

(3) *Provision of Educational Equipment and Materials*

A variety of proposals were received during 1961-62 for assistance by providing educational equipment and building materials for educational purposes. A serious difficulty with this type of assistance is that many of the items required cannot be manufactured in Canada with a satisfactory Canadian content, and are therefore excluded. Moreover many items in this class are relatively expensive and the limited funds available would not go very far if they were devoted to this purpose. It would seem therefore, that this type of assistance might be placed low on our priority list but that requests which seem to have exceptional merit should be given consideration if they can be met.

6. After definite proposals for the programme's operation during the 1962-63 fiscal year have been formulated, they will of course be submitted to you for approval.

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*Note du chef de la Direction de l'Afrique et du Moyen-Orient  
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État suppléant aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Head, African and Middle Eastern Division,  
to Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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AID TO FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA

Attached is the background memorandum on "Aid to French-Speaking Africa" revised in accordance with your instructions passed to us by Information Division. The revision affects only pages 4 and 5 where we have given added emphasis to the growing number of states eligible under the present programme, and particularly to the early emergence of Algeria as an independent state, and where greater stress is put upon the connection between this question and the problems of Canadian national unity and Franco-Canadian relations.

2. The External Aid Office declined at this time to comment on the background memorandum because of the absence of Mr. Moran. We pointed out that Mr. Moran had already agreed to the shorter paper, sent by telegram to the Minister in Geneva,† and that he understood (according to his letter of March 16 to you†) that the longer paper was but a more detailed presentation of the shorter paper. Nevertheless, the External Aid Office preferred to withhold comment, apparently with the intention of reopening the whole question of increased aid to French-speaking Africa with Mr. Moran, when he arrives in Ottawa April 6.

3. Also attached is a covering memorandum for the Minister. After referring to the exchange of telegrams during his stay in Geneva,† we have attempted to put the background memorandum in its proper context. We have explained (mostly in Mr. Moran's own words to you in his letter of March 16) the reasons why the programme of aid to French-speaking Africa lacked effectiveness during its first year of operation. Thereafter, we have pointed out that there is good reason to expect that many of the difficulties encountered will disappear with the imminent establishment of direct diplomatic relations with all but two of the countries eligible to benefit by this programme.