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25 September 1960

Excellency,

You will have received my cable dated 25 September 1960, appointing Dr. Drageslav Protitch, Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, to represent me at the independence ceremonies of the Federation of Nigeria on 1 October 1960.

By this personal letter I wish to express to you my deep regret that I could not personally come to Lagos. I am sure that you will understand that many pressing duties in connexion with the General Assembly make it impossible for me to attend the ceremonies which will make the largest, and in many respects most significant, territory in Africa master of its own destiny. It would have been my very sincere wish to be in Nigeria at this historic moment and to express to you, your Government and the people of the Federation my very best wishes for a great future.

I am glad to learn that Your Excellency will personally lead the first Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations when it will be admitted to membership on 7 October 1960. I want to assure you a heartfelt welcome

His Excellency  
Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tufawa Balewa  
Prime Minister of Nigeria  
Lagos

not only on behalf of myself, but of all of the Members of the United Nations. It is my hope that it will be possible for us, in the early days of your visit to New York, to renew our acquaintance and to continue in private some of those discussions which were so fruitfully initiated during my Lagos visit in December of last year.

I am looking forward to the great contribution that Nigeria under your leadership will make to the work of the United Nations for peace, and these days in particular for a peaceful development in true independence of the African Member States.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjöld

25 Sep 1960

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The Honorable Alhaji Sir Abubaker Tafawa Balewa  
Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria  
Lagos (Nigeria)

I regret deeply that because of heavy preoccupations here in connexion with the General Assembly I shall be unable to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the proclamation of independence of Nigeria on one October stop However I have designated Mr. Dragoslav Protitch comma Under-Secretary for the Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to attend the ceremonies as my Personal Representative stop Mr. Wilfred Benson will accompany him stop I am sending with Mr. Protitch my warmest greetings and sincere good wishes on this historic occasion marking the beginning of the independent growth and progress of your country and people

Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

C.e. Owen  
Protitch

Andrew W. Cordier Executive Assistant  
to the Secretary-General

Draft of message to be telegraphed or delivered

TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA FROM THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE OCCASION OF THE PROCLAMATION  
OF INDEPENDENCE, 1 OCTOBER 1960

30 Sep '60

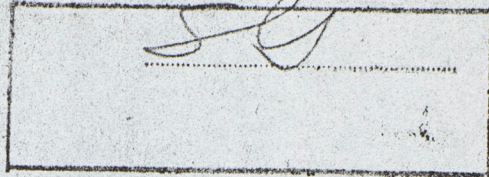
SIR  
The Honourable Alhaji Abubakar Tafawa Balewa,  
Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria,  
Lagos, Nigeria

It is my great privilege and pleasure to convey to you and to the Government and people of the Federation of Nigeria the warm congratulations of the United Nations on your accession to independence, and the best wishes of our Organization for the future success and prosperity of Nigeria. In doing so I should like to express my own profound satisfaction at this stirring moment in the history of your great country, and my awareness of its deep significance not only for you and your people but also for Africa and the international community as a whole. We have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the efforts of your people and their institutions to build a great and strong nation, to establish the foundations for continuing economic growth and social betterment, and not least to create, out of the immense diversity of your land and people, the unity of will and purpose with which you are now entering fully into international life. We have noted with gratification the public declarations which your Government has made as to the desire of the Federation of Nigeria to play a full and constructive part in international affairs and, in this connexion, its intention to apply for membership in the United Nations. I look forward to the day when your country will take its place among the Members of our Organization. I assure you also of our <sup>(readiness) ?</sup> ~~(sincere desire)~~ to continue and expand our collaboration with your Government, in the framework of the technical assistance programmes and the other resources and facilities of the United Nations family, for the further development of your country and the greater well-being of your people.

Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General

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HIS EXCELLENCY

ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA

PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

LAGOS (NIGERIA)

HAVE HONOUR ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT YOUR TELEGRAM 1 OCTOBER  
SUBMITTING APPLICATION FEDERATION OF NIGERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP  
UNITED NATIONS AND OF SEPARATE TELEGRAM TRANSMITTING DECLARATION  
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SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH WILL CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION AT EARLY  
MEETING.

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

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15 May 1961

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter of 6 May 1961, I wish to assure you that the security situation in the Southern Cameroons has given me a great deal of concern. I agree with you that before too long definite steps will have to be taken by all those concerned so that this situation will not develop in a way which would disturb the peace along the new frontier to be established pursuant to the General Assembly's resolution on the future of the Cameroons.

I am certain that in the forthcoming discussions concerning the implementation of this resolution, the United Kingdom Government, as well as the Governments of the Republic of Cameroon and of the Southern Cameroons, will give this and other questions their urgent attention. It is to be hoped that the Administering Authority for the Southern Cameroons will urge measures guaranteeing a smooth transition period in order to avoid a disruption in the Southern Cameroons of the machinery necessary for the maintenance of law and order.

There exists of course the possibility that the Trusteeship Council, in the course of its next session in June and July 1961, may pay some attention to the problems which you raise, perhaps including that of technical assistance in the administrative field.

I regard it, however, as one of my responsibilities to keep acquainted with the progress of the negotiations by which the Southern Cameroons will be joined with the Republic of Cameroon. In this connexion, serious consultations will have to take place between the Administering Authority of the Southern Cameroons and the Republic of Cameroon concerning the question of security and for that purpose Nigeria should be officially invited to participate in such consultations. I would always hold myself ready to offer my services, if it were to be thought that they would be helpful. In any case it is essential that peaceful steps be taken to prevent the security situation in that area from deteriorating.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold

His Excellency  
The Honourable  
Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa  
Prime Minister of Nigeria  
Cabinet Office  
Lagos

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 HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA HAVING  
 TODAY ATTAINED INDEPENDENCE WISHES =PAGE2/50= HEREWITH  
 TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
 WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES ATTACHING THERETO X I SHOULD  
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1st October 1960

My Dear Secretary-General,

Thank you most sincerely for your generous message of congratulations to the Federation of Nigeria on the occasion of our accession to independence.

You will already have received our application for membership of the United Nations which was sent off within minutes of the start of this memorable day. We shall endeavour always to manage our affairs in strict accordance with the charter of the United Nations and we pray that Nigeria may be destined to make a positive contribution to the achievement of peace and the betterment of the human race throughout the world.

Yours sincerely,

(Abubakar Tafawa Balewa)

His Excellency Dag Hammarskjöld,  
Secretary-General,  
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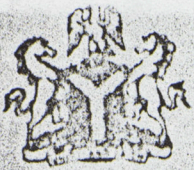
By Air Mail

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

I am becoming increasingly worried about the probable trend of events in the Southern Cameroons next October, and as the country is a Trust Territory I think that I should apprise you, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of my fears in the hope that you will be able to evolve some means for saving that territory from the chaos for which it appears to be heading.

We in Nigeria are interested for two reasons: first because we share a common frontier and shall therefore be particularly sensitive to any breakdown in the public services of the Southern Cameroons, especially as regards the maintenance of law and order; and secondly because most of the public services of the Southern Cameroons depend at present on Nigerian staff, many of whom are lent on an agency basis which cannot reasonably be expected to persist beyond September 30.

As I myself see the position it will be virtually impossible for the United Kingdom to maintain any troops in the area after September since to do so would invite political accusations. Similarly it would be politically unacceptable to some countries for Nigerian Security Forces to be deployed there, and it cannot be expected that Nigerian Police officers now serving with the Police contingent will choose to transfer to the Cameroons Police even if invited. The Cameroons themselves can



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master only a handful of Police officers and have no military forces at all.

I also understand that it is unlikely that many of the expatriates now serving in the territory will continue to do so when the Southern Cameroons join up with the Republic. There seems therefore every likelihood of a breakdown in the administration of the territory and in the maintenance of law and order.

We have already seen elsewhere what may happen in such circumstances but in the case of the Southern Cameroons there is an additional factor to take into account. There is no need to remind you of the tactics employed by the opposition to M. Ahidjo in the Cameroun Republic: at present these terrorists are being excluded from the Southern Cameroons but when the United Kingdom Security Forces are withdrawn there will be the twofold danger of the terrorists moving their headquarters into the Southern Cameroons and being able to prepare an offensive with comparative immunity because Mr. Foncha will lack the means to prevent them, and with success because arms and other supplies can easily be smuggled in by sea.

I have no doubt that those people who, for their own personal advantage, wish to stir up trouble in this part of Africa will be quick to seize the opportunity, so you will understand my anxiety to prevent its occurrence.

It may be that you have already considered these matters and in that case I shall be very grateful if you will tell me of what you have in mind. I do most sincerely feel that this is a terribly important matter and that we must devise a preventive now if we are to avoid the misery of another Congo. I hope that you



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share my anxiety and that you will bring  
your vast experience to finding a proper  
solution.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Dag Hammarskjold,  
Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
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