

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO, ALGERIA, AND TUNISIA

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in compliance with instructions from its Government has the honor to convey the following:

1. During August and September of this year, a Special Economic Mission, under the chairmanship of Ambassador William S. Culbertson, visited Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia in order to study the desirability and feasibility of bringing about the resumption of more normal commercial relationships between the United States and those areas. The Secretary of State recently requested Ambassador Culbertson to proceed to Paris in order to assist the American Ambassador in presenting to the Provisional Government of the French Republic certain views of the American Government based upon the report of the Special Economic Mission.

2. Complete import supply programs for Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and French West Africa during 1945 have been agreed upon and presented with the endorsement of the French authorities. Applications for allocations of supplies and shipping are now in process. In view of this progress and the present availability of dollar exchange to the French Provisional Government, the American Government feels that dollar exchange should be provided on a current basis by the French authorities. Accordingly, the American Government feels warranted in the decision that it has reached that no such civilian supply purchases for French North and West Africa will be made through the Lend-Lease facilities of the Foreign Economic Administration under the cash reimbursable procedure after January 1, 1945, without payment in dollars on delivery.