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THE HONOURABLE JULIUS K NYERERE

PRIME MINISTER

DARESSALAAM (TANGANYIKA)

MOST GRATEFUL YOUR KIND LETTER 20 NOVEMBER INVITING ME TO  
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS OF TANGANYIKA STOP I DEEPLY REGRET  
MY INABILITY TO BE PRESENT IN VIEW OF SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VERY UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE IN REGARD

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TO THIS DIFFICULTY STOP I HAVE DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATION OF  
SENIOR OFFICIALS TO REPRESENT ME AT THESE CELEBRATIONS STOP  
DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF UNDER SECRETARIES BUNCHE AND PROTITCH  
WHO HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED YOUR KIND PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO THEM  
AS ALSO MR GEORGE IVAN SMITH WHOM YOU KNOW STOP

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IN ADDITION MESSRS SYMONDS AND FARYAR WHO ARE ALREADY IN DARESSALAAM  
WILL JOIN DELEGATION STOP I WISH YOUR INDEPENDENCE CELEBRA-  
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TO MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS

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FIVE UN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND TANGANYIKAN INDEPENDENCE  
CELEBRATIONS, REPRESENTING ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL

A delegation of five senior United Nations officials has been named to represent Acting Secretary-General U. Thant at the celebrations marking the accession to independence of Tanganyika, largest of the United Nations trust territories, on 9 December.

The delegation consists of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs; Dr. Dragoslav Protitch, Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories; George Ivan Smith, Acting United Nations Representative in Elisabethville; J. Richard Symonds, Acting Regional Representative of the UN Technical Assistance Board and Director of Special Fund Programs in East Africa; and Abdollah Faryar, Director of the United Nations Information Center in Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of Tanganyika.

The Prime Minister of Tanganyika, Julius K. Nyerere, had invited the Acting Secretary-General to attend the independence celebrations. However, in a message to Mr. Nyerere on 27 November the Acting Secretary-General deeply regretted his inability to attend personally in view of the current session of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters.

In his message, the Acting Secretary-General wished the independence celebrations "all success" and said he hoped to welcome Tanganyika "shortly thereafter to membership in the United Nations." \*

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\* On 6 November, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on the future of Tanganyika (A/RES/1642) recommending that, upon attainment of independence on 9 December, Tanganyika be admitted to United Nations membership.

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