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Secretary general from Cordier Schurmann brought following letter this morning for immediate circulation and stressed strongly urgency of action suggested in penultimate paragraph stop He outlined background of developments since last June and stated that in light of Indonesian note and other current developments it was most urgent that a Personal Representative with three or four assistants be sent at once to observe and report on conditions in the territory stop Text follows

Quote New York 4 January Sedgen UNations

(Editor quote as indicated on attached copy)

Unquote

Andrew W. Cordier Exec ASST to SG

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TO: Secretary-General, Leopoldville
FROM: Cordier
DATE: 5 January 1961
NUMBER: SG 11

Rear Cor 1. Will advise Schursann accordingly. Still awaiting Malayan support as mentioned by Schurmann.

Indonesian delegate on basis circulation Dutch note, came today to express strong objection to suggested mission.

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AMC:dg

TO: Secretary-General, Leopoldville

FROM: Cordier

DATE: 4 January 1964

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NUMBER: SG 3

Further my number 1 Schumann said Malaysians would support their request for a personal representative momentarily. He recalled your objection to a personal representative last summer but pointed out that the present terms of reference were limited merely to an observation of conditions in the territory. This does not completely eliminate the delicate character of the mission since neither the mission of last summer nor this one would have the support of the Indonesians.

Schumann felt that the mission would reveal that the widespread incidents and unrest that the Indonesians alleged to exist in Guinea would be proved to be false. Furthermore that a mission to Guinea would tend to put a brake on Indonesians whom the Dutch ^{feel} are about to make an attack on Guinea at the invitation of the aroused elements of Guinea. An Indonesian military mission is now in Moscow, presumably securing assistance to this end. Thus the fear of an imminent military move on the part of Indonesia against the Dutch in Guinea is a major factor in their desire for immediate action.

It is, of course, not excluded that the presence of a UN Mission in Guinea would encourage Indonesian inspired elements to engage in demonstrations and general incitement. This is, of course, speculative.

Schumann suggested Latin American or Afro Asian nationals for the mission, indicating that what seemed needed was one personal representative with three or four responsible assistants who could be dispersed over the territory for thorough and quick observation of conditions.

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INCOMING CODE CABLE

TO: CORDIER
FROM: SECRETARY-GENERAL, LEOPOLDVILLE
DATE: 5 JANUARY 1961 Sent 5 1617Z Recvd 5 1736Z
NUMBER: CCR 1

Re your 593.

Please advise Schurmann that I am giving the matter my urgent attention but cannot act effectively from here because activation of such an operation requires serious consultations with certain delegations. It may well be that pressures may develop in such a way that it will effect my own future planning. In order to implement plan, Malayan support helpful, but wider Asian support would clearly be necessary. New Delhi's reactions would be important. Publication of letter may help to sort out Governmental reactions.