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FORWARDED copy for information to Mr. President of the Provincial Government
STANLEYVILLE

Object:

Stanleyville Immigration

To Mister Emmanuel ARGHIRI

61 Rue de Grenelle

PARIS VI (France)

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have taken note of a copy of a letter no. 2611/Cab/PM of 12 November 1960 sent to you by His Excellency, Mr. LUMUMBA Patrice, Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Congo.-

Like the high Authority cited above, I sincerely regret the inhumane way in which the colonialists proceeded at their own will to expel you.-

I am sending you, in the appendix, a file which can inform you about the formalities to be completed for the purposes of your immigration to the Republic of Congo (Capital Stanleyville).-

I have no doubt that your Congolese friends will be delighted to learn of your arrival in the Congolese capital.-

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.-

The First Mayor,

A. KINGIS. –

Le Caire, May 2 1961

Mister A. EMMANUEL
Managing Director of the
C.I.M.E.X.-STAN
c/o Hotel Ambassador

Dear Mister Emmanuel,

I received with pleasure your letter of the current day, in which you sent me a copy of the offer of 1400 tons of Congolese Robusta coffee to Mirs Foreign Trade C in Cairo.

I am pleased with the effort you are making regarding the sale of Congolese products and I take this opportunity to remind you, however, that Congolese law requires payment in foreign currency for all exported products.

Nevertheless, given the current circumstances and the particular case of coffee, the Government is prepared to grant you an "exemption" as regards the cover, namely 40% in convertible currencies and 60% in exchange for goods originating from the friendly country of the U.A.R. [United Arab Republic]

Please believe, Dear Mr. Emmanuel, in my best sentiments.

A. Kiwewa
State Secretary of Exterior Commerce

Stanleyville, December 20 1961

No 1276/CAB.-

A Mister A. Emmanuel
61, rue de Grenelle
à
PARIS (France)

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, 1961, together with the attached annex.

I am inquiring with the relevant services so that a response is given to your request to return to Congo.

Please accept, Sir, the expression of my best sentiments.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT,

Simon LOSALA.-

A. EMMANUEL
(Burundi) Nov. 23 1967

Bujumbura

B.P. 862

H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
GENERAL J.-D. MOBUTO
K I N S H A S A

My general,

It is in desperation and in the impossibility of clarifying my situation by any other means that I allow myself to address you directly to explain my case.

Of Greek nationality, I was a permanent resident in the Congo since 1937, holder of the ad hoc card. I was and still am the owner or co-owner of the following real estate properties, located in Kisangani:

- 1) Av. du Lac Kivu, no. 1665, two-story building. Area 2000 square meters. Owner.
- 2) Av. de l'Industrie, no. 151, two-story building. Surface area 1700 square meters. 1/3 co-owner.
- 3) Bvd de la Makiso, no. 1173, two-story building. Area 2500 square meters. 40% co-owner.

Although my progressive left-wing ideas were known to everyone, I never belonged to a political organization and I never had any political activity in Congo, neither before nor after independence, except that for three weeks, from the end of June to July 16, 1960, I served as technical advisor to the MNC-Lumumba in Kisangani.

On July 16, 1960, I was literally kidnapped and forcibly put on a British military plane without any regular deportation procedures.

A few months later I received a letter in Paris from Patrice Lumumba telling me that my "expulsion" was due to the intrigues of the Belgian colonialists, that he knew of my loyalty to the Congolese people - these are his own words - and that I should return to Kisangani, where "I would only have friends".

The events that followed and the tragic end of Patrice Lumumba prevented me from returning to Congo. Furthermore, the Embassy of the Republic of Congo in Paris has always refused to grant me a visa and all the steps I have taken at various levels have had a negative result.

I currently reside in Bujumbura, as General Manager of the BURUTEX Company, but I need to go to Kisangani, even if only for a short stay, to resolve certain problems

relating to my buildings, given that for some time I have had no news from my representative in this city and that I must make certain decisions in person.

I consider myself the victim of an injustice and I appeal to you. I can assure you that I have neither the intention nor the desire to interfere in any way in the internal politics of Congo, but it is obvious that you can have no other guarantee on this subject than my word. It is up to you to judge whether you can accept it or not.

In the hope of being honored with a response, I beg you to accept, my General, the expression of my most respectful sentiments.