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The Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration
to the Commissioner, French Supply Council

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DEAR MR. MONNET:

It is vital in the joint interests of the United States and France, as well as of the United Nations, that essential civilian supplies be procured as soon as is practicable for use in Metropolitan France.

We, therefore, propose that the French Committee of National Liberation advise the Foreign Economic Administration and the Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration of the vital civilian supplies which it will require for use in Metropolitan France.

The Foreign Economic Administration will undertake, within the limits of the strategic and supply situation, to procure essential civilian supplies, requested by the French Committee of National Liberation, in accordance with defined requirements programs, and hold them in its general stocks until delivery.

The Foreign Economic Administration may, whenever it determines that the necessities of war or liberation so require, make withdrawals from such stocks. To the extent that supplies procured by the Foreign Economic Administration are not the subject of such emergency withdrawals but are received by the French Committee, payment therefor will be made in dollars, with the understanding, however, that all payments made or to be made for supplies received by the French Committee of National Liberation are to be subject to such arrangements for payment and for the receipt of reciprocal aid as may be finally determined upon in the pending lend-lease agreement, or any amendments thereof, between French and United States representatives with respect to supplies for Metropolitan France.

In order to facilitate payment for any supplies requested by the French Committee hereunder and subsequently received by the Committee from the

¹ See also lend-lease settlement agreements of May 28, 1946 (TIAS 1928, *post*, p. 1126); Feb. 27, 1948 (TIAS 1930, *post*, p. 1245); Mar. 14, 1949 (TIAS 1935 and 1936, *post*, pp. 1300 and 1304); and Jan. 30, 1958 (9 UST 67; TIAS 3979).