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Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs
F. C. Nwokedi, Chief Assistant to the Special Representative
List of workers at Kitona Base

- See memo 11 January


The attached report by Mr. Nachaat is forwarded for your
information.

NOTE

13 January 1961

(to be placed in KITONA file)

The Special Representative discussed the attached memorandum regarding Arms and Ammunition at Kitona on 5th January with the Secretary-General, who agreed with our proposal that the arms and ammunition should not be allowed, under existing circumstances, to fall into the hands of the ANC. He however counselled patience and suggested that we should embark upon a protracted correspondence with the Congolese authorities if they submit a written request for the release of the arms and ammunition.


F. C. Nwokedi



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

.....4 January..... 1961.....

TO : Secretary-General
FROM : Special Representative of the Secretary-General
SUBJECT : Arms and Ammunition at Kitona

1. At Kitona Base there are three separate items capable of military use:
 - a. the store of arms and ammunition belonging to the Belgian Government;
 - b. the store of arms and ammunition belonging to the former Force publique, now the ANC;
 - c. the airport.

All these three items are at present in the custody of UNOC.

Belgian Armaments

2. The Belgian Government intends to remove from the Congo the store of arms and ammunition belonging to it. UNOC is not in need of these stores and would view with favour their transfer out of the Congo.

ANC Armaments

3. The store of arms and ammunition belonging to the ANC consists of 1050 new FN rifles, 12 mortars and considerable stocks of grenades and small arms ammunition. In our opinion, these stores constitute a considerable danger to the public, and under no circumstances should they be allowed to fall into the hands of the ANC. Apparently before Independence these stores were the property of the Force Publique, and by succession they became the property of the ANC, although in the custody of UNOC.

4. The UN, in accordance with the statement made by you to the Security Council on 21 August, took over full responsibility for the administration of Kitona Base, without prejudice to the rights and claims of the parties concerned. The temporary administration established by the UN is regarded as a provisional measure in the sense of Article 40 of the Charter, the UN

acting as "caretaker of legitimate interests involved in accordance with recognized principles of law."

5. The administration of the Base by UN affects all property thereof irrespective of the ownership of such property, "without prejudice to the rights and claims of the parties concerned." Thus, UN is empowered on this basis to safeguard and control any equipment on the Base.

6. Having been informed by the Belgians at Kitona on 4 December that these stores of arms and ammunition were the property of the ANC, I referred to you (cable B-1590) the possibility of UNOC requisitioning the stores for use by UNOC. The question of payment for these arms and ammunition would have to be decided later. On 5 December, in cable 3943, you queried the advisability of involving UN in the large expenditure required to counteract the anticipated folly of the ANC, and suggested that no action be taken for the moment.

7. On 17 December, in your cable 4276, I was advised that the claim by the ANC to the ownership of such material, supported by the Belgians, would raise some delicate questions about removal and/or requisitioning by UN. The UN requisition claim seemed to have received little consideration at Kamina. It was therefore felt that UNOC should confine itself to taking adequate security measures to safeguard the stores under UN control.

8. However, we still feel that, in the disturbed state of the Congo, the presence in Kitona of these stores constitutes a danger to security. The existence of these war-like stores is known to the ANC, and will always present a temptation to them to take over the stores. In the hands of the ANC they would constitute an obvious danger to life. In our opinion, therefore, the stores should at all costs be removed from Kitona.

9. Purchase of these stores would certainly be the neatest solution. If the Congolese authorities refuse to sell, UNOC would have to consider requisitioning, which could be done under either of two principles. In either case it would involve a subsequent financial settlement:

- a) Operational needs of ONUC; in Kamina we asserted our right to requisition material which was needed for our operation in the Congo. Headquarters had always been very firm on this. Your cable 4276 indicates that the Belgians seem to have challenged our right to do so, and that we have accepted their point of view. This requires some clarification.

- b) Restoration and maintenance of law and order; by the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is enjoined to take vigorous action for the restoration and maintenance of law and order in the Congo. Under the present circumstances, requisitioning these arms and ammunition would be part of this law and order mandate. The difficulty with this approach is that the action of the Secretary-General as regards law and order is "to assist the Central Government of the Congo"; we would therefore be forced to assist the Central Government against its own wishes ! None the less, it is felt that under the present circumstances regarding law and order in the Congo, this approach is likely to be the most successful, and the one likely to invite the least criticism.

10. It is therefore suggested that the best step for the UN is to inform President Kasa-Vubu that UN intends to purchase the stores from the ANC, the amount payable to be determined later. Thereafter, UNOC can:

- a) remove them from the Congo for use with UNEF or elsewhere. It seems unlikely that UN could find a suitable use for the stores outside the Congo, especially since resale by UN to countries or military organizations seems out of the question;
- b) load them on an aircraft at Kitona and sink them out at sea. This seems, however, a great loss of funds, as well as a loss of excellent material, to purchase the stores merely to destroy them;
- c) distribute them to the UNOC Forces in the Congo. Although this would involve the difficulty of bringing the stores out of Kitona to Leopoldville for distribution to the UNOC Forces elsewhere in the Congo, this, on the whole, would seem to be the best solution.

OUTGOING CODE

To : SECGEN, NEWYORK
From : DAYAL, VON HORN, LEOPOLDVILLE
Date : 4 December 1960
No : B-1590

On recent visit Nwokedi was told by Belgians that considerable arms and ammunition at Kitona were property ANC. We intend cabling Nechaat and Officer Commanding Moroccan Force as follows:

"Confirmed Belgians may remove any arms and ammunition from Kitona provided they give absolute assurance it will be taken out of country. All remaining arms and ammunition on base whether alleged to belong to ANC or not must be retained by you under guard. We are considering possibility of having UN remove these arms and equipment from Kitona base under safe custody."

Would like your confirmation of our firm stand to requisition these arms and ammunition to avoid their being turned over to ANC. Chief Logistics Officer says we can use them for UN Force and if you approve we shall remove them from Kitona to Leopoldville with this in mind. Question of future payment for these arms and ammunition would still have to be decided.

INCOMING CODE CABLE

T : Mr. R. Dayal
From : Secretary General
Date : 5 December 1960.
Number : 3943.

Reference B-1590.

Requisition of arms to avoid their being turned over to ANC really involves large expenditures by UN. to counteract intended folly of other parties. I plan to take a stronger line and approach on this one by high level talk with Washington on monday, if possible. Pending further word from me, therefore, suspend action on this matter beyond maintaining status quo.

To : Mr. Dayal.
From : SECGEN.
Date : 17-12-60.
No. : 4276.

Reference B-1684.

Review, in B-1683-4, of background leading to Kitona episode of thirteenth and fourteenth is very helpful and particularly as indicating lines your own thinking.

Basic principles applying to the two bases, their installations and supplies, are as set forth in my third report to Security Council (S/4473). Thus U.N., as a provisional measure in sense of article 40 of Charter, has assumed temporary responsibility for administration of Kitona, acting as "caretaker" for all legitimate interests involved in accordance with recognized principles of law." This has relevance to question of arms and ammunition raised in para onezero of B-1684. It is noted from B-1686 that while Kitona has large supplies of ammunition, gasoline and vehicles, the supply of arms fortunately seems not to be substantial.

Safeguarding of arms and ammunition stores at Kitona by adequate U.N. security measures is an action consistent with our caretaker role. ANC claim to ownership of such material, supported by Belgians, would at least have raised some delicate questions about removal and/or requisitioning by U.N. Our requisitioning claim seems to have received little recognition at Kamina. On basis all circumstances, I concur

therefore, in advisability of proceeding along suggested safeguarding line.

Kitona 31 October 1960

FORCES ARMÉES ROYALES
GROUPE LÉGER DE SÉCURITÉ
BASE DE KITONA
O.N.U.C.

(65)

Return to CLO. Checked by

ETAT DE MUNITIONS A.N.C.

Désignation	Quantité	Caissons	Observations
Charge Gren	210	21 Caissons	
30 Ballord	423.850	348 "	
7,62 M.m. Ball Ord	378.000	336 "	
9, M.m. Ball	85.425	43 "	
Mines ATX/MD Inert	5	5 "	
Charge Propulsive 3"5	179 Caissons	179 "	
7,62 M.m. Ball Ord	34 Caissons	34 "	
7,65 M.m. Ball Ord	15.000	15 "	
7,65 M.m. Rev	5 Caissons	5 "	
Load Gren	14 Caissons	14 "	
L In Sigred	1 Caissons	1 "	
I In Siggreen	1 Caissons	1 "	
2 In Ill	1 Caissons	1 "	
Art. Sécurité 7,62 M.m.	8 Caissons	8 "	

Lt Lieutenant Bel Hajd M'tire Cdt.
la Base de Kitona

Titona Le 31 Octobre 1966

FORCES MAROCAINES
CORPS LEGER DE SECURITE
BASE DE KITONA
O.N.U.C.

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DE ARMEMENT

1)	1133. A	503100 M. 3 M.m.	6	-
2)	1120. A	505 Carabina Mach Sten M E 3.	39	-
3)	A	505-0009099 Chargeur Sten	98	-
4)	1241. B	100000 Fusil Mauser .30	499	-
5)	1243. B	101.000 Baionette Fusil Mauser.	250	-
6)	1241 B	150.120 Fusil A/P.M. Calibre .30	27	-
7)	1241 B	150.130 Fusil A/P.M. Calibre .30 T.E.	2	-
8)	1212 B	500.200 Pistolet Signal M.E. 5.	7	-
9)	1211. B	501.200 Revolver Wably, 38.	11	-
10)	- - - - -	- P.M. Modele 1930.	31	-
11)	- - - - -	- Fusil Peiper	946	-
12)	- - - - -	- Fusil Hoshins (USA).	154	-
13)	- - - - -	- Mortier 60 M.m.	2	-
14)	- - - - -	- Mortier 81 M.m.	12	-

Armement en provenance de Force Publique

Le Lieutenant Bel Hajd El M'tira Cdt.
La Base de Kitona



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Kitona - 11 January 1961

A: Mr. Nwokedi - Chief Assistant to the Special Representative
DE: Amal Nachaat - Administrative Officer, Kitona
OBJET: Lists of the 85 permanent and 125 temporary Congolese
workers remaining at Kitona

Information copy:

Mr. Shields

Amal Nachaat

With reference to the above-mentioned matter and further to our cable KIT-229 of 26 December concerning the evacuation of Congolese workers from Base Kitona, we submit herewith lists of all Congolese workers presently employed at the base.

The first list includes 85 men retained as support for the Moroccan security forces stationed here for safeguarding and the four ONUC technicians handling basic maintenance. The second list comprises 125 workers being maintained on a daily wage basis to help the Belgians with the removal of their equipment. This task is expected to be completed by the end of January, and at this time these workers will be dismissed.

The list of permanent workers cannot be taken as exact, as there are constant minor fluctuations in the personnel. However instructions have been given that in no case is the number of Congolese workers employed by the UN to exceed 85.

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BASE DE KITONA

SERVICE M.O.C.

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Kitona, le 28 décembre 1960.

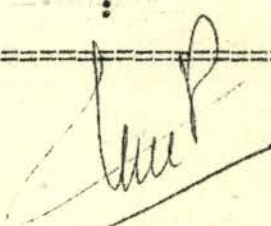
M.O.C. maintenus après le 01 janvier 1961;
cette liste remplace les précédentes.

Service	: Equipe	: Matric.:	Nom et Prénoms	: Fonction
Electricité:	Pon. Tech.	: 1598	: SASA Prosper	: Magasinier
	"	: 845	: NGOMA Pierre	: Chef Electricien
	"	: 2448	: DOS SANTOS Antoine	: Electric. HT-câbl.
	"	: 170	: KAMENA Dala	: " BT-moteur
	"	: 2479	: SONI KUKA Janvier	: Electric. frigos,
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	"	: 1789	: PUKIENA LUBAKU Léon	: Appr. Méc. Diesel
	"	: 2397	: SOLOMO Finda	: Chauffeur-chaud.
Télécom.	F. Aé.	: 46	: SAMU KONGO André	: Electric. TT-
	"	:	:	: chef d'équipe
	"	: 1079	: VUBU Philippe	: Centraliste
	"	: 669	: PONGO Victor	: -"-
	"	: 2090	: NZAZI Cyrille	: -"-
Epuration et Eau	Pon. Tech.	: 1299	: MAMBIMBI Joseph	: Capita
	"	: 2418	: MALULU Maurice	: Watteman épuration
	"	: 2560	: TSHITSHI Léon	: -"-
	"	: 2451	: KUTSHI Raymond	: -"-
	"	: 1567	: ZUKI SASI Léon	: Plombier
	"	: 1756	: MOYO KWAKU Etienne	: Appr. plombier
Mécan. Véh.	Ordonance	: 459	: TUMU Frédéric	: Mécanicien
	"	: 2147	: KULA Gérard	: -"-
	Transport	: 2013	: DAVID Victor	: -"-
Boulangers	Q.M.	: 2323	: SUMBU Futi	: Boulanger
	"	: 1978	: WOLDJO Flavien	: -"-
	"	: 2067	: SAMI Ernest	: -"-
Cuisiniers	Sv. Générx	: 289	: DIKA FALA Léon	: Cuisinier
	"	: 658	: BAZA Tshitenze	: -"-
	"	: 2214	: LINGISI Louis	: -"-
	"	: 2561	: SOZINHO André	: -"-
	"	: 305	: M'BI Alexis	: -"-

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	: C. R. A :	1502	: Yوبا KOSO Pascal	: Cuisinier
	: " :	1754	: BARRAS José	: -"-
Serveurs	: " :	1535	: KATITI Yoba	: Serveur
	: " :	355	: MANUEL François	: -"-
Infirmiers	: S. S. :	1644	: BAYANGELELE Noël	: Infirmier
	: " :	1034	: BAKANA KOTE Théodore	: -"-
	: " :	1123	: WAKANA KUMBU Faustin	: -"-
Manoeuvres	: " :	2745	: MATONA François	: Manoeuvre
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	: " :	2658	: LELO BETE Ernest	: -"-
	: " :	2736	: LUNGUADU Pitu	: -"-
Gestionnaire	: " :	2575	: MAYELA André	: Commis
Payement,	: M.O.C. :	2483	: KOKA Albert	: -"-
Administr.	: :		:	:
Transport	: Engins :	133	: SUMBU Nza	: Chauffeur-Mécanic.
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Carburant,	: Transport :	1200	: BAZA Jacques	: Magasinier
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Peintre	: Casern. :	1229	: BUADI Antoine	: Peintre
Aérodrome	: F. Aé. :	1478	: TENDEKELE Joseph	: Observateur METEO
	: " :	2756	: MVIOKI SASA Léon	: Chauffeur
	: " :	2770	: WAKA KADIANGA Alippe	: -"-
	: " :	2718	: MATONA MAKUMBU Ernest	: Pompier
	: " :	2719	: FUTU Alphonsee	: -"-
	: " :	2723	: UMBA MUAKA Nathalis	: -"-
	: " :	2706	: BADU TSENDE Sylvestre	: -"-
Cordonnier	: Q.M. :	2471	: SOTO Luemba	: Cordonnier

Buanderie	: Q.M.	:2006	:SASA PINDU Nestor	:Buandier
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N Z A D I	: F. N.	:464	:BAKOTOKO Vincent	:Marin
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	: "	:804	:MATUETSHI François	: -"-
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	: "	:1825	:ALANI Lindval	: -"-
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	: "	:1605	:BAZA Makatshi	: -"-
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 I. A. M. B. O. T, L.
 Commandant,
 Chef du Service M.O.C.

LISTE DES M.O.C. JOURNALIERS
=====Réception.

2257	YUKA	Simon	Dactylo.
468	SONZA	Alphonse	T.T.
2233	MADUSU	Gabriel	T.T.

Engins.

987	TSHIATOKA	Marc	Magasinier Maint/Gén.
313	KUDU	MIANDA	Gruetier
1313	PONGO	SUKULATI	Idem
2289	SONGO	SONGO	Idem
-849	<i>SABALA Edouard</i>		Conducteur Niveleuse
1051	POMBA	Ambroise	Conduct-Mach/Agricole

Transport.

139	SUKULANGA	Samuel	Chauffeur
62	YILA MAVUNGU	Gelson	Idem
26	LUMINGU	Mavinga	Idem
217	PANZU	Pedro	Idem
2807	INZAU	TSHIKAY	Idem
225	MAKUMBU	Camille	Idem
999/R	MINGIELE	LIMA	Idem
609	KUNGI	Nestor	Idem
2296	BURSI	François	Idem
2795	FUTI	Michel	Chauffeur
2410	VUMBI	KOYO Evariste	Idem
2073	BANGANGA	Georges	Idem
2394	IBARA	Pierre	Idem
2467	KENGE	Joseph	Idem
-2798	PANZU	Léon	Idem

299	VINCENTO Rodrigez	Chauffeur
2808	Yوبا Abel	Idem
2805	TOYO Michel	Idem
2800	TABULA Innocent	Idem
2799	MUYONZI Paul	Idem
821	NZAU Antoine	Commis - Mag.-Transp.

Ordonnance.

707	LINGENGA Ferdinand	Magasinier Supply.
1013/R	BUELA Jean-José	Idem.
2079	BALU Edouard.	Magasinier Mainte.
2290 \....	BUMBA Emmanuel	T.T.
2478	TSHIKOKOLO Nathalis	Idem.
2427	ZAO Fernandes	Chauffeur dépanneuse

Pon. Technique.

2725	MOANDA Damas	Magasinier Technique
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223	DOMINGO Nicolas	Magasinier
878	DELE André	idem
809	JULIO Tshinglezo	idem
-	<i>PEDRO SALOMON</i>	idem

Buanderie

145	VEMBA Raphaël	Buandier
1451	YEYO NGOMA Joël	idem

Tailleur

358	KOMBA Gaston	Tailleur
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Atelier-Bois

235	SONI MAMBUKU Corneille	Menuisier
1074	DOMINGO Joachim	idem
881	KOMBO Paul	idem

69	DEMO Tonde	Menuisier
919	PEMBA Albert	idem
249	LELO CHRISTOVAO	* idem

Atelier-Fer

1134	PERERA José	Magasinier-Techniq.
666	MA LA Daniel	idem
96	NDULI Pierre	Soudeur
2189	NZAO Cyrille	Ajusteur

C. R. A.

1367	UMBA SIKU Valentin	Commis-Dactylo
2554	NZAU Albert	Barman
588	NGOMA Sylvestre	idem
1902	KOLA LUEMBA Alphonse	idem
354	MA TUMU DOTHANQUE	idem
2868	BANGANGA Nicolas	idem

1485	DIAMBU Pierre	Serveur
2159	SUKULATI Mavinga	Serveur
1853	LUEMBA François	Barman
1056	GOMES José	idem
2513	BILU LINGISI Auguste	T.T.

681	SENGELE BAZA Raymond	"
495	NGOMA Norbert	"
2377	BAZA Prosper	"
2461	FINDA Henri	"
1106	NZINGA Jean-Marie	Cuisinier
2313	MAKINDA François	Cuisinier

E. M./Base

1620	MULATU Martin	DACTYLO
1273	MABANDELE Cyrille	"
2065	SITU Arsène	"

1423	MATONA Henri	Dactylo
2249	SAVU SAVU Joseph	"
24	LUIZI André	T.T.
<u>Force Aérienne</u>		
1198	BOBA Gérard	T.T.
2627	DJIMBI Emmanuel	"
2630	DINGI Tshiama	"
2318	SIMBA Jean	"
<u>Hôpital</u>		
996	MASUMU VIMBA Maurice	Infirmier
2788	VEMBA André	Magasinier
<u>Sv/M.O.C.</u>		
2824	KIMBUENDE Charles	Commis-Dactylo
1122	LUBENDO Ignace	Commis
841	DOTSHI Jhony Louis	T.T.
2303	VOBA Antoine	"
2302	LUIZI André	"
<u>Pon. Casernement</u>		
981	BINDA TOKO Joseph	Commis
728	NGUELO Michel	Commis-dactylo
924	TONI Janvier	Magasinier
1812	MASANGA Jean	Idem
98	SAMBU Joseph	Capita
700	VIMBI Samson	T.T.
53	FIONGO Bido	"
1472	PASI PASI	"
661	VEMBA Pierre	"
2345	SUMBU Emmanuel	"
2324	KUSU Mathieu	"

2234	PEDRO Paulo	T.T.
2223	PIKI Tshiatuna	"
2215	PIOKA Paul	"
2682	SALA Tshingola	"
632	NGUVULU Dilu	"
2325	TEMBO Yeyo	"
2500	FUMU Mingi	"
31	MANDUNDU	"
321	LUBENDO Pitu	"
324	PUati Alphonse	"
1954	YALA Simpi	"
744	TONI Sumbu	"
2306	MAKUEKELE Jean	"
22	LIMBA Bafuka	"
503	KUALULANGA Mathieu	"
801	SIMBA Joseph	"
1084	SOKA BALU Victor	"
1883	KATATI Kayala André	"
- 250	TUINTU FREDA	"
614	DJEMBO Tonio	"
107	KIATONDA Alphonse	Chef de Cantier
1156	TELA Henri	Maçon
76	NGANGA Grégoire	idem
- 4	<i>BEMBA PATANDJI ALPHONSE</i>	Vitrier
-	SIMBA Paul	Boy-O.N.U.
-	BUMBA Guillaume	Boy-O.N.U.

Sv/Hygiène

2239 FUTU Prosper

T.T.

CDT. LAMBOT, L.
Chef du Service M.O.C.



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Kitona - 11 January 1961

A: Mr. Nwokedi - Chief Assistant to the Special Representative
DE: Amal Nachaat - Administrative Officer, Kitona
OBJET: Report on final Belgian evacuation from Base Kitona

Information copy:
Col. Madan

- 1) With reference to the above-mentioned matter, we wish to inform you that the Belgians are proceeding with evacuation of their equipment from the base. The method adopted is by airlift to Luanda; they rejected the alternative possibility of overland transport to Cabinda or Pointe Noire. It seems they have taken this solution with a view towards centralizing the evacuated material, as equipment from Kamina is also being sent to Luanda. §
- 2) Thus the UN is not involved in any way with the evacuation, and no UN military escort is required. The only assistance requested by the Belgians was 125 Congolese workers; this request was granted by UN headquarters with the understanding that the workers would be dismissed upon termination of the evacuation.
- 3) The Belgians are preparing lists of stocks, equipment, and real property being left by them. We expect these lists to be finished by 20 January. Until now we have heard no official position from headquarters regarding paragraph 2 of the Belgian confidential note of 2 December concerning the powers of the UN representatives for signing these lists. A copy of this letter was delivered to Mr. Brackenbury on 29 December.
- 4) Further to our cable KITLEO-31, we repeat our request for instructions about equipment the UN feels will be necessary for the task of maintaining the base. This matter grows more pressing as time passes, for the Belgians are continuing to evacuate their supplies and equipment. If authorities at UN headquarters are not disposed to proceed with this study and selection of necessary equipment, we suggest that we be permitted to submit a list of our own for your approval. It would be understood that the listed items would be considered as having been placed at the disposal of the UN by the Belgians for the maintenance of the base, and not purchased by the UN.

*Discussed with
Nachaat on
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§ According to statements made by Defrenne the evacuation should be completed by 31 January.



INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

6 January 1961

TO : The Special Representative

FROM : Mr. F.C. Nwokedi

SUBJECT : Thefts at Kitona

Mr. Kettani

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1.- This disturbing state of affairs at Kitona calls for firm action and I recommend that you discuss personally with General Kettani such appropriate instructions as should be given to Lieutenant Belhaj. It must be brought to the Moroccans in very clear terms that the thefts are deplorable and that the responsibility for safeguarding all properties at the base rests on their shoulders. If the thefts continued it would be necessary to reconsider the whole question of posting at Kamina, troops who can be trusted to fulfill the duty assigned to them.

2.- As regards the question of liability for losses, the legal Adviser, Mr. Berthoud, is of the opinion that there can be no question of UN being held liable for compensation for all losses. But as regards Belgian Government property, however, the question of their putting a claim against the UN for failing to fulfil its responsibilities as care-taker of the base might arise if it could be proved that the UN has been negligent in the execution of its mandate. Our information on the behaviour of the Moroccans prevents us from excluding such possibility.

3.- You may wish to consider the advisability of sending Mr. Knecht to investigate the thefts.

4.- I have sent a cable to Mr. Nachaat informing him that the matter is being examined but that in any case he should do nothing which can be interpreted by the Belgians as an acknowledgement of UNOC liability for the thefts.

1 Obvious security precautions must be strengthened & firm orders issued by Gen Kettani to prevent these thefts - which include that of a 600 lb. safe containing 83,000 francs.

2 I agree that Mr. Knecht could go down for a day or two to report on the matter & suggest to the American commandant the measures to be taken in the short & long term. He should also

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INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

30 December 1960

TO : Mr. J. Kelly, Assistant to Special Representative
FROM : F.C. Nwokedi, Chief Assistant to Special Representative
SUBJECT :

Please look up the correspondence on the subject of the protection of arms and ammunition at Kitona and prepare an aide-mémoire for the Special Representative for discussion with the Secretary-General on January 4th. We should make a strong case for the purchase of the arms and ammunition by the United Nations, so as to prevent their falling into the hands of the ANC.

Mr. Nwokedi
Brief on Kitona armaments
attached as requested. JH y

Messieurs,

Il n'entre pas dans nos habitudes de faire des conférences de presse ni des déclarations à la radio. Si aujourd'hui nous le faisons et tenons à le faire c'est pour dissiper un malentendu grave et éclairer l'opinion internationale qui a été induite en erreur par des informations non objectives.

Certaines personnes accusent la Défense Nationale d'avoir donné ordre aux troupes congolaises de Matadi, de Banana et de Kitona d'aller occuper la Base de Kitona - c'est une erreur.

Boma
Voici les faits : Sur décision du Collège une délégation composée de MM. PONGO, MASANGA, WATUM et KAZADI respectivement Commissaire Général-Adjoint aux Communications, Commissaire Général aux Travaux Publics, Commissaire Général-Adjoint et Commissaire Général à la Défense Nationale s'est rendue mardi dernier, 13 décembre 1960 à Kitona et Banana aux fins de voir sur place les possibilités d'établir une école d'aviation à la première localité et une base navale à la seconde.

La veille de notre départ nous avons cablé au Commissaire de District de Boma ainsi qu'au Commandant de place, les invitant à venir nous recevoir à la Base. Mais notre télégramme ne leur est parvenu que 2 heures après notre arrivée. Nous avons trouvé l'Administrateur chef de poste sur place.

Après avoir pris des contacts avec le Commandant belge de la place, ensemble avec l'autorité territoriale précitée, nous nous sommes rendus à Banana où nous avons visité les travaux abandonnés depuis les événements du 8 juillet dernier. Alors nous sommes allés voir les militaires. Et nous étions surpris de les trouver si nombreux à Banana.

Les officiers nous ont demandé de les recevoir, ce que nous avons fait sans tarder et c'est ici que le problème commence : A notre question de savoir s'ils étaient tous de Banana, ils nous répondent qu'il y en a qui viennent de Matadi et de Boma. Notre objectif, disent-ils, est d'aller occuper la Base de Kitona. En effet, un Lieutenant marocain du nom de HAIK qui est un homme très bien disposé à notre égard, nous a confié que demain ou après demain, les para-commandos belges vont venir en masse réoccuper la Base, nous désarmer et procéder à la vente de tous vos biens qui s'y trouvent encore. Si vous ne nous dépechez pas, ce sera trop tard. C'est ainsi que nous sommes venus pour prévenir ce coup. Après les avoir entendus, nous leur avons répondu qu'ils ne pouvaient pas aller occuper Kitona, Comme le Commandant de place de Boma se trouvait à Léopoldville, ils devaient attendre son retour et suivre les instructions qu'il leur donnerait. Ils ont marqué leur accord : mais dehors, les soldats attendaient. Lorsqu'ils ont appris qu'ils ne pouvaient plus aller à Kitona, ils sont venus nous barrer la route : "où vous nous autorisez d'aller occuper Kitona, ou vous restez prisonniers ici". Après un peu d'explications, ils nous laissent passer pour aller visiter la piste de Banana. Tandis que nous y étions, ils reprirent leurs véhicules, et se dirigent à la Base qu'ils occupent avec les marocains. C'est ainsi qu'arrivés à Moanda, nous avons dû télégraphier à Léopoldville pour annoncer que des soldats nous constituaient prisonniers parce que nous ne voulions pas leur permettre d'aller occuper la Base. A Moanda même, est venu nous voir le Commandant marocain de la place pour nous signifier qu'il était en droit de donner à ses hommes l'ordre de tirer. Nous lui avons répondu qu'il était assez grand pour savoir ce qu'il devait faire.

A notre retour à Kitona, nous avons trouvé nos soldats partout avec un sourire aux lèvres : " Nous sommes à Kitona, c'est tout ce qu'il nous fallait. Nous n'allons faire des ennuis à personne.

Messieurs, voilà les fait. Avant de terminer, nous insurgeons avec la dernière énergie contre cette malice de l'officier marocain HAIK et contre la malice de tous ses semblables communistes qui veulent à tout pris maintenir le chaos dans le pays.

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Mr. R. Dayal

Galo Plaza

Present Situation at Kitona Military Base

Past problems were, in most cases, the result of poor communications. Mr. Dumontet received Mr. Cordier's instructions with an eight-day delay.

All 250 Belgian troops have been evacuated as of yesterday; 204 by US air transport and the rest by Belgian planes.

Following personnel remaining: officers of administration staff, 20; guards, 80; military police, 27; technical services, 153; health, 19; airport and transmissions, 50; maintenance of buildings, 41; plus 80 at small naval base of Banana, totalling 470 - plus 1,009 Congolese, 32 women and 31 children, Belgian.

Most of the 80 at naval base will depart soon by sea transport. 80 guards and 27 military police ready to depart as soon as one UN company and sufficient UN french-speaking military police replace them.

300 Belgian non-combatant personnel then to remain in base.

Belgians, including chief of negotiating group from Brussels, fully understand and agree that whatever UN decides for Kitona Base, technical personnel should be replaced as soon as possible. Population in surrounding area unfriendly to Belgians.

Would be advisable to place a UN Colonel as Base Commander as soon as possible, to replace Mr. Dumontet, part-time commander because of obligations in Matadi, and replace all Belgian combat personnel remaining by one complete UN company. At present entire UN military force in both Kitona and Banana consists of 48 Moroccan troops under command of a Lieutenant.

Recommendations as to the future use of the Base will be made in the report by the Study Group.

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1 September 1960

Dear Georges,

Thank you for your letter of 1 September. The story that you portray for the second time is almost identical with the spirit we have found at Kamina. They have not yet received direct instructions from Brussels which would enable us to proceed expeditiously in examining stores and supplies and determining what we might take over. Somebody is plainly lying, either Brussels or the people here. We are keeping pressure on Kamina, and want you to keep pressure on Kitona.

I was a little surprised that Colonel Vivario sent someone back to Brussels by air to get the green light. Cables are faster and cheaper. Furthermore, time is of the essence and the base question is now becoming quite acute as a diplomatic issue. In fact, for your information, it seems more and more likely that we cannot use a single Belgian at either base. This would complicate our problem a great deal especially for Kamina.

It appears on the basis of our preliminary findings that Kitona should not be maintained as a supply base by us. Perhaps it could be for all practical purposes closed and guarded by a few men. Kamina which is many times larger has the best of equipment and excellent workshops and should be preserved as a service center for our airplanes and vehicles. There is another complication there, that is, that it is in Katanga.

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Mr. Georges Dumontet
ONUC Representative
Matadi

My advice to you in light of the general pattern of delays which one finds in both bases, is to keep on the pressure, perhaps stand over Colonel Vivario until he drafts a cable to Brussels. Keep repeating the assurances given by the Belgian Government through the Belgian Delegation not only to the Secretary-General but to the Security Council. Also add that you fail to see what advantages they hope to realize by even a day's delay, as each day's delay adds to their own difficulties and to that of their Government.

Keep me informed about developments. I hope we can break through with utmost speed.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew W. Cordier
Special Representative of the
Secretary-General

PS: I received following cable from Secretary-General:

BRUR B-720. I read Dumontet's report that Belgian troops still in Kitona. The report is not clear in this regard. Please advise urgently about the facts. If evacuation of Belgian forces is not complete, I have to inform Secco. Have also requested information from Loidan."

I reported to him substance of your letter, but I would hope that you would make every possible effort with Vivario directly to get most exact information on evacuation of Belgian troops and how many, if any, remain, and why.