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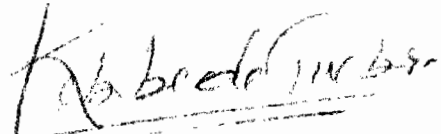
31 August 1962

To: Mr. R. K. A. Gardiner
Officer-in-Charge - ONUC

From: Force Commander - ONUC

Subject: Report from Nigeria Police - Matadi

1. I have received from Mr. T. Omo Bare, Officer Commanding the Nigeria Police Contingent, a report which was forwarded to him by his Officer-in-Charge of the Nigeria Police in Matadi.
2. This report states that wild rumours are circulating in Matadi to the effect that tanks are soon to be landed there for the purpose of being used by the Nigeria Police in an attack on Matadi itself.
3. The report further states that those rumours are creating considerable anxiety in the town and that the Administrator feels very concerned about their possible outcome.
4. The false rumours have their origin, no doubt, in the fact that the 3 QONR are due to arrive soon in Matadi enroute to Luluabourg, to replace the 5 QONR which is due to be repatriated in the near future. The incoming unit, 3 QONR, is equipped with one Squadron of 3 to 4 Ferret scout cars. Doubtless, this is the equipment which is being referred to in the rumours as 'tanks'.
5. The local Administrator is perturbed as to the possible harmful effect of these rumours on the good relations with ONUC. The Nigerian Officer in Matadi gives as a personal opinion that the disturbances are likely to arise when this equipment reaches Matadi Port, despite the fact that he has explained the situation fully to the Chief of the ANC at Matadi.
6. Under these circumstances, he deems it necessary that contact should be made with the Congolese Authorities in Leopoldville in order to have the matter fully clarified in advance. I would therefore request that you take up this matter with the Prime Minister in order that he may take immediate steps to inform the authorities in Matadi of the true position and thereby avert the difficulties which are otherwise likely to arise.


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THE OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
THE NIGERIA POLICE CONTINGENT,
LEOPOLDVILLE.
31st. AUGUST, 1962.

The Force Commander,
ONUC HQ.,
Leopoldville.

WAR MACHINES
3 SCOUT CARS AND AMMUNITION:

I forward herewith, a Copy of report received from
the Officer in-charge the Nigeria Police Matadi which is
self explanatory.

2. I should be grateful if this matter is taken up direct
with the Administrator to avert what might probably result
to a serious situation.

(T. OMO. BARE, DC.)
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
THE NIGERIA POLICE CONTINGENT.

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THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
THE NIGERIA POLICE UNIT,
MATADI.

29th August, 1962.

The Commanding Officer,
The Nigeria Police Contingent,
Leopoldville .

WAR - MACHINES:
" 3 SCOUT CARS AND AMMUNITION"

On the 27th of August at about 1000hours, the Chief of the ANC Matadi called on me and requested for my explanation with regards to the information he has received that three Military Tanks will be arriving for the use of Nigeria Police.

2. As I knew nothing about this I told him that the Nigeria Police do not use arms especially such as stated by him. I told him that I knew nothing about this but he was yet to be convinced. He told me the Administrator felt very concerned about this information and has passed it on to him for necessary action.
3. This rumour has spread all over the town that the Nigeria Police intends to invade Matadi and take possession of the town for ONUC.
4. When he left, I called on the Agent of the shipping line who originated this information . He explained that it was a routine to inform the Congolese authorities of the arrival of War equipments to Matadi. He also explained that he got the information from E.D.Lines Lagos who cabled him to know whether the road was clear for three Scout Cars and not tanks to arrive Matadi for transportation by rail to Leo.
5. It was also gathered that the Italian Ship mentioned in his letter to the Administrator (Copy of which is attached) has refused to convey these War machines to the Congo and that arrangement is now being made to ship same by "s.s. AshantiPalm) one of the E.D.Lines fleet.
6. While I am still endeavouring to clear the false rumour here, it will be necessary to get in touch with the Congolese Authorities in Leo. about this situation so that they can contact the Matadi Authorities, if commotion is to be averted on the arrival of these materials and the soldiers accompanying them.

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7. From my personal observation, it is likely that materials will be seized and the soldiers taken prisoners of, unless something is done now.

8. In the meantime, we are more or less at the dangers cross with the Congolese here and the foundation of friendship already built seems to have been deteriorated by this wild rumour.

(Sgd) (R.B. BAKARE) ASP.,
OFFICER COMMANDING,
THE NIGERIA POLICE UNIT,
MATADI.

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BY:

Drafted by : T. OMO BARE AG.DC.

Authorized COMMANDING OFFICER

Date : 6/6/62

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Copy to:-

R.K. Gardiner Esq.
ONUC HQ., Leo.

The Force Commander, ✓
ONUC HQ., Leo.

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BY:

Drafted by *[Signature]* T. GNS BARE AG.DU.
Authorized **COMMANDING OFFICER**
Date : **6/6/62**

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OPS 3721. FURTHER TO OUR OPS 3713 MAY 11. FORCE COMMANDER'S PARTY
WILL ALSO INCLUDE MAJ GARNEAU, MIL INFORMATION

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cc: MA to Force Comdr
Chief of Staff
Chief Movement Control
Air Ops
Mil Ops
Mil Info

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Authorized : **Maj BP BHALLA**
Date : **Chief Mil Ops**
14 May 62

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MARCH 62 TO 1600 HOURS 20 MARCH 62 STOP NOTHING TO REPORT

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