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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1956 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF  
FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN  
IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with instructions received from Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and from the French Government, we have the honour to request you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for this month, to call a meeting of the Council for Wednesday, September 26th, in order to consider the following item:

"Situation created by the unilateral action of the Egyptian Government in bringing to an end the system of international operation of the Suez Canal, which was confirmed and completed by the Suez Canal Convention of 1888".

The general nature of the situation referred to above was set out in the letter (S/3645) which was addressed to you on September 12th in accordance with instructions from our two Governments. Her Majesty's Government and the French Government consider that the time has now come when they must ask for a discussion of this situation by the Council.

We have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Pierson Dixon

The Permanent Representative of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

(Signed) Bernard Cornut-Gentile

The Permanent Representative of  
France to the United Nations

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