

favour of his opinion, that if an Officers' Training School was staffed by officers recruited from several countries, its efficiency would be seriously impaired.

5. I consider that the best proposal was the original U.N.-sponsored scheme which aimed at entrusting each aspect of military training to one given country which was to run a defence institution in the Congo under U.N. auspices. Canada, however, is not in a position to go back to this proposal since we have had to decline the U.N. request to provide the full staff of 20 for an Officers' Training School in the Congo. Since no other politically acceptable country has agreed to take up this task, there would seem to be some merit in discussing the U.N. "proposal" with the State Department and representatives from other countries.

6. I have brought Washington's telegrams to the attention of the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, who has agreed that more details on the U.S. proposals are needed, and particularly on the role of the United Nations in it, before we would be in a position to say whether we could support it and participate in it. With respect to the U.S. suggestion that a representative of his Department participate in discussions in the U.S. on this matter, he stated that he preferred to wait until discussions had gone a little farther so that he could prepare definite instructions for his staff.

7. Attached for your signature, if you agree, is a telegram outlining the following position to Washington:

- (i) We favour the provision of military training assistance to the Congo under U.N. direction;
- (ii) From the point of view of military efficiency, it would be desirable that the Congolese Armed Forces be trained, insofar as possible, according to a fixed and pre-determined military tradition. It would be preferable therefore to recruit the Commandant and the senior officers of each institution from a single country or at least from countries sharing a common military tradition;
- (iii) We are prepared to provide, for any sound training scheme acceptable to the U.N., the six or seven French-speaking officers who were the subject of our offer to the Acting Secretary-General last April.

8. Also attached for your signature, if you agree, is a telegram asking Mr. Gauvin to inform General Mobutu that we have not found it possible to provide the twenty officers who would be required under his own proposal.<sup>1</sup>

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