

Letters from the French Ambassador to the WEU Secretary-General: Council meeting on the Middle East (11 and 12 February 1969)

Caption: On 12 February 1969, the Secretary-General of Western European Union circulates two letters that it has received from the French Ambassador to the United Kingdom expressing France's disagreement with the British proposal to convene an emergency meeting on the Middle East on 14 February. The Ambassador's main arguments are that this matter has already been discussed at the ministerial meeting of 7 February and that France is maintaining close diplomatic contacts with the European states directly interested by the situation in the Mediterranean.

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Letter from the French Ambassador to the Secretary-General
dated 11th February 1969

"In reply to the request, of which you informed me, for an emergency meeting of the Council of Western European Union to discuss the Middle East on 14th February, I have the honour to inform you that the French Government cannot see that such a meeting would serve any useful purpose when the matter in question was discussed at some length on 7th February in the Council at ministerial level.

I would add that the French Government are maintaining close contacts through diplomatic channels with the representatives of the European countries directly interested in matters relating to problems affecting the Mediterranean."

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Letter from the French Ambassador to the Secretary-General
dated 12th February 1969

"By my letter of yesterday, 11th February, I advised you that the French Government could not see that a special meeting of W.E.U. to discuss the Middle East would serve any useful purpose.

As the United Kingdom have maintained their request that a meeting be convened on 14th February, I have the honour to inform you that the French Government cannot agree to the convening of this meeting, which cannot be held in the framework of W.E.U. in the absence of the French delegation."

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