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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1961 FROM THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of the Secretary-General, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the text of a telegram addressed to the Secretary-General on 24 July 1961 by the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) H.A. Wieschhoff  
Director

Department of Political and  
Security Council Affairs

Telegram dated 24 July 1961 from the Secretary-General  
of the League of Arab States to the Secretary-General  
of the United Nations

HAVE HONOUR INFORM YOU COUNCIL ARAB LEAGUE, MEETING IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, HAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FRENCH ATTACK ON TUNISIA WHICH PLEASE COMMUNICATE TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND MEMBERS UNITED NATIONS.

AT REQUEST GOVERNMENT TUNISIAN REPUBLIC, COUNCIL LEAGUE ARAB STATES, AT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD 24 JULY 1961, CONSIDERED QUESTION FRENCH ATTACK ON TUNISIA AND TOOK NOTE OF STATEMENTS MADE BY HEAD OF TUNISIAN DELEGATION AND BY HEADS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. COUNCIL VIGOROUSLY DEMONSTRATES UNJUST FRENCH ATTACK ON TUNISIA AND VIOLATION TUNISIAN TERRITORY BY FRENCH TROOPS, WHICH HAVE EMBARKED ON WAR OF EXTERMINATION ON UNARMED TUNISIAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING OLD PEOPLE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HAVE SET FIRE TO VILLAGES AND HOUSES AND KILLED PRISONERS AND UNARMED POPULATION, IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION WITH UNDERTAKINGS ENTERED INTO BY FRANCE IN INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND INSTRUMENTS PROHIBITING ACTS OF EXTERMINATION, INCLUDING GENEVA CONVENTION OF 12 AUGUST 1949 WHICH PROVIDES THAT CIVILIAN PERSONS SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM DANGERS OF WAR. SIMILARLY UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. COUNCIL ALSO DENOUNCES FRANCE'S OBSTINATE REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL'S APPEAL FOR CEASE FIRE THOUGH TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLIED. COUNCIL THEREFORE DECIDES:

FIRSTLY, WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO SUPPORT TUNISIA AND TO HELP IT BY EVERY MEANS TO CLEAR ITS TERRITORY OF FRENCH TROOPS;

SECONDLY, TO DISPATCH FIRST CONTINGENT ARAB VOLUNTEERS TO TUNISIA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND FORM OTHER CONTINGENTS TO BE SENT THERE SUCCESSIVELY;

THIRDLY, TO DISPATCH ARAB MEDICAL MISSIONS AND OFFER IMMEDIATELY EVERY KIND OF ASSISTANCE AND HELP TO WOUNDED AND VICTIMS;

FOURTHLY, TO AFFORD TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MATERIAL AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS NECESSITATED BY SITUATION;

FIFTHLY, TO PURSUE QUESTION IN UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES UNTIL ALL FRENCH FORCES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM TUNISIAN TERRITORY;

SIXTHLY, TO SET UP A COMMITTEE WITHIN LEAGUE, TO BE CONVENED BY  
SECRETARY-GENERAL, COMPRISING DELEGATES OF TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC,  
UNITED KINGDOM OF LIBYA AND KINGDOM OF MAGHREB, TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENT OF QUESTION  
AND ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL OF LEAGUE ON THE SUBJECT.

HAVE HONOUR, ETC.

ABDEL KHALEK HASSOUNA  
SECRETARY-GENERAL LEAGUE ARAB STATES

