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Lindt, Auguste (Dr., High Commissioner
for Refugees, Geneva)

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Dr. Auguste Lindt,
High Commissioner for Refugees,
Hicomref, Geneva

URGENT

Were
~~Were~~ HCR¹ representatives in Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef, place yesterday's incident? *in Tunisia*

If so, I would appreciate you transmitting to me what they may report. I have
addressed similar *request* ~~query~~ to International Red Cross.

Hammaraskjöld

Secretary-General

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, GENEVA
FROM: SEGGEN
DATE: 15 MARCH 1958
NO:

Spokesman for the Delegates cooperating in the so-called Afro/Asian Group have approached me and said that they and their colleagues would hope that I would draw your attention to new groups of refugees arriving from Algeria into Tunisia. I have replied that I could do so but only "officieusement" as you are autonomous in the interpretation of your mandate. However, I also mentioned that such contact would be in line with the one we had in similar circumstances last summer; the approach from the members of the group was also this time obviously made on the initiative of the Tunisian Ambassador.

INCOMING CODE CABLE

TO: SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM: LINDT, GENEVA
DATE: 18 MARCH 1958, 1144 EST.
NUMBER: UNGVA 485.

Your cable 420. Tunisian Foreign Minister approached me by letter dated 4 March 1958 on same subject. A member of my office is at present investigating situation in Tunisia. I shall keep you informed.

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COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES



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CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dag,

As I have already informed you, I recently sent to Tunisia a member of my staff, Mr. Assad Sadry, who had the opportunity to review with the Tunisian Secretary for Foreign Affairs the problem raised by the arrival of new refugees from Algeria in that country.

From the information he was able to collect, it is believed that the number of Algerian refugees who have arrived in Tunisia so far may be estimated at 60-65,000. This figure corresponds to the number mentioned by the League of Red Cross Societies in their last press release and includes the 3,200 refugees who arrived after the announcement by the French military authorities of the creation of a no-man's land along the Tunisian border. This creation of a no-man's land causes some anxiety to the Tunisian Government which fears that this will lead to an increased influx of refugees.

At present my delegate's impression is that the material aid received from various countries through my Office and in response to the joint appeal of the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross, together with the recent United States aid, may cover the most essential needs of these refugees until next winter. Mr. Sadry satisfied himself that adequate arrangements had been made by the International Committee of the Red Cross for the distribution of the aid given through my Office to these refugees. The Tunisian Secretary for Foreign Affairs expressed gratitude for this very helpful contribution, which had greatly alleviated the distress, in the most difficult winter period before other supplies had arrived.

I shall not fail to pass on to you any further information I receive on the developments of this problem in Tunisia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. R. Lindt".

A.R. Lindt
United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees

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Secretary-General of the United
Nations Organization,
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