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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au représentant permanent auprès des Nations Unies*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Permanent Representative to United Nations*

TELEGRAM DL-855

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## CONGO — TRAINING OF FORCES PUBLIQUE

The Prime Minister to-day received a telegram from Mr. Hammarskjöld in Leopoldville which reads as follows: "As you know we are making a big effort, being part of a general plan of assistance to the Republic of the Congo, to re-establish as quickly as possible the so-called Force Publique (L'Armée Nationale), with a view to arranging for withdrawal as early as possible of the United Nations Force, its responsibilities being taken over by national units. This does involve the speedy reorganization of the Force Publique by a training programme with United Nations instructors as requested by the Government of the Republic. I would be most happy to hear from you whether Canada would be able to provide us with French-speaking officers willing to undertake the assignment, under United Nations flag, to serve as advisors and instructors in our trained programme for officers of the Force Publique. It is of course essential to avoid getting entangled into jealousies and rivalries. For that reason, while using African instructors, I want to have some of non-African nationalities. With kind regards,"

2. The Canadian Government is disposed to comply with this request but would wish to have further information about the numbers required and the timing. For your own information the Government would be prepared to consider supplying up to 100 personnel but is thinking in terms of about 50. Personnel will have to be inoculated which would delay departure for a matter of weeks.

3. We would also be interested to know if the Secretariat can throw any light on the question of whether there is any relationship between this proposal and the Ghanaian request referred to in your telegram 1164 of August 11.†

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*Le président du Ghana  
au premier ministre*

*President of Ghana  
to Prime Minister*

Accra, August 12, 1960

My dear Prime Minister,

I am sorry that the pressure of events has made it impossible for me to write to you before concerning the policy which Ghana is pursuing in regard to Congo. Naturally I should have