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*Le haut-commissaire du Royaume-Uni
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner of United Kingdom
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

SECRET

Ottawa, January 2, 1963

Dear Norman [Robertson]

THE CONGO

I enclose the message for the Secretary of State from the Foreign Secretary which I mentioned on the telephone yesterday. I should be grateful if this could be conveyed to Mr. Green as soon as possible. I understand he is probably not returning to Ottawa until Saturday. In these circumstances it occurred to me that it might be useful if I could call to discuss the situation with you. I am therefore asking my Private Secretary to get into touch with yours to see if we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK AMORY

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*Note du Foreign Secretary du Royaume-Uni
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Note from Foreign Secretary of United Kingdom
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

SECRET

[London], January 1, 1963

When we discussed the Congo in Nassau Mr. Diefenbaker told me that he thought that it was a mistake for the United Nations to get involved in fighting in the Congo to impose a political pattern on the country.

We have recently come near to that, but it seems now that the recent round of fighting is over. I feel therefore that all our efforts should be directed towards trying to secure a settlement which this time will really stick. I am doing everything I can to get Tshombe into renewed negotiations and I think that the United Nations as a result of the weekend's events are in a more co-operative mood. I think that they would be particularly sensitive to advice from your Government, having regard to your status in the United Nations, your position on the Advisory Committee and the presence of Canadian personnel in the Congo. I believe that anything that you can do to convince them of the importance of being magnanimous and imaginative at this stage will go a long way towards making a satisfactory settlement possible.

With all good wishes for 1963.

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