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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1957 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter of 25 October 1956 from my predecessor to the then President of the Security Council, and to the documents annexed thereto, I have the honour to send you herewith a Memorandum supplementing the preliminary information furnished by the French delegation in connexion with its complaint of "military assistance rendered by the Egyptian Government to the rebels in Algeria".

I should be grateful if you would communicate this Memorandum and its annexes\* to the members of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) G. Georges-Picot  
Ambassador and Permanent  
Representative

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\* Photostats of these annexes are available to Member States in the United Nations Library (Reference No. L/217).

MEMORANDUM

The French delegation deems it its duty to supply further and more specific data in addition to those furnished to the members of the Security Council in the Memorandum of 25 October 1956 concerning the cargo of arms carried in the yacht "Athos" alias "Saint Briavels".

1. The brief inventory annexed to the Memorandum in question should be replaced by the following:

British rifles, 7.7 (303 calibre), including 1,991 with bayonet and sheath	1,995
Herstal rifles, 7.92, with grenade attachment	20
Long German Mausers, 7.92	4
Short German Mausers, 7.92	1
Rifles of unknown origin, 7.92	190
Rifles of unknown origin, 7.7	28
Italian carbines, 6.5	12
Italian rifles, magazine type, 6.5	9
Italian rifles with attached bayonet, magazine type, 6.5	15 (7 without bayonet)
Short Italian rifles, 6.5	3
Long Italian rifles, 6.5	25
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Total number of rifles: 2,302

Beretta automatic pistols, 9mm (Accessories: 63 sword-bayonets for Beretta automatic pistols; 238 40-cartridge magazines; 260 20-cartridge magazines:	247
British mortars, 3-inch	12
British mortars, 2-inch (with accessories)	65
Bren automatic rifles	50
Kulomet automatic rifles, 7.92	24
M.G. 34 light machine guns, 7.92	33
Vickers machine guns, 7.7	6
Miscellaneous accessories for the above arms	
<u>Ammunition:</u>	
Complete rounds for 3-inch mortar	967
Percussion fuses ditto	967
Ignition cartridges, 12 calibre	967
Complete rounds for 2-inch mortar	996
Percussion fuses ditto	996
Propellent cartridges ditto	996
Tail fins ditto	996
Miscellaneous accessories ditto	
Cartridges for small arms of various calibre (including 62, 152 incendiary cartridges, 7.7, 303 calibre)	615,000
Grenades of various types	2,000 (approx.)

An itemized list of this material, including the serial numbers of arms and specifications of the ammunition is annexed.

2. Expert examination of the 1,995 British make 7.7 rifles (303 calibre) shows that:
- 701 are stamped with the British crown and were manufactured before 1952;
  - 331 have no special distinguishing marks apart from their serial number;
  - 963 bear the coat of arms of the Indian Army and were manufactured between 1950 and 1955 in Indian arms factories, especially the Royal Factory at Ishapore.

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3. The fifty Bren automatic rifles are also marked with the Indian Army coat of arms and the maker's identification mark indicating that they were made in the Small Arms Factory at Ishapore in 1954, 1955 and 1956.
4. The maker's identification marks and serial numbers of the Kulomet automatic rifles (Czech type) have been obliterated by grinding.
5. We have information indicating that the Beretta automatic pistols were ordered in Irak and Pakistan and sent from Italy through an Egyptian forwarding agent.
6. The 2 and 3-inch mortars were manufactured in the United Kingdom before 1955.
7. Some of the ammunition cases had labels and markings in Arabic. Experts state that the labels are of the type used in Egyptian arsenals.

