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TO: The Secretary-General

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FROM: C. V. Narasimhan  
Under-Secretary for  
Special Political Affairs

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SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT:

I have thought about the problem and I am putting down my thoughts in writing mainly to clarify them.

1. The implications of non-recognition of Raj by Casey cut both ways. On the one hand, obviously this clearly reduces Raj's effectiveness. On the other hand, Casey can demand a regular procession of special representatives, because every time someone gets tough with him, he can demand his replacement.
2. The despatch of Indian troops also seems to me to cut both ways. On the one hand, it may be assumed that one of the principal factors influencing Nehru has been his confidence in Dayal. On the other hand, with the Indians constituting a quarter of the United Nations Force in the Congo, Raj's continued presence becomes a little difficult to justify, almost like MacArthur in Tokyo after World War II.
3. An Asian may feel a little tired of hearing our African friends demanding an African solution to the Congo problem. I feel inclined to give them a jolly good try.

Other elements which enter into the picture are the following. I don't think Raj is aware of the extent of the problem. He believes that by his personal visits to London last week and to Washington (proposed for tomorrow), he can erase the impressions created by the reporting of friends like Scott and Tim. I feel you should take him

into your confidence, as I am sure you intend to do, rather urgently.

One possible solution which I suggest with some hesitation is to put Raj in charge of the Congo Executive Office, in view of the fact that Pachachi is not available.