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Albertville, 8 December 1962

To Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations, ONUC, Leo

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Subject Lualaba Bridge in Kongolo

As mentioned in the Sitrep UNCLAS AV-370 that "ONUC Air reconnaissance has shown that two spans of the bridge over the Lualaba have been demolished, reportedly by action of the Katanga gendarmerie.", CFL are extremely concerned since the beginning of the military operations there and wish to have the latest reports on the situation of the above-mentioned bridge. Could it be possible to provide the latest pictures of the bridge showing the demolition of its two spans?

The basic aim of this request is to be able to prepare some implement for repairing the bridge in case traffic is resumed in the future if political and military situation allows it.

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REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
PROVINCE DU NORD-KATANGA

Albertville, le 10 décembre
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CABINET DU MINISTRE DES
AFFAIRES ECONOMIQUES ET
DES CLASSES MOYENNES

N° 457/CAB/AE/62/NAN/NKJ

Monsieur J.M.MAREK
Officier Chargé des Opérations
Administratives ONUC- Albertville

Objet : Transmission
Résolutions des commissions
A et B

Annexe : 2

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre
du 26 novembre 1962.

Conformément à votre demande contenue dans la précitée,
veuillez trouver en annexe copie des résolutions rédigées par
les commissions A et B à l'issue de leur séance.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma parfaite
considération.

POUR LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ECONOMIQUES

LE CHEF DE CABINET

signé: Placide KITUNGWA

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LE CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE

LA COMMISSION "A"

La réunion de la Commission présidée par M. KITUNGWA Placide, Chef de Cabinet du Ministère des Affaires Economiques et des Classes Moyennes du Gouvernement Provincial du Nord-Katanga s'est ouverte jeudi le 22.11.1962 à 9 h.55 dans la salle CINE-CONGO au cours de laquelle plusieurs questions ayant trait à l'économie de la Province ont été délibérées.

Etaient membres de la Commission "A", MM. :

GRANDJEAN	(C.F.L.)
ORBAN	(TRANSCO)
MWANATAMBWE	(KATANGA TRANSCO)
LARDINAOIS	(COTANGA)
DECLERCK	(SEDEC)
BAWILI Jean	(SARMA-CONGO)
KISEBWE E.	(INTERFINA)
MUVUMBU A.	(AGRICULTURE)
MWAMBAIE J.	(S.D.D.)
NEEMA G.	(COGELIN)
STORMAC	(BARMAN)
NKULU F.	(CLASSES MOYENNES)
AMARSHI	(Représentant asiatique)
KAHENG A. J. PL	(ATTACHE DE CABINET)
UMBA A.	(SECRETAIRE au Ministère des TP)

Etaient absents le Gérant de la Banque du Congo et le Représentant de la pêcheerie "KASANGALA"; il y avait également un journaliste.

1°) LE PROBLEME DE RAVITAILLEMENT ET L'APPROVISIONNEMENT NORMAL

Attendu que le ravitaillement de base de la population pour les vivres non importés peut être résolu par deux voies principales :

- Moba (pour haricots et viande notamment)
- Le Bief Supérieur (pour le manioc et le maïs)

La Commission propose dès lors que le Conseil des Ministres étudie la question de l'approvisionnement éventuel en provenance de Moba.

Quant au Bief Supérieur, la Commission recommande d'établir une organisation entre les commerçants, transporteurs et vendeurs de carburants.

2°) LE PROBLEME DE TRANSPORT ET CARBURANTS

Après examen de ce point, la Commission constate qu'il est indispensable de renforcer les moyens de contrôle pour

faire respecter la discipline dans les Installations (ports et gares). Cette question est à la base d'une saine organisation de Transport.

La Commission demande qu'on mette un terme à la réquisition de véhicules destinés à un usage économique comme évacuation du coton dans la région de NYUNZU.

La Commission demande au Conseil des Ministres d'intervenir auprès de l'A.N.C. pour que le ravitaillement de ce dernier en essence se fasse sur quotas spéciaux. De cette manière, les licences obtenues serviraient exclusivement à l'approvisionnement des besoins locaux.

Les besoins seraient couverts par voie de répartition dans l'ordre suivant :

- 1) les grosses entreprises qui assurent la vie économique de la province et les organismes gouvernementaux
- 2) les commerçants qui assurent les achats de vivres dont nous demandons aux Affaires Economiques de nous établir la liste avec les besoins estimés.
- 3) Les autres consommateurs.

N.B. Il y a lieu de noter que le paiement des prestations et des fournitures s'effectue au comptant ou dans le cas des organismes gouvernementaux pour fin de

3°) LE PROBLEME DE LICENCES ET REPARTITIONS DES QUOTAS

En ce qui concerne la répartition des quotas provinciaux l'importation, la commission propose de suggérer au Conseil des Ministres d'étudier l'attribution d'une partie du quota.

1) A la firme COGALIN qui ne bénéficie d'aucun siège dans d'autres provinces tels que REGIDESO et COLECTRIC.

2) A des transporteurs privés pour l'approvisionnement en pièces de rechange d'extrême nécessité.

D'autre part, la Commission propose de convoquer une réunion groupant les importateurs de la place et les Représentants des Affaires Economiques en vue de déterminer les marchandises de première nécessité afin d'éviter que les autorités de Léopoldville n'interdisent d'octroyer le quota à la province comme le cas s'est présenté pour d'autres (provinces) régions.

En ce qui concerne les entreprises à Succursales, la Commission suggère au Conseil des Ministres d'intervenir auprès de l'Office des licences à Léopoldville pour que la part réservée aux succursales de ces Sociétés installées au Nord-Katanga soit suffisante à leur bonnn marche.

4°) LA LUTTE CONTRE LE MARCHÉ NOIR, LES FRAUDES ET LA HAUSSE DES PRIX

Après avoir jugé la gravité de ces problèmes, la Commission a adopté les points suivants :

1°) a - Suppression des commerçants n'ayant pas de boutique et ne payant pas d'impôt

b - Création éventuelle d'un registre de commerce provincial.

2°) Application d'un affichage de prix : prix d'achat suivant facture prix de vente (autorisé %)

3°) Application des sanctions sur base d'un texte promulgué,

4°) Contrôle maritime de toutes les unités navigantes en interdisant le départ et l'arrivée de n'importe quel point de la côte et en fixant certaines zones d'accostage, contrôle par une vedette douanière garde côte.

5°) Application de la législation relative à l'ivoire et l'or spécialement.

RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION "B" ET SES RESOLUTIONS SUR :

- 1°) L'Ouverture des entreprises fermées ou paralysées
- 2°) Possibilité de création de nouvelles industries.

La séance est ouverte à 14 hL 55 sous la présidence de Monsieur Jérôme Katarebe, Directeur du Plan et Coordination.

Etaient présents : Messieurs les Représentants de

Forces M. AUBORT
Cimental
Coca-Cola
Chambre de Commerce
Filtisaf

Commissaire de District
Hotel du Lac
Finances
Directeur de l'Information
Directeur des A.E.

Le président de la Commission nous donne lecture du texte et de la résolution de la Conférence des Présidents Provinciaux à Léopoldville demandant à chacun d'eux de présenter un inventaire des ressources détaillées de chaque province, en précisant particulièrement qu'il s'agit de revaloriser ou d'assurer un sort aux biens abandonnés.

Monsieur Hosli Président de la Chambre de Commerce insiste particulièrement pour qu'au départ des troupes occupant ces différentes entreprises particulièrement au quartier industriel un constat des lieux soit fait et surtout qu'une aide efficace soit assurée au propriétaire pour la remise en marche de son exploitation.

Cette aide devrait lui permettre de remplacer le matériel non pas par une indemnité monétaire, mais par l'octroi de licence pour permettre cette remise en marche, par l'achat de nouvelles pièces de rechange. Monsieur le chef de service de l'information insiste pour avoir une liste complète des entreprises fermées ou paralysées et en connaître la cause.

Monsieur le Commissaire de District voulant étudier les causes et les remèdes préconisés, suivant le plan du Gouvernement au point de vue de ces entreprises fermées de contacter les propriétaires et avec eux de chercher le remède au besoin en proposant l'exploitation par un tiers.

Monsieur MWENZE propose la résolution suivant pour toute entreprise au Congo libre circulation des marchandises et sécurité des agents. Ravitaillement et approvisionnement de toutes les entreprises assurés. Résolution qui est adoptée à l'unanimité.

La commission passe ensuite à l'examen du 2^e point : Possibilité de création de nouvelles industries. Le président ouvre les Débats en présentant le second problème. Monsieur Hösli nous présente les possibilités de transformation du poisson, pour une coopérative pour transformer le surplus de production et même l'utilisation des déchets de ceux-ci en engrais, colle etc...

Monsieur Dubuquoy nous parle des possibilités insoupçonnées de Greinerville avec l'utilisation des sous-produits de charbon, mais le problème du financement reste entier. Les études existent à l'union Chimique Belge, mais l'investissement demanderait près de 3 milliards de francs belges.

Monsieur Hosli présente le problème des prospections. Monsieur le Directeur de l'information souhaiterait voir l'épanouissement des industries existantes avant d'en installer des nouvelles. A cet effet établir une commission permanente qui siégerait pendant 2 ou 4 mois et présenterait un rapport plus complet.

Monsieur Hosli souhaiterait voir un agrandissement des sociétés de la place particulièrement Filtisaf qui pourrait augmenter sa capacité (productrice) de production par une extension de son usine.

Les résolutions du second point se résument par un désir de l'épanouissement des industries existantes, un relevé des entreprises fermées qui nous sera donné par M. Kalume et qui sera étudié par après.

La séance est levée à 17 heures.

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You will be interested in seeing the attached memo from Mr. Ghaleb concerning industry and commerce in North Katanga.

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Mr. Ahmed.

Many thanks.
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S. Habib Ahmed
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Albertville, 30 November 1962

To Mr. R.K. Gardiner, Officer-in-Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville
From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville
Subject Report on meeting held in the office of Provincial Minister of Interior, Mr. KATOMBE Georges
Present Representatives of local industry and commerce.

Mr. Katombe made an incoherent speech of about fifteen minutes, in which he appealed to local industry and commerce to work with the Provincial Government in a spirit of loyal cooperation. It is now high time, he said, to forget the past and to build a better future. The minister broached the subject of the difficulties the government was encountering in its relations with the Commissariat Extraordinary, pointed out that it had no power over the Army, for whose actions it was not responsible. He also criticized faulty methods on the part of the police.

But the minister also made veiled accusations against certain Europeans in industry and commerce, claiming they were active politically and conspiring to restore Tshombe's regime in Albertville. He claimed to have a voluminous file of information in this respect. He wished to make it clear that the Katangese era belonged for ever to the past and that if industry was not disposed to cooperate, the government would call in other "foreign capitalists" to replace them.

Comments It was not quite clear what the minister had in mind when calling the meeting. If he wished to create a climate of confidence between the government, industry and commerce, his approach was certainly not the right one. He half accused and threatened, half appealed to the gathering to make their contribution to the reconstruction of the province.

The representatives of the larger firms present were inclined to brush aside the minister's speech as nonsense. There was however, considerable resentment against the minister for making unsubstantiated accusations, which were never brought to the attention of the people concerned and which were based on reports from unreliable informers. The owners of small business and enterprise were however, very concerned by the Minister's attitude, as they are in a much more vulnerable position than the big firms. They have made representations to Filtisaf and CFL to take some kind of action, legal or other, to censure the minister in question.



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Mr. Katombe is, it can safely be said, a man completely lacking the qualifications needed for any kind of ministerial post. His statement was display of ignorance, suspicion and tactlessness. I wonder if it would not be advisable to put this matter to the consideration of Central Government and emphasize the fact that whatever the intentions of Mr. Katombe are, statements like the one he made are apt to cause fear and resentment in economic circles here thus rendering more difficult the economic recovery of this region. On our side we are taking the necessary steps with provincial authorities to avoid such declarations in the future.

cc: Mr. S.H. Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations, ONUC, Leopoldville

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Merci infiniment.
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Mr. Dupuy

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You may be interested in seeing the attached report from Mr. Ghaleb on the visit of the FAO Mission to Albertville.

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S. Habib Ahmed
Chef des
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30 November 1962

TO : Mr.S.Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations,
Léopoldville

FROM : ~~M.~~ G. GHALEB, Chief Civilian Affairs, Albertville *G. Ghaieb*

SUBJECT : Report on FAO Visit

Please find enclosed a report dated 27 November 1962 from
Mr.MAREK to me with regard to the visit of the FAO Delegation in
Albertville on 20 November 1962.



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27 Novembre

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DE : J.M. MAREK, Administrateur de l'ONUC, Albertville

A : G. GHALEB, Chef des Opérations Civiles, ONUC,
Albertville

OBJET : Délégation de la FAO à Albertville

1. La délégation est arrivée à Albertville le 20 courant et s'est rendue à Luluabourg le 21 Novembre 1962.

Membres de la FAO: Messieurs: Docteur JANSSEN A.C.

- J.F. DEKKER

Marcel DUFOY

- Le Préval

Les délégués du Ministère de l'Agriculture, Léopoldville qui accompagnèrent le groupe sont:

Messieurs MARINDI Edouard, Chef du cabinet

KAYEMBE Michel

Nelis Maurice

MFUNI Charles.

2. A Albertville, les pourparlers furent menés avec le Ministre Provincial Monsieur KAZADI YOSAYA, Messieurs NKULU Augustin, directeur de l'agriculture, HENRIQUEL, Expert en agriculture; les représentants du service vétérinaire et des moniteurs agricoles étaient aussi présents. A l'issue des pourparlers, le groupe de la FAO visita Monsieur GHALEB, Chef des Opérations Civiles ONU, et discuta les problèmes de l'intérêt commun. La mission rencontra aussi Mr. LARDINOIS de la COTONGO qui lui exposa aussi les problèmes actuels.

Les Représentants du Ministère de l'Agriculture de Léopoldville visitèrent entretemps la FILTISAF avec Monsieur DEKKER de la FAO.

3. Questions traitées:

a. Situation générale de la région qui entraîne des difficultés d'ordre militaire et politique et qui entrave les travaux agricoles dans les secteurs de KONGOLO, KABONGO, KAMINA, BAUDOUVILLE.

b. Le problème des transports: Les routes étant en général dans un état satisfaisant, mais le manque presque total de véhicules, pièces de rechange et carburant, lubrifiants empêche dans une grande mesure les déplacements des personnes et des marchandises.

c. La carence des vivres: résultant des points a. et b. qui se fait sentir dans les grandes agglomérations, surtout à Albertville, bien que située dans une région traditionnellement vivrière.

d. Mesures à prendre pour améliorer la situation (para.c): Le manque de coordination des efforts du côté des Autorités provinciales. Les efforts de l'ONUC en vue d'assurer l'approvisionnement d'Albertville en farine de blé et de manioc ont été exposés.

e. Nécessité d'approvisionner régulièrement Albertville: en denrées alimentaires de base. Il est nécessaire d'établir un système de licences d'importation sur place pour éviter les délais et les refus insistés injustifiés. L'exemple flagrant du refus de licences pour importation des filets de pêche indispensable et l'acceptation des licences pour le poisson en conserve.

4. Du côté de la FAO, les sujets suivants ont été discutés:

a. Situation Générale de l'agriculture: Comme les statistiques ne sont pas disponibles, les problèmes généraux seulement ont été traités.

b. Besoins en experts pour Albertville: Il a été convenu que trois experts devraient être affectés à Albertville (un expert conseil, un ingénieur des Eaux et Forêts, un expert pour la pêche).

c. Formation des cadres: Il a été convenu que telle formation serait accomplie sur place par les experts de la FAO qui visiteraient la province. Le problème sera étudié et mis en route le plus tôt possible.

REMARQUES: Les Représentants de la FAO firent ressortir que le gouvernement provincial devrait assurer le logement pour les experts et le principe a été accepté par les autorités locales. La FAO a ajouté que les véhicules pour les experts seraient mis à leur disposition dès leur arrivée à Albertville. Le représentant de l'ONUC a remarqué que les experts ne devraient pas venir à moins que leur transport local ne soit assuré, vu que ni l'ONU, ni le gouvernement ne sont à même à fournir tels véhicules.

5. Les autorités Provinciales se virent la question du programme de la réinsertion des chômeurs. Il fut convenu qu'un programme serait établi par le Ministère de l'Agriculture provincial et soumis à Léopoldville pour approbation.

Le problème de la formation des moniteurs fut aussi examiné. La FAO refuse l'agrément des moniteurs pour les cours des assistants agricoles. Il fut convenu qu'une solution serait recherchée afin d'essayer d'accepter des éléments d'une qualité supérieure et qui ont déjà eu une expérience des postes de responsabilité au service.

6. Il fut constaté que dans certaines régions du Nord-Katanga, surtout le long du Lualaba, le coton n'a pas été racheté depuis deux ans. Les cultivateurs ne sont plus intéressés à continuer les travaux de culture et cet état des choses cause de graves inquiétudes pour l'avenir.

7. Les problèmes sous (6) sont d'autant plus grave que le coton commence à manquer à la Filtilisaf d'Albertville, pour la production des tissus. Ces tissus sont absolument indispensables pour acheter au moyen du treç les denrées alimentaires pour Albertville, car les cultivateurs n'acceptent pas toujours d'être payés en espèces. L'augmentation de la production de la Filtilisaf et la possibilité d'assurer les fournitures des articles de bases pour l'agriculture sont essentielles pour la relance de l'agriculture.

D'autre part, il faut assurer à l'agriculture un prix convenable pour ses produits, une stabilité des conditions de vie, une possibilité de couvrir ses besoins en produit de consommation, et une certitude que ses produits seront écoulés.

8. Il fut convenu que pour la relance de la pêche, il est indispensable d'assurer les outils nécessaires aux pêcheurs. L'étude sera faite par le Ministère Provincial de l'Agriculture et communiquée au Ministère de l'Agriculture de Léopoldville pour faire les démarches nécessaires et obtenir les outils tels que filets, etc...

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Albertville, 27 November 1962

To Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations
ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville *G. Ghaleb*

Subject Filtisaf - Cotton Industry

..... With reference to my memo dated 25 September to Mr. Khiary and my memo of 17 November (erroneously typed as 17 September) to you concerning the cotton industry, I am sending herewith copy of a letter sent by Filtisaf concerning their difficulty in obtaining cotton for their plant and asking whether it could be possible to import on a barter basis two hundred tons of cotton from Burundi.

I should very much appreciate receiving as much information as possible concerning the general policy on cotton as it is difficult to understand the actual position of Cotanga in North Katanga for the time being as I was told that most of the cotton collected in this area should be reserved for export.

6 Novembre 1962.-

RVDW/MF.-n°3253/62.-

Monsieur le Représentant de l'O.N.U.

ALBERTVILLE

Monsieur le Représentant,

APPROVISIONNEMENT COTON.-

Nous nous référons à l'agréable entretien que nous avons eu avec Monsieur GALHEE en nos bureaux vendredi dernier et au cours duquel nous avons entre-autre attiré son attention sur le grave problème que constitue notre approvisionnement en coton.-

Nous avons actuellement un stock de coton nous permettant de tenir 3 mois maximum.-

Si l'on trouve le moyen de transporter le tout coton qui se trouve encore stocké dans les villages de l'intérieur et que ce coton nous arrive, à l'usine malgré la saison des pluies, cela nous permettra d'encore tenir éventuellement 2 mois de plus.-

Nous vous rappelons à ce sujet notre demande de location de camions de l'O.N.U. pour assurer le transport.-

Donc même en mettant les choses au mieux et que ce coton de l'intérieur puisse nous être fourni, nous serons dans l'impossibilité totale de faire la soudure avec la nouvelle récolte.-

Aussi de façon à pouvoir maintenir nos usines en activité il nous faut absolument essayer de nous procurer tout le coton possible.-

C'est ainsi que nous nous sommes mis en rapport avec les autorités du Burundi. Celles-ci nous ont marqué leur accord pour nous céder 200 tonnes de coton qu'ils vont usiner dans les prochains jours. Le paiement de ce coton se ferait, sur base d'une compensation coton contre tissus.-

Nous vous donnons ci-dessous le détail de l'opération:
La valeur de la compensation porte sur une somme de Francs 6 millions.-

En compensation des 200 tonnes de coton nous aurons à expédier une quantité d'environ 300.000 mètres de tissus.-

Les 200 tonnes de coton que nous importerons dans le cadre de cette compensation nous permettront de tisser 950.000 mètres de tissus.-

D'autre part nous vous dirons franchement que nous sommes très pessimistes au sujet de la prochaine récolte cotonnière dans le Nord-Katanga surtout si nous nous basons sur les fournitures que nous a faites la COTANGA pendant cette année.-

La totalité des fournitures de la Cotanga pour 1962 s'est montée jusqu'à ce jour à 124 tonnes, c'est à dire une production de 15 jours.-

Il est certain que si nous n'avons pas eu des stocks importants, il y a longtemps que nous serions arrêtés faute de coton.-

Aussi sommes-nous convaincus que si nous voulons continuer à tourner, il est absolument indispensable que nous continuions à nous approvisionner en coton au Ruanda-Urundi comme c'était le cas dans le passé.-

Les Autorités Financières et Economiques du Ruanda-Urundi nous ont fait savoir qu'elles envisageaient favorablement un courant d'affaire régulier qui se traiterait sur base de compensation entre le Ruanda-Urundi et le Congo.-

En d'autres mots les Autorités d'Usumbura veulent maintenir les échanges commerciaux traditionnels qui ont toujours uni les riverains du lac Tanganika.-

Aussi nous vous serions très reconnaissants si vous vouliez bien attirer l'attention du Conseil Monétaire sur le grave problème de notre approvisionnement en coton et sur l'impérieuse nécessité pour nous de mettre sur pied des opérations de compensation avec le Ruanda-Urundi si nous ne voulons pas voir notre usine arrêtée faute de matières premières.

Comme nous vous l'avons dit, nous avons promis aux Autorités d'Usumbura de les fixer dans les prochains quinze jours de façon à ce qu'ils ne vendent pas ces 200 tonnes de coton ailleurs.-

Nous vous serions donc très obligés de bien vouloir intervenir le plus rapidement possible auprès du Conseil Monétaire à Léopoldville pour que l'autorisation de compensation nous soit accordée.-

Vous remerciant d'avoir ce pour votre prompt intervention,
nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur le Représentant, l'assurance de
notre haute considération.-

FILTISAF.-

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Inter-office Memorandum

DoR 130/1/3 Aville

26 November 1962

To: Mr. M. Dupuy, Acting Chief, FAO Mission
From: A. C. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations
Subject: Cotton Industry in South Kasai *North Katanga*

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I attach for your information copy of a memorandum dated 17 November from Mr. Ghaleb, together with copy of attachment and photocopy of his original memorandum of 26 October.

In view of the vital need to restore cotton growing in this area, it seems most regrettable that the Cotanga instructed their representatives not to participate in the study tour organised by the Provincial Government. You may perhaps wish to make enquiries regarding their reasons for adopting this attitude.

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November
Albertville, 17 ~~September~~ 1962

To Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations,
ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville *G. Ghaleb*

Subject Cotton Industry

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With reference to my memo of 26 October last dealing with cotton situation in North Katanga (para 4) I should point out that Mr. Flament and Mr. Lardinois cancelled their trip to Manono, In addition, they also cancelled their study tour in North Katanga (ref my memo of 27 October) after they received instructions from their headquarters in Leo copies of which I am enclosing herewith.

I should point out that I do not see clearly the reason for such cancellation which will have the most serious consequences on the agricultural, commercial and even industrial future of this area like the North Katanga where cotton growing is one of the basic activities. I strongly believe that every effort should be made to re-activate this branch of agriculture which has been neglected since independence.

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- SOCIETE COTONNIERE DU TANGANIKA -

Albertville, le 8 Novembre 1962

Monsieur GHALEB
Représentant Civil de l'ONUC
ALBERTVILLE

No. 37/62/5A3 R.L.

Monsieur Ghaleb,

Suite à votre demande, j'ai l'honneur de vous confirmer
notre entretien verbal de ce jour:

Dans sa lettre du 7/11/62, Monsieur FLAMENT, Directeur
de la Sacoluba, m'informe que:

"Notre Président, Monsieur MAES, et Messieurs HOUSSIAU
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à Kabumbulu. Laissez donc ce projet pour le moment".

Suite à ces instructions, je renonce donc provisoirement
à effectuer le voyage prévu dans les régions fleuve.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur Ghaleb, l'expression de ma
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Albertville, 26 October 1962

To: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations, ONUC
Léopoldville

From: G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Subject: Cotton Situation in North Katanga

1. Please find enclosed herewith two reports made by COTANGA on the cotton situation in North Katanga. The present situation as stated in the reports is extremely bad. Since independence, crops are stocked in various scattered places and it is quite difficult to collect them due to lack of transportation. Many attempts have been made by this firm with local authorities, civilian and military, with no results.
2. The firm is willing to start again recollection of cotton but unless cotton is brought to places which are accessible through barges or by trains it will not be possible to go inside many villages which are far away from river and rail as long as vehicles are not available.
3. I wonder if ONUC could help by renting some trucks to this firm to allow the recollection as it seems it has been done already in Orientale Province according to the letter addressed from Filtisaf to Mr. Levita in Leo, copy of which is enclosed. I will be very grateful to receive as much information in this particular matter and also on the general cotton policy of the Congo, especially the amount of money given by Congolese authorities to said firm to purchase cotton throughout the whole Congo. As far as Albertville area is concerned and if ONUC should supply transport for this purpose, I think there are only two ways to do it, either to get some new trucks from Tanganyika which will require few months or to try to use salvaged trucks which we have mentioned in your memo dated 20 October. I believe this second solution will cost particularly nothing to United Nations and I will have the advantage of providing needed transport almost immediately and thus bringing to work thousands of peasants whose situation is not far from starvation.
4. I took advantage of the last visit of Mr. Scheller, Administrative Officer ONUC Manono, to convince the responsible people from Cotanga here, Mr. Flament and Mr. Lardinois to go as soon as possible to Manono where they could cover the whole region to buy stocks of cotton which are piled there since 1960. Mr. Flament and Mr. Lardinois were quite reluctant in the beginning to go in those areas where some of their agents were massacred and mutilated after independence but Scheller gave clear evidence to them that the whole area was safe as he has realised during his many trips there when he was in charge of the dispersal of 13000 refugees repatriated by ONUC from E'ville. Accordingly

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Mr. Flament and Mr. Lardinois are leaving next week to Manono with two million francs to buy the above mentioned stocks. The importance of this trip has to be borne in mind if we consider that cotton growers in this area will not plant cotton again before their stocks are sold. Therefore for the revival of this economically depressed area and not only in Manono itself but near the river from Kabalo to Malemba Nkulu every facility should be given to Cotanga to perform again its normal activities. For the time being, due to certain local difficulties and restlessness in the Kabalo area it seems impossible to reopen the ginning mill but nevertheless most of the cotton which was lying since 1960 in the villages along the railway line Kabalo Aville has already been recollected and sent to the ginning mill at Nyunzu which supplies cotton to Filtisaf to allow its plant to keep running.

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19 November 1962

To: S. Habib ~~Ahmed~~, Chief of Civilian Operations
From: A. C. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations
Subject: Economic situation in North Katanga

1. Further to my memorandum of 13 November, I have now had a talk with Mr. Jean Levita, the representative of Filtisaf in Léopoldville, from which I obtained a clearer picture as to why Filtisaf is at present working at only 50% of its capacity.
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3. As regards sales of finished products, it appears that buyers are still finding ways of getting these out of Albertville. In fact, Filtisaf sales have continued at a normal level, in spite of reduced output, but only by drawing down stocks. This obviously cannot continue indefinitely.
4. The main problem is one of import licences for spare parts and raw materials (starch, dyes, caustic soda, etc.). Filtisaf's normal requirements for these amount to CF. 6 million per month. For May, September and October they received no import licences at all; they are therefore CF. 18 million in arrears as regards such supplies.
5. Filtisaf employs about 1,600 people and is the most important single enterprise in Albertville. Its production is of the order of 10 million square meters a year.
6. Both from the point of view of reviving economic activity in North Katanga (i.e. textile production in Albertville and raw cotton production in the interior) and of maintaining supplies of textile manufacturers for the whole country, there would therefore seem to be a strong case for granting import licences for Filtisaf's spare part and raw material needs to the greatest extent possible.

cc: Mr. Gardiner
Mr. Frasca
Prof. Badre
Mr. Visser

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Mr. Gilpin

Please send copies of the attached
to Messrs. Frasca and Badre and
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S. Habib Ahmed
20 November 1962

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cc: Mr. Gardiner
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Inter-office Memorandum

13 November 1962

To: S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations
From: A. G. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations
Subject: Economic situation in North Katanga

1. The situation in North Katanga described in Mr. Chaleb's recent memoranda, especially that of 31 October, calls for quick action on both economic and political grounds.
2. Emergency action to meet the food shortage in Albertville is already being taken - flour from Usambura, manioc by air from Kanono, and rice and salt by air from Léopoldville. Several shipments of consumer goods by D.C.4 from Léopoldville are also being arranged.
3. Supplies by air are, however, an inadequate and uneconomic means of dealing with a situation in which Albertville is virtually cut off from the rest of the Congo. The solution suggested by Mr. Chaleb (and mentioned by you in your memorandum of 6 November to Mr. Frasca) regarding supplies through Tanganyika and Burundi should, therefore, be followed up as quickly as possible.
4. In this connection, special attention might be given to the possible delivery of U.S. Title One supplies to Albertville via Dar-es-Salaam and Kigoma. The attached table prepared by Mr. Visser shows that, in terms of Congolese francs at the official exchange rate, freight charges by this route for wheat flour, rice and maize are only one-fifth of those incurred if the same supplies are sent by surface from Matadi. It is appreciated that these lower charges would be in foreign exchange. Even so, given the critical situation in Albertville, there would seem to be strong justification for using foreign exchange, at least in the immediate future, to transport Title One supplies, destined for North Katanga, from Dar-es-Salaam.

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5. At the same time, in the allocation of import licences, special and urgent consideration should be given to firms in Albertville wishing to import from Tanganyika and Burundi. This would apply to food, basic consumer goods, raw materials, and spare parts for vehicles and factory equipment.

6. As soon as the supply situation is eased in Albertville itself, arrangements can be made for the despatch of food and consumer goods by train from Albertville to points along the line to Kibale and, possibly, beyond.

7. Mr. Chaleb has drawn attention to the fact that the large textile plant, Filtisaf, is working at only 50 per cent of its capacity, and Cimental, the cement plant, at only 25 per cent, this being mainly due in both cases to Albertville's present isolation from the rest of the Congo. In these circumstances, he suggests barter arrangements with Burundi and Tanganyika for the supply by these firms of textiles and cement in return for needed imports.

8. It seems to me that barter would only be necessary if there were marketing and/or supply difficulties in Burundi and Tanganyika. Otherwise, a simpler procedure would be to grant export licences to Filtisaf and Cimental for a limited period, at the same time as the import licences referred to in 5 above are granted. This is, however, a question that could well be studied on the spot by a small economic mission, including a UN expert. Whether there should be a resident commission, as suggested by Mr. Chaleb, should also be examined.

9. Points for action

To sum up, at least so long as Albertville's isolation from the rest of the Congo persists,

- a) Supplies of food and consumer goods, by air to Albertville should continue during the present emergency;
- b) Imports of food, consumer goods, essential raw materials, spare parts, etc. (including Title One supplies), through Dar-es-Salaam and Burundi should be increased; once the supply situation is somewhat improved in Albertville itself, trainloads of food and consumer goods can be sent to the interior of North Katanga;
- c) Factories in Albertville, such as Filtisaf and Cimental, should be permitted to export to Tanganyika, Burundi, etc.;

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- d) An economic mission, including a UN expert, should be sent to Albertville as soon as possible to report on these and other measures to revive the economic life of North Katanga. (This should not preclude some action being taken on (a) - (c) above in the meantime).

cc: Mr. Gardiner
Mr. Frasca
Prof. Badre
Mr. Visser

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To: Mr. A.C. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations

From: P.J. Viesser, Marketing Expert, F.A.O.

Subject: American Aid Program - Title I - 1962/63

<u>North Katanga</u>		<u>Freight to Albertville</u>	
	<u>1962</u>	<u>Via Matadi</u>	<u>Via Dar es Salaam</u>
<u>Wheat Flour</u>	2000 T. Net Weight	F.O.	SH.
	2040 T. G. Weight	20.712.120	585.480/-
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<u>Rice</u>	<u>1962</u>		
	1250 T. Net Weight		
	1275 T. G. Weight	12.945.075	365.925/-
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<u>Maize</u>	<u>1962</u>		
	15.000 T. Net Weight		
	15.300 T. G. WEIGHT	155.340.900	4.391.100/-
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		377.996.190	10.685.010/-

Total Freight Amounts via Matadi:

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Total Freight Amounts via Dar es Salaam:

Sh. 10.685.010 = E.A. L 334.290/10

E.A. Sh. 1/- = Fr. C. 7 + 30 % = Frs. C. 9.10

Freight Unit Dar es Salaam - Albertville - Sh. 287/- per ton

Freight Unit Matadi - Albertville - Frs. C. 10153 - per ton

Included: Discharge, transport, transit, handling, statistic, sampling, quayage etc.

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9 November 1962

To: Mr. G. Chaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, Albertville
From: A. C. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations
Subject: Study mission in North Katanga

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cc: Mr. Gardiner
Mr. Vissler, PAO
Mr. Tooby

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Albertville, 4 November 1962

To: Mr. S. Kabia Akoni, Chief of Civilian Operations,
ONUC, Leopoldville

From: G. Gualier, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Subject: Study Mission to Upper Katanga

1. Pursuant to our memorandum of 21 October, the study mission left Albertville for Kinsasa by rail for Kinsasa on a two-day fast-flying boat commercial tour of the interior of North Katanga. The mission consisted of the Chief of Civilian Operations of the International Assembly together with a small party composed among others of the Secretary-General of ONUC, Mr. F. Grandjean, Director of the local United Nations Department Mr. Gualier, Mr. Gualier is participating as observer on behalf of the United Nations Civilian Headquarters. The President, Mwamba Munga Prosper, was prevented from leaving at the last moment because of the request from the President's Assembly to stay late.
2. From Kinsasa, the mission is proceeding as far as Kalenda Mulu by ONUC river boat. The object of the mission is to investigate conditions in localities along the railway line and river, in an effort to activate areas of agricultural produce and general trade in this region, which has remained isolated and uninhabited by non-African merchants since the outbreak of the Katanga rebellion. The local authorities are participating in maintaining contact with the population and to encourage growing of cash crops and trade with Albertville area. In Kalenda Mulu, the mission will probably pick up the two officials from Congo (Congo factory) who will have toured the region in an effort to have planters resume traditional cotton growing.

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REUR MEMO 27 OCTOBER AGREES TO BERNANDER'S PARTICIPATION
IN MISSION REFERRED TO.

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M. Jercovic

A.C. Gilpin

31 October 1962

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Mr Jerkovic
Albertville, 27 October 1962

To ✓ Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations
ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville *G Ghaleb*

Subject Study Tour in North Katanga

1. In the first days of November, the Provincial President, Mwamba Ilunga Prosper and party, Secretary-General of C.F.L. Mr. F. Grandjean as well as several representatives of the local industry and commerce will make a ten day study tour starting from Albertville to Kabalo by rail and thence to Malemba Nkulu by boat stopping at all the important villages on both sides of the river. The objects of the tour are:

- i) from the political point of view, to maintain contact with local population with which the Government in Albertville have few means of communication.
- ii) to restore trade between producers in Albertville and agricultural produces in this region.
- iii) study the situation of public works and navigability of river.

2. In view of these points, I strongly recommend that Mr. Bernander to whom an invitation has been extended by Mwamba Ilunga Prosper himself should accompany them during their trip.

4. I believe that on the basis of the report in the different fields Mr. Bernander will present on his return, we will be able to solve many of the economic problems of Albertville to which no solution is in view as long as we have no information of these areas which constitute the hinterland of Albertville itself. Furthermore, it should be pointed

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out that this area has not been covered by any United Nations personnel since the outbreak of hostilities and trouble there. We are always discussing and giving some information on these areas but until now all this was indirect information based mainly on rumours. The United Nations should gain a lot of valuable information from this unique opportunity.

5. I would be grateful if you could send by cable as soon as possible your authorisation for Mr. Bernander to participate in the said trip.

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cc: Mr. Gardiner
Mr. Visser, FAO
Mr. Tooby

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> Afternoon

5 November

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Mr. J. Frasca, Executive Chairman, Monetary Council

S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations

Economic situation in North Katanga

1. Enclosed is a copy of memo dated 31 October I have received from Mr. Chaleb, Civilian Officer in Albertville, concerning arrangements for the establishment of import needs for North Katanga.

2. Would you be good enough to let me have your comments on it, though I believe that the problem raised by Mr. Chaleb is one of distribution of such supplies as arrive in the country rather than of issuance of licenses. I assume, of course, that some licenses are granted to importers for obtaining supplies for North Katanga through Tanganyika or Burundi and not through Leopoldville.

cc: Professor Badre, with enc.

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Albertville, 6 November 1962

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From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

G. Ghaleb

Subject Study Mission in North Katanga

1. Further to our memorandum of 27 October, the study mission left Albertville this morning by rail for Kabalo on a ten day fact-finding and commercial tour of the interior of North Katanga. The mission consisted of the Chef Du Cabinet of the President of the Provincial Assembly together with a small party composed among others of the Secretary-General of CFL, Mr. F. Grandjean, Manager of the local Sedec Wholesale Department Mr. Declerck. Mr. Bernander is participating as observer on behalf of the United Nations civilian headquarters. The President, Mwamba Ilunga Prosper, was prevented from leaving at the last moment because of the request from the Provincial Assembly to stay back.

2. From Kabalo, the mission is proceeding as far as Malemba Nkulu by CFL river boat. The object of the mission is to investigate conditions in localities along the railway line and river, in an effort to activate sales of agricultural produce and general trade in this region, which has remained isolated and unvisited by non--African merchants since the outbreak of the Baluba rebellion. The local authorities are participating to maintain contact with the population and to encourage growing of cash crops and trade with Albertville area. In Malemba Nkulu, the Mission will probably pick up the two officials from Cotanga (cotton factory) who will have toured the region in an effort to have planters resume traditional cotton growing.

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Albertville, 31 October, 1962

Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations
ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Subject Economic Situation in North Katanga

1. Due to the present secession of South Katanga, this area traditionally linked with that part of the region in all its economic activities is completely cut from it and also from the rest of the Congo, as Katangese gendarmerie are occupying Kongolo thus preventing the communication from this area with the rest of the Congo by rail, by road and by river. On the other hand, due to the rigid system of issuance of import licence which is only to be approved by Leo, it is impossible to have any important trade over the lake with Tanganyika or Burundi. Moreover, the only link Albertville has with other parts of the country is through the services of Air Congo which are very expensive and could carry only small quantities in and out of Albertville, partly due to the fact that the ANC from time to time, requisition their flights.

2. From this rather sad picture it appears that Albertville and most of the area is not only isolated from the rest of the Congo but also from the outside world. The situation is now rapidly deteriorating towards famine of manioc, flour etc and could lead to an economic collapse. Famine and economic collapse will no doubt result in widespread troubles which would be very difficult to cope with, as conveyed to you through our secret cables 72 and 73. Local authorities have good intentions but are altogether incapable of handling such a serious situation, reference our memo of 11 October. I therefore strongly suggest that Mr. Frasca should see my secret 73 and send as soon as possible one of the assistants to study the economic situation here. I firmly believe that by organizing some of the sectors here many improvements could be made. But to effect any improvements I am convinced that the only way is to institute here some sort of economic commission headed by an ONUC expert which would have

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powers to decide on different matters, i.e. not to refer on every occasion to the Conseil Monetaire in Leo as well as to decide in future all factual cases which are, though clear on the spot, more difficult to clearly understand in Leo. As examples I will only say that this area has a large textile plant, Filtisaf which works only at 50 per cent of its capacity. There is also the Cimental plant which produces only 25 per cent of its normal output. If we could allow these two plants some exchanges on barter basis with Tanganyika and Burundi, which of course would have to be firmly controlled to avoid black market and outflow of capital, many of the above mentioned problems could be resolved for the benefit of the whole area. It should be borne in mind that when this region was under Katangese authorities, none of the above mentioned problems were so acute. The population, African and European, is more and more convinced that present authorities are incapable of handling matters.

3. Therefore, I believe that also for political reasons all efforts should be made to rescue this desperate situation which has reached this stage for lack of organization.



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Albertville, 27 October 1962

To ✓ Mr. S. Habib Ahsed, Chief of Civilian Operations
ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Subject Study Tour in North Katanga

1. In the first days of November, the Provincial President, Mwamba Ilunga Prosper and party, Secretary-General of C.P.R. Mr. P. Grandjean as well as several representatives of the local industry and commerce will make a ten day study tour starting from Albertville to Kabalo by rail and thence to Maelimba Noulou by boat stopping at all the important villages on both sides of the river. The objects of the tour are:

- i) from the political point of view, to maintain contact with local population with which the Government in Albertville have few means of communication..
- ii) to restore trade between producers in Albertville and agricultural produces in this region.
- iii) study the situation of public works and navigability of river.

2. In view of these points, I strongly recommend that Mr. Bernander to whom an invitation has been extended by Mwamba Ilunga Prosper himself should accompany them during their trip.

4. I believe that on the basis of the report in the different fields Mr. Bernander will present on his return, we will be able to solve many of the economic problems of Albertville to which no solution is in view as long as we have no information of these areas which constitute the hinterland of Albertville itself. Furthermore, it should be pointed

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out that this area has not been covered by any United Nations personnel since the outbreak of hostilities and trouble there. We are always discussing and giving some information on these areas but until now all this was indirect information based mainly on rumours. The United Nations should gain a lot of valuable information from this unique opportunity.

5. I would be grateful if you could send by cable as soon as possible your authorisation for Mr. Bernander to participate in the said trip.

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18 October 1962

Mr. G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, Albertville
S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations
ONUC Assistance in North Katanga

1. Thank you for your memo dated 11 October concerning communications on assistance in the economic and social fields.

2. At the outset I would like to clarify that I did not intend that we should leave the Provincial authorities to solve their own problems. We should certainly help these authorities as much as possible. The main purpose of my cable 116 was to emphasize that our field offices should assist in bringing about the fullest coordination between the Provincial authorities and the Ministries of the Central Government concerned. As I have already stated in my cable, I expect the Civilian Officers to inform me immediately of an emergency situation but action should simultaneously be taken to have the Provincial authorities forward their requests for assistance to the authorities of the Central Government concerned.

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Albertville, 11 October 1962

To Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations, ONUC, Leopoldville

From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville

Ghaleb

Subject ONUC Assistance in North Katanga

I refer to your cable CIVAL 116.

As I personally understand, the aim of your guidance is to let local authorities face their own responsibilities by dealing directly with the Central Government in Leo in the various economic and social fields. I believe we have to consider the following points as far as this area is concerned.

- 1) Local authorities are legally constituted since only a few days.
- 2) Most of the officials are Balubas who held various posts in Elisabethville and are not perfectly familiar with the situation existing here.
- 3) Most of them have been chosen for political reasons and have not yet proved their ability.
- 4) The financial situation of the different Ministries and the Government administration as a whole is in extremely bad shape.
- 5) According to the declarations of all the officials I have met, they are constantly addressing their requests to the Ministries in Leo who do not even acknowledge receipt.

I would only point out the difficulties we have had to face when trying to solve the problem of flour supply which is one amongst thousands of difficulties this area has to contend with and you will clearly see how difficult it is to solve the most elementary problem.

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I am extremely concerned at the present economic situation here and I am afraid that if my interpretation of your guidance to let Provincial authorities solve their problems by themselves is correct, there is very little chance that the situation will improve. On the contrary it seems that the very insignificant activity remaining after the recent political and military events could develop into a complete collapse of the economy. I am perfectly aware that provincial authorities must face their responsibilities, being convinced that if they always rely on ONUC, they will never be able to handle properly their affairs. But I am sure that the emergency economic situation existing here necessitates that the Civil Mission contributes as much as possible towards the restoration of normal conditions.

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WE OFTEN RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM YOU FOR ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS WHICH SHOULD NORMALLY BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO THE PROPER MINISTRIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF IN FUTURE EVERY EFFORT WERE MADE TO SEE THAT THE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE CHANNELLED THROUGH NORMAL GOVERNMENT MACHINERY THOUGH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR INFORMING US OF REQUESTS MADE BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO PROJECTS IN WHICH CHUC IS ASSISTING IN THE CIVILIAN OPERATIONS PROGRAMME. DIRECT REQUESTS TO US WHICH TEND TO BYPASS PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES CREATE DIFFICULTIES IN THEIR HANDLING HERE WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES CONCERNED. WE ARE OF COURSE ALWAYS READY TO TAKE UP MATTERS OF EMERGENCY WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES WHERE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS ARE NOT ABLE TO ACT PROMPTLY BUT WE ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO SEE THAT SUCH OCCASIONS SHOULD MORE AND MORE BECOME EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE. YOUR COOPERATION IN GIVING EFFECT TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

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le 1er septembre 1962

A: M. G. Ghaleb, Chef des Opérations civiles, Albertville
De: M. Khiary, Chef des Opérations civiles, Léopoldville
Objet: Visite de M. Amonoo - Continuation de mission aérienne.

Me référant à votre rapport confidentiel du 28 août adressé à Monsieur Gardiner, je vous prie de bien vouloir m'informer des détails et circonstances dans lesquelles nos deux médecins à Kabalo ont dû abandonner leur poste. A mon avis nous ne pouvons interrompre notre assistance en un moment où les Congolais en ont le plus besoin.

En nous basant sur les informations que vous nous fournirez, il nous sera possible d'intervenir auprès du Gouvernement Central et tâcher de mettre les choses au point.

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28 August 1962

To Mr. R.K. Gardiner, Officer-in-Charge, ONUC, Leopoldville
From G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC, Albertville
Subject Visit of Mr. Amoneo - Follow up of Air Mission

1. With reference to the visit of Mr. Amoneo to study the present situation here (air mission follow-up) and in the whole region of northern Katanga, it seems that the present military and political situation is not favourable to undertake an immediate air mission. As several military operations took place only few days ago in the Kabongo, Kitenge area, and could still take place, the ANC troops are quite restless and it seems that they are shooting at aircrafts indiscriminately as many rumours of Katangese planes throwing bombs are spread all over the area. Nevertheless, should a mission come in this area, it could be arranged with the railway company to send a special train from Albertville to Kabalo covering the whole area along the railway track. The mission could be composed of both civilian and military from ONUC ~~AND~~ Congolese authorities.

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2. The report enclosed herewith concerning the withdrawal of the two WHO doctors from KABALO shows clearly that the present situation is too risky to keep them alone there and therefore any mission sent in this area should be accompanied by Congolese officials.

3. I am also sending a report concerning the present situation in regard to the supply of flour to Albertville which is not very satisfactory due to lack of planning by the local authorities who should be responsible for said supplies and not always rely on ONUC supplies whenever some shortage of flour arises.

cc: 1. Mr. M. Khiary, Chief of Civil Operations, ONUC
2. Mr. Amoneo

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Present situation concerning supply
of flour in Albertville

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Once again ONUC Supply Depot has been requested to provide flour to local bakeries as their stocks are completely exhausted. (see cable ALLEO 1368). It is not the first time that for humanitarian reasons and to avoid troubles in town that such action is taken in Albertville as during the months of March and May flour has been sold through the local authorities together with other staple foods as sugar. I believe that this situation is the result of lack of planning on the part of both central and local authorities who have never worked out the problem of supply of flour on a proper and suitable basis, in advance to cope with requirements of the local civilian population. I enclose herewith a letter from me to Mr. Shabani, Commissaire General Extraordinaire Adjoint for North Katanga in Albertville emphasizing the point that we are now once again giving flour as we did in the past and that in the future we will not be able to do so, as supply of feedstuffs is not the responsibility of ONUC but of course of local authorities.

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28 August 1962

To Mr. G. Ghaleb, Civilian Affairs Officer, ONUC
Albertville

From Dr. Voigtberger, Acting Public Health Adviser, OMS
Albertville

Subject Situation of WHO doctors

1. As situation in the area is delicate it has been decided to withdraw the two WHO doctors from Kabalo.

On the 16th of August, some soliders of ANC threatened the two doctors with their weapons when they saw them packing and preparing their return to Albertville. Later, the Military Commander of Kabalo forbade them to leave the city.

After some discussions with local authorities, Dr. Tero was allowed to go back to Albertville on the 20 August and Dr. Beynet on the 27th August, the latter leaving at Kabalo the ONUC Jeep Station Wagon and some personal effects.

This illegal action undertaken by ANC proves clearly that there is some restlessness in that area which is not secure for the time being.

2. It is more important first of all to reinforce the medical service of Albertville and I intend to ask WHO to send few more doctors (one doctor for public hygiene, one for proper care of mother and child and school children, one surgeon dentist, one technician dentist and two doctors to go from place to place.)
3. After discussing the matter with the Manager of CFL, a wagon will be equipped, half of it being an apartment for the two doctors and the other half being pharmacy and a dispensary for taking care of the population along the railway track.
4. It seems to me for the time being to station doctors of WHO outside the city of Albertville.

If situation improves and fighting between North and South Katanga ends, it would be feasible to send doctors in the interior of the Province provided condition of living could be acceptable to them.

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Léopoldville, le 3 septembre 1962

Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

Je vous prie de bien vouloir trouver en annexe, pour votre information, un rapport que nous venons de recevoir de notre Représentant d'Albertville concernant des incidents qui se sont produits entre l'ANC et des médecins de l'OMS à Kabalo.

Vous connaissez, sans doute, les difficultés dans lesquelles ces praticiens travaillent et vous conviendrez certainement avec moi qu'ils méritent un traitement plus courtois.

Nous sommes persuadés que vous prendrez les mesures nécessaires pour empêcher à l'avenir que pareille chose se renouvelle. Un peu plus de compréhension de la part des responsables militaires et des instructions strictes de Monsieur le Ministre de la Défense Nationale arrangeront sûrement la situation.

Votre dernière intervention en pareille circonstance a mis fin aux difficultés que rencontraient les docteurs de l'OMS dans la Province Orientale.

Veuillez croire, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, à l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

M. Khiary
Chef des Opérations civiles
de l'ONUC

Son Excellence
Monsieur Cyrille Adoula
Premier Ministre de la République du Congo
Léopoldville

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