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LETTER DATED 22 JANUARY 1961 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
YUGOSLAVIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency a copy of my letter of 22 January 1961 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld with regard to the assault and brutal treatment to which have been subjected the Prime Minister of the Central Government of the Republic of the Congo Mr. Lumumba, the Youth Minister M. Mpolo and the President of the Senate of the Republic of the Congo Mr. Okito.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would have the letter circulated to the Members of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Miso Pavicovic
Permanent Representative of the
Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia
to the United Nations

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Upon the instructions of the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. The Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as the whole of Yugoslav public opinion, have received, with deep indignation, the news that the Prime Minister of the Central Government of the Republic of the Congo Mr. Patrice Lumumba, the Youth Minister Mr. Mpolo and the President of the Senate Mr. Okito, who had been illegally arrested, have been delivered to the notorious agent of the Belgian colonialists Tshombe and that on that occasion they had been again subjected to assault and to the most brutal maltreatment. These actions represent acts of gross violence of the colonialists and their exponents and evidently aim at preventing the finding of a solution of the existing crisis in the Congo in accordance with the independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Congo and in accordance with the interests of peace and security in Africa and in the world in general.

2. The Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia is convinced that these grave new events in the Congo, while being in complete contradiction with the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on the situation in the Republic of the Congo, are a continuation and a part of the direct colonialist intervention in the Congo. But, at the same time, they are also a consequence of the inadmissible passivity of the United Nations Command in the Congo and of United Nations organs, which bear moral responsibility for the tolerance of outside intervention which was manifested most recently in the savage acts against the political leaders of the Congolese people.

For these reasons, the Yugoslav Government is of the opinion that the minimum which can be expected in the prevailing situation is that the United Nations organs in the Congo take Mr. Patrice Lumumba and the other mentioned persons under its direct protection.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Miso Pavicevic
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