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ONUC  
Leopoldville

19 December 1963

*A. Bonville*  
*Class 240*

To: All Chiefs of Section, Leopoldville, and Field Offices  
From: R. Polgar, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: Closure of radio stations in field offices

Due to the closure of radio stations in field offices, except in Luluabourg, Kamina and Elisabethville, you are kindly requested to send confirmation copies of your cables dispatched through local PTT by next pouch.



11/24/63 240

14 December 1963

*[Handwritten signature]*

To: Chief, General Services  
From: Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: UN Field Radio Stations

According to our previously agreed plan, all field radio stations are to be closed on 15 December 1963.

*[Handwritten circle around the text]*  
cc: Mr. Dorsinville

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Léopoldville, le 2 août 1963

Commandant,

L'Organisation des Nations Unies a érigé un Poste Emetteur de radio le long de la route se dirigeant vers l'Aérodrome de N'Djili, pour ses communications avec le siège des Nations Unies à New York.

La station, dont le périmètre est entièrement entouré par une barrière de fils métalliques, contient du matériel d'une très grande valeur.

Ce poste a, jusqu'à présent, été gardé par les Forces Militaires des Nations Unies au Congo, mais, par suite de nombreux départs, cette tâche leur est maintenant devenue impossible.

Aussi, vous serais-je particulièrement reconnaissant si vous vouliez bien, dans un esprit de collaboration avec l'ONUC, faire garder notre poste émetteur par des éléments de la Gendarmerie de la ville de Léopoldville.

Mon Officier de Sécurité, Monsieur Kroon, se mettra en rapport avec vous pour discuter les détails de cette affaire.

Espérant que vous voudrez bien donner une réponse favorable à ma requête, je vous prie de croire, Commandant, à l'expression de ma haute considération.

Carey Seward  
Chef des Services Administratifs

Commandant du Bataillon  
de Gendarmerie de la ville de  
Léopoldville  
Camp Koholo

cc: Col. Madan  
Chief Communications



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=O.M.=  
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO  
ARMEE NATIONALE CONGOLAISE  
2ME GROUPEMENT  
BATAILLON GD LEO  
ETAT-MAJOR 3-3

Léopoldville, le 08 Août 1963.

N° 00871 /3.3.2.1

Annexe : 1

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Copie pour information au Commandant  
du 2<sup>e</sup> Groupement de l'Armée Na-  
tionale Congolaise.  
à  
LEOPOLDVILLE

jet : Garde des instal-  
lations T.S.F. à  
Kingabwa.

Réf. : Votre lettre du 02  
août 1963.  
Ma note N° 00855/3.3.2.1  
du 05 août 1963.

A Monsieur le Chef des Services Adminis-  
tratifs de l'Organisations des Nations  
Unies au Congo.  
Building "LE ROYAL"  
à  
LEOPOLDVILLE.

A l'attention du Chef des Services  
de la Sécurité de l'O.N.U.C. à Léopoldville.

Monsieur le Chef des Services,

Faisant suite à l'entretien que  
l'Officier S-3 du Bataillon Gendarmerie LEO a eu avec Monsieur  
KROON, chef des Services de la sécurité de l'O.N.U.C. et à  
votre lettre citée en rubrique, j'ai l'honneur de vous  
confirmer que les mesures adéquates ont été prises en temps  
opportun.

Pour votre information, je vous  
transmets copie de ma note ci-émargée, laquelle j'espère vous  
apportera des éclaircissements sur l'aide que vous escomptez de  
la gendarmerie et vous en souhaite bonne réception.

Dans le cadre des accords verbaux  
conclus entre Monsieur KROON et mon Officier S-3, je tiens  
à vous remercier pour l'installation d'une guérite avec télé-  
phone intérieur à l'entrée des installations T.S.F. de  
Kingabwa, et attends, néanmoins, l'installation d'une toile  
de tente avec plancher en bois ordinaire dans laquelle seraient  
placés deux lits de campagne.

J'attends également la photocopie du  
plan des installations y existantes pour la constitution d'un  
dossier ad hoc et ce, à toutes fins utiles.

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Dans l'attente de la réalisation de ce qui précède, je vous prie de croire que la Bataillon Gendarmerie Léo ne ménagera aucun effort pour vous apporter sa plus franche collaboration.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Chef des services, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

Le Commandant du Bataillon Gendarmerie LEO  
S I N G A, A.H.  
Capitaine-Commandant





LEOPOLDVILLE, le 05 Aou 1963.

N° 00855 /3.3.2.1

COPIE

Au Comd 1 Cie Gd Mob LEO  
Info : Au Comd 2 Gpt

O B J E T : Garde permanente aux installations T.S.F. KINGABWA.

REFERENCE : Lettre du 02 Août 1963 de l'ONUC - Léopoldville.  
Note verbale du S-3 Bn Gd LEO le 02 Août 63.

1. L'organisation des Nations Unies au Congo ayant installé des puissants postes émetteurs-récepteurs de radios à Kingabwa, nous a requis pour assurer la sécurité des installations et du personnel y travaillant et ce, nuit et jour à dater du 02 Août 1963.
2. La mission des Gd de garde constituera à :
  - Contrôler toute personne qui désirerait entrer dans les installations précitées.
  - protéger tout le personnel y travaillant
  - protéger tout le matériel se trouvant dans l'enceinte; laquelle est d'ailleurs délimitée par des fils de fer barbelés.
3. Un cahier de garde en ces lieux sera établi et tenu à jour, dans lequel seront mentionnés les noms, prénoms, grades, n° mat, dates et heures de garde des Gd qui y assureront le MROP.
4. La remise-reprise de la clé de la porte d'entrée dans les installations sera également mentionnée dans ce cahier de manière sans équivoque.
5. L'effectif sera de 2 Gd de garde la journée et 4 Gd la nuit.
6. Le Comd 1 Cie Gd Mob est chargé de l'exécution permanente de la présente note.
7. La présente note confirme la note verbale du S3 Bn Gd LEO en date du 02 Août 1963.

(Sé)

SINGA, A.H.  
Cdt  
Comd Bn Gd LEO.

COPIE



*Don copie certifiée conforme.  
Léopoldville, le 8 août 1963  
CRAUWENBERG 6-E.  
S.3 Bn Gd LEO*



ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
AU CONGO



UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION  
IN THE CONGO

BOITE POSTALE 7248  
LEOPOLDVILLE  
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO  
CABLE: ONUC. LEOPOLDVILLE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

29 June 1963

To: Officer-in-Charge  
Chief of Civilian Operations  
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: HQ ONUC TELEPHONE SYSTEM

At present the Canadian Signals Unit is chiefly responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ONUC telephone system.

When the ONUC military force is withdrawn from the Congo, some provision must be made to carry on the operation and maintenance of our telephone system. This problem has been investigated by the Chief Signals Officer who in the attached IOM has outlined what he regards as the minimum provision which must be made. As a basis for the report some assumptions had to be made and these are not unreasonable.

Your attention is invited to this report so that adequate planning and training can be undertaken for a smooth take-over when the Canadian Signals Unit leaves the Congo.

*K. G. G. G.*  
Lt. Col.



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HQ 1276-2/SIGS 3722-3

26 June 1963

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Force Commander  
From: Chief Signal Officer  
Subject: HQ ONUC Telephone System

AIM

1. To forecast the type of work involved and the staff required to continue to provide telephone service at HQ ONUC after the military component of ONUC has been withdrawn from the Congo.

BACKGROUND

2. Telephone services at present provided in Leopoldville for HQ ONUC by the Chief Signal Officer are :-
  - a. Installation, provision, maintenance and moves of telephones, operation and maintenance of the telephone exchange and supervision of the telephone operators in the Royal and Chanio buildings.
  - b. Maintenance of all ONUC rented telephones whether in offices or residences.
  - c. Procuring and accounting for spare parts and material required for installations and maintenance.
  - d. Liaison with the PTT to obtain the telephone circuits required for telephones or for extensions from the Royal exchange outside the building.



- e. Provision of transport, drivers and technicians to do the above work, through 57 Canadian Signal Unit.
- f. Recording, checking and authorisation of payment of all telephone rental and telephone call accounts.
- g. Publication of the telephone directory and its amendment to keep pace with the rotation of personnel.
- h. Assisting in obtaining and maintaining personal residential telephones for ONUC personnel.

3. The personnel required to provide these telephone services are :-

- a. One communications officer half time, to investigate new requirements, to make arrangements with the PTT and to detail the work to military linemen. He also checks the telephone bills and arranges to collect charges for personal telephone calls made from ONUC telephones.
- b. One cpl clerk who keeps the telephone records.
- c. One sgt, two cpls and three signalmen linemen who instal, move, repair and maintain all ONUC telephones.
- d. One driver lineman who drives a PTT lineman in a 57 Cdn Sig Unit 3/4 ton vehicle for the PTT, in order to obtain quick service on ONUC PTT requirements.
- e. One cpl supervisor and five signalmen switchboard operators to provide 24 hour operation of the Royal exchange.
- f. Two locally employed Congolese switchboard operators to operate the Chanio exchange from 0900 to 1700 hrs daily except Sunday. They are not very satisfactory as they cannot speak English.



4. The PTT is overloaded and in many areas the underground telephone cables are fully in use. The staff of the company is slowly being reorganized, there is an acute shortage of trained technical and administrative personnel, and materials for construction and maintenance are not available. For these reasons applications for new work normally submitted are unlikely to be fulfilled. It is therefore necessary for the telephone officer to pay several visits to the PTT and personally follow the application through each department and then ensure, through the driver lineaman mentioned in para 3d, that the work is carried out.

#### ASSUMPTIONS

5. When the military component of ONUC is withdrawn from the Congo it is assumed that :-

- a. HQ ONUC personnel will be consolidated into either the Royal or Chanio building.
- b. The military component of HQ ONUC will be reduced to nil strength, the Chief Administrative Officer's staff will be reduced to one third of its present strength, and the staffs of the Officer-in-Charge and the Chief of Civilian Operations will remain much as they are now.
- c. Working hours of the HQ ONUC telephone exchange will be from 0800 to 1700 hrs only.

#### ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS

6. Provided that the above assumptions are approximately correct, the duties to be assumed by the Chief Administrative Officer's staff would be similar to that listed in paragraph 2 but reduced to one third of their present volume.

7. The staff required is estimated to be :-

- a. Half the time of one communications officer, who should be bilingual.
- b. Part time of one clerk.
- c. Two bilingual telephone switchboard operators.



- d. One Bilingual driver lineman with vehicle to work with the PTT. Although this would only be a part time ONUC requirement it is necessary in order to get work done at all. The remainder of the time would be spent on PTT work.
- e. Two linemen with vehicle to maintain, instal and move ONUC telephones.

8. Civilian personnel engaged to fill these positions must be technically qualified and fully experienced. To ensure a smooth handover they should arrive in sufficient time to permit one month of training in the job, during which time they should be integrated with the staff of the Chief Signal Officer. At the end of that time the Chief Signal Officer and the military staff would be withdrawn and repatriated.

9. In Elisabethville, Kamina and Luluabourg there will be similar problems on a very much reduced scale. If the staff is large enough to warrant a telephone switchboard, one or two operators will be required. Liaison with the PTT and payment of accounts would be minor extra tasks which could be assumed by any staff member.

10. In addition to telephone matters, radio communications to Elisabethville, Kamina and Luluabourg must be planned in advance by UN Radio and the operators and equipment obtained.

  
(F. B. Jones)

Lt Col

Chief Signal Officer

cc. Chief of Staff.



**SECRET**

C/ADM 240

ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
AU CONGO



UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION  
IN THE CONGO

INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

18 May 1963.

TO : Officer in Charge, ONUC.  
FROM : Chief Communications Officer.  
SUBJECT :

*Chinkman*  
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We have observed that Congolese official messages are passed in cipher via our radio link Coquilhatville - Leopoldville.

Our internal cipher system is such that in case the clear text copy is identified against the cipher copy, the code can be broken and future messages can be deciphered with simple means.

No doubt you will realize that this would endanger our entire internal code system. For this reason we kindly request you not to accept any other cipher messages but those drafted by Onuc officials. In case it is unavoidable to send cipher messages from other originators the text of such messages should be redrafted in order to eliminate the risk that the clear text can be identified against the enciphered text. For the same reason, clear text copies of cipher messages should not be distributed to outsiders.

May we kindly request you to instruct the officers authorized to send internal cipher messages accordingly.



ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
AU CONGO



UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION  
IN THE CONGO

BOITE POSTALE 7248  
LEOPOLDVILLE  
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO  
CABLE: ONUC. LEOPOLDVILLE

15 March 1963


To : Mr. R. Gardiner, Officer-in-Charge  
From : Air Commander  
Subject : Para 3. of attached message dated  
14 March 1963 from Mr. Gaviola

1. This was an Interocean aircraft carrying messages from this Headquarters.

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2. On the <sup>11 March</sup> previous day, the Chief Administrative Officer had written some messages addressed to Mr. Samy at Kindu (see attached copies.) For some reason, these messages had been delayed in the Signals organisation here in Leopoldville until the following day, by which time the Kindu radio station was closed down.

3. On 12 March, the messages were passed by SSB to Luluabourg and there handed to the aircraft captain, who took them to Kindu.

4. The captain arrived at Kindu just before last daylight. As neither Kindu nor adjacent airfields is equipped for night flying, he was extremely pressed for time in order to take off before last light.

  
(Chr. R. Kaldager) Maj Gen  
Air Commander



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CANADIAN CIPHER

FM ONUC BUK

TO ONUC LEO

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Paraphrase NOT required.  
No unclassified reply or  
reference

S E C R E T BUKA 43 GARDINER AHMED TWIGT FROM GAVIOLA

FURTHER TO MY BULE 314 MAIN REASONS OF PANIC:

1. REF KINLEO 124 AND BULE 313. RETURN OF LASSYRY  
MOMENT ONUC TROOPS LEFT. NOW UNDER DISCREET SURVEILLANCE.  
WILL BE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST IF AGITATION INCREASES.  
PLEASE URGE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DECISION
2. SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF TOWER CONTROLLERS TAKING WHOLE  
EQUIPMENT. THEIR CONDUCT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED
3. ARRIVAL MARCH 12 OF MYSTERIOUS PLANE WHICH STOPPED  
AT END OF RUNWAY AND WHOSE CAPTAIN THREW FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
QUOTE THESE MESSAGES ARE FOR YOU FROM ONUC HQ. WE WILL NOT  
REPEAT NOT SHUT DOWN ENGINES AND WILL NOT RETURN TO KINDU  
FOR ANY VEHICLES. IF YOU WANT TO GO WITH US GET ON BOARD  
IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE GOING TO LEO. CAPT WINSON UNQUOTE
4. ESTEEM SITUATION BETTER THAN ANTICIPATED BUT IMPERATIVE  
THAT TOWER FUNCTIONS NORMALLY
5. CFL FEARS HIS TRAINS ATTACKED BY IRREGULARS ALONG LINE.  
SUGGESTED ANC GUARDS BETTER STILL MIXED ONUC/ANC GUARDS EX  
KONGOLO WITH A PLATOON AT KINDU END. A TOKEN PRESENCE WOULD  
BE USEFUL UNTIL POLITICAL SITUATION CLARIFIED

BT

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## UNITED NATIONS - NATIONS UNIES

INDICATE  
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Priorité Nations traffic  
is strictly limited.

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Address(es)

CHUG  
KINDU

11 March, 1963

(TEXT &amp; SIGNATURE)

Insert prefix &amp; / or number as required

USE DOUBLE SPACING.

LEOKIN 80 SANY FROM TWIGT. FURTHER BY CABLE LEOKIN 79.

OUR EFFORTS UNSUCCESSFUL STOP YOU AND KALEPS MAY EVACUATE FROM  
KINDU ALONG WITH ETHIOPIANS TOMORROW MORNING AND REPORT LEOPOLDVILLE  
EARLIEST. STOP HOWEVER IF YOU JUDGE SITUATION WOULD ALLOW LIQUIDATION  
OF CHUG AFFAIRS INCLUDING FINANCIAL MATTERS ON THE SPOT PLEASE LET ME  
KNOW BY RETURN CABLE DATE WHEN AIRCRAFT SHOULD COME.

c.c. to : Chief Civilian Operations. - You may like to consider the  
question of the two Doctors in Kindu.

Officer-in-Charge  
Chief of General Services  
Chief of Civilian Personnel  
Air Commander

T. O. R.

T. O. D.

BY : jf

Drafted by : KU Manon

Authorized : B. Twigt

Date : 11.3.1963



## UNITED NATIONS - NATIONS UNIES

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SVC Service	RRRRR Routine	SSSSS Priority	XXX PRIORITY NATIONS
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KINSHASA

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USE DOUBLE SPACING.

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SAME FROM TWIGT. TWENTY SEVENTH ETHIOPIAN BATTALION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HEADQUARTERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL ONUC EQUIPMENT ON CHARGE MUST BE EVACUATED TO STANLEYVILLE. THIS MIGHT MEAN THAT A REAR PARTY MAY HAVE TO STAY BACK LONGER THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY VISUALISED. PLEASE GIVE ALL HELP YOU CAN BUT ENSURE THAT INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ARE CARRIED OUT. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR FINDINGS.

cc Chief Military Ops.

T. O. R.

BY

T. O. D.

Drafted by : Col Madan

Authorized :

Date : 3. Twigt

11 March 63



UNITED NATIONS — NATIONS UNIES

HQ 1250-1/SIGS 3705-1

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Priorité Nations traffic  
is strictly limited.

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TO: Message Distribution List (M 1-19, C 1-24)

FROM: Chief Signal Officer and  
Chief Communication Officer

(TEXT & SIGNATURE)

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USE DOUBLE SPACING.

1. Effective 1 Mar 63 communications between Leopoldville and Kongolo via Canadian Signals RTT will cease.
2. Traffic for elements of 3QONR remaining in Kongolo will be sent via HQ 3 Wg Bde, Luluabourg.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

T. O. R.

BY :

T. O. D.

Drafted by: (G F DAWSON)

Authorized : LT COL - CRO

Date : 28 Feb 63



✓ C/ADY 240

Le 25 février 1963

Monsieur le Ministre,

J'accuse réception de votre lettre n° 743/CAB/PTT/XV du 14 courant, par laquelle vous nous demandez qu'on émetteur radiophonique soit acheminé à Kindu par un avion de l'ONUC.

Je suis heureux de vous faire savoir que nous accèderons volontiers à votre demande, et j'ai prié à M. Quijano-Caballero, représentant de l'Union internationale des télécommunications, ou à son défaut M. Welsh, de se mettre en rapport avec vous pour organiser les modalités de ce transport.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, les assurances de ma haute considération.

Robert K. Gardiner  
Chargé de la Mission des Nations  
Unies au Congo

S.E. Monsieur A. Delvaux  
Ministre des Postes et Télécommunications  
LEOPOLDVILLE

cc: Mr. Welsh

mr



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Transmitted CAO.  
for action

21/2/1963

*[Signature]*

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ETATPRIORITE

CHUC

LEO ;

1503 TWIGT FURTHER OUR CABLE OF TODAY REUR C 492 COMMUNICATIONS  
EQUIPMENT FROM GERMANY. UUU SSS MISSION WANTS TO KNOW BY  
NOON OF 21 FEBRUARY NAME OF AIRPORT, SIZE OF LARGEST  
CRATE AND NUMBER OF CRATES. ASSURANCE MUST BE GIVEN THAT  
MATERIEL WILL BE POSITIONED AT AIRPORT BY 24 FEBRUARY ;

FIELDSEV " "

COL 1503 492 21 24 "





MINISTÈRE DES POSTES ET  
TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS

CABINET DU MINISTRE  
B. P. 909

✓ C A D M 240  
Leopoldville, le 14 Février 1963  
(1) N°

*Original  
Délivré  
MR 25/2*

A Monsieur R. GARDINER  
Chef des Opérations Civiles de  
l'O.N.U. au Congo

à LEOPOLDVILLE.-

Réf. n°

Annexes

Objet

Monsieur,

Etant dans l'impossibilité matérielle de  
pouvoir acheminer un émetteur à KINDU, je viens vous demander  
l'autorisation de pouvoir acheminer vers cette destination  
par un avion de l'O.N.U.C. ce matériel qui est en souffrance  
ici à LEOPOLDVILLE.-

Je vous saurais infiniment gré si vous  
pourriez m'accorder cette faveur afin que cet appareil rejoigne  
KINDU dans un délai raisonnable puisque cette station  
est d'une grande importance surtout pour la navigation  
aérienne.-

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de  
ma haute considération./-

POUR LE MINISTRE DES P.T.T., A. DELVAUX  
en mission

LE MINISTRE DE L'ÉDUCATION NATIONALE  
ET DES BEAUX ARTS,

M. COLIN



HR TFC  
RECEIVED  
O.N.U.C.

17:10  
1963 FEB 14 PM 5:52  
O.N.U.C.

ACTION	
CIVILIAN	MILITARY
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YC185 S NY 19 14 1659Z ;

ETAT PRIORITE

ONUC

LEO ;

1317 GARDINER REFERENCE G-492. US MISSION APPROACHED AS  
REQUESTED. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ;

BUNCHE "

COL 1317 G-492 "

ZNN



N/R47.: SVT/120/63

Le Chargé de Mission des Nations Unies au Congo présente ses compliments à Monsieur le Premier Ministre de la République du Congo et a l'honneur d'accuser réception de sa note verbale N° 72/63 du 6 février 1963.

L'Opération des Nations Unies au Congo est consciente des importantes répercussions qui résulteraient d'une amélioration rapide du système des télécommunications à l'intérieur de la République du Congo. Elle fera toutes les démarches nécessaires pour donner suite à la demande du Gouvernement du Congo. Etant donné que les Nations Unies ne disposent pas de moyens propres pour effectuer le transport par voie aérienne des équipements mis à la disposition du Gouvernement congolais par la République fédérale d'Allemagne, elles seront obligées de demander l'assistance de l'un des Etats membres de l'Organisation pour assurer ce transport. Les Nations Unies tiendront le Gouvernement du Congo au courant des démarches faites à ce sujet.

Le Chargé de Mission saisit cette occasion pour adresser à Monsieur le Premier Ministre de la République du Congo les assurances de sa très haute considération.

Léopoldville, le 12 février 1963.



Leopoldville, 12 February 1963

My dear Ambassador,

Prime Minister, Cyrille Adoula, has requested as a matter of urgency the assistance of the United Nations Operation in the Congo for the airlift of some telecommunications equipment which has been offered by the Federal German Republic for the improvement of the internal Congolese Telecommunication system.

I fully support the views of the Prime Minister on the urgency of this project for which the United Nations Operation in the Congo (ITU Mission) is supplying all the necessary technical assistance and personnel. We are not, however, in a position to assist the Congolese Government in airlifting the equipment from Germany, and therefore we must request of your Government, through your good offices, the extension of the air-transport facilities for this purpose.

The amount of equipment which is ready at this time to be airlifted from Munich, Federal Republic of Germany, to Leopoldville, Stanleyville, Bukavu, Luluabourg and Coquilhatville, is in the order of 22 tons or some 120 cubic metres. A further identical

.../...

His Excellency  
Mr. E. Gallion  
American Ambassador  
American Embassy  
Leopoldville



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shipment is to follow in approximately 2 months' time.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is being informed by cable of Mr. Adoula's request, and he will undoubtedly contact the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations on the same subject.

Yours sincerely,

R.K.A. Gardiner  
Officer-in-Charge ONUC





72/63

C/ADM 290

NOTE VERBALE

Le Premier Ministre de la République du Congo présente ses compliments à Monsieur le Chargé de Mission de l'ONUC et a l'honneur de lui exposer ce qui suit :

La République Fédérale d'Allemagne en collaboration avec les opérations des Nations-Unies au Congo, Mission de l'U. I. T., a offert son assistance à la République du Congo pour l'installation d'un réseau inter-régional des télécommunications reliant les villes principales du Congo. Selon des informations de l'Ambassade de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne à Léopoldville, le premier lot des équipements se trouve à Munich, prêt à être expédié. Vu l'impossibilité dans laquelle se trouve le Gouvernement du Congo pour assurer d'urgence le transport de ces équipements, le Premier Ministre se voit dans la nécessité de demander l'assistance de l'ONUC pour assurer le transport des appareils en question par la voie aérienne. Le Gouvernement attache la plus grande priorité à la réalisation de ce projet de télécommunications qui est considéré comme essentiel dans le but d'obtenir la réconciliation nationale et dans l'oeuvre de reconstruction du pays.

Le Premier Ministre saisit cette occasion pour adresser à Monsieur le Chargé de Mission de l'ONUC les assurances de sa haute considération.

Léopoldville, le 6 février 1963.



21 janvier 1963

N° 30/63

DU PREMIER MINISTRE

Monsieur le Chargé de Mission,

Le Premier Ministre de la République du Congo dans ses fonctions de Ministre de l'Information prie le Chef de la Mission de l'UIT à l'ONUC, Monsieur Quijano Caballero, de bien vouloir donner son concours, afin de réaliser l'utilisation la plus efficace des émetteurs de Radio Léopoldville et Radio Elisabethville et d'effectuer la coordination entre les deux, dans le but d'informer le peuple du Congo entier sur le travail de réconciliation nationale et de reconstruction actuellement entrepris par le Gouvernement Central en collaboration avec les Nations-Unies,

Les Autorités Congolaises des Télécommunications sont priées de bien vouloir donner tout l'appui nécessaire au Chef de la Mission de l'UIT pour la mise en vigueur de ces recommandations.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Chargé de Mission, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

LE PREMIER MINISTRE

Cyrille ADOULA

Monsieur le Chargé de  
Mission des Nations Unies

LEOPOLDVILLE



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FF 4UC75

DE 4UC90 09:22

FM ONUC EVILLE

TO ONUC LEO

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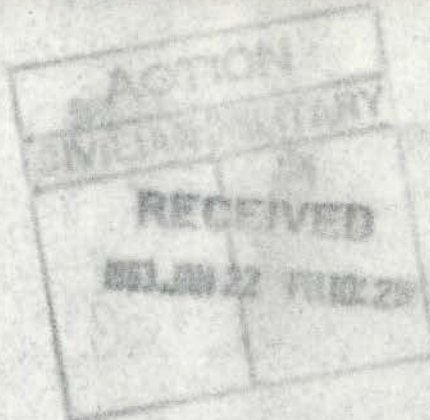
UNCLAS ELLEO 247 GARDINER FROM NATHU DRAFT SECCO REPORT, SECTION H,  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PARA 1. TWO TECHNICIANS FROM ITU ARRIVED IN EVILLE ON 2 JANUARY 1963,  
WITH THE IMMEDIATE TASK OF REPAIRING THE RADIO TRANSMITTER TO PERMIT  
RESUMPTION OF PROGRAMMES. A THIRD ONE FOLLOWED, TO PUT THE STUDIOS  
IN WORKING ORDER AS SOME PIECES OF EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN DAMAGED AND  
OTHERS HAD DISAPPEARED. AN EXPERT ON SMALL TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS  
WAS ALSO PROVIDED, AND EXPERTS ON MULTIPLEX TELEGRAPH AND ON TELETYPE  
WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SHORTLY AFTER THE WRITING OF THIS REPORT  
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PARA 2. RADIO, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICES ARE NOW FUNCTIONING.  
THERE IS SOME DISSATISFACTIONS AMONG THE EUROPEAN POPULATION, HOWEVER,  
BECAUSE DIRECT TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES TO BRUSSELS HAVE BEEN  
DISCONTINUED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, AND, AS  
WITH OTHER PROVINCES, ALL SUCH SERVICES ARE NOW ROUTED THROUGH LEO.

PARA 3. RELATIONS BETWEEN ONUC EXPERTS AND KATANGESE AND BELGIANS,  
WHICH WERE A LITTLE STRAINED AT FIRST, ARE NOW GENERALLY GOOD. THERE  
IS URGENT NEED FOR TRAINING OF KATANGESE PERSONNEL. ALL STAFF ARE  
ANXIOUS ABOUT THEIR PAY, ALSO ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING TRANSFERRED  
TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY







INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

*Rec'd 2/11*

Mr. Gardiner,

A: The situation in the Telecommunications is as follows, today:

DE:

OBJET: The telex messages from Elisabethville are coming in normally to Leopoldville and those messages to foreign countries are routed directly to the various places either Belgium or other countries.

Telegrammes are also going quite normal.

The radiotelephone lines will be available tonight or tomorrow.

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The Congolese (Central Govmt. representatives in Eville) have closed the telephone and telegraph link to Rhodesia.

They are following also previous decision to keep the circuit closed to Brussels.



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FM ONUC EVILLE

TO ONDC LEO

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UNCLAS ELLEO 149 GARDINER FROM MATHU FOLLOWING FROM QUIJANO FOR  
AHMED OBYRNE OMM AND ICAO: PRIVINCIAL DIRTELECOMS AND KATEMBWE REQUEST  
EXPERT TO ASSIST URGENTLY INSTALLATION METEO EQUIPMENT AT EVEILLE  
AIRPORT. EQUIPMENT NOW PROVISIONALLLY NEAR ADMINSTRATIVE BUILDINGS  
NOT CONDIDERED SUITABLE FOR SUPPORTING AIR TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS .  
FOR ICAO INFORMATION WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO RECONDITION  
POWERSUPPLY AND LARGE AERIAL FOR MEDIUN FREQUENCY RADIOBEACON AT  
ARIGINAL SITE. BEACON HOWEVER UNSERVICEABLE BEYOND REPAIRS NEW SET  
SEEMS ESSENTIAL

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TO ONUC LEO

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UNCLAS ELLEO 148 GARDINER FROM MATHU AFOLLOWING FROM QUIJANO FOR WELSH AD  
NORMAN ITU ARRANGE IMMEDIATE

CONDITIONING OF MARCONI 3KW SSB TRANSMITTOR TO BE PUT ON EVILLE

CIRCUIT AND EXAMINE PRESENT RHOMBIC FOR BEST PERFORMANCE. INFORM KIBONGE

RGDS

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UNCLAS ELLEO 141 GARDINER FROM MATHU FOLLOWING FROM QUIJANO: REUR EV  
-60- WE SHALL ATTEMPT REOPEN KAMINA TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS FOR  
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE TODAY. HAVE BEEN PREVENTED TO UTILIZE  
RECEIVING STATION DUE TINERRUPTION POWER SUPPLIES AND OTHER REASONS  
MOST LIKELY RESULT OF SABOTAGE. APPROACH AND SURROUNDINGS WERE  
HEAVILY MINED. ARE TRYING TO RESTORE ALL INTERNAL CIRCUITS ON EMERGENCY  
BASIS BUT HOPE TO GET RECEIVING STATION OPERATIONAL SOONEST FOR  
NORMAL RESUMPTION SERVICES, FURTHER SURPRISES NOT EXCLUDED

BT

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12 January 1963

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FROM GARDINER

EV-60 MATHU FOR QUIJANO/~~XXXX~~ FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM KAMINA Quote UNCLAS KALEO  
CLEAR 52 AHMED TWIGT INFO GARDINER INFO GAUVREAU FROM POSTMA REUR LEOKA 14  
REPORT NUMBER 5. THE TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN <sup>5</sup>EVILLE AND KAMINAVILLE  
IS CUT OFF. COULD YOU MAKE AN ESTIMATE WHEN THIS LINE CAN BE REACTIVATED FOR  
BUSINESS AND PRIVATE USE ? Unquote. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE  
THIS REQUEST AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WHILST STILL IN KATANGA.

C. 81471

T. O. R.

T. O. D.

BY:

Drafted by :

Authorized : R.K.A. Gardiner

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reference

S E C R E T ELLEO 107 GARDINER FROM QUIJANO TELEPHONE AND  
TELEGRAPH LINK ELI TO NADOLA HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR SOME TIME.  
WE ARE RESTORING TELEX AND TELEPHONE CIRCUIT WITH LE TOMORROW  
MORNING. TODAY WHILE WORKING ON RECONDITIONING OF TRANSMITTING  
EQUIPMENT BELGIAN ADVISER IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARRIVED AT  
TRANSMITTING SITE WITH QUOTE ORDER FROM BELGIAN CONSUL TO RESTORE  
ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AS BEFORE AND SPECIALLY THE CONNECTION  
TO BRUSSELS AS THE CONSULS FACILITIES WERE ONLY OF EMERGENCY  
TYPE UNQUOTE HARDLY BELIEVING MY EARS I TOLD HIM THAT THE ONLY  
CIRCUIT WHICH WAS TO BE REOPENED WAS TO LEO AND THAT EYE  
REQUESTED THEIR FULL COOPERATION 2 BELGIAN TECHNICIANS  
STAYED BEHIND THE OTHER AFTER ASKING MY NAME RETURNED TO ELI.  
EXPECT MORE DEVELOPMENTS TOMORROW. IN THE MORNING HAD ALSO  
SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH BELGIAN ADVISERS AT POST OFFICE WHEN  
REQUESTING A LONG DISTANCE LINE FOR SAKANIA BUT AFTER MUCH  
TALK WE GAVE THEM 15 MINUTES TO CONNECT LINE WHICH WAS DONE.  
SHALL REMAIN HERE TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS AS  
CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES CAN RESULT IN NEXT FEW DAYS SPECIALLY  
WITH BRUSSELS CIRCUIT. WE ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. ALSO LOOKING AFTER  
BROADCASTING MATTERS INFORMING VANSTUWE SEPARATELY REGARDS  
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**SECRET**



*R. G. J.*

9 January, 1963

To: Chief Communications Officer  
From: Chief of Staff  
Subject: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY MESSAGES

1. There has arisen the problem of ensuring the immediate despatch to New York of operational reports concerning forthcoming or current movements of UN Forces.
2. It must be ensured that such reports or messages, regardless of priority, do not suffer any significant delay, and, if necessary, the originator should be informed as to the possibility of any time lag so that their priority may be increased.
3. However, it is appreciated that such messages can be differentiated from administrative or logistic messages of equal priority rating and given special treatment, regardless of priority.
4. It is realised that the numbers of such messages must be kept to a minimum and they will be originated only by the Force Commander, Chief of Staff or Senior Duty Officers.

*J. Guha*

Brigadier  
Chief of Staff  
(J. GUHA)

cc: Mr. Gardiner  
Force Commander  
Chief Signal Officer



INCOMING CODE CABLE

ROUTINE

To : Gardiner  
From : Quijano  
Date : 3 Jan. 1963  
No. : Nil

1 - Activating urgent recruitment schedule to face requirements Telecoms and Broadcasting technicians for maintaining essential services. Am taking personnel from our regular programme to fill immediate needs as new recruits not allowed to leave here before three weeks due medical regulations. We are making at ITU all possible efforts for immediate departure specialists for different Telecoms equipment who have completed medical requirements also examining possibility relax these in view utilization personnel in healthy regions stop

2 - If not already obtained other source recommend immediate order one only mobile unit Marconi Chelmsford to obtain earliest delivery three to four week ready for airlifting and immediate utilization after arrival. Myself returning Leo tomorrow or latest day after.



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ONUC ELISABETHVILLE  
KAMINA  
ALBERTVILLE  
BUKAVU

STANLEYVILLE  
LULUABONG  
KONGOLO

30 DECEMBER 62

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SIGS 999. FOR MILOPS/CIVOPS/SIGS FROM CHIEF SIGNAL OFFR.  
TRAFFIC TO BE MINIMIZED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY  
UNTIL 02 JAN 63 TO MEET OPERATIONAL LOADING.  
ONLY ESSENTIAL OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
TRAFFIC TO BE PASSED BY RADIO TELETYPE.  
PRIORITY NATIONS MESSAGES MUST REPEAT  
MUST BE RESERVED FOR OPERATIONAL MATTERS  
AND MUST BE KEPT AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE  
MAXIMUM 150 WORDS.  
MOVE DEFERRED TRAFFIC BY POUCH IF POSSIBLE.

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INFO: CIV OPS  
CAO  
HEADS OF BRANCHES

CONFIRMATION COPY  
OF MESSAGE DISPATCHED

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T. O. R.

T. O. D.

BY :

vb

Drafted by :

Authorized :

Date : 30 DEC 62

Col W.S. Hamilton



TRANSMITTED  
ON 11/1/68

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MOST IMMEDIATE

9178 GARDINER REFERENCE YOUR G-1968. THIS IS GOOD NEWS  
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THE  
MOBILE TRANSMITTERS REQUESTED. I <sup>KNOW YOU</sup> WILL MAKE THE MOST  
OF THE OPPORTUNITY NOW AFFORDED. ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO  
TAKE OVER THE MAIN TRANSMITTER OUTSIDE EVILLE ;

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COL 9178 G-1968 "



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LEOPOLDVILLE ;

FOR GARDINER

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM QUIJANO AT LONDON:

ONE MOBILE TRANSMITTER READY WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. TWO  
FIXED TRANSMITTERS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DISPATCH. SUGGEST  
ACCEPTANCE TWO FIXED TRANSMITTERS TO BE FOLLOWED BY MOBILE  
EQUIPMENT LATER. QUIJANO WOULD BE READY TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY  
IF YOU CONSIDER IT NECESSARY. REGARDS ;

SARWATE "

COL NIL "



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CABLE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

*Wolohd/Vikwe*

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*Message center*

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T. O. R.

T. O. D.

BY :

Drafted by : CDC. *J.A.*

Authorized :

Date :

*[Signature]*



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TO: MATHU, Elisabethville

FROM: GARDINER, Léopoldville

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DATE: 13 December 1962

NUMBER: EV- 1286

REFERENCE YOUR ELLEO 1654.

EMERGENCY SSB SET BEING SERVICED AND WILL BE  
RETURNED TO YOU SOONEST.

OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS BEING DIS-  
CUSSED WITH OFFICIALS CONCERNED.

RKG/ln

C. 81471

T. O. R.

BY:

T. O. D.

Drafted by :

Authorized : R. K. A. Gardiner

Date : 13 December 1962



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C/A DM 248  
REPLY  
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- Jm

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reference

S E C R E T ELLEO 1654 GARDINER FROM MATHU WE HAVE 2 SETS OF SSB, 1 PORTABLE STAND BY. YESTERDAY OUR RADIO OPERATOR REPORTED TO ME LATE AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS CHIEF COMMUNICATION OFFICER IN LEO TO SEND THE EMERGENCY SET TO LEO IMMEDIATELY. HE DID IT YESTERDAY MORNING AND AS I HAVE SAID CAME TO REPORT TO ME LATER. MR GAUVREAU SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, LIKE MYSELF, KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. I THINK THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE CHIEF COMMUNICATION OFFICER IN LEO IN THIS MATTER IS REGRETTABLE. HE SHOULD HAVE REQUESTED ME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SENDING OF THIS SET TO LEO INSTEAD OF DOING IT THROUGH A SUBORDINATE OFFICER HERE. I WOULD HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT WE BADLY NEED AN EMERGENCY SET AS THINGS IN ELI ARE SUCH THAT ANYTHING MIGHT HAPPEN AT ANY TIME. IF THE ONLY SET WE HAVE BREAKS DOWN WE WILL BE OUT OFF FROM COMMUNICATING WITH YOU IN LEO - A TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS. I WOULD BE GLAD IF YOU WOULD GIVE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS THAT MATTERS OF THIS KIND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ME DIRECTLY AS I AM THE PERSON WHO HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RUNNING OF THIS MISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT A REPLACEMENT FOR THIS EMERGENCY SET BE MADE AS A MATTER OF

**SECRET**

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**SECRET**

PAGE TWO. S E C R E T ELLEO 1654

URGENCY. I UNDERSTAND THAT SETS OF THIS TYPE ARE OBTAINED  
IN THE STATES AND CAN BE FLOWN TO ELI WITHIN A FEW DAYS.  
PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IT DESERVES  
BT

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**SECRET**



11 December 1962

To : Mr. Santiago Quijano-Caballero,  
Chief ITO Mission

From : R.K.A. Gardiner,  
Officer-in-Charge, ONUC Léopoldville

Subject : Telecommunication matters related to the  
assistance which the United Nations is furnishing  
to the Republic of the Congo, Leopoldville.

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1. There are certain subjects in the field of telecommunication (and broadcasting), which are of interest to the United Nations in view of the technical and other related assistance furnished to the republic of the Congo at the request of the Central Government and pursuant to the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly.
2. In accordance with Article V of Annex 6 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunications Union, I request you to provide me with any such information regarding telecommunication matters which might be of interest to the ONUC Mission for the above purposes.



DRAFT

11-12-62

TO : Mr. Santiago Quijano-Caballero,  
Chief ITO Mission

FROM : R.K.A. Gardiner  
Officer-in-Charge - ONUU LEO 

SUBJECT : TELECOMMUNICATION MATTERS RELATED TO THE ASSISTANCE  
WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS IS FURNISHING TO THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE.

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# *Extract of The Agreement between UN and ITU.*

## Article V

### Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of appropriate information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Union to meet the requirements of each.
2. . . . . b) the Union shall comply to the fullest extent practicable with any request which the United Nations may make for the furnishing of special reports, studies or information;





INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ITU/COQ/224

10 December 1962

*Handwritten signature/initials in blue ink.*

A: Mr. R.K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge - ONUC  
DE: S. Quijano-Caballero, chief ITU Mission *Handwritten initials in blue ink.*  
OBJET: Radio Broadcasting Station - Coquilhatville

The radio broadcasting station at Coquilhatville had been stopped on the 30th November 1962 at 18.30 local time. Our ITU radio expert, Mr. Piloyan, informs us that the transmissions of radio Coquilhatville have started again on 7 December at 17.00 local time and *Effect* the former identification of the station: "Station Inter-provinciale" has now been changed to "Station régionale".

cc: OPI



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GARDINER FROM MATHU(.) GRATEFUL INFORMATION E T A MOBILE RADIO  
TRANSMITTER AS WELL AS DETAILS OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
CO-ORDINATING ITS OPERATION WITH LEO BROADCASTS TO BE BEAMED HERE (.)  
UNDERSTAND V A N S T U W E IS DRAWING UP PLANS.

THI 1050

TOR 1125

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(Restricted,  
see par 7 below)

8 December 1962

To: Mr. R.K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC  
From: Santiago Quijano-Caballero, Senior Consultant,  
Telecommunications  
Subject: Restrictive Measures Taken by the Congolese Govern-  
ment Regarding Telecommunications in Katanga.

1. The central government had ordered the suspension of all international telecommunications with Katanga on 6 August 1962. This was notified by I.T.U. to all member states with Notification No. 897, dated 1 September 1962. (A telegraphic circular was also sent earlier by I.T.U. as requested by the Congolese Government, when the suspension of the services had been ordered.)

2. In the same suspension order it was mentioned that the traffic for Katanga should be routed (by all members) through Léopoldville.

3. We have information that telegrammes for Katanga from the following stations are routed via Léopoldville by the respective administrations:

New York, Johannesburg, Beirut, London,  
Usunbura and Luanda.

This seems to be a consequence of the measures decreed by the Congolese Government.

4. In the opposite direction, Elisabethville seems to be transmitting all its traffic via other foreign circuits, disregarding the suspension order by the Congolese Government. Those foreign circuits are probably Brussels and Northern Rhodesia. Elisabethville transmits through Léopoldville at this time only the traffic for Angola, Ruanda-Urundi and South Africa.

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5. Traffic coming from Switzerland for the Congo have been routed lately in part through the New York-Léopoldville circuit, while the ordinary route used to be Switzerland-Brussels-Léopoldville. No official correspondence seems to exist on this subject.

6. The Léopoldville-Elisabethville circuit is working normally on telegraphy, telex and telephony.

7. *front* The above information is given only for the ~~illustration~~ of the United Nations and any direct reference to this should be avoided at this point.

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CABLE: ONUC, LEOPOLDVILLE

1 December 1962

To: Robert K. Gardiner, Officer in Charge, ONUC  
From: Santiago Quijano-Caballero, Chief, I.T.U. Mission  
Subject: Broadcasting Facilities at Elisabethville

*Handwritten initials*

1. A trip was made to Elisabethville on the 28 and 29 November to assess requirements for broadcasting and telecommunication services of ONUC in Katanga.

2. Conversations were held with Mr. Mathu and Mr. van Stuwe on this subject.

... 3. Details will be found in the annex regarding immediate measures which are recommended for the implementation of broadcasting facilities with their technical justifications. Although further details regarding the programming portion and other considerations should be forthcoming from Mr. Mathu and Mr. van Stuwe, the annex has been prepared to permit ONUC taking the immediate measures to insure the supply of the material requirements.



Requirements for the Improvement of the Broadcasting Station of the  
United Nations in Elisabethville.

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1. The present Radio Broadcast installations of the UN at Elisabethville are technically insufficient to carry the programs of the United Nations to the different parts of Katanga and even a good overall coverage in Elisabethville is not assured at present. The listeners in the area are receiving a distorted impression of the United Nations' activities and purposes from the programmes originated at the local stations which are held by groups that are opposed to the United Nations' activities. In order to convey an adequate picture about the United Nations it has been considered essential to counteract the distorted propaganda by providing official UN information through an adequate broadcasting system, which, for technical reasons, must be located at Katanga for obtaining the desired coverage.

2. ~~Original~~ broadcasts coming directly from the United Nations in New York can only be heard conveniently in the higher frequency bands, due to technical reasons imposed by physical (wave propagation) phenomena. The listeners in the area have been accustomed for many years to tune the receivers to lower bands, where most of the local stations are operating and most of the receivers do not even have adequate facilities for receiving the higher bands. This technical



reason alone justifies the establishment of a broadcasting station by the United Nations right in Elisabethville, permitting thus the local population to receive the UN emissions on the same basis as listeners located anywhere else in the world, where due to geographical and wave propagation reasons the reception of UN emissions is technically and practically more feasible.

3. In view of the temporary nature of the UN operations, it is, of course, not justified to establish a permanent broadcasting station in Katanga like those operating in other parts of the world (New York, Geneva, etc.). Since the stations which are in the hands of the local Katangese authorities are not made available to the United Nations like it is the case in other places, the United Nations are virtually forced to operate their own station there.

4. In view of the above considerations and the fact that the new, more powerful station should go into operation in Elisabethville as early as possible, the only practicable solution seems to be to obtain a mobile transmitter on loan from one of the member governments of the UN. It seems that the U.S. government has adequate equipment available in Europe, which could be airlifted in a reasonably short time to the area.

5. The following equipment would be required:



a) one (or preferably two) of: amplitude-modulated, high-frequency, radio telephony transmitter suitable for broadcasting emissions. The transmitter should be self-contained and should have its own motor-generator power supply but should also be capable of operation from a 3-phase AC mains power supply of 3 x 380 Volts, 50 cps. The transmitter should have a stable, variable frequency oscillator for operation around 7 mc/s. The high-frequency power output should be preferably between 5 to 10 KW. An antenna consisting of 2 telescopic masts with an average height of about 40 feet each plus insulators, wire and a transmission line of about 500 yds. is also required. Special studio equipment consisting of a variable and stable single-side-band receiver for the range of 4 to 25 mc/s, a portable line amplifier and mixer for broadcasting purposes, a studio microphone, 2 turntables with pickups and 2 semi-portable tape recorders are also required. While the transmitter and antennas are essential and not available with ONUC, alternate arrangements can be made within a short time for the other equipment, if not available otherwise.



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Mr. Robert Gardiner

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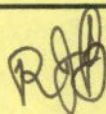
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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 November, 1962

The Honorable U Thant,  
Secretary-General,  
United Nations,  
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

In reply to your letter I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of two notes verbales despatched by you on 26 November, 1962, to the Permanent Observers of the Federal Republic of Germany and of Switzerland concerning direct telecommunication links between their countries and Leopoldville.

The need for such additional direct circuits is quite apparent and I appreciate very much your informing us of the action you have taken. I should be most interested in any subsequent developments which might occur in this connection.

Yours sincerely,

*Gerald C. Gross*  
Gerald C. Gross



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FROM:

Chief Signal Officer

Chief Communication Officer

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1. Effective 28 Nov 62 communications between Leopoldville and Kindu via Canadian Signals and Ethiopian Signals will cease.
2. Until further notice all communications to Kindu must be sent over Congolese PTT network or via ONUC pouch.

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BY :

T. O. D.

Drafted by : (G P Dawson)

Authorized : Lt Col - CSO

Date : 28 Nov 62



C/ADM 240

27 November 1962

TO: United Nations Representative, Elisabethville  
Force Commander  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Chief UN Radio  
Chief of OPI  
Chief of ONM Mission  
Chief of ICAO Mission

FROM: S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations  
J. Back, Deputy to Officer-in-Charge

SUBJECT: Improvement of Telecommunications facilities

1. It is essential to co-ordinate in the telecommunications and broadcasting field all the efforts of the United Nations Operations in the Congo in order to make the best use of all available facilities and provide the highest efficiency for everyone concerned. This is particularly important as regards ONUC efforts in South Katanga.

2. Mr. S. Quijano-Caballero, Chief of Mission of the International Telecommunications Union with ONUC, has been charged to make an immediate survey of the situation and to prepare a report for the Officer-in-Charge, ONUC, regarding any possible improvements which may be made to the existing set up.

3. It is requested to give Mr. Quijano-Caballero all possible assistance for the fulfilment of this task.

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GARDINER TO ME REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING  
IN KATANGA. PLEASE CABLE SOONEST FRENCH TEXT OF GOVERNMENT  
ORDER OF 6 AUGUST ON SUBJECT ;

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COL 8312 16 6 "



C/ADM 240

Transmitted to  
Dr Banda

17th November

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

From : S. Quijano-Caballero

Subject : International tele-communications links  
between the Congo & Foreign countries

1. During the colonial administration days of the Belgian Congo the main international tele-communication links for both telephone and telegraph traffic were routed from the Congo through the Léopoldville station on the Leo/Brussels link. Shortly before independence additional links were established from Elisabethville to Brussels and the telex service was opened between both Leo and Eville with Belgium. After independence, one circuit for telex was opened with New York from the Congo. Other direct circuits for telegraphy and telephony are operated like London (telegraphy), Lisbon (telephony), Luanda, Nairobi, Usumbura and Johannesburg.

2. Practically the entire bulk of the European traffic on telex and the telegramme service is routed through Belgium and the entire telephone traffic still goes through Brussels.

3. The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister have made several attempts to open additional tele-communication links with important centres like Berne for radio-telephony and Frankfurt for the telex service. Besides the purely technical reasons to provide ultimate links in the case of interruption of one of the main circuits, the Congolese Government wants to have a certain amount of independence in routing its traffic and not be exclusively dependent on one single main traffic centre. The attempts of the Government seem to have been frustrated through political interventions and after many months of unsuccessful attempts, the Congo has not been able to establish the desired circuit. Comments have been made by officials of the Foreign Ministry that there has been some pressure on the connecting countries in Europe: Switzerland and West Germany - to prevent the establishment of these new circuits. This presents a rather delicate situation as the Congolese Government is being prevented from expanding its tele-communication connections with other foreign countries preventing thus a proper expansion of its economic and cultural relations.



Transmitted to  
Dr. Bureha with covering  
note dated 16 NOV 1962

Situation regarding telecommunications and broadcasting  
transmissions at Katanga (15 Nov. 1962)

- 1) The political committee of the Présidence du Conseil in Leopoldville met on the 6th of August 1962 and took the following decision regarding the suspension of all telecommunications services with foreign countries originated in South Katanga (Translation from the French original text)

"The Government of the Republic of Congo exercising its sovereign rights over its territory and in accordance with Article 32 of the International Telecommunication Convention, declares the complete suspension of all telecommunication services with foreign countries originating in the province of the South Katanga.

All telecommunications originating in, or directed to South Katanga (from or to) foreign countries must be directed through the telecommunications centre in Leopoldville.

The admission of (broadcasting) programmes of international character from the province of South Katanga is forbidden. The operation of the radiocommunication amateur service from South Katanga is forbidden until further notice.

The Central Government of the Congo will take all the necessary measures to transmit the public correspondence directed to the South Katanga province or originating there to foreign countries".

OMUC was asked to communicate this text to Elisabethville which was also made public in the newspapers and over the radio.

- 2) On the 16th of August, the ITU published in its notification No. 897 a communiqué issued by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) referring to the suspension of all direct telecommunications, telephone, telegraph and telex between foreign countries and Katanga. It also mentioned that all telecommunications for Katanga would have to be routed through the Central station in Leopoldville.

- 3) It is known that some of the foreign ambassadors were called in by the Prime Minister at the time and were informed about the decision of the Government regarding the telecommunications with Katanga from foreign countries. The main links known to be in operation then were the telephone and telegraph (and telex) from Elisabethville to Brussels, the telecommunication links with Northern Rhodesia and possibly others. Details about the conversations between the Prime Minister and the ambassadors



are not known. Reference to a protest by the Belgian Foreign Minister was mentioned over the world broadcasting stations.

4) Immediate preparations were made to re-open the circuits from Leopoldville to Elisabethville and ITU technicians helped the Government in these preparations at Leopoldville. ONUC was again requested to inform the Katanga Provincial Telecommunications Authorities "that the Leopoldville station was ready to resume telephone, telegraph and telex services as before the interruption of the circuit". (The Leopoldville/Elisabethville circuits had been suspended since September 1961). The Leopoldville station was ready to operate from the beginning of August 1962 and the precise wave length was communicated through UN channels to the Katanga Authorities. It was only on the 11th of October that an announcement was made by radio Katanga saying that Mr. Tshombe had decided to open the telecommunication circuits with Leopoldville on the following Saturday, the 13th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, 8'ville time (9.00 a.m. Leopoldville time), and that an official ceremony would be held on that occasion with the presence of the consular representatives in 8'ville. A service message to this effect was received in Leopoldville through Brussels. Radio telephone communications, radio telegraph and telex services were re-opened on that date and a first telephone conversation was carried out at 9.30 a.m. on October 13th when Mr. Tshombe called from 8'ville to Mr. Adoula who was in Leopoldville.

5) Since that date, normal telecommunications service have been operating on a regular schedule without interruption between Leopoldville and 8'ville.

6) In spite of the decisions taken by the Congolese Government as the centralizing authority for all telecommunications matters within the Congo, Katanga seems to have continued the foreign circuits operating directly from 8'ville. It cannot be assessed fully from Leopoldville which measures have been taken by other Governments in respect to the decision taken by the Congolese Government that all foreign traffic directed to Katanga should be channelled through Leopoldville. There are indications that the telegraph traffic from New York to Katanga is transmitted through Leopoldville. It seems also that the circuit between Brussels and 8'ville is still in full operation. All this leaves the decision taken by the Central Government partly in the air, and it will become necessary to clarify the situation in the near future. The cooperation of the foreign governments is of course essential for the Central Government to fully apply its decision. The legal position seems to leave no doubt about the validity of the decisions taken by the Central Government regarding telecommunication operations from Katanga with foreign countries. Political considerations might



however have some important bearing on the general situation. Whatever the position may be a re-examination of the entire case seems to become necessary and the Central Government would have either to modify or revoke previous decisions, or take the necessary measures for their full enforcement.

7)

The Katanga broadcasting station has continued operations as before and identifies its main transmitter (of 100 kw) in its French service as radio Katanga "la voix de la Nation Katangaise". In English, references are made to radio Katanga operating on the "International Broadcasting system". This of course is in complete contradiction to the suspension order issued by the Central Government on the 6th of August 1962.

8)

The situation regarding the amateur service is not known but it seems most likely, in the light of other events, that radio amateur stations have continued to operate from Katanga. (It is known that amateur radio stations have been used in the past to operate unauthorized communications from Katanga with foreign countries). Complete clarification of the situation is required also on this subject since in the event that amateur stations are operating from Katanga with foreign countries not only the Katangese stations will be violating the law but also the other stations in foreign countries engaged in such communications will be violating the international radio regulations.

9)

The entire situation contains several important elements that go beyond the technical and administrative application of the Convention and regulations, and require a thorough consideration at the political level.

Leopoldville, 15 November 1962



9 Nov 62

To: Lists A, B, C and D.  
Chief of Civilian Operations (including  
Representatives of Specialized Agencies).  
All Chiefs of Civilian Sections at HQ.  
All Civilian Affairs Officers and  
Administrative Officers in the Field.

From: Chief Signal Officer

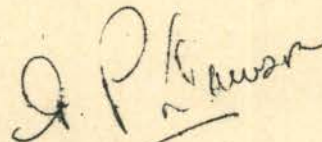
Subject: Message Writing and Use of Precedences

1. The constant turnover of both civilian and military personnel of ONUC whose duties include that of originating signal messages, has contributed to periodic phases of poor message writing. These situations have added to the work of the signal personnel, used up radio circuit time which might otherwise be more profitably utilized, and in general has slowed down the speed of communications.

..... 2. Rules for message writing are contained in Annex 'A' attached. You are requested to follow these simple rules for all message writing.

..... 3. From time to time personnel concerned have been informed on the proper use of precedences for signal traffic. An instruction previously issued on "Use of Precedences" has been reprinted and is attached as Annex 'B'.

4. The ONUC communication systems are at your disposal; the service rendered by these systems will be in accordance with how users employ these facilities.



(G P Dawson)  
Lt Col  
Chief Signal Officer



RULES FOR MESSAGE WRITING

GENERAL

1. Use messages only when the time element is an important factor; otherwise send a letter.
2. Keep messages brief, clear and simple. Long messages require more time to process and transmit, thus delaying other messages.
3. Use the standard UN message form.
4. Where many copies of a message are required for local distribution or filing, the message may be prepared on blank paper following the lay-out of the authorized message form. A space of 2 inches will be left blank for use by Signals at the top and bottom of each sheet.
5. The delivery of copies of messages to addressees in the same location as the originator is the responsibility of the originator. Signals will only transmit messages to distant points.
6. Normally a message should be typed using capital letters and double spacing. If hand-written, it must be legible and in block letters.

MESSAGE LETTERS

7. The message form may be used for despatch to be sent by mail. When so used, the words "By Mail" will be added in brackets after each relevant addressee. The originator will be responsible for placing the despatch in an appropriately addressed envelope and sending it by orderly or mail. It will not be handed to Signals.

DELIVERY TO SIGNALS

8. Deliver messages to Signals as soon as originated rather than in batches. Do not hold messages until the end of the day. The signals system has a considerable capacity over a period but delays are bound to occur when a large volume of traffic is placed on it at any one time.



9. Classified messages must be handed in direct to the Cipher Office.
10. The number of copies required to be handed in the Cipher Office or Message Centre will vary at each location. The local Message Centre will issue the necessary instructions in each case.

#### PRECEDENCE

11. Mark an 'X' in the appropriate space. If no 'X' is shown, the message will be sent as ROUTINE. When using blank paper, type or print in the precedence desired.

#### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

12. The first word of the text should be the security classification.
13. Unclassified messages are sent in clear. Classified messages must go in cipher.
14. Avoid over-classification of messages. The process of enciphering and deciphering messages takes time. Unnecessary security classification may overload cipher facilities thus causing delay. The desire for absolute security must be balanced against the need for speed.

#### THE ADDRESS SPACE

15. The first line will be "FROM....." - the second line will be "TO....." followed, if required, by "INFO.....".

#### TEXT SPACE

16. The text of a message must be brief but clear. It should be written as if it were a telegram being paid for personally by the originator.
17. The first word in the text after the security classification should be the originator's number consisting of a prefix, which is normally laid down by the staff, and a number. The originator's number is extremely useful to Signals in tracing transmission and delivery.
18. Normally only one subject should be dealt with in one message. If several paragraphs are necessary indicate by using - PARA ONE, PARA TWO, PARA THREE, etc.



19. Do NOT use ".", "STOP", or "STOP AND END" at the end of the text. This is unnecessary and only adds to the load on Signals.

#### THE LENGTH

20. The longer the message the longer it takes to process and send especially when it is to be in cipher. Long messages delay other messages. A telegraphic style should be used, avoiding such words as "please, thank you," etc.

#### REFERENCE

21. When referring to correspondence the briefest possible reference will be used. It should not be necessary to refer to a subject as well as the message or letter identity.

#### TABULATION

22. Material requiring tabulation will normally be sent by mail. Tabulated messages can be sent teletype, but are difficult when transmission by morse code is necessary; Also it is Signals practice to repeat every number in the text at the end of the message. In fact, this doubles the length of a tabulated message.

#### NUMBERS

23. Transmission of numbers is best done in figures rather than words because of the confirmation mentioned in para 22 above. Figures should be used where the meaning permits since they are quicker to transmit and the text is easier to read.

#### PUNCTUATION

24. Punctuation will not be used unless necessary to the sense of a message.



25. The following punctuation marks are admissible and should be used where appropriate in all cables; they should not be indicated in full words :

.	(Period or Full Stop)
,	(Comma)
:	(Colon)
?	(Question Mark)
'	(Apostrophe)
-	(Hyphen or Dash)
/	(Fraction Bar or Slant)
( )	(Brackets or Parentheses)

26. The following punctuation marks and other signs should always be indicated in full words as follows :

;	(SEMICOLON)
"	(QUOTE or UNQUOTE)
#	(NUMBER)
&	(AND)
%	(PERCENT)
\$	(DOLLARS)
£	(POUNDS)

#### AUTHORIZATION

27. All outgoing messages must be duly authorized for despatch before they are handed to Signals. Message Centres have been instructed to establish the list of persons by name authorized to sign messages as laid down in the Chief Signal Officer's Instructions "Use of Precedences" mentioned in Annex 'B' attached. Messages signed by any but authorized personnel will not be accepted.



USE OF PRECEDENCE  
Internal Radio Network

GENERAL

1. The communication facilities provided by the ONUC Internal Radio Network are not being used to the best advantage. The misuse of the precedence system is such that on many days, as high as 60% of the messages handled have been of a precedence higher than ROUTINE.
2. The precedence allotted to a message by the originator indicates :
  - a. to Signals, the order of handling and delivery relative to other messages;
  - b. to the addressee, the relative order in which he should note the message.
3. Precedence is NOT allotted solely because of the importance of the message or its originator. The basic principle to keep in mind is the urgency with which the message must reach its destination. Length and classification of messages are a large factor.

DEGREE OF PRECEDENCE

4. The times given below are based on code messages of 200 groups and clear messages of 150 words. Barring unforeseen interruption to communication caused by enemy action, atmospheric conditions or equipment failure, the following average times may be expected from time of handing in at originating end to time ready for delivery at receiving end, if the percentages are adhered to:



	<u>Degree of Precedence</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Clear</u>
a.	<u>PRIORITY NATIONS</u> - kept to the absolute minimum. Normally should not be more than 1% of daily traffic. Delivery is made as soon as possible.	2 hrs	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
b.	<u>PRIORITY</u> - normally should not be more than 9%/10% of daily traffic. Delivery is made as soon as possible unless instructed otherwise. Best time is the same as for PRIORITY NATIONS if PRIORITY messages are properly spaced. Since this cannot be guaranteed the longer time is also shown.	2-4 hrs	$\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
c.	<u>ROUTINE</u> - all remaining traffic. Delivery during working hours. Unless otherwise instructed, these are normally not delivered after working hours or weekends, and holidays. Delivery is made at the beginning of the next working day. Again, this is the longest time dependent on spacing of messages. Delivery as fast as above on quiet periods.	12 hrs	12 hrs
d.	These percentages are the ideal. Precedences should be allotted bearing the above times in mind. During operations when lives are at stake it is essential to try to maintain these percentages so that really vital messages can get through. At such times administrative messages (military and civilian) should be reduced to ROUTINE. Only in the most urgent cases should administrative messages be permitted to go PRIORITY during operations.		



RULES FOR THE USE OF PRECEDENCE

5. The rules for the use of precedence are as follows :

<u>Degree of Precedence</u>	<u>Rank or Appointment entitled to authorize</u>	<u>Circumstances which will normally justify its use</u>
a. <u>Leopoldville</u>		
(i) <u>PRIORITY NATIONS</u>	Officer-in-Charge Force Commander Air Commander Chief Admin Offr Chief of Civ Operations Chief of Staff In the absence of these officers, their immediate deputies.	Messages of the greatest urgency affecting the ultimate stability and security of the mission and the Force, or the safety of life. Must be signed personally by one of those names in centre column.
(ii) <u>PRIORITY NATIONS</u>	All persons empowered to sign PRIORITY NATIONS  Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Civilian Sections  Military Staff Offrs not below rank of major  Commanders of con- tingents and units  Adjutants  Any signal offr but only on messages affecting intercom- munication	Messages which are so urgent as to warrant speed of despatch above the ordinary. (Corres- ponds to a full rate commercial telegram).  In most cases if the officer named is not present, the business being conducted does not warrant this precedence.  Normally this is the highest precedence as- signed to an adminis- trative message.  Must be signed by one of those named in centre column.



a. Leopoldville (Cont'd)

(iii) ROUTINE

All persone empowered to sign PRIORITY

Any civilian staff member designated by his Chief of Section

Any military officer authorized by his Commander.

Messages which cannot wait to go by mail, but not required to take precedence over other messages. (Corresponds to commercial day letter)

Must be signed by one of those named in centre column.

b. All field stations outside Leopoldville

(i) PRIORITY NATIONS

Chief Civilian Offr  
GOC Katanga Area  
Officers of the rank of Brigadier and above.  
Bde Comds  
Indep Garrison Comds  
In the absence of these officers their immediate deputies.

Messages of the greatest urgency affecting the ultimate stability and security of the mission and the Force, or the safety of life. Must be signed personally by one of those named in centre column.

(ii) PRIORITY

All persons empowered to sign PRIORITY NATIONS

Heads of civilian sections named by the Chief Civilian Offr.

Commanders of Units

Military officers not below rank of major

Adjutants

Any signal officer but only on messages affecting intercommunication.

Messages which are so urgent as to warrant speed of despatch above the ordinary. (Corresponds to a full rate commercial telegram).

In most cases if the officer named is not present, the business being conducted does not warrant this precedence.

Normally this is the highest precedence assigned to an administrative message.

Must be signed by one of those named in centre column.



b. All field stations outside Leopoldville (Cont'd)

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|                      | Any military officer authorized by his Commander. | Must be signed by one of those named in centre column.  |

MESSAGE CENTRES

6. This instruction is the authority for every Message Centre to establish the list of persons, by name, authorized to sign messages. The list will be kept amended as changes in personnel occur. Messages signed by any but authorized personnel will NOT be accepted.

7. Messages originated at field offices will bear one of the precedences shown. Precedences on messages transferred from tactical radio nets which differ from the above will be converted to the appropriate UN precedence by the Signalmaster at the point of transfer to the ONUC Internal Radio Network. As a general rule, field EMERGENCY becomes PRIORITY NATIONS, field OP IMMEDIATE becomes PRIORITY, field PRIORITY and ROUTINE become ROUTINE. It is preferable for the military originator in the field to assign the correct UN precedence when he knows the message must go over the ONUC Internal Radio Network. Military formations may adopt the standard military precedences for use within the formation only.



5th November, 1962.

To : Chief Administrative Officer  
From : Force Commander  
Subject : Voice Radio Communications ONUC.

*Ref 11*

1. I had requested the Chief Signal Officer to discuss with the Chief Communication Officer the requirements for equipment to extend the present voice communications facilities of ONUC.

2. The military situation has been reached where immediate personal contact with commanders in the field is imperative. The present single sideband voice circuits to ELISABETHVILLE, KAMINA, and recently to LULUABOURG have proved of inestimable value to the running of military operation. I feel certain that the Officer-in-Charge has also found these voice circuits to be of a necessity.

3. The equipment requirements to extend voice circuits from LEOPOLDVILLE to ALBERTVILLE, BUKAVU and STANLEYVILLE, and to ensure continuous voice communications being available to ONUC, are shown on the attached requisition.

4. I am also given to understand that equipments proposed are available now from New York, and that with appropriate procurement action they could be ready for use in ONUC in six weeks' time.

5. Your cooperation is requested.

*Kebbede Guebre*  
Lt-Gen.

Kebbede Guebre  
Force Commander - ONUC.

cc: Officer-in-Charge ONUC  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Chief Signal Officer  
Chief Communication Officer