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REPORT OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION
IN THE CONGO TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING
TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF
21 FEBRUARY AND 24 NOVEMBER 1961

Note by the Secretary-General

Report on developments relating to Mr. A. Gizenga (continued)

1. The Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Operation in the Congo reports that he met with Mr. A. Gizenga in the afternoon of 30 January 1962 in the presence of Mr. Gbenye, Minister of the Interior of the Central Government of the Congo; Mr. Tumba Bertin of the Sûreté nationale, and Mr. Stavropoulos, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations. During this meeting Mr. Gizenga gave a letter to the Office-in-Charge (see below, Annex I).
2. On the same day the Officer-in-Charge received a copy of a statement from the office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo (see Annex II). The Prime Minister has released this statement to the press and radio.

ANNEX I

Letter dated 30 January 1962 from Mr. A. Gizenga addressed to the
Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Operation in the Congo

With reference to the written request I addressed to you on 22 January 1962, I have pleasure in confirming its contents to you and in stating that I consider ONUC relieved of all responsibility for my personal protection as from that time.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) GIZENGA

I note that you have today offered me the possibility of returning to the protection of ONUC. I reserve the right to decide at my convenience, while thanking you for your offer.

(Signed) GIZENGA

ANNEX II

Statement dated 30 January 1962 issued by the Office of
the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo

Since Mr. Gizenga's return to Leopoldville the most fantastic rumours have been circulating concerning him. The Prime Minister's Office wishes to make the following statement:

"Mr. Gizenga, a national Deputy, is not a prisoner. For reasons of security and public order, the Government has found it necessary to take certain essential measures in order to ensure his safety.

Mr. Gizenga may, if he sees fit, again request the protection of the United Nations. The protection which would then be granted him could not in any way prevent justice from taking its normal course if the investigation now in progress should reveal a direct responsibility on the part of Mr. Gizenga for the recent events at Stanleyville."

