

SECRET

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference G 254/6/41

General Doyen's letter is an interesting one and though it is now five months old much of what he says has been reinforced by subsequent events.

The conclusion suggested by Mr. Mack certainly appears reasonable but though I have constantly preached it at the State Department I have never found it possible to get it accepted there. They, Mr. Murphy and the majority of the members of the staff of the Embassy at Vichy, continue to think that the only way to deal with the French is to be very gentle with them and to offer them concessions and bribes.

I might ask Mr. Reber if they have a copy of this letter and, if not, give them the spare one.

*I suppose the whole question may now become academic.*

Mr. ~~Hayley~~  
Sir R. Campbell *RC*

*RB*

December 11th, 1941.

REB: EN

It has been the odd policy of the U.S.G. recently to be extremely tough with strong powers, such as Germany & Japan (at times ourselves) & to appear weak ones like Vichy and the South Americans

I agree with the action proposed

*W. Grayson*  
12/12

*Laguerre*  
14/12

~~Mr. Murphy's return~~

Mr. Reber confirmed that the S.D. had already received this letter through the U.S. Embassy at Vichy. *RB* 16/12 [OVER.]