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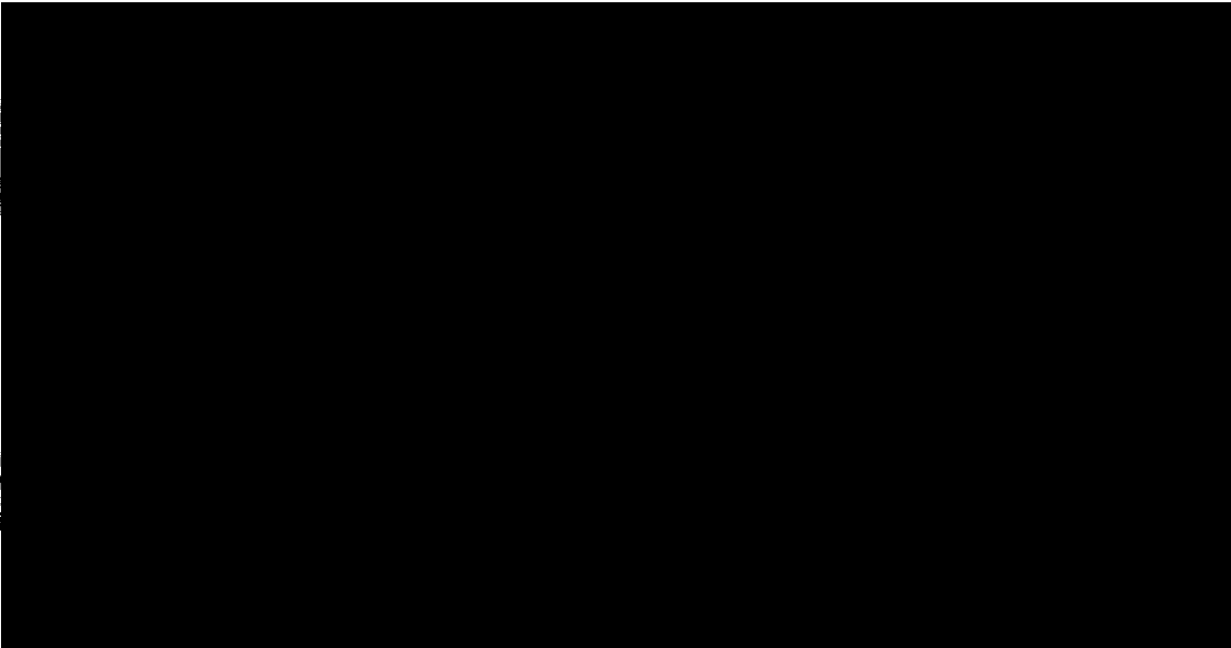
- I.  states crash operation needed to bolster Colonel Mobutu and opposition to Lumumba.
 - A. Mobutu needs financial assistance to pay certain troops and officers, provide gas for troop movements.

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- B. Mobutu needs French-speaking economic, political and security advisers.

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- 3. At present Mobutu almost overwhelmed by daily details, needs chief of staff.

- C. Mobutu desires security team to work against Lumumba and Communists.

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- I. Mobutu's home inside Camp Leopold II is armed camp with Congolese National Army and Moroccan guards. He complains about security.
- II. Assassination plot against Mobutu on 18 September almost successful.
 - A. Plan was to sound general alarm Camp Leopold II and turn out all troops. Mobutu would be shot when he arrived on the scene.
 - B. Mobutu, learning of plot, blocked central alarm and called in former friend, a major, who was behind the plot.
 - C. Major tried to draw pistol but Mobutu grappled with him until guards arrived.
 - D. He then ordered arrest of all Communist-influenced ministers in Lumumba government.
- III. Mobutu plans to cooperate with Ileo-Kasavubu group.
 - A. [REDACTED] he agreed to name Bomboko chief Congolese UN delegate with Kanza as his deputy.
 - B. Promised to turn over government to Ileo group by end of October but meanwhile must save face by living up to promise which he made to army of neutralizing political factions.
 - C. Stated that until end October, the technical council would take orders from Kasavubu.

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