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Dorsinville, Evans from Cordier

I transmit herewith letter received thirtyone January by President General Assembly from Representatives Burma India USSR and UAR. It will be circulated as an Assembly document. President Boland attracts your attention particularly to penultimate paragraph.
Text follows:

Quote New York 31 January Mr. President

(Editor: here quote attached text as indicated)

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31 January 1961

Mr. President,

According to the reports published in the press on 30 January 1961, Ruanda, northern half of the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi, was proclaimed as "an independent republic".

In one of these reports, it was stated: "The dispatches indicate that the new regime was based on the provisional government established last year by Belgium, that it hoped to continue a connection with the United Nations and that it welcomed the continued presence of Belgians".

Further it was reported that "Kigeri V, the Mwami (ruler) of Ruanda, was deposed at a meeting Saturday of burgomasters and municipal councilors".

Your attention, Mr. President, is drawn to the fact that the Trusteeship Agreement which was approved by the General Assembly in 1946 envisages the application of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to the whole of the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi and the attainment of independence by Ruanda-Urundi as a single entity. It should also be borne in mind that the General

His Excellency,
Mr. Frederick H. BOLAND
President of the XV Session of the UN General Assembly
New York, N.Y.

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Assembly in Resolution 1579(XV) of 20 December 1960 specifically endorsed, in the operative paragraph 11, the observation of the Trusteeship Council that "in view of the essential community of interests and the facts of history and geography, ~~the~~ the best future for Ruanda-Urundi lies in the evolution of a single, united and composite State, with such arrangements for the internal autonomy of Ruanda and Urundi as may be agreed upon by their representatives".

The General Assembly in the same resolution decided that the legislative elections which will lead to the establishment of national democratic institutions and furnish the basis for the national independence of Ruanda-Urundi, in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter, should be postponed in order to carry out the necessary measures enumerated in operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6.

It should also be noted that by its resolution 1580(XV) of 20 December 1960 the General Assembly requested the Administering Authority "to revoke the measures adopted by it to suspend the powers of the Mwami, and to facilitate his return to Ruanda to enable him to function as ~~the~~ Mwami pending the ascertainment of the wishes of the people on this question" and decided that "a referendum under the supervision of the United Nations Commission ^{for Ruanda-Urundi} established under resolution 1579(XV) should be held to ascertain the wishes of the people concerning the institution of the Mwami, and, if necessary, the present Mwami of Ruanda".

General Assembly

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In the light of recent developments in the Trust Territory and the pronouncements of the official Belgian circles concerning Ruanda-Urundi, we, members of the Trusteeship Council, draw the attention of the President of the General Assembly to the urgency of taking all necessary measures for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions I579(XV) and I580(XV).

We, therefore, request you, Mr. President, to seek information concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolutions I579(XV) and I580(XV) from the Government of Belgium and from the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, for circulation to all Members of the United Nations as an urgent matter.

We further request that this letter be issued as a General Assembly document.

~~Signature~~

(Signed) U Thant
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