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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1958 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF TUNISIA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you, for the purpose of transmission to the President of the Security Council and for the Council's information, of the following facts:

Yesterday, 19 February, at 6 p.m., the French forces stationed at Remada (South Tunisia) left their installations and laid siege to the village. They penetrated to the very centre of the village and invaded the Delegation's headquarters and the National Guard station, where they seized the Delegate and two national guards who were taken to the French military quarters where they were still being held this morning.

No details are available, as communications were interrupted during the night as a result of this raid.

The Tunisian Government considers the incident, particularly the violation of administrative quarters and the carrying off of Tunisian officials, as extremely serious.

May I draw your attention to the particularly serious nature of such incidents, which have occurred at a moment when the Tunisian Government has clearly shown that it was prepared to agree to all measures which would reduce tension while offers of good offices were being made.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Mongi Slim

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