitra to explain to Ethiopian Colonel importance of
correct behaviour toward civ population. Maitra and Wiis returned with
picture indicating tightest control be exercised and Force Commanders
separate signal to have his Deputy here should be read in that context.
Raja and Force Commander were consulted late this morning when we had
first indications everything might not be going according to rules and
they gave immediate fullest support. Sent for Ethiopian Commanding
Colonel which largely explains why he was here this afternoon at quote

military briefing unquote Raja has emphatically got across to Ethiopian Colonel critical importance all ranks understand thoroughly ONUC role; tomorrow morning Maitra and Wiis returning to Square Uvira as soon as possible with water for Ethiopians, who were completely out. We are arranging Maitra and Wiis visit all houses in area tomorrow, offering to assist families into safe area and to provide them with food and other supplies while emergency last. Must emphasize there are no details to suggest anything serious, but Force Commander, Raja, Brian and myself had uneasy feeling and agreed I should send you this personal signal, which they have read. Will provide more details when Maitra visits Square Uvira tomorrow Unquote.

cc: Force Commander

JP/rt

SECRET

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PRIORITY

To : RIKHYE, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 421

OK
Rosen
Lin
SECRET

Please inform me on exact situation with regard to your discussions with Swiss on ANC training. Am pursuing this subject with Iyassu. Have ^{any} specific approaches been made for French-speaking officers for any aspect of this program, and if so with what results to date and prospects?

RB

RB/rw

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PRIORITY

SECRET

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 17 December 1961
No. : L- 420

Following from Ivansmith (ELLEO 433): Quote Lido under heavy fire from houses edge Union Minière camp and Union Minière building and have already suffered casualties. At military Conference this afternoon with Raja MacEoin there was strong pressure for air strike on these houses and Union Minière building. We referred your para. 2 of 8691 and strike postponed for today. If firing continues strike will have to be put in tomorrow. We are now attempting contact Union Minière and explain that if firing continues retaliatory measures will be unavoidable against their building we have information from 2 sources that the Union Minière office for main d'oeuvre indigène which is pay office for African workers in Union Minière compound has arms and ammunition in it and is guarded by gendarmes. Unquote.

c.c. Force Commander
Chief OPI

JP/rw

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, NEW YORK

From : LINNER, LEO

Date : 17 December 1961

Nº : L- 419

OK / Linner
SECRET

Following received from Gaviola (BUKA 405) QUOTE Prime Minister begs
you to contact Kandolo and ask him quote convoquer un Conseil Extraordinaire
de Ministres pour dimanche à 20 heures unquote. He would like to meet you,
Bunche and American Ambassador immediately upon arrival about 6 pm local.
UNQUOTE

SL:mm

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ROUTINE

LEOPOLDVILLE
16 December 1961

UNATIONS NEW YORK

L-418

SECGEN from LINNER

Following from Ivan Smith (~~Ellec 431~~) Quote Lack of communications and extreme difficulty movement at present critical juncture will almost certainly create some situations difficult to explain outside context this anarchical state inflamed by fear and mercenaries and misguided infuriated European population. Against that background one must read message sent to International RedCross transmitted in our Ellec 431. Have just discovered through sending civ affairs man to airport that among four Europeans held there by ONUC are two who almost certainly are legitimate RedCross workers missing since this morning. Have sent immediate word to have them well looked after at Italian hospital until we can confirm and return. These and other incidents must be seen against background of local atmosphere reckless use of civs and RedCross insignia by Kat. Today for example we have intelligence report that Gend busily painting RedCross insignia on vehicles and ONUC troops that have come under fire as result such abuses tense and suspicious Unquote.

SL/rt

OUTGOING CODE

To : RIKHYE, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 417

Am having at my request one or more daily oral briefings by Military *on* Eville action. They have usually not uncovered very much information not already in sitreps but give me opportunity to raise probing questions. A second briefing today, however, by two Irish Officers just returned from Eville, both of whom had fought there in September and one also on the first day of current operation, was very informative. Main points made by them ^{*are*} ~~will be~~ the following :

(1) the members of the Gendarmerie fight well irrespective of whether they are led by Non-Congolese Officers.

(2) The tactics of the Gendarmerie are good, their ambushes are well conceived although they usually fail to take full advantage of their positions.

(3) The Gendarmerie dislikes close fighting and will usually break when confronted with this. For example, in the first ~~raid~~ ^{*at*} on the tunnel last week, participated in by Swedes and Irish in armoured vehicles, a two storey house from which heavy fire was coming, was given a good going over by our chaps. When our men got into the house, they found eight Gendarmerie dead on one floor and twelve on the other, all in uniform, all of whom had been killed trying to flee from the close fire instead of taking cover under the window sills.

(4) The Katangese mortar fire has been heavy but has not been very well aimed. It has been mobile with mortars mounted on trucks accompanied by an armoured car and jeeps, involving in all some 25 men.

(5) The armour on the Katangese armoured cars is considerably heavier than that on our APC's and Ferrets. It is estimated that the Katangese had five armoured cars, one of which has been captured by us and is operational while another has been knocked out by an ONUC Bazooka, to which they are entirely vulnerable.

(6) ONUC is vastly superior in fire power.

(7) ONUC aerial domination is considered to be the most decisive factor in our superiority.

(8) It is thought that apart from the mercenaries most of the adult males among the 10,000 Non-Congolese in Eville at one time or another take up arms against ONUC.

(9) The mercenaries, or hostile non-mercenary Europeans, who lead the Gendarmerie elements fighting us in Eville usually thoroughly brief the Gendarmerie on the specific action about to be launched, but stay in the background, in doorways and areaways, while the action is under way, though keeping it under close observation.

(10) ONUC personnel, newly arrived in the rotations, are rather raw and a few suffered slight shell shock in the first Eville engagements.

(11) The spirits of ONUC men in Eville are high and they are very confident.

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ROUTINE

1961 DEC 16 PM 6:14
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LEOPOLDVILLE
16 December 1961

UNATIONS NEWYORK

L- 416

SECGEN from LINNEN

Linne

League of RedCross Delegate in Leo received today following from its Geneva Headquarters QUOTE Soviet RedCross today advises us it sending special plane shortest route Congo with food, medicaments, and group Soviet doctors. This aid has been cleared from Sovietgov to Congogov with Adoula replying SUBQUOTE Congolese people grateful for expression your sympathy and will be happy receive assistance which you suggest ENDSUBQUOTE Adoula also stated distribution of doctors medicaments and foodstuffs will be done by Central Republic Government. View SovietCross request League recognize and render assistance in applying Soviet aid which apparently for population Eastern and Equatorial Provinces struck by floods. We request you cable urgently position CongoCross. Need know primo whether CongoCross has officially requested international RedCross aid secundo was it consulted by Adoula when CongoGov accepted SovietCross offer to help. Unless CongoCross directly involved with CongoGov in requesting or accepting SovietCross aid we inclined reply Moscow LiCross unavolve involve itself because considers aid entirely between governments. Rush reply UNQUOTE.

cc: Dr. Bunche
Mr. Khiary, Chief Civilian Operations

JP:mm

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PRIORITY

1961 DEC 16 PM 5:49

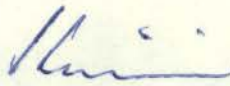
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L EOPOLDVILLE
16 December 1961

UNATIONS NEW YORK

L- 415

SECGEN from LINNER



We received a report from Gaviola that our UN DC-3 N° 202 which was parked at Kamembe airport during night was painted with Katangese stars and following legend QUOTE Mort à l'ONUC - Katanga vaincra UNQUOTE
PARA This morning our tower control operator at Goma intercepted a radio communication between Kamembe control tower and Usumbura CT in which operator in Kamembe told his colleague: QUOTE Nous leur avons joué une bonne blague cette nuit. UNQUOTE
PARA. Fearing further sabotage, plane is being examined by our people in Kamembe and another one was called from Goma to replace it temporarily.
PARA. Suggest strong protest to Ruanda authorities with absolute guarantee of safekeeping our planes at Kamembe.

cc: Dr. Bunche



JP:mm

OUTGOING CODE

ROUTINE

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 414

Following is text of cable sent on sixteenth by Kasavubu to Kennedy :

Quote Suis heureux vous faire part combien Gouvernement et peuple congolais ont apprécié votre appui et prise position concernant opération Nations Unies au Congo stop Vous assure que Gouvernement Central ne cherche aucunement la guerre dans la Province du Katanga stop Mais seule application intégrale résolution Conseil Sécurité pourrait éliminer influence et mercenaires étrangers causes actuelles désordre et troubles au Congo stop Souhaiterais vivement voir continuer l'appui des Etats-Unis aux Nations Unies conformément aux vœux des populations congolaises pour rétablissement de l'ordre et de la légalité . Haute considération. Unquote.

RE/rw

OUTGOING CODE

ROUTINE

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 413

Following is text of a telegram sent on 16th by Bomboko to all of the member countries of the Congo Advisory Committee and also to others. Text reads:
Quote Gouvernement et peuple Congolais se voient menacés par coalition certains pays cherchent maintenant activement d'empêcher application résolutions Conseil Sécurité stop Des milliers d'êtres humains ont été tués par mercenaires et Gendarmerie Kantagaise au su de l'étranger, des centaines de villages brûlés, des dizaines de milliers de réfugiés fuyant les atrocités Tshombistes sont bombardés journellement au mortier stop Tout cela n'a pas touché les âmes sensibles des colonialistes ni soulevé l'indignation des Chefs d'Etat qui aujourd'hui font chorus pour défendre les valets des intérêts privés stop Le Congo crie : Gare aux conséquences incalculables de cette politique aveugle stop Le Congo n'est ni pour guerre ni pour conquête quelconque mais exige le respect intégrité territoriale et respect résolutions Nations Unies x Devant danger qui menace Nations Unies et Afrique toute entière demandons appui votre Gouvernement stop Haute consideration fullstop - Bomboko - Ministre Affaires Etrangères. Unquote.

c.c. Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

OUTGOING CODE

OK/Row
PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, NEW YORK

From : LINNER, LEO *Linner*

Date : 16 December 1961

Nº : L-412

SECRET

Ivan Smith sent following early this morning (ELLEO 419) QUOTE Red Cross
Senn told Urquhart an hour ago that Tshombe seems to have left his place
and this morning nobody has been able to contact him UNQUOTE

cc/ Dr. Bunche

JP JP:mm

OUTGOING CLEAR

1961 DEC 16 PM 5:28

O.N.U.C.

LEOPOLDVILLE
16 December 1961

UNATIONS NEWYORK

SECGEN from BUNCHE

L- 411

Following a suggestion by me to MacEoin that appeal to gendarmes on purely military level might be helpful, two steps have been taken. First, on fifteenth message from MacEoin was broadcast in Swahili, Lingala and French as reported in Elleo 407 ^{to Caruthers.} Second, a leaflet is being printed in same languages in 30,000 copies, 10,000 of which are being flown to Eville tonight. Leaflet appeal from MacEoin reads :
Quote

Proclamation

Gendarmes and Para-Commandos in Katanga !

This is an appeal to you from the Commander of the United Nations Force in the Congo. The UN Force wages no war against you - we have nothing against you ! We come here to help you ! We want to maintain law and order here. We must, of course, have freedom of movement, and we will fight for it if you make us do so. If you fight us, we will win because we have the strength to win - both in the air and on the ground. We know that you have been incited against the United Nations by some of your leaders who care only for their own gain. They are not really interested in you or the Congo. They are willing to sacrifice your lives and lead Katanga to destruction. But will they themselves face danger ? The United Nations wishes first to restore peace and order in Katanga. The United Nations wishes to see Congolese officers

commanding and leading Congolese soldiers. The United Nations is against your being led by foreign mercenaries who have no interest in you, in your Army or in Katanga. The mercenaries care only for the money they can gain from misleading you as they are now doing. Whom are the mercenaries serving? Not you. Who are their masters? Not the Congolese people.

As a soldier myself, I assure you that the United Nations will treat you and respect you as soldiers if you cooperate with us. Do not fire on United Nations soldiers and you will not be fired upon by us ! We shall honour this pledge strictly.

I repeat that the UN Force in the Congo is not waging war against you. We do not seek to conquer Katanga. We do not seek to impose on you any particular political régime. We seek to bring back peace and order, so that all Congolese can work out their problems peacefully together, with equal rights and full liberty for all.

Turn over to us the foreign mercenaries who are leading you to destruction !

Do not listen to the propaganda of politicians who make up lies about the aims and actions of the UN !

Help us to bring back peace and prosperity to your country !
Unquote.

Copies of leaflets will be distributed in all areas of gendarmerie concentrations.

RJB

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Priority
~~ROUTINE~~

To : SEGGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 410

Following received from Gaviola quote Radio Usumbura 8 pm local said Tshombe would be disposed to meet Prime Minister quote Dans les prochaines heures unquote. Premier told me he is willing to receive him here quote Mais a condition qu'il doit eliminer tous les mercenaires unquote. We would offer full guarantees for such meeting. Premier plans to return Sunday, but would remain until Monday if necessary unquote.

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : RIKHYE, New York
From : BUNCHE, Léopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 409

1. Reference to 8811 and further to L-389. In response my inquiry MacBain from Eville sends following: Quote Eye consider that we should reinstate the order for the armoured cars. Whether situation in Katanga resolved or not they will be extremely useful particularly if manpower strength of force decreases. The casualties among UN armoured cars have not been replaced by the providing countries. Unquote.
2. I endorse the request and hope you will do all possible to expedite delivery. I believe these vehicles could actually prove in time to be an economy in sense requiring less manpower. Our experience in Katanga demonstrates that Congolese armoured cars carry much heavier armour than ONUC's ADC's and Ferrets.

OUTGOING CODE

ROUTINE

To : SEEGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 408

Reference your 8805 and my followup on it to Elisabethville following message has been received from Smith and Raja quote *F*ully appreciate your message. No-one in this HQ in contact with press Eville oma although believe one telephone line still open Swedish Bn. Raja has instructed along lines dictated from NewYork and all ranks have been reminded that spokesmen in Eville are Ivansmith and Urquhart. Following instructions issued all units this morning quote *N*oticed that unit commanders have been giving statements to press which is violation all existing orders on subject. With immediate effect no statements will be given press without prior approval this HQ irrespective of nationality involved unquote. These orders repeated this evening with firm ruling that no statements of any kind will be given by any UN personnel to press unquote.

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

PRIORITY

OUTGOING CODE

To : SECRETARY GENERAL, New York
From : BUNCH, LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 407

Reference your 8869. Will pursue matter further with Adoula
on question of Senghor on his return but message just received from
Prime Minister at Bukavu states : Quote Médiation Senghor inutile..
Unquote.

OUTGOING CODE

OK / *Handwritten signature*

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 406

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SECRET

1. Depreux had approached us yesterday with request similar to your 8834.
2. We told him we felt his search for Olivet would undoubtedly be much more successful if he went to Eville through Rhodesia pointing out he might face animosity on part of Katangese if arriving with UN plane and establishing himself in UN Headquarters.
3. Depreux fully concurred in this viewpoint and telephoned Boissier this morning who notwithstanding confirmed he should start his inquiry at UN HQ in Eville and go there by most direct route, i.e. UN.
4. Arrangements have now been made for Depreux to go to Eville with our first available plane tomorrow morning and Ivan Smith, Raja have been informed his arrival and requested to give him all practicable and possible assistance. Please inform Boissier accordingly.

JP/rt

OUTGOING CLEAR

1961 DEC 16 PM 1:20
O.N.U.C.

PRIORITY

LEOPOLDVILLE
16 December 1961

UNATIONS NEW YORK

L- 405

SECGEN from LINNER



Reur 8802 and further to our other cables this morning Ivan Smith in his
EL Leo 421 now reports quote The food convoy into Square Uvira left here at
10:30 a.m. led by Colonel Maitra of the Ghurkas in a jeep cma a small
armed escort, Senn of Red Cross and Greek Consul and Paul Wiis from ONUC
stop Convoy fired on from civilian house stop Many rounds fired but no
casualties stop Convoy had to turn back stop Since Permanent Representative
in Belgium had asked in Note Verbale dated December twelve for aid to those
civilians you might wish provide this further detail stop We are urgently
discussing other means of getting food to the civilians stop Incidentally
undoubtedly illuminating example for Consul and Red Cross Representative
to experience what happens when ONUC troops move in civilian areas stop
Convoy included an ambulance which was shot at stop".

JP/rt

PRIORITY

1961 DEC 16 PM 1:21

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SECGEN from LINNER

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Rajput

Reported that Swedish Battalion now in Camp Massart. Details later. Unquote.

(This sentence sent at 1150 Z to-day).

JP/jg

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PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE/LINER, Leopoldville
Date : 16 December 1961
No. : L- 403

Reference your 8842.

Following message was transmitted to Ivan Smith morning 16th:

"1. SECGEN informs that Swedish envoys in London, Paris and Washington have called on those Governments to make a joint demarche to Tshombe for release of ONUC prisoners held in Eville. Government of Sweden wishes a similar appeal be made by UN if only as a gesture. They feel UN request on behalf of Secgen could be transmitted to Tshombe through Swedish Vice Consul with whom you are in touch.

"2. Therefore ask Swedish Vice Consul to convey an appeal on behalf of the Secretary General to Mr Tshombe which in substance includes the following points:

"A. Request the release of the prisoners as an act of humanity and compassion, especially since these men were not engaged in any fighting activity.

"B. Assurance is given that these prisoners when released would also be released from further service with ONUC and would be repatriated immediately. They could be turned over to the Swedish Vice Consul, to the International Red Cross, to any one of the Consuls in Elisabethville or to the UN for repatriation or they could be escorted to the frontier and released there. The modalities for their release and repatriation could be worked out in consultations amongst some or all of the Consuls and Mr Tshombe.

"3. Please expedite and advise ^{taken.} ~~when action could take place.~~"

cc. Dr. Bunche.

RB/cc

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ROUTINE

To : SECGEN, New York

From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville

Date : 16 December 1961

No. : L- 402

Thanks your 8843. Will follow line you indicate~~x~~.

cc. Dr. Bunche

RB/cc

OUTGOING CODE

ROUTINE

To : NARASIMHAN, New York

From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville

Date : 16 December 1961

No. : L- 401

I consider it advisable to have Sherry alerted for possible quick call to come out here to act especially as my French-speaking ~~message~~ mouthpiece should need develop. My inadequacy in spoken French is notorious.

cc. Dr. Bunche.

RB/cc

OUTGOING CODE

PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York

From : LINNER, Léo

Date : 16 Dec 61

Nº : L- 398 / 399 / 400

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Linner
SECRET

Following from Ivan Smith - ELLED 406 & 408 - (Sent afternoon of 15 December):

Quote -

Had tricky 80 min meeting British Consul Dunnnett and Int Red Cross representative Melcher. Urquhart also anticipated visiting reps clearly very tense and reflecting that Eli civs distraught by mortar fire and in some area such as Squvire cut off from food and water. At start of meeting atmosphere and direct and indirect remarks reflected bitter anti UN feeling which stemmed from attitude in Eli. By end of meeting we had made such dent in that attitude that British Consul and Swiss Rep both formally stated they were impressed by sincerity of our approach and manner in which they had been received and heard. Main summary of points covered: 1) they gave location where mortars fell during last night and we made it abundantly clear many were out of our range. Dunnnett himself said last night's bangs seemed louder and heavier, which we also noticed here. Both Consuls acknowledged many cases cited involved return of fire against mobile Kat mortars. Dunnnett in some 4 or 5 cases of describing mortar fire acknowledged on each occasion cited that mobile Kat mortar had fired in first instance and that return fire from unknown source came later. We suggested representations be made to Tshombe to prevent mobile mortars firing from Civ area when return fire must ordinarily be expected. 2) Pattern events they described involved more hospitals or similar non military targets and more Consuls houses than law of averages permits. British Consul registered formal protest because rocket fire from Canberra alleged

L-399 to have hit road outside French Consulate. Portuguese Consular house said to have been half demolished last night by mortar. It was added Portuguese Consul agreed he was unable prevent gendarmes using his garden Blvd. Astrid as base for mortar fire on ONUC HQ. Italian Consul, whose house was damaged several days ago by mortar reported through Dunnett another mortar hit house last night. Melcher on behalf of Redcross registered fact more mortars had fallen on African hospital adjoining Camp Massart but this time on new section to which it is claimed victims from old hospital had been evacuated from mortar fire on 6 Dec. Dunnett indicated among victims was Lady, British citizen, living several doors from Portuguese Consulate. In reply I first expressed deep regret and sympathy with victims of situation unsought by us and immediately registered fact that mortars dropping in town must not be assumed to be from ONUC. Indicated none of us could exclude possibility extreme mercenary elements were exploiting situation and further inflame population. Mobile Kat mortars near consulates and other civ area also significant. ~~Makika~~ Consuls suggested both sides renounce use of mortars but our military do not think this acceptable at present time.

I reminded Consuls that our international group under constant attack and our operations still largely in self defence but moving to restore freedom of movement and then law and order. Reminded them our convoys still under fire and many people lost or missing for whom we all must account to Governments and UN. At this point Swiss representatives claimed that Swedes had attacked several empty houses in Belair district on different occasions during past few days. He claimed they deliberately fired bazooka to enter empty house quote with the sole purpose of obtaining food and whiskey unquote and they were picking out empty houses daily in this way for that purpose. I told him very firmly that I refused to accept this suggestion and presumed people spreading such stories did not realize ONUC forces were protecting them. I gave a graphic account how ONUC forces particularly Swedes who had just been maligned were

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holding refugee camp situation miraculously in check and if this was not in the interest of Evilles population we did not know what was. Point well taken and seemed to change tone of meeting. I went on to describe restraint shown by Raja and all senior officers in face of shielding behind civilians campaign and reminded them how events had shown our determination keep fighting far from civilians centres as possible. Other points British Consul spoke of machine-gunning 2 cars belonging to British subjects golf course area. Damage to cars but no casualties. Swiss representative said that quote phosphorous unquote bombs have been dropped by 1 party or another. He went on to say that these have been used in Budapest etc. We denied that UN has used phosphorous mortars or rockets. The problem of refugee trains was touched upon. We insisted that we must know 6 hours in advance if possible and not less than 4 hours time and composition of refugee or food trains for civilian population which will have to be vouched for and supervised by international Redcross. Arranged for further meeting at 1400 LT between Urquhart and ^{SEN} sent to work out practical details joint cooperation Eville evacuation and train or aircraft away from Eville. British Consul then tried raise question general cease fire. I made it quickly clear that this question had been raised by British Government with SECGEN according to radio and that it could only complicate matters if we began any such discussion here. Emphasized that I was only authorized to discuss at this stage local arrangements. British Consul wanted me to define the extent of freedom of movement sought. I said it was defined by the Security Council resolutions and constitutional arrangements made for ONU operations here and I was not prepared to discuss further. He was trying to see if we would limit ourselves to specific routes which he thought would be negotiable with Katangese. I am sure he is right. Unquote.

cc: Force Cmdr.

JP/jg

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PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York

From : LINNER, Léo *Linn*

Date : 16 Dec 61

Nº : L- 397

SECRET

Following despatched by Ivan Smith early this morning (ELLE0418): Quote

So far so good. Ethiopians took Lido 0430 and are now engaged cutting Kipushi road. Sector B reports Irish Battalion "Have seized the tunnel". Swedish battalions move against Camp Massart impeded by heavy rain. It has been raining steadily all morning and mud reduces mobility. Will keep reporting as details arrive." Unquote.

Q cc: Force Cmdr.

JP/jg

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LEOPOLDVILLE

16 Dec 61

UNATIONS NEWYORK

L- 396

SECGEN from LINNER

1961 DEC 16 PM 1:10

O.N.U.C.

Reur 8827 following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 413) : Quote

We have at present no news of the 3 Belgians mentioned but are making inquiries. To say that the Square Uvira was quote Occupé par les services de l'ONU unquote gives a strangely peaceful picture of the situation in that area where the gendarmerie have constantly fired on the UN Troops. We are now in touch on regular basis daily with Sen of Redcross who has not yet mentioned these names. Inquiries will be pressed urgently. Unquote.

JP/jg

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SECRET

TO : SECGEN, NEW YORK
FROM : LINNER, LEOPOLDOVILLE
DATE : 16 DECEMBER, 1961
NO : L- 395

Min

Re your 8802. Following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 412).

Quote. Point A. Food for civilians at Square Uvira; joint arrangements had been made with ONUC and Red Cross before note verbale received here. Will take up points B and C at our daily meeting with Red Cross. Our Elleo 409 shows that we are also assisting other civilian evacuations. Unquote.

Elleo 409 being transmitted separately.

JP/jf

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TO : SEGEN, NEW YORK
FROM : LINNER, LEOPOLDVILLE
DATE : 16 DECEMBER, 1961
NO : L- 394

Lin

Following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 409).

Quote. In further conversation with Seen of Redcross at 2 PM Urquhart discussed following 1 further efforts to find Olivet 2 evacuation arrangement A Squvira did not recommend evacuation but will cooperate with Redcross for giving food, water and medical supplies between 10 and 12 on 16 December B evacuation of area near tunnel. explained this area not under our control, but UN troops in area will hold fire between 2 and 4 PM tomorrow 16 December provided they are not fired upon from area being evacuated 3 banning of mortars. Gave no Undertaking UN would renounce mortars but did not resent Redcross Rep taking this up with Kat if he wished 4 trains. Agreed with Senn that he keep us informed also proposed trains, with detailed timings and at least 4 hours notice of departure from Rhodesia. Bordein asked Redcross organise search of all trains for arms and ammunition, especially if freight trains required 5. Agreed discuss Baluba Camp later. Unquote.

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PRIORITY

To : SECGEN, New York

From : LINNER, Léo

Date : 15 Dec 61

Nº : L- 393

15 DEC 15 PM 7:31

O.N.U.C.

Reur 8828 following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 411): Quote

To the best of our knowledge residence of French Consul General is in the immediate area of roundabout at airport road where para-commando road-block was the basis of the current hostilities. This area was for several days scene of heavy fighting and UN troops there had been submitted for many days to very heavy fire especially mortar fire (for example 140 mortar bombs fell on the coy holding this roundabout this very afternoon). It is extremely regrettable that Consul General residence should have been damaged ^{but} ~~by~~ flat statement that this damage was from mortar fire of UN troops cannot be justified in view of heavy fire exchanged in this area. As soon as it is possible detailed inquiry into state of house and nature of damage will be made. Unquote.

cc: Force Commander

JP/jg

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OK
J. Frank

To : SECGEN, New York

From : LINNER, Léo

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Date : 15 Dec 61

Nº : L- 392

SECRET

1. Prime Minister went to Bukavu with Air Congo and arrived safely there at 1600 Z.
2. He is planning to return on Sunday although U.S. Embassy is pressing him to return earlier. ~~Adoula~~
3. Adoula has requested Lundula to meet him in Bukavu tomorrow.

JP/jg

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ROUTINE
SECRET

To : SECGEN, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 15 December 1961
No. : L-391

Min

Would appreciate receiving text of UK cease-fire request.

RJB

cc: Dr. Bunche

RJB/rt

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ROUTINE

LEOPOLDVILLE
15 December 61

1501 DEC 15 PM 5:17

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SEGEN from LINER



Following received from Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister: Quote
Veuillez notifier bref délai organisation locales et forces armées Nations
Unies Congo que protection et intérêts ressortissants turcs résident Congo.
Dorénavant confiés Ambassade et Consulats République Fédérale Allemagne.
Consentement Gouvernement Léopoldville déjà obtenu. Haute considération.
Unquote.



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ROUTINE

To : RIKHYE, New York
From : BUNCHE, Leopoldville
Date : 15 December 1961
No. : L - 389

✓ **SECRET**

Reference your 8811. Yacob and Gupta wish question referred to
Maceoin at Eville and I am doing so. Will advise you soonest.

RJB

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OK for me

TO : SECGEN, New York
FROM : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 15 December 1961
No. : L- 388

Kindu

SECRET

Following received morning 15 December from Chairman ONUC Kindu
Commission: QUOTE

Une première séance de travail a eu lieu ce jour de 1500 à 1800 heures entre Commission ONUC au complet d'une part et deux membres seulement Commission congolaise d'autre part, les deux autres n'étant pas encore arrivés à Stan. La visite protocolaire à Gizenga ayant été décidée un des membres de la Commission congolaise a été chargé d'obtenir auprès de cette personnalité un rendez-vous. Gizenga a refusé de recevoir les membres de la Commission de l'ONUC et a déclaré qu'il s'oppose à ce que les 29 prisonniers militaires soient entendus et à ce que l'enquête soit menée à Kindu sous prétexte que bien d'autres Congolais et Onusiens ont été tués ou massacrés sans que des commissions d'enquête soient désignées pour ces cas de l'espèce qu'il s'étonne que l'on s'attache particulièrement à l'affaire des 13 aviateurs seulement et que l'on néglige d'autres crimes. Gizenga a déclaré qu'il se dégage toute responsabilité de ce qui pourrait advenir aux membres de la Commission mixte au cours de leur travail, soit à Stan soit à Kindu, et qu'il estime que leur déplacement à Kindu n'est pas nécessaire. Le Président de la Commission congolaise a été chargé de prendre l'attaché du Général Lundulla pour recueillir sa position à ce sujet et il sera reçu par lui demain matin. Ce premier compte-rendu est destiné à vous faire part des premières difficultés obtenues. UNQUOTE

c.c. Mr. G. Wattles
GW/mb

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LEOPOLDVILLE
15 DEC 61

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SECGEN from LINNER

ROUTINE

1961 DEC 15 PM 4:17

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Following is text of allocution made by Vice-Premier Ministre

Sendwe in Albertville on 7 December: Quote

Mesdames, Messieurs, Chers compatriotes,

Me voici de nouveau parmi vous. Cette fois-ci je vous arrive, non seulement comme leader du parti, mais également comme Commissaire Général Extraordinaire en même temps que Vice-Premier Ministre du Gouvernement Central.

En effet, suite à la situation trouble dans la Province du Katanga un état d'exception a été décrétée par le Gouvernement sur toute l'étendue de la province et j'ai été désigné pour assurer conjointement avec Messieurs Shabani André et Mukalay Jean, les hautes fonctions de Commissaire général extraordinaire.

Mon but en arrivant ici est d'installer progressivement à travers toute l'étendue de la province une administration fidèle au gouvernement légal de la république, en même temps qu'aider à la relance de l'économie.

C'est donc dans un but de pacification et de redressement que je viens à vous, et non pour me venger comme d'aucuns auraient pu le croire. Je tends une main fraternelle à tous, Européens comme Congolais pour redonner à cette belle province, la place de choix qui lui revient.

Dans le cadre de la mission qui m'a été confiée par le gouvernement central, j'ai été chargé comme dit ci-dessus, d'installer une administration. Je vais donc procéder à la mise en place de fonctionnaires et, croyez-moi mes chers compatriotes mon but, mon seul but est de confier des responsabilités à des personnes jugées capables au mépris de toute discrimination ethnique ou tribale.

Ceux qui il y a quelques mois encore ont participé de gré ou de force, à l'administration partisane du gouvernement rebelle de Monsieur Tshombé auront l'occasion d'apprécier en moi, un homme intègre et honnête. Si parmi eux certains veulent encore collaborer, ma main leur reste tendue.

Voici donc dans les grandes lignes la politique que je compte appliquer dans le cadre de l'installation de l'administration.

Et maintenant je m'adresse aux militaires.

Officiers, Sous Officiers, Gradés et Soldats,

Notre pays est indépendant depuis le 30 juin 1960. A partir de cette date, nous avons acquis notre pleine souveraineté et je suis heureux de reconnaître qu'à cette noble lutte, les militaires ont pris largement leur part.

Depuis le 30 juin, nous sommes maîtres de notre pays.

Le gouvernement central que j'ai l'honneur de représenter est l'émanation d'un vote de confiance unanime des représentants du peuple.

Pour accomplir sa mission, le gouvernement doit s'appuyer sur son administration, sa police, sa gendarmerie et son armée. Votre rôle est donc bien d'aider le gouvernement à réinstaurer l'ordre et assurer la sécurité tant aux nationaux qu'aux étrangers.

Le soldat doit protéger et non démolir. A Léopoldville, comme un peu partout ailleurs, l'armée doit faire l'honneur de la nation. Les soldats obéissent à leurs chefs hiérarchiques tout comme l'administration se soumet à la politique du gouvernement.

N'êtes-vous pas fiers de cet exemple de discipline, de cet esprit d'écivisme qui doit honorer notre pays à travers le monde entier? N'êtes-vous pas contents de

voir cette population, dont la protection vous a été confiée, vaquer librement à ses occupations journalières ? N'êtes-vous pas enfin consolés de voir ce beau pays qui est le nôtre recouvrir progressivement la paix et accueillir les bras tendus tous ceux qui veulent nous aider ? Je suis convaincu que vous pensez comme moi et qu'il ne vous manque plus que l'occasion de faire ce que je vous dis.

Officiers, Sous-Officiers, Gradés et Soldats,

Je suis chargé dans le cadre de ma mission, de faire respecter l'ordre et la sécurité à travers toute la province. C'est donc à vous que je ferai appel; de grâce ne démeritez pas de ma confiance.

Et maintenant je m'adresse aux européens. Il faut qu'avec mon retour ici, la vie reprenne comme par le passé. Ce qui a été démolit doit être reconstruit. Les sociétés qui ont dû fermer leurs portes, par manque de sécurité pour le personnel, doivent compter sur mon entière collaboration.

Le Gouvernement que je représente a été taxé par certaines personnes, comme étant d'obédience communiste. Vous verrez par vous-mêmes si ces déclarations sont réelles. Nous avons opté pour une politique de non-alignement et nous entendons nous y conformer. Les récentes résolutions de la Chambre des représentants pour la reprise des relations diplomatiques avec la Belgique ne sont-elles pas une preuve tangible de notre détermination d'entretenir des relations d'amitié avec n'importe quel pays ? Il faut cependant que je vous dise clairement ce que je pense.

Nombre d'erreurs ont été commises par certains d'entre vous qui ont voulu manifester un zèle particulier pour ce pays en voulant s'imiscer dans des affaires politiques. La crise que traverse ce pays est dû en grande partie aux influence étrangères, il est temps que vous compreniez que vous êtes dans ce pays soit pour vous occuper de vos propres affaires, soit pour aider le gouvernement de la république.

Notre confiance vous est acquise dans la mesure où vous pourrez nous convaincre que vous êtes dans ce pays pour travailler et non pour détruire.

Je puis, sans crainte d'être contredit vous déclarer solennellement que c'est là le vœux du Chef de l'état, du chef du gouvernement, et de moi-même.

Pour en terminer, je m'adresse à vous, mes chers compatriotes, j'ai été fort impressionné de l'accueil qui m'a été réservé lors de mon arrivée hier, dans cette localité.

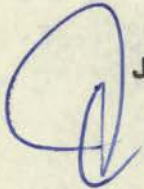
BALUBA, BATABWA, LUNDA, BEMBA, BAHOLOHOLD, BAHEMBA, BASONGE, BASANGA, BALAMBA, TSHOKWE, NDEMBO, BAKONGO et BANGALA, toute la grande famille congolaise s'est réunie (hier) pour me témoigner ses sentiments d'indéfectible attachement à l'unité du Congo. Le gouvernement central est votre gouvernement, il combat pour l'unité du Congo et la prospérité de ses habitants. Faites lui confiance, écoutez ses conseils et vous serez sauvés. Travaillez à la reconstruction nationale, cultivez le coton travaillez avec ardeur dans les usines, obéissez à vos chefs, tant congolais qu'européens. La vie du Congo dépend de votre travail. N'attendez pas que les mannes vous tombent du ciel, c'est là une référence qui remonte d'ailleurs à la Bible.

Nous devons sortir de l'économie de subsistance et participer au circuit extérieur. Nous devons exporter nos produits pour récupérer des devises étrangères indispensables à l'achat des biens de consommation et du matériel d'équipement. Voyez comment nos magasins sont vides, c'est parce qu'il nous manque des devises étrangères pour relancer les importations. Or Albertville, a le privilège de se trouver comme par hasard en même temps à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur de la République du Congo.

Avec le reste du pays, il est rattaché par une voie ferrée. Avec l'extérieur, il est relié par une splendide mer intérieure qui lui donne un cachet particulier et un centre de prédilection pour le tourisme. Voilà ce que vous réserve votre belle province si tout le monde se donnait la main. Voilà ce que vous promet votre Commissaire Général Extraordinaire ainsi que ses adjoints si vous leur témoignez confiance.

Vive la République du Congo.

Vive l'Unité nationale. UNQUOTE



JP/jg

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PRIORITY

TO : SECGEN, New York
FROM : LINNER, Leopoldville
Date : 15 December 1961
No. : L- 386

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SECRET

ELLEO 403

Following from Ivan Smith: QUOTE

Until reinforcements had arrived military situation here per force static. Was terrible frustrating to have to take mortaring and sniping until enough reinforcements were in position to secure freedom of movement by clearing snipers and occupying areas from which ONUC attacked. Further delayed initially by unavoidable circumstances which brought portions of different battalions instead of 1 complete battalion at a time. We were mortared heavily again yesterday evening and a Dornier bombed airport area. Now with reinforcements we have from last night the flexibility for securing freedom of movement and protection. Gorkha Coy previously tied down holding positions were actively clearing sites and parallel roads from which fire was being directed on ONUC convoys and HQ since operations began. That clearing work went according to plan and today the route HQ to airport should be cleared. Another coy of Gorkhas moved out and occupied without opposition high ground few kms from here important to general linking operations. Next 24 hrs other sectors will be similarly active following Force Commander Raja planning conference yesterday and shall result effective perimeter control. Fully appreciate political time factors. Kat tactics using civilians as shield further cause for delays but can assure you that all operations so far current and future solidly taking into account on ways and means sparing civilians and town. As from this morning we are broadcasting continuously without propaganda simply asking civilians

remain calm and passive to facilitate ONUC's restoration law and order
in their interests UNQUOTE

 c.c. Force Commander

SL/mb

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ROUTINE

LEOPOLDVILLE

15 December 1961

1961 DEC 15 PM 12:30

O. N. U. C.

UNATIONS NEWYORK

L-385

SECGEN from LINNER

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Following monitored text of Adoula's speech broadcasted last night:

"Mes chers concitoyens! Depuis la formation du gouvernement que j'ai l'honneur de diriger, nous n'avons jamais cessé de proclamer que le respect de la loi fondamentale et de la légalité républicaine est la seule voie valable pour permettre à notre pays de sortir de l'impasse où l'ont laissé 80 ans de colonisation. Nous avons appelé tous les hommes de bonne volonté, tous les vrais patriotes à assurer le triomphe de la légalité. Nous avons été heureux de constater que presque toutes les provinces et tous les hommes qui ont à coeur la défense de la patrie ont répondu à notre appel et se sont joints au gouvernement central pour l'aider dans son immense tâche de redressement national.

Congolaises et Congolais, vous savez que seuls les dirigeants de la province du Katanga ont choisi la voie de la dissidence et ont refusé de s'intégrer à la communauté nationale. Vous savez aussi que si Tshombé a préféré la sécession, c'est sous l'influence et sur les conseils de groupes financiers connus qui veulent maintenir leur domination économique sur le pays et qui n'ont pas encore accepté l'Indépendance que nous avons acquise au prix de tant de sacrifices.

Mes chers concitoyens! Ce sont ces mêmes intérêts qui ont poussé les gendarmes de Tshombé aux actes les plus odieux contre les forces de l'ONU, contre les soldats de votre Armée Nationale, contre la population civile restée fidèle au gouvernement central. Le Katanga que certains ont voulu présenter comme une oasis de paix est depuis près de dix-huit mois à feu et à sang. Des villages entiers sont brûlés, les patriotes sont pourchassés, des milliers de nos frères vivent dans des camps à Elisabethville et sont l'objet de bombardements odieux de la part des mercenaires de Tshombé.

Ce sont ces mêmes mercenaires et les groupes financiers qui les soutiennent qui mènent la lutte contre le gouvernement de la République. Ces derniers jours les gendarmes dont Tshombé a pratiquement perdu le contrôle ont attaqué et molesté les représentants de l'ONU, ont violé le domicile de paisibles citoyens et ont semé la terreur dans une population désarmée. Les forces de l'ONU qu'on a tenté d'isoler et ^{D'ASPHIXIER} ~~par~~ ont été obligées de riposter et de se défendre. Pendant de longs mois, nos frères du Katanga ont été martyrisés. La dignité de nos concitoyens foulée aux pieds par une gendarmerie sous les ordres de mercenaires sanguinaires qui ne peuvent vivre que dans le sang et le carnage. Pendant tout ce temps alors que certains de nos frères vivaient dans un enfer de violence et de haine raciale, certaines puissances ont préféré se taire et parfois même encourager une oppression fondée sur la défense des intérêts matériels.

Aujourd'hui, alors que la nation entière sous la conduite du gouvernement a décidé de libérer nos frères ^{DE} ~~sous~~ l'emprise de ces mercenaires et de rétablir la légalité républicaine, aujourd'hui ces mêmes puissances protestent contre les opérations actuellement en cours et réclament un cessez-le-feu. Comment peuvent-elles exiger de nous l'arrêt des opérations alors qu'elles n'ont pas cessé de soutenir par tous les moyens la sécession de la province katangaise. N'est-ce pas ces mêmes puissances qui ont fourni à Tshombé les armes et les mercenaires alors qu'à la Tribune de l'Organisation des Nations Unies elles déclarent approuver l'action de l'Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo et appuyer le gouvernement central. Le monde et l'histoire jugeront cette duplicité. ^{CES PUISSANCES} ~~Depuis quand~~ ne savent-elles pas qu'elles n'ont qu'un mot à dire pour que Tshombé retourne à la légalité et cesse sa politique de division nationale. Les peuples du monde entier n'ignorent pas que ce sont ces mêmes puissances qui sont responsables des massacres actuels et des souffrances qu'endure le peuple congolais. Ils savent aussi qu'il suffirait que ces puissances retirent leur soutien à Tshombé pour que le Congo retrouve la paix.

Congolaises et Congolais, quelle que soit l'attitude future de ces puissances, le gouvernement conscient de la mission qui lui a été impartie par la nation est décidé à mettre tout en oeuvre pour réduire la sécession katangaise et assurer le retour à la légalité dans toutes les parties de la République. Fort de votre appui, il ne reculera devant aucun sacrifice pour assurer le retour de la province du Katanga dans la communauté

nationale. Toutes les dispositions ont été prises pour cela. Congolaises et Congolais, le gouvernement ne faillira pas à la mission que vous lui avez confiée. Le Gouvernement proclame cependant d'une manière solennelle que ni lui, ni l'Organisation des Nations Unies n'ont l'intention de faire la guerre au Katanga. Il affirme que ni lui ni l'ONU n'ont des intentions hostiles à l'égard de nos frères katangais. A aucun moment, nous n'avons voulu la guerre, à aucun moment nous n'avons cherché à plonger notre peuple dans les souffrances d'une guerre civile, nous n'avons fait que nous défendre contre les attaques de mercenaires et les provocations de la gendarmerie katangaise. ~~J'affirme~~ ^{J'affirme} que nous n'avons d'autre but que le retour de l'ordre et de la légalité. Nous n'avons d'autres intentions que de permettre à tous les habitants de ce pays de vivre dans la paix, la liberté et la prospérité. Nous n'avons jamais négligé et ne négligerons aucune ~~chance~~ ^{chance} pour assurer la réconciliation nationale mais nous ne pouvons admettre que cette réconciliation ait pour prix la désintégration de notre République. Nous sommes toujours disposés à rechercher le retour à la paix mais nous ne pouvons tolérer que cette paix se fasse au détriment de l'unité du Congo.

Congolaises et Congolais, le gouvernement se sent fort et peut oeuvrer pour la réalisation ~~de nos objectifs~~ ^{DE NOS OBJECTIFS} parce qu'il sait qu'il peut compter sur votre soutien.

Mes chers concitoyens, je ne voudrais pas terminer sans adresser à l'Organisation des Nations Unies et à tous les peuples qui nous soutiennent l'expression de notre ~~reconnaissance et notre~~ gratitude pour les sacrifices qu'ils endurent et l'aide qu'ils nous apportent pour sauvegarder notre unité et notre indépendance. Les peuples d'Asie et d'Afrique dont certains ont souffert des mercenaires que nous combattons aujourd'hui, ne peuvent ignorer que la réussite de l'Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo est le garant de leur propre indépendance.

Congolaises et Congolais, la République traverse une époque particulièrement grave de son histoire. Nos frères souffrent et meurent par suite de l'aveuglement et de l'égoïsme de certains. Mais comme vous avez triomphé des difficultés précédentes, vous surmonterez aussi cette épreuve. Ensemble, nous ferons taire certains égoïsmes, nous mettrons un frein à certains appétits, nous parviendrons à faire de notre Congo un pays moderne et fort. Congolaises et Congolais, je ne voudrais pas non plus terminer sans adresser à mes compatriotes du Katanga quelques mots sur l'objectif que nous

poursuivons dans cette région du pays. Ce n'est pas dans un but de conquête que nous avons envoyé l'Armée Nationale au Katanga parce que le Katanga n'est pas un territoire étranger et qu'il est toujours resté une province congolaise. C'est d'abord pour y ramener la légalité et ensuite pour vous délivrer du régime d'oppression tshombiste. Ce n'est pas non plus dans le but de vous imposer un régime politique quelconque que nous mènerons l'opération de ^{POLICE} ~~politique~~ jusqu'au bout. Notre intention ^{QUI} ~~se~~ cadre avec vos aspirations ^{EST} ~~et~~ de laisser vos institutions fonctionner librement dans le respect de la loi fondamentale qui régit le pays tout entier. Population congolaise du Katanga, le gouvernement est de coeur avec vous dans vos épreuves, le gouvernement sympathise avec les veuves et les orphelins de ceux qui sont tombés victimes de l'inconscience de certains de vos dirigeants. ^{QUAND} ~~Comme~~ Munongo déclare, nous mourrons mais nous ne négocierons jamais, " Il sait qu'il est à l'abri du danger, lui, ses collègues ainsi que les membres de leur famille. Il sait aussi que les victimes seront faites parmi ^{LES} ~~la~~ population. Ceci, vous le savez aussi. Votre devoir est de renoncer à faire la guerre contre l'ONU et contre l'Armée Nationale Congolaise qui viennent ~~pour~~ vous délivrer. Vous n'avez pas le droit de soutenir une cause qui sert des intérêts privés et étrangers. Je compte sur votre conscience nationale et sur votre civisme pour que vive le Congo et la République unifiée."

Immediately after making his speech Adoula phoned Bunche and me and read over to us its principal passages. He also told us he had received a phone call from Gbenye who congratulated him on the above text.

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Following from Ivan Smith (ELLEO 393): Quote

Met inside Gurkhu lines Dean Consular Corps ^{OK} Portugal's Medina and Italian Consul Natali by previous arrangement for general exchange local situation and arrangement clear that Olivet case had been impressed on them as UN action. They had been told by Tshombé's office that Olivet had regular arrangement for meeting 9AM and 2 PM and was last seen 2 PM visiting our HQ I gave them story as already reported to you. They also described mortars dropping in town at places which from separate technical cable you will see could not have been fired by ONUC. Other evidence psychological warfare from Kat side include early morning 13th Kat Forces and Redcross workers in jeeps about 3 AM roused all people in residential area including Italian Consul and wife and urged them to leave since UN was about to attack area. Last night some mortars were dropped within range. General effect on European population of constant warnings of UN attack is consternation and increased fear ONUC aims. Tshombe and Munongo create great difficulties about refugees leaving Eville and train to Rhodesia first day almost did not get away. Kat now permitting only women and children to leave, have excluded all males even elderly or inform. In 90 mins meeting we exchanged useful practical information, succeeded in making big dent Olivet story by registering our fullest support for courageous work and shock at news. The 2 consuls speaking for Consular Corps and according to them for European community expressed view that contacts Urquhart Smith had made prior operations

convinced them sincerity our purpose. This had been supplemented by Swedish Vice-Consuls report on his meeting with Smith Raja Urquhart. Furthermore fact we had not moved military forces into town was beginning to convince Europeans that military and civil direction was conscious of Eville civilians danger and using maximum restraint in populations interest. I hammered home that Consular Corps through every means available should confirm this and enlist passive support of population to provide setting in which ONUC ensures freedom of movement and restores law and order in common interest. Meeting described mutually as valuable. There was no discussion whatsoever or ceasefire or political context. Medina was going to see Tshombé this afternoon and would register many points we made. Arrangement made continue contacts and tomorrow 1100 local British Consul Dunnett will come on behalf Consular Corps bringing Redcross rep to make practical arrangements for future refugee trains. Since dictating above can confirm there was no daily arrangement for 9 AM and 2 PM visits from Olivet that arrangement was specifically in connection with evacuation of this HQ area several days ago. Unquote.

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