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Summary:

Recommendation that the GPRA closely monitor China's potential admission to the United Nations. Recognizes that the USSR's efforts to get China recognized by the UN, if successful, could lead to the normalization of Chinese-French relations, and withdrawal of Chinese support for Algerian struggle; advises Algeria to quickly create a diplomatic relationship with China to make this withdrawal more difficult.

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Among the contentious issues between the USSR and Western countries is the admission of China to the United Nations. The interest of the Chinese government in the Algerian revolution warrants that we closely follow China's foreign policy and the dispositions of Westerners toward it. It is undeniable that there is a close relationship between China's firm commitment to assist colonial countries fighting for their independence and its intransigence toward imperialist countries and the political ostracism it has been subjected to. This means that Soviet success in getting China recognized and accepted at the UN could lead to the disengagement of China from the Algerian problem. If this prospect is not obvious presently, the GPRA cannot exclude it in the future, because the only way for France to preclude further Chinese involvement in support of African countries is to normalize its relations with Beijing. Also, we should proceed to quickly appoint a Chief of Mission to Beijing and create an irreversible situation which would make more difficult the suspension of Sino-Algerian relations.