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NGUZ a Karl-i-Bond
(Phonetic: enGOOZ)

ZAIRE

*Ambassador to the United States
(since September 1986)*

Addressed as: Mr. Ambassador



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The assignment to Washington of Nguz a Karl-i-Bond, once Zaire's most prominent exiled dissident, [Redacted]

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Nguz, a capable and experienced diplomat, will be an active and persuasive advocate, despite his previous opposition to the regime of President Mobutu Sese Seko (which he argues was meant as constructive criticism of institutions rather than a personal attack). Nguz and Mobutu had a highly publicized reconciliation in June 1985, but Nguz probably remains politically vulnerable.

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Nguz holds a B.A. degree in political science from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. During 1966-70 he served at the Permanent Mission to the UN, and he was subsequently assigned as Permanent Representative to the UN European Office in Geneva. He has held the Foreign Affairs portfolio three times (1972-74, 1976-77, and 1979-80). His career was interrupted in 1977 when he was charged with treason for allegedly concealing information about the invasion of the Shaba region earlier that year. He was tried and sentenced to death, but—under international pressure—Mobutu commuted his sentence to life imprisonment and later pardoned him. Nguz was named First State Commissioner (Prime Minister) in August 1980 and held that position until political differences with Mobutu drove him into exile in April 1981. From then until 1985 he was a harsh critic of the Mobutu government, drawing international attention with his charges of high-level corruption, financial mismanagement, and human rights abuses. [Redacted]

Nguz, 48, [Redacted] is the author of several books; his most recent, *Un Avenir pour le Zaire*, examines political, economic, and social institutions. Born in Shaba Province, Nguz is a nephew of the late Prime Minister (1964-65) Moise Tshombe. [Redacted] In addition to several tribal languages, he speaks French, English, and some Flemish. Married twice, he has eight children. [Redacted]

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