

officer; one admin officer; two clerks; three stores men; two general duty men. The above should all be military personnel.

In addition to the requirement of graduate academic instructors is two or three covering French and current affairs and mathematics and general science.

I would be grateful if you would indicate your ability to assist. If Canada can assist I suggest a senior officer come to Ghana as soon as possible to work out details on ground."

2. I have been in touch with General Alexander who supports this Ghanaian proposal. He commented he would not repeat not want other than Canadian service personnel to assist.

3. Before making firm commitment you may wish to send senior service officer to prepare appreciation.

4. In my conversation with Alexander I told him I doubted very much whether Canada would be prepared to take on this assignment on any terms other than complete financial repayment.

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*Le haut-commissaire au Ghana
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Ghana
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 197

Accra, August 3, 1960

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Reference: Our Tel 196 Aug 2.

GHANA AND CONGO REQUEST FOR CANADIAN ASSISTANCE

Our reference telegram contained the full text of a personal message from Nkrumah to our Prime Minister about the desire by Ghana for Canadian assistance in training Congolese cadets.

2. While I appreciate that Canadian effort in Congo is already of large proportions, I would hope that you could give sympathetic consideration to this Ghanaian request. As you know past efforts to obtain cooperation between Ghana and Canada in the defence field have not repeat not been very successful. This current request might be an opportunity for us both to indicate Commonwealth cooperation and to make an identifiable contribution to the development of law and order in Congo.

3. Undoubtedly in your consideration of the desirability of meeting this Ghanaian request you will wish to consult UN about the extent to which it approves this Ghanaian initiative. As you know, Ghana has been extending technical assistance to Congo on what appears to be a bilateral basis. While one may not repeat not quarrel with Ghana assisting a brother African state, there are it seems to me long term implications, not repeat not only for Ghana in terms of its own economy, but in the sense that continuing bilateral arrangements between Ghana and Congo set a precedent for Congo to seek assistance from Soviet Bloc which, if on a large scale, would in the long run be undesirable for not repeat not only the West but for the independent African states themselves. We will continue to hear a great deal about the iniquities of the white man in Africa, the evils of colonialism and the perfidious intentions of the "imperialist" but it is important to remember that African states either do not repeat not or will not repeat not admit the perfidious nature of the "white faced" communist.

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