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REPORT OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
OPERATION IN THE CONGO RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF PARAGRAPH A-2 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
OF 21 FEBRUARY 1961

Addendum covering developments during 19-20 September 1961

1. The military situation in the province of Katanga during 20 September has been quieter than usual. For one thing the Fuga jet fighter has not been seen in the Katanga sky. Moreover, no shooting of any kind was reported during the day from Elisabethville, Jadotville or Kamina.
2. Police operations continued in Albertville during the night of 18-19 September and five gendarmes were taken prisoner; additional gendarmes were detained in the early morning. Some Gendarmerie vehicles were destroyed and three radio transmitters were taken into United Nations custody.
3. At the beginning of the afternoon the Gendarmerie opened heavy automatic mortar fire on United Nations troops in the vicinity of the civilian hospital in Albertville. United Nations armoured vehicles and soldiers were able to neutralize the Gendarmerie position shortly afterwards. One 37-mm gun was captured and several foreign nationals in civilian dress who had been seen manning and directing the fire of this gun were taken into United Nations custody. During this action the United Nations suffered no casualties, whilst the Gendarmerie had one killed and an unknown number wounded. In addition 20 gendarmes were taken prisoner.
4. At both the old and the new airport in Albertville the situation remained quiet throughout the day.

5. The United Nations special emissary, Mr. Khiari, who had been despatched to Ndola with a view to negotiating with Mr. Tshombé a cease-fire agreement without prejudice to the continued implementation of the Security Council resolution of 21 February 1961 and other Security Council resolutions on the Congo, had a four hours' discussion with the provincial president in the morning. Shortly after lunchtime United Nations headquarters in Leopoldville received a message from the special emissary in Ndola in which he indicated that the negotiations for reaching a satisfactory cease-fire agreement were difficult but that no efforts were being spared to reach a satisfactory solution.

6. At 1700 hours GMT a further message was received in which Mr. Khiari reported that he had signed with President Tshombé at 1545 hours a provisional agreement for a cease-fire. The text of the agreement follows:

"Provisional draft agreement on the cease-fire between the United Nations troops and those of the Katanga authorities"

Considering it necessary and desirable to put an immediate end to the hostilities between United Nations forces and the Katanga Gendarmerie; being convinced that every effort must be made to avoid further loss of human life, and pending the conclusion of a final agreement to normalize relations between the United Nations troops on the one hand and those of the Katanga authorities on the other, the two delegations have discussed and accepted the following provisional agreement, which shall come into force on 21 September 1961 at 00.00 hours.

It is understood that this agreement will not become final until it has been approved by the Secretary-General.

Clauses of the agreement:

(1) An immediate cease-fire shall be ordered;

(2) The cease-fire shall come into force on 21 September 1961, at 00.00 hours, throughout Katanga;

(3) A joint commission consisting of four members having full powers shall immediately be set up to supervise the application of this agreement and to seek ways of placing the relations between the United Nations and the Katanga authorities on a basis of mutual understanding and harmony, and also to fix the respective positions of each side's troops;

(4) No movement of troops to reinforce a garrison or position shall be allowed. This prohibition applies to all means of warfare, arms, ammunition and other military devices;

(5) The two parties shall be free to supply their troops with provisions in the usual way;

(6) The exchange of prisoners shall be carried out at the direction of the commission mentioned in article 3;

(7) This agreement shall be made public simultaneously by the United Nations and the Katanga Government.

Done in duplicate, in French, on 20 September 1961, at Ndola.

For the Katanga Government: (Signed) President Moïse TSHOMBE

For the United Nations: (Signed) Mr. Mahmoud KHIARI."

