

1. In past it has been US policy in accordance traditional practice towards dissident political groups receive in Department FLN representatives in response their request but to limit such calls to working level. On each occasion French Embassy informed Certain US missions abroad have had discreet contacts with this group but also at working level.

2. Foregoing practice should continue to be adhered to re limiting contacts with FLN US representatives should particularly bear in mind increased French sensitivity on subject as result creation "Government in Exile" It is realized contacts with FLN representatives in certain countries who have recognized this group may be unavoidable from time to time. In addition contacts at working level USUN would also seem unavoidable. However you should show necessary discretion in order prevent embarrassment US-French relations.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> French Embassy officials discussed US-FLN contacts with Department of State officials September 22 and 23 (Telegrams 999 to Paris, September 22, and 1013 to Paris, September 23, *ibid.*, 7515 00/9-2258 and 7515 00/9-2358, respectively) On September 27, the Department forwarded to the White House a translation of a letter to President Eisenhower from the President of the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic and recommended the letter not be acknowledged. (Eisenhower Library, Whitman File, International File)

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### 283. Editorial Note

During an October 17 conversation with Secretary Dulles, Ambassador Alphand stated that the French Government hoped the United States would deny visas and access to US facilities to FLN members who wished to enter the United States to carry out propaganda. The British, Italian, and German Governments, he observed, had restricted FLN activities in their countries, while the United Nations had not permitted FLN delegates to sit with the other delegations

Dulles replied that the United States would cooperate as far as possible, but noted that US laws in this area were "quite liberal" [4 lines of text not declassified] (Memorandum of conversation, Department of State, Secretary's Memoranda of Conversation Lot 64 D 199)

On October 21, the Department of State informed missions in Europe, North Africa, and at the United Nations that Algerian nationalists not "otherwise excludable" from the United States would be granted visas on a case-by-case basis. Posts were to submit all such