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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Frederick Baron

DATE: August 20, 1975

SUBJECT: Interview with Congo Chief of Station:  
Lumumba Assassination Plan and Related Events  
in the Congo

COS said that he arrived in the Congo as Chief of Station in early July (probably the 10th or 11th) 1960. COS said that before he left Headquarters for the Congo he did not talk with either Richard Bissell (DDP) or Bronson Tweedy (Chief, Africa Division) about the prospect of assassinating Patrice Lumumba. Soon after arriving in the Congo, COS was asked to return to Headquarters in late July for briefings. He said there was no talk of assassination at those meetings, either.

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Staff Members Present: Burton Wides, Rhett Dawson, Frederick Baron

The following is a summary of the contents of an interview conducted with a former CIA officer concerning a period (1960-1961) in which he was Chief of Station in the Congo. The interview was conducted from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in Room 608 of the Carroll Arms Hotel.

At the request of the Chief of Station (COS), we agreed to take his testimony under alias. He will be referred to hereinafter as "COS".

COS GOES TO CONGO AND RECEIVES MESSENGER FROM HEADQUARTERS