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Note to Mr. Turk

Inclusion of General Lamine Cisse in the Secretary-General's
delegation for the DRC

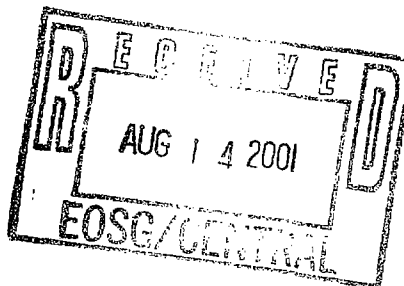
1. I refer to your note of 2 August, recommending that General Lamine Cisse be included in the Secretary-General's delegation for the DRC, given the impact of the DRC conflict on the Central African Republic.

2. This requires the approval of the Secretary-General, which I will not be able to obtain until he begins his official visit to Norway on 20 August. I should also draw your attention to the fact that the Secretary-General's delegation already includes four senior advisers.

Thank you.

S. Iqbal Riza
9 August 2001

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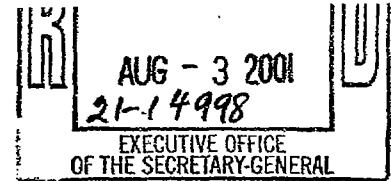
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we can request is during
official visit to Norway,
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de senior officer advisors with
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S. I. Riza


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Note to Mr. Riza



**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO DRC AND ITS
RELEVANCE TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

1. You will recall that last December, the Secretary-General dispatched Mr. Amara Essy as his Special Envoy to assess the impact of the DRC conflict on its neighbours, in particular the Central African Republic (CAR) and Congo (Brazzaville). Recent developments in the region, especially following the failed coup in the CAR on 28 May, have further highlighted the complex and potentially destabilizing interrelationships in the sub-region.
2. Mr. Essy, and more recently Gen. Amadou Toumani Toure, the Secretary-General's Special Envoy to the CAR, following the aborted coup, identified the CAR/DRC relationship as an area that needed to be addressed in any effort to achieve sustainable stability in the CAR.
3. As you know, the authorities in the DRC recently conveyed to the CAR their concern over the allegations of close military cooperation between the CAR Government and the forces of the DRC rebel leader, Mr. Bemba, in the fighting following the recent coup attempt in Bangui. Reports that the coup leader and many of his supporters may have fled to DRC territory have further heightened tensions, culminating in the closure of the common river border, vital to the economy, in particular of landlocked CAR, which relies on fuel supplies transported through the DRC on the Ubangui River.
4. Given the serious nature and the potentially grievous impact of the frictions between the two countries, we believe that the Secretary-General's visit to Kinshasa offers a valuable opportunity for impartial facilitation to restore cooperative ties. For that reason, we would like to suggest that Mr. Lamine Cisse, the Secretary-General's Representative in the CAR, who assumed his duties in Bangui on 29 July, be included in the Secretary-General's delegation. Moreover, given that the United Nations is currently engaged in negotiations with the CAR authorities for the use of logistic facilities in that country to support MONUC operations in the DRC, we feel that it would be useful for the Secretary-General's Representative in Bangui to be associated closely in the discussions that may take place on this issue during the Secretary-General's visit.


Danilo Türk
2 August 2001

cc: Messrs. Prendergast, Guéhenno, Fall, Mahmoud, Zerihoun

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- [1] The Secretary-Genral
- [2] Mrs. Nane Annan
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- [4] Mr. Kamel Morjane (will join SG in Kinshasa)
- [5] Mr. Namanga Ngongi (will join SG in Kinshasa)
- [6] Mr. Bérhanu Dinka (will join SG in Kinshasa)
- [7] Mr. Patrick Hayford (will join SG in Kinshasa)
- [8] Mr. Fred Eckhard
- [9] Mr. Lamin Sise
- [10] ~~Mr. Gerald Bennett~~
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06 August 2001