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1. At the instigation of the Lebanese Prime Minister, Riyad Sulh, President Quwwatli of Syria has approved a financial agreement between France and Syria. The agreement will be of six years duration and will be termed a "liquidation of outstanding debts."
2. While in Paris, Riyad Sulh succeeded in persuading the French Government to promise arms to Syria as an inducement to Syria to sign the financial agreement. Although the Syrian Minister of Finance, Wahbi Hariri, was opposed to this agreement, he signed it on 18 November at the request of President Quwwatli.

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