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LETTER DATED 10 FEBRUARY 1961 FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF CEYLON,
GHANA, GUINEA, INDIA, INDONESIA, LIBYA, MALI, MOROCCO,
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND YUGOSLAVIA ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note by the Secretary-General: In circulating the
annexed letter at the request of the signatories, the
Secretary-General wishes to inform the members of the
Security Council that before the receipt of the letter
instructions to the effect envisaged by the signatories
had been issued to the Special Representative.

We have heard with grave concern news reports of the escape of Mr. Lumumba, Mr. Mpolo and Mr. Okito who, as you are aware, had earlier been forcibly and arbitrarily sent in detention to Katanga by those who, in our view, had illegally taken them prisoners in Leopoldville. It is also known that they had been subjected to brutal treatment on their arrival in Katanga.

In view of persistent rumours during the last few days of Mr. Lumumba having been killed in detention, we are gravely concerned about his safety. We fear that the news of the escape may be a camouflage and may have been inspired in preparation for announcing the death of Mr. Lumumba. It is needless to repeat our apprehension that the liquidation of Mr. Lumumba and his colleagues will have the gravest consequences for the Congo and for the future of the United Nations operation in the Congo.

We request you to take all possible steps to find out the truth or otherwise of the reports, and we express the hope that you will inform us on this subject as soon as possible.

We shall be grateful if you will circulate this letter to members of the Security Council.

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