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1. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF INDIAN TROOPS AT THE NEW UN ROADBLOCK ON A ROUTE LEADING FROM THE EUROPEAN TO THE NATIVE QUARTER OF ELISABETHVILLE AND KATANGA GENDARMES OPPOSITE THEM, A SHOOTING INCIDENT COULD OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT. ALTHOUGH MOST GENDARMES ARE AFRAID TO DO ANYTHING WHICH COULD PROVOKE GENERAL FIGHTING WITH THE UN, THERE IS RISK THAT AFRICAN WOMEN AND JEUNESSE WILL CREATE ANOTHER INCIDENT.

SMITH-BUND
DUNCAN
KAYSEN
KILDUFF
PETERSEN
SCHLESINGER
TAYLOR
BELK
FORRESTAL
JOHNSON
KLEIN
KOMER
RASKIN
SAUNDERS

2. AS OF 1 AUGUST 1500 TO 2000 GENDARMERIE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE MOVED INTO ALBERT, KENYA AND KATUBA COMMUNES ROUGHLY OPPOSITE THE NEW ROADBLOCK. THEY HAVE DUG EXTENSIVE RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN POSITIONS INSIDE THESE COMMUNES DURING THE PAST MONTH. THIS

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MAKES 3000 KATANGA TROOPS IN THE IMMEDIATE ELISABETHVILLE AREA.

3. EUROPEAN MERCENARIES, MOST OF WHOM DISAPPEARED AT THE TIME OF THE MID- (PRTN GARBLED BEING SERVICED) * ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN CASE OF FIGHTING (FIELD COMMENT: SEE [REDACTED] FOR A PREVIOUS REPORT ON NUMBERS OF MERCENARIES IN ELISABETHVILLE).

4. MILITARY SUPPLIES ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ELISABETHVILLE FROM SAKANIA, INSTEAD OF KIPUSHI WHICH WAS THE PORT FROM WHICH SUPPLIES WERE DISTRIBUTED UNTIL RECENTLY, WHERE A NEW SUPPLY BASE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. GOODS ARE TRANSPORTED IN TRUCKS OVER SECONDARY ROADS TO AVOID UN SURVEILLANCE.

5. APART FROM THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING A STRONG MILITARY DEFENSE POSTURE, THE PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF ARMED TROOPS INSIDE THE COMMUNES IS BECOMING HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THE KATANGA GOVERNMENT. GENDARMES ARE ABUSING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND CLASH REGULARLY WITH POLICE WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO BE STRICT AND ARE TRYING TO KEEP ORDER.

6. SEVERAL HUNDRED GENDARMES ACCUSED OF ROBBERIES AND SERIOUS INDISCIPLINE HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY AND RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGES DURING THE PAST MONTH. HOWEVER, MORE TROUBLE IS EXPECTED IN KASENGA IN SOUTHEAST KATANGA WHERE THE GARRISON IS ABUSING CIVILIANS. GENERAL NORBERT MUKE AND CHIEF OF STAFF MICHEL KIEMBE AT THE REQUEST OF INTERIOR MINISTER GODEFROID MUNONGO ARE

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PLANNING FURTHER DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST UNDISCIPLINED TROOPS.

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