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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Congo

Developments since my report to the President on October 22, 1962.

1. Both Adoula and Tshombe have indicated willingness to ignore the question of the Standstill Agreement and proceed to the creation of Tripartite Observation teams. This has, however, not yet been done. Gardiner is proceeding to Elisabethville to expedite.

2. No progress has been made in Commissions on the vital questions of integration of forces, oath taking, amnesty, constitution, or division of foreign exchange and revenues.

3. The IMF team to work out integration of currencies leaves tomorrow for the Congo.

4. We are announcing a \$25 million contribution towards the UN Import Program over the next six months. The UK, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Japan are being pressed to contribute a matching amount. So far only the UK has given any favorable indication.

5. We have revealed the Greene Plan for training the ANC and we are engaged in talks calculated to bring about its general acceptance. Efforts are underway to firm up US role and equipment US can furnish.

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6. Senator Dodd has written a letter to Tshombe urging him to carry out the Plan. He will, tomorrow, ask Mr. Struelens to discontinue his activities here, following which he will by letter urge Tshombe along similar lines.

7. Mobil Oil will refuse to pay Katangese taxes even at the expense of having to close down their operations and is encouraging other companies to do the same. Belgium has promised support with Belgian companies involved.

8. We are seeking funds from MAP to finance a contract with Air Panama to provide air transportation to the Congolese Army. A Presidential waiver will probably be required.

9. We hope to sign today an agreement with the GOC to expand the PL 480 Program by sum of \$2,500,000.

10. Arrangements have been made to reinforce UNOC with 1800 Indonesian troops. Efforts are being made for replacement of Ethiopian F-86's which have been withdrawn.

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