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MEMORANDUM

KFR-3

To : Mr. John F. Thelen
From : Mr. R. T. Schaeffer
Date : 24th January, 1961
Subject: Credit for food purchases

I herewith send you a statement of contributions received for expenditure through the League in providing food, in collaboration with ONUC, to the needy in South Kasai Province.

You will note that as of the 21st January we had received total contributions of Sw.Fr. 1,418,918.78, against which a telegraphic commitment was made on 17th January to ONUC that Mr. Gruen could obligate 382,500 for the immediate purchase of 750 tons of food which could be obtained locally. A copy of our wire to Mr. Norredan incurring this commitment is also attached.

You will note, therefore, that there is an unobligated credit of Sw.Fr. 787,318.78 available as of this date, which you may commit for food purchases in the area in collaboration with ONUC officials.

Of the amount you have available to expend on relief purchases immediately, I call to your attention that the Norwegian Red Cross contribution of Sw.Fr. 60,200 is to be expended specifically for palm oil.

Inasmuch as we expect to receive advices from national Societies of additional cash gifts, will you let me know quickly if notice of additional credits could be advised to you through Unatic's telex service. If so, we will confirm these from time to time in writing and send them to you by regular mail or through Red Cross personnel coming to Leopoldville.

R. T. Schaeffer
Special Assistant to the
Secretary General

Encl.

DONATIONS FOR KASAI FOOD RELIEF

£ .2325

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British Red Cross Society

received

£12,999. 7. -

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5,999.14. -

71,997.18. -

Sw.Fr. 156,902.15

48,273.95

314,080.--

36,202.13

120,800.--

120,800.--

72,476.40

869,534.65

Promised but not yet received

25,000. -- -

302,000.--

1,171,534.65

Norwegian Red Cross

100,000 N Kr

60,200.--

Danish Red Cross

300,000 D Kr

187,184.13

Total received week ending
21 January 1961

Sw.Fr. 1,418,918.78

Less already committed

631,690.--

Available for immediate
commitment in field

Sw.Fr. 787,318.78

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, BEEN FROM LITHUANIAN TODAY ARRIVED
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APPEARS THAT HE IS TO STAY FOR SOME WEEKS MONTHS STOP
AS YOU KNOW IT IS UNDESIRABLE AND INTERED IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ALL ECONOMIC SOCIETIES TO SEND TO US REPRESENTATIVES STOP
WE ARE INTERESTED BY CONSTITUTION AND SUCH AFFAIRS THE
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR LITIGATION THERE BY THE SENATOR
HE CHOSE TO WITH IMMEDIATELY TO HIM STOP WE REQUEST THAT
HE BE MADE AKE LINGER OFFICE FOR THE LIAISON IN LITHUANIA
CO-OPERATION OFFICE ON THE SAME TERMS AS TWO HAS ONE STOP
IN THIS CAPACITY HE WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL STOP IF
YOU AGREE PLEASE ARRANGE WITH SENATOR ECONOMIC ACCORDINGLY
INFORMING ALL RELEVANT SOCIETIES AND OFFICE TO US AND
CONSTITUTION

Drafted by

Authorized

Date

J. O. O'Brien
8. January
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20th January 1961.

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SWITZERLAND

Dr. S. Linnér, *SL*
Chief Civilian Operations,
UNOC,
Leopoldville.

Dear Sture,

I am writing this in English, first from obvious secretarial reasons, secondly to enable you to transfer one or two of the following points to your collaborators without translation.

- 1) As you know, my 'plane was about 13 hours late and I arrived Monday night in Geneva. On Tuesday I took up the question of needs for cash for immediate buying, in Congo or neighbouring countries, with the British Red Cross. After having got the green light, we telexed to Leopoldville and I hope Mr. Grun got the message in good time to be able to make the necessary purchases.
- 2) More money is coming in and I hope to have a man down in a couple of days in Leopoldville to be our Liaison Agent for this special action. He will bring the money and also be authorised to discuss the technical modalities, for their handling with your representatives. As I pointed out to John Grun and Fred Tooby, it is not only a general principle adopted by the Red Cross that money must be handled through our sources, but it was also the express wish of the donors, including those from the British Red Cross, that this process must be followed. It seems that the British Red Cross thinks that they have many more members and can get much more money from the Daily Telegraph people, who have been critical of the UN in general, than from the Daily Mirror people, who are enthusiastic about the operation!

Be this as it may, we want to work out a practical system and I think this could be done by giving authority to our man for this action to act as quickly as possible after having had the needs presented by your people. He will be authorised to tell your representatives to proceed to buy stuff locally and will then arrange for the book-keeping and payments without consulting Geneva. Our representative will discuss the technical questions with your people. The procedures required for administration and fiscal accountability are a minimum for Red Cross participation. I can assure you that we are pretty far out on the limb in this matter, at the same time as we try to safeguard your possibility of acting immediately without too bureaucratic an apparatus.

3) As a result of my visit, a cable to all Red Cross Societies was sent out, followed by a letter explaining the situation in more detail. I enclose copies of these communications. You will see that we are not starting our own campaign. You will also see that we want you to handle the supplies and that we also leave the choice open to those Red Cross Societies who so want to send money directly to you. This is a break with our usual principles but you will see by that how far we are willing to go to show you that we are not regarding this as a Red Cross but as a UN action.

The thing that worries me here is not that you and your team have too much authority, but that you have too little. We have met the strange situation that the FAO is trying to explain to people that they run the action, and we have also found out that New York goes into details, using methods of work which should be looked upon as ridiculous if the situation were not so serious. For instance, Sir Alexander MacFarquer is using as a sort of transportation agent the UN Information Officer in Copenhagen! The poor representative of this outfit, a journalist, has been trying to tell Scandinavian Red Cross Societies about shipping, a subject where he was obviously less informed than they. The Societies will surely make their own arrangements and I would strongly advocate that you recommend to your Headquarters that New York should not involve itself in operational questions in this way - it confirms the impression of confusion.

4) We are trying our best to keep the Red Cross Societies in line, as you are trying to keep other organisations in line. Some initial difficulties will arise, partly for reasons which are outside our control. The Swedish Red Cross, for instance, tried to get information on shipping possibilities, needs, etc., both from New York Headquarters and Rome. After having asked for urgent information on needs of food, prices, etc., from the FAO Headquarters, they got an answer after four days that they shouldn't bother about these details but just send money to the FAO. This is in obvious contrast to the mandates given to the FAO and was a reason why the Swedes sent down a man, not to mingle into operations, but to follow their shipments and get information. They have now got information through me, but want some details confirmed through their delegate Mr. Streyffert on the medicaments they recently sent. I have been told from Sweden that the medicaments sent were based on a list from the WHO. I think it is essential that these medicaments and those sent earlier by 'plane from the Danish Red Cross, the fate of which no-body knew, should be checked. I think it would be a danger if it were put in the Central Pharmacy. It will be very interesting to know how your own people's survey of medical needs will look. As you see from our documents we have not, basing ourselves on that earlier experience, asked for any medicaments but concentrated on cash and food.

We are trying to see if Mr. Streyffert could be put into the operation as one of the League's men. The Swedish Red Cross has given permission to include him in the Red Cross operation if needed. You might also have a 24 hour visit from Lady Limerick, who is a very nice person; this will not mean any interference with operations.

5) I had yesterday a strange experience in the UN Headquarters in during meetings with the Conference of World Refugee Year Committees. They brought up the question of the Balubas and there was a great interest to go into this from several voluntary organisations. I hope I have been able to keep this thing back, but it should also be made clear that the High Commissioner for Refugees might give you money but should not enter into this operation. The Balubas are not, as far as I can see, refugees within the mandate of the High Commissioner. I stressed forcefully

during the meeting that this is a UN operation and I gave indications where money and supplies could be sent. This was not known so far to the High Commissioner's office, and I think it would be useful if UN Headquarters told the specialized agencies and its organs, like the High Commissioner, how the thing is organised. I had quite a fight with the representative of the Catholic organisations, who said that there would surely be political difficulties with the UN working on a humanitarian action in the Congo and that it was better that the Red Cross took over. It was a strange sight to see the Red Cross representative (myself) fight against this proposition and a representative of another voluntary organisation fighting for it. One of the explanations of the attitude of the Catholic representative was that he was of Belgian nationality. It will be interesting to see if he tries to raise the question again during the Plenary Session.

The UN people who had to do with this meeting, namely the High Commissioner's office, ought to have been briefed through New York on this question to be able to avoid trouble and get more help. It was really more of a coincidence that I tried to fill this role.

6) We will keep you informed through our people on the development of our economic possibilities and of further transports and the personnel recruitment. The situation in this latter field is at present the following: We have been informed that approximately 300 tons of stockfish will come to you from the three Scandinavian countries through their Red Cross Societies. We have no indication of the amount of funds that may be transferred directly to your special fund since it is too early to tell the reaction of National Societies to my telegram and letter. We have advices from relatively few National Societies that spontaneous cash contributions have been received for handling through Red Cross channels amounting to 250,000 dollars. This also includes the amount of \$87,500 of British Red Cross money for the purchase of staple foods locally, on which I sent you a telex immediately after my return to Geneva. I cannot predict the amount of funds that might be reaching us but believe the sum already in hand is just a beginning.

On personnel, we hope to provide John Thelen as our liaison officer with ONUC on food purchases, etc., and three additional personnel for field operations. Thelen is a good man with much experience in relief operations particularly on the supply and transport side. He has served with the American Red Cross in years gone by and has been on League and UN operations of various kinds including the UNRRR and UNRWA, the Balkan Commission, Greek relief and more recently with USOM in Vietnam and Laos. He should arrive in Leopoldville at 22.00 hrs. on Sunday's Sabena flight from Brussels. We are giving him financial authority to expend Red Cross funds and the procedures to be followed for accountability purposes. We expect also that Mr. Streyffert will soon be officially transferred to the League staff in the Congo and that we will be able to send another qualified Swiss expert in relief to team up with Mr. Walther, the League man already in the Bakwanga area.

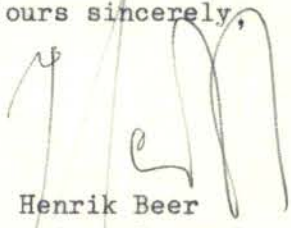
7) Owing to the many misconceptions about the action, I think that it is very essential that the brochure we talked about should be prepared as early as possible. I repeat that I will, with great pleasure, assist in seeing that our part will be correct and I will also give my advice, if needed, on the contents as looked at from the European point of view.

8) I am quite sure that you will be the victim of much pressure from outside organisations wanting to come in and operate. I hope that our statements, where we clearly underlined the UN's operating role, will be useful.

9) Almost immediately after my return, we had reports on the panicky attitude of the International Committee of the Red Cross towards the continued work of the medical teams in some parts of Congo. I believe Dr. Candau, of the WHO, has tried to tell the Committee about his attitude to these things and I have myself told them that we do not agree that the mere lack of communications from Leopoldville to other districts is a reason to call back teams to Leopoldville and thereby stop a desperately needed medical activity in hospitals where the security problems may not be more than normally difficult. I trust you will see that the WHO delegation in the Congo sees too, from their point of view, that the Committee will not take unilateral actions which will endanger not only the recruitment for further work from the Red Cross Societies, but also the medical action as such. One aid from your side is important to avoid unnecessary panic and misunderstanding, that is to see that the UN transport and communications system will be put to the service of the action in such a way that information and clarification will come through as quickly as possible when a team has not been heard of for a time and questions are asked, and also to make it possible for Red Cross delegates to visit the teams.

10) One thing which bothers many people is the lack of adequate air transportation. We have told people that you are now planning for a long term programme where surface transport should be used, but the reports of urgent need for foods now, especially of proteins (dried fish), wishing air transport available from UN, means that the public in some countries, notably Denmark but also Norway and Sweden, ask if it is really an emergency. When they are told that that is the case, they ask why can't the UN ask for an air lift with a bigger capacity than Pisa's. It has been made known that the American Government is willing to release the most efficient transport planes on request from the United Nations. Public Relations-wise it is bad that people all over Europe are using the emergency as a good fund raising argument and then have to tell people that everything can go by surface transport. You have to play it one way or the other.

Yours sincerely,


Henrik Beer
Secretary General

Enc. Letter and telegram.

*Take for secret,
Svein H. Brøvig*

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AUSTRED MELBOURNE

CONCERNING PRESS RADIO ~~PUBLICITY~~ APPEALS FOR AID NEEDY CONGOLESE
PARTICULARLY BALUBAS SOUTH KASAI PROVINCE THIS LICROSS POSITION
STATEMENT BEING SENT FOR GUIDANCE YOUR SOCIETY FOLLOWING PERSONAL
VISIT JUST COMPLETED LEOPOLDVILLE AND CONFERENCES UNOC AUTHORITIES
PRIMO OPERATION THIS FOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME FOR NEEDY CONGOLESE
IS UN RESPONSIBILITY STOP UN HAS APPEALED FOR FUNDS AND SUPPLIES
THROUGH GOVERNMENTS AND PRESS TO FEED MAXIMUM 300,000 BALUBAS
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SUGGEST REDCROSS SOCIETIES SHOULD NOT LAUNCH SEPARATE APPEALS FOR
^{UNDS} ~~FOOD~~ OR SUPPLIES ~~UNT~~ UNLESS LOCAL CONDITIONS REQUIRE SUCH ACTION
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WHICH LEAGUE WILL ADMINISTER IF DESIRED THROUGH SPECIAL DELEGATE
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SEA TRANSPORT TO MATADI SENDERS EXPENSE FOOD GIFTS IN KIND BUT
LIMITED FOODS DESIGNATED UNDER SECONDO STOP CONGOOCROSS MILK FEEDING
ACTION CONTINUING AND BEING EXPANDED USING UN SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT
SERVICES STOP ADDITIONAL LEAGUE DELEGATES BEING NAMED AS NEEDED
ASSIST CONGOOCROSS AND MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH GENERAL UN FEEDING
OPERATION STOP LETTER FOLLOWS -

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18th January 1961

FAMINE RELIEF TO SOUTH KASAI, CONGO

It is well known to the National Societies that the League is active in helping the Congolese population by the medical action in collaboration with the ICRC and the WHO. It has also been reported that the League is assisting the Congolese Red Cross in establishing its central organization and local committees and in carrying out an extensive milk distribution project, started in August, for needy Congolese children and mothers.

During the last month of 1960, it was reported that a famine situation had developed in the southern part of Kasai Province among members of the Baluba tribe. Action was taken by the United Nations Congo Commission (UNOC) to start relief measures for the so-called Baluba refugees. In order to get supplies for this action, an appeal was launched at the end of December by the Chief of UN Civil Affairs in the Congo.

As a result of this appeal and the ensuing publicity, a great interest was shown in different parts of the world to come to the aid of the starving population in South Kasai.

The League gave those Red Cross Societies, which made inquiries, such information as was available on the operation of the relief action by the UN. During the last two weeks, several Societies reported to the League a growing interest in their countries to help the needy Balubas and they requested information and guidance how to use money already collected for this purpose, what supplies to procure and where to send them. The League was also asked to give Societies information on the organisation of the UN relief action in the Congo.

Following these demands, the Secretary General of the League left for Leopoldville on the 12th January and returned on the 16th. He had the opportunity to discuss the present situation with Ambassador Dayal, representative of the UN Secretary General in the Congo, with the Heads of the civilian and military operations, Mr. Linner and Gen. MacKeown, with the Chief of the specially established relief operation for the refugees, Mr. John Grun, and his collaborators, with different technical experts who had just made surveys in South Kasai and with the League representatives in the Congo, one of whom, Mr. Walther, has been active in the famine districts as an adviser to the Congolese Red Cross on milk distribution.

The following information has been collected from these different sources. It must be remembered, however, that the confused conditions on the scene of action and the rapidly changing situation may make some of the figures and facts obsolete after a short time.

1. General Situation

Owing to unrest between tribes an area in South Kasai Province received an influx of refugees during 1959 and 1960 in several waves. The first wave, about a year ago, consisted of approximately 100,000 refugees who had some possibilities to bring food and seed with them. With the outbreak of internal conflicts the big wave in July 1960 of about 150,000 were not so lucky. The total number of refugees is estimated at about 300,000 and more are said to be coming. This does not mean, however, that all these refugees need special assistance. Many of them are, however, in an extremely bad state, mortality is very high and there are thousands of cases of Kwashiorkor, a grave disease caused by lack of proteins. The absolute minimum of people needing full scale relief is estimated at about 150,000, but it may well be that the final number will go up to 300,000.

Authority in the area is exercised by the local Government of Mr. Albert Kalonji.

2. Organisation of Relief

Under the Chief of Civil Affairs a special administration has been set up, directed by Mr. John Grun as Chief Relief Co-ordinator for the UN, assisted by a small staff in the UN Headquarters in Leopoldville and field operations personnel. The Assistant Co-ordinator is Mr. Fred Tooby. Distribution Co-ordinator in the field is Mr. X. Caballero. In the field, the UN co-ordinators are assisted by the local officials and other local personnel, and among these the Red Cross groups figure prominently.

At the side of this organisation there has been established a Consultative Committee presided by Mr. Grun, composed of representatives from FAO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The League has been invited to serve on this Committee.

The UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has been charged by the UN Secretary General to try to get the necessary food supplies from Governments and other sources. Gifts of food in bulk from Governments will be channelled through the FAO but gifts of money will go to a special Trust Fund for the purpose, established in Leopoldville. The FAO will be used as a purchasing agent for the action, except for supplies which can be bought in the Congo or from neighbouring countries. This buying will be done from Leopoldville. The use of the regular air lift organised by the UN from Pisa Italy to the Congo will be directed from Leopoldville. Some questions on general policy and transportation are referred to the UN Headquarters in New York.

3. Present Position of the Action

The bottle-neck for the operation has so far been transportation. The present distribution (January 15th), which is based on air lift, covers 35 - 40 tons per day. This will be augmented in the coming days, it is hoped, to around 70 tons per day, which will give 150,000 people a minimum ration of 1,500 calories a day. During the coming weeks bottle-necks will be caused by the lack of food and transportation to Congo. Emergency action is being taken in these fields; a special action is presently underway to bring seeds to South Kasai (in order to get a harvest in a period of about 6 months, it is necessary to plant before the first week of February).

4. Transport and Storing

It is foreseen that air transport will be necessary both to Congo and inside Congo, for some portion of the quantities needed for at least a month ahead. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange, without much delay, as a basic means of transport, surface transportation by ship to Matadi, by rail to Leopoldville, by river to Port Frangui and from there by rail to Luluabourg where the central stores will be established. From Luluabourg transportation by trucks will be arranged and two secondary storing bases will be established, one at Bakwanga and one in the lake area. Trucks have now been put at disposal in a satisfactory number.

5. Local Distribution

The system of local distribution, which is by no means yet perfected, is using trucks and other vehicles to the villages.

Main agents for this distribution are local Congolese authorities and other personnel, including Red Cross groups. Owing to the lack of supplies, distribution has not so far been as systematic as could be wished. One aims at weekly food distribution per family. Distribution must be organised at many places. The refugees have no other means to reach the distribution places than by foot.

6. Size of Action

The FAO estimates the needs for 6 months for 300,000 people are 10,000 tons of rice, 10,000 tons of maize, 3,300 tons dried fish and 1,200 tons palm oil. There has been an immediate need of supplies for the coming weeks which has partly been filled by local purchases of different items and to this a great contribution has been given by the British Red Cross. On the long range, it should be noted that palm oil can be purchased locally and that rice and maize will probably be put at disposal by Governments from surplus stocks. The main need will therefore be for dried fish which has special importance as being the basic source of proteins.

7. Medical Problems

To help the WHO doctors at present working with the Kwashiorkor cases and the general health problems, the UN has put in a medical team of about 50 people of whom five doctors are of Austrian and Indian nationality. These are going to establish reserve hospitals and supervise feeding of the worst cases. It is now reported that medical experts are afraid of a future accumulation of cases of gastroenteritis. Preparations to fight this are underway and also vaccination programmes. If special medicaments will be needed for this programme, it will be reported later, the present action concerns only food.

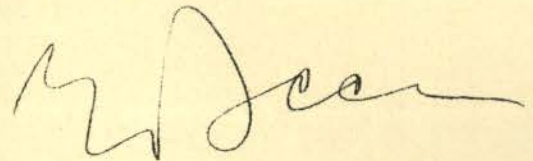
8. Possibilities for the League and National Societies to Help

On request of the National Societies and basing its decisions on the above-mentioned information, the League will act in the following way:-

- (a) Help the Congolese Red Cross with special consultants, both in the Bakwanga area and in other parts of the Congo, to ensure proper execution of the milk programme and in giving other aid to the UN distribution of food in South Kasai.

- (b) Administering funds of National Societies, which want to transfer money to the League, in support of the UN general feeding operation. This money will be transferred to the League Liaison and Supply Officer in the Congo and used for purchases locally or nearby in collaboration with the UN commission in Leopoldville. This League representative will be able to account to the Societies how their cash gifts have been applied and will retain responsibility for expenditure of Red Cross funds.
- (c) In so far as possible, bulk supplies sent by Societies to the UN will be checked by the League representatives in the area during their processing through the UN pipeline to the points of final distribution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Beer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henrik Beer
Secretary General

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 CONSIDERABLE FUNDS FOR THE CONGO RELIEF FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES
 STOP NORMALLY THE LEAGUE WOULD ADMINISTER THESE FUNDS
 ITSELF ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE FINAL BENEFICIARIES STOP
 BEER IS NOW CONVINCED THAT OUR REFUGEE RELIEF COORDINATORS
 OFFICE AND THE WHOLE OPERATION IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS AND THAT
 THERE IS NO NEED FOR DIRECT LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION STOP
 THEY WILL CONFINE THEMSELVES TO ASSISTING THE CONGOLESE
 RED CROSS WITH PERSONNEL AND FINANCES IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN
 AND EXPAND THEM FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY ARE ALREADY PLAYING
 IN THE DISTRIBUTION IN THE AREA STOP BEER HAS AGREED TO
 TRANSFER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FAMINE RELIEF TO THE CONGO
 WHERE HE WOULD APPOINT A LIAISON OFFICER FOR US SO THAT
 WE CAN TAKE IN OBTAINING THESE FUNDS FOR WHATEVER NEEDS WE
 HAVE MAY BE REDUCED TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM STOP PARTICULARLY
 THIS LAST POINT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO US AND TO A
 SMOOTH AND ABOVE ALL A FAST OPERATION STOP WE FEEL THAT
 BEER IS CONVINCED OF THIS AND IS MORE THAN WILLING TO
 COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT WITHIN THE LIMITS
 OF HIS LEAGUE REGULATIONS STOP WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE
 YOUR DISCUSSION ALONG PARALLEL LINES

T. O. R.

BY:

Drafted by

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T. O. D.

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CHIEF REFUGEE RELIEF COORDINATOR OFFICE
SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF OFFICER
OVERALL PLAN FOR THE COMMITMENT OF THE
AUSTRIAN MEDICAL UNIT TO BAKWANGA

A copy of the instructions regarding the deployment of the Austrian Medical Team is sent herewith for your information.

Rok Kapoor
COL
SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF OFFICER
(B L KAPOOR)

AUSTRIAN MEDICAL UNIT

LEOPOLDVILLE, CONGO

Leo., 16.I.1961

OVERALL PLAN FOR THE COMMITMENT OF THE

AUSTRIAN MEDICAL UNIT (PERSONNEL)

After the study and estimate of the situation in the Bakwanga-area, based on the medical appreciation by Col. Kapoor and the on the spot-impressions of the Austrian reconnaissance party the Command of the Austrian unit has decided to commit the unit as follows:

There will be a 3 Phase commitment of personnel and equipment. The 1st phase (advance-party) will start on tuesday, 17.I.1961. The 2nd and the 3rd Phases will be on call by the C.O.

I.) Phase I :

Col (MC)	PERVULESKO	C.O.
Maj (MC)	ZANNETTI	Internist
Maj (MC)	NUSSBAUMER	Surgeon
Maj (MC)	SCHIEFER	Dentist
Maj (MC)	KAMITZ	Anaesthesist
Ist Sgt	WOETZLMAYR	Med helper
"	SCHNEIDER	Med helper (X-ray)
Sgt	WAMPULA	Clerk
"	GUTTERA	Surgeons aid
"	KULMER	Desinfektor
"	SCHREDL	Fotografer (C.O.s personal aid)
"	WEBERNDORFER	Cook
"	SCHOENDORFER	Cook
"	SCHEINOST	Medical aid (typist)
Cpl	PISTERNA	Driver

2.) Phase 2 :

Capt (MC)	WALLNER	Internist
2nd Lt	KOHLPRATH	Supply Off.
Staff Sgt	WEINBERGER	Med helper
Ist Sgt	MEIER	Surgeons aid
"	HEHENBERGER	Dentists aid
"	VIRGOLINI	Supply N.C.O.
Sgt	HILPOLD	Cook

Sgt	REIER Max	Med aid
"	WALCHER	Med aid
"	FEIEL	Med helper
"	TRAUTMANN	Med helper
"	HOELZL	Driver

3.) Phase 3 :

Personnel of similar strength will be composed according to the requirements decided by the advance-party or the C.O. on the spot.

4.) To achieve maximum benefit in the field of liaison and communication ~~it~~ was decided:

a;) Capt (RA) HAUPTMANNL

Liaison Officer with H.Q.
ONUC Leopoldville

In addition he will work as Information and Press Off., keep contact with Vienna and will be in command of the unit-rest.

Ist Sgt SCHMID will remain attached to the Post-Office at the H.Q.

b.) Ist Lt (RA) MUELLER

Liaison Off; at Brigade
-H.Q. Luluabourg

He will move with the personnel of Phase 2.

5.) The commanding Off. and Sgt SCHREDL have non-stationary-status.

6.) Maj (MC) CAITHAML
2nd Lt PIEBER

Surgeon
Med asst

as well as the personnel not called off in phase 3 will be at the disposal of the Medical Section of ONUC H.Q.

The commanding Off. *h*

Dr. Pervulesko

(Dr. PERVULESKO, Col MC)

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ONUC 250 TO MACFARQUHAR FROM LINNER STOP LEAGUE REDCROSS PRESIDENT
MACAULAY AND SEGSEN HENRIK BEER IN NEW YORK JANUARY 26TH FOR CONFERENCE
ISICOMREF SCHNYDER ELEVEN HOURS ON ALGERIAN REFUGEES STOP SUGGEST CONVERSATION
EXPANDED REDCROSS COLLABORATION FAMINE OPERATION KASAI STOP ALSO SUGGEST
POSSIBILITY NEW LICROSS PRESIDENT AND BEER SEEING SECRETARY GENERAL

LINNER

T. O. R.

BY :

Drafted by :

Authorized Linner

T. O. D.

Date :



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DU CROISSANT-ROUGE ET DU LION ET SOLEIL ROUGES

DELEGATION POUR
LE CONGO

LEOPOLDVILLE
32, AV. VALCKE
TELEPHONE 5046

12.1.1961.

Mr. J. Grun
Royal

Dear Mr. Grun,

please answer the following questions which we have received from
Geneva:

1. List of food supplies needed for Bakwanga needy order of
priority and amounts each item required next sixty days.
2. What is number conservatively estimated to be in need south
Kasai area among Balubas?
3. How many of these are children?
4. How many children and others are being reached by congocross
supplementary feeding action?
5. Would you still need trucks and how many?

Yours sincerely

NORREDAM.

*Answer during visit
of H. Behr
H. H. D.*

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GLEO/12 FOR LINNER STOP MR HENRIK BEER CMA SECRETARY GENERAL
LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES CMA ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU HE WILL
ARRIVE LEOPOLDVILLE TOMORROW MORNING JANUARY THIRTEENTH AT 06.00
HOURS ON SABENA FLIGHT SN 525 CMA FOR DISCUSSIONS ON FOOD RELIEF
SITUATION ;

" PALTHEY "

COL GLEO/12 0600 525 "

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Chief Fid Adm		Arms & Travel	FAO Repr.
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Sent: 5 January 1961

SWEDCROSS
STOCKHOLM

YOUR TELEGRAM RE REFUGEE FILM STOP REGRET NO FILM
AVAILABLE HERE AT ALL STOP ONLY AGENCY SUCCESSFUL IN
MAKING FILM IS IN ENGLAND STOP SUGGEST YOU CABLE
VISNEWS LONDON ATTENTION TONY WHITE STOP AND END

LINNER

Mr. Norredam of the International Red Cross advises
that Swedcross do not want the Visnews film and want
us to make one on their account. Fletcher is said to
have agreed and is "working on it".

7 January 1961

*) John: I've a lot of friends at the
head of the bank. R.C. + we appreciate if
we may

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FOR DR BELLERIVE PLEASE TRANSMIT LEAGUE DELEGATE NORRXXAM QUOTE
CORRECT MY TELEX 124 SHOULD READ DANCROSS PLANE BRINGING SIX
TENS MEDICAMENTS WHICH IS FOR PHARMACIE CENTRAL TO BE USED TO
MEET GENERAL NEEDS CONGO POPULATION STOP NORCROSS PLANE SHOULD
HAVE ARRIVED LEO JANUARY 2 CARRYING SIX

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TENS STOCKFISH FOR KASAI STOP INSTRUCT WALTHER CLEAR WITH
LINER ON DISPOSITION THIS SHIPMENT STOCKFISH IF NOT ALREADY
MADE STOP ADVISE HIM WE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS HE MAKING HELP
CONCOCROSS BAKWANGA AREA PARTICIPATE FEEDING ACTION STOP HIS
207 AND 208 RECEIVED BELIEVE HE SHOULD RETURN IMMEDIATELY
BAKWANGA AND ENSURE

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PROPER DISTRIBUTION MILK AND FOODSTUFFS STOP ADVISE RETURN
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LE CONGO

LEOPOLDVILLE
25, AV. VALÈRE
TELEPHONE 5048

To: Dr. Sture Linner
From: J. Norredan
Date: January 3rd, 1961

I have received the following message from the League in Geneva:

"Swedcross Considering assisting ITS Government provide relief for
Kasai refugees stop requests you contact ONUC for information prime
kind and quantity foods needed secundo medicaments most urgently
needed in kind and quantity tertio brief description organisation
established for handling such gifts quarto how should shipments
be consigned to obtain customs exemption stop please contact Linner
and telex requested information soonest"

I would appreciate to get the requested information as soon as possible
so that I can wire Geneva.

Yours sincerely

Norredan

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4/505 520 Red Cross
Mr. Gunt ~~Red Cross~~

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Yours sincerely

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ER BELTE VEPLEASE TRANSMIT LEAGUE DELEGATE EXORDIAN QUOTE
FURTHER REFERENCE OUR TELEX 125 ON SWEDCROSS PARTICIPATION WITH
GOVERNMENT MEET FOOD NEEDS KASAI STOP ARRANGE THROUGH NRS
FARYASCHENWA OR OTHERWISE OBTAIN SOONEST FIVE TO TEN MINUTE
FILM FOR SWEDCROSS SHOWING NEEDS ALL KING POPULATION SOUTH
KASAI

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PROVIDE STOP SWEDCROSS PREPARED PAY THIS FILM STOP URGENT YOU MOVE
FAST ON THIS SWEDCROSS REQUEST FOR FILM STOP SWEDCROSS PLANE DEPARTED
TODAY CARRYING SIX TONS MEDICAMENTS FOR KASAI ETA LEO 1400 HOURS
JANUARY 3 STOP TELEX IMMEDIATELY LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNING
WELFARE TWO DRK DOWN TEAMS CONGO RELATIVES ANXIOUS ; LICROSS

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FOR DR BELLERIVE PLEASE TRANSMIT LEAGUE DELEGATE NORREDAM QUOTE
SWEDCROSS CONSIDERING ASSISTING ITS GOVERNMENT PROVIDE RELIEF
FOR KASAI REFUGEES STOP REQUESTS YOU CONTACT ONUC FOR INFORMATION
PRIMO KINDS AND QUANTITY FOODS NEEDED SECUNDO MEDICAMENTS MOST
URGENTLY NEEDED IN KING AND QUANTITY TERTIO BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISTRIBUTION

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ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED FOR HANDLING SUCH GIFTS QUARTO HOW
SHOULD SHIPMENTS BE CONSIGNED TO OBTAIN CUSTOMS EXEMPTION STOP
PLEASE CONTACT LINER AND TELEX REQUESTED INFORMATION SOONEST
STOP AUSTRORCROSS VIENNA SENDS DR VOGEL AND DR NEUBAUER BEST
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Mr. Dammert ✓
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FOR DR BELLERIVE PLEASE TRANSMIT LEAGUE DELEGATE NORREDAN
QUOTE DANCROSS IN COOPERATION WITH DANISHCOV AIRSHIPPING
FOOD CONGO STOP FIRST DC-4 PLANE CARRYING SIX TONS MILK
EXPECTED LEAVE SOMETIME TODAY WITH ETA LULUABOURG WEDNESDAY
FORENOON STOP NOTIFY WALTHER STOP APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTING
CREW ANY EEE CREW ANY CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

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NEEDED ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION STOP OTHER ELIST SUPPLIES
BEING READIED DENMARK CONSISTING FISH AND MEDICAMENTS BUT
NO SHIPPING SCHEDULE FOR THESE YET ; LICROSS CBA-115 UNQUOTE;
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NOTE FOR RECORD

On Monday, 19 December 1960, Mr. Norredam of the Red Cross League telephoned my office and left a message to say that he wanted to see me in connection with a donation that the Czechoslovakian Red Cross was intending to give to the refugees. This donation consists of the following:

- 800 bags of rice
- 240 bags of sugar
- 313 cases of condensed milk
- 63 cases of miscellaneous medical supplies
- 5 cases of textiles

Out of these, the Czechoslovakian Red Cross wanted us to airlift some 20 tons to Banningville.

I saw Mr. Norredam and three members of the Czech Red Cross on Tuesday, 20 December, at 15.00 hours. I was then informed that the Red Cross had received specific instructions from their Government to hand over the entire donation to the Provincial Government of Leopoldville, and they therefore regretted that they were unable to do as was originally intended. I pointed out the acute situation of the refugees in South Kasai and begged them to reconsider their decision and let us have the entire donation for distribution among the Balubas. Mr. Norredam promised to let me know if there was any change, but as at 22 December I have heard nothing further on this subject.

Upon checking my own records I discovered that these miscellaneous supplies were identical with those offered

by Mr. Corbusier, the Commercial Director of OTRACO, early in October 1960. At that time we had requested New York's authority to accept this donation, but after an exchange of cables between Leopoldville and New York no decision has yet been taken. The last cable received from New York is No.4324 of 19 December. In this cable Mr. MacFarquhar mentions that all information was passed to the Czech Mission on 14 December for any action they wished to take.