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Field No.
68**Provenience:** West Africa, People's Republic of the Congo, Kivu Province**People or Culture:** Bembe**Object:** HELMET MASK (ALUNGA)**Material:** Wood, raffia, camwood stain, kaolin paint, animal tail, cord**Description:** Wooden helmet mask, janus faced, lozenge shaped eyes painted red and white, hollow centered, circular, protruding pupils. Round, open mouth below eyes above sawtooth incised border. Raffia fringe attached to bottom of border. Curving, pointed horns with animal tail tied between with cord making carrying loop. Used by Alunga secret society. (over)

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Dimensions: H: 36.3 W: Approx. 30.0 D: Approx. 25.0
(in cm.)

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Collection:Gift of Dr. ^M and Mrs. Robert Strotz, 12/15/76.
Collector, Michael J. Strotz, 1972-1976.

(See Cat. Notes for Ref.)

(Collected by Michael Strotz, donor's
son, in 1973?)