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LETTER DATED 9 JUNE 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to report the following to you:

On Wednesday, 8 June 1966, at 9.50 a.m., two Portuguese aircraft flying at low altitude dropped bombs on two Congolese villages of the frontier region situated between the Sub-Prefecture of Kimongo and Portuguese Cabinda. The Congolese frontier guard responded at once, hitting the two aircraft, which caught fire and fell in Portuguese territory.

On the same day, about 7 p.m., another Portuguese aircraft flew over the frontier at low altitude but did not violate Congolese air space this time. The incident caused panic among the people, who are trying to abandon the area.

The Congolese Government protests vigorously against these acts of provocation, which may endanger peace in Africa. It will not hesitate, therefore, to use all the means at its disposal to defend itself if such acts of provocation recur.

I should be grateful if you would regard this report as an official document. Accept, etc.,

(Signed) Jonas MOUANZA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
of the Congo

