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Guinea)

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2 March 1960

Dear Ansgar,

I just read your most recent confidential report, dated 27 February. As its predecessors, it is a most valuable basis for our considerations.

The inner conflicts are a sad but, I believe, not an untypical phenomenon in a situation like the one facing Guinea. Obviously, it is in line with the general duties of the U.N. to act in such a way as to lend assistance to the consolidating influences. I therefore note your intention, in the last sentence on page 3, ^{which} ~~that~~ I think is entirely appropriate. You will remember that there is an explicit agreement between the President and myself that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General is to have direct access to the President and is to serve as personal liaison between him and me. This understanding is clearly what is reflected in the quote at the bottom of page 2 and the top of page three. I think we should give the understanding full effect - of course, without bothering Sekou Touré too much.

I still remember with satisfaction our short visit to Conakry, and I thank you and your colleagues for all your kind assistance.

With kind regards to Mrs. Rosenberg and yourself,

Mr. Ansgar Rosenberg,
Special Representative of
the Secretary-General,
Conakry, Guinea.

Dag Hammarskjöld.

12 March '60

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CONAKRY (GUINEA)

ROSENBERG FROM SECGEN AM SENDING BY FIRST POUCH PERSONAL ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
LETTER TO YOU REGARDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

12 March 1960

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ansgar,

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Undoubtedly you have read the report from Bellec on the monetary reform in Guinea. For safety's sake I enclose a copy of it. The report gives rise to two serious questions, the first one concerning Bellec's assignment and the second one regarding the U.N. position and the continuance of our operations.

As regards Bellec's assignment, I feel that it would be most unwise to withdraw him in a form which would be a personal demonstration from me against the steps taken by the Government. On the other hand, I understand full well that Bellec, as a Frenchman and as a professional U.N. expert who has not been consulted, finds his position compromised. If Bellec finds it necessary to stick to his line, these observations seem to indicate that Bellec should take a formal initiative to ask us to end his assignment. In my view we should accept that, but it should be made clear to the Government that the initiative comes from Bellec himself so as to avoid a broader demonstration.

This leads on to the wider problem. Again, I have full understanding for Bellec's concern about possible abuses of the U.N. as a scapegoat or as a screen for political manoeuvring of the most controversial kind. On the other hand, I am very much impressed by your own philosophy — which corresponds to mine — to the effect that it is our duty to strengthen the hand of the middle of the roaders, in the first place Sekou Toure personally.

Without an intimate knowledge of the situation in Guinea and at a distance, it is exceedingly difficult to see how best to strike a balance between the two views mentioned in the previous paragraph. Obviously, we should take certain risks but they should be calculated risks for a good purpose. If the game is up we have no reason to hang on. But is it up? And doesn't it remain as a very valid purpose for us to represent a stabilising element, however modest?

I would very much appreciate your personal and confidential observations on the two points I have raised here as a matter of urgency. On the second one — the continuance of the U.N. operation in its present main form — I could imagine that it would serve a very useful purpose if I were to address myself directly to Sekou Toure by a letter in which

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Mr. Ansgar Rosenborg,
Special Representative of
the Secretary-General,
Conakry, Guinea.

I state, politely but with stark frankness, what must be the conditions under which we work. However, whether such an approach would be good or bad, how it fits into the picture and whether the time is ripe for this somewhat drastic move, are questions on which you have much better possibilities to form a judgment than we have here, and I would therefore withhold any initiative until I have heard from you.

In general terms and knowing a little Sekou Toure's mentality and the Guinea situation, I am wary of dramatising the issues and I find it difficult to believe that the Guinea cause is a lost one. Therefore, I would not have addressed you in this way if it had not been for the sharpness of Bellec's reactions.

Dag Hammarskjöld

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15 Oct 1960

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@ Conakry (Guinea)

For Rosenberg Regret delay replying your messages regarding conclusion
your service and successor stop Since successor not yet arranged would
be grateful you continue for limited period stop Will be in touch with
you further

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TO: ROSENBERG CONAKRY

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 29 March 1960

NUMBER:

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Time of your present assignment is drawing close to its end. I would appreciate it if you would agree to serve in Conakry another six months during which time we hope to find highly qualified successor and get time for you to initiate him. Owen concurs.

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TO : ROSENBERG, CONAKRY

FROM: FELT

DATE: 30 November 1959

NO. 107

Reur 92 to Narasimhan, fully understand your embarrassment but unfortunately virtually no progress made this side. Special Fund and Technical Assistance agreements still unsigned. Provisional talks show Guinea delegation would like introduce certain rather important but not yet clearly specified changes in programmes. Hope clarify situation this week after which your meeting Beavogui more useful. Letter follows.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. Felt
Mr. Narasimhan

INCOMING CODE CABLE

TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL
FROM: ROSENBERG, Conakry (Guinea)
DATE: 2 March 1960 1905
NUMBER: 24

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~~Message~~ Monetary reform effected 1 March outside participation and knowledge UN Office and experts. Guinean Franc and Central Bank created. Notes exchanged until 15 March 1 Guinean Franc for 1 Franc CFA. CFA legal tender expires 2 March. Imperative freeze all transfers any foreign currency into Guinean Francs until further notice. Am taking all necessary steps to safeguard interests of UN Office and personnel. All prospective personnel should be duly informed. new situation. Pouching 4 March report and official texts.

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CONAKRY 163 FOR SECRETARY GENERAL STOP CONCLUDING TODAY
MY UN SERVICE GUINEA WISH EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION OF
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MY CONAKRY ONE INDICATING VANDENBERGE DEFINITELY DROPPED TIMEBEING.
WIESFELT JOB DESCRIPTION MAILED YOU 11th./.

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CONAKRY 01. PELT DE SEYNES FROM ROSENBERG . JOB DESCRIPTION FISCAL EXPERT DEFINITELY APPROVED BY DRAME WHO WANTS WIESFELT ARRIVE IMMEDIATELY WHICH HAVE CABLED ORLIC SIMULTANEOUSLY WARNING HIM AWAIT NEWS VANDENBERGE VIA GENEVA. EMPHASIZING ONE FISCAL HELPER SUFFICIENT DRAME MADE UNMISTAKABLY UNDERSTOOD VANDERBERGE UNWANTED TIME BEING ANY RATE APPARENTLY OWING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS YOU WELL KNOW. BELIEVE PARTICIPATION DUE COURSE SPECIAL FUND TEAM MORE READILY ACCEPTABLE. SUGGEST YOU INFORM VANDENBERGE DIRECT ALSO BLOCH AND LET HEADQUARTERS KNOW ACCORDINGLY.

ACCORDING AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE 7th JULY GUINEA ^{CISSE} ACCEDED CONVENTION PRIVILEGES IMMUNITIES SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SOMETHING/FODE does not know BUT CHECKING ALSO ABOUT PARALLEL CONVENTION UNATIONS./.