

INCOMING CLEAR CABLE

To : ONUC, LEO
From : MACFARQUHAR, NEW YORK
Date : 27 December 1961
Nº : 9111

For ROSSBOROUGH DIRGEN WHO has sent me copy of personal message for transmission to doctors through Bellrive. Presume latter has shown this Linner and Civ Ops.

Have discussed matter on telephone with Siegel whose effort will be to have December 1962 as terminal date for new contracts and extensions. Special termination clause 2 article 5 remains so that WHO can pull out at suitable moment. This provision together with substitution of operational contract for technical assistance type gives satisfactory situation even with concessions now made.

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To : GEORGE IVAN SMITH, LEO

From : OWEN, NEW YORK

Date : 27 December 1961

Nº : 9110

For George Ivan Smith: Delighted to learn we shall be seeing you here this weekend. Consider Dar stopover unnecessary and urge you travel straight home for well deserved rest before going Tanganyika.

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To : LINNER, LEO
From : BUNCHE, NEW YORK
Date : 27 December 1961
Nº : 9108

Your L-508 and 510. Press and radio reports here state Sabena has resumed normal operations Eville. We gathered from your L-510 that for the time being only evacuation, relief and Christmas mail flights were being permitted and we were about so to inform Belgians. Please clarify.

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SECRET

TO : LINNER
FROM : SEC GEN
DATE : 27 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 9105.

Reference L-544.

Good result. Please convey my appreciation to Prime Minister.

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TO : LINNER, Leopoldville

FROM: NARASIMHAN, New York

Date: 27 December 1961

No. : 9103

Your L-481, L-512, ONUC 7137. Following note verbale with message to Spaak despatched today to Permanent Representative of Belgium:

"Le Secrétaire général par intérim de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments à Monsieur le Représentant permanent de la Belgique et le prie de bien vouloir transmettre à son Excellence Monsieur Paul-Henri Spaak, Ministre des Affaires étrangères de Belgique, le message suivant en réponse au message que le Ministre des Affaires étrangères a fait tenir au Secrétaire général p.i. par une note verbale du Représentant permanent de la Belgique en date du 19 décembre 1961: "Depuis que la Force des Nations Unies à Elisabethville a reçu l'ordre d'arrêter le feu en vue de faciliter les entretiens du Premier Ministre du Congo et du Président provincial du Katanga à Kitona, les autorités de l'ONUC on fait le maximum d'efforts pour rétablir les services de distribution d'eau et d'électricité.

Bien que ces efforts aient été entravés par le tir ininterrompu des mercenaires retranchés en divers points de la ville, notamment dans les installations de l'Union Minière, les renseignements reçus signalent que les services normaux ont repris, ou vont reprendre prochainement. Le 19 décembre, le Colonel Maitra de l'ONUC a escorté le Directeur de la Sogeleo à l'endroit où des travaux devaient être effectués sur les lignes électriques.

Des coups de feu ont été pourtant tirés sur le groupe, depuis l'Union Minière, et les techniciens ont dû fuir. Les 20 et 21 décembre des représentants de l'ONUC ont essayé de faire reprendre les travaux mais le Directeur de la Sogelec les a informés que les techniciens et ouvriers ne voulaient pas se rendre à l'emplacement des travaux, même avec une escorte de Gurkhas. D'après les renseignements reçus, les travaux ont repris le 22 décembre, sous la protection de l'ONUC. Pour pouvoir rétablir la distribution d'eau, il fallait avant tout redonner le courant électrique à la station de pompage. Le 20 décembre, des représentants des Nations Unies et le Directeur du Service des Eaux ont pu faire livrer du gasoil pour le moteur Diesel auxiliaire à la station de pompage qui se trouve près des installations de l'Union Minière, zone dans laquelle la Gendarmerie continue à tirer sporadiquement. La distribution d'eau est maintenant assurée dans tous les quartiers d'Elisabethville. Il est vrai que l'ONUC ne peut garantir la sécurité des équipes de réparation lorsque des mercenaires et des éléments civils décidés à aggraver la situation à Elisabethville continuent à tirer. Par ailleurs, l'ONUC a proposé d'assurer complètement la protection de ces équipes lorsque les coups de feu auront cessé et continuera à faire tous les efforts possibles, malgré les activités criminelles des mercenaires et des francs-tireurs, pour faire renaître des conditions normales dans la ville conformément à son mandat pour le maintien de l'ordre public. A cet égard, les progrès dépendront des techniciens qui resteront à leur poste; en ce qui la concerne, l'ONUC est prête à y aider en fournissant quelques-uns de ses techniciens expérimentés.

Connaissant parfaitement la modération extraordinaire dont les troupes de l'ONUC font preuve, face à des actes continuels de provocation - et compte tenu notamment des coups de feu tirés par les mercenaires et par les civils hostiles, qui causent des pertes en vies humaines et des blessures aux forces des Nations Unies - je suis vivement préoccupé de constater que votre message ne mentionne nullement la nécessité de mettre un terme aux actes de ceux qui tirent sur l'ONUC. Je n'ai non plus connaissance d'aucune initiative qu'aurait prise le Gouvernement belge pour inviter certains de ses ressortissants d'Elisabethville, dont le rôle dans les récentes hostilités est trop connu pour qu'il y ait lieu d'insister, à mettre fin à ces activités meurtrières qui ont apporté souffrance et danger à tant de leurs compatriotes innocents. Les efforts persistants faits par les Nations Unies en vue d'arriver à une solution pacifique malgré les provocations et les violations de promesses ont été assez apparents au cours des derniers jours. Puis-je exprimer l'espoir que les éléments téméraires qui ont déclenché les récents combats adopteront enfin une attitude raisonnable. Votre Gouvernement, il me semble, pourrait exercer maintenant une influence qu'on ne saurait sous-estimer pour provoquer une évolution dans ce sens. A cet égard, il se pourrait qu'un appel public du Gouvernement belge invitant les ressortissants belges d'Elisabethville à s'abstenir d'actes de provocation qui ne peuvent que donner lieu à des mesures de riposte de la part de l'ONUC au titre de simple légitime défense, soit efficace. Les Nations Unies, le cas échéant, se montreraient prêtes à réitérer leurs instructions enjoignant aux forces

de l'ONUC de ne tirer qu'en cas de légitime défense, et prendre cette mesure de façon qu'elle coïncide avec une déclaration publique du Gouvernement belge suivant les grandes lignes suggérées dans le présent message." New York, le 26 décembre 1961."

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To : Linner, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 27 Dec. 1961.
No. 9102

SECRET

Reference your L-537.

1. No objection our part to granting Swedish request for transmission of message, particularly since prisoners are ONUC personnel. No reason for us to delay action on the request or to suggest other channels for transmission.

2. Direct approach to ~~colonel~~ Waern on this matter is of course improper and he should be instructed to ignore it. I trust that you made this clear to Swedish consul when he informed you of it. Likewise Smith should inform Swedish consul in Elizabethville to this effect and Swedish mission here will be similarly advised.

To : Linner, Leo.
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 27 Dec. 1961.
No. 9100

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Re your L-535 and 540.

1. In view of assurances which have been formally given to Tshombe by Smith we obviously are committed. It might have been preferable if assurances in this situation had not gone beyond affording full assistance in transportation, clearance through lines, etc.

2. In view of commitments at Eville end, Adoula should be informed that if we undertake to transport the Katanga parliamentarians to Leo, we will have to stand by our word and provide them with transport whenever they indicate the wish to return. If Adoula insists on his position, he should be advised that, before transporting any parliamentarians from Eville in our aircraft, we shall be obliget to inform them of Adoulas position and of the risk therefore involved for them.

3. You should urge upon Adoula our hope that, in view of the circumstances, he will not repeat not press his point, since by doing so he could only give Tshombe an excuse for avoiding his own commitment.

4. If, nevertheless, Adoula insists on his position, then Smith must inform Tshombe and the Katanga parliamentarians to the following effect

- (a) The nature of the Adoula position;
- (b) The UN undertaking to provide transport to and from Leo;
- (c) That the UN in the circumstances cannot guarantee and does not undertaketoguarantee ~~any or all of the parliamentarians~~ that any or all of the parliamentarians will be able to leave Leopoldville before the conclusion of the parliaments session. In other words, the UNs undertaking to transport and to extend security to the parliamentarians does not include the use of force to ensure departure of the parliamentarians before the end of the session. It would of course include UN good offices to this end.
- (d) Our hope that the Katanga parliamentarians will go to Leo with assurance on our part that we will not fail to exert our influence in their protection.

5. We here attach the greatest importance to attendance of Katanga parliamentarians, and we wish you in Leo and Smith in Eville to exert every effort toward that end.

Sent Priority Nations
to E'ville at 0840
on 27 xu

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To : Linner, Leo.
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 27 Dec. 1961.
No. 9099

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Your L-539. We assume, of course, that Smiths reply will not, repeat not, give to Tshombe what he is obviously seeking, namely a cease-fire. Smith may assure Tshombe, of course, that the families of the parliamentarians, as all other families in Katanga, and non-Congolese, will be entirely secure from any UN action, since the UN is firing only when fired upon. q

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Sent to Elvill on 27.XII

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PRIORITY

To : Linner, Dumontet, Leo.
From : Macfarquhar, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9098.

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Your L-534 relief contribution. We concur.

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ROUTINE

To : Linner, Leo. *h*
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9097

SECRET

Reference L-507 and L-532.

Believe reply should be along following lines:

Government may be informed that questions they raised are being given thoughtful consideration here but that we are unprepared at this stage to give definite reply. As to equipment our reply will necessarily depend on what falls into our hands, what we ourselves may lose, and our present needs.

*Copy sent to Kama Karahia for
action*
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To : Linner, MacEoin, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9095

SECRET

Ref L-517. What measures are in hand to implement recommendations
contained in ELLEO 572 ?

*Replied on 28 XII
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To : Linner, Leo. *h*
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9089

SECRET

Reference L-529.

Please convey to Smith that it might be useful at this stage for him to talk with Munongo and ascertain his general state of mind and, particularly, his attitude towards the Kitona talks and declaration. No need for him to see Raja.

Incidentally, we assume that Smith, as senior civilian officer, has always remained fully in charge of ONUC operations in Eville, military as well as civilian, and that this responsibility has never repeat never been delegated to the military arm, ~~xx~~ despite some press reports to the contrary.

*Sent to Eville
on 27 Dec. 1961.*

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ROUTINE

To : MacBain, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9088

SECRET

Reference ONUC 7623. In paragraph 3 your message it is stated that "Attitude of the people especially the Europeans is unfriendly". Have there been any instances of unfriendly manifestations by non-European civilians in Katanga, and if so please specify? Have any non-European and non-military snipers been detected?

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ROUTINE

To : MacEoin, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 26 Dec. 1961.
No. 9087

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Reference ONUC 7635. Undertaking urgently to recruit French-speaking officers of suitable nationalities for purpose indicated.

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ROUTINE

To : Mr. Ahmed.
From : Mr. Vaughan.
Date : 26 December 61.
No. : 9086

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Reference your 7594. Will try to release Timbrell soonest. Also assure you every effort will be made to provide suitable candidates for next two or three months. Will advise further in few days.

c.c. Dr. Linner.

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TO : LINNER, Leopoldville

FROM: BUNCHE, New York

Date: 24 December 1961

No. : 9084

Following cable addressed SecGen received today from Boissier,
Red Cross:

"Nouvelle en provenance Elisabethville confirmée par notre délégué Senn annonce découverte 23 décembre corps délégué Olivet inhumé près Camp Simonet avec Madame Vroonen, conductrice, et Monsieur Smeding, brancardier, tous deux de Croix Rouge katangaise. Sans attendre confirmation cette nouvelle par Quartier général ONU ou autorités katangaises vous confirme que considère indispensable que enquête sur cause et circonstances sort Olivet soit conduite en présence personnalité CICR. En conséquence ai honneur vous annoncer départ pour Elisabethville de Monsieur Frédéric Siordet, Vice-Président du Comité international de la Croix Rouge précédant Monsieur Charles Mecht momentanément indispensable. Vous prie aviser vos représentants à Léopoldville arrivée Monsieur Siordet mercredi matin 27 décembre et les prier lui accorder toutes facilités pour voyage Léopoldville-Elisabethville en priorité absolue. Vifs remerciements. Haute considération."

Following answer despatched today to Boissier:

"J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre message du 24 décembre relatif à l'annonce de la découverte des corps de Monsieur Olivet, Madame Vroonen et Monsieur Smeding.

Je tiens à vous exprimer le profond chagrin que me cause le décès en service de ces hommes et de cette femme qui, conformément aux plus nobles traditions de la Croix Rouge, se sont avancés au centre des combats pour accomplir leur mission humanitaire. Les représentants de l'ONUC ont eu de nombreuses occasions d'apprécier la qualité exceptionnelle du travail accompli par Monsieur Olivet ainsi que sa contribution dans un esprit de dévouement total et de sacrifices personnels pour porter remède aux souffrances humaines pendant les hostilités récentes à Elisabethville.

J'ai transmis votre message au fonctionnaire chargé de l'opération des Nations Unies au Congo qui, je puis vous en donner l'assurance, donnera les instructions nécessaires afin que toutes facilités soient mises à la disposition de Monsieur Frédéric Siordet pour son voyage jusqu'à Elisabethville. Monsieur Siordet peut être assuré de la pleine coopération de l'ONUC dans l'enquête qu'il mènera au sujet des circonstances du décès tragique des membres du personnel de la Croix Rouge. Haute considération. U Thant, Secrétaire général p.i."

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ROUTINE

To : Dr. Linner. *52*
From : Dr. Bunche
Date : 24 December 61.
No. : 9082.

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Ref L-519. With regard to Smiths indication of possible reluctance of North Katanga Parliamentarians to visit Eville, please convey to Smith that our responsibility is only to assist individual members who wish to get there and does not repeat not extend beyond this. Assume Consuls will realize this. *//*

Ev-908
Sent to Eville
on 26 XII

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ROUTINE

To : Dr. Linner
From : Dr. Bunche.
Date : 24 December 1961.
No. : 9081.

Ref L-520. With reference to Rhodesian Federation broadcasting report on my statement you and Smith may be assured that I made no repeat no such statement. To contrary I showed press men Tshombes signed declaration with no reservation . //

*sent to E/illk
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MOST IMMEDIATE

To : Linner, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 24 Dec. 1961.
No. 9080

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SECRET

UK representative has just informed that following urgent message has been received by him from Salisbury: provincial commissioner of Iua Pula, which UK representative thinks is in Rhodesia, has received a communication from a Dr. Mercer, a New Zealand missionary from the town of Mpweto repeat Mpweto, thought to be 5 miles inside the Katanga border. Dr. Mercer states that this town has been overrun by Katangese gendarmerie who have imprisoned the European population. It is known that at least 4 British nurses and 3 Belgian refugees are involved. The UK representative asked for such assistance as ONUC can afford but realizes that there may be little that can be done. Please inform Smith and Raja urgently. //

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by SC
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PRIORITY

To : LINNER, LEO
From : BUNCHE, NEW YORK
Date : 23 December 1961
Nº : 9079

Your L-478 circulated as S/4940/ADD.19 dated 22 December, report on Elisabethville Part IV. Paragraphs renumbered 1 to 11. Footnotes added to paragraphs 1 and 2 referring to S/5083 as containing account of Kitona negotiations and texts therein. Annex not given and reference thereto in Para. 3 deleted.

Seen by Mr.
Pangalos

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PRIORITY

To : Linner, Leo. *82*
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 24 Dec. 1961.
No. 9077

SECRET

Reference your unnumbered concerning personnel. Not clear why this message should have been thus restricted. No possibility that Liu can be sent, but will try to find someone suitable. Would be helpful to know just what functions this new man is to perform in view arrival of your Sudanese addition. Please advise. We are sending a strong second man for Eville.

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ROUTINE

To : MacBain, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 24 Dec. 1961.
No. 9076

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1. Intentions and procedure outlined fully endorsed here. This step~~x~~ should be pursued with great earnestness and every effort should be made to ensure that it will work out well. It could lead to highly significant developments affecting the re-organization, training and control of the ANC.

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To : Linner, Leo.
From : Bunche, Nyk.
Date : 24 Dec. 1961.
No. 9075

SECRET

Reference L-507. We find no message referring to this question being raised before following September incidents. If there were any please indicate numbers. In any case, ~~xxx~~ how was matter dealt with by you at that time ?

*Sent to NK for action
507 deals with turning
over of weapons to
Government*
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ROUTINE

SECRET

To : MacEoin, Leo.
From : Rikhye, Nyk.
Date : 23 Dec. 1961.
No. 9069

1. Ghana army state that they are unable to provide vehicles for their battalion which is due to join you in January and request UN should provide them. Please advise.

2. Can you also provide vehicles for Sierra Leone infantry company ?

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PRIORITY

To : MacEoin, Leo.
From : Rikhye, Nyk.
Date : 23 Dec. 1961.
No. 9068

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Sierra Leone has offered a small contingent of about one hundred men for service in the Congo. We have accepted this offer. Staff party will arrive Leopoldville between 27 and 29 December to discuss arrangements. Departure of advance party is planned for five - ten January and main body about 15 January. Sierra Leone government state that they are not in a position to provide an independent sub unit and therefore wish their contingent to be attached to a Nigerian battalion for all purposes.

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PRIORITY

To : LINNER, LEO
From : BUNCHE, NEW YORK
Date : 23 December 1961
No : 9067

NETHERLANDS mission informed us 23 December that its Government had made arrangements for evacuation thirty women and children from Elisabethville to Leopoldville by Globemaster and had cleared matter with Washington. It requested ONUC facilitate evacuation soonest. Please give all possible assistance.

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To : Linner, Leo - Smith, Eville.
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 23 Dec. 1961.
No. 9065

SECRET

Reference L-505.

" We are reluctant to lose services of Smith at Eville at this time, there are compelling reasons for doing so, including our commitment to him. I know he would stay on, even at great personal sacrifice, if we asked him to do so. But we are confident that Urquhart, given adequate assistance, can carry on very well. Therefore, Smith may plan to return to New York by 1st January. David Owen wishes him to know that it is unnecessary for him to visit Dar-Es-Salaam en route and that he may plan to take up his duties there in early February. Nor will it be necessary to harry in Leo before returning to headquarters. Smiths fine work in Eville is greatly appreciated. "

*Sent to Smith only
on 24 XII*

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To : Linner/MacEoin and Ahmed, Leo.
From : SecGen, Nyk.
Date : 23 Dec. 1961.
No. 9064

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Reference L-511.

Congo contingent is to be treated on same basis as all other contingents and is to be fully integrated into the force. This refers to all repeat all arrangements and facilities.

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PRIORITY

To : LINNER, LEO

From: BUNCHE, NEW YORK

Date: 24 December 1961

Nº : Unnumbered following up 9063 and 9030

Further to our 9063 and 9030. Permanent Representative of Belgium in note dated 23 December communicates following additional names of Belgians missing in Katanga:

Stutterheim, Avenue Usoke 109, à ^Mville, Agent Safricas;

Beugnies, Marc;

Requillez, André Jean Félix, Directeur de la Coboma Avenue des
Bougainvillées 16, Eville;

Madame Requillez, Lea.

Same request as in 9063.

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TO : LINNER, Leopoldville
FROM : BUNCHE , New York
DATE : 23 December 1961
No : 9063

FOLLOWING NOTE VERBALE DATED 22 December received from Permanent Representative of Belgium : " Le représentant permanent de la Belgique a l'honneur de se référer à sa note S.2736 du 21 décembre 1961 relative aux incidents qui ont eu lieu au Katanga à la suite d'actions de certains soldats des Nations Unies contre des civils d'origine belge.

Se référant plus particulièrement au troisième paragraphe de la note sus-mentionnée, le représentant permanent de la Belgique est en mesure de communiquer les noms des Belges disparus au Katanga : il s'agit de, Lippeert René , Commerçant; Vermeir Kean, fonctionnaire sanitaire principal; Coureaux Henri, Directeur section preuniversitaire d'Elisabethville; Vroonen, Ne Van Raemdonck, Epouse Vroonen André, Gérant de Garage à Elisabethville; De Guyt, Agent UMHK ; Van de Putte , Agent UMHK.

Le représentant permanent de la Belgique serait reconnaissant à Monsieur le Secrétaire général par interim de bien vouloir donner des instructions immédiates aux autorités de l'ONUC à Elisabethville afin que des recherches urgentes soient entreprises en vue de retrouver les six ressortissants Belges disparus "

Would appreciate your comments as basis for our reply .

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To : Mr. Linner, Gen. MacEoin, Leopoldville.
 From : Mr. Bunche, New York.
 Date : 23 December 1961.
 No. : 9059

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Following just received from Indian mission:

"Widely circulated Daily" carries today despatch from Max Clos its correspondent in Elisabethville dated 21 December quoting interview with Colonel Mitra stated commander Southern sector. Commenting accusations of violence and pillage by ethiopian troops Mitra is reported to have said "all this is false. Simply we other people of East have methods which appear brutal to Westerners". Max Clos continued "Mitra regarded me with sentiment of evident superiority" and added "it is Westerners who have wished this war here. No question what has come to them, they have asked for it. No question you do not really believe that here in Katanga Westerners will continue to impose on us their ways of looking at things. No question if they wish to restart quarrel we are ready to give them their moneys worth and we shall do so with joy, 'me, I do not take white prisoners. I have given orders to my men to kill all mercenaries and finish all wounded. All that has happened in Katanga is their fault. I do not see why I should accept that mercenary kill my men and thereafter have possibility of surrendering calmly and thereafter hoping to be treated like prisoners,'". When I said, but they are all in uniforms," Mitra replied ", that does not concern me," I said again, "but under this system no matter any European could be considered by your troops as mercenary even if he is unarmed," , Mitra stated, ", certainly there is such risk,". Addressed INDINFO New Delhi repeated INDIADEL New York "

Yours, and Colonel Mitra's comments are urgently requested.

cc. Gen. MacEoin.
 Mr. Linner. ✓

*Discussed at Cabinet -
 Force Commander is passing
 it on to Elville for Mitra's
 comments before replying
 to N.Y.*

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TO : LINNER, Leopoldville
FROM: BUNCHE, New York
Date: 23 December 1961
No. : 9057

Your L-471. SecGen sent following note verbale to Belgian Permanent Representative 22 December:

"Le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies présente ses compliments au Représentant permanent de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et a l'honneur de le prier de porter la question suivante à l'attention du Gouvernement belge. Récemment, les autorités de l'aérodrome d'Usumbura (Ruanda-Urundi) se sont livrés à une série d'actes hostiles à l'encontre des avions des Nations Unies et de leurs équipages. Le 14 décembre, on a saboté de la manière la plus irresponsable un Otter 303 qui était rangé à l'aérodrome. Cet incident est décrit d'une manière détaillée dans le rapport ci-joint du Commandant du détachement aérien de l'ONUC à Albertville. Le 17 décembre, le pilote d'un DC-4 (immatriculé LX-TEL) a été accueilli à son atterrissage à Usumbura par le Directeur de l'aérodrome, revolver au poing, qui lui a dit qu'il avait cinq minutes pour décoller, faute de quoi il serait abattu. Le même jour, un autre pilote d'un DC-4 (immatriculé LMC), qui avait demandé l'autorisation d'atterrir pour prendre du carburant, a appris de l'opérateur de la tour de contrôle que les appareils des Nations Unies n'étaient pas autorisés à atterrir, qu'il n'y avait pas de carburant, et qu'il serait abattu s'il atterrissait. Le même pilote a été aussi prié de faire savoir au siège de l'ONUC que l'aérodrome d'Usumbura n'accepterait plus d'appareils des Nations Unies. Le Secrétaire général doit protester énergiquement contre ces actes,

qui sont en violation des dispositions des résolutions adoptées au sujet du Congo par le Conseil de sécurité et l'Assemblée générale, et en particulier de celles du paragraphe 11 de la résolution adoptée par le Conseil de sécurité le 24 novembre 1961. Ces actes sont d'autant plus inadmissibles que le Ruanda-Urundi est un territoire placé sous le régime international de tutelle. Le Secrétaire général a le ferme espoir que le Gouvernement belge demandera sans délai aux autorités du territoire sous tutelle du Ruanda-Urundi de prendre les mesures nécessaires pour faire cesser tous actes hostiles contre des avions des Nations Unies et de leurs équipages dans tous les aérodromes du territoire sous tutelle. Il espère que des mesures disciplinaires seront prises contre les responsables ^{des incidents mentionnés ci-dessus} ~~deux~~ et que le personnel des Nations Unies recevra toutes facilités pour récupérer et réparer l'Otter 303 qui se trouve toujours à l'aérodrome d'Usumbura. Le 22 décembre 1961."

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INCOMING CLEAR CABLE

TO : LINNIE MACEOIN , Leopoldville
FROM : SEC GEN, New York
DATE : 23 December 1961
No : 9056

On the occasion of the approaching holiday I addressed the following message to the staff of the Secretariat. It is equally directed to you, your staff and all the units of ONUC and I transmit it with my personal gratitude and good wishes .

I am very pleased indeed to take advantage of the approaching holiday season to offer my most heartfelt greetings to all members of the staff. A short while ago, I was honoured by being asked to undertake the duties of an office which I believe to be unique in its demands and its rewards. The honour carried it a humbling burden of responsibility which I know cannot be carried alone, just as its rewards do not belong to any one man. It is the good fortune of the United Nations Organization - and my own- to have a staff which has proved its devotion and competence both at Headquarters and in the field. Your support has already, in these few weeks, eased my burden of responsibility. I have learned to count on that support and shall continue to do so. I hope our work together in the coming year will mark another milestone of progress for the United Nations, with a measure of individual satisfaction in what each of us has contributed to the common effort.

I have already met many of you at work and informally. I look forward to an early opportunity to establish a more personal contact with all members of the staff, those who are in New York as well as those of you who are so effectively representing the United Nations in many distant corners of the

world- and particularly the Congo. Until then, I wish you and your families
a most joyous holiday season , and a fruitful new year . UTHANT , SECRETARY
GENERAL.

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ROUTINE.

To : Mr. Ahmed, Leopoldville.
From : Fieldserv, New York.
Date : 23 December 1961.
No. : 9055

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Your 7572.

Agree Kaufman leave, extension and upgrading to P-4. Assume that with Gebrian, Kaplan and Vieira this now leaves one administrative officer vacancy.

cc. Mr. Ahmed.

Mr. Linner. ✓

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ROUTINE.

To : Gen. MacEoin, Leopoldville.
From : Gen. Rikhye, New York.
Date : 23 December 1961.
No. : 9054

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Reference our 8929.

In addition to Indian first - line ammunition by airlift, India is dispatching 97 short tons of ammunition by SS State of Bombay, arriving Dar es Salaam 12 January. 1 Officer and 2 OR are escorting ammunition and will return to India after ammunition taken over by ONUC. 81 short tons of HE ammunition still remains in India and if commercial shipping not possible this quantity will be picked up by Blatchford.

cc. Gen. MacEoin.

Mr. Linner. ✓

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ROUTINE.

To : Gen. MacEoin, Leopoldville.
From : Gen. Rikhye, New York.
Date : 22 December 1961.
No. : 9053

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Blatchford will leave Port Swettenham 12/13 January carrying new Malayan Recce Regiment, totalling 22 officers, 585 O.R. Ship is scheduled to arrive Daressalaam 26 January but may be diverted enroute to Bombay to pick up balances of ammunition for Indian Brigade. We are informed by Malayan mission that home-going Recce Regiment will consist of 29 officers, 481 O.R. Stores, 30 ton each way. Malayan advance party of 12 will arrive Leo first week of January; exact ETA to be notified.

cc. Gen. MacEoin.

Mr. Linner. ✓

INCOMING CLEAR

ROUTINE

To : LINNER, Leopoldville
From : KARASINHAN, New York
Date : 22 December 1961
No. : 9049

Following cable dated 22 December sent SECGEN by Boissier stop
Quote air honneur vous informer que CICR a charge Monsieur
Knecht ancien attache special aupres du Representant des Nations
Unies au Congo enqueter sur sort Delege CIRCIR Olivet disparu
depuis treize decembre et dont sommes a notre profond regret
toujours sans nouvelles malgre recherches qu'avez ordonnees.
Efforts nos delegues Elisabethville senn de preux egaleme
sans success jusqu'ici. Monsieur Knecht Charge de Mission par
CICR se rendra prochainement Elisabethville. Vous serais
reconnaissant de donner instructions vos representants Leopold-
ville et Elisabethville afin que toutes facilites et tout appui
soit donne a Monsieur Knecht dans acco plissement sa Mission
Unquote Grateful you make every effort facilitate Knecht
mission and convey this message.

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PRIORITE

TO : MACEOIN
FROM : BUNCHE
DATE : 28 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 9048.

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Reference ONUC 7507 and our 8953.

Austrian mission informs that replacement personnel for Austrian medical team in Congo consists of 6 majors, 1 lieutenant, 9 sergeants and 10 cases of medicine, total weight 2 tons. Since, according to your 7507, only 12 personnel are to be repatriated, numbers are too small for separate airlift. We are therefore trying to make arrangements to have the personnel rotated on a US weekly supply flight Chateauroux-Leopoldville-Chateauroux.

You will be kept informed

cc : Linner. ✓

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PRIORITE

TO : ROSSBOROUGH
FROM : MACFARQUHAR
DATE : 28 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 9047.

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For Frasca.

Further to our 8995 understand difficulties resulting from cash collateral requirements. However, assume action on local banks as well as current negotiations with American banks will reduce shortly pressure on dollar assets available making procedure indicated your 7556 unnecessary. Meanwhile would prefer your withdrawals from special account anticipate your liquid requirements.

cc : Linner. ✓

INCOMING CLEAR

ROUTINE

To : LINNER, Leopoldville
From : BUNCHE, New York
Date : 22 December 1961
No. : 9037

Following note verbale dated 21 December received from Permanent Representative of Belgium Quote Le Delege Permanent de la Belgique aupres des Nations Unies presente ses compliments a Monsieur Le Secretaire General par interdim de L'Organisation des Nations Unies et l'honneur de lui faire savoir que le Gouvernement Belge serait heureux de voir retablir le trafic de la Societe de Navigation Aerienne Belge Sabena a destination et en Provenance d'Elisabethville Paris; il serait, en consequence, reconnaissant a M. Le Secretaire General par Interim de vouloir bien donner les instructions necessaires aux autorites Unquote. Your comments on this request are awaited with interest

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TO : GEN. MAC BOIN
FROM : GEN. RIKHYE, NY.
DATE : 22-12-61
NO. : 9034

Reference ONUC 7479 and our 8952, 8929. Schedule has been changed for lift of ammunition ex India. Lift will terminate in Elisabethville instead of Kamina.-

c.c. Dr. Linner.- ✓

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ROUTINE

TO : GEN. MAC BOIN
FROM : GEN. RIKHYE, NY.
DATE : 22-12-61
NO. : 9032

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Swedish authorities inform that extension of colonel Kjellgrens service in the Congo cannot be granted as he is required in Sweden. They further suggest that he be repatriated to Sweden on completion of his tenure.-

c.c. Dr. Linner ✓

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To : Linner, Leopoldville
From : Narasimhan, New York
Date : 22 December 1961
No. : 9031

Your L-460 circulated today as S/4940/Add.18, being Part III of report concerning situation in Elisabethville. Editorial changes as follows: Para 2 second sentence to read: Quote the Katanga forces had built up strong positions along that road even while pretending to negotiate with the UN to have the Katangese road-block on it removed Unquote. Para 7 name of petrol storage point deleted. Para 13 Last sentence at end read: Quote... The train before letting it proceed Unquote. Paragraph following your 16 was not numbered. It became 17 and all subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly. New para 18 second sentence Quote taken the area Unquote changed to Quote Restored order in the area Unquote. Para 23 (old 22) next to last sentence quote Katangese Unquote changed to Quote Gendarmes and mercenairies Unquote. Para 27 next to last sentence change Quote African Unquote to Quote Congolese Unquote throughout. End.

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To : LINNER, Leopoldville
From : NARASIMHAN, New York
Date : 21 December 1961
No. : 9030

Following note verbale dated 21 December 1961 received from Permanent Representative of Belgium: Quote Le Representant Permanent de la Belgique a l'honneur de se referer a la note de Monsieur Le Secretaire General a.i., en date du 18 decembre, par laquelle il reconnait qu'une enquete a revele que certains soldats des Nations Unies ont inflige des mauvais traitements aux civils et pille leurs biens, et que le Commandement des Nations Unies est intervenu promptement pour eviter la repetition de pareils incidents para Malheureusement, les faits portes a la connaissance du Gouvernement Belge indiquent que de lamentables incidents de cette nature se repetent. Il a ete informe que, le 20 Decembre dernier, un ressortissant Belge nomme drugmant a ete tue au Carrefour Radium Lubumbashi. Les balles retrouvees sont du meme type que celles qui ont ete recueillies dans le corps de Guillaume Derriks et sont uniquement utilisees par des soldats Ethiopiens du contingent de l'ONUC para par ailleurs, on signale la disparition de deux agents de l'Union Miniere, Mm Guyt et Vanderputte, qui accompagnaient M. Drugnant; on annonce egalement que M.Willy Alasraki, disparu a ete vu pour la derniere fois par se belle-mere, Marie-Rose Wauters, elle-meme grievement blessee par des soldats Ethiopiens qui lui avaient arrache sa montre, ses bagues, et vole son argent para dautre part, Lingenieur Loeb,

qui tentait de remettre en marche un moteur diesel permettant d'assurer l'alimentation en eau de la ville d'Elisabethville et qui était accompagnée, pour cette tâche, du Colonel Metra, du Contingent Indien, a constaté que ce dernier n'avait pas l'autorité suffisante pour vaincre la mauvaise volonté des soldats Ethiopiens qui semblent échapper pratiquement à tout contrôle du Commandement des Nations Unies à Elisabethville et qui se comportent en pays conquis parce qu'il résulte de ce fait qu'il n'y a pas d'eau dans la ville et qu'il n'y a pas de espoir d'en avoir aussi longtemps que la zone de l'Union Minière ne sera pas neutralisée par l'ONU par les Katangais. Des démarches pressantes en ce sens, effectuées par la Croix-Rouge, les Consuls de Grande-Bretagne et des Etats-Unis, sont en cours parce que si les soldats Ethiopiens ne sont pas retirés de toute urgence des zones habitées comme le pire

est à craindre. De nombreuses plaintes parviennent, en effet, au Consulat de Belgique au sujet du pillage de maisons momentanément abandonnées et des arrestations arbitraires se succèdent. Il n'est même pas toujours possible d'avoir connaissance de l'identité des prisonniers parce que le Représentant Permanent de la Belgique est chargé par son gouvernement de demander à Monsieur le Secrétaire Général a.i. de transmettre immédiatement aux autorités de l'ONUC à Elisabethville des ordres afin que les soldats Ethiopiens soient repris en mains et écartés de la ville, seule solution qui puisse éviter la répétition d'incidents qui engage la responsabilité de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et affecte son prestige et sa réputation. Unquote para . Your comments as basis of reply would be appreciated end.

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To : Gen. MacEoin, Leopoldville.
From : Gen. Rikhye, New York.
Date : 21 December 1961.
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Reference ONUC 7536.

A summary of available information on mercenaries and involvement of Union Miniere would be most useful at our press briefing. Please cable earliest.

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cc. Gen. MacEoin.

Mr. Linner. ✓

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PRIORITY

To: BUNCHE LINNER, Leopoldville

From: NARASIMHAN, New York

Date: 21 December 1961

No.: 9024

The following based on information from Bunch being issued today as S/5038: Quote Report of the Secretary-General concerning the negotiations at Kitona between Prime Minister Cyrille Adoula and Mr. Tshombe

1. Following a request by Mr. Moise Tshombe contained in a telegram to the President of the United States of America on 14 December 1961, a meeting was arranged at Kitona, in Leopoldville Province, between Prime Minister Cyrille Adoula and Mr. Tshombe with the assistance of United States Ambassador Edmond Gullion and the United Nations Organization in the Congo. Mr. Gullion brought Mr. Tshombe and his party to Kitona from Ndola in a United States aircraft on the morning of 19 December. Mr. Adoula and his party were flown to Kitona in a United Nations aircraft later on the same day. Para 2. The day before, the Acting Secretary-General had announced that if the immediate objectives of the United Nations Force in Elisabethville were achieved and if firm arrangements were actually being made for Mr. Tshombe to fly to Kitona, he would order ONUC troops in Katanga to hold their fire for the duration of any talks between Prime Minister Adoula and Mr. Tshombe with, of course, the right to act in self defence in case they were attacked during the period of the parley. In accordance with this announcement, the ONUC Command in Elisabethville ordered a hold-fire at 7 A.M. on

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19 December Para 3. The parties gathered for their first formal meeting at 8:30 A.M. on 20 December 1961, with the Delegations of the Central Government and the Provincial Government only being present. The following Representatives took part in the discussion - for the Government of the Republic of the Congo: Mr. Cyrille Adoula, Prime Minister; Mr. Justin Bomboko, Foreign Minister; Mr. Christophe Gbenye, Interior Minister and Remy Mwamba, Justice Minister Para For the Provincial Government of Katanga: Mr. Tshombe, Provincial President; Mr. Jean-Baptiste Kibwe, Provincial Minister of Finance; and Mr. Odilon Mwenda and Mr. Meli Para The meeting was held throughout the morning, with one short recess, and continued on through dinner, sandwiches and beverages being served while the conversations continued. No Chairman was elected Para.5 In mid-evening a recess was declared, and Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary of the United Nations and United States Ambassador Gullion were invited to join the meeting. Mr. Bunche was accompanied by Mrssrs. Robert Gardiner, Mahmoud Khiary and Georged Dumontet Para The Prime Minister and Mr. Tshombe explained their positions, the former stressing observance of the Loi Fondamentale, and the latter stating that he accepted it Quote In principle Unquote. Being asked to comment at this point Mr. Bunche appealed to the parties not to abandon their efforts until agreement between them had been reached. A similar appeal was made by Ambassador Guillon Para 6. Procedural and substantive differences between the Delegations became evident as the conversations continued, and a number of different approaches and formulations had to be devised in the course of the day-long effort to find a basis for agreement. Tension set in as the day wore on, and in the

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late hours fatigue caused a number of heated exchanges. After a good deal of difficulty had been overcome, an agreement was arrived at outside the meeting room on 21 December 1961 at approximately 2:30 A.M. Para 7. The agreement consists of a declaration by Mr. Tshombe, a letter from him to Mr. Bunche, and letters from Mr. Bunche to the Provincial President and to the Prime Minister, as follows:(text as sent follow).

8. It will be noted that in his declaration Mr. Tshombe states his position without reservation Para 9. At approximately 3 .M. both Delegations gathered in the meeting room for brief courtesy statements. Mr. Bunche expressed gratitude on behalf of the Secretary-General, and Ambassador Gullion, on behalf of the United States Government. The parley having concluded in a cordial atmosphere, the Delegations departed immediately in their respective aircraft Para. 10. A detachment from the Nigerian Contingent of ONUC was responsible for special security arrangements at Kitona during the conversations. These duties were discharged with efficiency. Unquote.

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ROUTINE.

To : Mr. Ahmed.
From : Vaughan.
Date : 21 December 1961.
No : 9023

Your 7468.

We are deeply concerned about your administrative staff and making every effort to fill the very noticeable gaps especially in the Provinces.

Regarding the four regional Administrative Officer vacancies. Personnel has two definite appointments in process: Primo. Kaplan (P-4 USA) who was earlier accepted by you and who is now available two January. He could leave on that date but in view of his lack of UN experience we prefer to brief him here for a few weeks if you agree. Is completely bilingual. Secundo. Gebrian (P-4 Spain) whom you accepted in your 7461. Also bilingual and highly recommended but lacking UN background and consequently probably should be briefed in Leo before going to a region. Pursuing several possibilities for other 2 posts including possibility of moving up Voutsinas (P-3 from Geneva) departure from april to earlier date.

Vieira has accepted Kamina Base post and is available to report by 15 January. Personnel is awaiting only the medical report which is en route.

We were distressed by your 7497 regarding Gavreaus secondment and immediately recontacted Ottawa who suggested a highlevel request to the permanent delegate, which will be sent forthwith.

Personnel unable to supply completely bilingual experienced Deputy of calibre you require. In view your willingness to accept english only I am prepared to send Clay Timbrell for six to nine months in present emergency. Is this helpful ?.

c.c. Dr. Linner.

Incoming Clear Cable

To : LINNER, LEO
From : NARASIMHAN, NEW YORK
Date : 21 December 1961
N° : 8999

Your L-463 and our 8826. Following note verbale dispatched today to Permanent Representative of Belgium:

"Le Secrétaire général par intérim des Nations Unies présente ses compliments à M. le Représentant Permanent de la Belgique auprès de l'Organisation et, se référant à sa note verbale S.2683 du 13 décembre 1961, a l'honneur de porter à sa connaissance que dès réception de la communication du Représentant permanent, il a prié le fonctionnaire chargé de l'opération des Nations Unies au Congo de faire procéder aux enquêtes voulues. L'incident en question s'est produit à Shinkolobwe, camp de gendarmerie situé dans les faubourgs de Jadotville et l'un des principaux points où la Gendarmerie katangaise et les mercenaires se rassemblaient pour leurs opérations contre les troupes de l'ONUC. Shinkolobwe continuant à être utilisée à cette fin, la Force des Nations Unies a été obligée de déclencher contre elle une attaque aérienne. L'hôpital est situé à l'intérieur de l'enceinte du camp, à 200 mètres environ du bâtiment principal. Selon le rapport de l'officier de l'ONUC qui dirigeait l'attaque aérienne, aucun insigne de la Croix-Rouge n'était visible à 2500 mètres d'altitude; une croix indistincte brun rouge, sur le toit de l'un des bâtiments, a été aperçue au cours de l'attaque alors que les appareils de l'ONU étaient déjà descendus à 200 ou 300 mètres d'altitude. L'ordre de cesser l'attaque a été donné dès que la Croix Rouge a été aperçue de l'un des appareils, mais certains d'entre eux avaient déjà commencé à tirer, atteignant, semble-t-il, l'hôpital. Il n'y a pas de village à l'extérieur du camp et il n'y a pas d'autres

bâtiments à proximité; il semble donc que c'est par erreur que la note du Représentant permanent fait mention d'un "marché". Le Secrétaire général par intérim regrette vivement les pertes de vies humaines, les blessures et les dommages causés par l'attaque des appareils de l'ONU, qui, alors qu'ils s'attaquaient légitimement à un objectif militaire, paraissent avoir atteint aussi un hôpital. Il a donné pour instructions au commandement de l'ONU de veiller à ce que les plus strictes précautions soient prises pour éviter, autant que cela est humainement possible, la répétition de tels incidents."

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TO : KHIARY, FRASCA
FROM : MACPARQUHAR
DATE : 21 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 8995.

Your ONUC 7502 transfers of dollars eighthundredseventyone thousand fivehundredtwo and eightyeight cents and dollars fivehundredsixtythree thousand onehundredsixtynine and seventytwo cents from special to regular account of monetary council with Irving trust effected 18 December although written confirmation ONUC 7348 still unreceived. Transfer of dollars sixhundredeightyone thousand sixhundredthirtyfive and fiftyeight cents requested by ONUC 7484 withheld for airmail confirmation.

cc : Linner. ✓

INCOMING CLEAR CABLE

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To : LINNER, LEO
From : MACFARQUHAR, NEW YORK
Date : 21 December 1961
Nº : 8983

Commission investigating accident to Mr. Hammarskjöld's plane would appreciate your advice on list of witnesses who could testify to any circumstances of flight at starting point and elsewhere in Congo. We shall later enquire where they are likely to be in January when Commission expects to be in session in your area but receipt of list tomorrow before Commission disperses here would be most helpful.

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TO : BUNCHE, LINN
FROM : NARASIMHAN
DATE : 21 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 8982.

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Reference L-440.

Schachter has suggested several names of people in the secretariat to Whitelaw, who is following through with the object of having four or five people leave for the Congo in a few days.

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TO : BUNCHE, LINNEN
FROM : NARASIMHAN
DATE : 20 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 8981.

Reference L-430 and our 8898.

Gussing available. Are taking action for speedy
appointment and arrival Leopoldville .

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INCOMING CLEAR CABLE

To : LINNER, LEO
From : NARASIMHAN, NEW YORK
Date : 20 December 1961
Nº : 8979

Your information following cable sent SECGEN by Mubiala Baptista President, Dibembe Jacques Vice-President and Tshimanga Bernard Second Vice-President. "DirProvinciale mouvement solidaire Muluba Léo approuve parlementaires congolais incapables diriger Congo. Engage ces dirigeants responsables troubles et crises Congo. Mettons en garde autorités contre résolutions proposées Chambre 16 décembre envoi militaires déclencher deuxième guerre exterminer Congolais responsable cette deuxième guerre provoquerait effondrement total Congo."

Incoming Clear cable

To : Linnér, Leo
From : Narasimhan, New York
Date : 20 December 1961
Nº : 8978

- 1/ Irish Mission has asked us to enquire urgently about a sister Mary Conleth (McSweeney), Institut Sacré Coeur, Elisabethville, who was reported wounded.
2. Would appreciate action thereon if feasible.

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TO : KHIARY
FROM : MAHFARQUHAR
DATE : 20 DECE 1961
NUMBER : 8974

Your ONUC 7307 distribution of administrative charges for relief operation. Essential preliminary to any useful conversations with voluntary agencies must be determination in principle of Unations position. Case was stated in our COCA 275 for resolution on basis your answers still unreceived. It is appreciated any close calculation may be impracticable but it should be possible to get a consensus with CAO and force to enable us close books. Rossborough is aware of auditors dissatisfaction with present unsettled position. Please pouch statement of case for our decision. Secgen's orders on policy issues may have to be taken before embarking on external discussions.

cc : Linner. ✓

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TO : KHIARY, FRASCA
FROM : MACFARQUHAR
DATE : 20 DEC 1961
NUMBER : 8973.

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Reference ONUC 7447.

Assuming that Morgan's reply cabled fifteen December has now reached you - information collected so far from other sources corroborates that American banks have been instructed in some cases by Congolese banks and in other cases by affiliates of the latter abroad to make cover of one hundred percent in cash a condition prior to confirmation of documentary credits. This procedure apparently applies to Congo including Katanga and is said to be usual in foreign trade when political status of country involved deemed ill assured. Several precedents are cited in the present case all banks aware that deposits with Irving trust fully cover documentary credits but fear possible breakdown which might result in lack of concurrence requested under twelve June agreement, article 5 and therefore would result in lockup even temporarily of above deposits.

Please advise success of your local efforts to remedy this and any help needed from us.

cc : Linner. ✓

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see by P. J. and others.

TO OP
FROM OP
DATE 20th Dec
NUMBER 8972

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Your unnumbered circuit number CY12 ~~349~~ groups.

Para two seventh sentence reads "Therefore request you
send reinforcements here by earliest possible aerial reconnaissance
of approach roads for verification and report."

Please confirm.

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TO Gen. Maceoin.
FROM Rikhye.
DATE 20 December 1961
NUMBER 8970

Ref L-447, ONUC 7492. Please advise immediately if Ethiopians affected by poisoned water referred to in both cables are the same personnel.

c.c. Dr. Linner ✓

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From : Narisimhan, New York
To : Dr. Bunche, Dr. Linner, Leo
Date : 20th December 1961
Number : 8969

Belgian Ambassador presented today personally to SecGen following message from Spaak

"La situation materielle continue a s'aggraver a Elisabethville. L'eau et l'electricite manquent. Les techniciens ne veulent plus ou ne peuvent plus agir. Ceci est la consequence des nombreux tirs qui continuent. Je vous prie instamment de donner instructions aux troupes de l'ONU a Elisabethville pour quelles respectent le cessez-le-feu qui semble avoir ete decide. Alinea l'interet de tous est qu'une solution pacifique puisse etre trouvee."

Would like to have factual report on restoration of electricity and water supply. We have seen some reports that at three thirty p.m. today fire was opened on ONUC positions again. Please have fullest report sent on origin of shooting this afternoon.

For our part we told Belgian Ambassador that we also shared Spaaks feelings that all of us are interested in peaceful solution. Since, however, it takes two to make a quarrel, would it be possible for Spaak to address an appeal to his compatriots in Elisabethville and ask them not to indulge in any provocative action which makes it necessary for ONUC to retaliate? We told him that if Spaak was willing to address such an appeal it could be timed simultaneously with public reiteration of directive to ONUC to hold their fire except where their own safety demands that they retaliate.

- 1) Delayed to Elville with cc FC
- 2) X being done here.

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TO : GEN. MACEOIN
FROM : SEC GEN
DATE : 20-12-61
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Reference ONUC 7479. Unistates approached accordingly.-

c.c. Dr. Linner ✓

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TO : DR. BUNCHE, DR LINNER, GEN. MAC EOIN
FROM : SEC GEN
DATE : 19-12-61
NO. : 8950

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During the recent fighting in Elisabethville it is quite clear that much hardship was suffered by the civilians and that there were many casualties. I realise that with the nature of the fighting and especially with the active participation of non-congolese civilians in sniping at UN troops, etc, this was inevitable. However, I feel we should take advantage of the present respite to do all we can to assist the civilian population, both congolese and non-congolese, especially in regard to protection and evacuation of people in exposed areas, medical treatment, food and relief work generally, etc.

Grateful if you would issue suitable instructions to our colleagues in Elisabethville and repeat them to us for our information. I also feel we should publicise all such activities, and would be grateful if these could be reported in Smith's briefing cables to Ho and Carruthers.-

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*Relayed to EV. on 20 X4
Awaiting their reply before
communicating with NY.*

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