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getting at that time from the CIA Chief of Station and the US Ambassador?

Mr. Baron. Aside from the recent visit of Lumumba and the personal impression that he had made upon yourself and the Secretary of State, there were other reasons, were there not, to have a sense of urgency about removing him?

Mr. Dillon. Well, we would have been getting whatever reports the US Ambassador sent, the reports from the Chief of Station would go to the CIA, and we would not get those except in the edited form that the CIA would give them to us.

Mr. Dillon. There were all sorts of difficulties that I

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Mr. Baron. Did you receive urgings from the US Ambassador from the CIA as a result of their briefings from the Chief of Station in the Congo to undertake political action in the Congo toward removing Lumumba from a position of power due to reports that Lumumba was heavily influenced by the Soviets?

Mr. Dillon. I do know that he was supposedly influenced by the Soviets. But my impression of seeing him was that he certainly wasn't controlled by them or anyone else, he was so far gone himself that nobody could rely on him as an individual. I don't recall any particular urgings from the Ambassador, although I think they would have been natural, because this was a very difficult situation, and he was there, and if he had been not warning against something, that would have been very unusual.