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Honorable William F. Knowland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Knowland:

This is in reply to the letter of 10 March 1947 from Mr. George Wilson, your Administrative Assistant, attaching letters from Mr. Charles E. Jackson, of the National Fisheries Institute, and Colonel I. M. Isaacs, of the San Francisco Sardine Association, regarding prospects for diversion to the domestic fishing industry of vessels being delivered to UNRRA on the West Coast for shipment to China as part of our program for the rehabilitation of the fishing industry in that country.

For the past few weeks we have devoted considerable thought to this program, in the light of reports from our Office in China that fishing vessels have not been fully utilized, and doubts in the minds of some of the people connected with the program as to whether additional fishing vessels of this type could be integrated into the Chinese fishing economy within the UNRRA period. From the beginning we have attached a great deal of importance to this phase of our Program in China because of the fact that, if successful, it would increase substantially the world supply of animal proteins and oils and would represent, in fact, the only possible method of increasing through UNRRA the supply of these vital foods to the people of China.

Many of the difficulties in this program are inherent in the nature of the operation and were anticipated by the Administration in its inception. However, full utilization of much of the equipment supplied in the China fisheries program has been complicated by a large number of unforeseen factors, including the shipping strike last fall which delayed delivery to China of a great deal of essential basic and ancillary equipment. We believe that this situation gave rise to a considerable amount of adverse criticism on the part of fishermen engaged for that particular type of fishing, since these men undoubtedly were left idle and felt frustrated. Admittedly, many of the complaints made by individuals were basically justified. It is equally true, however, that many of them represented a certain amount of exaggeration and distortion by the individuals concerned. Other factors also must be taken into consideration—such as lack of adequate physical facilities for maintenance work, absence of proper docking accommodations, etc.

Other aspects of this fisheries problem, such as the need for competent management of the fleet in China, the difficulties of training Chinese personnel in the operation of the vessels, and the abolishment of monopolistic control of

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existing marketing facilities, have also contributed to the tardiness which has accompanied the proper functioning of the operation.

Recent reports from our China Office have indicated that within the past two months very substantial progress has been made in overcoming a great many of the obstacles described above, and in one recent week the fleet brought into Shanghai nearly one-half million pounds of fish—which represents one-quarter of the total catch since the operation actually commenced.

Recognizing the importance of this project, the Administration, both here and in China, has been making strenuous efforts to assist the Chinese in overcoming their difficulties in this connection. For the past month the Administration, with the assistance of the United States fishing industry, has been endeavoring to recruit a small group of top-flight management and operating personnel who will be loaned to China for the purpose of establishing efficient, modern methods in this operation. Currently, steps are being taken to provide for the dispersal of units of the fishing fleet to various coastal ports in China and to Formosa in order to insure that the products obtain the widest possible distribution. Additionally, our China Office has been vigorously assisting and implementing the work of improvising or constructing adequate physical facilities, and we have also exerted all possible pressure in developing equitable channels of distribution.

Our recent China Office reports state these efforts are now beginning to result in considerable overall improvement. We fully realize that the program falls far short in comparison with any standards in this country; but we now begin to feel that, even within the life of UNRRA, sufficient progress will be made to justify the time, effort, and money which are being expended on the China fisheries program. We would like to point out that the use of powered fishing vessels in the China industry is by no means an innovation. Prior to the war, the Chinese fishing industry utilized more power vessels than we are providing under the current program. Of course, the vessels formerly used by the Chinese were not as modern nor did they have the capacity of the new vessels being supplied; nevertheless, the basic experience in the utilization of power fishing craft already exists in private industry, and as soon as crews can be trained and facilities provided, the new vessels will be allocated to private fishing companies for use under proper supervision.

Under these circumstances, and since this program is potentially such a tremendous factor in meeting immediate China food requirements and in the China economy as a whole, we now propose to send to China 15 fishing vessels which are ready on the Pacific Coast. There still remain 21 additional fishing vessels that are being constructed in this country. The progress of this operation in China will continue to be most carefully scrutinized; and if at any time within the near future the performance of the program does not measure up to our presently justified expectations, we will promptly take under consideration the matter of the remaining vessels out of the program being offered for sale at cost to the domestic industry.

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Borden  
General Counsel <sup>15</sup> JMS  
AMcIver/ms (OFEA) JW  
19 March 1947*

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



# ENCLOSURE

From:

William F. Knowland  
United States Senator

Please return with reply.

*1 R. F. [Signature]*



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## Congress of the United States

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY  
(CREATED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 585, 79TH CONGRESS)

March 10th, 1947.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

Senator Knowland has recently received the attached correspondence from one of his constituents relative to the UNRRA-CNRRA program for rehabilitating and training Chinese fishermen to improve the Chinese food situation.

In view of the Senator's interest in the West Coast fishermen's problems, it would be appreciated if you would let this office have your comments on the situation covered by the enclosures herewith.

Sincerely yours,

*George Wilson*

George Wilson  
Administrative Assistant to  
Senator William F. Knowland

Hon. Fiorella La Guardia,  
Director General, UNRRA,  
1344 Connecticut Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

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23 May 1946

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060 Zaretschenzeff M.T.

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723.2 (Fish)

TO

Hon. William F. Knowland, U.S. Senate Wash, D.C.

FROM

F. LaGuardia Dir-Gen

SUMMARY

Regarding letter written by Mr. Zaretschenzeff etc....

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050 Frozen Foods Inc.

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28 May 1946



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DATE

22 January, 1946.

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060-Tunnell, James M.

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060-Meader, George

TO

London 10181, repeated Paris 652

FROM

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SUMMARY

Reur 63 and 571

Committee proceeds Paris before London. Due Delay, now anticipate  
arrival Paris approximately 27 or 28 January; London 29 or 30  
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14 January, 1946.

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060-Knowland (Senator)

TO

FROM

Shanghai 395

SUMMARY

Reur 220.

Met Senators Tunnell and Knowland socially evening 10th. etc.....

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060-Tunnell (Senator)

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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Outgoing Telegram

DATE: 29 December 1945

CROSS INDEX: 060- Mitchell, ( Senator)  
" - Knowland " "  
~~" - Tunnell ( " )~~

TO: Athens 1724

FROM: R.F. Hendrickson-(DDG)

SUMMARY: Senators Tunnell, Knowland and possibly Mitchell of Sub-committee on Surpluses abroad of U.S. Senate Special Committee Investigation National Defense Program , will arrive Athens about 20 January and may call upon you....Etc

RECORD FILED: 220- Sub. Com. on Surpluses Abroad.

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WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND  
CALIFORNIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

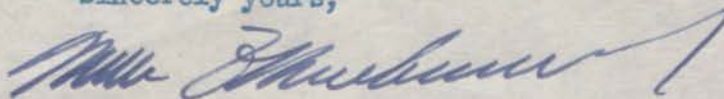
November 6, 1945

66 Knowland,  
William F.

SG-  
Dear Mr. Lehman: ack

Your letter of October 5th enclosing some printed material relative to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has been received and I wish to thank you for sending me the same.

Sincerely yours,



Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
Director General  
United Nations  
Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, 25, D. C.

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