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Correspondence with Malaya

L 179: 147b

12 September 1961

My dear Prime Minister,

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your letter of September, 1961, conveying your kind offer of an additional infantry company in response to our appeal for additional troops for service in the Congo made in our letter of 22 July 1961. I greatly appreciate the sacrifice so generously made by the Federation of Malaya and thank you for your personal interest in behalf of our efforts in the Congo.

You will have noted recent favorable developments in the Congo. In view of the improved situation it is now our hope that we may soon undertake a reduction in the strength of United Nations troops in the Congo, our request for additional troops may in the circumstances be regarded as in suspense. This in no way detracts from our gratitude for the generous support you have now again shown the efforts of the Organisation.

q With kindest regards,

Dag Hammarskjöld

H.E. Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra,  
Prime Minister,  
Federation of Malaya,  
KUALA LIMPUR.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and has the honour to request that the enclosed letter be transmitted to the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya.

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22 July 1961

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My dear Prime Minister,

Last February your Government responded to the appeal of the United Nations and made a second battalion of troops available for service in the Congo operations. During recent months the Malayan troops have repeatedly proved their value to the United Nations effort in the Congo, and for this I am deeply grateful.

Now we have an urgent situation in the Congo which I feel I must bring to your notice. We have at present some 17,500 combat troops in the Congo including three Tunisian battalions. The President of Tunisia has sent me a cable requesting the urgent repatriation of all three battalions, a request with which I have to comply with all possible expedition. As a result the number of combat troops at the disposal of the United Nations in the Congo, including the two Malayan battalions, will be reduced to some 14,350.

My military and political advisers share my feeling that, with such a reduced strength, our efforts in the Congo would be seriously jeopardized just at a time when they appear to be bearing fruit. You are aware of the steps that we have taken to get Parliament convened in Leopoldville with a guarantee of protection by the United Nations. You are no doubt aware also of the need to maintain our strength and effectiveness in other parts of the Congo, including North Katanga and Kivu where the Malayan forces are at present stationed.

In the circumstances, we feel that we must immediately explore all possibilities of restoring the strength that we would lose by the imminent withdrawal of the Tunisian troops. While I am well aware of the sacrifice so generously made by the Federation of Malaya in making two battalions available to us, I need more troops at present in the Congo because of the imperative necessity of maintaining the strength we need to discharge our varied responsibilities there.

Y. T. H. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, K.O.M.  
Prime Minister  
Federation of Malaya  
Kuala Lumpur

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Specifically I appeal to you to make two more infantry companies available to us, which can be added to the Malayan Special Force already in the Congo. This, along with the requests I have addressed simultaneously to other Heads of State and Government, may enable us to carry through our work in the Congo to a successful conclusion.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and has the honour to make a further request for assistance to the United Nations Force in the Congo.

The United Nations Commander informs the United Nations Headquarters of a vacancy on his staff, in the Logistics Branch, for an Army works engineer. This officer, whose suitable rank is that of Major, will be in charge of supervising the construction to be undertaken by the United Nations in the Congo. The Commander further advises that the officer should be fluent in English and that a knowledge of French is also desirable.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the Government of the Federation of Malaya could make available to the United Nations Force in the Congo one officer with the qualifications required.

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

7 April 1961



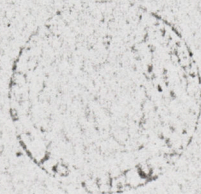
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The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit as follows, a telegraphic message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya dated 15 March, concerning the United Nations operations in the Congo :

" With regard to additional Malayan troops which are at the moment awaiting transportation to join United Nations Special Force in the Congo, I have been informed by Lord Home that if United Kingdom Government were requested for assistance in transport planes, United Kingdom would be happy to help. I shall therefore be pleased if you will approach United Kingdom for transport of our troops and their arms and ammunition."

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 15 March, 1961.



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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Permanent Representative's Note Verbale dated 18 February 1961 transmitting the text of a note from the Ministry of External Affairs of the Federation of Malaya to the Belgian Legation in Kuala Lumpur, and of a statement by the Prime Minister of the Federation.

The Secretary-General has had repeated occasion to state that the efforts of the United Nations for a solution of the problem of the Congo can only be effective if they command the full support of all the States Members. He therefore appreciates an initiative by a Member Government to urge compliance with United Nations decisions and co-operation with United Nations action in the Congo, and requests the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya kindly to transmit the expression of this sentiment to his Government.

The Secretary-General, having examined the statement by the Prime Minister of the Federation, notes with interest that it contains a number of points which closely parallel the Secretary-General's own thinking on this problem as expressed before the Security Council and other bodies. In its resolution adopted on 21 <sup>February</sup> ~~January~~ 1961 the Council urged a number of steps which likewise coincide with some of the suggestions by the Prime Minister.

New York, 23 February 1961

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of his note of 21 February 1961 transmitting a telegraphic message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya dated 20 February concerning the United Nations operations in the Congo.

21 February 1961



The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit as follows, a telegraphic message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya dated 20 February, concerning the United Nations operations in the Congo :

"My dear Secretary-General:

The present state of the Congo crisis is viewed by us in Malaya with considerable concern. We have made available to the United Nations at some sacrifice to our own welfare a contingent of troops and I have agreed to reinforce our original force by some 800 men. We have done this to honour our deep faith in the United Nations, but we are disappointed to see so many of the other members of the world organization taking a negative approach to the problem and in some cases sabotaging the United Nations' efforts to end the crisis. If this trend continues it seems certain that our work in the cause of humanity will come to naught.

I realize that your powers are too restricted and action is being taken to seek from the Security Council a revised mandate. But in the present circumstances when the military support from the Afro-Asian group is not forthcoming, would it not be possible to seek from the other members such military assistance as you may deem necessary for an early solution of the Congo problem? With the comparatively small number of men at your disposal it is not expected that the United Nations can do more than is being done at present. You may rest assured that the Federation of Malaya will continue to give support to the utmost of its ability to the United Nations in its endeavour to restore normalcy to the troubled Republic.

" To achieve this end I shall like to commend the following suggestion for your consideration. You may consider it desirable to institute a committee of political representatives of the countries who have troops under the United Nations Command to assist your Special Representative in the Congo. These representatives should have full powers to confer with one another, and to take decisions and such appropriate action as the committee may deem necessary in a particular set of circumstances. The committee should of course be under the Chairmanship of your Special Representative.

The effect of such a move would, I suggest, minimize isolated unilateral action by some contingents, help to keep authority on the spot united and cohesive, and also keep troop contributing countries aware of one another's wishes. This may prevent countries withdrawing their contingents without due warning to the other troop contributors.

I envisage that this committee will be the counterpart to your own Advisory Committee and could be of considerable assistance to your Special Representative in the Congo.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sgd. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra  
Prime Minister of the Federation  
of Malaya.

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 21 February, 1961.



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Press Release SG/1011  
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18 February 1961

ADDITIONAL MALAYAN TROOPS FOR THE CONGO

The Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya has responded favorably to an appeal from the Secretary-General of the United Nations for additional troops to serve with the United Nations Force in the Congo. Accordingly, the Malayan contingent now in the Congo will be augmented by an additional 800 officers and men, raising the strength of the contingent from 613, all ranks to 1413.

The Secretary-General has conveyed to the Prime Minister his gratitude for this response and for the Malayan Government's understanding support of the United Nations effort in the Congo, which is of inestimable value to the operation.

The Secretary-General also took the occasion to commend the Malayan troops in the Congo for the excellence of their service.

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The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, on the instruction of his Government, has the honour to transmit to the Secretary-General for his information the following text of a note from the Ministry of External Affairs of the Federation of Malaya delivered to the Belgian Legation in Kuala Lumpur today :

" Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Legation of Belgium in Kuala Lumpur and has the honour to refer to the serious state of affairs now prevailing in the Congo. Federation Government has watched with concern the developments in the Republic of Congo since its accession to sovereign nationhood and, while being disappointed at the Belgian Government's failure to prepare the Congolese people for independence, views with disquiet the Belgian Government's refusal to be guided by the resolutions of the Security Council and the resolution of a plenary session of the General Assembly relevant to this issue.

It is the view of the Federation Government that actions, both overt and otherwise, of Belgium in the Congo since the granting of independence to the Republic, far from contributing to the peaceful solution of that country's problems, have in fact added to the chaos reigning. It is generally known that there are military personnel of Belgian nationality actively participating in the operations of some of the factions in the Congo. The Federation Government considers that the withdrawal of both military and civilian personnel of Belgian nationality is imperative if the United Nations is not to balk in its efforts to apply a solution to the problems.

" The Federation Government therefore requests it be made known to the Belgian Government that the continued violation of the provisions of the General Assembly's resolutions dated 20 September, 1960, especially in regard to paragraphs 5 and 6 thereof, would be viewed by the Government of the Federation of Malaya with the utmost concern, and the Federation Government would hold the Belgian Government responsible for any further worsening of the situation in the Congo.

In view of the presence of the Federation troops under the United Nations Command in the Congo such a deterioration in the crisis could have an adverse effect in the good relations existing between the Federation and the Belgian Government.

The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Legation the assurances of its high consideration."

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya has the honour further to inform the Secretary-General that the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya made a press statement today concerning the situation in the Congo. The text of the statement, which is transmitted to the Secretary-General for his information, is as follows :

" The situation in Congo has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that unless peace-loving nations take some positive steps to prevent further developments it will soon reach its bursting point.

As far as I can see the solution to the problems could only be reached if the following steps could be taken :

- (a) The various opposing factions should agree on the formation of a provisional government wherein 50 per cent of the Cabinet would come from Kasavubu's side and 50 per cent from the opposition side;

- " (b) All military activities of various Congolese troops including those of secessionist groups must cease at once;
- (c) Attempts must be made through the United Nations to bring the parties together with a view to convening Parliament;
- (d) Political prisoners should be released;
- (e) Any support and contributions by outside powers to the Congo must be given through the United Nations and not directly to the provisional government or any other government claiming such a status or any break away government;
- (f) Foreign troops and personnel outside the framework of the United Nations must be withdrawn at once and the United Nations Force should be reinforced. Unless reinforcement is sent in the next few days there is little purpose in having the United Nations Force there since the strength at the moment is inadequate to effectively carry out the task entrusted to them.

The Federation Government has delivered a note to the Belgian Government through its Legation at Kuala Lumpur, insisting that she withdraw her troops and other personnel from the Congo. Her continued violation of the provisions of the United Nations resolutions has the effect of obstructing the United Nations in its task of maintaining law and order in the Congo."

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 18 February, 1961.



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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and has the honor to acknowledge his note of 2 February 1961, transmitting the message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya announcing his willingness to augment the present strength of the Malayan contingent serving in the Congo by an additional 800 officers and men, thus bringing the total strength of Malaya's contingent to 1413, all ranks. It is noted, also, that the normal tour of duty of the Malayan contingent in the Congo is now to be one year rather than seven months.

The Secretary-General requests the Permanent Representative of Malaya to be so kind as to transmit to the Prime Minister the following response:

"My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Your message of 2 February is warmly welcome and I am grateful to you for both its substance and its timeliness. Your offer to increase the Malayan contingent from its present 613 to 1413, all ranks, is, of course, accepted, with thanks. We concur, also in your proposal to make the normal tour of duty of your troops in the Congo run for one year, which is a very helpful step.

Your understanding support of the UN effort in the Congo is of inestimable value to the operation. Indeed, coming at this time, it may well have a decisive significance. I fully realized the strain on your limited military resources imposed by this added assistance to the United Nations, and my appreciation of your action is, therefore, all the greater. May I take this occasion also to say that the Malayan troops in the Congo have earned an excellent reputation and are highly regarded by the UN Command for their training, discipline and courage."

The Secretary-General welcomes this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya the assurances of his highest consideration.

3 February 1961



The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit as follows, a message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya addressed to the Secretary-General :

" My dear Secretary-General:

Thank you for your telegram which I received over the week end. I am pleased to hear that the Malayan Special Force in Congo is acquitting itself well and has gained confidence of the United Nations. This is as it should be. I am in entire agreement with you that the United Nations operations in Congo must not be allowed to fail for want of support. The consequences of such a failure would weaken the prestige and standing of United Nations. The withdrawal of some of the national contingents has been viewed by us in Malaya with disappointment, for it strikes us as being a sad negative approach to the solutions of a problem of no small dimension. It is our view here that if United Nations is to fully discharge its obligations within the mandate given, all members should give their unstinted support.

The Congo crisis provided an opportunity for Afro-Asian nations to play a major role in the preservation of world peace and security, and I am distressed to see some of these countries derogating from their responsibilities, and through such actions they have only widen the existing crisis. The Federation of Malaya considers it her bounden duty as a firm supporter of the United Nations and all that it stands for to make a further contribution in so far as she is able in support of the United Nations operations in the Congo.

You will, I am sure, nevertheless appreciate that with our small army committed in the operations against terrorism, we are unable to contribute as much as we would wish. We are, however, prepared to augment the present strength of our contingent of 613 men by an additional 800 men, making a total of 1413. You may recall that in December, 1960, we decided to augment our contingent by an infantry company, reinforcements for the battalion and part of a reconnaissance squadron totalling 375. I am now prepared to offer in addition to these to bring up the reconnaissance unit to full strength as a battalion with an additional 400 men, and further a small brigade headquarters of 25. The Federation of Malaya will then have a full infantry battalion plus a small brigade headquarters totalling in all 1413 all ranks. Consequence of this we propose to make normal tour of duty in Congo of one year rather than seven months prescribed by ONUC.

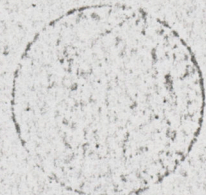
Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations.

Sgd. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra  
Prime Minister for the Federation  
of Malaya.

Details of the above will be announced in the House of Representatives some time next week, after which press releases will be made. It would be most appreciated if the United Nations Secretariat does not issue a press release on this matter until then.

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, February 2, 1961.



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His Excellency  
The Honourable Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra  
Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs  
of the Federation of Malaya  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Kuala Lumpur, Federation of Malaya

My dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to approach you on a matter of very great urgency. Your Government has already responded most generously to the appeal of the United Nations for assistance in its operations in the Congo. It has provided not only the original Malayan Special Force, which joined the United Nations Force in October 1960, but also agreed in December 1960 to increase the Malayan contingent by a full infantry company, full reinforcements and part of a reconnaissance squadron. All reports from the Congo stress the excellence of the Malayan troops, who are well disciplined, experienced and courageous. I assure you that your contingent is making a major contribution to the United Nations Operation in the Congo.

I know that the provision of military assistance to the United Nations by Malaya entails no little sacrifice. It is, therefore, only because I am confident of your conviction that the United Nations Operation in the Congo must not be permitted to fail - for the general good as well as the good of the Congo - that I now approach you for further assistance. That operation depends upon maintaining the United Nations Force in the Congo at such strength as to ensure its effectiveness. The repatriation of some contingents and the reduction of others through rotation now makes the obtaining of additional troops as replacements a vital necessity. For these reasons, I urgently appeal to you to consider the provision of another contingent of Malayan troops, of such

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size and composition as you may find possible, in addition to those of your forces already serving in the Congo. I am confident that this appeal will receive your most serious attention.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and acknowledges receipt of the note verbale dated 28 December 1960 by which is transmitted, for his information, a letter from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya to the President of the United States.

29 December 1960



The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and on the instruction of the Ministry of External Affairs, Kuala Lumpur, has the honour to transmit as follows, for the information of the Secretary-General, the text of a secret and personal message from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya to the President of the United States :

"My dear Mr. President,

Recently Doctor Soekarno made a statement that before the cock crows next year Irian Barat would become part of Indonesia provided that the Indonesians were united. It is not unusual for Doctor Soekarno to make a statement like that but I have heard on good authority that General Nasution the Minister of National Security and Chief of the Staff will be going to Russia. The reason for the visit is no doubt to obtain arms and equipment for the purpose of enforcing their claim on Irian Barat. The Indonesians have been most violent in their attacks on the Dutch and this no doubt gives me the impression that they aim to use force.

Though the problem of Irian Barat has created so much interest in the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Nations Organization after I have taken up the matter, the Dutch are not serious about coming to an understanding on the question of Irian Barat. Both appear obstinate. The Dutch however took full advantage of Indonesia's hysterical stand but in my view they are no less to be blamed than the Indonesians if something happened as a result of their differences over Irian Barat.

In order to reduce tension it is my feeling that the Dutch should be persuaded to invite a fact finding commission from the United Nations to visit Irian Barat for the purpose of making a report to the United Nations on the actual situation in that territory. The Dutch should also agree to abide by any recommendation of the United Nations in respect of Irian Barat.

" I fully appreciate that the intention of the Dutch is to give self determination but at the moment and indeed for a long time inhabitants of Irian Barat are in no position to assume control of their country. In the meantime tension increases and unless such action is taken immediately by the Dutch some trouble will inevitably break out in this part of the world with disastrous consequences. Malaya would naturally wish to remain neutral at the same time we will do all we can to ease the situation. We would therefore welcome the assistance of other nations such as the United States, to persuade the Dutch to agree to the sending of th's commission to Irian Barat as soon as possible. I have already sent a message to the Netherlands Government imploring them to agree to the United Nations commission to visit Irian Barat.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra "

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya has been instructed to inform the Secretary-General further that identical messages as above have also been sent to Mr. MacMillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Mr. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.

The Permanent Representative of the Federation of Malaya avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 28 December, 1960.



The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations and has the honour to reply to his notes of 8 and 12 September 1960 concerning two Malayan Film Unit cameramen and one Radio Malaya observer to accompany the Malayan contingent into the Congo.

The Secretary-General welcomes the suggestion of the Federation of Malaya, inasmuch as there is a need for the production of information material through such methods as photo and radio coverage concerning the activities of the United Nations Force in the Congo. To facilitate the accomplishment of their tasks, the personnel under consideration should have a military rank, and accordingly would have no need for special accreditation. It would thus be understood that these personnel are subject to the same chain of command as troops contributed to the Force. In practice, this means that they would carry out assignments on the instructions of the Public Information Office of the Force which would include inter alia coverage of the activities of the Malayan contingent.

The Secretary-General welcomes this opportunity to express his appreciation to the Federation of Malaya for its assistance to the United Nations.

15 September 1960



*M. Labouisse*

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, further to his note UN.O.1/120 of 8 September, 1960 concerning the proposal to despatch two Malayan Film Unit camera men to accompany the Malayan contingent to the Republic of Congo, has the honour under instructions of his Government to seek the Secretary-General's permission for one Radio Malaya observer to be attached to the Malayan contingent and be duly accredited.

The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya would appreciate hearing from the Secretary-General his reply to this request, as well as the one mentioned in his note of 8 September, 1960.

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

New York, 12 September, 1960.





The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connection with the despatch of Malayan troops to the Republic of the Congo to serve under United Nations Command, has the honour to submit the following:

The Federation Government is proposing, subject to the Secretary-General's approval, to send two Malayan Film Unit camera men to accompany the Malayan contingent to the Congo. The Charge d'Affaires of the Federation of Malaya would appreciate hearing from the Secretary-General as to whether he has any objection to this proposal and whether, in the event of this request being accepted, the personnels concerned should be formally accredited to the United Nations Command in the Congo, and if so, whether they are to be part of the Malayan contingent. On its part, the Federation Government is prepared to accredit the two camera men to the Malayan contingent. The names of the two camera men are:

- (1) MOHAMED ZAIN bin Hussein
- (2) AMTR bin Haji Samsuddin

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

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New York, 3 September 1960.



The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connection with the despatch of Malayan troops to the Republic of the Congo to serve under the United Nations Command, has the honour to address the Secretary-General on the subject of the apportionment of costs between the United Nations and the Federation of Malaya as a contributing country.

Note has been taken in this respect of several points made in the Aide Memoire of 22 July entitled "United Nations Organization in the Congo - Apportionment of costs between the United Nations and the participating States", namely that the United Nations assumes the following direct costs when they are not otherwise provided for:

- (a) Billeting and rations for the troops including the rental, re-conditioning and maintenance of premises;
- (b) Payment to each member of the Force of a daily overseas allowance, equivalent to 86 cents;
- (c) Travel and subsistence allowances of military personnel proceeding on official business to points outside the area of operations;
- (d) Miscellaneous supplies and services such as cobbling, tailoring, laundering and haircutting;
- (e) Spare parts, maintenance and petrol, oil and lubricants for motor transport and other mobile equipment;
- (f) Communications services, costs of transporting and issuing supplies.

A confirmation that these arrangements are also applicable to the Malayan Force as well as any further elaboration on them will be greatly appreciated.

The Aide Memoire in question further states that the United Nations expects to negotiate with the contributing governments appropriate payments for:

- (a) Personal clothing and equipment of the troops.
- (b) Non-personal equipment, such as transportation equipment accompanying the troops.

In this connection the Federation Government would be grateful to have a firm indication as regards the extent to which the costs respecting these items are to be met by United Nations funds. Other items which were not mentioned in the Aide Memoire and which should be considered for apportionment of costs are as follows:

- (a) Welfare and Leave of troops;
- (b) Transportation of Force from Malaya to the Congo;
- (c) Transportation of Force from Congo to Malaya on completion of duty.

It would be appreciated if the above enquiries could be given early consideration since the answers to them would immeasurably assist the Federation Government in planning the financial requirement of the Force.

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

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New York, 8 September 1960.

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Memorandum to: Major C. Bowitz  
From : Zakaria bin Haji Mohd. Ali  
Date : 6 September 1960

With reference to our telephone conversation today I append below the names of members of the Advance Party of Malayan Special Force:

Major D.K. Furney  
Lieut. Gopal Krishna Kumar  
Lieut. Zachariah bin Dahlan  
Sergt. Wong Soon Hock  
Private Abdul Rahman bin Saad  
Private Talib bin Long

Malaya can despatch the Party by air September 12th, if acceptable to the United Nations. The Party will fly via London and Brussels and arrive at Leopoldville 1010 Hours, September 16th. Malaya also suggests that the two officers accepted for service on ONUC staff, namely, Major Abdul Jamil Hamid and Captain Khong Kim Kong, will travel with Advance Party.



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To: Major C. Bowitz,  
United Nations,  
New York.

From: Permanent Mission of the Federation of  
Malaya to the United Nations,  
New York.

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Reference our telephone conversation  
this afternoon, the attached are the two cables  
received by this Mission from the Federation of  
Malaya Ministry of External Affairs.

Lim Teow Chong

1 September, 1960.

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No. 63

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 132.

PLEASE CLARIFY IMMEDIATELY. DEFINITE ADVICE  
FROM UNITED NATIONS THAT TROOPS MUST GO BY SEA IS REQUIRED.

YOUR TELEGRAM No. 133.

PLEASE CONFIRM JOURNEY FROM MALAYA TO CONGO WILL  
TAKE BETWEEN 20 AND 25 DAYS.

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No. 64

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 130.

FOLLOWING OFFICERS SELECTED FOR SERVICE  
ON ONUC STAFF, LEOPOLDVILLE

MAJOR ABDUL JAMIL BIN AHMAD,

STAFF COLLEGE TRAINED;

CAPTAIN KHONG KIM KONG,

JUNIOR STAFF TRAINED.

BOTH OFFICERS ARE HAND PICKED AND ARE MOST COMPETENT.

READY FOR DEPARTURE BY AIR ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 12

AS INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

PLEASE OBTAIN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S APPROVAL OF SELECTION.

ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN ROUTING OFFICERS TO  
DETERMINE HOW FAR CAN UNITED NATIONS HELP?

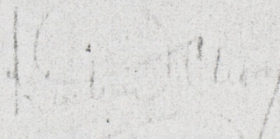


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To: Major C. Bowitz,  
United Nations,  
New York.

From: Permanent Mission of the Federation of  
Malaya to the United Nations,  
New York.

Reference Note marked GB/1s dated 28 August, 1960 handed by Major Bowitz to Mr. H.A. Zakaria of the Permanent Mission of Federation of Malaya on 29 August, 1960, the following cables have been received from the Federation of Malaya Ministry of External Affairs by the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya.

  
Lim Teow Chong

30 August, 1960.

C O P Y

"YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 128.

WE WOULD PREFER TO FLY IN TWO COMPANIES AND FORCE HEADQUARTERS IF POSSIBLE. DOES UNITED NATIONS WISH RECCE SQUADRONS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH FULL SCALE VEHICLES INCLUDING SCOUT CARS FOR RECONNAISSANCE ROLE. IF SO, RECCE SQUADRONS BOTH PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES, AND VEHICLES FOR REMAINDER OF FORCE WOULD FOLLOW BY SEA. TOTAL OF ALL RANKS FOR AIRLIFT WOULD BE 361 MEN. ADDITIONAL WEIGHT FOR AIRLIFT WOULD BE 65 TONS. DATE OF READINESS FOR DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 21. DEPARTURE AIRFIELD KUALA LUMPUR OR BUTTERWORTH, DEPENDING ON TYPE OF AIRCRAFT PROVIDED."

C O P Y

" PLEASE OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNITED NATIONS ANSWERS TO  
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONSULATE ADMINISTRATION QUERIES :

- (a) REQUEST APPROVAL FOR ALL OUR EQUIPMENT TO BE  
MARKED WITH ELEVEN POINT YELLOW STAR INSCRIBED  
"MPS" FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION;
- (b) ARE OUR WIRELESS BATTERIES TO BE FULLY CHARGED;
- (c) WILL ACCOMMODATION FOR STORES SUCH AS TABLES,  
CHAIRS BE AVAILABLE. "

1 September 1960

Note for the file

Mr. Lim of the Malayan Mission telephoned at 3.30 p.m. concerning two cables which he had received from his Government. The Malayan authorities wish to have definite confirmation regarding the transport of their troops by sea:

"Please clarify immediately -- definite advice from UN that troops must to by sea is required."

Malaya also wishes to confirm that the journey from Malaya to the Congo will take between 20 to 25 days.

I told Mr. Lim that we hoped to be able to answer the above questions in the near future and asked him meanwhile to send them over to me in writing.

Mr. Lim also asked for clarification of the answers to logistical questions conveyed to him on 28 August, which I was able to give him at once.

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Mr. Lim also informed me that the names of two officers, a Major and a Captain, had been submitted for the ONUC staff. They would be ready for departure on or after 12 September.

G.O. Bowitz



The Charge' d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note to the Secretary-General dated 4 August, 1960, bearing reference UN.O.1/120(37), concerning the Federation Government's offer of assistance to United Nations operations in the Republic of the Congo.

It is noted that no reply has so far been received from the Secretary-General to this note, and while it is fully recognised that this might be due to the fact that no decision has been reached on the matter, the Charge' d'Affaires of the Federation of Malaya would nevertheless deeply appreciate an early official reply, even of an interim nature, in order that he may be placed in a position to report to his Government as to where the matter stands.

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

New York, 22 August, 1960

UN.O.1/120 (45).

Mr. Labrousse

30 informed by cable



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The Charge' d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his conversation with Mr. Andrew W. Cordier this afternoon, wishes to confirm that he has been instructed by his Government to inform the Secretary-General that the Federation Government would like to offer the services of one company of Malayan troops comprising approximately 120 personnel, experienced in jungle operation, for United Nations service in the Congo.

The Charge' d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federation of Malaya would appreciate very much the receipt in due time of the Secretary-General's views on this offer.

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

New York, 4 August, 1960.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S TELEGRAM OF 24TH  
 JULY 1960 CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL'S  
 RESOLUTION OF 14TH JULY REGARDING CONGO REGRET THAT  
 THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL  
 BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OFFICERS IN FEDERATION ARMED FORCES  
 WITH FLUENT KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH AND BESIDES THERE IS SHORTAGE  
 OF OFFICERS IN FEDERATION ITSELF

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FEDERATION OF MALAYA

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 1960 JUL 30 AM 8:30  
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~~FRANKFURT~~ The Hon. Tunku Abdul Rahman  
Prime Minister, Federation of Malaya  
Kuala Lumpur

Your Excellency is certainly aware of measures so far taken in implementation of the Security Council resolution of 14 July 1960 on United Nations military assistance to the Congo. In the first stage I have tried for obvious practical and political reasons to concentrate action to African countries and have to lesser extent solicited European contributions. We have now reached a stage where a geographical broadening of the operation is called for. I therefore venture to direct to your Excellency an inquiry as to the possibilities the Government of the Federation of Malaya may have to contribute personnel or materiel to the United Nations Force and to the measures of technical assistance to that the Organization is preparing as a parallel operation. I specially have in mind first class staff officers with thorough experience of staff work as well as French-speaking officers capable of serving as instructors to the leaders of the Congolese Armed Forces (Force Publique). Knowledge of French is important. I would much appreciate receiving as soon as possible your Excellency's reaction to this enquiry. Highest considerations

Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General of the  
United Nations