

acceptable to Congolese leaders. We should like to know therefore whether Secretary-General agrees that plan is best possible under circumstances and if so whether he would envisage any modification which would enable non-repeat non-NATO countries to be drawn into it. It may be possible to ask African countries such as Nigeria or Tunisia to take associate tasks such as police or infantry training. In this connection, it should be noted that participation by non-repeat non-Western countries might help secure wider financial support in UN.

3. It would also be useful to know what relationship UN envisages between phasing out of ONUC operations and establishment of training scheme. Recent requests for bilingual officers to serve ANC battalions as training and administrative officers (your telegram 74 January 15†) would indicate that UN wishes to attach UN liaison officers to Congolese forces in the field. If officers performing these tasks are recruited from major participants of ONUC and incorporated in retraining and reorganization scheme, problem outlined in paragraph 2 might be partially alleviated.

4. We would also require full information on financial arrangements. Would UN for example, agree to pay special allowances, cost of transportation, etc., of instructors as it does for ONUC personnel?

5. You should also state that requests for Canadian assistance would be officially considered only if they come from Secretary-General and have been supported by Congolese Government. Requests should be specific and describe task to be performed, facilities to be placed at disposal of officers and likely duration of commitments.

6. For Washington: You may inform State Department of our approach to Secretary-General.

For other posts: Please do not repeat not discuss this matter with local authorities pending further instructions.

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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*

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CONGO — U.N. TRAINING SCHEME FOR ANC

Recent telegrams from our Embassy in Leopoldville had raised certain doubts as to whether it would be possible to organize a training programme for the Congolese Armed Forces under a UN umbrella as originally envisaged by the USA mission under Colonel Greene. There were also new doubts as to whether it was still the Congolese and UN desire to have a Canadian head a UN co-ordinating staff if one were set up, or whether Canadian participation had now been reduced to bilateral assistance in training in communications. The Embassy in Washington was asked to ascertain from the State Department whether the USA Government considered that a fundamental change had come about in the proposed UN training scheme.

2. Mr. Robinson reported today by telephone that the State Department did not consider that the original plan was faltering or had undergone substantial change, and that they were anxious to move ahead with the task as quickly as possible. It was still their intention to preserve the UN umbrella in order that the USA could disengage quietly, confident that the scheme would go forward in competent hands.

3. Regarding financing, it had always been the USA view that the training contingents to be supplied by various UN members would be on the basis of national contributions paid for by