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To: Mr. Robert Gardiner, Officer-in-Charge  
From: S. Habib Ahmed, Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: Proposed Travel of Brigadier Raja on DC.6 Repatriation  
Flight to India

1. I would like to bring to your attention the attached cables exchanged with New York regarding the proposed travel of Brigadier Raja accompanied by the Staff Officer to New Delhi on the repatriation flight to India of our chartered DC.6:

- ..... a) my code cable ONUC 899 advising New York that the Force Commander had approved Brigadier Raja's duty travel to India and asking for concurrence before certifying the travel;
- ..... b) New York's reply, code cable N° 1024 questioning the proposed duty travel and asking for further clarification of purpose and duration;
- ..... c) ONUC code cable 972 from the Force Commander and Chief Administrative Officer to New York explaining purpose as discussion of organization of incoming Indian brigade, service problems in the Congo and rotation details;
- ..... d) New York's code cable 1089 refusing sanction for official visit and stating that any move if authorized would have to be on a private basis;
- ..... e) my cable ONUC 1026 to New York advising that two seats were available for leave passengers which we had selected by lottery as the most equitable way of allotting them, but which the Force Commander has decided to allot to Brigadier Raja and his own ADC, Capt. O'Neil.

2. In view of the above, and particularly with regard to the implications in the third paragraph of New York's cable 1089 that Brigadier Raja's visit might not be welcomed by the Indian Mission in New York, I feel that I am not in a position to certify the movement order for the travel of Brigadier Raja. The travel authorization procedures require such travel outside the Congo to be certified by the Chief Administrative Officer or his Deputy. Likewise, I am unable to certify the movement order for Capt. O'Neil's travel since the selection of leave passengers on a basis other than lottery would make it difficult to maintain the non-certification of Brigadier Raja's travel, even on a private basis.

3. A secondary issue is the proposal to keep the plane for four days in New Delhi to enable Brigadier Raja to have discussions, although the minimum required time in New Delhi is two days. I understand that the Force Commander intends to proceed with the original plan to let the plane stay four days in New Delhi although this has been questioned by New York.

*cf/Adm*