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Mr. S. L. Sommer  
Chief Hungary Mission, Budapest  
UNRRA  
A.P.O. 777  
c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

*Hungary 782 —*

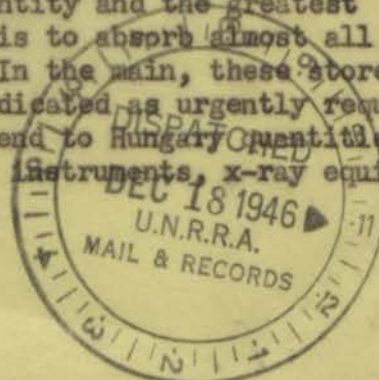
Dear Mr. Sommer:

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Following is the most recent analysis and status of your medical and sanitation program. For purposes of convenience, we shall consider your budget for medical items as comprised of \$300,000.00 UNRRA funds, \$50,000.00 contributed funds from the American Hungarian Relief Society and \$200,000.00 medical allocation of the funds for transportation reimbursement to Hungary. The total funds, therefore, may be considered to be \$550,000.00. A "freeze value" which was ordered by the Director General on all budgets was ten percent of \$300,000.00 or \$30,000.00. This meant that the sum of \$30,000.00 could not be spent for medical supplies. Deducting \$30,000.00, funds for programming now become \$520,000.00.

We have recently had with us in Headquarters, Mr. A. D. Campbell of the Medical Supply Division of ERO. Mr. Campbell has supplied us with information on the actual costs of the items that have been sent from Britain. In most every instance, as they were of British or US Army surplus, you have received items at discount value. It is the discounted value that we have charged you with and as a result have been able to send you greater quantities of materials for the given dollar value.

Mr. Campbell is most familiar with the Hungary medical requirements. He, too, has received a copy of the contingent program that Mr. Leslie Atkins brought from Budapest. As Headquarters can no longer negotiate outside procurement, we have decided, with Mr. Campbell, that the most feasible method of getting the greatest quantity and the greatest variety of medical supplies to you soonest is to absorb almost all of the UNRRA owned medical stores in London. In the main, these stores are composed of such items that you have indicated as urgently required. Accordingly, we have authorized London to send to Hungary quantities of biologicals, chemicals, narcotics, surgical instruments, x-ray equipment, etc.



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The total value of this material would exceed \$500,000.00 but, as it was procured for the most part from surplus, the charge to you will be \$260,000.00. I am enclosing a breakdown of the materials contained in this stockpile. Shipment from Britain is expected in January.

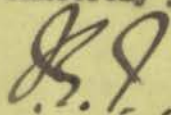
In order to reflect more accurately the existing charges for materials sent to you or that we have committed to procurement, I am also enclosing an outline of your program as we see it now. The remaining or unexpended funds will be used to send you other supplies which you require.

In your Cable 252 you asked if Trichloroacetic Acid received from the American Red Cross is the same as that which we requested you to acknowledge receipt. We are requesting acknowledgement of the receipt of the air shipment of the forty-five pounds of this material which was dispatched to you by Vienna on 14 June and shipped from Vienna to Budapest on 16 July. The package was marked OP 1959.

The Medical and Sanitation Supply Shipping Schedule for the month of December is also enclosed. The pinless diapers, of which there are 625 dozen, are the only type of diaper we were able to procure for you. We regret that it will be impossible to fulfill your remaining textile requirements.

If there are any questions about the information contained in this letter or its attachments, please do not hesitate to let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



J. G. Johnstone, M. D.  
Director, Medical and  
Sanitation Supplies Division

Enclosures - 3

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17 December 1946

Clear: Mr. Hoffman

Info Copy: Mr. Borders



*Hungary - 782 - (Med.)*

7 MAR 1946

Mr. Richard Gaumnitz  
European Regional Office  
UNRRA  
11 Portland Place, W. I.  
London, England

Dear Mr. Gaumnitz:

The Chief of the Hungarian Mission, Mr. Stanley Sommer, is expecting to leave the United States for Hungary on 4 March. He plans to spend about a week in London before proceeding to Budapest. Since he will want to discuss medical supply problems with you, I think you ought to be familiar with the background of the Hungarian program and the negotiations and decisions which have been made to date.

The Hungarian program is of an emergency nature, geared chiefly to the needs of women and children. The total program covering all commodities is to cost somewhat over \$3,000,000 with \$300,000 allowed for medical supplies.

At a meeting in my office in the middle of February with Mr. Sommer and members of the Washington staff, we came to the conclusion that in the absence of firm requirements from Hungary covering the total \$300,000, we should attempt to get an emergency shipment totaling about \$80,000 to Budapest as soon as possible to provide for the most pressing needs. Of these items UK was authorized by cable No. 1111 to provide the following:

insulin	\$ 5,000
digitalis	1,000
strophanthin	500
diphtheria antitoxin and toxoid for immunization and therapy	2,000
rubber gloves various sizes	500
bandages, gauze, absorbent cotton, compresses, sponges, adhesive plaster, plaster of paris	8,000
needles and syringes	1,000
catgut sutures	500
aminopyrine	1,000
phenacetin	1,000
ether, 1/4 or 1/2 lb. cans	1,500
sulfathiazole	7,500
sulfadiazine	7,500
sulfaguanidine	5,000
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The remainder including the following items is to come from the US:

liver extract	\$ 3,000
napharsen	5,000
glucose in solution	1,000
procaine hydrochloride	1,000
vitamin A&D in oil	7,500
Dexin	7,500
DDT 10% in bulk	2,000
DDT 10% in 6 oz. cans	2,000
hand dusters	300
penicillin	10,000
	<u>\$ 39,300</u>

It was understood that we would attempt to arrange airshipment of as many of these supplies both from the US and UK as possible.

In the meantime a contribution of \$50,000 for the purchase of medical supplies has been presented to UNRRA by the Hungarian American Relief Committee. The contribution is made with no strings attached so that in effect this increases the allowance for medical supplies from \$300,000 to \$350,000. In order to spend this money quickly and obtain the type and amount of publicity for the donation which might encourage additional contributions, we have decided to increase our total emergency shipments to \$110,000 now, for which only \$60,000 of UNRRA funds will be used.

It is our plan to wait for firm requirements from Hungary for the remaining \$240,000 before we make any further shipments. To help in this work, we are sending Mr. Leslie Atkins to Budapest as the medical supply officer. He is to report first to London to meet Mr. Sommer and you. Upon arrival in Budapest, his job together with Dr. Barikhaus, the medical officer, will be the development of a firm program of requirements with the representatives of the Hungarian Government. The job will involve aiding and advising the Hungarian Government in the development of their program. It should be perfectly clear that this program should be that of the Hungarian Government in accordance with UNRRA's policy to provide the relief requested by each recipient nation as far as possible.

In view of the urgent need for these supplies in Hungary, I hope that this program can be developed in Budapest as soon as possible. I expect that Mr. Atkins should be able to complete this assignment within approximately six weeks after his arrival in Budapest. The list of firm requirements should then be submitted immediately to Washington with a copy to London. As soon as London has had an opportunity to examine the items requested, they should cable us indicating whether they can assume responsibility for all items, or if not, which they can handle.

I am sure you are aware from all of this that speed is of the essence, if the Hungarians are to get any of this urgently needed relief.

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2 March 1946

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Very truly yours,

I. V. Sollins, Director  
Medical and Sanitation  
Supplies Division



*752- Hungary 782*  
5 March 1946

TO: Mr. J. E. Scott  
FROM: Mrs. S. A. Dinaburg

On 15 February I sent a memo to Mr. Witt requesting direct procurement of about \$20,000 worth of supplies for the emergency Hungarian program. Since then the Hungarian American Relief Committee has made a donation of \$50,000 for medical supplies. It was decided that instead of spending USFRA's money for my list of 15 February, we would increase our immediate direct procurement to \$50,000, spending the contributed funds for that purpose.

This decision has already been communicated to Mr. Lazarus, both by Mr. Bishop, of the Contributed Supplies Division, I think, and by me. As you understand the State Department clearance will now be unnecessary for the \$50,000, so that as soon as procurement arrangements can be made, the goods can be purchased. It is our intention to ship about one ton of these supplies by air to Hungary.

I am attaching the list of additional items to be purchased directly. These items will total approximately \$30,000. This plus the previous list of \$20,000 will total to the desired figure of \$50,000.

<u>ASC No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1233500	Insulin	\$ 3,000
1602000	Diphtheria antitoxin and	
1604100	toxoid for immunisation therapy	1,000
1179000	Ether, 1/4 lb. cans	500
1462200	Sulfadiazine	5,000
1464100	Sulfathiazole	5,000
1462600	Sulfaguanidine	3,000
1268010	Naphareon	3,000
	Vitamin A&D in Oil	2,500
	Penicillin (if possible obtain vials of 200,000 U.S.)	6,000
	Typhus Vaccine	1,000
		<u>\$ 30,000</u>

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CC: Keller, Freedman

*Hungary - 782*

19 February 1946

TO: Mr. S. L. Sommers  
Mission Chief, Hungary  
Room 318

FROM: Dr. I. V. Sollins

We have now worked out the details of the program for the first \$80,300.00 of medical supplies to be shipped to Hungary. \$42,000.00 of this program is to be shipped from the UK. That list includes the following items:

insulin	\$ 5,000
digitalis	1,000
strophanthin	500
diphtheria antitoxin and toxoid for immunization and therapy	2,000
rubber gloves, various sizes,	500
bandages, gauze, absorbent cotton, compresses, sponges, adhesive plaster, plaster of paris	8,000
needles and syringes	1,000
catgut sutures	500
aminopyrine	1,000
phenacetin	1,000
ether, 1/4 or 1/2 lb. cans	1,500
sulfadiazine	7,500
sulfathiazole	7,500
sulfaguanidine	5,000
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	\$ 42,000

The remaining items totaling approximately \$38,300.00 are to be shipped from the US. That list includes:

liver extract	\$ 2,000
napharsen	5,000
glucose in solution	1,000
procaine hydrochloride	1,000
vitamin A&D in oil	7,500
Doxin	7,500
DDT 10% in bulk	2,000
DDT 10% in 6 oz. cans	2,000
hand dusters	300
penicillin	10,000
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	\$ 38,300



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London has been instructed to attempt to arrange airshipment of those supplies to Budapest. We will attempt to make similar arrangements from here.

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*Hungary - 782*

15 February 1946

TO: Mr. H. Witt  
FROM: Mrs. S. A. Dinaburg

Will you please arrange for the direct procurement of the following items for the emergency Hungary program.

1731500 Dextrose in 50% solution \$ 1,000.00

1380600 Procaine HCL 1,000.00

Vitamin A&D in oil, miscible,  
in small dropper btle (100,000  
Units A & 10,000 Units D per gm.  
in bottles of 25-30cc) 7,500.00

Dexin or similar product, Burroughs  
Wellcome, \$1.84 per dz., 3 lb. btles 7,500.00

1256500 Liver Extract, 4,000 vials

These items are part of the emergency program for Hungary which were requested in the attached unnumbered cable from the Allied Control Council in Budapest to London, repeated to Paris, Washington, and Vienna, dated 2 February.

These supplies are urgently needed and we have agreed to try to get approximately \$100,000 worth of supplies to Hungary as soon as possible. We are considering the air-shipment of some of these supplies in order to get them there.

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CC: Keller, Freedman

MEMORANDUM

*Hungary-782*  
13 February 1946

TO: Mr. H. Witt

FROM: Mrs. S. A. Dinaburg

Will you please arrange for the direct procurement of the following items for the emergency Hungary program:

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| 1) Glucose in solution                          | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2) <i>Procaine</i> HCL                          | 1,000.00    |
| 3) Vitamin A&D in oil, in small dropper<br>btle | 7,500.00    |
| 4) Dexin or similar product                     | 7,500.00    |

These items are part of the emergency program for Hungary which were requested in the attached unnumbered cable from the Allied Control Council in Budapest to London, repeated to Paris, Washington, and Vienna, dated 2 February.

These supplies are urgently needed and we have agreed to try to get approximately \$100,000 worth of supplies to Hungary as soon as possible. We are considering the airshipment of some of these supplies in order to get them there.

cc: Freedman  
Keller

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unnumbered cable



*Hungary - 782*

MEMORANDUM

13 February 1946

TO: Mr. M. Freedman

FROM: Mrs. S. A. Dinaburg

Will you please arrange to program the following items for shipment to Hungary:

- 1) 300 hand-dusters-UC164
- 2) 14,400, 6 oz. cans of 10% DDT-UA 654
- 3) 3200 lbs of 10% DDT in bulk against-UA 259
- 4) 20,800 lbs of 10% DDT in bulk against-UA 191/R69

In addition to these items would you arrange for a P&A for Hungary including the following items:

- 1) 1256500 Liver extract, 4000 vials.
- 2) 1263015 Mapharsen, 2000 vials
- 3) 1462200 Sulfadiazine, 700 btls
- 4) 1462600 Sulfaguanadine, 500 btls
- 5) 1464100 Sulfadiazol, 1500 btls

In addition, this emergency program for Hungary calls for the shipment of \$10,000 worth of Sodium Penicillin, preferably 200,000 to 500,000 cc per vial.

Will you please investigate the procurement status and availability <sup>of penicillin</sup> and program accordingly as soon as possible.

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Shipments Hungary

*cc: Lumbakis*

UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

1344 CONNECTICUT AVENUE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

*Hungary-782 - (Med. Supplies)*  
26 January 1946

TO: I. V. Sollins, Chief, Medical & Sanitation Supplies Division,  
Room 841, Building B

FROM: W. A. Sawyer, M.D., Director of Health *WAS.*

SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Supply Program for Hungary and for Finland

I have just learned in a meeting in Mr. Williams's office yesterday afternoon that a medical supply program for Hungary has been drawn up by your division without consultation as to requirements with the Health Division, as has been provided under Administrative Order No. 45. I have also learned that an emergency program for Finland contains a medical supply program, and this program was also prepared without such consultation with the Health Division.

I wish to bring to your attention the responsibilities of the Health Division for programming medical supplies and to request your cooperation in these matters and other programming activities in the future. In accordance with my conversation with Mr. Weintraub of 23 January and his memorandum of that date, I am sending this memorandum addressed to you, with a copy to Mr. Weintraub.

I wish to request that the Health Division have an opportunity to review the medical supply programs for Finland, Hungary, and any other medical and sanitation supply programs prepared without consultation with us, in order that we may suggest changes, in the light of our knowledge of health conditions and problems in these countries. It is especially urgent that we see your proposed program for Hungary.

Copies to: D. Weintraub  
A. S. Boykoff  
Dr. J. G. Johnstone

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