UNATIONS NEW YORK

ONUC 1516 FOR AHMED FROM GILPIN.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SECTION OF BELGIAN EMBASSY STATES YOU AGREED THAT BELGIAN TEACHERS UNDER THEIR PROGRAMME IN LULU SHOULD BE ABLE OBTAIN FOOD SUPPLIES FROM UN COMMISSARY. PLEASE CONFIRM IF THIS IS SO AS OUR LULU OFFICE APPARENTLY NOT INFORMED.

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A.C. GILPIN
23 Feb 63 0940hrs

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ADM 450/4

RE YOUR 968 WE CANNOT AUTHORIZE BOENDE PERSONNEL TRAVEL COQUILHATVILLE. HOWEVER YOU, OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TRAVEL BOENDE BY AIRCONGO TAKING MARKET SUPPLIES WITH YOU TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. THESE SHOULD BE PAID FOR IN CASH BY RECIPIENTS. CAO'S OFFICE IS EXAMINING POSSIBILITY LIMITED EXTENSION COMMISSARY FACILITIES TO PROFESSORS AND WILL CABLE YOU SOONEST. AS SOON AS AMONOO RETURNS FROM EVILLE, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ HOPE HE WILL UNDERTAKE AIR MISSION EQUATEUR WHICH COULD APPRECIABLY HELP THIS PROBLEM.

cc: Mr. Twigt
Mr. Teremmic

A.C. Gilpin
A.C. Gilpin
21.2.63 1515hrs

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CF-972

13 February 1963

Dear Mr. Norrodan,

I refer to your letter of 7 February 1963 requesting that the provisions of ONUC Administrative Circular 190/Add.1 of 8 September 1962 be applied to the proposed sale of your personally-owned car and that of Mr. Certle.

Unfortunately, the circular applies only to ONUC staff members. I should like very much to be able to help you and Mr. Certle but am unable to do so under the provisions of the circular.

There are many other associates of ONUC whose circumstances are similar to yours and it would be quite unpractical to make provisions to convert the sales proceeds for all such persons.

I regret that I cannot be of assistance in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

S. Habib Ahmed
Chief
Civilian Operations

Mr. Jorgen Norrodan,
Chief Delegate,
League of Red Cross Societies,
1 Avenue Dolcemune,
Leopoldville.

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LIGUE DES SOCIÉTÉS DE LA CROIX - ROUGE

FEDERATION MONDIALE DES SOCIETES NATIONALES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
DU CROISSANT-ROUGE ET DU LION ET DU SOLEIL ROUGES

DELEGATION POUR
LE CONGO

LEOPOLDVILLE
1, AV. DELCOMMUNE
TELEPHONE 5037

7/2 1963

Mr. H. Ahmed,
Chief of Civilian Operations,
ONUC,
Leopoldville.

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Dear Mr. Ahmed,

With reference to ONUC's administrative circular concerning transfer of funds from sale of privately owned cars, may I submit you the following problem:

Of the International League's staff, which has worked in the Congo since 1960 under the auspicies of ONUC, two persons, M. R. H. Oertle and myself, have privately owned cars, which we shall have to sell due to the fact that the League ends its Congo operations ultimo March this year, and we shall be leaving the Congo.

In order to avoid heavy losses on these two cars, which we have purchased for foreign currency, may I ask you kindly to auhtorise your chief finance officer to apply the same regulations concerning transfer of the revenue of the sales of these two cars, as are effective for ONUC international personel.

Thanking you beforehand for your kind attention to this matter, I would like to assure you that the facilities which you have granted us during our mission to the Congo, have helped us out of a number of difficulties, which could not so easily have been solved without your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jorgen Norredam,
Chief Delegate, League of Red Cross Soc.

Mr. Thompson
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Mr Jakovic

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

12 February 1963

TO: Mr. B. T. Twigt, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Nancy Gray, Chief of Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: Shortage of Commodities for Local Staff

I attach a memorandum from the Commanding Officer ONUC Base Ordnance Depot, bringing to my attention the letter of their local civilian staff complaining of the shortage of essential foodstuffs in Leopoldville and requesting that provisions be made available to them.

In the present circumstances, I have to reply negatively, but have mentioned the assistance the Civilian Operations is giving by the distribution of rice at certain markets, which may alleviate their difficulties, but I should like you to be aware of the situation and have your approval to my reply.

I would also mention that this is not the only request I have received. The question has been raised by one or two supervisors who have enquired about the possibility of the U.N. obtaining large quantities of bread and rice which could be sold to U.N. local staff.

cc: Mr. S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations

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13 FEB 1963
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31 January, 1963

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ONUC _____ FIELDSERVICE FROM TWIGT. YOUR 863 CONCERNING LACK OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR TWO GERMAN TECHNICIANS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. COULD INDEED NOT GRANT U.N. PRIVILEGES SINCE THESE TWO TECHNICIANS ARE SERVING UNDER BILATERAL PROGRAMME, AND THEREFORE, CANNOT ENJOY SAME BENEFITS AS AFFORDED TO UN EXPERTS.

c.c. Mr. Ahmed.

PER 250

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MS AMSCHREK HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM WUPPUW CONCERNING LACK OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR TWO GERMAN TECHNICIANS CHARGED WITH SERVICING VEHICLES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONGO POSTAL ADMINISTRATION BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT. ASSUME THIS BILATERAL PROGRAMME AND THAT WUNN PRIVILEGES WOULD NOT APPLY BUT GRATEFUL YOUR CONFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION IN ORDER DRAFT REPLY ;

FIELDSERV "

COL 063 "

C/PER 250

31 January 1963

Dear Mr. Bérouti,

I have your letter of 28 January.

I would have liked to help you in the matter raised by you but regret very much that our agreement with the Congolese Government restricts us to providing PX and Commissary facilities to ONUC staff members only. You received these cards at the time you were representing UNICEF with ONUC. Under the present conditions this is not possible. I hope that you will appreciate the position as I can do no more than to assure you that if it were possible for me at all to continue to extend the PX and Commissary facilities of ONUC, I would indeed have been very glad to do so.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Habib Ahmed

Mr. A.G.Bérouti
UNICEF
Boite Postale N° 6
BRAZZAVILLE, Congo

cc: Mr. M. Frombrun

CABLE ADDRESS : UNICEF-BRAZZAVILLE

TELEPHONE : BRAZZAVILLE 30-72 +

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REGISTRY 30 JAN 1963 ONUC

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Your Ref.

Our Ref. 2.340

28th January, 1963

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Returning from a 3-weeks trip to the Gabon and Central Africa, I find that I can no longer use my PX and Commissary cards as a result of the change in the method of payment introduced on 1st January, 1963.

I have, of course, no account with ONUC as I do not draw any Per diem nor have I ever claimed an allowance for time spent on duty in Leopoldville and am, therefore, unable to apply the new procedure.

I should be most grateful indeed if my cards were re-activated but shall certainly bow to your decision if you decide otherwise.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Béroutl

cc Mr. Fombrun

Mr. H. Ahmed,
Chief, Civilian Operations,
ONUC,
Leopoldville.

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LEOPOLDVILLE
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
CABLE: ONUC. LEOPOLDVILLE

C/PER 250

Registry

Léopoldville, le 7 janvier 1963

To : Mr. S.H. Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations

From : A. Marx, Deputy-Chief Administrative Officer

Subject : Opening of Staff member's case.

With reference to your memorandum of 29 December 1962, please find enclosed copy of Mr. Kaminker's memorandum.

Mr. Bakhi
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Noted — no point in continuing Mr. Kaikers post mortem! But perhaps the point may have stuck in.
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REGISTRY
8 JAN 1963
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LEOPOLDVILLE
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
CABLE: ONUC LEOPOLDVILLE

3 January 1963

To: Mr. A. Marx, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

From: R. Kaminker, Administrative Officer, Office of General Services

Subject: Opening of Staff Member's Case

1. Please find below my comments on Mr. Ahmed's memo of 29 December 1962, as requested by you.

2. I did not indicate that the Customs were able to judge the contents of the case by its shape, size and weight. What I stated was that the shape, size and weight of the crate did not correspond to the inventory, and we could not dispute this.

3. Also, I never stated that the Customs had discerned that the contents did not belong to Mr. Gilpin prior to the opening of the case. As a matter of fact, the Customs never found out about this but we did after consultation with Mr. Gilpin.

4. I still believe that the difference between the inventory and the actual case can be interpreted as serious grounds for believing that it contained undeclared articles and that, therefore, there is nothing we can complain about to the Congolese Customs.

5. I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that Mr. Gilpin himself had given authorisation to open the case, if necessary, and that the Legal Adviser and yourself were aware of the situation throughout its happening.

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MEMORANDUM

4 January, 1963.

To : Mr. N. Peckham, Civilian Affairs Officer, LEOPOLDVILLE

From : A.G. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations, LEO

Subject : Letter from Mr. MARTIN to President of KAMINA.

We have received a copy of a letter dated 24 December 1962 from the Public Works engineer, Mr. P. MARTIN to the President of KAMINA, and I see that a copy of this letter was also addressed to you.

In case you have not already done so, may I suggest that you explain to Mr. MARTIN that experts should not communicate direct with Provincial Presidents but that all such communications should go in your name.

P.S.

cc: Mr. Lasoher

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29 December 1962

To: Mr. A. Marx, Deputy-Chief Administrative Officer

From: S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations

Subject: Opening of staff member's case

Please refer to your memorandum of 20 December.

I cannot share your view that Mr. Kaminker's memorandum of 18 December constitutes a satisfactory explanation. When the Congolese Customs first demanded to open Mr. Gilpin's case, the reason they gave was that it was unusually large. To suggest that the Customs were able to judge the contents of the case by its shape, size and weight, and even to discern that the contents did not in fact belong to Mr. Gilpin at all, is somewhat far-fetched.

The point at issue is whether the Customs had reason to believe that the case contained illicit articles. Without the presentation of such evidence, I do not believe that we should have allowed them to open the case, as this may create a precedent with far-reaching consequences.

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c/ PER 250

Léopoldville, 20 December 1962

To : Mr. S.H. Ahmed, Chief Civilian Operations

From : A. Marx, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Subject : Opening of staff member's case.

With reference to your memorandum of 13 December to Mr. Twigt concerning the above-mentioned incident, I am forwarding to you copy of Mr. Kaminker's memorandum of 18 December, which, I feel, constitutes satisfactory explanation.

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BOITE POSTALE 7248
LEOPOLDVILLE
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO
CABLE: ONUC LEOPOLDVILLE

18 December 1962

To: Mr. A. Marx, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

From: R. Kaminker, Deputy Chief of General Services

Subject: Personal Effects and Congolese Customs

Reference Mr. Ahmed's Memo of 13 December 1962

1. I take it that Mr. Ahmed has reference to Mr. Gilpin's belongings or rather what we thought were his effects.

2. As you remember, I had brought this matter to your attention as well as the Legal Adviser's. We had refused, on several occasions, to let the crate in question be opened.

3. We then contacted Mr. Gilpin, got from him an inventory, had it signed by Mr. Twigt and presented it to the Customs. Mr. Gilpin had told Mr. Redgwell that he had no objection to the crate being opened if necessary.

4. When the Congolese Customs were presented with the inventory, they based themselves on paragraph (c), Article 1bis of the Agreement between ONUC and the Congolese government which states:

> ".... officials in the service of the United Nations are exempted from inspection of their personal baggage, unless there are serious grounds for belief that it contains undeclared articles not subject to exemptions mentioned in para (b) ...."

It seemed obvious to them that the shape, size and weight of the crate did not correspond to the inventory, and we could not dispute this. They requested that the crate be opened. As a UN official was present, the terms of the Agreement were respected.

5. This was done and, as you know, it turned out that they were right and that the crate contained books and did not belong to Mr. Gilpin at all. Once the books had been inspected and the mistake made in New York in labelling the crate discovered and explained, the crate and its contents were released by Customs immediately.

6. In my humble opinion, there is little we can say to the Congolese authorities about this inspection of baggage, in view of the obvious difference between the inventory supplied and the external appearance of the luggage. This was also the first time that such an incident occurred.

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7. The situation at Customs is being watched carefully, and we shall again bring to your attention any problem encountered for action at a high level if deemed necessary.

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C/PER 250

Inter-office Memorandum

14 December 1962

To: Mr. B. Twigt, Chief Administrative Officer

From: A. C. Gilpin, Deputy Chief, Civilian Operations

Subject: Misdirection of personal effects

Around the middle of October, 1962, the Neptune Company of New Rochelle, N.Y., on the instructions of Field Service, collected a consignment of my personal effects for shipment from New York to the Congo.

Some two weeks ago, I was notified of the arrival of this shipment at the Léopoldville customs, but when the case was opened, although it had my name on it, it proved to contain the effects of another staff member transferred to London. My own case had evidently been sent in error to London.

This mix-up had already been reported by cable to the Travel Section by Field Service, but it had been mistakenly assumed here that this cable referred to a suitcase of my personal effects which had been mistakenly, and contrary to my instructions, shipped from Léopoldville to New York some time in August and was thought to be now on its way back to Léopoldville.

The Travel Section has recently cabled the shipping agents in London instructing that the case sent in error to London should be forwarded via Antwerp in order to reach Léopoldville as quickly as possible. Whether this instruction will arrive in time remains to be seen. In view of my experience to date, I am far from optimistic and am quite prepared to hear that the case has already been despatched by some more devious route.

In the meantime, with my family arriving to-day, it is only thanks to the personal kindness of members of the Accommodation Section that I have any household equipment at all.

According to Field Service it was the shipping agents in New York who were responsible for this inexcusable muddle. Assuming, not without justification, that there will be considerable further delay before my effects arrive in Léopoldville, I therefore propose to lodge a claim against the shipping agents in respect of the expense and inconvenience caused by their inefficiency. I shall be grateful if you will inform Field Service of my intention, and find out the name of the shipping agents, so that I can take the necessary action.

cc: Mr. Taff
Mr. Redgwell

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Inter-office Memorandum

13 December 1962

To: Mr. B. Twigt, Chief Administrative Officer

From: S. Habib Ahmed, Chief of Civilian Operations

Subject: Opening of staff member's case of personal effects by Congolese customs

I was disturbed to hear that we had agreed to the demand of the Congolese customs to open and inspect a case of personal effects of a staff member.

I believe that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to whom it should be pointed out that it is the practice of all member countries of the United Nations to allow the entry of United Nations staff members' personal effects without customs inspection. The only exception would be if the authorities had evidence that such effects included illicit items. In such a case, it would be for the authorities to present such evidence to the United Nations before taking any action.

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