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Memo For SECRETARY BROWN

MajGen Faurer, DIA, called to clarify his response to your question at this morning's briefing. He stated that although there are about 1,200 Katangan troops in southern Shaba Province (near Kolwezi), there are about 2-3,000 Katangan troops in total throughout Shaba.

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- Zairians have possession of all materiel shipped on the first flight.

- MAC has a verbal contract for commercial charter of a Boeing 747 from Seaboard World Airways. Estimated departure is Monday, 21 March from Dover AFB. The exact cargo composition will depend on weight and cubes. Indications are that the cargo will consist of: C-130 spares, communications equipment, helmets, patrol boat (Swiftships) spares, parachutes, rations, and load bearing equipment. (The latest Zairian priorities are for parachutes, C-130 spares, commo gear, and rations.)

- DoD has provided State:

-- Preliminary estimates of the weight, cube, costs, and availability of the items in Zaire's follow-on request (Kinshasa 2320).

-- Information on potential third country sources for ammunition.

Actions Underway

- Military departments are arranging for prepositioning of all cargo at Dover not later than 20 March. (Part of Army items already are there.)

- State continues preparation of a decision memorandum on the new request for military assistance.

- State continues contacts with Congress. (Will brief Congressman Diggs late today.)

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(S) Military Situation

- Little change in military disposition. Zairian reports that they have recaptured Kasagi have not been confirmed.

- Three companies of Zairian Army have been deployed to block possible advances north from Kapanga.

- We have unconfirmed reports of contact between invaders and FAZ fortification west of Mutshatsha.

(S) Political Situation

- Domestic political situation is unchanged; Kinshasa, Kolwezi and Lubumbashi are calm.

- Domestic television, press continue to feature Mobutu's 19 March visit to Kolwezi and to report "recapture" of Kasagi.

(S) Third Country Assistance

- Nigeria has pledged active political support for Zaire and has offered to mediate. Foreign Minister Garba is scheduled to meet with Secretary Vance tomorrow (22 March).

(S) US Assistance to Zaire

- Second US aircraft (a 747) departed JFK at 1453 EST today and is due to arrive at Kinshasa at 1245Z on 22 March. Most, if not all of the non-lethal spare parts and supplies approved for shipment to Zaire were carried on the two plane loads we have sent.

(S) Actions Underway.

- State has prepared an options memorandum for the President re M-16 ammo requested by Zaire during the weekend. State continues to favor securing the ammunition from a third party and posits several ways this might be accomplished.

- State will be preparing an action memorandum addressing Zaire's request for additional military equipment and supplies.

- DSAA and Africa Region continue to respond to specific, detailed questions from State on technical aspects of Zaire's security assistance request

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Gene McA thinks the "three way arrangement" is both prudent and helpful.

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-- Army to arrange for shipment of telephone equipment (FMS Case UCP) on same flight.

-- GOZ advised to take early decision on repair of damaged C-130 by Lockheed technicians if repair parts and tools are to be moved on 5 April flight.

(S) Actions Underway

- State is drafting a contingency planning paper (possibility of ISA involvement on Tuesday or Wednesday).

- Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Seelye, LTG Fish, and DASD (NEASA) Janka are to appear before the HIRC Africa Subcommittee (Diggs) on 29 March to review FY 78 security assistance. Intense questioning on Zaire is a likelihood.

- Assistant Secretary of State Schaufele departs for London on 29 March to discuss Rhodesia but also will raise Zaire with the UK.

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(S) Military Situation

- Front is about 30 kilometers east of Mutshatsha which fell to invaders with little or no fighting on 25 March. Capture of railroad rolling stock there adds a new capability.

- No real indications of Cuban/Angolan involvement.

- Reports of poor performance and high desertion rate by FAZ mount. Two additional infantry battalions are being airlifted to Kamina.

(S) Political Situation

- Domestic situation remains generally calm. Arrests of persons in Shaba suspected of collaborating with invaders are increasing. Press is not giving public all the facts on reverses.

- Zairians report promises of support and assistance by Morocco and Egypt.

- Still awaiting results of Nigerian initiative to mediate.

(S) Third Country Assistance

- Mobutu has recognized troop leadership problems and has sent emissary to France to request 200-300 French troops/volunteers for immediate combat duty in the Shaba.

- Belgians indicate no chance of their assigning field advisers to FAZ but report possibility of further military assistance including munitions on a commercial basis.

(S) US Assistance to Zaire

- White House has taken decision to authorize Zairian use of \$1 million in FMS credit for purchase of POL, thereby freeing Zaire's resources to procure ammunition.

- ISA and DSAA working with State have established policy to continue delivery on outstanding FMS cases and when possible to expedite delivery.

-- Have arranged for shipment of the second Harris communication system on the MAC channel flight departing Charleston, S.C. on 5 April.

-- White House, as part of its arms policy review, has placed a hold on the scheduled May delivery of a commercially purchased C-130.

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