(8) AF strongly believes that whatever the French do we must remain free to determine in light of our own interests what tactics offer the least likelihood of compromising our objectives throughout the world In any event, it would appear that our minimum position should be abstention on a resolution similar to last year's [3]

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[3] Ivan B White stated in an August 21 memorandum to Murphy that EUR disagreed with several of Satterthwaite's conclusions He recommended postponing a final decision on the U S position until after Eisenhower's meeting with De Gaulle, but noted that EUR currently favored voting against any resolution calling for Algerian independence White also recommended against voting for a "mild" resolution and against encouraging the French not to participate in the debate on Algeria, and noted that EUR was not convinced the United States should vote for inscription of Algeria on the agenda (Ibid, Central Files, 751S 00/8-2159)

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296. Editorial Note

At its 417th meeting on August 18, the National Security Council considered NSC 5910, "U S. Policy on France." This review included substantial discussion of Algeria. The section of the memorandum of discussion at the meeting covering this item is scheduled for publication in volume VII A copy of NSC 5910, August 3, is in Department of State, OCB Files. Lot 61 D 385, France. The NSC discussion of Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria is printed as Document 357.

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297.   Memorandum of a Conference With the President, White House, Washington, August 21, 1959, 2-2:50 p.m. [1]

OTHERS PRESENT

Secretary Herter, Secretary Murphy Secretary Merchant, Mr Ivan White, General Goodpaster, Major Eisenhower

[Here follows discussion of Khrushchev's impending visit to the United States, President Eisenhower's upcoming trip to Europe, Adenauer and Germany, and Berlin]

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[1] Source Eisenhower Library, Whitman File, Eisenhower Diaries Secret Drafted by Goodpaster on August 24 The time of the meeting is taken from Eisenhower's Appointment Book (Ibid President's Daily Appointments)