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Clarifications (17 October 2012)

1. Para.19 of the moot problem says “He appointed Colonel C. Jones, Minister of Defence and Chief of the Armed Forces as Executive Vice-Chairman of the Council”. This sentence is about the appointment of Executive Vice-Chairman of NCC. At first we interpreted it that the Katoland president appointed Colonel Jones, Minister of Defence and Chief of the Armed Forces, as Executive Vice-Chairman of the Council. But we found the sentence can also be interpreted that the Katoland president appointed THREE PERSONS, namely Colonel C. Jones, Minister of Defence and Chief of the Armed Forces as Executive Vice-Chairman of the Council. Which of these two interpretations should we adopt as the right interpretation of the sentence in para.19 of the moot problem?

Colonel Jones was appointed Executive Vice-Chairman of the Council. Colonel Jones is also the Minister of Defence and the Chief of the Armed Forces.

2. In the present case, specifically, what mission did “liaison officers” in para.25 of the moot problem engage in?

A liaison officer is usually a person that liaises between two organizations to communicate and coordinate their respective activities. They work to achieve mutual understanding or unity of effort. They may also serve as the primary points of contact between the agencies regarding a particular situation or issue.

3. In the present case, specifically, what kind of authority are “the authorities” in para.31 of the moot problem?

Not specifically defined. It can be inferred that the agencies or authorities that are detaining the persons are the ones that are meant here.

4. Para.31 says “The NCC did not condone wilful ill-treatment”, “Allegations of such treatment would be investigated in due time”, and “The authorities were taking all necessary steps to ensure adequate conditions of detention”.

Who did order or lead these measures taken for the treatments against people in Argus and Corti in the present case?

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Not specifically defined, but can be generally inferred from the facts.

5. Who is “the central command” in para.34 of the moot problem? Is it Colonel Jones?

Paragraph 34 refers to instructions issued for the armed forces. It could thus be read “KAF Central Command”. Colonel Jones is Chief of the Armed Forces.