

that Rikhye has gone to Congo to persuade Congolese to accept Greene Plan. He said Secretariat have asked USA not repeat not to press with application of plan until Adoula has agreed; in meantime they have expressed wish that USA discourage representatives of other contributors from calling on Secretariat. Dickinson said he has asked State Department to postpone any initiative for promoting Greene Plan while Cleveland is in Congo.

8. This account is completely at variance with that given us by Rikhye. Since Rikhye was equally explicit and allowed us to take notes one or two explanations may account for differences. Possibly Rikhye wrongly believes that he persuaded Cleveland not repeat not to proceed with Greene Plan whereas he did not repeat not even get Secretariat's objections across to Cleveland. Alternatively USA may be trying to limit knowledge of Secretariat objections to Greene Plan. In either case we consider that it would be unwise at this point to advise USA that we have had different version from Secretariat as presumably Rikhye has been more candid with us than with USA representatives.

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*Secretary of State for External Affairs
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CONGO: ANC RETRAINING AND REORGANIZATION SCHEME

For Tremblay: Grateful if you would seek an opportunity to speak personally to U Thant about ANC retraining scheme; to confirm information given you by Brigadier Rikhye and to make points mentioned below not covered in earlier conversation. We should like to know whether plan meets with full approval of Secretary-General.

2. You may tell Secretary-General that although we have taken part in exploratory talks in Washington, no repeat no Canadian decision has yet been taken concerning Canadian participation. Secretary-General will recall we concurred with his last year's assessment that training of Congolese armed forces was essential to re-establishment of peace and order in country. We agreed in April 1962 to make available for that purpose six or seven retired French-speaking officers and that offer has not repeat not been withdrawn. We wish some assurances concerning long-term political acceptability of current USA proposals for ANC retraining. We are concerned lest fact that all countries who have been asked to take part are from West and in particular belong to NATO may eventually give rise to criticism from Communist and unaligned countries. It may be expected that in due course political forces will emerge in Congolese politics which will be suspicious of Western motives. Presence in country of military training personnel from NATO countries only might encourage these suspicions and play into hands of anti-Western elements. We are aware that USA and other Western countries are also concerned with this possibility. On the other hand, previous UN attempt to tackle problem has shown that few if any countries outside those mentioned in reference telegram may be in a position to provide military training assistance on standards