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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

The Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Operation in the Congo reports that on 10 February 1962 the representative of ONUC at Elizabethville delivered to Mr. Tshombe a letter the text of which is reproduced below.

Letter, dated 10 February 1962, from the Officer-in-Charge
of the United Nations Operation in the Congo, addressed to
the President of the Province of Katanga

With reference to our conversations of 7 February 1962, and in accordance with what we agreed upon at that time, I have the honour to confirm below the points upon which we reached agreement.

Joint Commissions for the expulsion of the mercenaries

- A. To begin with, two joint commissions, whose task it will be to ensure the expulsion of the mercenaries from Katanga, shall be established in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon between yourself and the representatives of ONUC, in particular during the meetings of 1 February, and set out in the letter which you sent me on 2 February.
- B. The membership of these commissions was settled on 7 and 8 February by the reciprocal communication of the names of the civilian and military members of those commissions.
- C. The commissions are to start operating without delay, proceeding to Jadotville, Kolwezi, Kipushi and any other places which it will be necessary and useful for them to visit; they will stay there as long as is necessary. On 9 February these commissions made their first visits, one going to Jadotville and the other to Kipushi.

Resumption of operations at the Lubumbashi factory

For this purpose the United Nations is ready to provide what assistance it can give, it being understood that it must maintain whatever measures it deems fit to ensure the necessary supervision of the factory's activities. Among the arrangements made for that purpose, the supervision of certain sectors of the installations, including the entrances to the factory and the power and water-pumping stations, will be exercised by ONUC civilian personnel (security personnel), the factory as a whole and the approaches to it remaining under the reorganized supervision of the ONUC Forces.

Presence of ONUC troops at Jadotville, Kolwezi, Kaminaville, etc.
and return of the Katangan gendarmerie to Camp Massart

In accordance with the principle that ONUC is to enjoy absolute freedom of movement, ONUC troops will have free entry to Jadotville, Kolwezi and other places.

You are of the opinion that in the prevailing circumstances the presence of ONUC troops at Jadotville and Kolwezi calls for psychological preparation, particularly of the population. To that end, you have asked the United Nations to assist you by the two following measures: the resumption of operations at the Lubumbashi factory (which has been mentioned above) and the return of the Katangan gendarmerie to Camp Massart.

With regard to the latter measure, it was during our second meeting on 7 February that I gave you our reply, after consulting the Commanding Officer of the United Nations Forces in the Congo who had accompanied me that day to Elisabethville. You and I agreed that the Katangan gendarmerie should return to Camp Massart, it being understood that this movement by the gendarmerie would be carefully synchronized with the entry of ONUC forces into the places mentioned above. This return of the gendarmerie to Camp Massart is to take place gradually and with the effective assistance, particularly at the administrative level, of the ONUC forces, the complete elimination of the mercenaries, making possible the ultimate withdrawal of ONUC supervision.

I feel compelled to stress very strongly a point whose extreme importance I have already mentioned to you, namely, the urgent need for the presence of ONUC troops, particularly at Jadotville and Kolwezi.

With regard to the necessity you feel for the psychological preparation of the population, I am sure that an announcement by you that the Lubumbashi factory has been reopened will represent a step forward for you and will enable you to make a clear statement of your intention regarding the presence of ONUC forces in the above-mentioned places, this being represented as clear evidence of your good will and of the co-operation between ONUC and the Katangan forces in maintaining order and in paving the way towards a peaceful solution of Katanga's problems. As we have agreed, a joint statement to that effect will avoid any misunderstanding and ambiguity. A draft statement will be transmitted to you very shortly.

I was glad to have a further opportunity of discussing with you privately the problems on which the happiness of the Katangans and the peace of the Congo as a whole ultimately depend. I would add that I have taken due note of your desire for the early achievement of a final and definitive solution.

I have the honour to be, etc.

