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SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN THE CONGO ON
24 NOV 1964

THE ASSAULT ON STANLEYVILLE THE MORNING OF 24 NOV 64 WAS A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE CONGOLESE, BELGIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS TO RESCUE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN HOSTAGES BEING HELD IN THE REBEL CAPITAL, AND TO RECAPTURE THE TOWN.

THE OPERATION WAS A 2-PRONGED EFFORT INVOLVING AN AIRDROP OF BELGIAN PARATROOPERS FROM UNITED STATES FLOWN C-130 TRANSPORTS, AND THE ADVANCE OF A CONGOLESE ARMY COLUMN FROM THE SOUTH.

AT 5 A.M., 24 NOV 1964, 10 UNITED STATES C-130'S AIRDROPPED ABOUT 320 PARATROOPERS ON THE GOLF COURSE ADJACENT TO AND NORTH OF THE STANLEYVILLE AIRFIELD. THESE PARATROOPERS THEN REPORTEDLY CLEARED THE AIRFIELD OF OBSTACLES PUT THERE BY THE REBELS ENABLING THE PLANES TO LAND ABOUT 280 ADDITIONAL TROOPS. SEVERAL PLANES WERE FIRED UPON BY REBELS AND DAMAGED SLIGHTLY.

REBEL REACTION TO THE INVASION WAS SWIFT. WHEN THE FIRST UNITS OF PARATROOPERS ARRIVED IN THE CITY, REBELS BEGAN ROUNDING UP EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN HOSTAGES. ABOUT 250 OF THEM WERE HERDED INTO LUMUMBA SQUARE AND LINED UP IN FRONT OF THE MONUMENT TO LUMUMBA. REALIZING THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED THE HOSTAGES BROKE AND RAN FOR SAFETY. AT THIS POINT THE REBELS OPENED FIRE UPON THEM WITH MACHINE GUNS, KILLING 15 TO 20 AND WOUNDING 40. AMONG THOSE KILLED WERE TWO AMERICANS, DR. PAUL CARLSON AND MISS PHYLLIS RINE, BOTH MISSIONARIES. THAT MORE OF THE HOSTAGES WERE NOT

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KILLED IN THE MASSACRE WAS DUE ONLY TO THE SWIFT ARRIVAL OF THE BELGIAN PARATROOPERS ON THE SCENE. AMONG THOSE WHO ESCAPED WERE THE AMERICAN CONSUL, MICHAEL HOYT, AND ATTACHE DONALD PARKE.

ANOTHER INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE AIRPORT HOTEL (SABENA GUEST HOUSE) WHERE APPROXIMATELY 60 HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN BY THE REBELS FOLLOWING THE PARATROOP DROP. 15 WERE KILLED WHEN REBELS FIRED UPON THE BUILDING.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AFTER THE AIRDROP A CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY GROUND UNIT ENTERED STANLEYVILLE FROM THE SOUTH AND JOINED IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS. THIS COLUMN HAD BEEN AMBUSHED IN THE DARKNESS, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF NBC CORRESPONDENT, GEORGE CLAY, WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

WITH THE RESCUE OPERATIONS COMPLETED, THE PARATROOPERS WITHDREW TO THE AIRFIELD DECLARING THAT THEY WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF STANLEYVILLE TO RESCUE REMAINING HOSTAGES IN THE AREA. CONTROL OVER THE CITY ITSELF IS IN THE HANDS OF THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY, AND ONLY SPORADIC FIGHTING CONTINUED AS OF TUESDAY EVENING (NOVEMBER 24). HOSTAGES RESCUED AT STANLEYVILLE ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE LOVANUM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN LEOPOLDVILLE. BY 6 P.M. TUESDAY APPROXIMATELY 790 HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED IN 16 OR 17 PLANELOADS. STATISTICS AS OF 10 P.M. LISTED 35 DEAD AND 80 WOUNDED, 11 OF THEM CRITICALLY.

ALSO ON 24 NOVEMBER, IN A MOVE INDEPENDENT FROM THE STANLEYVILLE OPERATION, CONGOLESE ARMY GROUND FORCES RECAPTURED THE CITY OF AKETI, APPROXIMATELY 150 NM NORTHWEST OF STANLEYVILLE, FREEING 10 AMERICANS AND 134 BELGIANS. THIS LEAVES 20 AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THE REBEL AREA. EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF THESE AMERICANS ARE UNKNOWN BUT VARIOUS REPORTS PINPOINT SEVERAL TOWNS WHERE HOSTAGES ARE KNOWN TO BE HELD. THESE

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TOWNS INCLUDE BUNIA, BASOKO, BAFWASENDE, PAULIS, BUTA, AND OPALA. OUT
OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE HOSTAGES, THE PARATROOPERS HAVE
ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL REMAIN IN STANLEYVILLE FOR SOME TIME.

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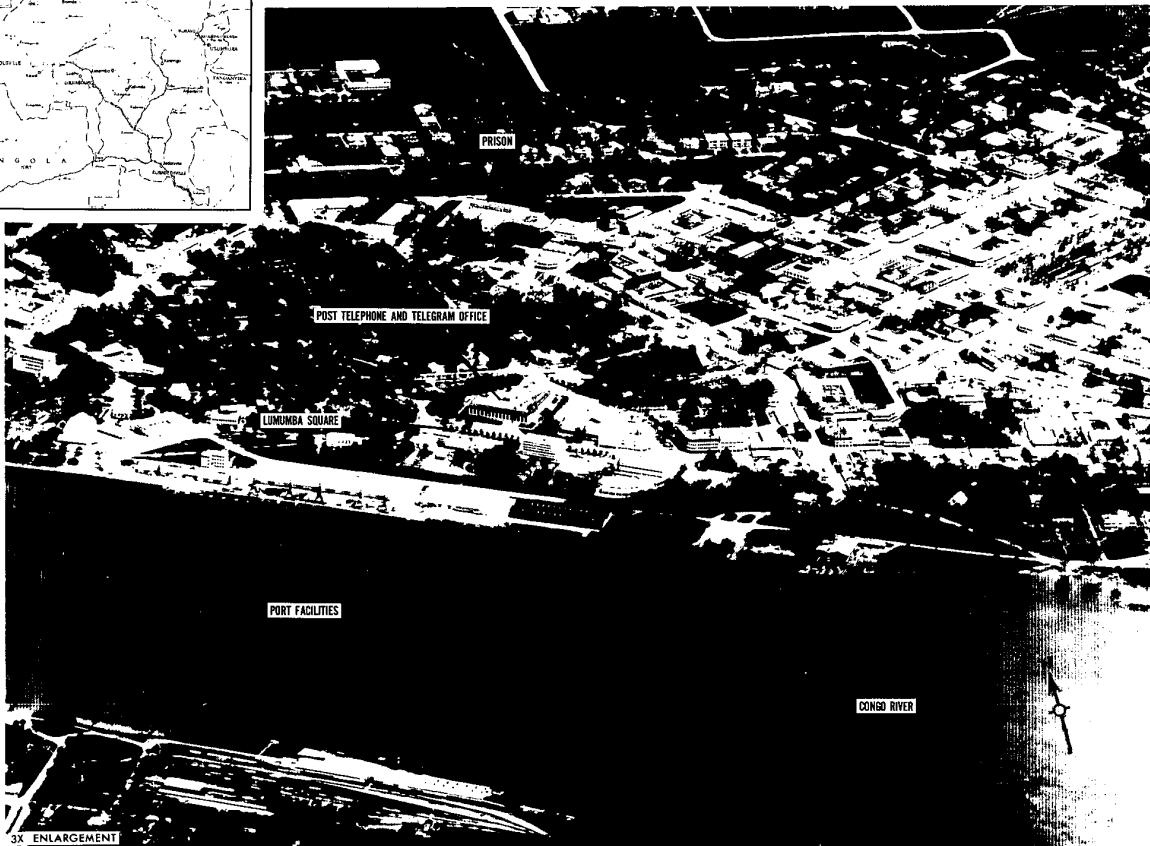
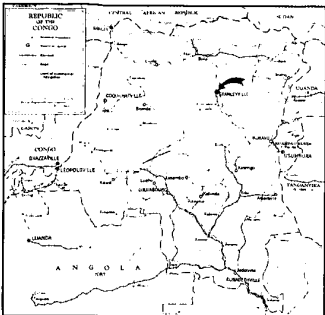
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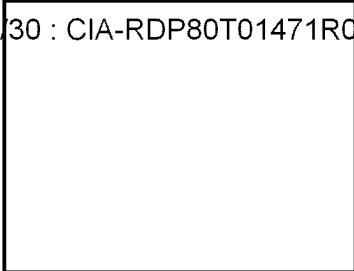


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