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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Vice Prime
Minister Bomboko of Zaire - Talking Points

The Vice President will meet with Zairian Vice Prime
Minister and Foreign Minister Bomboko on Monday, June 1,
from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room.

May we please have talking points for the Vice President's
use as soon as possible.

Charles P. Tyson
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
(Coordination)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Rud*
SUBJECT: Talking Points for the Vice President's June 1 Meeting with Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko

You have agreed to receive Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on June 1 in the Roosevelt Room. (X)

State has drafted an issues/talking points paper for that meeting (Tab A). The NSC concurs in the substance and specific points in this paper which are essentially reassurances to Bomboko that the United States appreciates Zaire's problems and is actively engaged in helping Zaire resolve them. (X)

Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko will present you with a letter for President Reagan from President Mobutu. Since we have not received an advance copy of the letter it is recommended that you accept it and note that its contents will be attentively read by President Reagan and appropriate senior officials, but decline any discussion of its contents. (X)

A biographic sketch of Bomboko is at Tab B.

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Visit of Zairian Deputy Prime Minister Bomboko
Monday June 1

I. SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

The Zairian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister is visiting Washington at President Mobutu's request to discuss Zaire's security concerns and its economic problems. He is carrying a message from Mobutu to President Reagan. Zaire is at a crucial turn in its negotiations with the international financial institutions, in particular the International Monetary Fund, and has asked for our assistance in keeping these negotiations on track. We have agreed to assist, provided we see clear evidence that Zaire has improved management of its own foreign exchange resources.

Zaire remains a key moderate African state, despite its economic problems. It is an important player in our southern Africa strategy, particularly as regards Angola, and can be influential in intra-African discussions of problems such as Uganda, Libya, and Chad.

Secretary Haig will have discussed with Bomboko the most pressing of Zaire's security concerns, and informed him of our willingness to take a lead in finding additional assistance for Zaire if the Zairians improve their domestic resource management. The main purpose of Bomboko's call on you is to present the letter from Mobutu. Bomboko himself is an old-time Zairian politician with long-standing links to the US.

1. Reiterate US support for Zaire and express understanding of its security and economic concerns.
2. Express appreciation for Zaire's support for US initiatives in Africa and elsewhere.

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II. ISSUES

1. Reiterate US support for Zaire and express understanding of its security and economic concerns.

Mobutu is concerned that the election of Mitterrand in France has left him without strong Western military backing in the event of another outside invasion of Zaire. His fears are heightened by the recent cooling in relations with the Angolans and rumors that they and other outsiders are stepping up aid to the former Katangan gendarmes. Mobutu is also uneasy about his relations with the international financial community and whether he can make the changes they are demanding as preconditions to aid without changing his style of rule. Our statements of support for Zaire's military requirements are complicated by Congressional moves to reduce the Administration's proposed FMS program.

Talking Points

-- We understand and are sympathetic to Zaire's security concerns, and will work with you to determine how best to meet them.

-- We are willing to be helpful in putting together a coordinated package of bilateral and multi-donor assistance to aid Zaire in overcoming its economic problems, but to do this we must be sure that Zaire itself is managing its own resources wisely and well.

2. Express appreciation for Zaire's support for US initiatives in Africa and elsewhere.

Zaire is a consistently pro-Western state, and Bomboko himself is particularly well disposed toward the US. Zaire has several times used its influence with other moderate states in the UN, Organization of African Unity, and Non-Aligned Movement to drum up support for US positions.

Talking Points

-- We greatly value the support Zaire has given us on a number of important issues over the past twenty years, and value your counsel as we proceed with our southern Africa strategy.

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-- We also hope that Zaire will take an active role in helping the African states resolve conflicts in areas such as Chad and Uganda, in order to minimize the possibility of intervention by non-African powers.

III. CONTINGENCY ISSUES

1. Mobutu Visit to the US

Mobutu has long wanted to make an official visit to the US. Although he was received by President Carter in 1979, his last official visit was under the Nixon administration. State was not able to include Mobutu in its recommendation for Presidential meetings in 1981, but it is possible that he will visit the US on private business in the Fall.

Talking Points

-- I regret that it is not possible to arrange an official visit to the US for President Mobutu this year.

-- If President Mobutu should be in the US on other business, I would be pleased to meet with him and to see what other meetings might be arranged.

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Biographic sketch of Bomboko
- Tab 2 - Schedule of Activities
- Tab 3 - List of Participants

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Schedule of Bomboko Visit

Saturday 30 May

0800 - Arrive New York via Air France Concorde

Sunday 31 May

Arrive Washington DC via Eastern Shuttle

Monday 1 June

- 0915 - Meeting with AF Acting Assistant Secretary Lannon Walker
One Washington Circle Hotel
- 1015 - Meeting with Assistant Secretary-designate Chester Crocker
State Department
- 1100 - Meeting with Secretary of State Haig
- 1200 - Working lunch with CIA
- 1500 - Meeting with Deputy Secretary of Defense Carlucci
- 1700 - Meeting with Vice President Bush
- 1900 - Reception given by Zairian Embassy, Capital Hilton Hotel

Tuesday 2 June

- 1600 - Meeting with Senator Charles Percy
- 1630 - Meeting with Senator Nancy Kassebaum

Meetings with Congressmen Zablocki, Solarz, and Wolpe to be arranged.

Wednesday 3 June

Return to Zaire via New York and Europe

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May 29, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

VIA:

CHARLES TYSON *CP B*

FROM:

FRED WETTERING *W*

SUBJECT:

Talking Points for the Vice President's June 1
Meeting with Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko

Following a State Department request (Tab A), the Vice President agreed to receive Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko on June 1 from 5:00-5:30 in the Roosevelt Room. State has forwarded a talking point memo plus a bio sheet on Bomboko. *(C)*

State's paper is on the mark and I believe covers the issues which may arise. I have no problem with anything in the paper. I considered possibly adding a talking point noting our appreciation of Zaire's continuing discreet assistance to Savimbi and UNITA but thought perhaps this is not the appropriate venue. (Ambassador Oakley recently made the point to Mobutu but it bears recurrent repetition.) *(C)*

Your concurring memo in the talking points is at Tab I. *(C)*

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memo to the Vice President transmitting and concurring in State's talking points for the Bomboko meeting. *(C)*

Attachments

Tab I	RVA memo to the Vice President
Tab A	State's issue paper
Tab B	Bio sketch of Bomboko

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Red*
SUBJECT: Request for Meeting Between the Vice President
and Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko

As a result of new indications of Libyan, Cuban and Angolan conspiracies against him, coupled with the electoral defeat of his friend and ally Giscard d'Estaing, Zaire President Mobutu's sense of insecurity has increased dramatically. He is dispatching his Foreign Minister (and Vice-Prime Minister) Bomboko Lokungu to Washington May 30 to June 2 to meet with Secretary Haig. Bomboko will also carry a letter from President Mobutu for President Reagan. (S)

State requests that if possible you receive Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko in your office for a brief (20-minute) call and receive the letter from President Mobutu on behalf of President Reagan. (S)

As State notes, Mobutu has an impressive track record of consistent support to US foreign policy objectives and must be considered one of our oldest African friends. Both symbolically and in real terms your receiving Bomboko will go a long way towards reassuring Mobutu as well as serve as a visible indication to his foreign enemies that he is not without friends. (S)

Pending your approval State will forward talking points and a biographic sheet on Bomboko. (S)

RECOMMENDATION: That you receive Zaire Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko in your office on June 1. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Meeting with the Vice-President
by Vice-Prime Minister Bomboko of Zaire

Zairian Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Bomboko will be in Washington May 30 to June 2. He will meet with Secretary of State Haig and Deputy Secretary of Defense Carlucci to discuss Zaire's economic and security problems, but would like to call on the Vice-President to deliver to him a message from Zairian President Mobutu to President Reagan. We believe a brief office call would be useful in demonstrating to the Zairians the importance we place on our relations with this long-standing African ally and in strengthening the position of an individual who has played a key role in effecting a turn toward more realistic Zairian economic and foreign policies.

We recommend that the Vice-President receive Bomboko for a brief office call on Monday, June 1 to receive the letter from President Mobutu to President Reagan.

L. Paul Bremer III
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Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Vice President's Meeting with Zairian Deputy Prime
Minister Bomboko

Attached is the briefing memo for the Vice-President's
meeting with Zairian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign
Minister Bomboko on Monday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m.

John H Kelly
L. Paul Bremer, III
for Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

VIA:

CHARLES TYSON *cmf*

FROM:

FRED WETTERING *[Handwritten mark]*

SUBJECT:

Request for Meeting Between Vice President and
Zaire Vice Prime Minister Bomboko

State is requesting that the Vice President meet with Zaire Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Bomboko on June 1 and receive on the President's behalf a message to him from Zaire President Mobutu. (C)

Your memo to the Vice President supports the State request, and notes that with the defeat of Giscard in France, Mobutu's sense of insecurity has been heightened and he is seeking reassurance that the US remains interested in supporting his moderate, pro-West government. (C)

I understand that State has been in direct touch with the Vice President's office by telephone and, if the timing can be worked out, the Vice President is willing to see Bomboko. (C)

Mobutu's government, although inefficient and corrupt, has an impressive record of total support for US foreign policy objectives and Mobutu must be counted as one of our few real friends in the area. He has made considerable efforts in the last two years to clean up his act with some positive results. A meeting with the Vice President will serve as a visible symbol of our support which he desperately needs now that his ami Giscard is gone. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memo at Tab I to the Vice President concurring in the proposed meeting with Bomboko.

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Tab A

Your memo to the VP
State memo to RVA

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Vice Prime
Minister Bomboko of Zaire - Talking Points

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Charles P. Tyson
Deputy Assistant to the President
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May 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN LENZ

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke ^{NBD}

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Vice Prime
Minister Bomboko of Zaire

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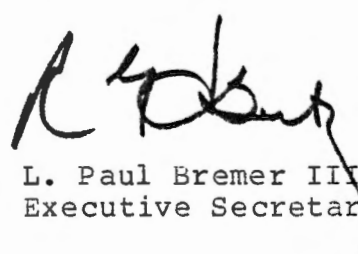
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Meeting with the Vice-President
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. THE MESSAGE IS PRES-
IDENT REAGAN'S RESPONSE TO THE LETTER FROM MOBUTU, DATED MAY
28, 1981, WHICH WAS CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY BOMBOKO ON JUNE

1. THE ORIGINAL COPY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER, DATED
JUNE 19 IS BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GREETINGS AND ASSURANCE OF
FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES.

VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG HAVE
INFORMED ME OF THEIR RECENT MEETINGS WITH YOUR DEPUTY
FIRST STATE COMMISSIONER BOMBOKO LOKUMBA. IT IS MY
PLEASURE TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED
STATES PLACES ON ITS CLOSE HISTORIC TIES WITH THE

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REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE AND MY SINCERE INTEREST IN STRENGTH-
ENING COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS
MADE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ZAIRE'S CONSIDERABLE
RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT YOUR APPEALS FOR MORE ASSIST-
ANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. MY
ADMINISTRATION WILL ALSO DO ALL IT CAN TO SUPPORT THE
RESCHEDULING OF ZAIRE'S DEBT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS
SET BY OUR OWN EFFORTS AT BUDGETARY CONTROL AND U.S.
LAW. I ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN WORK-
ING WITH YOU TO RESOLVE SUCH ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.
SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT. STOESEL
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR JOE CANZERI/GREG NEWELL

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON *unt*

SUBJECT: Visit of President Mobutu of Zaire

During a conversation with Mike Deaver at 3 p.m. today, the scheduling of President Mobutu of Zaire was approved and has been tentatively set for December 1 at 1 p.m. for 30-45 minutes.

I am waiting for confirmation from State.

Attachment: Schedule Outline

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCHEDULE OUTLINE

TO: JOE CANZERI/GREG NEWELL

FROM: MIKE DEEVER

REQUEST: Meeting with President Mobutu of Zaire

PURPOSE: To lend moral support and encouragement to an African leader who is a long-standing friend of the U.S., and who faces internal and external difficulties.

BACKGROUND: President Mobutu of Zaire has requested a private meeting with the President at the earliest possible date. He has an impressive record of support to the U.S. since 1961. He currently faces serious internal difficulties as well as Communist-supported external threats. With the defeat of his other Western ally, Giscard d'Estaing, Mobutu strongly feels the need of reassurance from the President that we appreciate his record of support and still support him.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None. President Mobutu was last in Washington in 1979 on a private visit.

DATE: As soon as can be conveniently arranged: late November, December, or January

LOCATION: The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: Zaire: President Mobutu
accompanied by: Unknown
US: The President
Secretary Haig
Assistant Secretary Crocker
Richard V. Allen
Fred Wettersing

OUTLINE OF EVENT: 30-45 minute private meeting (time slightly extended due to requirement of French/English interpreter)

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity; visit will be announced

RECOMMENDED BY: Dick Allen

OPPOSED BY: None

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

I have learned with great pleasure that you have come to the United States on a private vacation. Although my schedule prevents me from welcoming you personally, I hope that your stay in Florida will afford you a welcome respite from your demanding responsibilities as head of state, and that the close consultations between our two nations will continue on your return to Zaire.

Please accept, Mr. President, my warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Lieutenant General Mobutu Sese Seko
President of the Republic of Zaire
Kinshasa

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
By CAI NARA, Date 8/8/00

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Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of January 27 aptly expresses the concerns of the Sub-Saharan nations in the face of worldwide economic conditions. You note the World Bank recommended in its recent report increased assistance to the region, and we support this finding. As our Executive Director to the World Bank, James Burnham, said at the IDA VII negotiations in Paris on February 1-2, we believe that this region should have first claim on available IDA resources.

There are of course some difficult operational problems associated with lending to the region and it is for this reason that we want to emphasize the central theme of the World Bank report: that more efficient use of scarce resources--human and capital, managerial and technical, domestic and foreign--is essential for improving the economic conditions in most African countries. Only through economically sound national policies can development assistance really accomplish the task you hold out. I note with particular satisfaction the steps that Zaire is taking to overcome its economic problems and to promote efficiency of the public and private sectors.

The meetings in Washington and Paris have shown that it is too early to talk about the absolute size of IDA VII. Several representatives, though, have cautioned IDA management to be realistic in its expectations. Nonetheless, it was generally recognized that the economic situation in the Sub-Saharan region requires special consideration.

Marshall Mobutu Sese Seko
President of the Republic of Zaire
Kinshasa

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With regard to IDA VI, we have provided a \$700 million contribution included under the first Continuing Resolution of FY 1983 and we have requested from Congress a supplemental appropriation of \$245M for FY 83 and the remaining \$1.1B of the U.S. IDA VI contribution for FY 84. It is our intention to gain the necessary domestic support to meet our existing commitments on a timely basis, and to negotiate an IDA VII which has the support of our Congress.

Please accept, Mr. President, my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Marshall Mobutu Sese Seko
President of the Republic of Zaire
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Presidential Remarks:DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE

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HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT
MOBUTU, WHO HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL FRIEND OF
THE UNITED STATES FOR SOME 20 YEARS. THE
PRESIDENT AND I TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
REVIEW THE STATE OF U.S.-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS
AND WE FOUND A LARGE AREA OF AGREEMENT ON
THE MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED.

I EXPRESSED OUR ADMIRATION FOR
PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S COURAGEOUS ACTION IN
SENDING TROOPS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF
CHAD IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST LIBYAN-BACKED
REBELS.

ON THE HOME FRONT, PRESIDENT MOBUTU
INFORMED ME OF PROGRESS ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S
ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PLAN.

ZAIRE IS TAKING THE DIFFICULT BUT NECESSARY
STEPS TO ENSURE SUSTAINED ECONOMIC PROGRESS,
AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE AND ZAIRES
OTHER FRIENDS DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP.

PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND I ALSO DISCUSSED
HIS COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SITUATION. I TOLD
HIM OF THE POSITIVE REACTION IN THE UNITED
STATES TO HIS RECENT DECISION TO OFFER
AMNESTY TO HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS.

THIS VISIT HAS PERMITTED PRESIDENT
MOBUTU AND ME TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMON DESIRE
FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFRICA. I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BASED ON SHARED INTERESTS
AND PERCEPTIONS, WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF
PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA.

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(NSC/DR edit/BE)
August 1, 1983
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT: DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1983

President Mobutu and I have just had a warm and useful discussion. I am pleased to have been able to meet again with President Mobutu, who has been a faithful friend of the United States for some 20 years. The President and I took this opportunity to review the state of U.S.-Zairian relations and we found a large area of agreement on the major points discussed.

I expressed our admiration for President Mobutu's courageous action in sending troops to assist the Government of Chad in its struggle against Libyan-backed rebels.

On the home front, President Mobutu informed me of progress on his Government's economic stabilization plan. Zaire is taking the difficult but necessary steps to ensure sustained economic progress, and it is important that we and Zaire's other friends do what we can to help.

President Mobutu and I also discussed his country's political situation. I told him of the positive reaction in the United States to his recent decision to offer amnesty to his political opponents.

This visit has permitted President Mobutu and me to reaffirm our common desire for peace and stability in Africa. I am confident that the close relations between our two countries, based on shared interests and perceptions, will advance the cause of peace and development in Africa.