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Aug 27
Greece - 602

25 August 1944

TO: Governor H. Lehman
FROM: George Xanthaky
SUBJECT: Conversation with Dallas Dort

Dallas Dort called me today. He had drafted and is clearing a cable with CCAC authorizing the Military in Cairo to discuss planning and operations during the period of Military responsibility with the Greek Government.

He expects the cable will be sent within two days.

He has also raised the question with respect to the Yugoslavs and is trying to get an agreement. The question, however, must be cleared with London. The major problem is just with whom the Military shall speak.

He will keep us advised of developments in both fields with respect to both countries.

GXanthaky/acc

IX - 030 - CCAC

UNRRA

OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

Grace - 602 (takeover)

NUMBER: 2530
TO: AFHQ Rome
REPEATED: London 15641
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 15/10/46 - 5:36 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 15/10/46 - 7:07 p.m.

Surprop 2009

Reur AFHQ Surprop 70 not repeated London paragraph three.

Hold in abeyance until receive reply our 3992 Athens repeated
2526 Rome 15829 London.

Drafted by:
CAParvis (Proc. Coord. Supply Div.)
15 October 1946

Cleared by:
McKeever

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

FORM AD-87
(REVISED)
(7 MAR 45)

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE:

31 January 1946

CROSS INDEX:

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TO:

Roger Makins, C.M.G. Embassy of Great Britain, Wash., DC

FROM:

Herbert H. Lehman (DG) UNRRA, Washington, DC

SUMMARY:

"The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has noted with gratification the conclusion of an economic and financial agreement between the British and Greek Governments contemplating an ten-million-pound sterling stabilization loan to Greece, etc....."

RECORD FILED:

Greece 672

TYPIST:

mal

DATE:

5 Feb 46

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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(7 MAR 45)

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE:

1 December 1945

Incoming Telegram

CROSS INDEX:

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" Mission- 211.41 to ERO # 1909

TO:

Repeated London 1909

FROM:

Athens to Washington 1741

SUMMARY:

Received Via British Embassy

Personal Presiding 25 to Washing on , Persoanl Presding
34 to London.

Yesterday we met with the Vice-P resident Tsouderos
and the Ministers of Supply, Finance and Agriculture.
...Etc.

RECORD FILED:

Greece - 672

TYPIST:

A.P.

DATE:

12/14/45

UNRRA

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 6558
TO: London
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 2/11/45 - 7:52 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 3/11/45 - 7:20 a.m.

Personal Presiding No. 62.

1. We have given most serious consideration to your report transmitted as Personal Presiding A, B and C. The situation described is manifestly serious and possibility that benefit of much of UNRRA work undertaken to date will be lost is disheartening. We appreciate your analysis of causes for this which is borne out by all reports reaching us. We have every confidence that personnel of Mission have sought in every way to guide Government towards sound economic policy and appreciate excellent work done in most trying circumstances.

2. The course of action you advise passes, as you acknowledge, beyond UNRRA's sphere of responsibility. Even though it is at present most acceptable of unpalatable alternatives presented, we have grave doubts as to wisdom of UNRRA's intervention. Therefore request that Gale in discussions with Foreign Secretary refrain from presenting course of action under "D" as policy line of Administration. Likewise request that in conversations with local representatives of Powers in Athens this course should not be pressed as our view.

3. It would nevertheless be proper that Administration should take steps necessary to notify chief governments of our grave concern at inability of Greek Government to act according to needs of situation. In our view, however, Director General should report objectively and carefully upon chief elements in problem as they affect UNRRA and the potential danger of coming weeks. He should reaffirm his view that his responsibility is to continue supply line to Greece in order that basic needs may be guaranteed and that wherever possible rehabilitation requirements may be satisfied. Beyond this the issue becomes a political one - initially domestic but immediately international in every aspect - and in that field he has neither authority or competence. Were he to venture into this field it is highly probable that protests by member governments would be made that he was exceeding his functions. Should the Powers judge that the benefit of UNRRA supplies is in danger of being lost (and they can verify DG's report through their own representations) it is, as we see it, for them to decide upon necessary course of action and to take steps accordingly.

4. In accordance with foregoing an immediate start is being made on suitable report by DG which we intend to discuss with Jackson on his arrival here before submitting it to appropriate authorities.

5. Assume you will advise Athens as necessary.

Drafted by:
Caustin/Weintraub
2 November 1945

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DATE: 4 September 1945

CROSS INDEX: Greece Mission 140
Balkan Mission 140
Greece 602

TO: George Xanthaky

FROM: Edward B. Williams

SUMMARY: Statement on Greece to be used at appropriations hearings.

RECORD FILED: 020.23 (Congressional hearings)

TYPIST: mal

DATE: 4 Mar 46

UNRRA

OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

Greece - 602 (Take over)
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NUMBER: 3992
TO: Athens
REPEATED: London 15329; AFHQ Rome 2526
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 8/10/46 - 3:47 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 8/10/46 - 4:57 p.m.

Surprop 1089

Headquarters has no knowledge take over Army rest center.
Urgent advise immediately full details and by what authority.

Drafted by:
CAParvis (Proc. Coord. Supply)
3 October 1946

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Greece - 602

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: Unnumbered
TO: Athens (Archbishop Damaskinos, Regent of Greece)
DATED: 7 July 1945
DISPATCHED: 7 July 1945 - 2:30 p.m.
Clear

I am deeply appreciative of Your Excellency's gracious message of 3 July on the occasion of the celebration of the first three months of the Administration's operations in Greece. Inasmuch as I expect to visit Athens from the 13th to the 21st of the present month I hope to have an opportunity of paying my respects to you while there.

Drafted by:
Allolland (DA)
5 July 1945

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(11 Sept 44)
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE: 9 May 1945

CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 602

TO:

FROM: Athens, No. 92 dated 17 Apr 45

FILED: Greek Mission - 271

SUMMARY: Incoming telegram - Regarding weekly news cable sent to Washington but not repeated to ERO; takeover proceeded smoothly but received less than 50% transportation for personnel which was declared available.

ATTACHMENTS:

Washington
(air mail)

Home - 6021
Xm

28 April, 1945

C.O.

B.A. - PO - Rm. 332

Administrative Council
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
11 Portland Place
London, W 1

Dear Sir

Att: Mr. Adair

Attached please find material having to do with the financial aspects of the take-over by UNRRA from the Military of certain issues originally made by the Military to the voluntary societies and in the possession of the voluntary societies on the date of the hand-over from the Military to UNRRA - Greece.

This data includes:

1. Message No. 245 to Greeceaid from Mideast
2. Message No. 66 from Greeceaid to Mideast
3. Memorandum from Mr. Rohrbaugh to Administrative Services Division

You have already received a summary issued by our Bureau of Finance and Administration concerning fiscal aspects of the take-over of stock and equipment from the Military in this theatre. The above concerns an added aspect of the financial take-over but relates to Mideast specifically.

This information is sent to you for your comment and we should like to have you indicate whether or not our action in this matter is in accordance with your general understanding as to the financial aspects of the take-over from the Military.

Yours very truly

B. F. M.
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Acting Chief of Mission

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C O P Y

MESSAGE RECEIVED 21 APRIL 1945

FROM: MIDEAST
TO: GREEKAID
INFO: YUGAID
ALBAID
AFHQ
ITALIAN MISSION VIA VENERO ROME

19 April 45

UNRRA 245 CONFIDENTIAL FOR MABEN 300 FOR HALL 73 FOR OAKLEY HILL
139 FOR COCHRANE 64 FOR KEENEY AND WADDILOVE FAU FROM HYDE.
FOLLOWING SENT TO LONDON AS 285 REPEATED TO WASHINGTON AS 489

1. GHQ MIDEAST state that issues to voluntary society units attached UNRRA MEO GREECE and YUGOSLAVIA Missions i.e. NOT operating under military shall be on repayment.
2. AFHQ have also signalled WAR OFFICE suggesting that equipment at present with Voluntary Society units attached GREECE and YUGOSLAVIA Missions i.e. originally issued free of charge may be transferred to UNRRA But on repayment. AFHQ signals FX 56913 and 60078++++++ refer.
3. Request decision whether we can accept issue equipment for Voluntary Society units now being equipped in MIDEAST for duty in GREECE on this basis.
4. If issues already made are to be charged UNRRA in accordance para 2 above will be necessary check complete records held only in MIDEAST with equipment held by units as at date assumption responsibility by UNRRA in countries concerned as
 - a. some units may have been diverted to operate with non-UNRRA organizations after leaving MIDEAST.
 - b. some equipment probably lost or destroyed during military period.
5. Anxious decision soonest as have Voluntary Society Units in CAIRO actually in process being equipped for service in Greece. In addition General Order covering all facilities to be extended by Military to UNRRA and attached Voluntary Society Units in MIDEAST is being held up pending ruling this matter.

++++++ not sent UNRRA Greece

DISTRIBUTION: MR. MABEN MR ROHRBAUGH MR DUTHIE DR KIRK

31232 ✓

Washington
(air mail)

27 April 1945

TO: MIDEAST - UNRRA

FROM: Greekaid

UNRRA 66

This is in reply to your 245.

1. We are in agreement that equipment (transport, etc.) issued by the Military to voluntary society units now part of the UNRRA Greece Mission and in possession of those units on 1 April 1945 shall be transferred to UNRRA on repayment.

2. In view of the circumstances holding during the past several months our best procedure will be to ascertain through our regions exactly what equipment was held by voluntary societies on 1 April, and the condition thereof. These records can be checked against Mideast records. The difference is chargeable against the military as the teams served in Greece until 1 April as the agents of the Military. We will have this report made at once, will transmit a copy to you for routing to GHQ Mideast for checking against original records.

3. We suggest that on equipment transferred the transfer be on a loan-to-UNRRA basis with arrangements made later for repayment mechanics. This is exactly the arrangement governing handover of transport by AFHQ.

4. Other issues (excepting equipment) to voluntary society teams prior to 1 April, such as uniforms, are covered by 'Land Forces Greece Administrative Standing Orders, Section 40, Supplies, Stores and Services to EPI, CVWV, BRCS and UNRRA' and the same would apply to Mideast issues.

5. In consequence of above you may accept issue of equipment for voluntary society units now being equipped in Mideast for duty in Greece, on this basis.

6. Please send latest information on number of personnel in these units and date they will be ready to depart for Greece.

cc - Airmail - London
Washington

Accounts
Personnel
Dr. Kirk
Mr. Eaben
Mr. Leet
Adm. Services

3-232

28 April, 1945

Mr. K. C. Booker

Lewis H. Rohrbaugh

Transfer of Issues from Military to Voluntary Societies

Attached message to Mideast concerning transfer of issues from Military to voluntary societies, which were in possession of voluntary societies now attached to UNRRA as of 1 April, is self-explanatory.

Will you please arrange to have a report made, indicating transport, etc., which was in the hands of teams now attached to us on the above date and its condition.

This data can be secured as you think best, either through our Regional Directors, or through Welfare Division and its liaison with the voluntary societies.

On the date that this is assembled, accounts should have a copy of it and as indicated, a copy should go forward to Mideast for checking against CHQ records of issue.

For background information on this, see the summary I issued on fiscal aspects of take-over from the Military.

UNRRA

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: UNRRA0584
FROM: Athens
DATED: Undated
RECEIVED: 16 April 1945 - 5:00 p.m.
Clear

The main event of the past week was the takeover from ML to the Greek Government. UNRRA Mission here faced necessity of reorganizing program to meet needs of the Greek Government for counselling to ensure that adequate relief supplies get to Greek ports where Government will assume distribution responsibility.

In accord with Agreement, the ML Civil Relief supplies transferred UNRRA April 1, were immediately given over to Government. This involved mass of paper work both for ML and UNRRA warehousing personnel who prepared careful inventories, accounted for goods in storage, transit, shrinkage, etc. Actual process of signing stocks over uncompleted until mid-night March 31. The Agricultural Bank appointed for Government as their representative, except for petrol, oil and lubricants, handled by Greek Petroleum Pool, and coal handled by Union of Coal Importers.

UNRRA warehousemen instructed as of April, that their function is to assist and counsel Agricultural Bank as agent of Government in warehousing supplies. Chief Duthie, supply and distribution kept fully informed regarding acceptance and handling of supplies, turned over to Greek Government for UNRRA including those in former ML depots and future arrivals.

Relationships between ML and UNRRA so smooth that UNRRA agricultural men are able to take over their responsibilities in 2 regions ahead of schedule. Agricultural Division now has complete staff in field work lacking only 1 officer. Several thousand seed potatoes distributed to ML, more incoming and can be planted immediately at higher elevations where season not far advanced. Government Agricultural Ministry busy distributing cooper-sulphate for vineyards, but not enough to go around. Industrial Rehabilitation hopes to stimulate local production of cooper-sulphate for new method. Fertilizers incoming continuously and transhipped rapidly to little ports for use on potato and vegetable crops, carrying out policy of first supplies for production of food crops. Distributions worked out for Government and Agricultural Bank through local committees.

Veterinary serum packages being shipped out to provinces. Milk marketing situation in Athens being studied and in Salonika soon. Plans for rehabilitating secondary agricultural schools underway. Agricultural Ministry has appointed scholarship assistance committee made up of itself, UNRRA and Near East Foundation.

Forty tons of fishing equipment from Egypt awaited by UNRRA for Ministry of National Economy.

Nursing Division undertaking direct advisory work with Greek Government.

With consultation of UNRRA Welfare, Ministry of Welfare issuing instructions for setting up of provisional welfare committees for distribution of gift clothing, and to meet problems.

Unprintable UNRRA press release issued by independent release on take over, letter follows. Story well carried and broadcast and distributed to remote villages and dispatched by foreign press and radio. Daily Herald sole critical.

ML personnel seconded UNRRA very valuable but some outside express lack of confidence in UNRRA. This normal feeling when one group relinquishes and few disappointed in job seeking. Minor difficulties but ironed out by strick Greek Mission policy of refusal to criticize any other organization in any way. Awaiting repatriation report on first Greek refugees. Main coverage from Cairo for agreement and difficulty transport of correspondents here. Dispatched 4 stories and 8 pix to Headquarters.

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UNRRA

Greece 251
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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 141
TO: Sydney
DATED: 13 April 1945
DISPATCHED: 13 April 1945 - 2:00 p.m.
Clear

Your 58. UNRRA responsibility for Greece assumed April 1. Major provisions Greek Agreement as follows:

1. UNRRA will furnish supplies and services for such period time as it is determined that Greece is unable to pay therefor with suitable means foreign exchange. UNRRA will have no claim for payment in foreign exchange.
2. Administration supply program will be based Government's requests insofar as practicable.
3. Supplies will be consigned UNRRA mission Greece and transferred Government at agreed designated ports entry or frontier points.
4. Government has responsibility for distribution supplies and will follow Council policies particularly Resolutions 2 and 7.
5. Government will keep Administration fully informed regarding distribution. UNRRA representatives will have opportunity observe distribution in each stage to satisfy themselves that distribution conforms to Council Resolutions.
6. Government administers local currency proceeds but undertakes to use for relief and rehabilitation funds equivalent in amount to proceeds. Government will meet local administrative and operating expenses UNRRA.
7. Chief UNRRA mission and major assistants are to be appointed in agreement with Government. Government will give UNRRA privileges and immunities recommended by Resolutions.

Full text Greek, Czechoslovak, Italian Agreements being sent airmail.
Yugoslav Agreement signed 24 March will be airmailed when received.

Drafted by:
Schachter (GC)
11 April 1945

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Duce 602

26 March 1945

TO: C. Gill

FROM: M. Sokolowski *MS.*

With reference to Mr. Dayton's memorandum to you of 22 March regarding proceeds of sale in liberated areas, I would like to state my full agreement with the view expressed by him in this memorandum.

FI:CI:Graham:CI

CC: Kenneth Dayton

Greece 602

22 March 1945

TO: C. Gill

FROM: Kenneth Dayton

Cable 259 from the U. S. Ambassador at Athens to the Secretary of State reports the Embassy's views on the transfer from ML to UNRRA and contains the following on the second page:

"there appears to be extensive feeling that Greece would have in the long run been helped more effectively by direct control of the distribution of supplies by UNRRA and the definite earmarking of the proceeds of the sales for purposes of relief and rehabilitation".

I reported by cable from Athens in January and again orally after my return the unanimous opinion of the US and UK representatives in Athens, the UNRRA senior officials and myself that, if proceeds of sale were properly to be used for the Greek rehabilitation, they probably should be under UNRRA control. I attach a copy with particular reference to paragraph 6.

During my absence and after vigorous presentations by the UK Treasury and Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the Director General had decided to leave the governments of liberated areas free hand with the proceeds of sales for a period at the outset of our operations, and thereafter to require only a general agreement that an equal amount would be used for relief and rehabilitation. I suggested the desirability of adapting this agreement to the situations in each country, but I think that it was felt that the situation had been made and that each country would insist on the same rights that every other had received.

I bring the matter to your attention now, not because I think this is the appropriate time to raise the question of a change, but because I think this question of policy is bound to arise again in the future out of practical conditions in some liberated areas and you want therefore to be advised of the background.

I believe Mr. Sokolowski shares my view and I am sending him a copy of this memo.

KDayton/emw
CC to Mr. Sokolowski

UNRRA

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

INCOMING TELEGRAM

State Department Telegram
Transmitted to UNRRA
3:00 p.m., 20 March 1945
Code

FROM: Athens (To Secretary of State from MACVEACH)
NUMBER: 259
DATED: 12 March 1945

On March 16 Hendrickson and his group are to meet in Caserta with the military and finish arrangements for UNRRA's assumption of the responsibility here.

Assumption of responsibility for the distribution of clothing and medical supplies, the operation and supervision of medical centers, and the receipt, clearances (*) L and UNRRA supplies by the Greek Government organizations is now expected here by March 15. From April 1, UNRRA will be responsible for the balance of supply and relief duties which are being handled by ML at this time. Therefore, the responsibilities of UNRRA in Greece will be restricted to acting as observers and consultants as well as coordinators of voluntary agencies, accepting overseas shipments, requisitioning supplies, and turning such overseas shipments to Government of Greece on board vessels.

Due to the Greek Government's unreadiness to undertake this duty, it may be necessary for UNRRA to operate as an operating organization in some areas in the beginning, although it has been agreed that it is not to be an operating organization. In order to help UNRRA during the transition period in every way possible, ML plans to stay in the background for one or two months after April 1. Release will be given some officers of ML to act as civilians with UNRRA. Furthermore, ML is starting to hand over district by district to UNRRA already and is insisting that UNRRA familiarize itself with all operations of ML. For example, representatives of UNRRA are members of the joint coordinating committee and now go to General Scobie's advisors'

conferences. The sale of such ML organizational stores and equipment as office equipment, army vehicles, et cetera is now being planned in details. The post of chief of the UNRRA Greek mission has been refused by Palmer in the meantime, and Maben is still acting chief. (*) agreement with much satisfaction (*) there appears to be extensive feeling that Greece would have in the long run been helped more effectively by direct control of the distribution of supplies by UNRRA and the definite earmarking of the proceeds of the sales for purposes of relief and rehabilitation.

It is requested that Treasury be advised, in addition to which Sadler asks that Hilldring be advised.

(*) Apparent omissions - verification requested.

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UNRRA

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Received in UNRRA
5:20 p.m., 15 March 1945
Clear

FROM: Athens
NUMBER: 22
DATED: 15 March 1945

This message refers Washington 155 D and T Manual including transportation stating new agreement. This manual partly obsolete. Greek Government agree continue ML system. Under advice and observation of UNRRA all operations responsibilities rest upon Government. Reference any improvements, changes desired after first April UNRRA will advise and assist Government. UNRRA only taking over 811 N/4 and 300 JRC vehicles 15 March.

After receipt of proposed travel operations plan the manual will be elaborated. New revised plan for motor truck requirements under way.

ACTION: Menshikov (7)

INFORMATION:
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DATE: 10 March 1945
CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 723.1
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TOP SECRET

TO: Mr. Elgin E. Wasson, Canadian Mutual Aid Board Adm., Canada
FROM: David Weintraub
FILED: Greece - 602 (See: Security File)
SUMMARY: Administration has undertaken to assume full distribution and financial responsibility for relief supplies to Greece beginning 1 April 1945. Also confirms telephone conversation by which UNRRA undertakes to have debited to the UNRRA account of the Canadian Mutual Aid Board Administration all Canadian wheat placed aboard Swedish vessels at St. John under the arrangements with the Joint Relief Commission
ATTACHMENTS: which arrive in Greece for the quarter beginning 1 April 1945.

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DATE: 8 March 1945
CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 602
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TOP SECRET

TO: Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, Jr., FEA
FROM: David Weintraub
FILED: Greece - 602 (See: Security File)
SUMMARY: Authorization to encumber certain sum of U.S. Contribution to UNRRA to cover cost of supplies procured in U.S. included in program for shipment on Swedish ships which may be delivered in Greece during the quarter beginning 1 Apr 45.

ATTACHMENTS:

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DATE: 8 March 1945

CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 602

Balkan Mission - 218.1 (#298)

ERO - 218.2 (# A-21)

TO: Athens (Repeated to Cairo as 298 and to London as
Airgram No. A-21) No. 25 dated 7 March 1945.

FROM: K. Dayton (Treasurer)

FILED: Greece - 305

SUMMARY: Outgoing telegram - Local currency provisions in
draft UNRRA Agreement for Greece permits government
to use for relief and rehabilitation purposes
amount of proceeds equivalent to amount recorded
as received from sale UNRRA supplies.

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DATE: 27 February 1945
CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 602

TO:
FROM: Caserta, No. 26, dated 23 Feb 45
FILED: 218.1 - Hendrickson (No. 17)
SUMMARY: Incoming telegram - Regarding Greece take-over which
is to be effective first of April.

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DATE: 27 February 1945
CROSS INDEX NO: 218.1 - Hendrickson (No. 6)
Greece - 602

TO:
FROM: Caserta, No. 60 dated 21 Feb 45
FILED: Med. Liaison Office - 218.1 (No. 60)
SUMMARY: Incoming telegram - Regarding discussion with Lt. Robertson and U.S. Assistant Hamblin on take-over date for Greece.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Greece 602

21 February 1945

To: The Director General
From: William H. Wells
Subject: Relief Responsibility in Greece

Sat'd 27 January

The following excerpt from a letter addressed to Louis Birk, Director of Public Relations, Balkan Mission (now in Washington), from Homer W. Davis, Director of Public Relations, Greece Mission, contains information which I think will be of interest to you.

"Now the problem of relief and rehabilitation in Greece is greatly increased by the damage done by the hostilities and the relief task is so colossal and the means for meeting it so comparatively small that the inevitable criticism and complaints may assume such proportions that the reputation of all who share the responsibility may be jeopardized. UNRRA does not share the responsibility. It has no supplies and no authority to act. It seems to us that these facts should be emphasized and that in reporting voluntary, cooperative, advisory and planning activities we should aim not for volume but for the right note - namely, activities in preparation for UNRRA period.

"M.L., as I understand it, is now pressing UNRRA to take over at the earliest possible moment and by way of partial elucidation of the above remarks concerning the inevitable criticism that is to come I quote the following from a memo from Brigadier Palmer, dated January 14th, on the relationship between M.L. and UNRRA:

"Only in this way (UNRRA taking over M.L. personnel etc.) do I see the object of the Field Marshal being achieved and I should like to emphasize that as far as the British contribution is concerned, bodies must inevitably be lost in the war effort either through UNRRA or M.L. and it is far better politically, in my opinion, that UNRRA should be the target for criticism (if any) than M.L."

c.c Mr. Feller
WHWells/ah
21 feb 45

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE: 21 February 1945

CROSS INDEX NO: Greece - 602
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TOP SECRET

TO: Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, Jr., FEA

FROM: David Weintraub

FILED: Greece - 602 (See: Security File)

SUMMARY: Proposal that UNRRA will be financially responsible for the supplies procured and for the charter hire of the vessels in which those supplies are shipped under the present Joint Relief Commission procedure beginning with arrivals of such supplies in Greece on and after 1 Apr 45.

ATTACHMENTS:

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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Greece - 602
Delivered to State Dept
3:30 p.m. 6 February 1945
Code

TO: Cairo (Repeated to London as No. 245, Caserta 32)
NUMBER: 151
DATED: 6 February 1945

1. Director General met with CCAC re future Balkan operations and to consider CCAC's reply to Theatre of cable mentioned preamble your 91. UNRRA consulted and concurred in reply which should reach Theatre shortly.

2. Major points of CCAC answer are:

(a) April 1 envisaged as target date take-over Greece. Interim procedure with ML calls for achievement at earliest possible date of operating arrangement set forth in paragraph one of interpretation April 3 agreement. Within this framework operating arrangement so far as possible should provide for assignment of specific tasks to UNRRA as organization. UNRRA personnel should be given fullest opportunity to function in and become familiar with duties they will perform after takeover. Complete Greece Mission staffing and return Mission to Greece as soon as possible.

(b) 1. Relief Supplies. All ML relief supplies, e.g. food, clothing, etc. for Greek relief in Theatre or arriving after April 1 shall be turned over to UNRRA.

2. ML organizational stores and equipment. All ML supplies this category in Greece for operations, distribution or administration of relief, to extent UNRRA wants same and CCAC authorizes after recommendation by Theatre shall be made available to UNRRA. With respect to this category, UNRRA and ML shall consult in field and prepare and forward to CCAC statement for latter's confirmation of availability. Pending CCAC's instruction with regard thereto Theatre is authorized to lend such stores and equipment to UNRRA. Subject to diversions to meet actual military exigencies it is intended that all supplies and equipment should be turned over to UNRRA. UNRRA will pay for all supplies and stores and equipment turned over under 1 and 2 of this paragraph

(c) Military will program and process requirements for loading up to 1 June. UNRRA will program for arrival after June. UNRRA is requesting its own shipping commencing with July arrivals.

(d) Personnel

1. This refers to theatre's paragraph 7(c). The desirability of certain ML-HQ military personnel remaining for purpose of assisting UNRRA for

a short period after 1 April is recognized. Number and identity of such personnel would be discussed between ML-HQ and UNRRA, and ML-HQ's recommendations to CCAC made after such discussions. Military personnel remaining temporarily would be under Military command.

2. This refers to theatre's paragraph 7(a). Release of suitable personnel for UNRRA employment is matter which should be decided between UNRRA and War Office and War Department, respectively.

(e) Yugoslavia, Albania. The fixing of firm target dates at earliest possible moment is desirable. If practicable, Greek target date would be desirable for Albania, Yugoslavia. Therefore provide fullest information regarding anticipated date of ML entry these countries; whether period as long as two months of Military responsibility is necessary; also, on feasibility of applying Greek takeover procedure to Yugoslavia, Albania.

(f) Theatre's recommendations with respect to above are requested. This ends major points CCAC's answer.

3. Director General informed CCAC of UNRRA's complete dependence on military for transport. He noted that 2(b) relates to turnover to UNRRA of ML stores and equipment and not to equipment held by Three Corps. He pointed out that ML transport might be inadequate to meet even minimum requirements and added that he should expect that operational transport under control of Three Corps would, to extent necessary, be made available to meet any deficiency. Negotiations with respect to such transport would be between UNRRA and British military but Director General added he hoped CCAC would support such requests.

4. Re your 91, para. 8. Conclusions stated this paragraph not clear to us. We had interpreted Theatre's para. 8 as referring only to military operational orders relating to security and safety and not to orders relating to UNRRA organizational matters or UNRRA relief policy or to UNRRA arrangements with government or de facto authorities. If you have specific basis for your concern cable full details and we will discuss with CCAC here. Director General assured by CCAC of explicit instructions to Theatre regarding provision of relief for entire Greek population, regardless location and without discrimination because of race, creed or political belief.

5. Suggest you take immediate steps to prepare lists for CCAC and arrange interim loan ML stores and equipment along lines indicated paragraph 2(b) above; and transfer of three corps equipment along lines indicated paragraph 3 above. Also commence negotiations on personnel on basis 2 (d) above.

6. Director General convinced arrangements mentioned paragraph 2 above present workable plan for UNRRA's future operations and urges that all possible be done to accomplish takeover on target date. Assure Greek Mission Washington will make every possible effort to meet requirements.

However, Mission should realize that under existing global military situation firm guarantees regarding supply and shipping are impossible and cannot be imposed by UNRRA as condition precedent to commencement UNRRA operations Greece or any other area.

7. Please repeat to Athens, Bari and Ruvo. This answers your 106, 97, 91, 59, 35, 24.

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TO: Cairo
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1. Inform Maben as follows: Rohrbaugh bringing proposed supply program first period UNRRA supply responsibility regardless kick-off date, with copies for Cairo. Any requirements work for period before date UNRRA assumes supply responsibility is on behalf military. Expecting now that UNRRA responsibility for distribution begins April 1, for supply unloading in Greece July 1. Expect firm this up shortly. After April 1 military would be reimbursed for supplies and would be responsible for shipping. Expect allocations of shipping tonnage to UNRRA for unloading period after July 1 will be handled completely Headquarters with CSAB.
2. Have told Ambassador Greek Technical Mission on Requirements not needed here but that Greek Government requirements should be presented Mission on ground for UNRRA period. Repeat to Athens.

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LONDON

UNRRA FROM LEHMAN #481

Following proposed as answer to Cairo's 80 repeated to Washington as 323. If you agree with paragraph 2, please cable full text to Cairo noting your concurrence. If you do not agree with paragraph 2, cable text of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 to Cairo and clear with us on any suggested text on matters covered in paragraph 2.

1. In view of military policy, as well as present Greek political situation, please follow policy instructions previously given with respect to relations with Greek government in Cairo. Your 323 presents no new facts warranting change with respect to Military period. Appreciate difficulties in your position but urge you to impress on Greeks (a) sole responsibility for all relief and rehabilitation activities and development of requirements estimates for Military period rests with Military, (b) UNRRA participation is invitation of Military and Administration must scrupulously adhere to security regulations imposed by Military, (c) any invitation to Greeks to collaborate on Military period relief and rehabilitation estimates on planning must come from Military and not from UNRRA, (d) that responsibility as between UNRRA and Army for procurement, timing, and financing of operations is UNRRA-Army concern and need not be discussed between Greeks and UNRRA.

2. Import requirements being prepared in London by representatives of Greek government in collaboration with UNRRA's London regional office. We understand Greek London representative will send copy of requirements to Cairo for discussion and clearance with his government there. Undoubtedly, Greek Government will discuss matter with you. No embarrassment should result if you make clear to Greek authorities that estimates are tentative and subject to final approval in Washington.

3. Full collaboration on post-military period essential in functional fields, such as health, welfare, displaced persons, and in planning for surveys and services related to rehabilitation of agriculture and industry. Suggest fullest possible collaboration with emphasis on government's primary responsibility in all fields. Our #348 gives basic policy line as to UNRRA's responsibility vis-a-vis Greek government in connection with distribution.

4. Extremely important that we receive frequent and full intelligence reports on current economic, social and health conditions in Greece.

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FROM: Cairo
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Now that New Greek government is established appointed minister have intimated desire to collaborate with UNRRA. Kanelcopoulos Minister of Finance and Reconstruction London Minister of Relief and Social Welfare and Theotakis Minister of Supply Have already made contacts and I am asked to see Greek Premier Thursday. Necessity therefore for tripartite collaboration between AML and UNRRA and the Greek Government now becoming manifest. But impossible to effect this until AML are authorized to act similarly. Meanwhile UNRRA Cairo feels some restraint in their discussions with the Greeks since details of military planning cannot be unilaterally divulged. Strongly urge therefore that you consider suggesting to CCAC that time may be ripe for AML to take Greek Government into their confidence as regards relief and rehabilitation planning. Recognize of course that confidence on other matters may need to be withheld in the interests of security etc. Also that antecedent opinion of British and American diplomatic advisers here may first need to be obtained. Suggest also that AML be asked to inform Greek Government of UNRRA's position during military phase. Greek government's consent for UNRRA post-military phase operations also necessary but formal approbation may perhaps wait until stability of present government is more assured.

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