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LETTER DATED 28 DECEMBER 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to the complaint made by my Government on 9 December 1964 regarding the interference of certain African countries in the domestic affairs of the Congo, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message to you from H.E. Mr. Moïse Tshombé concerning the policy statement recently made by President Nasser regarding his intention of giving military assistance to the rebels.

I wish to make quite clear that this is additional information to be included in the above-mentioned complaint.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Théodore IDZUMBUIR  
Permanent Representative

MESSAGE FROM MR. MOISE TSHOMBE, PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CONGO

I have the honour to refer to letter No. 01540 of 8 December 1964, in which the Democratic Republic of the Congo brought a complaint against Sudan, Algeria and the United Arab Republic for their unwarrantable interference in the domestic affairs of the Congo.

You must be aware that at a public meeting Ahmed Ben Bella announced his firm intention of furnishing military assistance to the rebels. A similar declaration has just been made by Colonel Nasser, in which he admitted having furnished arms to Soumialot and Gbenye and stated his intention of continuing to do so.

The statements, fraught with consequence, made by the two Heads of Government were immediately translated into action. Indeed, rebel hordes led by foreign officers, particularly Algerians and Egyptians, are operating all along the Congo's north-eastern frontier. In addition, we have in our possession irrefutable proof that the rebel hordes are using military material provided by Algeria and the United Arab Republic.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo wishes to recall that such acts of interference are contrary to the resolution adopted on 10 September 1964 by the third Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to the Charter of the United Nations and to the Security Council resolution of 20 July 1960 (S/4405), which "requests all States to refrain from any action which might tend to impede the restoration of law and order and the exercise by the Government of the Congo of its authority and also to refrain from any action which might undermine the territorial integrity and the political independence of the Republic of the Congo".

Accordingly, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which considers the acts committed by these two States to be tantamount to a declaration of war, urgently requests you to add these new elements to the file of the complaint made on 8 December 1964 by the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Accept, Sir, etc.

Mr. Moise Tshombe,  
Prime Minister and Minister  
for Foreign Affairs

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