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came. We hoped to see him and see what we could do to come to better understanding with him.

Mr. Baron. So that after he departed from the US you and others at a high level in the State Department were extremely concerned about this man continuing in a position in the Congo?

Mr. Baron. Why did he strike you as being impossible to deal with in any way?

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Mr. Dillon. Well, what I really recall was the impression he made rather than the individual things he said. When he was in the State Department meeting, either with me or with the Secretary in my presence, he spoke in a manner that seemed almost messianic in quality. And he would never look you in the eye. He looked up at the sky. And a tremendous flow of words came out. He spoke in French, and he spoke it very fluently. And his words didn't ever have any relation to the particular things that we wanted to discuss. And it was just like ships passing in the night. You had a feeling that he was a person that was gripped by this fervor that I can only characterize as messianic. And he was just not a rational being.

Mr. Baron. When we talked earlier I believe you characterized his personal power almost as psychotic, is that right?

Mr. Dillon. That is right.