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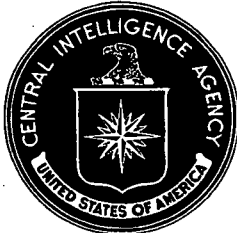
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**\*Congo:** Secretary General Hammarskjold has been alarmed by reports that the French ambassadors in Leopoldville and Brazzaville are encouraging Mobutu and Leopoldville's Foreign Minister Bomboko to undertake a military coup against the Ileo government, possibly this week if President Kasavubu's cooperation can be secured. Hammarskjold also has reports of the arrival of a new group of "French mercenaries" in Katanga, and says the UN representative there has demanded they be expelled. The secretary general sees these alleged French activities as undermining hopes for a moderate Congo settlement and as playing into Soviet hands.]

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In Brussels, US Ambassador MacArthur reports that Foreign Minister Spaak has objected to the proposed immediate withdrawal of Belgian military from Katanga Province on the ground that it would provoke Tshombé and create a "definitive rupture" between Elisabethville and Leopoldville. Spaak maintains that the Belgian cadres are the backbone of order and stability in Katanga and that their sudden withdrawal would lead to chaos made worse by the possibility of conflict with UN forces deployed to replace them. Spaak admitted that the powerful Belgian mining interests in Katanga might be "playing a different game" there from that of the government, but insisted that he needed firm evidence of this in order to proceed against them. [Spaak also opposed what he called the "British thesis" that the]

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[ Congo parliament should convene in the near future even if  
it meant a government dominated by Gizenga. ]

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