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Congo (country files)

Correspondence with Ceylon

L 179: 1469

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that he gratefully accepts the generous offer of Ceylon to contribute Officers and NCOs for the United Nations operations in the Congo. He requests that the services of the following personnel be made available as early as possible:

Major for intelligence duties,

Captain for provost duties,

Major and a Captain as personnel officers,

Six Warrant Officers or NCOs for clerical duties.

31 July 1960

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note of 31 July 1960.

He requests that the names of the officers, warrant officers and NCOs, who are being contributed by Ceylon for the United Nations operations in the Congo, should be communicated to him as early as possible.

2 August 1960

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations and has the honour to make the following requests for assistance to the United Nations Force in the Congo. A careful review of staff and logistic requirements for the Force has just been completed by the Supreme Commander and requests, such as this one, are being made as a matter of urgency to several governments to fill specific needs. The needs which the Secretary-General requests the Government of Denmark to fill are as follows:

- (1) If not already done, a replacement to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization for Captain Frederiksen, who has been designated Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Commander;
- (2) A Major, to serve as Accommodation Officer;
- (3) A Workshop Control and Supervisory Team. It is hoped this will be jointly contributed by Denmark and Norway and that the personnel from Denmark will be one Major, two Captains, two NCO's and ten craftsmen. The team would supervise and control repair and recovery of vehicles undertaken by civilian garages;
- (4) One Military Police Section, capable of organizing traffic control and investigations, consisting of ten to twelve men.

The Secretary-General welcomes this opportunity to express again his appreciation to Denmark for its assistance to the United Nations.

5 August 1960

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note of 2 August 1960 concerning officers who are being contributed by Ceylon for the United Nations operations in the Congo.

A review of the staff requirements by the Supreme Commander has shown that the Captain Provost appointment has already been filled by a French-speaking officer from one of the African States, and consequently the officer who has been generously offered by Ceylon for this appointment will not be required. It would, however, be appreciated if the names of the other officers, warrant officers and NCO's could be given, and arrangements made to send them to the Congo as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General welcomes this opportunity to express again his appreciation to Ceylon for its assistance to the United Nations.

5 August 1960



UNITED KINGDOM MISSION
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

No. POL/G/45.

The Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the latter's note of 2nd August, 1960.

The information desired has been called for from Colombo and will be transmitted as soon as received.

The Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

August 4, 1960
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9 August 1960
1550 hours

Note for the File

1. I received from Mr. Edwards of the Ceylon Mission the following information concerning the names of officers, Warrant Officers and NCO's to be provided by the Ceylon Government for ONUC:

3 officers

- Major A. J.Z. Navaratne (Personnel Section)
- Major C. T. Caldera (Intelligence Section)
- Captain K. T. N. Junawardena (Personnel Section)

6 Warrant Officers and NCO's

- Warrant Officer 1 - P. B. A. Junawardena
- Warrant Officer 2 - T. L. Awladin
- Staff Sergeant - P. A. A. S. Kodituwakku
- Sergeant - K. L. Dharmadasa
- Corporal - D. W. Jurusinghe
- Lance Corporal - V. R. Swaminathan

2. They are expected to depart from Colombo at 151550 hours, KLM, Flight 824

- ETA Rome 160745 hours
- ETD from Rome 172005 hours)
- ETA Brazzaville 180815 hours.)

KLM Flight KL 593

- 3. ONUC is requested to have someone at the airport to meet the group.
- 4. The above information will be confirmed by letter.

Cavalcanti



No. POL/G/45

UNITED KINGDOM MISSION
UNITED KINGDOM MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ceylon to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to give below names of Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O's who are being contributed by Ceylon for the United Nations operations in the Congo:

Major A.J.Z. Navaratne	(Personnel)
	(Officer-in-Charge)
Major C.T. Caldera	(Intelligence)
Capt. K.T.N. Gunawardena	(Personnel)
W.O.1, Gunawardena, P.B.A.	
W.O.11, Alladin, T.L.	
S/Sgt. Kedituwakku, P.A.A.S.G.	
Sgt. Dharmadasa, K.L.	
Cpl. Gurusinghe, D.W.	
L/Cpl. Swaminathan, V.R.	

The flight particulars are given below:

Leave Colombo 1550 hours K.L.M. flight No.824 on 15th August arriving Rome 16th August, 0745 hours. Leave Rome 2005 hours 17th August flight No.KL.593, arriving Brassaville 18th August 0815 hours.

It is requested that arrangements be made for the contingent to be met on arrival at Brassaville.

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ceylon to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

August 9, 1960
-/acr.



13 August 1960
1300 hours

Note for the file

I received from Mr. Edwards of the Ceylon Mission the following information concerning the names of Ceylon officers and ORs to be provided by the Ceylon Government for ONUC:

- WO 1 - P.B.A. Gunawardena and
 - WO 2 - T. L. Awladin
- have been replaced by
Corporal C. J. P. Rasaputhra and Corporal J. Grant, respectively.

In addition, Mr. Edwards said that Corporal D.W. Gurusinghe will also be replaced, by someone whose name will be conveyed to us later. The replacement will not travel with the group, but is supposed to leave Colombo for Brazzaville on 22 August. Details will be provided later.

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No:POL/G/45

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ceylon to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the former's note verbale No:POL/G/45 of 9th August, 1960 and to inform that the following N.C.O's will not be in the Contingent which is being contributed by Ceylon for the United Nations operations in the Congo -

1. W.O. 1, Gunawardena, P.B.A.
2. W.O. 11, Alladin, T.L.
3. Cpl. Gurusinghe, D.W.

In place of (1) and (2) above, the following as has already been orally conveyed to Major Cavalcanti of U.N. staff, will accompany the other officers and men from Ceylon -

- (a) Cpl. Rasaputhra, C.J.P.
- (b) Cpl. Grant, J.

The flight particulars and expected date of arrival in Brazzaville will be as intimated earlier. Arrangements are being made for another other rank who will replace Cpl. Gurusinghe to leave Ceylon by August 22nd, 1960 for the Congo.

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The Charge d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Ceylon to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

16th August, 1960

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NOTE FOR THE FILE

18 August 1960

1. At 1450, Mr. Edward, Ceylon Mission, informed me that Corporal M. Dissanayake was appointed to integrate the Ceylonese Group in ONUC. Corporal Dissanayake is to replace Corporal D.W. Gurnsinghe, whose name was conveyed to us before.

2. In addition, he gave details concerning the travel of Corporal Dissanayake to the Congo:

Leave Colombo 1550 hours KLM flight 824 on August 22
arriving Rome August 23, 0745 hours. Leave Rome 2005 hours
24 August, flight No. K.L. 593, arriving Brazzaville
25 August, 0815 hours.

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No. POL/G/45.

The Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General to the United Nations and has the honour to inform, further to note No. POL/G/45 of 16th August, 1960, sent by the Charge d' Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Ceylon to the United Nations, that Corporal Dissanayake will replace Corporal Gurusinghe. Corporal Dissanayake will leave Colombo on 22nd August, 1960, and arrive in Brazzaville on August 25th, 1960, at 0815 hours.

The flight particulars are as follows :-

Leave Colombo by KLM flight No. 824 on August 22nd, 1960, at 1550 hours and arriving in Rome on August 23rd at 0745 hours. Leave Rome on 24th August by flight No. KL 593 arriving Brazzaville on August 25th, 1960, at 0815 hours.

This information was conveyed orally to Major Cavalcanti of the United Nations staff today.

It is requested that arrangements be made to have Corporal Dissanayake met at Brazzaville on arrival.

The Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

18th August, 1960.
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14 December 1960

My dear Ambassador,

I would be grateful if you would as soon as possible
..... transmit the enclosed personal message from me to
Mrs. Bandaranaike.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Sir Claude Corea, K.B.E.
Permanent Representative of Ceylon
to the United Nations
630 Third Avenue, 20th Floor
New York 17, New York

I am sure that you have been fully informed by your Permanent Representative in New York concerning the statements which I made before the Security Council on 7 and 13 December and particularly the general appeal which I felt it my duty to address to those Governments who had announced their intention to withdraw from the UN force.

As Secretary-General, I feel obliged to underline these public appeals by a personal approach to you. While it is superfluous to reiterate what has already been said publicly in the Security Council, permit me to express to you my deep anxiety about the consequences of a liquidation of the United Nations operation such as may be forced upon the Organization by the threatened withdrawals. Whatever opinion may be held with regard to the extent of the functions of the United Nations operation in the Congo, the elimination or the weakening of the United Nations Force from the Congo would inevitably lead to the situation which in the course of the last five months we have with all our means attempted to forestall, namely a disintegration within the country provoking open and active involvement of major Powers. The threat of such an involvement is likely quickly to become a reality if present intentions to withdraw from the United Nations Force should materialize.

In the light of these very serious prospects, I regard it as the clear obligation of the Secretary-General to appeal to you and to your Government to reconsider the intended withdrawal of your troops from the United Nations Force in the Congo in the light of such further steps as the General Assembly may take for a strengthening of the possibilities of the United Nations to further a peaceful development in democratic forms. I am personally firmly convinced that the threat to peace and security of a substantial part of the world is vitally involved in this question.

23 February 1961

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter dated 15 February 1961, which was conveyed to me by Ambassador Subasinghe on his arrival at the United Nations, and which has been circulated as a Security Council document. Your Excellency's analysis of and suggestions concerning the situation in the Congo, as well as the views put forward by Mr. Subasinghe in person, have been studied with the greatest attention.

Your Government's two principal suggestions concern "the withdrawal of Belgian military, para-military and other elements" and "the need to disarm private armies". As Your Excellency is no doubt aware, these are problems which I have repeatedly drawn to the attention of the Security Council and the General Assembly. The United Nations in the Congo has applied all possible pressure, within the limits of its mandate, to secure the neutralization and elimination of these and other factors that have led to a deterioration of the situation in the Congo.

After a long period of inability to agree on action, the Security Council, in a resolution co-sponsored by the delegation of Ceylon, urged measures in all these respects. Your Excellency will agree, I am sure, that at the crucial stage of implementation the United Nations will have to look to the effective co-operation of all States Members.

As regards the broader aspects of the situation, I find much force in many points of Your Excellency's statement and share the indignation and revulsion at the assassination of Mr. Lumumba as well as of other political leaders. Within two hours after the news of Mr. Lumumba's murder was received, I suggested to the Security Council an international investigation of the circumstances of that crime; the resolution adopted on 21 February 1961 contains a provision to that effect.

I sincerely trust that the new Security Council resolution will, with the co-operation of all States Members, provide the framework in which the problem can be dealt with in such a manner as to enable the Congolese people to reconcile their differences and manage their own affairs without interference, while their country's unity, integrity and sovereignty will, with the assistance of the United Nations, have been made secure.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike
Prime Minister of Ceylon
Colombo
CEYLON

Your Excellency has, I am sure, been informed that following the adoption of the resolution, I invited Ceylon's representative to join the Advisory Committee to which a major role is assigned in furnishing guidance to the Secretary-General in the implementation of his mandate.

Accept, Madam Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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1. His Excellency
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Minister of Foreign Affairs
c/o Permanent Mission of Burma
to the United Nations
2. Her Excellency
Mrs. Sirimavo Dias Bandaranaike
~~Minister of Foreign Affairs~~ Prime Minister
c/o Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations
3. His Excellency
Dr. Tulsī Giri
Minister of Foreign Affairs
c/o Permanent Mission of Nepal
to the United Nations

(text of message attached)

YOU ARE, OF COURSE, WELL INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE CONGO QUESTION SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 21 FEBRUARY 1961, AND ESPECIALLY THE ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE FORCE MUST ASSUME IN ITS EFFORTS TO MEET THE MOUNTING THREAT OF CIVIL WAR AS WELL AS ACTS OF DEFIANCE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION ITSELF. FOR THIS REASON I MUST STRONGLY APPEAL TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO INDICATE MOST URGENTLY WHETHER IT COULD PROVIDE A CONTINGENT OF YOUR TROOPS OF NOT LESS THAN A BATTALION IN STRENGTH. IN DOING SO, I MAY ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL RENDER A VERY GREAT SERVICE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO THE STATE AND PEOPLE OF THE CONGO AND ULTIMATELY TO THE BROAD CAUSE OF PEACE.

WITH ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF CEYLON
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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SECRET

No. PCL/G/45.

630 THIRD AVENUE (20th FLOOR)
NEW YORK, N. Y.

7th March, 1961.

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram of 4th March, 1961, addressed to my Prime Minister requesting that a contingent of Ceylon troops of not less than a battalion in strength be provided by Ceylon for service with the United Nations in the Congo. I am glad to confirm what I conveyed to you orally yesterday that action is being initiated to comply with this request.

As Ceylon's armed forces are recruited for service only within the territorial limits of Ceylon, the contingent for the United Nations Congo force will have to be recruited on a voluntary basis as has been the case with the small contingent already serving in the Congo with the United Nations. I shall communicate with you again as soon as the troops are ready to proceed to the Congo.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(T. B. Subasinghe)

Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary.

His Excellency Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York.

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CONFIDENTIAL

8 March 1961

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter (No. POL/O/45) of 7 March, in which you inform me that a contingent of Ceylon troops of not less than a battalion in strength will be provided by your Government for service with the United Nations Force in the Congo. I would be grateful if you would express to your Government my deep appreciation of this much needed and very timely contribution to the United Nations effort in the Congo. I note that you will communicate with me further as soon as the troops are ready to proceed to the Congo.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. T. B. Subasinghe
Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations
630 Third Avenue, 20th floor
New York 17, N.Y.

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12 April 1961

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11 April (No. POL/G/45), in which you advise him that the Ceylon Infantry Company for service with the United Nations Force in the Congo will be available for transportation to the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) between the 20th and 30th May 1961. This information is appreciated.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ralph J. Bunche
Under-Secretary

His Excellency
Mr. T.B. Subasinghe
Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations
630 Third Avenue (20th Floor)
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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the note of the Ceylonese Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of 4 April 1961, regarding the tour of duty of the Ceylonese contingent now serving in the Congo.

The Commander of the United Nations Force reports that there are no volunteers among the components of the present Ceylonese contingent in the Congo to extend their tours of duty upon its completion at the end of May 1961. With regard to Major Caldera the Commander advises that he still wants to be immediately repatriated and arrangements are in hand to that effect.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the Government of Ceylon could find suitable replacements for the three officers and six other ranks, components of the present Ceylonese contingent, when they are repatriated.

The Secretary-General welcomes this opportunity to express, once again, his appreciation to Ceylon for its assistance to the United Nations Force in the Congo.

14 April 1961

10 April 1961

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3 April 1961 (No. POL/G/45) in which you convey to him a message received by you from the Prime Minister of Ceylon concerning Ceylonese troops for service with the United Nations Force in the Congo.

The offer of your Government to provide one infantry company, which is acceptable to the United Nations, is fully appreciated. Note is taken of the organisation and complement of this company and that it cannot be available for transportation to the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) by the United Nations before 15 August 1961.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ralph J. Bunche
Under Secretary

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