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Bomboko (Congo's Foreign Minister)

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TELEGRAMME ADRESSE AU COMITE CONSULTATIF SUR LE CONGO  
C/O MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL DES NATIONS UNIES, NEW YORK  
le 21 janvier 1961  
PAR MONSIEUR BOMBOKO, PRESIDENT DU COLLEGE DES  
COMMISSAIRES GENERAUX ET COMMISSAIRE GENERAL AUX  
AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

AVONS APPRIS CONNAISSANCE REUNION COMITE CONSULTATIF POUR EXAMINER SITUATION LUMUMBA OKITO MPOLO. COMMUNIQUEONS CE QUI SUIT AUX MEMBRES CE COMITE:

(A) MONSIEUR LUMUMBA ET SES AMIS SONT ET RESTENT AU CONGO. LEUR TRANSFERT THYSVILLE ELISABETHVILLE N'AVOIR PAS ETE EFFECTUE AVEC MAUVAISES INTENTIONS.

(B) LES RUMEURS QU'ILS ONT ETE MOLESTES ONT ETE DEMENTIS. ILS SONT TRES BIEN ET DE LOIN MEUX QUE PRISONNIERS STANLEYVILLE DONT SITUATION INHUMAINE NE PREOCCUPE NULLEMENT AFRO-ASIATIQUES, ATTITUDE QUI ETONNE TOUS LES CONGOLAIS.

(C) DANS SA CONFERENCE PRESSE TENUE A LEOPOLDVILLE APRES TRANSFERT LUMUMBA ET CO-DETENUS, MONSIEUR WACHUKU, PRESIDENT COMMISSION BONS OFFICES, ETANT OBJECTIF ET PAR CONTRE AYANT RECONNU IMMIXION ETRANGERE AFFAIRES INTERIEURES CONGOLAISES A FORMULE REGRETS CETTE IMMIXION.

(D) COMMISSION BONS OFFICES EFFECTUANT ACTUELLEMENT VOYAGE A TRAVERS LE CONGO POUR TROUVER SOLUTION CRISE CONGOLAISE CONSIDERONS LA REUNION COMITE CONSULTATIF DE CARACTERE A INFLUENCER CETTE COMMISSION TRAVAILLANT SUR PLACE ET DEVANT RESTER NEUTRE. INSISTONS NON INGERENCE AFFAIRE CONGOLAISE.

(Signé) BOMBOKO PRESIDENT DU COLLEGE DES COMMISSAIRES  
GENERAUX ET COMMISSAIRE GENERAL AUX AFFAIRES  
ETRANGERES"

The following is an English translation of the above telegram:

"We have learned of meeting of Advisory Committee to consider situation Lumumba, Okito, Mpolo. We communicate the following to the members of that Committee:

(A) Mr. Lumumba and his friends are and will remain in the Congo. Their transfer Thysville Elizabethville not motivated by bad intentions.

(B) The rumours that they were molested have been denied. They are very well and far better off than the Stanleyville prisoners whose inhumane conditions cause Afro-Asians no concern, to the surprise of all Congolese.

(C) In his press conference held at Leopoldville after transfer Lumumba and co-detainees, Mr. Wachuku, Chairman of the Good Offices Commission, being objective and unlike others having acknowledged foreign interference in Congolese domestic affairs, expressed regret at this interference.

(D) Since Good Offices Commission now travelling through the Congo to find

solution Congo crisis, we consider the meeting of the Advisory Committee likely to influence this Commission which is working on the spot and should remain neutral. We urge non-interference in Congo affairs."