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Mr. Baron. Do you have any independent recollection of being made aware of this meeting?

Mr. Baron. Are you aware that in early September Soviet planes and Soviet trucks had gone to Stanleyville?

Mr. Dillon. No, I do not.

Mr. Dillon. If you tell me that is the case, I think it does refresh my memory, because I do know -- I do remember that we were very concerned about that sort of action by the Soviets.

Mr. Baron. Is this consonant with your understanding of the policy at the highest levels of the American Government toward Lumumba at this time?

Mr. Baron. And were you aware that Stanleyville was the

Mr. Dillon. It fits in with what I understood was the general policy that we were very concerned with.

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Mr. Baron. Do you recall that at this period of time, in early September, Lumumba had just been deposed, and there was a struggle going on between Lumumba and Kasavubu for power which culminated in a coup on September 14th by Mobutu and on the 13th of September Lumumba entered the protective custody of the United Nations forces in Leopoldville, do you recall that chain of events?

Mr. Dillon. No. I knew that at some point there was a change in government. I don't recall the detail of it at this time.