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*Extrait des conclusions du Cabinet**Extract from Cabinet Conclusions*

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[Ottawa], July 28, 1960

Present

The Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) in the Chair,
 The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Green),
 The Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming),
 The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Brooks),
 The Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees),
 The Solicitor General and Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Balcer),
 The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Pearkes),
 The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Churchill),
 The Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Nowlan),
 The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Harkness),
 The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mrs. Fairclough),
 The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. MacLean),
 The Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr),
 The Postmaster General (Mr. William Hamilton),
 The Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Browne),
 The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Comtois),
 The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Monteith),
 The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Alvin Hamilton),
 The Minister of Defence Production (Mr. O'Hurley),
 The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker),
 The Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Sévigny).
 The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Bryce),
 The Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Martin).

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11. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs* said that Prime Minister Lumumba of the Congo was coming to Ottawa the following day and would presumably be requesting aid as he had done in the United States. The U.S. Secretary of State had told Lumumba the U.S. would be glad to provide aid through United Nations channels. That would seem the best course for Canada to follow too, if it were decided to give assistance to the Congo. The situation regarding Katanga was very delicate. Canada should be careful not to get committed publicly to support the return of Katanga to the Congo. Katanga so far was friendly to the West. The United Nations was working to ensure that Katanga remained a part of the Congo.

12. *The Minister of National Defence* then turned to the question of what should be done in response to the request of the U.N. Secretary-General for personnel and equipment for signals and also for the logistic support for the U.N. force in the Congo. Things were moving very swiftly and the U.N. requirement was constantly changing. However, the crux of the situation was whether Canada was prepared to say that signals and perhaps logistic personnel and equipment would be sent. The assistance requested of Canada was as follows:

- (a) In Leopoldville, the signal detachment at Headquarters, UNOC, including the signal office, message centre, a 100-line switch-board, linemen and despatch riders.
- (b) Five ground to air communication links, and possibly two more later.
- (c) Twelve mobile wireless detachments.