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SUBJECT

AMENITIES SUPPLIES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS

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29th December, 1945.

To: Mr. Morhange *7 in Parker.*

From: R. Herbert

With reference to your minute of the 19th December, you can certainly state that we are exempt from Purchase Tax: We have a regular arrangement with the Customs in regard to that.

I think also you can say that we claim exemption from import duties. This, however, is a point which I wish to confirm. I remember taking up the matter in 1944 and I am in some doubt as to where finally it rested. I will, therefore, let you know later; but meanwhile if you need to reply to Brussels, I think you can say that we do claim it.

RR

Reference

To : Director of Accounts and Audit
From : Director of Finance, E. R. O.

I should be glad to know whether you have any comments to make on the attached invoices presented by A.C.A. before I transfer the necessary funds for payment.

Parker
for Director

IMP/if

21st December, 1945

*The certification being satisfactory,
the invoice may now be paid.*

~~I think it might be as well to await the reply to memo from
the Director of Finance to the Department of Supply dated
19th December, 1945, before making payment of this account.~~

L.W. le Gros

Miss Parker

L.W. le Gros
21st December, 1945

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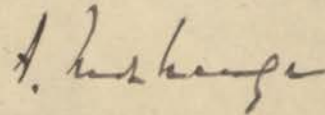
19th December, 1945.

To : A.D.D.G., Department of Supply
From : Director of Finance.
Subject : Exemption from Taxation

Our Finance Officer in Brussels has been negotiating with the Belgian Government for exemption from the "Taxe de Transmission" charged on the total value of the invoices rendered by the Agence Continentale et Anglaise for Warehousing of Canteen & Welfare Supplies. He put forward in support of his case the argument that under Resolution 32 the Belgian Government should afford exemption from taxation and customs duties.

In reply the Belgian Government asked for some indication as to the policy adopted by other member nations, in particular Great Britain and the U.S.A.

I believe that U.N.R.R.A. is exempt from Purchase Tax in this country. I wonder if you could tell me whether there are any other privileges of this sort to which the Administration is entitled?



A. MORHANGE.

IMP:bs

F34
F-33110.

Reference Haew/GMP.
SH 24.

December 17th, 1945.

To :- Mr. Morhange

From :- H. de Waal

Subject - Freight Payments

INDEXED

In reply to your minute of the 13th, the case of the "Margarita" did not raise any question asking for your assistance. I am loth to bother you unnecessarily as I know how busy you are. I have arranged with the Hellenic Shipping Lines Agents here in England that the freight is payable in non-convertible sterling against our U.K. contribution, and therefore thought that there was no need to trouble you about this matter. If they had not agreed, and insisted upon the original proposal to Cairo to pay the freight locally, I would certainly have consulted you.

I shall no doubt have to consult you about the freight payments *in general* ✓ but am still weighing the various aspects of the case. As soon as UMA has finished its operations on March 2nd we will be faced with a very different picture. UNRRA will have to procure its tonnage in the open market, and the arrangements we have so far which practically excluded payment in free currency, will probably come to an end. The matter is, however, still under discussion, and it will certainly be my endeavour to make arrangements in such a way that the U.K. Contribution of non-convertible sterling be utilised to the full.

I will be glad, however, to discuss the whole matter with you at an early date, and will let you know as soon as I am somewhat clearer in my mind.

Amrites Supplies F-5A
Copies: Miss Evans.
F Registry (2) ✓

13th December, 1945.

To : Mr. de Waal
From : Director of Finance.

I see in the report of MEO for September that an important question is raised regarding the currency in which freight should be paid in cases where shipping rates are fixed by UMA. I understand that Cairo raised the issue specifically in the case of the "Margarita" and cabled London and Washington, but I do not recollect that Finance Division was consulted.

As this is a matter which I think should be discussed between our two Division, I wonder if you could come in to see me some time when you are at Portland Place.

A. MORHANGE.

IMP:bs

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To : General Morgan

OUT FILE

From : A. Morhange

I understand that the final arrangement with A.C.A. at Antwerp was that the invoices Nos 1 to 23 were to be settled after which our contract was cancelled.

I now have a query from Brussels as to whether an intercharge of Belgian francs 35.00 is payable, and should be glad to know the position before transferring funds to meet our obligations.

IMP/IMP

13th November, 1945

Reference.....

To: Monsieur A. Morhange

From: Helen R. Jeter, Central Reports Branch

In response to your minute of 9th November, I am attaching the complete report from the Middle East Office on the subject of method of payment of freight.

Since this is a technical subject I suggest that you handle any correspondence with the Mission that is necessary concerning the report.

my

12th November, 1945.

j:b

TO: MR. WARD

OUT FILE

FROM: K.A. AICKIN

ANTWERP WAREHOUSE

I have examined the papers with regard to the Antwerp warehouse and, in my opinion, there are four questions on which further action is required.

The first two arise directly out of Dr. Simon's report.

1. Dr. Simon's report (paragraphs 7 & 8) indicates that the contract with A.C.A. was entered into against the advice of Mr. Wrathall, UNRRA Chief of Mission, Belgium. I think that we should recommend to the D.D.G., F. & A., that he should ascertain the reason why this was done.
2. Paragraph 49 of Dr. Simon's report and paragraph 2 of Mr. Aaronson's report refer to the UNRRA accountants (Messrs. Dozier and Allott) having passed for payment (a) a 45% social security charge when the proper charge was 20% and, (b) the profits of subcontractors and A.C.A.'s further charge of 25% of such profits. I think that we should advise the D.D.G., F. & A. that it is desirable to ascertain why these charges, which have now been deleted from the accounts, were agreed to.

There are two further matters which are not referred to by Dr. Simon, but which arise out of the allegations made by Mr. Foley (and also I believe by Mr. Dozier).

3. It is alleged that UNRRA property in the warehouses in Antwerp was pilfered. I think that if possible this allegation should be checked. The warehouse stocks should be checked against inventories, shipping documents and whatever other records have been kept in order to ascertain whether all goods are properly accounted for. I think therefore that we should recommend that this check is made. As the warehouse is under General Morgan's jurisdiction, it is presumably to him that the request should go and I have referred to this in the draft reply from Sir Humphrey Gale.
4. The last point concerns the allegations that the owners or controllers of the warehouse were collaborationists. I think that an official enquiry should go from E.R.O. to Mr. Wrathall, UNRRA Chief of Mission, Belgium, asking him whether any official charges had been made against the persons concerned by the Belgian Government and, if so, when they were made. This, I think, is for E.R.O. to do rather than for General Morgan.

6th November, 1945.

Reference

INDEXED

To: Sir Humphrey Gale

From: Central Reports Branch

1st November, 1945.

The following items from the report of the Middle East Office for the month of September, received 31st October, may be of interest to you:

The Egyptian Government is now viewing the subject of export licences more leniently, and wider and more liberal agreement is hoped for shortly.

The extension of time for the completion of handover of the Balkan stockpile, requested by G.H.Q., was granted up to 1st October.

In terms of Handover and Take-over, the Caserta covenant may be deemed to have been completed. There remains outstanding only the balance of Transportation Stores which is subject to special arrangements and without time limit.

The question of the method of payment of shipping freight is a matter of urgent consideration; as the decision thereon will create a basic precedent, cogent directive from London is required.

With the closing down of Museirat and Tolumat camps, the supply situation for refugee camps has resolved itself into the procurement for the camp at El Shatt, approximate population of 15,000, and the small camp at El Arish.

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S.F.

Is X under control? Will you please keep me informed

*R.D. Lunn
DDG FA*

5/11/45

Reference.....

30th October, 1945.

To : Director of Accounts & Audit

From : Director of Finance.

You will see from the attached correspondence that a payment of Belgian francs 785,194.06 has now been made to A.C.A. in full and final settlement of their statements 1 - 13. You will see that statement No. 19 has now been sent to E.R.O. I assume that as verification of the accounts is being done on the spot, this should be returned to General Wilson and then passed to Brussels for payment.

A. h.

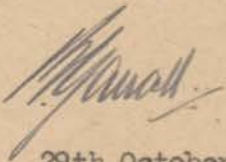
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F. 34

Reference.....

To: Director of Finance
From: Treasurer
Subject: Continental Express Ltd.

Barclay's Bank inform me by telephone that Continental Express Ltd., hold the major portion of the capital of the Agence Continentale et Anglaise, Brussels, who are their Belgian subsidiary.



BG/MC

29th October, 1945.

26th October, 1945.

To : Mr. Dudley Ward
From : Al Morhange
Subject : A.C.A. Warehouse, Antwerp

You will remember that at the morning meeting on 23rd October, I reported that an account for the rent of the Antwerp warehouse had been received by Finance Division. As this bill had been verified and approved by Mr. Allot and also by Miss Gibbons, a letter of authority, dated 5th October, was sent to the Brussels Office requesting them to make immediate payment. These instructions were, however, cancelled by Mr. Hasler (without the knowledge of Finance Division) and Mr. Allot was requested to bring the letter of authority back to E.R.O. A few days later Finance Division received a message from Mr. Woodbridge saying that Mr. Wrathall had telephoned asking for authority to make the payment. Finance Division replied by cable that the necessary authority had already been given in the letter of 5th October (which we still did not know had been withdrawn) and telling him to proceed. This cable also was cancelled by a telephone call from Mr. Hasler's office, but Finance Division was still not informed, and knew nothing of the withdrawal of the authority until the arrival of a letter from Wrathall dated 16th October.

Meanwhile a letter was received at E.R.O. from Continental Express Ltd. (of whom A.C.A. are an affiliated company) dated 18th October, in the following terms:-

" In connection with the Agreement now in force between UNRRA and our Belgian Company (Agence Continentale et Anglaise, S.A. 32, Rue Picard, Brussels), I should like to point out that Article 12 therein provides for the monthly re-imbursement of all disbursements made on behalf of UNRRA by our Company.

This Agreement came into operation on the 14th July last, and to date no payment whatsoever has been received, the amount outstanding being 1,210,000 Belgian francs. I must therefore ask you to be good enough to advise me of the reason for delay, and to confirm that you are still prepared to carry out your part of the Agreement.

An immediate payment is desired as our Belgian Company is finding difficulty in obtaining funds to meet further disbursements."

To-day Mr. Oakley, the Secretary of Continental Express Ltd., telephoned a member of my staff, and asked to know when he might expect an answer to this letter. He said that A.C.A. had had to borrow from a bank to meet their expenses and could not get further funds, and the English company were not permitted by the Bank of England to transfer funds to help them. He demanded an immediate reply, today, to his letter.

It was explained to him, as vaguely as possible, that this was not possible, as the matter was not at the moment in the hands of E.R.O. and we had to await further instructions from one of our European offices. Mr. Oakley asked for details of which office in order that he might get in touch with them direct, and was given an evasive answer and an undertaking that he would receive a reply to his letter as soon as possible. Mr. Oakley then pointed out that UNRRA had broken its contract and stated that if no satisfactory reply was forthcoming by Monday he would be compelled to take drastic action and recommend A.C.A. to cease all operations for the Administration.

May I have your instructions? In my opinion this requires immediate action.

~~OUT~~ FILE

F. 34.

To: Mr. Myer Cohen

From: L.W. le Gros, Director of Accounts & Audit

With the agreement of Colonel Whiteley, I have today assigned Mr. Andrew J. Allot to D.P. Operations, Germany, Amenities Supply Programme, to assist in the installation of procedures at Antwerp and throughout the line to the Camps.

He leaves for Brussels on Monday or Tuesday next.

L. W. le Gros

11th August, 1945

- Copy -

F. 34.

To: E.E. Rhatigan, Esq.,
Deputy Director General, Relief Services Dept.,

A.P.O. 757, U.S. Army.

From: D.P. German Planning Branch, E.R.O.
(Col. Charley).

Subject: Local Purchase by Assembly Centre Directors.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Lt. Col. Davis of the Control Commission for Germany, (British Element):-

"Brigadier K. and I visited a large D.P. Camp yesterday and a small point of some importance emerged. The officer in charge detachment pointed out that UNRRA teams had at present no powers of local purchase with the result that many small requirements which could in fact be picked up locally, e.g., medical equipment, spares for requisitioned cars etc. were entirely lacking or else caused endless delay in obtaining them through the usual channels. We thought that if UNRRA detachment commanders were given powers of local purchase for specific articles up to a specified limit it would help them considerably. This of course applies particularly to medical equipment."

It would appear from this extract that "Instructions on the use of Imprest Accounts and Requisitions for Cash Forms" dated the 7th July have not yet percolated down to the Assembly Centre level, as this document covers the requirement referred to. The Camp in question is at Lahde.

We shall be glad if you will deal with this.

8th August, 1945.

Supplies for Mr. Caston
Reference.....MC.50

F.34.

To: MISS PARKER (Finance Division)
From: MR. CASTON

In regard to your telephoned request as to authority in respect of the purchase of playing cards and tobacco by Mr. Wrathall, I have ascertained that Mr. Schaaf arranged for a message to be sent to Mr. Wrathall on the 2nd July confirming that we wish to purchase 10,000 packs of playing cards at 6 francs per pack, and 25 tons of tobacco at 48 francs per kilo.

These items are evidently the ones to which you referred in your conversation with me, and I hope this memorandum will enable you to make the necessary arrangements as required by Mr. Wrathall.

E.R.S. Caston

E.R.S. Caston.

18th July 1945

OUT FILE

F. 34

To : Mr. W.P. Wrathall, Chief of UNRRA Mission to Belgium
From : F. A. Hunt, Finance Division, E.R.O.

In accordance with your telephone conversation with Miss Parker, we are arranging for the transfer from the Bank of England to the Banque Nationale de Belgique the equivalent in Belgian francs as of the following:

Salaries etc. of Personnel recruited for Displaced Persons July (3 million Belgian francs)	17,000
Supplies (Tobacco and Playing Cards) 1.26 million Belgian francs...	7,150
TOTAL	24,150

The equivalent of 5 million francs to meet your estimated requirement of salaries for Displaced Persons salaries in August will be transferred next month.

It is assumed that the funds you have in hand for the purchase of Amenities supplies will cover the Imprest Account of 25,000 Belgian francs authorized for Mr. Priddle.

IMP/IMP

18th July, 1945

Reference.....

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F. 34

To : Miss Parker.
From : D. Campbell.

I would refer you to your query concerning Amenities Supplies to be acquired under the direction of Mr. Wrathall in Belgium.

As you know, Mr. Robson interviewed Mr. Wrathall, and he has asked me to pass on the following comments to you.

Insofar as the Finance Division is concerned, he sees no objection to the placing of the requisite funds at the disposal of Mr. Wrathall for this project, provided that Mr. Wrathall and the Finance Officer at the Belgium Mission operate the bank account jointly. Also that all invoices should be paid by closed cheques. Mr. Robson also deems it essential that Mr. Wrathall should collaborate very closely with Major Brockenshire, particularly in reference to the warehousing and distribution of supplies acquired. Mr. Robson also thinks it necessary that Mr. Wrathall should keep the Supply Division at ERO constantly informed of his activities and the types of purchases made, and that he should forward to ERO copies of purchase invoices for the information of the Supply Division.

You will find appended hereto a copy of a minute from Mr. C. Hart Schaaf to Mr. Wrathall, dated 15th June 1945.

Handwritten signature/initials

DC/SAH

22nd June 1945.

F34.

File FA 33

Cash Requirements - 3 months to 30/9/45Displaced Persons - Germany

Personal Services
Travel and Subsistence
General Supplies (mainly uniforms)
Other Contractual Services
Reserve

Add: 12% for additional staff requested
since figures above completed.

Displaced Persons - Austria . Proportionate to
above since nothing finalised so far.Flying Bunde

Paris, Granville, Luxembourg, Norway, Denmark,
Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Holland.

Middle East Office

sterling	French francs	Belgian francs	Guilder
410,500			
51,500			
247,000			
14,500			
25,000			
778,500	62,801,000	11,563,300	347,600
97,500	7,850,000	1,445,400	43,400
876,000	70,651,000	13,008,600	391,000
138,400	11,165,000	2,056,000	61,800
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1,651,400	116,816,000	15,764,600	452,800

Revised FA91.
OUT FILE

3rd August, 1945

To: Mr. J.A. Place, UNRRA Administrative Base, GRANVILLE
From: L.W. le Gros, Director of Accounts & Audit, ERO

On the occasion of my last visit to Granville during the week ending 28th/29th July, I discussed with you financial arrangements which we require to have made with the Office of the Chief Quartermaster, U.S. Army.

You have undertaken to discuss the question of a proper accounting system for supplies issued to UNRRA and you will render me your report in due course.

L.W. le Gros

Copies to: Registry (2)✓
Miss Evans.

OUT FILE

22nd December, 1945.

To : Finance Officer, Brussels.
From : Director of Finance, E.R.O.

I confirm herewith my cable of to-day's date
with reference to the payment of A.C.A. invoices:-

"Reference your letter 8 December No. 403.
You are authorised pay A.C.A. invoices 25,
26 and 27 totalling francs 63,212.32 from
Compte Rapatriement."

A. MORHANGE.

IMP:bs

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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FSA dept.
Finance div.

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Telegram.

UNRRA - BRUSSELS

No. 289

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Reference your letter 8 December No. 403.

You are authorised pay A.C.A. invoices 25,
26, and 27 totalling Francs 63,212.32 from
Compte Rapatriement.

A. Muehling

22nd December, 1945.

Originator: M. Morhange.

20 DEC 1945

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FROM

UNRRA BRUSSELS 201630B ADVANCE ACTION COPY

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TO

UNRRA LONDON

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) OUR WIGHTY SIX ATTENTION FINANCE STOP REFERENCE
EIGHTH
OR ~~XXXXXXXX~~ OUR LETTER EIGHTH DECEMBER NUMBER 403 PLEASE AUTHORISE
PAYMENT TO ACA

BT 201630B

403 AS

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BCT BBB KKKK

JEQY RD 2 SIGS 191745 BBB

*Answered
Cable 22/12.*

Mrs. M. M. M. M.

M. M. M. M.

Edc

F 34

ACTION COPY
INCOMING CABLE

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Action: F & A Dept.
AU Div.
Mr. ~~Leves~~

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BRUSSELS.....TO.....LONDON

No. 86
En clair

D. 20th Dec. 1945
R. 15.10 hrs. 21st Dec. 1945

Attention Finance.

Reference our letter 8th December No. 403. Please
authorise payment to ACA.

DMS/IMR

OUT FILE

Copies to : Miss Evans
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20th December, 1945.

To : Finance Officer, Belgian Mission
From : Director of Finance, E.R.O.

Replying to your letter of 6th December, reference LH/JM/385, I donfirm that it is in order for you to pay the stamp duty on the invoices for purchases for the Welfare Supplies Unit, amounting to Frs. 10,232.70, from the Rapatriement Account at the Banque Nationale de Belgique.

A. MORHANGE.

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Office of General Counsel
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Telegram.

ANTWERP

No. 31

Repeat FRANKFURT

No. 1141

Drafted by:

LOUIS C. STEPHENS

19th December 1945.

Your letter 29th November regarding Belgian Stamp Tax we have asked Wrathall to take matter up with Belgian Government on basis of E.R.O. understanding that UERPA is entitled to exemption from Belgian taxes including one in question.

Ward

19 DEC 1945

[Signature]

Bo.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

F34.

19th December 1945.

Dear Wrathall,

As you will see from the enclosed correspondence, the Belgian Ministry of Finance has given the opinion that the Belgian stamp tax applies to certain UNRRA transactions.

It seems clear that the tax exemptions which are provided for in the Council Resolutions and which it is understood have been granted by the Belgian Government would include exemption from the stamp tax referred to. You will find enclosed a copy of the letter of 11 September 1944 from the Belgian Ambassador to the United States in which he refers to the decree of 3rd August of that year which empowers the Belgian Government to grant the privileges and immunities described in Council Resolutions 32, 34 and 36.

I should be grateful if you would take this matter up with the appropriate authorities and inform me of their action. Also I should be glad to have your reply to the questions raised in my letter to you of 7 September on this general subject.

Yours sincerely,

DUDLEY WARD
General Counsel

W.P. Wrathall, Esq.,
Chief of U.N.R.R.A. Mission to Belgium,
Brussels.

TÉL. 12.99.96
12.17.60

Mr. Marbache F34
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE LH/JM/441.

YOUR REF.

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18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

21 18th December 1945.

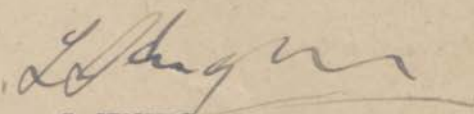
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To: Director of Finance, UNRRA, E.R.O. London.

From: L.HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission. F34

I thank you for your letter of the 12th inst. referring to the provision of Belgian francs for the Haaren Base, and much regret I overlooked to mention the problem of the physical difficulty in sending Belgian francs to Haaren.

So far, no difficulty has arisen, since Mr PIERCE, Finance Officer at Haaren, on the three occasions we have supplied francs, has come to Brussels with a signed authority by Miss LAUGHLIN and Mr PRIDDLE, and has taken delivery of the francs here in Brussels. He stated he has had no difficulty in returning to Haaren with these sums which were eventually disbursed in Belgium within a relatively short period for various requirements.


L. HUGHES
Finance Officer.

12.99.96
TEL 12.17.60

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE

WPW/MV Nr. 443

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

YOUR REF.

18th December 1945.

To: Director of Finance, E.R.O. London

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission

Subject: A.C.A. Account

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1. Your letter of the 12th inst. ref. F 34/845 duly received.
2. The reason why I applied to General Morgan was that I had been informed that the settlement of the A.V.A. account had been passed to him and that he had delegated General Wilson to Antwerp to deal with the matter.
3. I therefore assumed that as the instructions to pay the account came from him, you would naturally want his authority to pass the money to this Mission for the payment of the account. However, in this case the money was sent before you received the application from General Morgan.

W.P. Wrathall
W.P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

(from Mr. L. C. Stephens file.)

C O P Y

F 34

14th December, 1945.

Dear Stent,

On 17th November, Robertson wrote to you enquiring as to UNRRA's exemption from the Stamp Tax on its cheques. For your convenience I enclose a copy of that letter.

I should be glad to know whether you are yet in a position to let us have a reply on this question.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) K. A. AICKIN
Legal Adviser

P. Stent, Esq.,
Relief Department,
H.M. Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Copies to: Miss Evans.
F Registry (2)

12th December, 1945.

To : Chief of UNRRA Mission, Belgium.
From : Director of Finance, E.R.O.

I have received a letter from General Morgan, dated 5th December, reference 010. 12/ACA, enclosing a copy of a letter you sent him dated 22nd November in connection with a transfer of funds to meet the payment to A.C.A. of 511,900 Belgian francs in final settlement of their account.

May I remind you that we informed you by cable on 15th November that £2,900 were being transferred to meet this specific payment and you acknowledged our cable by your letter of 17th November.

I assume therefore that your request to General Morgan was made in error.

IMP:bs

Copies to: Miss Evans.
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Reference F 34

~~OUT FILE~~

12th December, 1945.

To : Chief of Operations, Germany.

From : Director of Finance, E.R.O.

Replying to your minute of 5 December 1945, reference O10.12/ACA, addressed to the Chief, Department of Finance & Administration, the necessary funds to meet the payment of 511,900 Belgian francs to A.C.A. were transferred to Brussels on or about 17th November.

The Chief of the Belgian Mission was aware of this transfer, and his request to you must, therefore, have been made in error. We have accordingly written to him reminding him of the transfer.

IMP:bs

M. Mahange F34

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

REFERENCE **LH/JM/405.**
YOUR REF.

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RECEIVED
10th December 1945.
15 DEC 1945
U. N. R. R. A.
MAIL UNIT

BRUSSELS

To: Director of Finance, UNRRA, E.R.O. London.

From: L.HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission.

Subject: CONTRACT NOW EXPIRED (AGENCE CONTINENTALE ET ANGLAISE).

As you are aware, we have paid to the above-mentioned firm the following amounts:

Invoices 1/13	Frs.B.	785,194.05
14/23		511,900.-
24		3,500.-
25/26/27		<u>63,212.30</u>
	Frs.B.1,	363,806.35
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General WILSON, Director of CANTEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, Antwerp, sent us a letter addressed to him by AGENCE CONTINENTALE ET ANGLAISE, with copy of letter from the Ministry of Finance, Brussels, in accordance with attached copies. From these, you will see that the Ministry of Finance is demanding the payment of the "Taxe de transmission" on the total value of the invoices, which would amount to Frs.61,371.

We have visited the Government Office competent in these matters and have been assured that this tax should have been paid and the invoices stamped accordingly; in actual fact, this tax is paid even by Government departments and no exceptions are made. We raised, however, the question as to whether the Allied Military authorities also bore this tax on their invoices in respect of labour and port facilities in Belgium on their imports into this country. We are informed that the Allied Military authorities escape only if the cargo consists of war materials or goods necessary directly to the prosecution of the war, but if imports concern goods and supplies for the Civilian population, the tax has been paid. We pointed out that, under the terms of the UNRRA agreement, to which Belgium is signatory, by reason of its constitution and in particular resolution 32 on policy, which was adhered to by Belgium, the Administration was accorded facilities and immunities including exemptions from tax. To this, we were informed that the Taxes Office would appreciate some indication as to the policy adopted by other member nations, in particular Great Britain and U.S.A., in respect of taxes of this nature, in order that the matter might be reviewed in the light of the general policy in conformity with that adopted by the other signatories of the agreement.

We shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly write to us in order that we may pass on to the Ministry of Finance here some information regarding the point raised by them.

*Annexed K.A.A.
14/1/46.*

L. Hughes
L.HUGHES
Finance & Personnel Officer.

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AGENCE CONTINENTALE ET ANGLAISE

Cte/RC/MC/Gén.

BRUXELLES, 32 rue Picard
27 Novembre 1945.

RECOMMANDEE.

Major General B.T. WILSON
Director of UNRRA
2, Koningin Elisabethlei
ANTWERP.

Cher General,

Nous referant a notre lettre du 31 octobre et a votre estimee du 8 courant, nous vous informons que l'Administration fiscale Belge vient de trancher la question concernant la taxe assimilee au timbre applicable pour les factures et relevés des dépenses établis au nom de la UNRRA.

Comme vous le verrez par la copie ci-incluse, la Direction du Timbre exige l'imposition de toutes les prestations debitees a la UNRRA, taxes qui en vertu de la loi et de nos conventions, sont a votre charge.

Il s'agit de montants relativement eleves et nous voudrions vous recommander, cher General, de vous mettre d'urgence en communication avec le Directeur du Timbre, Monsieur Pachal ayant ses bureaux: 89-91, rue Royale a Bruxelles, pour qu'il revienne sur cette decision.

Pourrions nous vous demander de nous communiquer le plus rapidement possible le resultat de vos démarches, étant donne que nous sommes tenus a soumettre nos chiffres pour l'établissement de la taxe due.

Vous en remerciant bien vivement a l'avance, nous vous prions de croire, cher General, a nos sentiments distingues.

Agence Continentale et Anglaise
(s) F. JORIS
Administrateur-Delegue.

N.B. Nous adressons copie de la presente lettre a la United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, London, pour information.

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MINISTERE DES FINANCES

Administration
de l'Enregistrement et des Douanes
4e Direction
Bureau
No. E.T. 55,22 I.

Object:
Taxe sur les transports
S.A. Agence Continentale et
Anglaise.

Bruxelles, le 27 Novembre 1945.

rue Royale 89-91

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je vous prie de faire savoir a la Societe interessee que la taxe sur les transports, etablie par l'article 76 du Code des taxes assimilees au timbre, est due sur les entreprises de transport effectuees pour compte de l'UNRRA et sur les commissions payees par cet organisme a la Societe "Agence Continentale et Anglaise".

Au nom du Ministre :
Pour le Directeur General,
le s/Directeur

(s) PASCHAL

Monsieur le Directeur
de l'Enregistrement et des Douanes
a BRUXELLES III.

12.99.96
12.17.60

REF: LH/JM/403.

YOUR REF.

M. Marbache F34
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

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18 GRAND PLACE BRUSSELS

F 8th December 1945.

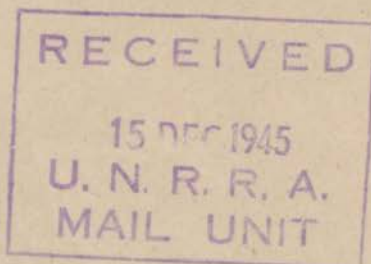
To: Director of Finance, UNRRA, E.R.O. London.

From: W.P.WRATHALL, Chief of Mission, Belgian Mission.

I am attaching invoices no.25, 26 and 27, totalling Frs.63,212.32, presented by AGENCE CONTINENTALE ET ANGLAISE, which have been examined and certified correct by Mr H.W.C. BLYTH, Accountant of CANTEEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, Antwerp, together with copy of Mr BLYTH's report.

In requesting us to make the necessary payment in settlement of these invoices, General WILSON, Director of the Antwerp Depot, stated that there would be only one more invoice covering the month of December under this contract, which is terminated.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly arrange to remit the necessary funds in order that we may make this payment.



W.P. Wrathall

W.P.WRATHALL
Chief of Mission.

Agence Continentale & Anglaise, Bruxelles

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

Statement Nr. U.25.

to

U.N.R.R.A.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

European Regional Office,

L O N D O N .

Statement of expenses.

Wages for labour in the Warehouse St. JOSEPH, Long-Dykstreet, 98,
Antwerp, for the week from 29th. October to 4th. November 45.

		Labourers	Warehousemen	Watchmen	Liftmen
Oct.	29	-	I	2	-
	30	8	I	2	I
	31	-	I	2	-
Nov.	I	-	-	2	-
	2	-	I	2	-
	3	-	I	2	-
	4	-	-	2	-
		8	5	14	I

Labourers 8 x I76 = 1.408,00
Warehousemen 5 x 209 = 1.045,00
Watchmen 14 x I55 = 2.170,00
Liftmen I x I76 = I76,00

4.799,00 + 20,7 % = 5.792,39

Liftcharges I3 T. x 7,5 fr. 97,50

To disburse money:

paid to, Town ANTWERP fact. I27 301,85

Difference of rectification fact. IO 51,25 + 20,7% 6.191,74

- 61,86

6.129,88

Receipt and unloading expenses "General Steam" (copy
of invoice enclosed) :

I.430,20

Salaries and social charges of clerks who worked for
U.N.R.R.A. during the month of October 1945 :

I5.496,50

Rent of Warehouses: 98, Long-Dykstreet, Antwerp, for
the month of November 1945 :

I8.250,00

Rent of office in Brussel: 32, rue Picard - November 45:

500,00

" " " " Antwerp: 25, rue Leys - " "

750,00

Our charges as per agreement 25 %

42.556,58

I0.639,15

Total amount B. Fr.

53.195,73

*Examined & found correct
Subject to my report of this day
Accountant
Antwerp Depot
5/12/45.*

Veuillez payer le montant de cette facture directement et exclusivement à la S.A. KREDIETBANK VOOR HANDEL & NIJVERHEID à Bruxelles, Compte chèques postaux n° 224.43, à laquelle nous endossons la présente facture, conformément aux prescriptions de la loi du 25 octobre 1919 et des arrêtés royaux subséquents.

Agence Continentale & Anglaise

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

ADMINISTRATEUR-DÉLÉGUÉ

Translation:

Pay the amount of this statement straight and exclusively to the S.A. KREDIETBANK VOOR HANDEL & NIJVERHEID, Brussels, Check-Postal account n° 224.43, to which we endorse the present statement, conformably to the limitations of the law of 25th. October 1919 and the subsequent Royal decrees.

"agreed",

Agence Continentale & Anglaise, Bruxelles

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

Statement n° U.26.

to

U.N.R.R.A.
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration.
European Regional Office,
L O N D O N .

Statement of expenses.

Wages for labour in the Warehouse St. JOSEPH, Long-Dykstreet, 98, Antwerp
for the week from 5th. to 11th. November 1945.

	<u>Warehousemen</u>	<u>Watchmen</u>
Nov. 5	I	2
6	I	2
7	I	2
8	I	2
9	I	2
10	I	2
11	-	2
	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 14

Warehousemen 6 x 209 = 1.254,-
Watchmen 14 x 155 = 2.170,-

3.424,- + 20,70 % =

B. Fr. 4.132,77

Our charges as per agreement 25 % :

" " 1.033,19

Total amount :

" " 5.165,96
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*Examined & found correct
W. C. Bly
Accountant, Dehol
Antwerp 27/12/45.*

Agence Continentale & Anglaise
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

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Agence Continentale & Anglaise

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

P. Jooris
ADMINISTRATEUR-DÉLÉGUÉ

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Royal decrees.

"agreed"

Agence Continentale & Anglaise, Bruxelles

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

Statement n° U.27.

to

U.N.R.R.A.
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration.
European Regional Office,
LONDON.

Statement of expenses.

Wages for labour in the Warehouse St. JOSEPH, Long-Dykstreet, 98, Antwerp,
for the week from 12th. to 18th. November 1945.

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Warehousemen</u>	<u>Watchmen</u>
I2	I	2
I3	I	2
I4	I	2
I5	I	2
I6	I	2
I7	-	2
I8	-	2
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	5	14

Warehousemen
Watchmen

5 x 209 = 1.045,-
14 x 155 = 2.170,-

3.215,- + 20,70 % = 3.880,50

Our charges as per agreement 25 %: 970,13

Total amount B. Fr. 4.850,63

*Examined & found correct
M. G. 36/11
Accountant
Antwerp Depot
5/12/45.*

George Continental & Anglaise
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME
Veuillez payer le montant de cette facture directement et exclusivement à la S.A. KREDIETBANK VOOR HANDEL & NIJVERHEID à Bruxelles, Compte Chèques Postaux n° 224.43, à laquelle nous endossons la présente facture, conformément aux prescriptions de la loi du 25 octobre 1919 et des arrêtés royaux subséquents.

Agence Continentale & Anglaise
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

Doorn
ADMINISTRATEUR DÉLÉGUÉ

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"agreed".

Antwerp, 5th December 1945

To : Director Antwerp Depot
From : H.W.C. BLYTH, Accountant
Re : AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE Accounts No 25, 26 & 27-

I have examined statement of accounts No 25, 26 and 27, and have to report on them as follows :

Account No 25 - B.F. 53.195,73- I have verified the supporting information regarding the persons employed for the period 29th October to 4th November, and confirm the correctness of the rates charged by comparison with the statement audited by Mr. Hayden.

An amount of Frs 1430,20 refers to unloading expenses ex "EMPIRE DAFFODIL" at Ghent. This shipment was included in a large consignment, the details of which have been ascertained to my satisfaction.

Salaries to clerks amount to Frs 15.496,50 as compared with Frs 17.950,- for the month of September. I have not verified this item, to do which would require reference to the confidential record of Agence Continentale & Anglaise, and I support Mr. Hayden's view that this does not appear to be necessary, considering that the payment is on a reducing basis and the contract has now been terminated.

The rent of warehouses and offices in Brussels and Antwerp is for an amount similar to that applying in the previous months, and therefore does not warrant further comment.

I therefore recommend that the account amounting to B.F. 53.195,73 be paid.

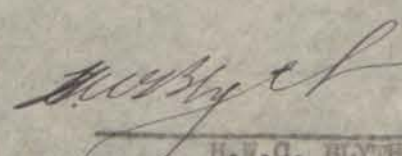
Account No 26 - Frs 5.165,96- This account covers labour and contract charges only, and the hours worked and rates paid have been verified by me. I therefore recommend the payment of this account.

Account No 27 - Frs 4.850,63- This account also covers labour and contract charges only, and the hours worked and rates paid have been verified by me. I therefore recommend the payment of this account.

Accounts No 25 - 26 - 27-

The charge of 20,7 % for Social Service and the overall charge of 25 % on cost are in accordance with the agreement and therefore should be paid.

Account No 28 - Has just been received and will be dealt with simultaneously with the final account for November which we expect to receive within a week, and I shall then report thereon.


H.W.C. BLYTH
Accountant Antwerp Depot

12.99.96
TEL. 12.17.60

Mr. Mahage F34
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE LH/JM/385.

18. GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

YOUR REF.

6th December 1945.

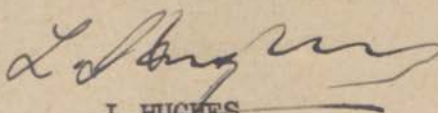
To: Director of Finance, E.R.O. London.

From: L.HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission.

Subject: CANTEEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, Antwerp.

I have to inform you that we have to-day settled the last outstanding invoice for purchases made on the instructions of Welfare Supplies Unit in E.R.O. by the Chief of Mission, viz: 40 tons of nails. Funds to cover these purchases were remitted from your Office, at the request of the Chief of Mission, from time to time and were held in an account at the BANQUE DE COMMERCE, Place Royale, Brussels.

Normally, we have escaped all purchase taxes, etc. on these transactions, with the exemption of an invoice stamp duty, where labour costs have been charged as, for instance, on the purchases of cigarettes and tobacco, which had to be repacked. As a result of this stamp duty accumulated, which, we are assured by the Department of Excise and Dues here, are even paid by the Ministries of the Government on their purchases where labour costs are charged, we are short of funds to the extent of Frs.10,232.70 in paying this final invoice. In order not to delay settlement of this final invoice and to keep suppliers out of funds due to them, we have transferred the amount of Frs.10,500 from the account at the BANQUE NATIONALE on behalf of D.P. operations. We hope our action will meet with your approval.


L. HUGHES
Finance Officer.

Mr. Stephens.

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INCOMING CABLE

F.

ACTION: Finance Division
M. Werhange

FRANKFURT.....TO.....ANTWERP

No. 448

D. 6th December, 1945.

R. 10.40 hrs. 8th Dec. 1945.

Repeated London 672

Rec'd 14/12

To

Re your letter 29th November subject stamp tax.

1. This H.Q. agrees you make no payment until authorized by London.
2. London is requested to deal urgently with this matter and instruct Wilson direct repeating this H.Q.

LLR/PM

*to Antwerp
Reply cabled by Louis Stephens 19/12/45*

Miss Parker

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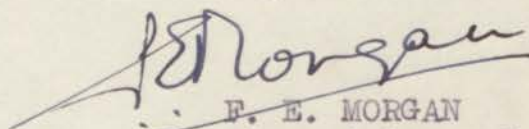
UNRRA
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR GERMANY
APO 757 OR BAOR

Ref. 010.12/ACA
5 December 45

TO: Major General R. G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., Deputy Director
General, European Regional Office, UNRRA.

SUBJECT: Payment of A.C.A. Statements.

1. The Chief of the Belgian Mission asks me to request you to send funds necessary to cover the Belgian Mission's disbursement made in connection with the payment of five hundred + eleven thousand nine hundred (511,900) Belgian francs to A.C.A.
2. A copy of the request and the receipt of the A.C.A. for this amount are attached.
3. Will you please take the necessary action.


F. E. MORGAN
Lieutenant-General
Chief of Operations, Germany

✓ 2 Encls.



C O P Y

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
U.N.R.R.A.

WPW/MV

18, Grand'Place,
Brussels
22 November 1945

To: Dr. SIMON, Legal Adviser to Director of UNRRA Operations,
Frankfurt.

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission

Subject: Payment A.C.A. statements 14 to 23 inclusive

As requested, I send you herewith a duplicate copy of the receipt from the A.C.A. for the cheque sent them on the 21st November, on instructions received from General Wilson. A copy of this receipt has been forwarded to E.R.O. Finance Department and I hold the original receipt at this office for accountancy purposes.

Would you please see that the request for the necessary funds to be sent from London in order to replace the money disbursed from Brussels Mission for this purpose, be sent as soon as possible from Frankfurt to E.R.O. so that I can make up my accounts, otherwise I shall be short of funds.

With regard to account Nr 24, 3500 francs interest, this will be paid the moment I get the required letter from General Wilson, Antwerp.

S/W.P. Wrathall
W.P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

C O P Y

C O P Y of DUPLICATE

We acknowledge receipt of the amount of

Frs. 511,900,00 (Five hundred and eleven thousand nine hundred
Francs.)

in full and final settlement of liabilities outstanding against
the Administration in favour of AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE
as defined on invoices 14 to 23 inclusive, but as modified in
accordance with the final settlement agreement of the 26th
October 1945.

Brussels, 21th November 1945.

(Stamp) Agence Continentale & Anglaise
Societe Anonyme

S/ P. Jooris

ADMINISTRATEUR-DELEGUE

C O P Y of DUPLICATE

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

(U. N. R. R. A.)

Canteen and Welfares Supplies Unit

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TELEPHONE :

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~~MILITARY XXX 102X~~

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~~24-26 RUE LEYS~~ - ANTWERP

2 Koningin Elizabeth Lei

c/o 11 CRASC

29th November 1945

Antwerp Local 142

Ex. 16.

European Regional Office.
Finance Branch.
U N R R A.
11 Portland Place,
London W.1.

Stamp Tax
on UNRRA Goods entering ANTWERP

I forward herewith a letter from the Administrateur of the A.C.A.
about Stamp Tax on goods entering Antwerp.

I think that you will wish to take up the question of Customs and
Stamp Tax on a high level with the Belgian Government. In the meantime
I do not propose to pay these charges.

B. Wism

Director
UNRRA Depot.

COPY to UNRRA MISSION TO BELGIUM
UNRRA H. Q. HOCHST.

RECEIVED

3 DEC 1945

U. N. R. R. A.
MAIL UNIT

AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE

Ctâ/RC/MC/Gén.

BRUXELLES, 32 rue Picard
27 Novembre 1945RecommandéeMajor Général B.T. WILSON
Director of U.N.R.R.A.
2, Koningin Elisabethlei
ANTWERP

Cher Général,

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Il s'agit de montants relativement élevés et nous voudrions vous recommander, cher Général, de vous mettre d'urgence en communication avec le Directeur du Timbre, Monsieur Pachal ayant ses bureaux : 89-91 rue Royale à Bruxelles, pour qu'il revienne sur cette décision.

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Agence Continentale & Anglaise
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MINISTRE DES FINANCES
Administration
De l'Enregistrement & des Domaines
Le Directeur
Bureau
No R.T. 55.22 I.

Objet :
Taux sur les transports
S.A. Agence Continentale
à Anglaise

Bruxelles, le 27 Novembre 1945

Des Royales 59-51

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je vous prie de faire savoir à la Société intéressée que
le taux sur les transports, établi par l'article 75 du Code des taxes,
appliqué au ténier, est due sur les entreprises de transport effectuées
pour compte de l'U.M.R.A. et sur les camionnages payés par cet organisme
à la Société "Agence Continentale à Anglaise".

Au nom du Ministre :
Pour le Directeur Général,
Le s/Directeur,

(signe) PAKHAL,

Monsieur le Directeur
De l'Enregistrement & des Domaines
à BRUXELLES III.

11-10-45
Chief Accountant
F 34
Translated from French 8/12/45

From: Agence Continentale & Anglaise,
32, rue Picard,
Brussels

Registered

To: Major General T.B. Wilson,
Director of UNRRA
2, Koningin Elisabethlei

Dated:

27/11/45

Dear General Wilson,

Referring to our letter of the 31st October and to your favour of the 8th inst., we beg to inform you that the Belgian Fiscal Authorities have now made a decision in regard to the tax represented by the stamps to be affixed on invoices and statements of expenses made out in the name of UNRRA.

As you will see from the attached copy of their letter, the Fiscal Authorities request that the tax should be paid on all amounts debited to UNRRA, and, according to the law and our own mutual agreement, this tax is for your account.

As the amounts involved are rather considerable, we would advise you to contact immediately the Director, Mr. Paschal, whose offices are at 89/91, rue Royale, Brussels in order to make him alter his decision.

May we ask you to let us know as soon as possible the result of the steps you will take as we have to submit our figures for the calculation of the amount of tax which is payable.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, we remain, etc.

Encl: Copy of letter from Fiscal Authorities

P.S. For their information, we are sending to UNRRA, London a copy of this letter.

Copy

From: Ministry of Finance
Brussels

27th Nov. 1945

To: the Director of the Office of Public Property
and Recording Office, Brussels

Sir,

I shall be glad if you will kindly inform the organisation concerned that the tax on transports, set up by Article 76 of the Code of Taxes represented by Stamps, is payable on transports effected for the account of UNRRA and on commissions paid by the said organisation to the company "Agence Continentale & Anglaise"

pp. the Minister
For the Director-General
The deputy director general

Sgd: Paschal



Adresse
télégraph.
VITESSE

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26.99.90
(4 LIGNES)

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postal
n° 204.468

Registre du
Comm. de Bruxelles
n° 8933

Agence Continentale & Anglaise

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME
(MAISON FONDÉE EN 1849)

TRANSPORTS INTERNATIONAUX - AGENCE EN DOUANE
ENTREPOSAGE - ASSURANCES

Courtiers Maritimes - Mise à bord
Services de Messageries et de Groupages

À RAPPELER

Notre référence :
Votre référence :

Cté/RC/MC/Gén.

BRUXELLES, le 27 novembre 1945.
RUE PICARD, 32

Major General B.T. WILSON.
Director of U.N.R.R.A.

2, Koningin Elisabethlei,

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Agence Continentale & Anglaise
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

ADMINISTRATEUR-DÉLÉGUÉ

Annexe :

N.B. Nous adressons copie de la présente lettre à la United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, London, pour information.

Sauf conventions contraires constatées et acceptées par écrit, nos opérations sont effectuées exclusivement aux conditions générales de transport et de magasinage de la Fédération Nationale des Entrepreneurs de Transports de Belgique. Un aperçu de ces conditions est gratuitement communiqué à notre clientèle, sur demande.

MINISTÈRE DES FINANCES

Bruxelles, le 27 novembre 1945.

Administration
de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines

4^e Direction
Bureau
N° E.T. 55.22 I.

Objet:
Taxe sur les transports.
Soc. Ame Agence Continentale
& Anglaise.

Rue Royale, 89-91.

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je vous prie de faire savoir à la société intéressée que la taxe sur les transports, établie par l'article 76 du Code des taxes assimilées au timbre, est due sur les entreprises de transport effectuées pour compte de l'U.N.R.R.A. et sur les commissions payées par cet organisme à la société "Agence Continentale & Anglaise".

Au nom du Ministre:
Pour le Directeur général,
le S/Directeur,

(sé) Paschal).

Monsieur le Directeur
de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines,
à BRUXELLES III.

AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

RUE PICARD, 32 et 32^A

TÉLÉPHONE : 26.99.90 (4 lignes)

BRUXELLES



CONTINENTALE
ET ANGLAISE

AGENCE CONTINENTALE
ET ANGLAISE

R MOLENBEEK 1 746



RECOMMANDEE.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION.

European Regional Office,

LONDON.

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Paris, 2nd November, 1945.

To: Department of Supply,
E.R.O.
(For the attention of Mr. Feonov)

From: Chief of UNRRA Mission to France

I have been approached by the Entr'Aide Francaise (Monsieur Justin Godard) with the request that UNRRA should assist the organisation in obtaining material which it requires to enable it to set up holiday camps during next Spring for 1,250,000 children. The details of the material are as per the attached lists.

It appears that the whole of this material is available in France from American Army surplus stocks. As you know, UNRRA has a priority for the purchase of all American Army surplus stocks in France, and after UNRRA come the various Red Cross organisations, and after them i.e. third on the list, comes Entr'Aide.

In these circumstances Monsieur Justin Godard is afraid that their priority will not be sufficiently high to enable them to obtain the material in time for the purpose for which it is required. It could, however, be obtained by Surprop (Mr. Gabler) if authority to do so could be obtained from Washington.

Entr'Aide would, of course, refund UNRRA for all expenses incurred in this transaction if authorised. They would prefer to pay in francs, but if the Administration insisted they would be willing to do so in dollars.

W. Fraser

c.c. Mr. Morhange

C O P Y

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17th November, 1945.

Dear Stent,

I recently wrote to Camps about the question of exemption from purchase tax on goods purchased by UNRRA for its official use in this country. A rather similar problem has now been raised by our Finance Division, which is whether UNRRA is entitled to exemption from the stamp tax on its cheques. Though this is only a small amount on each cheque the total amount involved in the issue of many hundreds of cheques is quite considerable. We feel that the reference to exemption from taxation, including customs duties in Resolution 32 I c was intended to cover this, and should be grateful if HMG would agree that this reference would extend to us by the Diplomatic Privileges (Ext.) Act.

I should be much obliged if you will let me know whether you are able to agree to this.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) A. H. ROBERTSON.

P. Stent, Esq.,
Relief Department,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

*Suggest we apply direct to
Treasury if legal division
agrees*
✓
*reply came from
Treasury to Legal Division.
no exemption possible
11/11/45*

TEL. 12.99.96
12.17.60

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE WPW/MV Nr 323

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

YOUR REF.

17th November 1945.

To: E.R.O. London, Finance Department

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission

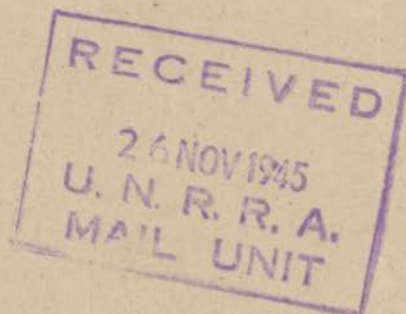
re: Second payment A.C.A. amounting to 511.900 Frs.

Telegram number 234 your 221 duly received
as per text hereafter:

" NO 234 OUR 221 AND ANTWERP 14 TO LONDON REPEATED
" BRUSSELS UNNUMBERED WE ARE TRANSFERRING TWO THOUSAND
" NINE HUNDRED POUNDS FOR PAYMENT FRANCS 511900 TO ACA
" WHEN AUTHORISED BY WILSON STOP THIS SUM EXCLUSIVE
" INTEREST CHARGE".

I will arrange to pay A.C.A. this amount as
and when I have been so authorised by General Wilson,
Antwerp.

W.P. Wrathall
W.P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission



TÉL. 12.99.96
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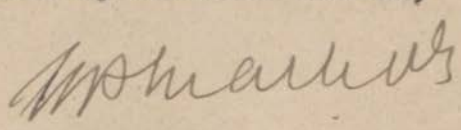
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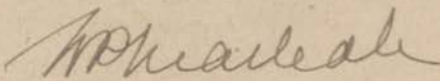
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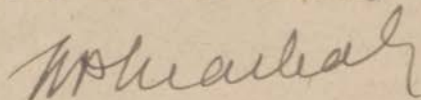
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and when I have been so authorised by General Wilson,
Antwerp.



W.P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

Finance DG/MC.

16th November, 1945.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly arrange for the immediate transfer by cable to the UERSA Comptes Rapprochement, Banque Nationale de Belgique, of the equivalent in Belgian francs of £2,900.

The sum of £2,900 is chargeable against our "C" Account, and cabling charges should be debited to our "A" Account.

Yours faithfully,

L. H.

Director of Finance.



Treasurer.

The Chief Cashier,
Bank of England,
London, E.C.2.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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Orig. H. Karhango
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Telegram.

BRUSSELS

No. 234

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Our 221 and Antwerp 14 to London repeated
Brussels unnumbered.

We are transferring two thousand nine hundred
pounds (Francs 511,900) for payment to ACA when
authorised by Wilson. This sum exclusive
interest charge.

H. Karhango

15th November, 1945.

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To: Treasurer
From: Director of Finance

Will you please arrange for the immediate transfer from our Bank of England "C" Account to the UNRRA Compte Rapatriement, Banque Nationale de Belgique, of the equivalent in Belgian francs of £2,900.

This is to enable the Brussels Mission to pay the remaining invoices on the A.C.A. contract.

I have cabled Brussels to expect the credit.

IMP/gbe

15th November, 1945.

TEL. 12.99.96
12.17.60

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE

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YOUR REF.

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

14th November 1945.

To: Director of Finance, E.R.O. London.
Accounts & Audit Section.

From: L. HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission.

I refer to my recent telephone conversation with you in regard to the establishment, in favour of General WILSON, Controller of CANTEEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, Antwerp, of an Imprest Account of Frs. 30,000.

In accordance with my letter of the 5th inst., I am now attaching a list of the employees, together with their wages, engaged in General WILSON's Unit. I gather the majority of these, if not all, were recruited in Germany amongst Displaced Persons and were brought by General WILSON to Antwerp.

L. Hughes
L. HUGHES

Finance & Personnel Officer.



UNRRA Team 3, ANTWERP.

Roster of Employees for whom
Wages are claimed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Wages</u>
AHAS, Ella	Housekeeper	900,-- B-Frs.
WAARMETS, Linda	Cook's asst.	900,-- Belg.Frs.
JAANI, Laine	maids	650,-- "
VIHAND, Vivian	"	650,-- "
BARTOSCEWICZ, Zygm.	chauffeur	1.100,-- "
JAKOBOWSKI, Tadeusc	do	900,-- "
KUC, Anton	Mechanic	900,-- "
LAMARZC, Franziczek	Handyman	900,-- "
KOCHANOWSKI, Henry	Chauffeur	900,-- "
LANGNER, Stanislaw	do	900,-- "
KRZAK, Tomas	do	900,-- "
TENZYNSKI, Georg	do	900,-- "
BARTOSZEWICZ, Aniela	Cook f.D.P.-s	900,-- "
JAKOBOWSKI, Wanda	Asst.Cook f.D.P.	650,-- "
DE MOOR, Emma, Putcuyps	Cook for Off.Mess	548,-- Belg.Frs per week rising to 648,-- in 3 months

UNRRA Temporary Employees

DAMBE, Meta	Secretary	1.105,-- Belg.Frs.
KALUS, Teodor	Engineer	1.105,-- "
KOZIOLEK, Anton	Sores' Off.	1.105,-- "

B. Witsen.....
Director UNRRA 3

Seen by Mr. De Waal } - 2/11/45.
Mr. Robertson } SH 2/15
Mr. Aickin.

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UNRRA

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR GERMANY

APO 757

OR

BAOR

Transferred to F. Reg.
His instructions Mr. Aickin

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Ref: OLO.12/ACA

12 November 1945

Dear *Robertson*,

I send you herewith the original contract with the A.C.A. We have kept a copy of it here in our files.

We got back according to plan on Sunday morning. I should like to say how much I appreciated all your help and collaboration while I was in London. I hope we shall have the opportunity of meeting again before very long.

Sincerely

Hauffe

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AGREEMENT.

(1) THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION whose European Regional Office is at 11 Portland Place London W.1., hereafter referred to as U.N.R.R.A., and represented by Major R.L. BROOKSHIRE, of the one part, and

(2) the S.A. AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE, 32, rue Picard Brussels, hereafter referred to as A.C.A., and represented by its Managing-Director M. Francois Ed. JOORIS, of the other part,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SUBJECT OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT

Article 1 - U.N.R.R.A. will ship to Antwerp relief and rehabilitation supplies of various kinds which normally will be neither dangerous nor readily inflammable, nor corrosive goods; in the event of U.N.R.R.A. shipping supplies which are dangerous, readily inflammable or corrosive, special arrangements will be made accordingly.

Article 2 - U.N.R.R.A. will use its best endeavours to ensure that so far as possible the arrival of consignments takes place at regular intervals and that such consignments should be of a reasonably constant tonnage so as to facilitate the regular and proper execution of the present Agreement.

Article 3 - A.C.A. will take possession on the quay of the goods shipped to Antwerp and will remove them with the least possible delay from the quays and will cart them to its warehouses in Antwerp.

Article 4 - A.C.A. will store the goods in its warehouses in Antwerp and will deliver them according to instructions given by U.N.R.R.A. either ex warehouse Antwerp, or on railway truck Antwerp or on quay Antwerp.

Article 5 - Details of the warehousing arrangements are described in a special memorandum (enclosure No. 1) to the present Agreement.

Article 6 - By mutual arrangement this Agreement may be extended to cover the provision by A.C.A. of similar facilities in towns other than Antwerp and similarly by mutual agreement the parties may arrange for A.C.A. to provide cartage or transport facilities for U.N.R.R.A. in addition to those set out in Articles 3 and 4.

(B) FIRE INSURANCE OF GOODS IN WAREHOUSE

Article 7 - Arrangements for fire insurance will be subsequently agreed upon between the parties on the basis that U.N.R.R.A. will be liable for the payment of any necessary premiums.

(C) ADMINISTRATION OF THE BELGIAN CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Article 8 - U.N.R.R.A. will take all necessary steps to secure the assistance of the Military authorities and of the Belgian Government for facilitating the free movement of the goods into and out of Belgium.

(D) TELEPHONE INSTALLATION A.C.A.

Article 9 - In order to ensure proper organisation of its various services A.C.A. needs telephone lines in its offices at 24-26 rue Leys, and in its warehouses, Lange Dijkstraat, in Antwerp, where U.N.R.R.A. goods are to be stored.

Owing to the lack of material for and difficulty in obtaining telephone connections U.N.R.R.A. will use its best endeavours to obtain the necessary priorities for the telephone lines.

(E) PACKING

Article 10 - A.C.A. will where necessary supply wooden packing cases and cardboard packing and will also arrange for any necessary packing or repacking to be done.

However, in order to facilitate the handling and to reduce so far as possible risks of theft and pilferage A.C.A. recommends that goods should be packed before dispatch to Antwerp in such a way that as a general rule unpacking and repacking in Antwerp is not required. U.N.R.R.A. will endeavour to comply with this recommendation if the nature of the goods to be shipped permits.

(F) CARTAGE

Article 11 - The efficient performance of A.C.A.'s undertakings will be facilitated by the use of two cars which will remain the property of A.C.A. U.N.R.R.A. will therefore assist A.C.A. in every way possible in making the following arrangements:

(1) To obtain a permit for the two cars.

(11) To obtain the necessary tyres and tubes for these cars.

(iii) To obtain the necessary supplies of petrol and oil for both cars.

It is understood that petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, etc., are to be paid for by A.C.A.; at the official price applying in Belgium. A.C.A. therefore only requires the necessary vouchers to obtain these products.

(G) FINANCE.

Article 12 - U.N.R.R.A. will pay monthly to A.C.A. in Belgian francs and in Belgium the amount of all disbursements made by A.C.A. during the previous month under the following heads:

- (i) wages and social charges of workmen (dockers, checkers, weighers, foreman, etc.) for such time as they are exclusively engaged on the traffic of U.N.R.R.A.
- (ii) Salaries and social charges of the clerks exclusively engaged on the traffic of U.N.R.R.A.
- (iii) Rent of warehouses or parts thereof used solely for U.N.R.R.A. supplies.
- (IV) Transport-expenses by motor-truck and/or hippomobile.
- (V) Supplies such as cases, iron wire, packing and other materials used exclusively for this traffic.

Article 13 - In addition to the amounts payable under Article 12 U.N.R.R.A. will also pay to A.C.A. 25 per cent of such amounts for services rendered representing the general expenses of A.C.A. such as:

Managing expenses, correspondence, accounting, telephone and telegraph, advance of money, lighting, heating, stamps, use of cars, depreciation of the material in use, etc.

and its interest in the present Agreement.

(H) RESPONSIBILITY.

Article 14 - A.C.A. is not responsible for the quality of the goods of which it takes possession.

Article 15 - A.C.A. is not responsible for any loss or damage due to any cause beyond its control, inherent vice, nature, defects or change of character of the goods, insufficiency or absence of marks, numbers, address or description, vermin or rodents. A.C.A. will be responsible for any loss or damage due to their own negligence or to

the acts of their own employees.

Article 16 - Any disagreement between the parties will so far as possible be dealt with on the basis of the "Conditions générales de transport et de magasinage de la Fédération Nationale des Entrepreneurs de Transports de Belgique" but in view of the special status of U.W.R.R.A. any disagreement that cannot be settled by reference to the said conditions will be settled by arbitration.

(I) DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Article 17 - This Agreement shall continue in force for a period of six months but subject to such minimum period shall be terminable by either party giving to the other at least one month's written notice of intention to terminate its agreement.

The terms of this agreement may be varied at any time by mutual agreement between the parties.

Article 18 - This Agreement comes into operation on the 14th. of July 1945.

Agence Continentale & Anglaise

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

ADMINISTRATEUR

[Handwritten signature]

Mrs. Parker

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INCOMING CABLE

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ACTION: MONS. MORHANGE

ANTWERP.....TO.....LONDON

No. 14
(JEN CLAIR).

Dated : 9th November 1945.
Received : 10th November 1945.

Repeated Brussels unnumbered.

" Reg 10/11

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Your Misc. 558 repeated Brussels 221. Total required 511,900 Belgian Francs exclusive of 3500 for interest charge which do not propose to pay unless you authorize.

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Telegram.

UNERA
ANTWERP

miss 558

Repeat to: Brussels

221

No.

en clair

Your 10 Brussels funds will be insufficient
pay bills 14-23 cable total required.

7th November, 1945

A. Mezinger

Originator: Miss I.M. Parker

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NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

TÉL. 12.99.86
12.47.60

REFERENCE LH/JM/286

YOUR REF.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
U. N. R. R. A.

19, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

5th November 1945.

To: Mr LEGROS, Director of Accounts & Audits, E.R.O.
London
From: L. HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission.

I confirm our telephone conversation of to-day, during which you agreed that I should open an Imprest Account in favour of General B.T. WILSON, who is at present in charge of CANTEEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, in Antwerp. Accordingly, I have to-day transferred to him an amount of Frs. 30,000 (THIRTY THOUSAND FRANCS) to inaugurate this account, and have arranged with General WILSON to open the account with the BANQUE DE COMMERCE, Antwerp, who have agreed to maintain the banking account free of charge.

Provisionally, in view of your remarks re finance for D.P. operations, I have drawn these funds from the D.P. Operations account and await your instructions with regard to the ultimate source of these funds.

I have asked General WILSON to furnish me with nominal Payroll for your information and will forward this to you as soon as it is received.

L. Hughes
L. HUGHES
Finance Officer.




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Finance Officer.

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ACTION: *Mr. Morhange.*

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ANTWERP.....TO.....LONDON

No. 10.
(EN CLAIR).

DATED 5th November 1945

RECEIVED 5th November 1945

Repeated to Brussels No. - " Reg. 6/11 "

UNCLASSIFIED.

Ref A.C.A. accounts still waiting for auditor to audit bills 14-23. Have signed agreement annulling A.C.A. contract and insist on prompt payment of remaining bills to 1st December. Return statement No. 19 for audit here with other bills shall only send you copies of bills. Originals will be checked and paid here in consultation with Wrathall.

CDC/LLR

1st November, 1945

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To: Mr. L. Hughes, Chief Finance Officer, Brussels
From: Deputy Director of Accounts & Audit, ERO

I return herewith statement of Account No. U.19 from
Agence Continentale et Anglaise.

Mr. Haydon is visiting you with a view to collaborating
with General Wilson in connection with the payment of this
account. When payment is authorised, it will be made through
your Office in Belgian francs and consequently you will require
the enclosed statement.

A.F.D. Campbell

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE: JH/JM/275.

YOUR REF.

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

30th October 1945.

To: E. R. C. London - AMENITIES SUPPLIES DIVISION.

From: L. HUGHES, Finance Officer, Belgian Mission.

I am attaching hereto Debit Memorandum no. 3083 for an amount of £.4,448.13.10 (Fr. B. 785,194.06) in respect of payment which we have made to the debit of D.P. operations accounts, to AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE with regard to the total of their invoices no. 1/13. The payment in question was made on instructions from Dr SIMON, acting on behalf of Sir Frederick MORGAN, after negotiations for a final settlement had reduced the figure from its original total. You will have received in the meantime a report from Dr SIMON.

I am also attaching copy of the form of receipt signed by the AGENCE CONTINENTALE & ANGLAISE recognising full and final settlement of the outstanding liabilities in question. We shall be obliged if you will pass on a copy of our Debit Memorandum to Audits & Accounts Section, in order that they may record the entry in their books. We hold the original of the receipt mentioned above.

Chief Accountant

L. HUGHES

Finance & Personnel Officer.

Relief Person. Budget
£9½ million

Carlsen & Wellman Supplies Unit Budget
1,700,000 Fr. trans

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U. N. R. R. A.

MAIL UNIT

UNRA - BRUSSELS

Enjoy

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Your letter 27th October five thousand
pounds transferred Compte Rapatriement 19th
October for payment A.C.A. account see our
165.

30th October, 1945.

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29th October, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for the delay in answering your letter of 18th October, addressed to the Director of Accounts & Audit. I quite appreciate the difficulties experienced by your Belgian Company, and can assure you we are doing everything in our power to get the matter settled.

We have informed our Brussels Office of the contents of your letter, and I hope to have more definite information in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Finance

The Secretary,
Continental Express Ltd.,
St. Olaf House,
Toulsey Street,
S.E.1.

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COPY for Mr. LE GROS.

WPH/MV

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2 NOV 1945
U. N. R. R. A.

29th October 1945.

To: General WILSON, UNRRA Canteen & Welfare Supply Unit, Antwerp

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission

re: Agence Continentale & Anglaise

With reference to the auditing of the outstanding statements of account at the A.C.A., I have today phoned with Mr. Le Gros, who is the Director of Accounts & Audit, with a view to get over a good accountant without delay in order to carry out the audit.

Mr. Le Gros has promised that he will send over his assistant director as soon as ever he can manage it, who will do the audit and he wishes that it be carried out as expeditiously as possible so that he assistant director can return to E.R.O.

27 I thought you would be glad to hear this and I will advise you immediately I am informed as to the date of the arrival of the auditor in question. Further, I will then make the necessary appointment for him with you so that you can give him his instructions as to the audit.

For inf.
only

W.P. Wrathall

W.P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

DEBIT MEMORANDUM

D/P Operations

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From BRUSSELS MISSION

No. 3083

To E. R. O

LONDON

Control Account Schedule No.

Date 29.10.45

VOUCHER NO.	DATE	CODE NO.	PARTICULARS		£	S.	D.
			To the DEBIT of CANTEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT as per duplicate of receipt.				
			For full and final settlement of A.C.A account for invoices 1-13	Frs. 785.194,06	4.448	13	10
<i>copy only. original removed for posting G.A.B.</i>							

Prepared by

Shoch

Examined

Constant

Approved

[Signature]

29th October, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for the delay in answering your letter of 18th October, addressed to the Director of Accounts & Audit. I quite appreciate the difficulties experienced by your Belgian Company, and can assure you we are doing everything in our power to get the matter settled.

We have informed our Brussels Office of the contents of your letter, and I hope to have more definite information in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Finance

The Secretary,
Continental Express Ltd.,
St. Olaf House,
Tooley Street,
S.E.1.

COPY

IMMEDIATE

From Ward for Morgan. .

Continental Express Limited of London who state they are affiliated to A.C.A. are pressing us regarding settlement Antwerp warehouse account. They state that A.C.A. are unable secure further bank loan and exchange restrictions prevent financial assistance from London FRANKFURT. No. 27th Oct., 1945. Company. They assert UNRRA has broken contract and threaten to recommend A.C.A. to cease all operations for Administration if no satisfactory answer received by Monday.

2. As this matter is in your hands, we leave it to you to you to decide whether you can make any payment on account without prejudice to our general position.

TEL. 12.99.96
12.17.60

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

REFERE WPW/SD/259

YOUR REF.

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

27th October 1945

INDEXED

To : E.R.O London - Finance Department

From : W.P.WRATHALL - Chief of Mission to Belgium

SUBJECT : A.C.A Account

I beg to enclose you herewith copy of a letter today written to General MORGAN, with regard to the above matter, which is self explanatory.

Dr. SIMON, Legal Adviser to General MORGAN, has been in Brussels for the last few days, and has reached the settlement of the A.C.A's accounts and contract.

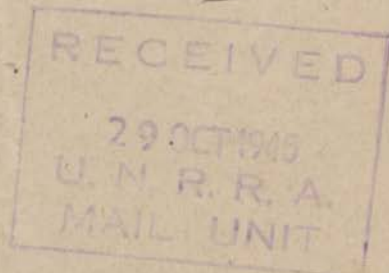
I have received instructions from General WILSON, who is now in charge of the Canteen and Welfare Supply Unit in Antwerp, to pay the amount referred to in the enclosed letter, and I should be glad therefore to receive the necessary transfer of funds from you in due course.

General WILSON has been authorized by General MORGAN to instruct me as to the payment to be made to ACA in accordance with the settlement which has been made and of which you no doubt will have received a full report.

W. P. WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

W. P. Wrathall

✓ Enclo : 1 copy



Invoices No 1 to 13

*Gaussen Well Supply
per B. N. Min. direct.*

TR
We acknowledge receipt of the amount of

**Frs. 785,194.06 (SEVEN HUNDRED & EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND
ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR FRANCS 6 cms.)**

**in full and final settlement of liabilities outstanding
against the Administration in favour of AGENCE CONTINEN-
TALE & ANGLAISE as defined on invoices 1/13 inclusive,
but as modified in accordance with the final settlement
agreement of the 26th October 1945.**

TR
Brussels, 27th October 1945.

**Agence Continentale & Anglaise
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME**

[Signature]
ADMINISTRATEUR-DÉLÉGUÉ

**Check of the 27th. October 1945 N° A/945.511 on the
Lloyds & National Provincial Foreign Bank Limited,
Brussels.**

4.448-13-10.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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Telegram.

USFET FOR
UNRRA
FRANKFURT

No. 566

27th Oct., 1945.

Originator Mr D. Ward-

F.34.

Despatched 1800 M.

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U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE WPW/SD

YOUR REF.

18, GRAND-PLACE, BRUSSELS

27th October 1945

To : General MORGAN - Chief of Operations - Germany

From : W.P.WRATHALL - Chief of Mission to Belgium

SUBJECT : Settlement of A.C.A. account

On instructions received from Dr. SIMON in his letter to me of the 26th of October, I have today been requested by General WILSON, who is Director of the Canteen and Welfare Supply Unit in Antwerp, to pay to the Agence Continentale et Anglaise, the sum of

Belgian francs 785.194,06

in full and final settlement of their statements, numbers 1 to 13 inclusive, which are in General Wilson's possession.

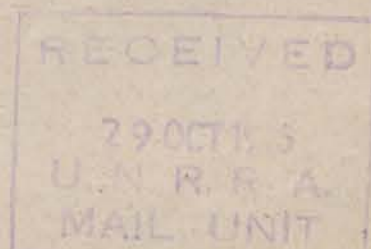
I have paid this amount today, and enclose you herewith a copy of A.C.A.'s receipt, original of which I hold.

As, however, I have received no funds from E.R.O with which to make this payment, I should be glad if you would please instruct E.R.O London to transfer sufficient Sterling to this Mission's Account (Compte Rapatriement) to cover the amount of Belgian francs in question.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

W.P.W.
W.P.WRATHALL
Chief of Mission

Copy for E.R.O. London
Finance Department



26th October, 1945.

NOTE on Telephone Conversation between Mr. Oakey, Secretary of Continental Express Ltd., (Hay's Wharf) to whom A.C.A. are affiliated, and Miss Parker, Finance Division.

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Mr. Oakey wished to know when he might expect an answer to his letter of 18th October, addressed to Mr. Le Gros in which he requested immediate payment of \$1,210,000 Belgian francs to A.C.A.. He said that the A.C.A. had had to borrow from a bank to meet their expenses and could not get further funds, and the English company were not permitted by the Bank of England to transfer funds to help them. He demanded an immediate reply, today, to his letter.

I explained that I was afraid that this would not be possible, as the matter was not at the moment in the hands of the London Office and we had to await further instructions from one of our European Offices. Mr. Oakey asked for details of which office, etc., and who was really dealing with the matter, to which I gave an evasive answer and said I hoped we would be able to reply to his letter soon.

Mr. Oakey pointed out that U.N.R.R.A. had broken its contract, and he wished to take the matter up at the highest level. In any case if no answer was received by Monday, he would be compelled to take drastic action and to order A.C.A. to cease all operations.

I undertook that his remarks should be conveyed to those who were dealing with the matter.

FILE Amendments Supply F 34

To: Supply Department (Attention Mr. Kennedy)

From: Acting D.D.G. (F & A)

Subject: PX Supplies for UNRRA Personnel in D.P. Operations,
French Zone.

You are authorised to proceed with the procurement of cigarettes and tobacco as described in the minute of 15th October addressed to your Department by ColGair.

The necessary budget provision has been, ~~or will~~
~~be~~ made in respect of these supplies.

A. Mahoney.

For Acting D.D.G. (F & A)

26th October, 1945

OUT FILE

To : Mr. E. Wyndham-White

From : A. Morhange

I do not think there is anything that UNRRA can do to assist Norway to accelerate her industrial rehabilitation. As 'a paying' country, Norway makes her own arrangements with the Combined Boards and I should imagine that unsolicited advice from UNRRA would hardly be welcomed.

I propose to write to General Martin regarding paragraph 1 (c) of his report when I have ascertained the total value of Emergency Supplies furnished by UNRRA for which the Norwegian Government will be asked to pay in Kroner.

IMR/DM

25th October, 1945

25 October 1945

OUT FILE

TO: Mr. J. E. Lejeune
Chief Supply Statistics Officer
FROM: Louis C. Stephens
Asst. Legal Adviser
RE: Agence Continentale et Anglaise:-
Inventory Values

This will confirm our telephone conversation of 17th October in which I informed you that Mr. Allott had authorised me to submit to you, in his name, a request for the cash value of the goods stored with the Agence Continentale et Anglaise at Antwerp on 15th September, 1945.

As you know, such an estimate will be needed monthly, as of the fifteenth, to furnish our insurance brokers with the basis they need for computing our premium, which you will recall is to be calculated on an average of the values of the monthly inventories.

I will be grateful if, when it is convenient to prepare this estimate, you send it on to Mrs. Nicholls in the Finance Division, who will notify the insurance brokers.

cc: Mrs. Nicholls

LCS:mdc

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

BRUSSELS

REFERENCE LH/JM/255

YOUR REF.

Grand'Place 18
25th October 1945.

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To: E.R.O. London - AUDIT & ACCOUNTS SECTION. Attention of Mr LEGROS.

From: L.HUGHES, Finance & Personnel Officer, Belgian Mission.

Subject: CANTEEN & WELFARE SUPPLIES UNIT, Antwerp.

When Mr DOZIER, Finance Officer of the above mentioned unit left for England recently, he left with us a number of Expense Statements completed by Messrs MAHONEY, PAVITT, HERCKENS, KENGEN & THIRION and Mrs HENRY and Miss LE GRAND, members of the staff at Antwerp, which total an amount of Frs.15,233.40, together with a cheque for the balance of the Imprest Account amounting to Frs.9,766.60.

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We have also received for subsequent dates further claim forms for expenses drawn up on the same lines, and we have told Capt. MAHONEY that in future they are not to use ordinary restaurants where Army facilities existed, and he has assured us that he will take steps to see that this practice should be pursued in future.

We shall be obliged if you will advise us whether we may accept these Expenses indents as part repayment of initial Imprest Account in favour of Mr DOZIER, and whether we may reimburse those other Expenses which are being claimed for subsequent dates.

L. Hughes
L. HUGHES

Finance & Personnel Officer.

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29 OCT 1945
U. N. R. R. A.
MAIL UNIT

Grand'Place 18

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25th October, 1945

To : Mr. J. E. Lejeune
From : A. Morhange

~~OUT FILE~~

In the Monthly Report of the Norwegian Mission for September, a statement is made to the effect that "the only source of UNRRA supplies from which the Norwegian Government could have derived revenue was from the small quantity of Emergency Supplies, totalling 184 tons, the bulk of which were gifts."

Before I reply to General Martin regarding this statement, I wonder if you would let me know whether his figure is correct as regards the tonnage of Emergency Supplies and what the invoices you will submit to the Norwegian Government are likely to amount to. I certainly understood from Brigadier Waddington that the quantity of Emergency Supplies furnished by UNRRA was considerable.

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NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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Telegram.

UNERA
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ENJOY

No.

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Originates trans exchange

Despatched

M.

24 OCT 1945

Following fr Morgan:

Your 172 noted and Brussels instructed
make no repeat no payment A.C.A. pending
receipt further authorisation from E.R.O.

~~Please inform us when such authorisation
may be given.~~

A. L. Lange

24th October, 1945

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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Originated from Morhange

Despatched 1440 M.

Draft.

Telegram.

UNRRA - BRUSSELS

For Wrathall from Morhange.

Reference your letter 16th October Finance
Division cable 165 was sent in ignorance
that letter of 5th October had been withdrawn.
Morgan now in charge at Antwerp requests that
no repeat no payment be made to A.C.A. until
you receive further instructions from E.R.O.

~~Enjoy~~

No. 192

en clair

A. Morhange

23rd October, 1945

24 OCT 1945

F. 34.

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INCOMING CABLE

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ACTION: DDG F & A
(Mr. Hasler)

FRANKFURT.....TO.....LONDON

No. 172
(En clair)

DATED: 20th Oct., 1945.
REC'D: 22nd Oct., 1945.

For Gale, from Morgan.

As from October 15th Antwerp has been placed under my authority. You have been authorized by letter of October 5th from Director of Finance European Regional Office to pay outstanding Bills presented by ACA, repeat ACA. Please do not make any payment to ACA until further notice.

DISTRIBUTION: P.R.D.G.
Mr. D. Ward

CC/KP

F. 34-

Continental Express, Limited

Green Arbour House, Old Bailey, London, E.C. 4

Directors:

Owen H. Smith,
John E. Humphrey
R. De La Bere
Sir Aubrey H. Smith
J. G. Piddington
Hugh M. Clawson
James Rutherford.
N. J. Cron Ewing.

Please reply to:

Our Ref. FHO/B/1027

SECRETARY'S OFFICE (HOP 7101. Ext. 146)

ST. OLAF HOUSE,

TOOLEY STREET, S.E. 1

Your Ref. Am. - 7nd

BY REGISTERED POST

For the attention of Mr. Le Grose
The Director of Audits and Accounts,
U.N.R.R.A.,
11, Portland Place,
W.1.

INDEXED

18th October, 1945.

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19 OCT 1945

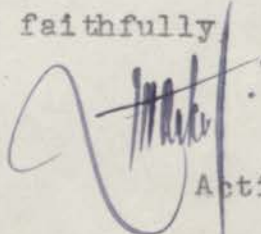
Dear Sir,

In connection with the Agreement now in force between U.N.R.R.A. and our Belgian Company (Agence Continentale et Anglaise, S.A., 32, Rue Picard, Brussels), I should like to point out that Article 12 therein provides for the monthly re-embursement of all disbursements made on behalf of U.N.R.R.A. by our Company.

This Agreement came into operation on the 14th July last, and to date no payment whatsoever has been received, the amount outstanding being 1,210,000 Belgian francs. I must therefore ask you to be good enough to advise me of the reason for delay, and to confirm that you are still prepared to carry out your part of the Agreement.

An immediate payment is desired as our Belgian Company is finding difficulty in obtaining funds to meet further disbursements.

Yours faithfully



Acting Secretary.

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Chambers

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U.N. R.R.A.

WPW/MV Nr. 228

REFERENCE

YOUR REF.

22 OCT 1945

U. N. R. R. A.

MAIL UNIT

16th October 1945.

BRUSSELS

To: E.R.O. London, Finance Department.

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission

Subject: Payment of Agence Continentale & Anglaise accounts

Further to my memo Nr. 214 of the 15th inst. with regard to the above, I received your telegram Nr 165 as follows:

" IMMEDIATE REFERENCE YOUR TELEPHONE CALL OUR LETTER 5TH
" OCTOBER AUTHORISED PAYMENT TO ACA OF BELGIAN FRANCS
" 846,503 DECIMAL 52 STOP WE ARE TRANSFERRING FIVE THOUSAND
" POUNDS COMPTE RAPATRIEMENT"

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As therefore I had not this letter of authority, I telephoned yesterday evening to E.R.O., asking them what action I had to take in the matter as before I pay out, I would like to have definite written authority to do so. I phoned again this morning to Mr. Hasler's secretary and at 4.30 p.m. this evening I received a telephone call from E.R.O. from Mr. Hasler's office, asking me to take no action whatsoever on your telegram nr. 165 and await further instructions.

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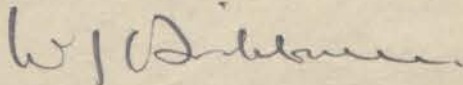
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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YOUR REF.

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15th October 1945

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To: E.R.O. London, Finance Department

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission.

Subject: Agence Continentale & Anglaise, Brussels

23 OCT 1945
U. N. R. R. A.
MAIL UNIT

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During the last visit I had from Mr. Verstraeten, as well as during a subsequent telephone call, he informed me that they were short of ready money and that unless they received payment, they would not be able to do anymore work for UNRRA and that UNRRA would be putting them in a very awkward position. He stated that he could not understand why the account had not been paid in spite of their many requests and further that he could get no satisfaction at all from the Antwerp organisation as to why the payment was being withheld. I again repeated that the matter was not my responsibility as I am in no way responsible for the Canteen & Welfare Organisation, but that I would transmit his message to London.

If therefore you wish me to pay the account, would you please cable me to do so with the exact amount, and at the same time send the necessary funds or if you do not wish me to do so, let me know why so that I can at least tell the A.C.A.

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W.P. Wrathall
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Chief of Mission

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

U. N. R. R. A.

BRUSSELS

REFERENCE: W.P./MV Nr. 814

YOUR REF.:

15th October 1945.

To: E.R.O. London, Finance Department

From: W.P. WRATHALL, Belgian Mission.

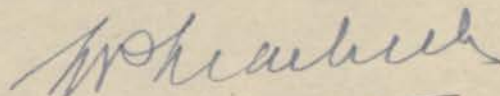
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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BRUSSELS

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Chief of Mission

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OUTGOING CABLE

ORIGINATOR: H. Morhange

LONDON..... TOBRUSSELS

No. 165
(IN CLEAR)

D. 14.00 hrs. 13th October, 1945.

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URGENT

Reference your telephone call our letter 5th October authorised payment to ACA of Belgian francs 846,503 decimal 52. We are transferring five thousand pounds Compte Rapatriement.

MG/HI

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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

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To : Division of Accounts & Audit
Field Accounts Clearance Branch
E.R.O. LONDON

6 October 1945
Ref. No.

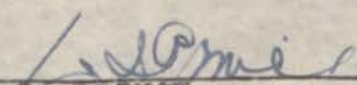
From : W.I. Prince,
Assistant Director Fin. & Admin. Division

Subject : Purchase of Commodities - Cigarettes

Please note that on the 4th inst. we have purchased from the Italian Government Monopoly 100 Kg. of Italian Cigarettes delivered at Bari for distribution among the refugees at Lecce Camp.

The cost of such commodity amounts to Lit. 200.000 - which we have debited to you with our debit advice No. ITALY/71 ERO 16 dated 4th inst., in as much as all Commodities accounts previously held at this office were closed on July 27th and transferred to you as per our D.N. 18/3 and C.A. No. 1 both dated 31/7/45. Furthermore accounting procedure No. 4 now in effect does not make any mention of the handling of commodities purchased nor does the Financial Statement to be rendered monthly provide for any such eventuality to be reported.

We therefore have no other choice but to charge you with the cost of the cigarettes in question and trust to find you in agreement.


W.I. PRINCE

Assistant Director of Fin. & Admin. Division

G. Maurino/ap

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OUT FILE

5th October, 1945.

To : Chief of Mission to Belgium
From : Director of Finance
Subject : Payments for Displaced Persons Operations
(Canteen and Welfare Supplies)

I hereby authorise you to pay the attached statements from the Agence Continental & Anglaise, Nos. 1 to 13 totalling 846,503.52 Belgian francs your Displaced Persons Account.

As these accounts are considerably overdue, I should be glad if you would arrange for them to be settled as soon as possible.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

(U. N. R. R. A.)

Canteen and Welfares Supplies Unit.

TELEPHONE :

CIVIL : 36197

MILITARY : 102

24-26, RUE LEYS ANTWERP
1 October 1945

RECEIVED
4 OCT 1945
U. N. R. R. A.
MAIL UNIT

Handwritten: AU

Mr. L. W. Le Gros,
Director of Accounts and Audits,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration,
11 Portland Place,
London, W. 1.

Dear Mr. Le Gros:

This will inform you as to the status of inventories
being rendered to UNRRA, by A. C. A.

During the recent past I have stressed to Mr. Mahoney,
Chief Warehousing Officer, that the accounts section
was only interested in a physical inventory and not one
taken from the book figures. He has been under the im-
pression that the Agency was rendering physical inven-
tories. Today I inquired of the Agency as to the inven-
tory for the 30th of September, and found that their
method of inventoring is to take the figures from the
stack cards. During this morning's conference I stressed
to them again that a physical inventory was what UNRRA
expected.

I wanted you to have this information, so that you would
be aware of the fact that I am informed on the matter.
The supplies to the British zone started moving today
with twelve box cars filled and ready for shipment.

Yours very truly,

Handwritten: WPA 10/10
Handwritten: by [unclear] (2000)
Handwritten: You may like to see this also.

Handwritten: Seymour S. Dozier
Seymour S. Dozier

Handwritten: 8/10

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INCOMING CABLE

AU.

ACTION: Mr. le Gros

UNRRA HQ L OF C FROM BROCKENSHIRE..TO..LONDON

No. 76
(En clair)

DATED: 22nd Sept., 1945.
REC'D: 23rd Sept., 1945.

Reg. 2579.

Please note following: No. 76 signed Brockenshire:

Place of origin is Antwerp - Action officer: Mr. Allot.

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INCOMING CABLE

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ANTWERP.

Action : Mr. Le Gros.

UNRAJ HQ L OF C from BROCKENSHIRE.....TO.....LONDON

No. 76
En Clair

D. 22nd Sept., 1945
R. 23rd Sept., 1945

"Reg. 24/9."

For Le Gros:

Allot assured ACA, prior his departure, that he would be in telephonic communication with Brussels without delay. ACA urgently requesting payment.

IH/EFH

Allot states he is phoning
Brussels today 25/9/45
✍

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TO: Division of Audits and Accounts (Mr. Le Gros)
FROM: D. P. Division (Col. L. W. Charley)
SUBJECT: Local Purchases by Assembly Centre Directors

The attached letter from Laycock to Place has by some means or other reached me here, presumably in error. It concerns a matter which I took up with Rhatigan on the 8th August, and I append a copy of my letter to him on the subject.

In my view the Instructions on the use of "Imprest Accounts and Requisitions of Cash Forms", dated the 7th July, covers the requirements in regard to local purchases, but it would appear that these instructions have not yet been put into force in the field.

I understand you are going to Frankfurt very shortly, and I shall be very grateful on your return to know what is the position in regard to this matter.

Released
LWC
10/9
Thir
4th September, 1945.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

Originator: E.R.Caston.

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/EN CLAIR/

DIVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION

U.N.R.R.A.LONDON.....TO.....U.N.R.R.A.BRUSSELS

No.102

D: 14.05 Hrs.. 1st September 1945

Following for Wrathall.

Reference Telephone Conversation Schaaf - Brussels, 31st August.

1. If in your judgement cases for packing cigarettes and tobacco for Amenity Supplies were necessary you hereby given covering authority for procurement.
2. 126,000 francs being made available to you by Finance Division against Amenity Supplies Budget to pay for these cases. It is, however, essential that Invoices and necessary documentation be available in support of this transaction.

RLW

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BRUSSELS

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ENJOY

EN CLAIR.

(Originator - E.R.Caston)
31. 8. 1945.

Copies to:

Mr. Feonov.
Mr. Herbert.
Mr. Schaaf.
Mr. Marshall.
3. Registry.

Miss. Parker.

*Min Parker
Copy case forward the original of
which you will submit as
requested by Mr Schaaf.
P. L. S.
31/8/45*

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1 September 1945

To : Treasurer
From : Financial Resources Officer

Would you please arrange for the equivalent of £750 in Belgian francs to be transferred from the "C" Account Bank of England, to the Compte Repatriement, Banque Nationale de Belgique.

This is to cover procurement of cases for packing cigarettes and tobacco for Amenity Supplies as authorized by Mr. Caston.

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UNRRA
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR GERMANY
USFET MAIN APO 757

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18 August 1945

TO: J.A. Place
FROM: C.W. Laycock *C. Laycock*
SUBJECT: Local purchases by D.P. Camps

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29 AUG 1945

UNRRA (RE)

1. The need for a properly regulated system of Local Purchase by Camp Directors has been brought to my notice on many occasions, including a recent communication from Lt. Colonel Davies of the Control Commission for Germany.

2. It was suggested by Lt. Colonel Davies that the Circular "Instructions on the use of Imprest Accounts and Requisitions for cash forms" contained provisions for solving the local purchase problem and I should accordingly be obliged if you would send me a copy of this document, and also state how far in your opinion it meets this difficulty, and how far its provisions are to your knowledge presented in operation in camps.

3. I am satisfied that a rational and properly regulated system of local purchase is an essential for Camp Directors, and I should welcome your observations on the matter.

J. A. Place.

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PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: Mr. le Gros.

FROM U.N.R.R.A. (FRANKFURT) TO U.N.R.R.A. (LONDON).

No. S-16285.

DATED

8th August 1945

RECEIVED

9th August 1945

INFO TO: 4th Port to Carentan for
UNRRA Granville.

For Mr. le Gros.

The subject is A.J. Allot.

1. Priddle urgently requests subject individual be sent forward to assist setting up of accounting records for welfare supplies.

2. Take necessary action to move A.J. Allot to Frankfurt for duty at UNRRA Central Headquarters, Hoechst.

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ACTION: Cons. Morhange.

*12/2/45
for
Information*

SHAEF MAIN (signed SCaEF
cite SHGE).....to.....UK BASE for UNRRA for Kettle

REF NO: S-94132:

Info: Twenty First Army GP for Mil
Gov twelfth Army Group for
G-5 Sixth Army Group for G-5.

DATED: 29th June, 1945.
REC'D: 30th June, 1945.

C.C.S has given to Shaef authority to initiate payment of
R.M. 30, per month, per person, for purchase of canteen goods
by United Nations displaced persons in Germany. Request you
inform Robson of Finance Division. When these items become
available generally, Army Groups will receive this authority
from Shaef.

C.C.

15th June, 1945

My dear Mr. Wrathall,

Confirming our conversation this morning, this will authorize you to procure in Belgium the wireless sets, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, matches and razor blades which we discussed. The situation, as I understand it, is as follows:

		<u>Total</u>
Wireless Sets	200 portable wireless sets will be produced for us by the Societe Radio-Electrique Belge for delivery between July 15th and July 31st, at 2,300 francs each	460,000 frs.
Cigarettes	25 million will be produced for us by the Union des Fabricants de Cigarettes Belges at 60 francs per thousand. The cigarettes will be packed in packets of 12, 20 and 25. Delivery before 10th July.	1,625,000 frs.
Tobacco	The Union des Fabricants de Cigarettes Belges in addition will sell us 25 tons of smoking tobacco at a price you were unable to quote, but the same as that paid by the Croix Rouge. Delivery before 10th July.	

Mr. W. P. Wrathall,
Chief of UNRRA Mission to Belgium,
c/o British Embassy,
BRUSSELS.

/Matches

2/02A-7
VA
Matches

The Union Allumettiers Belge will sell us 1,000 boxes of matches at the price as quoted to the Army, i.e. 195 francs per 1,000 boxes plus 75 francs for packing cases, each containing 3,600 boxes. The matches will be ready in approximately one week.

215,850 francs

Razor Blades

12,000 Gillette razor blades at 1 franc each.

12,000 francs
2,112,850 francs

At an exchange rate of 176 Belgian francs to \$1, the above sum is equivalent to \$13,141. 50. (to which will be added the price of the tobacco).

I understand from you that no purchase tax is to be paid on the above items, and I further understand that you have obtained the necessary permission for purchase and export from the Belgian Ministry of Economic Affairs.

From our conversation today I gather that you will arrange the mechanics of payment with Monsieur Monange and will require no further assistance from me in that connection other than this letter authorizing procurement. If you encounter any difficulty with the mechanics, I shall, of course, be immediately ready to straighten the matter out for you.

I gather that you are arranging with Major Brokenshire with reference to the places in Belgium to which the above goods are to be consigned.

I further understand that you await an offer of playing cards on your return to Brussels, and that other items on the list we gave you may similarly be discovered in Brussels. I am certain we will wish to have the playing cards if they are obtainable, and will probably desire other items as well. I eagerly await further word from you with reference to the playing cards and any additional items you are able to unearth.

With reference to the button offer which you

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15th June, 1945

Mr. L. Rathall.

onts. I am happy to say that we have now obtained from
H. source a full quantity of buttons; and will hence not
need to trouble you in Brussels further about this item.

May I congratulate you again on the very gratifying
results of your energetic work in Brussels during the very short
time which is all that you have thus far had to work on this
problem.

Cordially yours,

C. Hart Schaefer

Director, First Procurement Division

Copies to: Mr. Peckov
Mr. Harbert
M. Morhange (att: Miss Parker)
Mr. Barber (A/E File)
Registry
GHS File