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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*  
SUBJECT: Mobutu's Security Needs

Mobutu Visit. In line with your instructions I met with Mobutu privately to discuss his security needs. He stressed the need for quick action on two things: his desire to buy 3 C-130's, and his need for maritime patrol craft on Lake Tanganyika. In Mobutu's presence, I charged Marshall Wright of my staff with the task of working out both problems prior to Mobutu's departure from the United States on the 15th.

We delivered to Mobutu before his departure from Washington this morning a Letter of Authorization for the purchase of 3 C-130's, with the Department of Defense acting as Mobutu's purchasing agent. As evidence of your personal concern, we waived the normal charge for DOD administrative services. This will save Mobutu \$320,000. Mobutu need only sign the letter to get everything moving.

Mobutu left his naval aide behind to work with us on the boat problem. We are going full steam ahead, and will present a package to Mobutu before he leaves the United States. \* \* \*

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By *RLS* Date *3-12-87*

\* Mobutu signed en route to San Francisco and they are being carried back by plane  
\*\* Presented in New York Sunday night - August 9

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