

debate, our Delegation feel that it would be very difficult to vote against this resolution, which is clearly what the French would hope we would do. They are disposed to endeavour to have it amended. If it is put to a vote as it stands, the Delegation has in mind to abstain.

3. Our Delegation has been consulting actively with the Norwegian and the American Delegations. Norway, Denmark and Iceland will certainly not vote in favour of this resolution. They will probably abstain and are not likely to actually vote against it. As a result of our talks with the Americans and the Norwegians, we have in mind encouraging some other country to propose the amendment of the final operative paragraph to read as follows:

“Proposes effective discussion for the purpose both of resolving the present troubled situation and of reaching a solution in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter”.

The phrase “troubled situation” is intentionally vague to provide for the calling of a cease fire and is so worded in the hope that it might be acceptable to the French.

4. We understand that a resolution is to be submitted in the name of certain Latin American countries, though actually the handiwork of the French themselves. This would in substance repeat the resolution adopted by the Assembly last February which expressed “the hope that in a spirit of co-operation, a peaceful, democratic and just solution will be found, through appropriate means, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.”

5. Since the above was dictated, we have learned from the French Embassy that you will be pressed to instruct our Delegation to vote against the Afro-Asian resolution rather than abstain. The French fear that if this resolution is put to the vote first, it will be adopted because a number of countries will abstain; and, therefore, there will be no opportunity to pass upon the Latin American resolution.

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*Note de la Direction européenne
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*Memorandum from European Division
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ALGERIA

The Minister received the French Ambassador yesterday afternoon just before six o'clock in an interview that lasted about twenty minutes. Before Mr. Lacoste came in, Mr. Smith was able to read our memorandum prepared earlier in the afternoon, and I was able to add to it some points I had received by telephone from Mr. Holmes and from Mr. Nesbitt.

¹² Note marginale :/Marginal note:
Mr. Léger — see esp. para. 6. [A.J. Pick]