

Arab-Asian resolution in such a way as to make it less objectionable to the French.¹³ I would also assume that the Minister does not want us to vote against the present text of the Arab-Asian resolution, since he was careful not to make any commitment to Mr. Lacoste in this sense.

7. If our proposed amendment goes through, and on the assumption that the French will acquiesce in it, though without enthusiasm, then presumably we shall have to vote in favour of the amended Arab-Asian resolution. If the proposed amendment fails, then we can readily justify an abstention on the original text, at least in the eyes of the Afro-Asians, though we would still not be satisfying the French.

8. I telephoned Mr. Holmes later to tell him how the interview had gone. I also conveyed, at his request, my impression as to the views of our own Minister as set forth in paragraph 6 above.

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*Le chef de la délégation à l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chairman, Delegation to United Nations General Assembly,
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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1. We omitted to mention in our telegram 2712 an important link in the process of evolving the texts which eventually emerged as amendments to the African-Asian draft resolution. Following is the text suggested by Pineau for the operative paragraphs of that resolution (apparently he was not too concerned about the fourth preambular paragraph concerning "the principle of self-determination" although he did prefer the formulation contained in our amendment): "Desires that the cessation of hostilities should promote in a democratic way a solution in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter: desires discussions to that end." You will readily appreciate why this text would not have been acceptable to the African-Asians and, in fact, Lall considered it unwise to present it to them. However, Pineau's suggestions began the train of thought which ultimately led to the operative paragraph in our amendments.

2. Yesterday morning (December 6) Engen again discussed with Pineau the amendments and our intentions to submit them in the Committee. Pineau was agreeable to this and he suggested some wording for the French translation (a suggestion which later led to consid-

¹³ Note marginale :/Marginal note:

Later, the Minister confirmed to me (1:00 pm today) that he was prepared to have Nesbitt work for such a compromise. A.J. P[ick]