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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

SECRET

Ottawa, January 2, 1963

CONGO

The attached note from the British High Commissioner to you and its enclosed message from Lord Home to the Minister were read to the Minister by telephone this morning.

2. On his instructions I phoned Mr. Tremblay to ask him to seek an appointment with U Thant today and to express to him the Canadian Government's hope that the U.N. would find a moderate solution to the current difficulties in the Congo. If Tremblay needed any pretext for seeking an interview with the Secretary-General it should be that Canada, as a member of the Congo Advisory Committee with forces assigned to O.N.U.C., had a close and continuing interest in day to day developments in Katanga, and that he was acting on instructions in seeking a meeting. Tremblay was instructed to make the above representations orally.

3. Mr. Tremblay was instructed also to treat the Congo situation as the No. 1 priority of his Mission at this time and to keep in constant contact with the Secretariat and with certain missions in New York, particularly concerned with the Congo problem – Sweden, Ireland and certain key African and Asian countries such as Nigeria, Malaya and India.

4. Mr. Tremblay later telephoned to say that he was seeing U Thant at 5:45 p.m. today and would report later by telephone.²

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

SECRET

Ottawa, January 3, 196[3]

CONGO

Pursuant to instructions conveyed by telephone, Tremblay saw U Thant at 5:45 p.m. January 2 for the purpose of expressing the Canadian Government's hope that the United Nations would find a moderate solution to the problem of Katangan secession. Tremblay telephoned at 8 p.m. the following oral report which will be supplemented by a fuller account by telegram.

2. He found the Secretary-General relaxed and satisfied with the way things were going in Katanga. U Thant regarded the conduct of the U.N. forces as both correct and successful so far. He expressed considerable gratification that his predictions had been correct in that the U.N. was encountering no really organized resistance on the part of Tshombe's forces and

² Note marginale :/Marginal note:
Noted. [N.A.] R[obertson]