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Sidi Sliman 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1942.

Dear Mr. Heath,

I have not yet reached home, but do not wish to lose any time in letting you know of my conversations in Rabat. After my call at your office I went to see once again Colonel Herriot, the director of the Security and related to him my talk with Mr. Meier. He answered that he would be very glad to carry out the fresh instructions issued by the Residence. I accordingly called upon Mr. Hardion, Cabinet Civil du president, so that he might set up the liaison between the different departments, which will have to deal with the liberation of the internés. I trust that what Mr. Meier told me regarding the possibility of transferring the internés to other countries will actually come to pass as foreseen. Colonel Herriot agrees to gather the internés to be send away in Medouna and to put them at the disposal of the consulate\*. But it would be most advisable that the directors of the different offices drew up the list of their own nationals and handed over these lists to Col. Herriot,

\* in batches of 3-500 men

either themselves directly, or through  
yourself. In my view it would  
be desirable to begin by sending  
away the allied nationals and  
the Spaniards provided with the  
Mexican visas, as regards the Spaniards  
and with South American visas  
as regards these of the others who  
wish to go to South America.

Mr. Mein gave me to understand  
that the Consulate might eventually  
apply to Washington in order to  
persuade Mexico, in case any  
difficulty should occur concerning  
the date of the visas.

As I told the Presidency I consider  
it most necessary to act quickly  
in the present business.

I figure out that there are ap-  
proximately 1500 Spaniards for  
Mexico, probably 200 others for  
South America, and 300 Czechoslo-  
vakians, Yugoslavians, Belgians,  
Russians etc.

But what is now to happen to the  
Austrian and German Jews, espe-  
cially those detained in the

(300 or so) Bergen and Hénadsa camps?  
They were all volunteers in the  
Legion Etrangère. They also ought

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to leave Morocco, but where are they  
to go?

Then still remains 200 "apatrids"  
and Hungarians, Rumanians, etc  
formerly volunteers in the Legion.  
These might be brought together  
and turned into a team of workers  
attached to the American army.  
In a few days I shall leave  
Morocco bound for Switzerland  
and expect to come back for  
Christmas. My most sincere  
hope is that all these questions  
may be settled by then.  
Pending this happy solution,  
I remain with best regards

your's truly  
D. W. Wyn-Dumant.

P. S.

No sooner I have reached home  
I shall send you the printed  
forms of the Red Cross for family  
messages of 25 words. If practicable  
when sending these messages, group  
them together in batches to be  
forwarded as "Papier d'Affaires"