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REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The bloody fighting now taking place in Katanga is achieving nothing but endless ruin and death and it is inconceivable that the United Nations, whose foremost ideal is to maintain peace and to relieve the suffering of humanity, should allow itself to be dragged into this action. Furthermore, a test of strength seems unlikely to bring any valid solution whatsoever to the problem of Katanga. I therefore ask you to convene the Security Council immediately with a view to deciding upon an immediate cease-fire and reconsidering the action taken by the United Nations to restore peace and harmony in the Congo (Leopoldville).

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Abbé Fulbert YOULOU

