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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1960 FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In response to the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for an official representative of the Government of the Republic of the Congo on the Advisory Committee set up in New York to follow developments in the Congo, I have the honour to inform you that the Council of Ministers has appointed Mr. Thomas Kanza, Minister-Representative to the United Nations, as representative of the Government of the Congo on the Advisory Committee.

I should like to take this opportunity to point out that Mr. Kanza is also accredited to take part on behalf of the Congolese Government in the discussions of the Security Council. In this connexion, I should like to draw your kind attention to the fact that the only Congolese delegation entitled to represent the Central Government of the Republic is that headed by Mr. Thomas Kanza. You must not be unaware that following the vote of the two Congolese Legislative Chambers, the Parliament, acting as the supreme authority in the matter, rejected the decree of Mr. Kasavubu, Head of the Congolese State, revoking the mandate first of the Lumumba Government and later of only some of the ministers of that Government.

Under article 42 of our Basic Law, after any Congolese Government is formed it must come before each of the two Chambers for a vote of confidence. It follows that only the Government headed by Mr. Lumumba is the Government which is in office and which enjoys the confidence of the Parliament. Consequently, as the only representatives of that Government to the Security Council, we alone are entitled to speak on behalf of the Republic of the Congo.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) J.M. LUMBALA,  
Secretary of State, Office of the President,  
Special Representative to the Security Council