

having ANC as coloured contingent because of possible breach of discipline for which UN might have to take blame if ANC wore blue beret.

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CONGO: ANC REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING

Planning for reorganization and retraining of ANC is in a state of flux. USA State Department is exercising considerable pressure on UN to move on this matter. This pressure is becoming increasingly embarrassing to Secretariat.

2. Secretariat state they do not repeat not accept Greene Plan as such and in future will not repeat not refer to it by this name. Secretariat claim that they initiated original training plan which is still acceptable to Adoula and while it will require refining in light of present and future circumstances it is still basis for retraining of ANC.

3. UN do not repeat not propose to sponsor any programme which involves bilateral agreements as envisaged by USA and believe they have talked Cleveland mission out of this proposal. UN will take a completely negative attitude if USA State Department insist on pushing Greene Plan under bilateral agreements between Congo Government and participating countries.

4. UN state Greene Plan has served its purpose in that it has obtained recognition by Central Government of necessity of reorganizing and retraining ANC. UN Secretariat also state they would discourage any direct military assistance to Congo on a bilateral basis during period UN is responsible for internal security of Congo. This stand is for obvious reasons as UN could not repeat not condone situation whereby a number of countries could be participating under bilateral arrangements and using UN as a shield. Under this circumstance any differences between Congolese and participating governments could be blamed on UN.

5. Not repeat not withstanding above UN appreciate urgency of evolving a suitable reorganization and retraining plan and for this reason Brigadier Rikhye and Urquhart are leaving for Congo on February 5. They propose to discuss this programme in detail and should return to New York approximately February 18.

6. UN Secretariat has again confirmed that any plan evolved will require participation of as many of present contributing governments as possible and particularly those which have capability both technically and from point of view of language to retrain ANC. Reorganization and retraining of ANC is of utmost importance to UN as it is only when this force is reconstituted that UN can withdraw its contingents from Congo.

7. Congo Desk Officer in USA Mission (Dickinson) who is in daily touch with Secretariat has apparently been given a different account by Secretariat. He claimed that Secretariat have fully accepted Greene Plan that they are not repeat not worried about bilateral arrangements and that their only doubt is over nationality of training groups. Secretariat have told Dickinson