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Notes on Sec. Gen. — Sir Pierson Dixon meeting.

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I showed Sir Pierson Dixon Unogil 386 as a warning against new statements regarding increase of infiltration in the last few days. I pointed out that the cable, obviously, was a reaction to Lodge's statement of yesterday.

Dixon was irritated and said that he had other information. I asked him about the source, which he said he could not reveal. I then asked him if the source was Syrian, that he denied. He finally said that he knew about a convoy of 40 trucks coming in North of Tripoli - and that he knew it from Azkoul.

I replied that I found this highly significant, as Azkoul certainly had it from the US Delegation - that was the only possible source in this case - and that I recognised the information. It came ultimately from me to the US Delegation, but when I gave it to them on Monday, it was with the definite indication that this was part of observations which the Group had to evaluate. I had a feeling that step by step the Group had grown increasingly hesitant about the true significance of their findings. Under such circumstances I could not give much for the basis Dixon had had for what he had said.

Dixon complained that neither I nor the Group had gone into the activities of the Egyptian military attaché in Beirut. I said that I felt that it was proper for the Lebanese Government to do something and that this was entirely within their sphere of competence. Dixon knew very well that ~~they had taken~~ they had not taken any steps within the normal range of diplomatic procedure

to take care of the specific problem to which he referred. I added that I felt that he should understand that neither I nor the Group want to get involved in <sup>the</sup> ~~scull. duggery.~~ of Middle Eastern diplomacy. For his personal information and on the strict promise that he would not report it to London, I then gave him as an example Malik's declaration to me concerning the service that he would like to see me render him in relation to Cairo (see special memorandum by Bunche of last Tuesday).