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Katzins confidential letter of December 31 received on my return from Middleeast. While I will answer the other items by letter, I want to give you now my ideas on the Gibson Parker succession as Kemoullaria told me before leaving Geneva that he will take up matter with SecGen in Madrid day after tomorrow. Although I should like to have Kemoullaria as head of Information Department here, I have to make a firm reservation as regards his nationality. As a matter of fact if this nomination would come through all my direct collaborators with the rank of Director (Palthey, Coidan and Kemoullaria) would be French not counting Dollinger who will soon replace Milhaud. Am afraid this situation would invite serious criticism. The fact that the Local Press may be considered in the political field as more French than Swiss anyway, adds to my hesitation to accept a Frenchman as head of our Information Service. Have indicated the above reservation to Kemoullaria.