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AMBASSADOR MET WITH LINNER MAY 23 SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS FOR DISCUSSION CONGO AND RUANDA-URUNDI:

CONGO. LINNER HAD JUST RETURNED TO BRUSSELS FROM VISIT IN LONDON WHICH HAD LEFT HIM MUCH DISCOURAGED. LORD HOME HAD MADE UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR TO LINNER UK WOULD VETO ANY RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED COULD LEAD TO USE OF FORCE AND HAD BEEN MOST RESISTENT TO LINNERS' SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING STATIONING UN TROOPS IN KOLWEZI AND JADOTVILLE. LORD HOME HAD SAID UK CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY INDEFENSIBLE USE OF MILITARY FORCE AS MEANS OF FINANCIAL PRESSURE. IN REPLY LINNER STRESSED THAT UK GOVERNMENT HAD NOT OPPOSED RESOLUTIONS UNDER WHICH UNOC IS TRYING TO CARRY OUT ITS PURPOSE AND WAS THEREFORE ILLOGICAL FOR UK TO TAKE POSITION OPPOSING PUTTING UN FORCES IN KOLWEZI AND JADOTVILLE, BUT LORD HOME HAD REITERATED IDEA WAS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE.

LINNERS' DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH FINANCIAL INTERESTS HAD BEEN DIFFICULT BUT HE FELT SLIGHTLY MORE PRODUCTIVE. INITIALLY HE HAD ENCOUNTERED COMPLETE RESISTANCE FROM CAPTAIN WATERHOUSE AND TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS REPRESENTATIVES. THOUGH BY END OF CONVERSATIONS ATMOSPHERE HAD BECOME MORE PLEASANT AND TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS REPRESENTATIVES ALLEGED THAT THEY NOW REALIZED UN WAS ATTEMPTING TO REMEDY SITUATION AND TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS NOT DO THEM DAMAGE, LINNER WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC CONCRETE ACTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ALTHOUGH HE FELT THEY NO

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LONGER REGARDED UN AS ENEMY. TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS REPRESENTATIVES HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THEY EXERCISED GREAT INFLUENCE ON UMHK REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS AND INTENDED CONTINUE EXERCISE THAT INFLUENCE ALONG WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE SOUND LINES, I.E. AVOIDANCE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT PRECIPITATE HOSTILITIES IN KATANGA OR LEAD TO THREATS OF RETALIATION AGAINST UMHK PROPERTIES.

NONETHELESS, LINNER HAS NOT ENTIRELY ABANDONED HIS IDEA CONCERNING DESIRABILITY TRYING TO BUY TSHOMBE OFF AND TRYING TO OFFER UMHK PROTECTION BY UN FORCES. HE IS NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF MIXED UN-UMHK GUARDS IN OUTLYING AREAS BUT ADMITS THAT BASIC DIFFICULTY IS WHETHER TSHOMBE AGREES. IF TSHOMBE AGREES, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE NO NEED FOR GUARDS, WHEREAS IF TSHOMBE REFUSES, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE OFFER ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO UMHK OR OTHER BUSINESS INSTALLATIONS. AS FOR SECURING TSHOMBE'S CONSENT, LINNER ALSO ADMITS THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE TO HOPE ALONG LINES OF BUYING TSHOMBE OFF SINCE HE IS ALREADY DOING WELL FINALLY. GIVEN ATTITUDE OF BRITISH FINANCIAL INTERESTS, LINNER WAS CLEARLY DOUBTFUL WHETHER ANY KIND OF PRESSURE COULD BE DEVELOPED ON TSHOMBE OR WHETHER INDUCEMENTS WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND. ONE RAY OF HOPE WAS THAT CAPTAIN WATERHOUSE IS COMING TO BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UMHK, AND LINNER HAS SOME HOPE BELGIANS, WHO ARE DISTINCTLY MORE FLEXIBLE THAN BRITISH, CAN WEAR DOWN SOMEWHAT WATERHOUSE RESISTANCE TO ANY FORWARD MOTION.

RUANDA-URUNDI. AMBASSADOR URGED ON LINNER THAT HE SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY SEE SPAAK RE REACHING SOME FORM GOB-UN UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONTINUATION UN PRESENCE IN RUANDA-URUNDI IN FORM WHICH WILL HELP GOB RETAIN IN TERRITORIES TECHNICIANS AND THOSE TROOPS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ORDER. LINNER AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD SEE SPAAK SOON.

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