

(f) A small headquarters for the command and administration of Canadian troops in the Congo.

11. To this end, the following authorities are requested:

(a) Authority is requested for the maintenance on active service of officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, not exceeding 1,000 in number at any one time, as a part of or in immediate support of, an emergency international force under the United Nations to restore and maintain law and order in the Republic of Congo.

(b) Authority is requested to take all steps necessary to prepare troops for despatch from Canada as soon as possible. In particular, this will entail: (i) formation of such new units within the Services as may be required; (ii) selection of soldiers; (iii) immunization of soldiers; (iv) concentration of soldiers and their equipment; and (v) movement of soldiers and equipment to the Congo by the most expeditious means.

(c) It is not possible to submit final tables of organizations and equipment for this contingent until more detailed information on tasks, and conditions under which these tasks will be carried out, is available. In order to obtain this information as soon as possible, authority is requested to despatch a reconnaissance team not exceeding 20 officers and men to the Congo immediately.

(d) To the extent that satisfactory items of equipment are available, the contingent will be equipped from Canadian stocks. Authority is requested, however, for the procurement of such specialized items as signals equipment as may be necessary to carry out the assigned role. Equipment will, where possible, be purchased from Canadian sources of supply but may have to be obtained from the United States either by direct procurement or by provision by the United States to the United Nations.

(e) In order to supply reliable communications, authority is requested to negotiate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and as a result of these negotiations, to establish a direct wireless teleprinter link, to include cypher facilities between Ottawa and the Congo. It is believed that this can be achieved economically by using existing communications from Ottawa to Nairobi and extending a link from Nairobi to Leopoldville.

(f) It should be assumed that financial arrangements will be made with the United Nations similar to those in effect for the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East. Under those arrangements the United Nations accepts, in general, the responsibility for extra costs to Canada arising from participation in the Force. The experience of the Canadian contribution to that Force indicates costs to Canada of approximately \$170,000 per year in excess of the cost of maintaining these troops in Canada. This figure does not include foreign allowances which, to date, have been recovered from the United Nations. With present information available there is no basis for estimating the extra cost which might be involved in sending Canadian troops to the Congo. However, authority is requested to provide pay and allowances to Canadian troops in the United Nations Force in the Congo on the same basis as now paid to Canadian troops in the Middle East.

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