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As a country starts to develop along these desirable lines, the President said, it can be sure of our help, the details of which should be worked out by experts. The problem involved is, however, much vaster than that of Morocco itself--it is a problem for all the newly independent countries. It is for this reason that he has urged that, by and large, economic assistance be given through the UN. He does not, however, exclude the desirability of bilateral assistance as such to Morocco. He has countries in the heart of Africa particularly in mind but even here some bilateral assistance may be necessary.

As to help given secretly, the President added, this is a little tricky but perhaps it could be done discreetly. He suggested to the Crown Prince that his needs be told more specifically in Washington to the appropriate officials of the State and Defense Departments. We recognize, he continued, that we have a special relationship with Morocco which might make discreet, indirect assistance possible, rather than openly as the other countries. This possibility would, however, have to be studied. In general, however, he wished to emphasize that the United States wishes to act openly and through the UN in rendering assistance to African countries.

The Prince thanked the President for his words of friendship to Morocco. But, he continued, to some underdeveloped countries the UN serves as a nurse maid. Morocco has passed that stage. It is indeed suitable for Morocco to receive assistance from some of the UN agencies, such as WHO or FAO, but in general in order effectively to assist progress in Morocco it should be direct. As to hidden means of aid, the Prince recalled a conversation with the President of Vietnam, who said that whenever the United States took a position with respect to aid for Vietnam, the Soviet Union took the opposite position. Therefore, the Prince suggested, the United States could perhaps extend assistance through the Germans, the Italians or the Dutch. When we ask our friends for help it is not for the purpose of aligning ourselves with one block against another, he said, but in order to put ourselves in a position of helping to maintain peace. A good government must help its country to progress. If Morocco, which is the cornerstone of Africa, can improve its lot, so the rest of Africa will improve. In this connection he mentioned the Moslem religion of Mohamed V, who, he said, because of his stature as a religious leader respected by hundreds of millions of African Moslems, has been the backbone of order and progress throughout Moslem Africa.

In reply and as he drew the interview to an end, the President said that the United States is all for helping people who help themselves. He wished the Prince to assure King Mohamed that in his efforts to improve the lot of his people he will have the sympathetic ear of the United States. The details would, however, have to be presented before the appropriate people in Washington.

The Prince then quickly mentioned the conversation which his father had held with the President in Casablanca last December and

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the plea which his father had made that the President should encourage private investment in Morocco. The Prince indicated that the President had spoken of the need for some kind of legal protection for such investments. He hoped the President would indeed encourage American private investment since his father, "who rules," can be trusted to find a way to protect the investments.

On taking his leave the Prince extended the thanks of his father, Mohamed V, for the President's warm words, following which photographs were taken of the Prince and the President. The Prince also invited the President to visit Marrakech after his retirement where, he assured the President, he would find both good golf and good hunting.

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