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Mr. Aicken P.A.	5.1.48.				

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enc 29

French Mission C.M.

2/31st Dec & OAG's
remarks attached.

Min 9

This a matter for PROG.

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See enc 30

8 JAN 1947. D. 26/9.
2087
Reference O.A. 70.

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6th January, 1947.

To :- D.C.F.A.
From :- D.O.A.D.
Subject :- Reports from Missions

Copy to Col. King for information

Attached is a copy of the letter written on the 31st December by the Chief of Mission, Paris, saying that he is finding it increasingly difficult to provide a monthly report of any value, and proposing to bring his reports to an end at the end of 1946.

In a discussion today with Commander Jackson, I took the opportunity of discussing with him the question of reporting from European Missions. He said that he wished reporting to continue to the end of each Mission, and the reports to be general rather than specific, but in any case, the reports should include anything that may relate to the distribution of UNRRA goods. This latter point is not material in the case of the Paris Mission, but both the Accounts Section and Personnel (H.Q.) in particular, do depend on receiving regular monthly reports, material from which is extracted in this Division and sent to the appropriate department.

In view of Commander Jackson's directive that monthly reports shall continue, I suggest that Brigadier Fraser be informed of the position, and asked to provide a monthly report as long as his Mission is in existence, this report to be as short as possible consistent with the activities covered.

As the memorandum is addressed to yourself, I have not replied to Brigadier Fraser, and have assumed that a reply will be sent from your department.

L. B. Smith

Reference

AC 9/2

TO : Mr. Legg - Registry.
FROM : Myer Cohen *W*
SUBJECT : Address of the Paris Office.

I have been advised by Mr. Kettle that the office at 67 Champs Elysees, Paris, is being moved temporarily, and that the official address of the UNRRA mission to France as well as the Headquarters for the Displaced Persons Operation is now 48, Boulevard Maillot, Neuilly-sur-Seine. The telephone number of this new office is Maillot 0915.

I think it might be desirable to issue some kind of a circular as to the address of our office in France.

7th February, 1945.

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To: Mr. Myer Cohen
From: J.D. Legg

Since this seems to be a temporary move and there are rumours of other accommodation changes in prospect, I feel it might be rather premature to enshrine this in a Regional Order.

Despatch & Reg Sections have been notified.

P/A. *W* *OK* *Noted* *W* *10/2* *Legg* *8.2.45*

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Reference

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AL9

To: SIR HUBERT YOUNG

From: Miss Walder

COST OF RESTAURANT MEALS IN PARIS

I propose that no action be taken on this Minute from Dr. Morgan as the cost of these types of meals does not seem to have any bearing on the cost of living allowances made to UNRRA staff. Prices, possibly not quite so high but at least comparably high could be paid at certain establishments in London.

Ruth Walder

18th December, 1944

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To Miss Walder
from Miss Walder
aw.
for info.

I agree no action - Sir Fraser is the course will
submit his estimate for living allowances

H. H. H. H.

for your information

Register

RW 29.12

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To: SIR HUBERT YOUNG

From: Brigadier Fraser

Respecting the relationship of the French mission to the UNRRA Forward Office, Paris, I think it is important to leave the UNRRA Forward Office, which exists primarily in order to service UNRRA personnel serving with SHAEF, under Mr. Kettle.

The facilities for the requisitioning of premises and all other facilities placed at the disposal of UNRRA in Paris by the military, depend entirely upon UNRRA's connection with SHAEF. So long, therefore, as the mission to the French Government is accommodated through and with the UNRRA Forward Office, it will experience no difficulties. But these might arise should the present arrangements be upset by the handing over of the UNRRA Forward Office to the control of the Head of Mission.

4th December, 1944

W.F.

Mr. Cohen

This is more yours than mine,
I think

Mr. Cohen

see comment Duff

H.W.S.

57/2

Dearly loved:

(4)

• 1/2 via of letter 16

Letter 602, I presume

you will now send

on the letter 16

Massisli. This it would

seem to me is a

matter for your action

as being D.D. 6.

Administration.

G. S. Mower

13/9/44

Mr. Dudley Ward.

③
1. The new French Foreign Minister is

Monsieur Georges ~~Masse~~ BIDAULT

2. Whether writing to him or to the Ambassador
we should begin

"Your Excellency"

al al

"I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant.

Acting Deputy Director General

P. E. L. Tarnis

13/5/44

To: Mr. Dudley Ward.
From: Mr. Rhatigan, *Ru.*

Attached herewith please find a preliminary proposal for an UNRRA Liaison Mission to France. This has been worked out in accordance with our agreement at a meeting of Division Directors in this office on Tuesday, August 22nd.

You will recall that Division Directors agreed that they would submit to the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on France their proposals for a minimum Liaison Mission, which, in turn, would be forwarded to you for negotiation with the proper authorities. The attachment represents the considered judgment of the Division Directors, and this Department, as to the terms of reference of such Mission, the personnel required and the personal services budget for the Mission staff. Therefore we will appreciate your carrying out the negotiations along these lines.

You will recall that in the meeting it was indicated that the Health and Displaced Persons Divisions already had indications that Liaison Officers from their services would be acceptable to the French. We have added to this a Liaison Officer for Welfare and a Liaison Officer from the Supply Department, who would be largely concerned with facilitating the submission of supplementary requirements and doing preliminary work around the question of establishing method for local procurement; so that we are, in fact, suggesting that, in addition to what has already been indicated, a Welfare and Supply Liaison Officer, plus a Head of Mission, is the minimum that would be required if we are to establish adequate liaison with the French Government. In this connection you will be interested to know that Monsieur Rauzan indicated privately to Mr. Herbert, on August 19th, that he felt that it would be easier for the French to agree to the proposal of a Mission to France if the UNRRA Mission had a sort of ambassadorial status. Mr. Herbert indicated that our intention was not to claim any sort of supervisory powers, and as far as he could see, with which we concur, Monsieur Rauzan's suggestion would be acceptable.

I realise that Telegram 529 tends to modify the arrangements which we had made here to the end that you would negotiate with the French around the question of UNRRA's relationships with France. I think that we should indicate to Washington that although they may see fit to carry on the overall negotiations with Monsieur Monnet, they should permit the E.R.O. to carry on the specific negotiations around the terms of reference, and the composition of the UNRRA Mission to France.

29th August, 1944.

Reference

Mr. D. Ward● REB-

To: Sir Arthur Salter,
From: Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

I attach herewith a tentative scheme prepared by Brig. Fraser in regard to the organisation of a mission to France. Broadly speaking, it seems to be on the right lines, but there are one or two ^{files} things, e.g. legal adviser, which might be omitted. There are also some points which show that Fraser is not fully familiar with the present state of discussions, e.g.:

(1) the differences of view between Monnet and the French authorities here;

(2) the question of the use of the British and American Red Cross;

(3) the limited functions contemplated for U.N.R.R.A. as regards allied displaced persons in liberated territories.

I think it is important to get on with the organisation of the Areas Division and the collection of personnel for missions, and also to get a better co-ordination between them and the services, which at present are inclined to keep the areas at arms length. A draft office order is under discussion on this last point and I have asked the Secretariat to press it forward.

Flora

18th July, 1944.

*Don't think it is a
relatively small liaison mission (quite unlike in
scope in the French Mission), but with a few very good people, headed
by someone who combines diplomatic & administrative qualifications with
knowledge of France A.S. 21/7.*

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DA 26/9

Desp. No 123

To: Chief of Mission,
Paris.

From: Executive Assistant to PRDG

Subject: Monthly Reports

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With reference to your communication, C.M., dated 31st December to the D.D.G. Chief of Finance and Administration, proposing to discontinue monthly reports at the end of 1946. Unfortunately it has been decided that it is essential that these reports continue until the closure of Missions, and therefore I have been requested to tell you that the PRDG cannot agree to your discontinuing these reports as proposed.

8th January, 1947.

UNRRA Mission,
Paris.

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Jf.

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Ref: CM

31st December, 1946.

TO : Deputy Director General and Chief of Finance
and Administration, E.R.O.

FROM : Chief of Mission, Paris.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

Owing to the rapid reduction of the Mission, I find it increasingly difficult to provide a monthly report of any value. I propose therefore to bring this report to an end at the end of 1946.

Signed: W. FRASER
Chief of Mission.

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See enc (30)

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30 November 1946

Further to my letter to you of the 3rd October and to your reply of the 7th idem on the subject of a statement by an UNRRA employee that the Paris Personnel Officer accepted bribes from French subjects seeking employment in UNRRA, you may be interested in the following comment I have received from the Chief Personnel Officer at Central Headquarters Germany where the said employee was assigned:-

"The story concerning purchase of jobs by French employees is now so old that it is getting grey hairs. It concerns the original recruitment in February-March 1945 in Paris - when recruitment was done at such a pace and in such numbers that about all UNRRA was able to do was to take the recommendation of French Government agencies, and then hire the candidate. No one ever accused UNRRA members of the French mission of taking money, but there was some implication that certain French government employees may have taken some money in return for a recommendation of a candidate to UNRRA - which as I have said was at that time tantamount to appointment."

(Signed) H. M. GALE

Brigadier the Hon. W.A. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of UNRRA Mission to France,
PARIS.

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At. P.R.D. G.

Personal Howell from Gale.

Your 16433. Morhange had satisfactory discussions with Monick Paris last week. He hopes finalise with Guindet of French Treasury next week. Will advise result soonest.

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H. M. Gale
7 Nov. 1946

H. M. Gale
7/11/46



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Mr. Dudley Ward.

Orig 7.

Hotel Moderne, 8bis, Place de la Republique, PARIS (11)

copy Dec 26/9.

Please quote our
reference number
in replying :
Ref. DOM.

Tel. OBERkampf 58-23
58-24

Thanking you
for the letter
of 11/11

November 4, 1946.

TO : Mr. A. Morhange
Director, Division of Finance
E.R.O., London.

PREPARED BY : Deputy Chief of Mission,
Paris.

SUBJECT : Estimate of French Franc Requirements



1. With reference to my letter of October 31, I would like to add the following comments to Paragraph 6. headed "Total French Franc Availability as at 1.10.46."
2. The following additional and/or definite sources of French francs should be borne in mind in computing the total net French franc requirement of the French Mission before its closure at June 30, 1947.
 - a) When all salaries were increased recently by French Government decree, we followed suit in this Mission as far as Class II personnel were concerned. At the same time we requested a further contribution from the French Government of French Frs.8,000,000 to cover these salary increases, and as our request has been sympathetically received, we hope to receive this additional contribution.
 - b) Emergency supplies delivered to the French Government will be charged and this should bring us approximately a further French Frs.17,000,000.
 - c) The sale of UNRRA surpluses during the closure operations should realize a figure which it is impossible to estimate until we receive from ERO disposal instructions. If, for example, we are instructed to sell our surplus vehicles with the permission of the French Government in the French market, the sum realized would be quite considerable.
3. I thought you should have this further information in order that our estimates of October 31 show a complete and true position.

W. FRASER
Chief of Mission

CC TO Mr. Dudley Ward
~~Mr. Saint Maur~~

A.M.
M.U.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Hotel Moderne,
8 bis Place de la Republique,
PARIS.

10th October, 1946.

TO : Personal Representative of the Director-General
European Regional Office
FROM : Chief of Mission, Paris.
SUBJECT: Letter for Mr. La Guardia.

I am forwarding herewith a letter from the
Transylvania Society of the United States addressed
to Mr. La Guardia, which was received by this office.

W. Fraser

W. FRASER,
Chief of Mission.

Letter forwarded to D.G.
by Miss Moore.
10/10/46

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INCOMING GADIE

ACTION: Mr. Woodbridge

PARIS..... TO.....LONDON

No. 950
En Clair

D. 1st August 1946

R. 1st August 1946

14.17 hrs

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Personal for Woodbridge from Gale UNRELI Paris.

Your 1003 recruitment of accountants agreed carry on.
Your para 2. Wraight is agreed adequate for duties required.

D/IF

P.R.D.G. Distribution.



No action
necessary

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OUTGOING CABLE

D.G.

Originated by:-
P.R.D.G.
Mr. George Woodbridge.

LONDON.....TO.....PARIS.

No. 1863
En Clair

Dated. 30th July, 1946
1405 hours.

For Fraser for Gale from Woodbridge.

Confirming conversation of Monday night:

1. (a) Lee would like authority to recruit up to 10 accountants, grade 7 and up; (b) Howell thinks that authority for this already exists but his view directly contrary to cable from Washington; (c) Will you please clear whether authority does exist or if not please obtain authority.
2. Cable from Belgrade from S.D.D.G. to you indicates movements of D.G. and sender. No new information except final sentence which reads as follows: "D.G. requests that you bring Woodbridge to Paris to assist you both in subsequent movements and until Geneva." I shall remain in London until further word from you but shall be in readiness to move any time and place you may wish.
3. Will you please inform us whether you would like E.R.O signature book for Lehman brought to Geneva so that you may give it to D.G. to take to Governor or whether you would like later to send it direct from here.
4. Reference para. 1, cable received today from Belgrade authorises you recruit lower grade staff at your discretion.

P.R.D.G. DISTRIBUTION.

JG/PH



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Da 901-11
copy for
Da 26/9

27th May, 1946.

I must apologize for a somewhat belated letter to thank you for all you did for me and my party when we visited you in Paris. I think that now that your Mission is transferred to new quarters and you have got SUFPROF welded into your organisation, that you have a very live and satisfactory show.

Our next problem with you is the 5th Council Session and I am communicating with you separately on what is going to be for you an extremely difficult and heavy task.

I got back from my tour only last Thursday, hence the delay in writing to you sooner.

(Signed) H.M. GALE

Brigadier The Hon. W.A. Fraser, DSO, MC.,
Chief of UNRRA Mission to France,
Paris, France

PERSONAL PRESIDING ACTION COPY

Action: Mr. Cummings

DB26/9

PARIS TO LONDON

No. 153 PERSONAL PRESIDING+ Dated: 23rd Feb., 1946.

Rec'd: 10.40 hours
24th Feb., 1946.

FROM FRASER.

Re your 348, PERSONAL PRESIDING 11. Could arrange programme for visit one week's duration. Programme to include visit

- (i) DP Camp.
- (ii) Surprop Depot.
- (iii) Staging Centre U.K. vehicles en route Czechoslovakia.
- (iv) Meetings Ministry of Population and Ministry of Information.
- (v) Visit Entr' aide Distribution Centre American Clothing.
- (vi) One day reserved shopping and sightseeing.

Is identical programme required for both parties.

DISTRIBUTION:

P.R.D.G.
Mr. Adair
Mr. Dudley Ward
C.R.S.
Mr. Herbert
C.S.
C.F.A.
Dr. Topping
Mr. Woodbridge
Mr. Wraight

DMS/IC

From : Major-General R.G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., Deputy Director-General.

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PERSONAL.

27 March, 1946.

Brig. the Hon. W. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of UNRRA Mission to France,
48, Boulevard Maillot,
Neuilly-sur-Seine, PARIS.

My dear Fraser.

I am writing to convey to you our appreciation of the excellent work done by your Mission during the recent conference in connection with the Surprop Office in Paris. Joseph has come back with very satisfactory results from his recent visit and I hope you will convey to the members of your staff concerned our appreciation of the hard work which they put in to achieve these results.

Yours sincerely
R. G. Lewis.

PW/SAH

French Mission

Mr. Dudley Ward

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IMPORTANT

ADVANCE ACTION COPY

19 JAN 1946

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W.O.

Arolsen

TEPGB L LAN4116 V WAROF 190079 PP

FROM UNRRA C H Q AROlsen 181700

TO WAROF FOR UNRRA

18/1/46 UNCLASSIFIED BT

UNCLASSIFIED FROM AROlsen NO . 65 TO WAROF .

UNRRA U S ZONE WISH TO KNOW THE DATE OF THE LETTER FROM

MASSIGLI ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REQUESTING

MM UNRRA TO CONTINUE WORK IN THE FRENCH ZONE UNDER THE CONDITIONS

OF SHAEF MEMORANDUM 39 UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED

WOULD LIKE A COPY OF LETTER IF AVAILABLE .

BT 181700A

BBB

See letter attached

1645/ae.
bang you pl. find out
whether there was such a
letter. Those attached below
do not appear to refer.
McAiken

DG 25/9.

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Telephone :
Elyées 42-67
12-68

Mai: 27.61

Reference :

Your Ref. :

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,

67, AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES,

48, Boulevard Maillot,
Neuilly-sur-Seine.

SUITE 301

PARIS.

P. R. D. G.'S
OFFICE

22 JAN 1946

683.

17th January, 1946.

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PERSONAL

M. Mahan
To see - 27/1

Dear *Humfrey*

I enclose a copy of a cable which I have just received from London. It would be a great mistake to accept this as a fait accompli. In point of fact the Quai d'Orsay mentioned it personally to Massigli, but although I hope it will be all right, there is many as slip as you know between cup and lip.

Another point is that up to date I have not requested any specific amount for the operational expenses in 1946, but the sum of F.200,000,000.-- indicated in the cable would be quite inadequate. A more accurate figure would be F.450,000,000.--. However, I will take up this point with the Quai d'Orsay if and when the principle of an operational contribution is approved.

The Quai d'Orsay sentiment is, of course, favourable to UNRRA, and it is on the initiative of Monsieur Bidault that the Debate is being staged in imitation of the Debate in the House of Commons.

Yours *ever*

William Fraser

W. Fraser

Seen by M. Mahan
24/1

Lt. General Sir Humfrey Gale,
Office of the Director General,
UNRRA - ERO,
London.

RECEIVED
P. R. D. G.'S
OFFICE

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15 Jan. 1946.

No. 80

London: to Washington

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Rptd. Paris

Have received verbal notification from French Embassy that subject to ratification of Parliament at end of January the French Government have agreed to make the following contributions French Francs 200,000,000 for operating expenses in 1945 200,000,000 for operating expenses in 1946 35,000,000 for French Mission Office 1946 including administrative expenses Displaced Persons Operations and Surprop. Latter figure maylater be increased to 52,000,000 having regard to certain increased costs due to devaluation of franc. Will notify you when written confirmation of ratification received.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

INCOMING CABLE

DG

ATTENTION: General Counsel Office
Mr. Atkins

WASHINGTON.....TO.....PARIS

No. 500

(EN CLAIR)

Repeated London 8647

" Rome 1043

Dated: 21st Dec. 1945

Rec'd: 21st Dec. 1945
2300 hrs.

ATTENTION MYERS & ATKINS

This confirms phone conversation 19th December instructing you
carry on Polish reception centre program to completion as originally
scheduled.

GH/BW

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Executive Registry

For entry into
appropriate file please.
The letter is from
Brig. Fraser -

Col Whitehall

14/12

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

48, Boulevard Maillot,
Neuilly sur Seine.

8 December 1945.

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My dear

Hampden

I enclose a copy of a letter which I handed to
Monsieur BIDAULT in the course of an interview the other
day.

This was one of the questions which were discussed
with JACKSON when he was here a month or two ago, but I
could not take up the question with the French Government
until the recent political crisis had been settled.

Yours

W

TO:
Lieutenant-General
Sir Humphrey Gale, K.C.B.,
Office of the Director General,
UNRRA - E.R.O.,
11, Portland Place,
LONDON W.

Widnie

Enclosure as above.

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14 DEC 1945

Maillot 42-23

30 Novembre 1945

Son Excellence Monsieur Georges BIDAULT
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
Quai d'Orsay
Paris.

Monsieur le Ministre,

Ainsi que vous vous en souvenez certainement à la dernière Assemblée Générale de l'UNRRA, la France a été nommée Membre du Conseil permanent de notre Administration.

Jusqu'à présent aucune personnalité n'a été désignée à titre définitif pour représenter votre Pays aux Cessions de ce Conseil.

Il me paraît superflu d'insister sur le fait que l'oeuvre qu'accomplit, à l'heure actuelle, l'UNRRA, plus singulièrement en Europe, est d'une incidence et d'un intérêt immédiats, en ce qui concerne toutes les Grandes Puissances continentales, au premier rang desquelles, se trouve la France.

L'indiscutable facteur d'équilibre politique que est une conséquence directe d'une amélioration des conditions de vie et de l'hygiène publique dans les Pays auxquels l'aide de l'UNRRA s'emploie sans compter, ne saurait pas plus vous laisser indifférent, j'en suis persuadé, qu'il n'a passé inaperçu à votre attention.

Le voeu de notre Administration que je viens de vous exprimer aujourd'hui et que je désire moi-même pouvoir vous développer, est qu'un Membre du Gouvernement soit désigné le plus rapidement possible comme Membre du Conseil.

L'Administration a quelques scrupules à demander qu'une nouvelle tâche soit dévolue à un Membre du Gouvernement, mais n'hésite pas d'un autre côté à le faire sachant quelle part la France entend prendre à la Bonne marche de l'UNRRA, en général.

Il est entendu que, cette Personnalité, pourrait désigner tel délégué qui lui semblerait souhaitable pour assister aux Séances de travail régulières qui se tiennent en général à Washington.

J'espère que, Votre Excellence, voudra bien soutenir notre point de vue, et que, prochainement nous pourrions recevoir par l'intermédiaire de votre Département, la désignation formelle du Délégué Français.

C'est dans cet espoir/

C'est dans cet espoir que je confirme à nouveau à Votre Excellence, les sentiments de très haute et très particulière considération.

Brig. General The Honorable W. Fraser
Chief of Mission

D.S.O.M.C. Officier de la Légion d'Honneur.

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Dy 26/9
RA 9 (822)

29th October, 1945.

Dear Fraser,

The European Central Inland Transport Organisation have approached us in connection with a request made by their Regional Director in Paris to find out whether their staff could use the UNRRA Canteen in Paris.

In principle we should like to help ASITO, but not at the expense of causing you serious practical difficulties. It occurs to us that it might not be possible for you to agree to this without the prior concurrence of the Military from whom you draw rations, and it might also be putting an undue strain on your resources.

Would you be good enough to let us know what you think after prior discussion with the ASITO people in Paris if you think it desirable.

Yours sincerely,

Special Assistant to the Personal
Representative of the Director-General.

The Hon. Brigadier W. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
UNRRA Headquarters,
PARIS.

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CONFIRMATION DAG COPIES

H3A 9/11

WASHINGTON.....TO.....Frenay, Ministre
Prisonniers Paris

No. -.
(EN CLAIR))

DATED

5th October 1945

Repeated to London No. -

*not rec'd.
by Res's
or cable section*
1. Thank you for your warm cable. UNRRA is grateful to be participating in the humanitarian work of fulfilling in a small measure, the great needs of the people who have suffered so much.

2. I have read accounts of the reception of your people once more into French territory and my heart is filled with humility at the display of fraternity and love which your people have shown.

CDC/YH

*To you know the background to the above?
The Van Hyning
JW.
20/X*

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DG 26/9

NOTES ON MEETING HELD ON 19TH AUGUST, 1945, IN
THE OFFICE OF THE UNRRA MISSION TO FRANCE
AT PARIS.

Present: Brigadier Fraser (in the Chair)
Colonel Katzin
Air/Commodore Warburton
Miss Laughlin
Colonel King
Mr. Barber
Colonel Gouldbourn
Mr. Morris
Mr. Stanhouse
Mrs. Palmer *Parvell*
Miss MacBrain *e*
etc. etc. *J*

ACTION

1. VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES

Some discussion took place regarding work devolving upon the Paris office in connection with the movement of Voluntary Society personnel.

It was agreed that the policy of UNRRA should be to treat such personnel in the same way as other UNRRA employees. in transit to the Field.

Col. Katzin. Colonel Katzin agreed to take up this whole question with Sir Michael Creagh on his return to E.R.O.

2. PROBLEMS ARISING FROM UNRRA/SHAEF DIFFICULTIES

The question of Military Permits was discussed. It was pointed out by a member of the Paris office staff that delays and difficulties were still occurring due to formalities in obtaining these permits for each individual proceeding to occupied Germany.

Miss Laughlin It was suggested by Colonel Katzin that Lieut. Klingelhofer should be asked to proceed to Paris to confer with Mr. Stanhouse and arrange, if possible, for a simpler method of issuing these from Granville - i.e. a method whereby such permits could be stamped in the same office for both the British and American Zones.

Col. Katzin Colonel Katzin will send a cable to General Eisenhower regarding the issue by CDPX of an overall clearance for UNRRA personnel including clearance for Austria.

Brig. Fraser Colonel Katzin asked Brigadier Fraser to report to him, by the end of this week, on the whole subject of Military Permits.

3. SUSPENSION OF LEAVE FOR UNRRA PERSONNEL

Col. Katzin Colonel Katzin will arrange for an Administrative Order to be circulated stating that no leave (except sick leave or leave taken for compassionate reasons) shall be taken by UNRRA personnel in Field until a year's service in the Field has been completed.

ACTION

4. WITHDRAWAL OF EQUIPMENT ON TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The question of a ruling regarding the withdrawal of equipment from UNRRA personnel returning from the Field on the termination of their service was discussed.

It was agreed that all equipment, if possible, (other than uniforms) should be withdrawn from such persons at Zone Headquarters before their ultimate return to their home stations.

Col. Katzin

Colonel Katzin undertook to ask Colonel Jackling to arrange for such a procedure to be set up.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Colonel Katzin pointed out that it had been decided to make Paris the centre for communications in N.W. Europe and in order to establish the necessary organisation Mr. Morris made the following suggestions for staff requirements:-

- 1 mail clerk
- 1 cable clerk
- 1 mail sorter
- 1 Teleprinter operator
- 1 cypher clerk
- 1 shorthand typist
- 1 clerk typist.

Miss Laughlin

As many as possible will be made available by Miss Laughlin in Granville and Brigadier Fraser undertook to help as far as possible. but final acceptance would rest with Mr. Morris.

Brig. Fraser

Mr. Morris was of the opinion that three centres would have to be established and kept up-to-date regarding forwarding of personal mail - namely, Paris, Brussels and Frankfurt.

Miss Laughlin suggested that a system of "forwarding address" cards should be instituted and kept up to date by each individual in the Field.

Colonel Katzin stated that facilities for despatch of unaccompanied mail bags by diplomatic channels was being set up for official UNRRA mail and that the same procedure would be adopted for personal mail and the bags in these cases would be labelled "P.M."

Colonel Katzin stated that a courier service for delivery of UNRRA mail would be arranged to proceed 3 times a week from Granville to Frankfurt and back, and daily from Granville to Paris and Paris to London. Colonel Katzin asked Miss Laughlin to make available at least 6 new 15 cwt. trucks to Mr. Morris for this purpose.

Miss Laughlin

It was agreed that the total expenses for running this system of communication would have to be carried by the Paris D.P. Budget.

Regarding enquiries about personal mail at present handled by Mr. Stanhouse in Paris, Colonel Katzin agreed that this should continue from a public relations angle.

6. SALARY RANGES OF PARIS STAFF

Brig.
Fraser

Colonel Katzin asked for a complete range of salaries paid to French nationals employed at the Paris office.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Brig. Fraser stated that more accommodation was urgently required for the Paris office.

Col.
Katzin

Colonel Katzin will take this up with General Eisenhower's Headquarters for support in relation to Com. Zone for their backing in regard to further accommodation including the requisitioning of No. 32 Boulevard Maillot.

8. ARMY FACILITIES

Brigadier Fraser reported that he had received advance information by telephone from Com. Zone that the services which UNRRA is at present getting under SHAEF will be discontinued after the 1st October.

Col.
Katzin

Col. Katzin agreed to take this up with General Lucious Clay on his return to London.

9. BILLETS FOR UNRRA PERSONNEL TRAVELING IN FRANCE

Col.
Katzin.

Brig. Fraser raised the question of obtaining assistance in arranging for billeting of members of UNRRA who have to travel in country districts in France. Col. Katzin agreed to take action on this.

10. TELEPRINTER SERVICE

A/Cdre.
Warburton

Col. Katzin said that arrangements would be made to establish a teleprinter service between London/Paris /Frankfurt and later to the Zones. Air/Commodore Warburton undertook to make enquiries to obtain equipment from the F.A.R. in the event that Mr. Morris is unable to do so.

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2nd August, 1945.

My dear Fraser,

Many thanks for the information contained
in your letter dated 27th July. I am most grateful
to you for your efforts in this connection.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Katzin
Deputy Director General
Finance and Administration.

Brigadier the Hon. William Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
Head of the UNRRA Mission to France,
c/o British Embassy,
PARIS.

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PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Mr. Kearn

FROM U.N.R.R.A. PARIS.....TO.....U.N.R.R.A. LONDON

Mr. Duff Cooper
No. 132 ENJOY
10th July, 1945

D: 4.52 p.m. 10th July, 1945

R: 4.52 p.m. 10th July, 1945

Your telegram regarding Sir Frederick Leith Ross.

Do you wish accommodation arranged Paris, if so for how long?

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PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION:

FROM U.N.R.R.... (LONDON) TO U.N.R.R.... (PARIS).

No. 744.180

D: 12.00 hours 7th July 1945

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross advises that the date of his probable arrival in Paris is July 20th and not 15th, as previously informed.

(SIGNED) G.S. Moonéy.

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U.N.R.R.A. LONDON ^{copy DP}..... TO U.N.R.R.A. WASHINGTON

No. 1653

D. 18.00

22nd June 1945

Reference your number 1558.

1. No action necessary concerning Oakley Hill. Jackson confirms understanding that Hoxha is satisfied this appointment.
2. Czechoslovakia. Formal request from Czechoslovakia under way. No action required Washington.
3. Ethiopia. Suggest you proceed with recruitment Clifford Billings as outlined.
4. Greece. A. Displaced Persons: (1) Treatment Italian civilians, confirm this is Washington action. (2) Funds for care Greek transient refugees Switzerland ERO investigating and will advise further. (3) Provisions for Greek Yugoslav refugees crossing northern borders of Greece: action lies with ERO. B. Welfare: action lies ERO, Maben has been asked to clarify. C. Health: action in hand with ERO. D. Shipments through Salonika; agree your view, action Washington. E. Personnel: (1) Theatre clearance, action ERO. (2) No action. (3) All mission recruitment is ERO responsibility. We will be as specific as possible in requests made to Washington. (4) Recruitment of Greek nationals for other missions; we doubt practicability. Action, if any, with ERO.
5. Netherlands. (a) Hollister has arrived ERO. (b) No action required on agricultural rehabilitation officer.
6. Yugoslavia. (A) personnel requirements responsibility ERO. RAF transport problem being cleared. (B) (C) (D) (E) (F): action with ERO.
7. Agree.
8. Denmark: We confirm action should be dropped. B. Washington continue seek candidate for Philippeville. C., D., E., no action required on any of these appointments.
9. A. Albania. Keeny has candidate for this part. We will advise if we require further assistance from you.
10. Will furnish further details on individual items being handled by ERO when available.

(SIGNED) MARY L. GIBBONS.

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22nd June 1945

Dear Brigadier Fraser,

We are endeavouring to decrease the very heavy load placed at the present time on our duplicating staff, and I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the French Mission reports duplicated in your office in Paris where, I understand, you are equipped with duplicating facilities.

We require 40 copies of each issue of the report for distribution in E.R.O.

Yours sincerely,

Luk Bond

For A.G. Katzin,
Deputy Director General,
Finance & Administration.

Brigadier, the Hon. W. Fraser,
Head of UNRRA Mission to France,
c/o British Embassy,
Paris.

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To: Registry

Please circulate to
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Sgt 11/5

..... AC Branch Registry

Date... 12.5.45.....

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Telephone:

Elysées 12-67
12-68

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,

67 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES,

48, Boulevard Maillot, SUITE 301
Neuilly-sur-Seine.

PARIS.

Reference:

Your Ref.:

23rd April, 1945.

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Despatch No. 42

To: Deputy-Director General, Department of Operations, ERO.

From: Chief of Mission

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Mr. Cohen's letter dated 17th April re difficulties in securing French visas for Belgian recruits. I have taken this matter up with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and they have promised to do what they can to accelerate them.

I suggest, however, that the simplest solution of this problem is for Monsieur Delierneux to obtain movement clearance for this personnel from the 21 Army Group, which will obviate all necessity of obtaining visas.

shown to Mr. W. Fraser who kept 11/5
W. Fraser

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c.c. Monsieur Delierneux



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WGD/SPS.

17th April, 1945.

Brig. The Hon. W. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
Acting Chief French Mission,
U.N.R.R.A.,
48, Blvd. Maillot,
Neuilly-sur-Seine.

Dear Brigadier Fraser:

Mr. DeBerneux who as you know is at present directing our recruiting activities in Belgium, calls our attention to the difficulties which he is experiencing in securing French visas for Assembly Centre Team personnel.

The French Ministère des Affaires Etrangères has for the past been extremely slow in procuring the necessary visas enabling such personnel to proceed to Granville.

Would it be possible for you to take up this matter with the competent bureau of the Ministère des Affaires Etrangères or any other French Administration concerned.

It is obvious that we have the greatest interest in shortening these delays and in expediting the visas for the Belgian and Dutch personnel recruited in Belgium and Holland.

In case you need further information Mr. DeBerneux will certainly be glad to provide it for you.

Sincerely yours,

MYER COHEN, Director,
Area Operations Division,
Department of Operations.

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Copy for AC9411

April 5th, 1945.

Mr. Victor Rodnov,
Chief, Western and Northern European Sections,
Bureau of Areas,
Washington.

Dear Mr. Rodnov:

The following answers various points raised in your memo to Mr. Menshikov dated 15th February, 1945, concerning "suggestions for Mr. Jackson."

Regarding point 1 - Submission of Reports from Missions.

All Mission reports with exception of the reports sent in by Mr. Alexander, who was until a short while ago Displaced Persons Liaison Officer on the French Mission, have been transmitted to Headquarters.

Regarding point 2.

Governor Lehman's offer was transmitted by cable to Dr. Morgan, then Acting Chief of our French Mission, on the 30th November, 1944, and was presented by him to Monsieur Bidault on 3rd February, 1945. Brigadier Fraser informs us that at the same time the offer was communicated directly by Washington Headquarters to Mr. Massigli in London and was transmitted by him to the MPDR in Paris through Monsieur Grammont. Before making known its final stand on this question the French Government wanted to know the exact extent and nature of the contemplated U.N.R.R.A. assistance. This query was presented by Monsieur Grammont at a meeting of the Displaced Persons Sub-Committee. Concerning the composition and quantities of supplies which we are sending to France for allied Displaced Persons, we refer ourselves to our cable No. 392 of 1st March. Since then we have sent on 17th March 100 tons of goods findings and footwear and the first consignment of 37 tons of food which we contemplate repeating monthly for distribution through French MPDR. You were informed of this in our cable No. 580 ENJOY of 23rd March, 1945.

Regarding point 3.

The whole question of supply deliveries by U.N.R.R.A. to Western European countries was reviewed in our cable to you No. 580 ENJOY on 23rd March, 1945.

Regarding point 5.

There was no indication so far that the recent change in the Netherlands Cabinet would affect in any way the relations with U.N.R.R.A. but this question is being closely followed.

Sincerely yours,

DR. S. CAHN-RENNET, Head,
Western European Section,
Department of Operations.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,

11, PORTLAND PLACE,

LONDON, W.1.

Telephone:
LANGHAM 3090.

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

c/o Foreign Office,

Downing St,

London S.W.1

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Dear Brigadier Waddington,

His affair
 Your letter took a long time to
 reach Paris. They came much more
 quickly if sent via the U.N.R.R.A
 bag or, even better, via the Foreign
 Office addressed as above, with
 a 2½^d stamp in the top right hand
 corner & "Paris Outward Bag" written
 in the bottom left hand corner.

I am enclosing
 a copy of Brigadier Fraser's letter to
 you. It will probably reach you by
 my route sooner than the original.

While things are going on
at War end I will do my best
to make satisfactory arrangements. It
seems to me that there are two
problems, that of initial reception
& that of camp life pending return
to normal home. I am familiar with the
latter, having visited two Russian
camps some time ago. I do not think
they presented any features of which
you yourself are not already aware,
unless it be a few due entirely
to national characteristics.

To deal with both problems,
it will be necessary to make
arrangements with S.H.A.E.F. for
fixing the methods of initial reception,
& with the French for inspecting the
camps. We will go ahead at once.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,

11, PORTLAND PLACE,

LONDON, W.1.

Telephone:
LANGHAM 3090.

✓ get out a provisional programme.

It will be nice to see
the Norwegians over here. It would
be pleasant if you could come
over with them.

I hope your attack of
gout is now over.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. V. Brothwood

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U.N.R.R.A. PARIS.....to.....EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE:

No: 77

DATED 30th MARCH, 1945.

(EN CLAIR)

RECEIVED 4th APRIL, 1945.

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Your telegram reference my telegram 73. ^{Acg/11}

Please renumber my telegram regarding emergency relief
supplies as my telegram No.74.

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21st March, 1945.

Brigadier Hon. W. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C.,
Acting Chief French Mission,
U.N.R.R.A.
48, Boulevard Maillot,
Neuilly-sur-Seine.

Attention: Dr. V.W.C. Brothwood.

Dear Brothwood,

I have been approached by the Norwegians about the possibility of two doctors from the Norwegian Department of Health assigned to D.P's in Norway being permitted to visit the camps for D.P's in France. They feel it would be of great assistance to them to have some knowledge of how the D.P. problem has been handled in France.

I would be grateful if you would make enquiries in the correct quarter as to whether this could be arranged, but - if it is not possible - would you make a point of visiting some of these camps yourself and send me a full report in order that we may pass it on to these doctors.

Yours sincerely,

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ACTION: Mr. Rhatigan.

U.N.R.R.A. PARIS.....to.....EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE.

No. 73.

DATED 20th March, 1945.

(EN CLAIR)

RECEIVED 22nd March, 1945.

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Following from Chief of Mission for D.D.G. operations.

In regard to resolution C.C.E. on emergency relief supplies to paying countries, please advise immediately what supplies are available in England for shipment if requested by French.

C.5202.

TO:

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Mr. Phatigan

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Sir J. Leigh-Pemberton
Mr. Phatigan
Dr. Kahn-Delbe
Mr. De laet

Buy. Foster St.
containing have been
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made for supplies both
for Swiss cross & for D.S.
to take it that this
has been done 25/6
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Date.....16.3.45.....

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Mai: 0195

Reference:

Your Ref:

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,

48, Boulevard Maillot,
Neuilly-sur-Seine.

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SITE 30K

PARIS.

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13th March, 1945.

To: Deputy Director General, Operations, ERO.

From: Chief of Mission

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

I wish to draw attention to the fact that this Mission is constantly being by-passed by the Administration in its communications with the French Government with the result that all sorts of things are happening of which I have no knowledge whatever. This makes my relations with the various French Ministries extremely difficult.

An example of what I mean is furnished by telegram No. 29 of 30. 1.45 conveying Governor Lehman's offer to the French Government to assist in the care of displaced persons in France. [The offer was communicated to Dr. Morgan, then Acting Chief of Mission who personally presented a letter in the same terms to Mr. Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, who in turn transmitted it to the MPDR. At the same time, however, the offer was communicated directly by Washington to M. Massigli in London and it was by him communicated to the MPDR in Paris through M. Grammont. About the 20th February M. Frenay of the MPDR communicated his acceptance of Governor Lehman's offer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here in Paris, but so far as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not made this Mission aware of this acceptance, so that officially the French Government has not yet accepted Governor Lehman's offer.

At the same time, however, the MPDR informed M. Grammont that they wished to accept the offer without, however, notifying the Mission. I have now heard, quite by chance, that relief stores are being shipped to France by UNRRA, although the Mission has never been informed officially of the fact and although Governor Lehman's offer has never been officially accepted.

When Mr. Scott came to Paris recently he brought verbal information of the shipment of stores which he communicated to the MPDR, and at the same time he asked the MPDR whether it would be disposed to purchase further supplies if payment could be made in French francs. In point of fact, the MPDR or any other similar Ministry is not empowered to make any purchases abroad and a transaction of this nature would have to be arranged through the Ministries of Supply and Finance.

The point which I wish to make, however, is that it is completely impossible for anyone to represent an Administration unless he is kept informed of everything that is happening, and unless all negotiations are conducted either through him or with his full knowledge.

Will you kindly arrange therefore that full details of all past negotiations are communicated to me without delay and that future negotiations and arrangements with the French Government are carried out as far as possible through me. In cases where they can be more conveniently concluded in London advance information should be sent to me, as well as the final result.

W. Fraser
W. Fraser

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Sent Fraser
March 10 on
Supply Plans by
my Division
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Could Divisions send Copies of their weekly
reports to the regional sections of the
Div. of Areas when reporting actions
concerning them?

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On 22/3/41 the following was received from the Division of Areas:

1. A letter from the Division of Areas dated 19/3/41, asking for copies of the weekly reports of the Division of Areas to be sent to the regional sections of the Division of Areas.

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ACTION: Leith Ross

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

No. 461. X

DATED 7th March 1945.

RECEIVED 8th March 1945.

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Re par 1 your 392 - re conversation Herbert and Weintraub and similar emergency supply problems.

1. We consider most effective way of handling that ERO and only ERO have responsibility for meeting requests and shipping such supplies.
2. We expect ERO to obtain supplies from U.K. representatives here to take as filler cargo 200-300 tons during next four weeks, with subsequent similar monthly shipments. These filler cargo shipments will serve the purpose of supplementing what ERO is unable to fill from U.K. stocks.
4. First month's shipment expected to consist of:
 - 150 tons contributed used clothing;
 - 20,000 pairs shoes women, 20,000 pairs shoes children;
 - 10,000 blankets; 2,500 Layettes. No men's suitsprovided any our programs since (A) Cost too high (B) Jackets or Sweaters and Trousers or Overalls fulfills same use less cost. Suggest this substitution for suits since your records reveal stock-piles these in U.K. We can supply if you need these items. No men's children's underwear at present for shipment. Look to U.K. for first availabilities. Expect first availabilities U.S. May or June. Can ship assorted cotton woven textiles if you state needs by type. Awaiting further from you re soap and milk. Margarine and other fats impossible at present.

Future shipments to include can 1 Soya Beans, Dehydrated Soup, and dry peas unless you indicate not desired.

6. Replies to other paragraphs your 392 will follow.

X No being serviced

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

FROM U.N.R.R.A. LONDON TO U.N.R.R.A. WASHINGTON

No. 392 ENJOY

28th February, 1945

D: 12.15 p.m. 1st March, 1945

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IMMEDIATE

Displaced Persons France.

1. List of requirements given you Herbert/Weintraub telephone. Textiles and shoes - we can supply for immediate shipment 50,000 pairs men's shoes, 10,000 pullovers, 20,000 sets women's slips and knickers. We could supply piece goods asked for but in woollens only in not under six weeks. We can not (repeat not) supply remaining items. Please cable what you can do and how soon. We will cable further on food, soap items.

2. It is not clear whether you intend supplies for non French displaced persons to be free. We gather from French representatives here that French Government would welcome first instalments at least as free gifts but they would be prepared if necessary to arrange payment in francs, not (repeat not) in foreign currencies. We shall need francs and feel that French Government should be encouraged in this direction. Please cable instructions.

3. All these supplies would be equitably distributed according to need of all foreign nationals but French very worried about position of Russians of whom there are already about 250,000 and more expected. U.S.S.R. are pressing for improvement and French urge that as soon as possible we should enable them to make a special distribution to Russian camps. Provided French inform Soviet authorities, as they promise to do, that supplies come from U.N.R.R.A., the arrangement might help to influence Soviet attitude favourably towards U.N.R.R.A. We strongly support this in principle but programme not yet lodged.

4. Understand French Government is also writing to ask for loan of equipment 5 flying squads also for foreign displaced persons in France to be manned, maintained and financed by French Government. We are arranging this and assume that there can be no objection. We would reserve right to withdraw equipment in case of more serious emergency elsewhere.

5. We are most anxious to move smartly and will arrange shipment of supplies from here immediately French official request received, expected in two three days' time. Only by prompt action can we hope to dissolve present scepticism in France about U.N.R.R.A. which if it continues will prejudice and perhaps defeat recruitment of French nationals which is essential if we are to realise programme for assembly centre teams in Germany.
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U.N.R.R.A. (GENERAL)

ACTION: Mr. Myer Cohen.

SHA EF Main G-5, Paris to SHA EF Rear G-5, London.

Ref.No. S-80545.

DATED : 1st March, 1945.

RECEIVED: 1st March, 1945.

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1. Essential that R.E.Asher and D.A.MacGill be sent immediately. They will develop in D.P. Branch, Administrative and Personnel Units.
 2. The creation of Finance, i.e. third, unit, is wanted also. To head this operation the name of Mr.Yourstown has been suggested. Suggest his immediate attachment to this headquarters, if available.
 3. At Mobilisation Centre, the post of Finance Officer should also be filled without delay. This officer would report administratively to the UNRRA Finance Unit at this headquarters via the Centre Head.
 4. UNRRA's military programme - there has been agreement with UNRRA Mission, France, for separate financial operation this programme. The Mission's only responsibility would be the necessary arrangements for provision of local currency for UNRRA personnel in France, and the running of the Mobilisation Centre.

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Attachments: contd.

Memo. re Food Rationing - Poland.
" " Food Rationing - Norway.
" " Price Control - Luxembourg.
" " Food Rationing - Germany.
" " Food Rationing - Czechoslovakia.
" " Food Rationing - 22nd February, 1945.
Postlethwaite from Essex-Lopresti:
- Food Rationing in France.
Postlethwaite from Essex-Lopresti -
Food Rationing in the Netherlands.

Dear Hugh,

I am enclosing for your information two copies of
a letter sent to Brigadier Fraser, Chief of the French Mission,
regarding the new administrative organization of UNRRA
activities in France and a series of memoranda prepared by the
E.R.O. Distribution Division.

Would you kindly arrange for their appropriate
circulation within the Headquarters Office.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Rhatigan,
Deputy Director-General,
Department of Operations.

Mr. Hugh Jackson,
D.D.G. - Regional Liaison,
U.N.R.R.A.,
1344, Connecticut Avenue,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.,
U. S. A.

Attachments:

- 2 copies of letter to Brigadier Fraser.
 - Memoranda prepared by E.R.O. Distribution Division:
 - Caston ^{from} Taylor - Pilferage.
 - Dykstra to Postlethwaite and Parker - Channeling of Imported Goods in Netherlands.
 - Essex-Lopresti to Postlethwaite - Distribution Manual.
 - Taylor to Caston - Distribution facilities in Liberated Europe
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Attachments contd.

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Food Rationing in the Netherlands.

Memo. re Food Rationing - Belgium.

Essex-Lopresti to Postlethwaite -

Directive to Distribution Officer,

Netherlands Mission.

regarding the new administrative organization of UNRRA

activities in France and a series of memoranda prepared by the

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Would you kindly arrange for their appropriate

circulation within the Headquarters Office.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Ristigan,
Deputy Director-General,
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Fraser.

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Facilities in Liberated Europe.

(Over.)

Mr. Hugh Jackson,

M.R.O. - Regional Liaison,

U.S.A.

1700 Connecticut Avenue,

Washington 25, D.C.

U.S.A.

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16th February, 1945.

Brigadier The Hon. William Fraser,
Acting Chief of the French Mission,
D.F. L.R.A.

Dear Brigadier Fraser,

As you will be returning to Paris at the end of this week to resume your duties as the Acting Chief of the UNRRA Mission to France, I would like to take this opportunity to review briefly the position in regard to various UNRRA activities in France at the present time. You will recall that over a period in the last several months there have been, in addition to the Mission accredited to the French Government, various activities centering around the R.A.O. Forward Office, and UNRRA's Liaison Officer with the military. At one time it was thought that the R.A.O. Forward Office might be a nucleus around which our expanding activities in France and on the Continent would develop. I need not recount the various developments which have taken place to alter this concept, but I should like to indicate the general organizational plan through which our operations in France should be handled.

Effective immediately upon your return, there are to be two centres of UNRRA activity in France; these are (1) the UNRRA Mission accredited to the French Government, and (2) a Mobilization Centre to be established and maintained in connection with the Assembly Centre programme for Germany which UNRRA is undertaking in collaboration with SHAWP.

You, as Acting Chief of the French Mission, will be responsible, as previously, for all relationships between UNRRA officials and the French Government. Representatives of the Establishments Division who are sent to France for recruiting personnel for the Assembly Centre programme will function as members of your staff, and you personally will be responsible for approving all appointments. All financial arrangements between UNRRA and the French Government will be carried on through your office, regardless of whether the funds involved are for the UNRRA programme in France proper, or for the Mobilization Centre.

The R.A.O. Forward Office will cease to exist as an entity and those functions which are being carried on by personnel recruited on the budget for that office will be transferred to the French Mission proper, if desirable.

The Mobilization Centre will not be under your direct supervision, although, as indicated above, all relationships with the French Government must be handled through your office. The official in charge of the Mobilization Centre will report directly to the Department of Operations, Attention: Displaced Persons Division. Communications between the R.A.O. and the Mobilization Centre will be handled for the most part by UNRRA Liaison Officer with SHAWP.

Mr. Fletcher Kettle, who has been occupying the position of UNRRA Liaison Officer with SHAWP, is returning to London within a few days to take up duties as a Deputy Director of the Displaced Persons Division. As Deputy Director he will have full responsibility for organizing and administering all aspects of the Displaced Persons Assembly Centre programme for Germany and the Director of the Mobilization Centre will report directly to him.

Mr. Scott will secure the appointment of an UNRRA official as opposite number to Colonel Moffitt or either of his superiors. This appointment will /

be the senior UNRRA official in SHANP, Displaced Persons Branch, and all business pertaining to the Branch will be canalized through him. Similarly, Mr. Topping will deal on an administrative basis with the Health Branch of G-5. However, this leaves general UNRRA-SHANP liaison formerly handled by Mr. Suttle to be dealt with, and you are hereby authorized to act as the UNRRA Liaison Officer with SHANP with the limitations noted above.

I have discussed this entire situation with Mr. Myer Cohen, and I would like you to have a thorough understanding with him regarding organizational problems of UNRRA's activities in France before you leave London.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. BRIDMAN,
Deputy Director General,
Department of Operations.

AC 9/11

7th February, 1945.

For the attention of Mr. Menshikov

Dear Governor Lehman,

In response to Mr. Hugh Jackson's telephone request, I am sending you the following report on the present position of the UNRRA activities in France.

A UNRRA Mission to France

The Mission Office was first established at 67, Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris. In view of certain difficulties in heating this space, the Mission office has temporarily moved to 48, Boulevard Maillot, Neuilly, where the UNRRA military operations are centred. The Mission staff at present consists of :

Brigadier Honble. William Fraser :	Acting Chief of Mission
Dr. Montagu Travers Morgan :	Liaison Officer for Health
Mr. John Alexander :	Liaison Officer for Displaced Persons
Dr. Frank G. Pedley :	Liaison Officer for Welfare
Miss Sheila McBrayne :	Administrative Officer in charge of office management.
Miss Cook :	Secretary.

Two more secretaries have been recruited locally.

It has been proposed to extend the personnel of the Mission as follows:

- 1) Principal Officer to assist the Welfare Liaison Officer.
- 2) Principal Officer to assist the Displaced Persons Liaison Officer.
- 3) Two A.O. II's.

A corresponding supplemental budget is being submitted to the Budget Control Committee.

Brigadier Fraser, who after having recovered from a brief illness, is at present in London, ^{and} is interviewing a certain number of candidates for the two posts of A.O. II.

Brigadier Fraser made his first contacts with the French Government authorities in November, 1944, when he accompanied the Director General to Paris. After having returned for a short period to London, Brigadier Fraser went back to Paris, where he took up the effective direction of the Mission offices.

He had been preceded to Paris by Mr. John Alexander and Dr. Morgan. Mr. Alexander has been temporarily attached as UNRRA representative to the French Ministry of Prisoners, Refugees and Deportees but has since transferred his desk to the Mission offices.

Numerous contacts with French authorities and administrative agencies have been established by the Chief of Mission and by the Liaison Officers.

The present situation, as far as it is related to Displaced Persons, distressed regions, general welfare and health problems, has been investigated in a number of talks with French officials and representatives of French voluntary societies and a number of inspections of health and welfare establishments have been carried out.

Dr. Morgan has had numerous conferences with the representatives of SHAEF and various spokesmen of the French Ministry of Prisoners, Refugees and Deportees and the French Ministry of Health concerning the question of recruitment of medical personnel. The problem to be solved is threefold: (1) It has been decided to recruit a pool consisting of forty-eight French medical officers, paid and equipped by the Ministry of Prisoners, Refugees and Deportees, to work with the military authorities to take care of deportees evacuated into France. (2) The SHAEF Mission to France intends to recruit 283 French medical officers in order to deal with French civilian deportees and French prisoners of war. (3) UNRRA hopes to be able to recruit in France 100 medical doctors, of whom thirty could be women, provided women doctors would be accepted for work in Germany.

Final decisions on the actual methods of recruitment, pay and other technical details have still to be worked out.

The necessity of a close collaboration between SHAEF, UNRRA and the French authorities has been recognised on all sides. This necessity extends also to the concrete work to be accomplished in the later stages in the field if competition and overlapping in the care for French deportees and prisoners are to be avoided. In this respect an important point that has come out during the discussions is that the French Government holds that French nationals in Germany should be looked after by French medical officers in French uniforms. This principle would be in contradiction to the methods adopted by UNRRA. Further discussion regarding this difficulty will have to take place between the French UNRRA Mission and the French Government.

Dr. Morgan, who, before the War, was one of the UK representatives on the Institut d'Hygiene and de la Sante Publique, has also been in contact with the Director of the Institute in Paris and discussed methods of co-operation in relation to the UNRRA International Sanitary Convention.

Several medical experts of UNRRA have recently completed surveys, or are about to complete surveys, in their various fields in France. Dr. Coigny, Head of Medical Services to the Displaced Persons Section of the Health Division of ERO, has just completed a trip to France, during which he has given useful assistance to Dr. Morgan and has submitted to the French medical authorities a proposal that six prominent French physicians and six prominent French surgeons should come to Great Britain in order to study the latest progress of British medical services.

Amongst the conferences held by Dr. Pedley, the most important was with M. Billoux, Minister of Health. The conference was very friendly and gave Dr. Pedley an opportunity to lay before M. Billoux an outline of his present and future activities in France. Dr. Pedley underlined that he was ready to receive requests from the French Government for help.

A great deal of the activity of the Mission and the time of its personnel has been absorbed by two special problems: the situation in the distressed regions of Normandy and Brittany and the setting up in France of a mobilisation centre for D.P. assembly centre workers.

1. Situation in Normandy and Brittany

Through various channels, the ERO has been informed that great distress is prevailing in large urban and rural sections of Normandy and Brittany. The desperate conditions in which great numbers of the population of these provinces are living have been dramatically stressed in conferences that have taken place in Paris between the Director General and M. Fresnay, French Minister of Prisoners, Refugees and Deportees and M. Dautry, Director of Entr' Aide Francaise.

The Director General was handed a memorandum by M. Dautry setting out the clothing requirements of the distressed French populations. The Chief of Mission treated the problem in a separate report and the whole matter was submitted to the Supply Department of ERO in order to ascertain to what extent an intervention of the ERO seemed possible. As a result of this, the following supplies from UNRRA stock-piles in the UK were offered to the French Government,

Woollen Materials:

Women's dress:	44,354 yards
Women's overcoating:	61,572 yards
Men's and boys' overcoating:	46,675 yards
Men's and boys' suitings:	11,267 yards
Men's overalls:	74,518
Boys' knickers:	24,505
Check tartan cotton:	19,215 yards.

The French Supply Council in London, in a letter dated February 6th, has informed UNRRA that the French Government accepts this offer. The French Government will now negotiate with the British Ministry of Production the details of the purchase of these goods which will then be transferred to France by means available to the French authorities. Moreover, the Dudley House allocation committee in London, which administers considerable quantities of clothing collected in the United States for bombed-out civilians in Great Britain, has put 1,000 cases of clothing at the disposal of SHAEF via the Ministry of Health. SHAEF in turn has made this clothing available to UNRRA for emergency relief purposes and has also agreed to provide approximately fifty tons a week of shipping space to France for this and any other emergency relief supplies UNRRA might obtain. The Dudley House clothing is being sorted by the WVS in premises provided by UNRRA and the ERO Welfare Division and the Department of Supply have co-operated in making arrangements for baling and shipping the clothing.

On its side the Standing Technical Sub-Committee on Welfare for Europe, at its sixth meeting on January 10th, 1945, passed unanimously a resolution moved by Sir Arthur Rucker asking for some action with a view to relieving the acute distress prevailing in Western European liberated territories to be taken at once.

In order to obtain a clear picture of the situation, Sir Hubert Young, of the Department of Operations, was sent on a special mission to France on January 20th. In company of M. Justin Godard, who has succeeded M. Dautry at the head of Entr' Aide Francaise, and of Dr. Pedley, Sir Hubert Young, shortly after his arrival in Paris, went to Nantes in order to inspect arrangements made for the evacuation of civilian refugees from the besieged port of St. Nazaire.

At present Sir Hubert has completed, in company with Dr. Pedley, a tour comprising Rouen, Le Havre, Lisieux, Caen and St. Lo. After completion of this tour, Sir Hubert, in company of high officials of Entr'Aide, will go for a week to the Vosges region.

2. Mobilisation Centre for Assembly Centre Teams

A considerable proportion of the personnel that is to compose the Displaced Persons Assembly Centre teams is to be recruited in France amongst French nationals. The UNRRA Mission to France is responsible for this recruitment. Applicants for positions will be canalized to the Mission through the French Ministry of Prisoners, Refugees and Deportees. Personnel and Financial records will be sent by the Mission to the Displaced Persons administration unit responsible for UNRRA's German operations.

When engaged by the Mission, French nationals will report to the UNRRA Mobilisation Centre for training prior to their employment in the field as members of Assembly Centre teams. This Centre will also serve as a training school for all Displaced Persons personnel recruited on the Continent and as a reception point for all Displaced Persons personnel recruited in the US and the UK.

A building suitable to serve as a mobilisation centre has been requisitioned by the Army for UNRRA at Rochefort-en-Yvelines, nineteen kilometres from Versailles. This building is a relatively modern chateau, capable of accommodating 1,000 persons; it is empty of all furniture and has no kitchen facilities but is readily adaptable. It will be available in about ten days' time and SHAEF have promised to give all facilities in order to get the place into shape as quickly as possible.

B UNRRA Military Operations

When Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, moved to France, Mr. Fletcher C. Kettle, who had been chief UNRRA Liaison Officer with SHAEF in the U.K., moved to France also. Mr. Kettle is responsible for relations between the ERO and the military authorities on questions of health, welfare and displaced persons. The Combined Chiefs of Staff, as you know, have advised Supreme Headquarters AEF that relations between UNRRA and the military on questions of supply shall be dealt with at the UNRRA Washington - CCS - level.

In addition to Mr. Kettle, some 25 Displaced Persons and Health representatives have been attached to the Displaced Persons Refugee and Welfare Branch and the Health Branch, G-5, Supreme Headquarters AEF, to the SHAEF Missions in France, Belgium and the Netherlands and to the 6th, 12th and 21st Army Group Headquarters. Additional specialist personnel is being assigned to Supreme Headquarters AEF, to Army Group Headquarters and to lower echelons.

In order to service the UNRRA personnel attached to the military and to provide facilities on the Continent for those Divisions of the ERO involved in military operations, Mr. Kettle opened an office on 48, Boulevard Maillot, Neuilly, at the end of October, 1944.

This office continues to function under the direction of Mr. Kettle.

All contacts involving relations with the French Government are conducted through the UNRRA Mission to France and, conversely, all contacts to the Mission with the military are canalized through this office.

C Financial Arrangements with the French Government

Last November, during the Director's visit to Paris, conversations took place at the French Ministry of Finance and the Foreign Office, at which the Administration's need for an immediate credit in French francs was discussed. The Director explained that the credit was required for:

- (a) Liaison Mission to the French Government,
- (b) French francs for personnel attached to SHAEF,
- (c) Expenses of an UNRRA Office to serve (a) and (b),
- (d) Philippeville Camp.

Expenses incurred under (a) are an obligation of the French Government under Resolution 14, Section 20. Any funds made available for (b), (c) and (d) would constitute a gesture of goodwill towards UNRRA rather than an obligation.

As a result of these discussions, the French Government agreed to provide funds for all the above mentioned purposes which would be treated as one budget. They thereupon took steps to enact the necessary decree law according UNRRA a credit of 20 million French francs.

On 1st January, the French Ambassador wrote to Sir Frederick Leith-Ross to inform him that the sum of 2 million francs was at the disposal of UNRRA at the Banque de France and that a provisional credit of 20 million francs had been granted for 1945, to be used as required. Should this prove insufficient, a supplementary credit might be granted.

The credit at the Banque de France is now being used for all expenditure that falls to be met in French currency, with the exception of Entertainment Expenses which are chargeable to the 10% free funds of UNRRA and certain items of expenditure such as motor vehicles for which the French Government cannot be expected to pay.

At the time the above arrangements were concluded, it had not been foreseen that the scale of UNRRA operations in France would be so vast. The recruitment of 200 teams to work with SHAEF, which will comprise many members of French nationality, raises new financial problems which are, at present, under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD E. RHATIGAN
Deputy Director General
Department of Operations

The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman.

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To: DR. ~~CAHN DEERE~~

From: Miss Walder

This letter from Mr. Alexander only reached me yesterday. I do not propose to refer the question of the installation of bells in the office in Paris to Brigadier Fraser while he is on sick leave. I do not imagine he would have any objection and, in any case, I gather from the letter that the bells are now installed.

Ruth Walder

20th January, 1945

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,
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By Mr. Scott.

Paris, 9th January, 1945.

Despatch No. 54

Brigadier-General W. Fraser,
ERO - UNRRA,
London.

Dear Fraser,

AC9/2
You will have seen my despatch No. 51 to Scott. One of the questions which, I think, should be dealt with immediately and, if necessary, in your absence, is the installation of some bells in the offices.

I have discussed this with Mr. Kettle and Madame Grimbert and, unless I hear from you to the contrary or you return before Tuesday, the 16th, I propose to arrange for the installation of bells from each of the offices, including the office which Mr. Ortiz tells me you propose to occupy (next door) to the secretaries' room, with appropriate indicators.

I know you agree with me that it is minor questions of this nature which make all the difference between efficiency and inefficiency in an office, and that you would wish the work to be done before we really begin operations.

Yours sincerely

John Alexander

John Alexander

JA/kv

To: MR. SCOTT

From: Miss Walder

Can you give me any indication when Mr. O'Halloran will be given the necessary information to enable him to complete his Personnel Budget for recruitment in Paris?

Brigadier Fraser is anxious to go forward with the equipping of necessary office accommodation and this cannot be put in hand until the budget for the recruitment personnel is approved.

Ruth Walder

13th January, 1945

The Budget has been submitted to DDC Operations for the DP Operations in Germany if this is what is referred to. It is to be placed before the Budget Committee on Friday next.

W. G. Fraser
Brigadier
for

Director of DP

Mrs. Walder

M. C. Debré

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To: MR. COHEN

From: Miss Walder

Can you tell me whether the Personnel Budget referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum from the Chief of the UNRRA mission in Paris of December 23rd has yet been approved?

Ruth Walder
12th January, 1945

Miss Walder

It has not been prepared, as Mr. O'Halloran is awaiting certain decisions before putting it forward. I talked with Mr. O'H about it today.

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SIR HURST YOUNG

I understand you are going to France very shortly, and therefore I am passing you these papers.

Obviously these matters have nothing whatever to do with me. They seem to have fallen into Alexander's lap simply because he is the only man left in the French Mission to hold the fort.

In any case there is nothing to get excited about; I personally do not mind whether Alexander goes to see Alphand or not in this matter. The only thing that is certain is that whatever France's social insurance regulations are UNRRA should very definitely comply with them in respect of French personnel employed by UNRRA in that country.

If you care to take any action here on these papers, please do so. I myself am only sending a note to Alexander to say that I have passed them on to you.

10/1/45.

T.T. Scott

No Further Action,
as Morlan has been
authorised to serve
as Acting Chief.
Miss Cook is en route.
(Signature)

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Miss Walter

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

Attention of Miss Walder
French Country Desk.

In the absence of Brigadier Fraser, I wish to report my arrival at the Paris Office, 67, Avenue des Champs-Elysees, on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 2.15 p.m.

I left the E.R.O. on Monday night, January 1st, with the instructions to travel on the following day but on account of weather conditions it was impossible to make the journey. Passengers were accordingly taken back to London in the late afternoon and finally travelled the following morning at 7.30.

I wish to state that, on my arrival at the Paris Office, I was very kindly and promptly taken care of by Mr. Barber, of Mr. Kettle's staff, who arranged for my billet at the Hotel Regina and who immediately obtained messing facilities for me in two of the Officers' Clubs in Paris. Within the last few days, our personnel have been fortunate in having their own mess at our premises in Neuilly.

S.F. Macbrayne.

Read and approved by Mr. J. Alexander
in the absence of Brig. Fraser.

/SFM

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Despatch N° 51.

January 4th, 1945.

T.T. Scott, Esq.,
Director, Displaced Persons.
ERO - UNRRA,
London.



Dear Scott,

In the absence of Brig. Fraser, Dr. Morgan and Dr. Pedley, and upon the move of Mr. Kettle to the new ERO Forward Office at 48, Boulevard Maillot, Neuilly, I have unavoidably assumed charge of the Office at 67, Champs Elysées. I feel it is necessary to inform you formally of this fact, since it is occasionally necessary to come to decisions as regards the Office as a whole which go beyond the scope of my formal functions, and I feel that, in principle, this should be approved by the Department concerned or indeed by the Administrative Council itself.

I should be glad to know in this connection when I may expect the return of Brig. Fraser, Dr. Morgan and Dr. Pedley, or the arrival of Miss Cook, whose appointment I have learned has been agreed to.

I should be grateful if you will telegraph your reply.

Yours sincerely,
John Alexander

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