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Mr. Hammarskjöld

For your information.

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Following a private conversation today with Mr. Mohamed Yezid, Minister of Information in the Provisional Algerian Government, the following points may be worth noting:

- (a) The Arab States in the First Committee will only press for a hearing of the Provisional Algerian Government if they can secure in advance enough votes in the Committee to support this demand. At present, the Arab Sub-Committee on Algeria, which is composed of Iraq, Sudan, United Arab Republic, Tunisia, and the Provisional Algerian Government, is engaged in talks with the other members of the Afro-Asian group, with a view to deciding on this particular issue.
- (b) Arab delegates in the Committee are likely to bring in the role of the U.N. Secretary-General in any form or substance of a resolution passed by the Committee on the Algerian problem. As a matter of fact, Mr. Ferhat Abbas, the Prime Minister of the Algerian Provisional Government, has been referring constantly in his recent public statements to the role that should be assumed by the United Nations in initiating talks between the Provisional Algerian Government and the French Government.
- (c) The Provisional Algerian Government will accept any new offer for negotiation made by General de Gaulle after the result of next Sunday's elections, provided the whole aspect of the Algerian problem is discussed and in a neutral country.
- (d) The possibility remains, however, that in case the French Government were to persist in not implementing any U.N. resolution on Algeria, Tunisia, as a Member of the Security Council, would raise this issue before it, since it was she who already brought up the Algerian aspect in her complaint against France in the Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef incident last year.