

amendments (along the lines hinted at by Lall and Loufi) which might make it acceptable to the French.

2. We also think for many reasons, including those referred to in paragraph 6 of your telegram 2677, that some reference should be made to discussions (implicit in the Tunisian-Moroccan offer of good offices) as a means to bring about at least a cease-fire. While we realize that the French have rejected the Tunisian-Moroccan offer as a means of seeking a settlement between France and the Algerian nationalists, it is our impression that they might not reject Tunisian and Moroccan assistance in bringing about a cease-fire.

3. If the opportunity is still open to you we would suggest that you approach the French informally to see whether they would be prepared to accept the Arab-Asian draft resolution from which reference to self-determination had been deleted and the last part of which had been amended to read along the following lines: "Expresses the hope that discussions will take place to bring about an early cessation of hostilities and the creation of conditions in which a solution can be found in accordance with the purposes and principles of the charter of the U.N." If it appears that the French could accept such a modified version of the Arab-Asian draft resolution, you might then give it informally to one of your friends in the Arab-Asian group as a modification of their original draft which we could support and which we think might be generally acceptable.

4. As regards your position vis-à-vis the Japanese and Iranians we wonder whether you could not perhaps seek their support in the attempt to have the Arab-Asians modify their draft resolution once you have ascertained that the French would accept a modified version.

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ALGERIA

In this telegram we can do little more than summarize briefly the developments behind the scenes during the past two days which have been both rapid and confused. The telegram will serve to confirm and complete our reports by phone on this subject.

2. The main activity has been to find language for a draft resolution which the French could acquiesce in even though they could not accept it. The assumption has been that the French delegation would not participate either in the debate or in the voting on resolutions. Because of the moderation in the African-Asian approach this year we have been trying to find a formula for improving their text from the point of view of France. As matters stand tonight, we have not succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation of the opposing views