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

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

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MEETING WITH MR. C.V. NARASIMHAN

Mr. Narasimhan of the United Nations Secretariat recently came to Ottawa to participate in the meeting of the National Commission of UNESCO. While he was here, he agreed to come and speak informally to officials in the Department.

2. The attached memorandum is a record of Mr. Narasimhan's views which he expressed during his meeting with Departmental officials. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing the current plan for training the ANC in the Congo. He did, however, deal briefly with a number of other current problems. We think you will find Mr. Narasimhan's views interesting.

3. Mr. Narasimhan spoke to us very frankly and we should be grateful if you would be especially careful not to attribute to him the statements which he made during the meeting.

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for Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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*Extrait du compte rendu de la réunion des représentants du Ministère
avec C.V. Narasimhan du secrétariat des Nations Unies*

*Extract of Record of Meeting of Departmental Officials
with C.V. Narasimhan, United Nations Secretariat*

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Congo

Narasimhan confirmed Tremblay's impression that the Secretary-General is seriously contemplating the advisability of withdrawing the United Nations umbrella from the ANC training operation. He claimed that this did not represent an about-face which took place during the course of the recent meeting of the Advisory Committee. It was rather a possibility which the Secretariat had been forced to consider when it became apparent from the recent exchanges with Adoula and the press leak in Leopoldville¹² that the Congolese (i.e., Mobutu) intended to have the Belgians take over the lion's share of the training programme. Narasimhan pointed out that the Secretary-General must take into account the views of both the communist bloc, which is ready to exploit any evidence to support their contention that the Secretariat is a tool of the United States, and of the Afro-Asians, who are equally sensitive on the score of the United Nations being used for the benefit of the ex-colonial powers. The

¹² Voir/See UN Doc S/5240/Add.2 (May 21, 1963), <http://documents.un.org/>; J. Anthony Lukas, "Congo Asks Six Nations To Help Retrain Forces," *New York Times*, March 15, 1963, pp. 1, 3.