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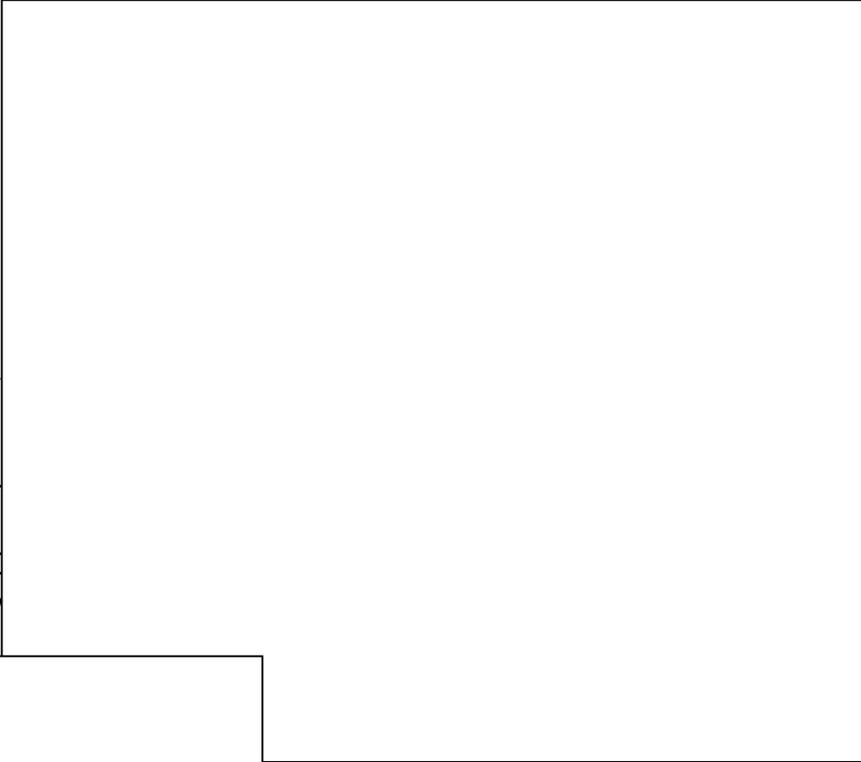
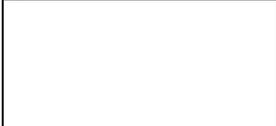


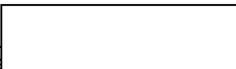
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### DAILY BRIEF

Congo: Prime Minister Adoula resigned yesterday, as was required when the legal mandate of his government expired on 30 June.

President Kasavubu, however, asked Prime Minister Adoula to stay in office until the two-week constitutional referendum is completed. The constitutional status of his government now is cloudy.

Adoula's resignation, even though pro forma, has provoked a new spate of rumors that Tshombé is to be named premier. [redacted]

[redacted] support for Tshombé appears to be growing. It now seems highly probable that the former Katangan leader will be offered a post in a new government even if he is not named premier. Whether he would accept a lesser position, however, is problematical.

At the moment, Tshombé is trying to assume the lead role in organizing a government of "national reconciliation." He is meeting with politicians of all stripes, including members of the exiled Committee of National Liberation, which he has said should be represented.

Tshombé's bargaining position is strong. Southern Katanga, richest area of the Congo and the source of most of the government's revenue, still supports him, and there is little doubt that he could re-establish himself there if he chose.

All UN combat troops have left the country, as scheduled. [redacted]

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