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1. /TSHOMBE PERSONALLY IS READY TO ACCEPT RECONCILIATION BUT HAS ALLOWED HIS EUROPEAN ADVISORS TO PERSUADE HIM TO INSIST ON KATANGAN EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS OF A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. PROFESSOR RENE CLEMENS IS PRESSING ON TSHOMBE HIS VIEW THAT AGREEMENT OF A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION MUST PRECEED ANY AGREEMENT BY THE MIXED COMMISSIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECONCILIATION PLAN. KATANGANS BELIEVE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WHICH RESEMBLES THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW AND DOES NOT FOLLOW THE UN PLAN, HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED IN LEOPOLDVILLE.

2. TSHOMBE AND HIS MINISTERS WERE STRONGLY IMPRESSED BY WHAT

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KASAI. THEY ARE NOW WORRIED FOR THEIR OWN SKINS AND NO LONGER SPEND THEIR NIGHTS IN ELISABETHVILLE. TSHOMBE HAS HAD A SPECIAL ROAD TO KIPUSHI AND INTO THE BUSH PREPARED IN CASE THE UN SHOULD TRY TO ARREST HIM AND HE MUST SUDDENLY LEAVE ELISABETHVILLE.

- 3. KATANGAN LEADERS PROFESS TO ACTUALLY BELIEVE UNOC CHIEF ROBERT GARDINER LEFT ELISABETHVILLE 4 OCTOBER MORE OR LESS CONVINCED TSHOMBE WANTS RECONCILIATION. THEY BELIEVE GARDINER CENTRAL CONGO GOVERNMENT PRIME MINISTER WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE/ADOULA TO BE MORE MODERATE IN HIS DEMANDS ON KATANGA.
- BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE MCGHEE'S VISIT TO ELISABETHVILLE

 AND ARE DETERMINED TO GIV! HIM A GOOD RECEPTION. IT IS REPORTED

 GOVERNMENT OF KATANGA (GOK)

 WITHIN THE / THAT MCGHEE HAS ALREADY ASKED TSHOMBE NOT DELAY

 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PLAN; IF HE DOES DELAY, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

 WILL SUPPORT ECONOMIC PRESSURES AGAINST KATANGA.

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