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record of the meeting that I attended that I referred to earlier. The dates that were given in this affidavit were supplied to me on the basis that it was shortly after his visit. So they looked up when his visit was, and that is why they put this in. All I recall of the place and date is that when I saw him off at the airport it was very hot. So it must have been the summer, July or August.

While he was in Washington apparently Secretary Herter pledged aid to the Congo. And Mr. Detweiler, who was the

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Mr. Baron. Let me fill you in on a few other events that were happening from mid to late July, and ask you if this refreshes your recollection as to the sense of urgency that might have existed at a meeting such as the one you attended in reference to getting rid of Lumumba. It appears that on the 12th of July the US had sent a carrier, the Wasp, to the Congo, although we had refrained from sending troops to the Congo. Then on the 20th of July Ambassador Lodge indicated that it was the US position that the UN would be urged to do everything possible to keep Soviet troops out of the Congo.

Then on the 22nd of July Lumumba signed a 50-year contract with CINCO, a large American resources company. But that contract was disavowed by the finance minister of the Congo the following day, on the 26th of July -- I am sorry, it was disavowed on the 26th of July, which wasn't the following day. And it was in that setting that Lumumba then came to Washington.