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APO 759

December 5, 1943

TO: Lt. Col. D. A. Reekie, Acting Chief of Mission, APO 534  
FROM: Thomas Pym Cope, APO 759  
SUBJECT: Coordination of Refugee Relief Work in Casablanca  
ATTENTION: Dr. Frechette and Mr. Kimberland

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Dr. Bengui  
came in with K&K  
& A.L. Frechette  
see over

1. Yesterday Mr. Johnson and I received the visit of a very personable Lt. (doctor) Bengui, sent from Algiers by the new Commission Inter-Commissionale du Ministere des Prisonniers, Deportes et Refugies (or something such) which is headed by M. le Ministre Frenay. — Mon-13 Dec 11AM  
15 bis Bd saint Saens -
2. Bengui came to investigate the need in Casablanca and Morocco for the coordination of refugee relief agencies, governmental and other.
3. His proposal has something (not altogether clear) to do with the reorganization of the French Red Cross, which Paul Gordon told us was under consideration some weeks ago. As the French Red Cross was the stumbling block in the way of an earlier attempt to coordinate services here, you will want to watch this angle.
4. After Bengui's visit, and thinking it well for him to carry away something precise concerning the situation as we see it here, I gave him the attached letter, putting into writing some of the things which were actually discussed in rather more forceful terms.
5. Bengui returned to Algiers this morning, promising that either he or Commandant Cartier, Vice-President of the Association des Evades de France, who is heading up all this refugee coordination for Algeria, would visit you. Cartier's address is: 1, rue du Docteur Trolard, Tel.: 397.40.
6. Bengui's plan seems to have definite possibilities from the angle of our present or past difficulties, the proposed visit to Commandant Paillole and so forth.
7. Moreover, it seems to have other important possibilities, particularly in connection with our general policy of preparing to withdraw, the proposal that we relinquish remaining relief work to the French and the AFSC (which, I understand, is under discussion), etc.
8. Because of his knowledge of the situation here and in Algiers, you will probably want Mr. Kimberland to investigate this plan immediately, before any ministerial visit here.

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