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Reur 8018. Propose leaving Leo this evening 2030 hrs accompanied by O'Brien. Will arrive New York 1355 hrs, on flight BA 581 from London.

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cc: Dr Linner



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The following report received from Englund, Pagnanelli and ONUC Chief of Mil Ops from Kindu.

A conference was held between UN officials, Gibenye, Lundulla, Col<sup>P</sup>Akasa and others, at 1400 hrs on the 14th, at Kindu airport. ANC Col<sup>P</sup>Akasa's story in consultation with Major Daud (the Commander of the Malayan troops in Kindu) is as follows:

ANC troops from Stanleyville passing through Kindu heard rumours that a landing of Belgian paratroopers at Kindu was imminent. These rumours appeared to have roughly coincided with the arrival of two UN aircraft bringing Malayan armoured cars from Kamina. The arrival of these two UN aircraft was notified to the local ANC Commander at Kindu. Despite that, the incidents as already reported in our 6555 took place, culminating in the ~~final~~ report of the escape in our 6601.

The UN officials placed the following demands before the conference: firstly, every effort was to be made in order to locate and bring back the allegedly escaped Italian crew members; secondly, the UN aircraft, armoured cars and any UN property to be returned; thirdly, all ANC troops in the vicinity of the airfield to be withdrawn; fourthly, all culprits responsible for the incident to be severely punished.

Lundulla issued orders to the effect that all our demands must be implemented.

The Congolese officials on arrival in Kindu on the 14th held a private conference among themselves before meeting with us. It was also reported that Gizenga was in Kindu but he did not attend our conference. The conference ended .../-



at about 1515 hours.

During the conference an Air Congo DC4 landed at Kindu. Immediately after the conference General Lundulla and his party rushed to the Air Congo DC4 and left reportedly for Stanleyville. Lundulla left instructions to Col Pakasa to implement all our demands after he (Col Pakasa) had discussed the matter with his troops and had pacified his troops. Lundulla promised to return to Kindu tomorrow (i.e. 15th). We promised to provide an aircraft if necessary to bring him from Stanleyville.

Our general feeling is that the escape of the crew members is a fake to conceal their massacre. Considering the fact that they have been brutally beaten and dragged to the ANC trucks it is our opinion that they would not have been physically able to escape. Our impression is also that the troops are not under the control of their officers and this was confirmed by Col Pakasa during the conference. Finally, the general situation in Kindu remains tense. End of report.

In a report of the same conference from Brig Hamid the following major points have emerged: firstly, that the pilots were arrested because the ANC thought that they were whites from Katanga and suspected of being spies; secondly, the Malayan Commander in Kindu stated that the Malaysians could identify the person responsible for the looting of the Officers' Mess if an identification parade were organised (this was agreed to by Lundulla and Minister Gbenye who also said that the culprits would be sent to Stanleyville for disciplinary action); thirdly, when Col Pakasa was asked if he knew about the arrival of the UN aircraft he admitted that he did; fourthly, when asked to remove the ANC guard from two Malayan armoured cars so that they could be removed by the Malaysians, Col Pakasa replied that he would have to discuss the matter with his men. Although General Lundulla directed that the cars be returned, the ANC colonel insisted that he must discuss the matter with his men or if not he himself would be arrested, by them. Fifthly,

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Brig Hamid's final comment was that the meeting clarified nothing and that Gen Lundulla passed no comments.



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Before midday today Col Pakassa in Kindu telephoned Malaysians and stated that the 13 Italian prisoners had escaped. The Malayan Commander reports that he fears that this is a made up story to cover the fact that they may have lost their lives. It is also significant that the telephone call was made before Lundulas arrival. A report has also been received from the Central Government that they believed the prisoners had escaped. It was confirmed late that Lundula left Kindu for Stan at 1530 hours local time, having arrived there at midday. It is also confirmed that G. zenga arrived in Kindu this afternoon and proposed to hold a conference. It is not stated whether he met Lundula. We are awaiting a report on today's meeting with Lundula and a report on the present situation in Kindu.

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Further to our 6583, it is now confirmed that 100  
ANC troops have reached ALBERTVILLE. They arrived with 10 trucks  
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1. Further to our 6556 as far as MOBUTU's forces are concerned deployed on the North West frontier of KATANGA Nigerian Bde HQ at LULUABOURG reported yesterday that the strength of the 13th ANC Battalion at LUPUTA is now down to 300. They are beset by administrative problems such as the supply of food and petrol and the morale of the battalion is reported to be very low. 130 sick soldiers from 13th battalion at LUPUTA arrived in LULU on 13 Nov. It is suggested that the 300 remaining at LUPUTA are no longer a fighting force.
2. As far as LUNDULA's forces are concerned deployed on the northern frontier the current troubles in KINDU reveal a serious lack of discipline and control.
3. A report was received last night, still to be confirmed, that a force of 100 ANC had arrived in ALBERTVILLE by truck and jeep. Confirmation and more details of this should be available shortly. You will be informed.

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The following situation report received from KINDU.

A conference was held yesterday between our special mission and local ANC military officers.

The first matter discussed was the question of the 13 Italian crew members. Col PAKASSA, the local ANC Commander stated that the crew are being held in custody because they are suspected of being spies. A further statement/<sup>was made</sup>that they are safe and are being well looked after. When requested to release the prisoners, Col PAKASSA said that he had no authority to release them. When it was pointed out to him that Major DAWE represented General LUNDULA, PAKASSA said that they did not recognize Major DAWE and further because he had come from LEO they were suspicious of him. When asked for UN officials to visit the prisoners PAKASSA said that he could not guarantee the safety of any official. He confessed that he and other officers had no control over their troops and that he himself was nearly manhandled.

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It was further pointed out to PAKASSA that the joint guard and the two UN C119s and the two MSF Ferrets which they were carrying should be discontinued as these were the property of the UN and only the UN should be responsible for their security. PAKASSA appeared to be convinced by this and decided to defer the decision until the next day. PAKASSA further said that no UN aircraft would be allowed to fly over KINDU without the ANC being informed, or otherwise they would be fired at.

The conference was held in a cordial atmosphere. It was agreed to hold another conference on the 14th Nov. End of situation reported.



All the UN aircraft allotted to the Malaysians to lift reinforcements <sup>GOMA</sup> from GOMA to KINDU were placed at ~~KINDU~~ on the morning of the 13th as planned, but Brig. HAMID did not consider it opportune to fly in reinforcements to KINDU on the 13 owing to the situation there. The aircraft and the reinforcements are standing by.

General LUNDULA with the Minister GBENYE and 13 other officials left N'DJILI airport at 0820 local time for KINDU. They should reach KINDU by midday.

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Brig HAMID reported today that the situation in KINDU had not improved. ANC have increased their strength at the airfield to an estimated 700 men. They have dug trenches and established a mortar position on the airfield. The water supply to the Malaysians was cut off also today. Generally, ANC activity has not decreased.

At 2000 hours local time here we were informed that the special mission was still in conference with the ANC in KINDU and that they would not be returning to LEO tonight.

General LUNDULA and party leave LEO early tomorrow morning for KINDU.

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Reur 7892.

We only sent confirmed information in reply to your 7892 and this was necessarily very scanty.

We have already consulted MOBUTU in the compilation of 2552-3 but rejected most of his material for lack of confirmation. We know his communications with the front were poor and that the story he has now is based on the reports of the retreating soldiers a source well known to be weak. However, in view of your need for some picture of the events we have decided now to send you the full story as given by MOBUTU. This will be the report of one side only and naturally will have to be treated with caution. The information that GOULSON has is from MOBUTU and NDJOKO. RIKHYE got his information from GOULSON. The MOBUTU report will therefore cover all available information. Work on this will start tomorrow when the UN LO with MOBUTU returns from KINDU where he has gone today on a special mission.

We shall forward the earliest.

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I have learnt from a cable passing through here for the Nigerian Brigade at LULUABOURG from their Army Headquarters in LAGOS that the Nigerian Federal Government has decided to reduce their contingent here to one battalion. Can you please confirm this? If this is so it will reduce our strength in Leo to two companies of Ethiopians. This will be the lowest since the UN came to the CONGO.

Owing to the situation in the various provinces I am unable to take troops from anywhere to make up this loss in LEO. In fact, the situation as regards the overall strength of the force is reaching the stage where I will not be able to continue to carry the responsibility for the security of our airfields and other vital installations, our contingents and other UN personnel here.

At the moment this applies particularly to NDJILI airfield and LEO city. There are in LEO at the moment 2400 ANC troops and 1400 armed police and in THYSVILLE which is within two hours by road there are a further 3600 ANC.

I must refer again to my request for APCs and armoured cars made as long ago as <sup>25</sup>September in my ONUC 5542. If these were now available our problem would be eased. The five Swedish APCs already here are being used to assist in the defence of NDJILI airport. There is therefore an immediate requirement for additional APCs and a squadron of armoured cars.

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