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 To/A: The Danish Immigration Service
 Attention Mr. Jan Olsen

 From/De: Karin Davin,
 Protection Assistant

Date: 26 September 2002

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 Subject: IC Mr [REDACTED] Democratic Republic of
 Congo.

Dear Mr Olsen,

Reference is made to your request for information dated 25 March 2002, concerning the above named individual (your case no 1-59-[REDACTED]).

We have been informed by UNHCR Kampala that indeed Mr [REDACTED] is known to UNHCR Kampala, according to their records he was issued with a UNHCR document referenced [REDACTED] and recognised prima facie like all other refugees from DRC, under the OAU Convention.

Centre Bondeko is a residential facility known to BO Kampala but has no affiliation to UNHCR. It is run by a certain Pere Michel (refugee) who claims to be a catholic priest, though disputed.

UNHCR has never received any report of members of the Ugandan army attacking Center Bondeko. According to Pere Michel the center has never been attacked.

Refugees do not have a right to vote in Uganda. During the presidential election in 2001 UNHCR issued several press releases cautioning refugees to abstain from participating in the electoral process.

There are no reported cases of refoulement by Government of Uganda though it made a reservation on Art 33.



Generally Uganda is a safe country for Congolese refugees irrespective of Uganda's participation in the ongoing conflict in DRC. That notwithstanding persons who are critical of the various rebel groups cannot be said to be wholly safe in Uganda as the rebels are ubiquitous in Kampala.

The issue of readmission of Mr [REDACTED] in Uganda would have to be discussed bilaterally with the Ugandan authorities. To UNHCR's knowledge, the Government of Uganda is normally reluctant to accept persons who have left the country on their own accord alleging insecurity.

We regret the delay in answering you and hope that the above will be of assistance.
Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kam De", written over the word "Regards,".