

of the people of Katanga to consider constitutional arrangements at a later date, but we believe that the most necessary thing at present in the Congo is to restore and maintain law and order in order to provide the necessary conditions for the resumption of normal economic, social life and political life of the Congo.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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[Ottawa], August 1, 1960

CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. LUMUMBA

Mr. Lumumba and his party called on Mr. Cadieux shortly after 11 am on Saturday, July 30. Miss Osborne, Messrs Scott, Murray and Choquette of the Department were present.

2. Mr. Cadieux welcomed Mr. Lumumba and recalled that pending a call from the Prime Minister, the programme foresaw official talks; he said that he would be grateful if Mr. Lumumba wished to make any observations of a general nature, on the United Nations, on his conversations in Washington, prior to a discussion of specific problems. Mr. Lumumba said that he preferred to deal with the latter first.

3. Mr. Cadieux then proceeded to outline what could be done for the Congo under existing programmes:

- (a) students from the Congo will be eligible for Canada Council scholarships;
- (b) applications could be received for National Research Council scholarships;
- (c) a broad scheme of scholarships involving French-language institutions in this country was now under consideration and, if the Government decided to adopt such a scheme, the Congo would be included;
- (d) Canada was likely to support UN schemes of technical assistance for the Congo;
- (e) if other countries were to assist Congolese students, it was likely that some of these students would come to Canadian universities. The Canadian Government would be prepared to extend administration assistance to facilitate the operation of these schemes.

Furthermore, Mr. Cadieux pointed out that Canada was providing immediate assistance in meeting specific UN requests; for instance, Canada had provided meat and flour; four RCAF planes were flying supplies from Pisa to Leopoldville, and the Government had now agreed to make available a substantial number of signals personnel.

4. Mr. Lumumba listened to this enumeration without any reaction. He stated that in addition to UN assistance, as a sovereign, independent country, the Congo was now requesting from Canada a supplementary bilateral aid programme and hoping that the Canadian Government could send immediately to the Congo a team to discuss requirements and priorities.⁸ Mr. Cadieux pointed out that such a procedure would be likely to involve duplication as similar assessments would be undertaken by other countries who would be prepared to give help and also by the United Nations: he added that while Canada would very likely support an expanded

⁸ Note marginale :/Marginal note:
He withdrew this when he saw me. [J.G. Diefenbaker]