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Dear Mr. Stephens,

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Thanks for your letter of the 12th November, which has been sent on to me here.

The Historical Monograph was compiled in, and by, the office of the Chief Archivist and Historian, E.R.O., around the beg./middle of June this year.

I cannot recollect seeing the final report, and I must conclude the papers, etc. are in the hands of the Chief Archivist.

Yours sincerely,

H.R. Scott

(H.R.Scott)

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November 12th 1947

Dear Mr. Scott,

This is in reference to item 5 of your final E.R. Order 88 report in respect of the UNRRA Mission to Norway. Our records do not show what final action was taken with respect to your Historical Monograph.

Will you please advise us whether your Historical Monograph was turned over to the Chief Archivist and Historian prior to his departure from E.R.O., or whether it was submitted to him at H.Q. Washington.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Stephens
Chief,
Organisation and Management Division.

Mr. H. R. Scott,
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28th March, 1947.

Mrs. E.M. Wellwood,
for Chief Archivist and Historian,
European Regional Office,
London W.1.



Dear Mrs. Wellwood,

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Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd March, and after taking note of what you write, I took the opportunity of discussing the matter with Mons. A. Morhange, during his recent visit here along with Sir Humfrey Gale, and he intends to discuss the question with you on his return to London. I hope a solution can be found on the lines discussed with Mons. Morhange, and in due course I await his further information.

Yours sincerely

H.R. Scott

H.R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

Wellwood reply.

Scott's letter came after you left for Paris and replied after discussing with Pope Carter.



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3rd March, 1947

Mr. H. R. Scott.
UNRRA Mission to Norway
OSLO.

Dear Mr Scott:

Thank you for your letter of 21 February.

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I can assure you that your difficulties in writing up the first part of the Mission's History are very much appreciated here. We find, in the preparation of certain reports, exactly the same difficulties owing to the lack of records. This question has also been raised by at least one other Chief of a small Mission who did, however manage to produce a narrative which gave an outline of the beginning of the Mission, although it was not, of course, so detailed as the latter part when he took over the direction of the work.

You will remember submitting a summary of the files still available in your office. There appear to be quite a few which should enable you to produce some kind of outline of the beginning of the work. I would suggest that you concentrate on the actual work of the Norway Office. Do not bother with the Country Desk aspect which can probably be covered in this office. Could you not concentrate on a history of the Mission, giving the functions of the Chief of Mission as set out in the directives, the different sides of the work which were dealt with in the beginning e.g. emergency supplies, displaced persons, recruitment of Norwegian personnel, so that there will be a logical development until the time when you actually took over? You will know best the particular reports that you will want to prepare from your own experience since you took over the work. Obviously Mr Woodbridge will not expect a detailed analysis of work which took place before you arrived, but if you can prepare

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some kind of outline of that work it may be that there will be papers in this office which can be used to fill it out

If there are any papers easily found in this office which we think will be of use to you, we will willingly send them over to you.

Sincerely yours,

E.M. Wellwood.
for Chief Archivist and Historian.

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21st February, 1947

Mr. G. Woodbridge
Chief Archivist &
Historian,
E.R.O.

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Dear Mr Woodbridge.

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st February, the contents of which I have duly noted.

To commence with I have not, up to the moment received the note referred to from the Director of Administrative Service, or received any instructions whatsoever regarding the disposition of the archives of the Mission.

I do note that you have already considered the List which I sent along to you with my letter of the 27th January, and indicated which you desire retained for historical purposes. I further regret to note that for reasons given it will not permit you to send anyone to visit the Mission.

You will appreciate that I am very much handicapped for the following reasons:-

1. My Staff is very small, and unfortunately I have no one available to whom I can deputise the work of compiling such a report.
2. The necessary documents, reports and instruments for compiling the report are missing from our files. The papers etc., relative to the inauguration of the Mission were, so far as I am informed, kept by Dr. Norborg, who at that time was in charge of the "Country Desk" dealing with all Scandinavian matters. These files and papers are undoubtedly at E.R.O. and can still be found and are accessible to you.
3. I find that there is very little documentary evidence on the files here of the activity of my predecessors, Brigadier Waddington and General Martin.
4. My tenure of the post as Chief UNRRA Representative here in Oslo commenced on in February, 1946. My terms of reference are as outlined in a communication from Sir Humphrey Gale dated the 9th May 1946, and as you will therein observe primarily concerned with supply matters and recruitment and employment of Norwegian personnel.

May I therefore ask for further guidance from you as to what reports would be essential for compilation of the Norwegian Mission. I will obviously do the best I can to assist you and appreciate of your early views.

I remain
Yours sincerely.

Chief UNRRA Representative in Norway

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INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF MISSION - NORWAY

Mr. Scott, Chief of Mission to Norway, came in to see me on November 26. He said it would be extremely difficult for him to prepare a detailed historical report as indicated by the Technical Instruction for the following reasons:

- (a) The Mission is composed of the Chief, an accountant, a secretary and 4 local employees engaged on clerical work. There is no one to whom he could delegate the work.
- (b) The Chief of Mission is at present working at high pressure, and would be unable to spare the time to devote to preparing a report while the work continues.
- (c) Mission is not scheduled to close down until March-April, 1946.
- (d) Chief does not consider he can prepare a report in the form needed by the Chief Archivist and Historian.

He made the following proposal:

That a member of the Historical staff should pay a short visit to Norway, to extract verbally from the Mission chief the information required from the Chief of Mission and prepare notes for the report. This representative would be given full access to all files, and the Chief himself would give all possible information from his own knowledge, and provide stenographic assistance.

He considered that a trained member of the historical staff would know the lines on which the report should be written and could extract the material in a far shorter time than the Chief would be able to if left to do it entirely on his own.

Mr. Scott said he thought a similar position would be found in Denmark and Finland, as both Missions were in the same position as Norway regarding staff.

I told him that at present it was not proposed to allot staff from the History Division to specific Missions, but I thought his suggestion was a good one and I would certainly ask you to consider it. That it would be extremely helpful to us if he would indicate the size of the problem in his Mission, the particular functions of the Mission, the subjects of the Reports which should be prepared, ~~and asked him~~ I also asked him if he would try and prepare an outline report which would be some sort of basis to work on. He agreed to do so.

Documents

As far as he is aware, the files in Norway are in good shape. He is at present enquiring into the cost of packaging and transportation from Norway to the States.

November 26, 1946.



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