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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
between
FRANK WEISL in Washington, D.C.
and
SAM KEENY in Rome, Italy
on
7th February 1947 - 11:10 am

Mr. Keeny

Mr. Weisl

I want to know especially whether you know about that inquiry concerning Myron Taylor.

What is the story all about?

I know about the inquiry.

I wouldn't be able to tell you. This is a matter the D.G. is handling personally.

Major Hodgett telephoned, asking that General Rooks get in touch with Alex Hawes.

I think that has been, or is being arranged.

He knows the whole story, and there has been nothing new that I have heard of. It happened a year and a half ago, and the difficulty arose about the agreement in the beginning of 1945.

Governor Lehman's instructions in the matter were to deal with the Italian Government only. Taylor's idea was that UNRRA should not come into Italy -- that the money should be given to his organization, American Relief for Italy Association, for distribution.

That position was impossible, under our legal arrangements and resolutions.

Mr. Taylor's view was that the entire business should have been an American arrangement, and that it should have been handed over to his organization.

In the actions which I took, I followed the specific instructions of Gov. Lehman and of our Legal Counsel, and I was advised at this end by the American Minister, Mr. Kirk, the British Resident Minister, Mr. McMillen, FHQ, and our Legal Counsel that this line was entirely agreed with. Mr. Taylor did not like it, but we could not help that.

Mr. McMillen has been on the very friendliest relations with us.

The only question that came up later was the division of used clothing, and in that case there was a misunderstanding with Mr. Taylor. He had reason to be impatient. Because, however, the misunderstanding arose

in the United States and we had difficulty straightening it out at this end, it was eventually done by Roy Hendrickson, to Mr. Taylor's satisfaction.

That is the only case of difficulty that arose after the agreement, but before the agreement Mr. Taylor opposed the arrangement in every way he could.

Our position was that we were to make arrangements only with the government, and the agreement was so drawn, but that after the agreement was made, any cooperation recommended by the government should be carried out, and it was so done, but the main point was that the entire policy was not what Mr. Taylor thought it should have been.

He never liked us. He thought that UNRRA had been set up wrong to begin with, and particularly wrong for Italy, where they had the other organization, but that was nothing I could do anything about. I simply avoided any personal difficulties with him, and my advice from the American Minister was to be nice to him, but hold my ground. I reviewed the matter with Mr. McMillen, and he said he was very pleased with the way it was handled, and offered to intervene on my behalf.

There is some correspondence about it. On 13 February 1945 I wrote a letter to Governor Lehman which set forth the main facts, and you will find that in the files. I think that Alex Hawes knows the whole background.

There was, I think, a meeting set up already in Washington between General Rocks and Hawes. I don't know, however, if the General has already seen him.

I am to assume that there is nothing more to the matter, unless I hear further from you.

About the statement in the telegram that he had talked about me personally, I don't mind about it, unless the statement was libelous. Then I would expect to be protected.

The matter was quite clear, and if necessary I can refer you to people -- General Warburton in Philadelphia knows about it, and Mr. McMillen. I think they will give you the information you want.

If there is anything more required you will hear from us.

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5 MAR 1947

Elizabeth K. S. Li, M. D.
25 S. Kukin Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Li:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of 24 February. I very much regret to advise that UNRRA's Health Program in China is being closed down as of 31 March, and since this closure date is less than a month away, it is unfortunately impossible to consider utilizing your valuable experience in China. However, UNRRA's activities in this field are being taken over by the World Health Organization, which will be headed by Dr. Borcic, whom you may have met in Shanghai. Dr. Borcic is still with UNRRA and it might be worth while for you to communicate with him. His address is:

Dr. Berislav Borcic
Chief Medical Officer
UNRRA China Office
Embankment Building
370 North Soochow Road
Shanghai, China

Please accept my thanks for communicating the messages from Colonel Bentholf and Dr. Liu.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

AMcIver/McD
3 March 1947



March 5, 1947

Rooks

Reverend Edward J. Killion
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
c/o National Catholic Welfare Conference
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Killion:

Herewith copies of letters I have written to Mr. Myer Cohen and Mr. S. M. Keeny in accordance with our conversation today.

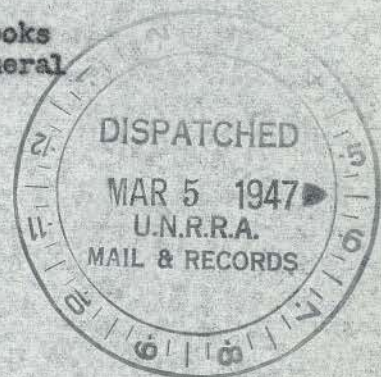
Please do not fail to call upon me if we can be of any further service to you.

With best wishes for your full success in your important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

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March 5, 1947

Mr. S. M. Keeny
Chief of Mission, UNRRA
I.N.A. Bldg. - 3rd Floor
Via S. Nicolo de Tolentino 78
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Keeny:

I have just had a conference with Father Edward J. Killion, who is leaving shortly for Europe where he will serve as Administrative Director of the Vatican Immigration Commission in Germany and Italy. It is my understanding that he will visit Rome where he will wish to see you in connection with his duties.

I have explained to Father Killion that UNRRA, by agreement with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, has very largely kept out of the resettlement field which rightly belongs to the I.G.C.R. I have stated, however, that UNRRA cooperates with the I.G.C.R. in its resettlement program fully.

I know that you will be glad to see Father Killion upon his arrival and provide him with all information you may have as well as assist him to the extent practicable in organizing his work.

A copy of this letter is being furnished Father Killion.

Sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

A. D. G.'s Office

March 5, 1947

Mr. Myer Cohen
Acting Chief of Operations
Displaced Persons Headquarters
Hotel Majestic
Avenue Kleber
Paris 16, France

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Father Edward J. Killion has just called at my office. He is leaving shortly for Europe where he will serve as Administrative Director of the Vatican Immigration Commission in Germany and Italy. It is my understanding that he plans first to visit Rome and later Paris where he will make contact with you in connection with his duties.

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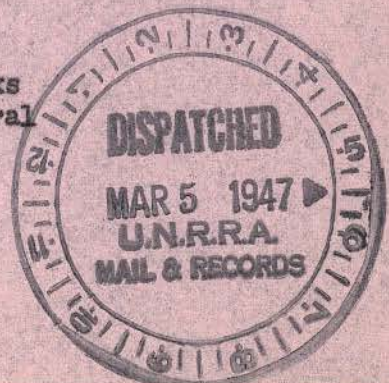
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Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

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4 MAR 1947

Mr. John Jay McCloy
President, International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

It was with a sense of real pleasure that I learned of your appointment as President of the International Bank: please accept my sincere congratulations. It is without doubt one of the most arduous of all the various international assignments and it is consequently very gratifying to know that such heavy responsibility is to be in your capable hands.

If at any time before this Administration finally closes down there is any way in which it can be of assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to let me know at once and I shall personally ensure that everything possible is done to assist you.

With renewed good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



▶ 4 MAR 1947

Mr. Robert L. Garner
Vice-President
International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Garner:

I write to offer you my sincere congratulations
on your new appointment as Vice-President of the
International Bank and, on behalf of the United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, I send you
all good wishes for success in your new undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



8 MAR 1947

Colonel Martin Huttloff
Acting Assistant Administrator
Production & Marketing Administration
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Huttloff:

This will acknowledge with pleasure and appreciation your letter of 24 February, in which you informed me that the Department agrees to the reduction by an amount of \$1,000,000 of the over-all reserve of \$9,000,000 established against funds allocated, and that this amount is made available to finance the UNRRA procurement program in the Department of Agriculture. It is our understanding that the remaining \$5,000,000 of the over-all reserve will be further reduced as additional invoices are processed.

It is our further understanding that should insufficient funds be found to meet amendments or adjustments against any specific requisition, you will immediately inform this Administration before taking any action on your own part, in order that we may amend the requisition either by reducing the quantity of the supplies involved, or increasing the amount of funds required.

Sincerely yours,



Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

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Mr. Rook's Office

Mr. Michail Sergeichic
Chief of Mission
UNRRA
Kaneza, Milosa
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

MAR 1 1947

Dear Mr. Sergeichic:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11 February wherein you enclose a copy of a letter from General Velebit together with data supplied by the Government of Yugoslavia on the need for imports of staple commodities in 1947 which require financing.

We have forwarded the information attached to your letter to the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

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26 Feb 1947

Clearance:
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1 MAR 1947

Mr. N. G. Photias
Royal Greek Embassy
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Mr. Photias:

This is in reference to your letter of 20 February 1947, requesting the assistance of this Administration in obtaining for Greece a share of the 15 million kroner offered by the Norwegian Government to suffering European countries.

I am afraid that you may perhaps have misunderstood the situation regarding the credit. As we are informed, the Norwegian Government has generously offered to extend credits in the total amount of 15 million kroner over a period of five years to European countries receiving UNRRA assistance. The credits would be in the form of interest free loans and could be used for the payment of commodities which Norway can supply.

However, in extending the credit, the Norwegian Government has reserved complete freedom of action with respect to allocation. It has indicated that negotiations for extension of credit should be conducted by the countries concerned through the usual diplomatic channels in Oslo or through the Norwegian Embassy in Washington.

In the circumstances, I regret that this Administration is not in a position to be of direct assistance. We would, however, be more than happy to provide the Norwegian Government with any information in our possession which it might wish to obtain as to the needs of your country.

I would accordingly suggest that you bring the matter directly to the attention of the Norwegian Government and I am sure that your application will receive the most sympathetic consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Drafted: FChait/rbs
25 February 1947

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Lowell W. Rocks
Director General



Copy for Gen. Rooks

MAR 1947

Dr. Harley Farnsworth MacNair
Professor of Far Eastern History
and Institutions
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. MacNair:

I am in receipt of your letter of 24 February, attaching copy of your letter to the Secretary of State regarding the recent press reports concerning the reputed request by Chiang Kaishek to sell UNRRA goods on the China black market. Copies of my press releases issued on 19 and 20 February are enclosed herewith, and I trust these will serve to rectify the misinterpretation of facts which has appeared in the press. No such formal request has been made by the China Government to the Administration, and the only proposal under consideration, which will be taken up at the next meeting of the Central Committee, is the diversion of a portion of the uncommitted funds in the UNRRA China Program from non-expendable to expendable supplies.

As you know, UNRRA is concerned in China solely with the relief and rehabilitation of a destitute country and is bending every effort--in the face of heavy odds--to insure that relief supplies sent to China receive fair distribution regardless of political factors.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Enclosures 2

Press releases Nos. 14 and 15

AMcIver/ms (OFEA)
27 Feb. 1947



1 MAR 1947

Mr. Peter Boudoures
Western Regional Director
American Committee for Relief of Greece
1005 Market Street, Room 208
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Mr. Boudoures:

I have your letter of 18 February 1947 in which you suggest that we divert the "DOLORES B" from Greece to some other country because of her age.

We appreciate your interest in this phase of our relief program for Greece, but since the DOLORES B has already been dispatched to Greece, it is of course impossible for us to consider your suggestion. I hope, however, that you will agree that our fishing program for Greece is not an unbalanced one in terms of age, as can be seen from the tabulation shown below, wherein we list all boats sent or to be sent to that country.

<u>Name of Vessel</u>	<u>Length Overall</u>	<u>Home Port</u>	<u>Year Built</u>
SACRED HEART	75 ft.	Boston	1944
SQUANTUM	82 ft.	Boston	1943
BABY PAUL	82 ft.	Boston	1944
MOONGLO	84 ft.	Boston	1944
FORDHAM	82 ft.	Boston	1941
LESLIE J FULTON	85 ft.	San Francisco	1936
ALIOTTI BROS.	80 ft.	San Francisco	1937
DOLORES B	71 ft.	San Pedro	1930
GREEN DOLPHIN	65 ft.	Eureka	1945
SIGNAL	70 ft.	Seattle	1946
2 Steel Vessels -			
WEST COAST Design	84 ft.		1947

You will observe from the above that we are supplying Greece with five East Coast type trawlers of modern design and construction. As for West Coast type boats, the SIGNAL is of very modern wood construction and will serve ideally as a model for any vessels to be constructed in Greece. The GREEN DOLPHIN is an exceptionally well constructed small boat suitable for both seining and dragging, and also of very recent construction. The fleet being sent to Greece therefore includes modern vessels of both East Coast and West Coast types and both in steel and wood.

In addition to the above, we have procured a large vessel from the Navy on the East Coast and are procuring equipment to outfit it as a floating laboratory for oceanographic and biological research. You may be interested in knowing that for the equipment of this latter vessel we are requisitioning over 400 separate items ranging from large winches to all necessary chemical reagents and other supplies. We are hopeful that this laboratory will serve to increase the yield and develop new sources of supply of fish for Greece.

You will also be interested to know, I am sure, that we have procured large quantities of twine from all parts of the world to meet the needs of the Greek fishing industry. Fine twines, for instance, which were unprocureable in this country, we arranged to have processed in Italy from cotton procured in Egypt for this purpose. We have also procured considerable quantities of cotton twine in Brazil and linen twine in Mexico.

The DOLORES B was procured originally for China. Because of inadequate fuel capacity, she had to be sent as deck cargo. Since offloading facilities were not available in China, she was diverted to Greece, which was at that time the only country to which fishing vessels were being sent, for which offloading facilities were close at hand. Before this vessel was procured, she was thoroughly inspected by a marine surveyor engaged specifically for this purpose, and by the U. S. Coast Guard. All repairs and outfitting were performed in San Francisco under the supervision of the U. S. Coast Guard in that area and before acceptance by UNRRA for delivery to Greece, this vessel was granted a certificate of seaworthiness. Since the original price paid for this vessel was very low and the Greek supply budget is being charged with a correspondingly small amount, we feel that there need be no apprehension as to the wisdom of this purchase.

We trust that in view of the above information, and in the light of the whole Greek program, you will agree with us that the fishing boat program for Greece is a well balanced one.

Very truly yours,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

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26 February 1947

