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The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice has been communicated to the Press:

On 21st June, 1951, the United States Ambassador to the Netherlands, on behalf of his Government, filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice a Preliminary Objection in the proceedings pending between the United States and the Republic of France concerning the rights of nationals of the United States in Morocco.

It is contended, in this Objection, that the French Government has failed clearly to specify, either in its Application instituting proceedings or in its Memorial, the identity of the parties in whose name and on whose behalf the case was brought. The United States Government claims to be entitled to know in advance what States would be bound by the judgment of the Court: in other words, would France be bound in its own right and capacity, or in its capacity as Protector of Morocco, or in both of these capacities?

The Preliminary Objection of the United States has been communicated to the French Government and will in due course be the subject of the usual notifications.

The Hague, June 25th, 1951.
