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VIA AIRMAIL

28 MAY 1948

Major General R.G.Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA, European Regional Office
11 Portland Place, London W.1
England

NOTE: PARAGRAPHS 1, 6 and 12
REVISED SLIGHTLY SUBSEQUENT
TO CLEARANCE.

Dear Dick:

1. Situation Report No.3 transmitted with your letter of 11 May, under file DG:156/1/1, has been reviewed and the information contained is greatly appreciated. Your letter of 21 May under file DG:156/1/X, relating to my letter A-16116 dated 28 April, which was among the missing Headquarters letters received in H.R.O. after you had already prepared "Sitrep 3", has just arrived; it will be acknowledged separately but due note has been taken of its contents in commenting on some of the items in "Sitrep 3".

SETTLEMENTS WITH U.K.GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

2. Item 1, "Completed Settlements", is noted with satisfaction.

3. In connection with Item 2, covering matters concerning which final agreement of figures has not yet been reached, we should like to have your latest estimate concerning the obligation in connection with the dilapidation estimates of the Ministry of Works. If it is still the same figure (£38,557) as reported in your Cable 19711 dated 9 April, in connection with budgetary requirements (Contractual Services) please confirm this.

4. On the matter of additional diplomatic bag charges, as I recall it was at the instance of H.R.O. that instructions were issued discontinuing the use of the U.K. diplomatic pouch, presumably in order to simplify settlement of the account. However, I gather that the use of this pouch is again being considered. The Controller's staff here informs me that no particularly complex accounting problems are involved in settling for additional diplomatic bag charges; therefore the question of further use of this source of communication is left for your determination.

SETTLEMENTS WITH GOVERNMENTS OTHER THAN U.K.

5. With reference to your Item 3, my A-16142 dated 3 May 1948 stated that the Controller had been authorized to settle this matter with you during his stay in London. The Controller has informed me since his return that he considers the Luxemburg matter to constitute a bona fide obligation which should not be written off.

H.R.O. ACKNOWLEDGATION

6. In connection with Item 7, I take it that the proviso regarding change in

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the manning plan, stated in connection with the progressive release of buildings, is clarified by your Cable 19828 dated 24 May, inasmuch as the external auditors are apparently going along in full concurrence with the plan to permit residual work to come to Washington with the essential London external audit personnel, as necessary to maintain the 30 September closure date. This matter will be discussed separately in conjunction with the letter referred to in the last sentence of Paragraph 1 of your DG:156/1/X, dated 21 May 1948.

REDUCTION AND CLOSURE PLAN FOR E.R.O.

7. I concur in the assurance given by the Controller that administrative funds will be available if it is necessary to retain certain personnel, for accounting reasons, longer than anticipated under the E.R.O. Reduction and Closure Plan.

8. With reference to your Item 10, copies of the Allotment Advice for E.R.O. 1948 administrative requirements were mailed to you some time ago, but in view of their non-arrival additional copies have already been despatched.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER AND CANCELLATION ARRANGEMENTS.

9. With respect to Items 12 and 13, you have undoubtedly taken action on our previous request for copies of the sub-divided "E" lists, and other pertinent related information, so that we may have the most current data concerning disposal of these contracts. We are not entirely sure concerning the meaning of the column heading "No. at Supplier". Should this be read in the sense of "Number of Suppliers"?

FORMAL LETTERS TO BE SENT TO EMBASSIES AND MINISTRIES

10. Regarding Item 14, our A-16208 dated 21 May acknowledged receipt of your communication of 13 May in this respect. The occasion of your departure will of course be noted at the Sixty-fifth Meeting of the Central Committee which has been deferred to Wednesday, 2 June.

CHANGES IN SENIOR POSITIONS

11. Concerning Item 15, we have received with a letter dated 21 May, the documentation of the appointment of Sir Francis Dixon as Chief Closure Officer, requested in our A-16116.

SCREENING AND SHIPMENT OF FILES

12. The information in Paragraph 16 concerning the present status of shipment of files to Washington has been reviewed with particular interest. While the figures reported do reflect the progress which has been made in this respect, it would be of assistance for us to have the volume of material expressed in linear feet instead of by number of individual files.

The speed with which these records and archives can be sent to Washington from London has an influence on the rapidity of the closure at Headquarters which becomes more and more evident as the liquidation progresses. With sympathetic realization of the problems involved, and in full confidence that there are few if any feasible measures for expediting the process which you have not yet considered, I wish to emphasize once again how essential it is that records be shipped to Washington with the greatest possible despatch. This is true not only of the regular files and records, but also of the E.R.O. and Mission personnel files. If it is at all practicable to transmit particular groups of these files at an earlier date without disturbing the present over-all plan, your suggestions in this respect will be most welcome.

13. In connection with the Washington Home Accounting Office files mentioned in Item 12, we have noted with satisfaction that special efforts are being concentrated on transmitting them to Headquarters as soon as possible.

MOVEMENTS OF THE CONTROLLER

14. I concur with the sentiments you express in paragraphs 19 and 20, concerning the value of the visit of the Controller to H.R.O. in settling the detailed procedures involved in the transfer of accounts to Washington. He has also mentioned to me the satisfactory status of the work.

OUTPLACEMENT

15. Your Item 21 concerning outplacement progress has also been read with interest. The Personnel staff have mentioned appreciatively the systematic efforts of their H.R.O. opposite numbers in this activity. I feel that this type of assistance should be continued so long as it is feasible and truly helpful to the staff.

MISSING CORRESPONDENCE

16. I am glad that, as mentioned in your post-script to Item 23, the missing correspondence has now evidently arrived. It is doubtful that there will be any particular embarrassment to either office as a result of this incident.

H.R.O. CLOSURE PROGRESS CHECK LIST

17. The Headquarters comments concerning the H.R.O. Closure Check List and related reports as of 31 March 1948 and 30 April 1948, which you sent us with your letters of 16 April and 11 May, will be contained in a separate communication which will also transmit the additional items concerning which we shall require information. Since the transmittal of monthly reports in check list form as a formal procedure takes effect with the assumption of responsibilities by the Chief Closure Officer, we have not felt it necessary to conduct a formal review by the Committee on Closure at Headquarters of the March and April reports. Both the check lists and the minutes of the H.R.O. Reduction and Closure Coordination Committee meetings have been carefully considered by the members of the Committee, however, and they have expressed themselves as most appreciative of the effective manner in which the process has been handled at H.R.O.

18. For the interest and information of your staff we are sending under separate cover copies of Closure Committee Documents Nos. 37 and 38, the final Closure Progress Reports of the China Office, and No. 40, the Fourth Closure Progress Report of the Southwest Pacific Area Office.



Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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To: The Director General

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REMARKS

These letters, also one to Mr.A.Gagliotti, UNESCO, New York; and Mr.John Birckhead, ICEF, New York; and Mr.M.P.Siegel, WHO, New York, were handed to Colonel Thorp this afternoon.

From: ILPosner

ROOM NO. 312-I

c.c. Director General
Personnel File

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27 May 1948

Sir Francis Dixon
Chief Closure Officer
UNRRA, European Region
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

My dear Sir Francis:

This will introduce to you Colonel John S. Thorp, formerly Deputy Director and Chief of Supply in our China Office, concerning whose record and qualifications I wrote previously to General Lewis.

I know that E.R.O. has been taking active measures in behalf of Colonel Thorp's availability for service with other agencies, but it would undoubtedly be most helpful if you found it convenient to discuss the general picture with him personally.

Colonel Thorp has had an excellent record with UNRRA, and whatever counsel you may be able to offer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

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c.c.Personnel file

27 May 1948

Miss M. T. Stephens
Deputy Chief
Personnel Division
UNHRA, European Regional Office
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

Dear Miss Stephens:

This will introduce to you Colonel John S. Thorp, formerly Deputy Director and Chief of Supply in our China Office, whose home station was London but who elected termination in Washington.

As you no doubt know, the Director General has written to General Lewis concerning the effectiveness of Colonel Thorp's services with the Administration in China, and his hope that every possible assistance would be given Colonel Thorp in connection with securing information on opportunities in other agencies. I believed that the Director General is writing a note to this effect to Sir Francis Dixon, but I know that your interest in the matter would be particularly helpful to Colonel Thorp, and appreciated by him. You have his full record in E.R.O., but if there is any further information which you would like sent to you we shall be most pleased to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Irving L. Posner
Director
Division of Personnel and
Management

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27 May 1948

Mr. S. M. Selkay
Acting Director of Personnel
UNESCO
Hotel Majestic
19 Avenue Kleber
Paris 16, France

Dear Sam:

This will introduce to you Colonel John S. Thorp. Colonel Thorp's qualifications and record of service with UNRRA are outstanding. While I realize that certain budgetary and "quota" problems may now be confronting UNESCO, Col. Thorp's excellent qualifications and experience may prove of special interest to your Organization. Any assistance which you may be able to render to him in connection with his availability for service will be greatly appreciated.

Best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Irving L. Fosner
Director
Division of Personnel and
Management

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Statement of Experience and Qualifications

JOHN S. THORP
c/o 4335 Reno Road N. W.,
Washington D. C.

Age - 37 (born 18 November 1910)
British subject (born in Manchester, England)
Height - 5'10"
Weight - 160 lbs
Dependents: Wife

1 child
Mother

Education: 1916-1923 - Private Preparatory and Municipal Schools
1923-1926 - Ducie School, Manchester, England.
Major Subjects: English, French, Mathematics, Literature.
1926-1927 - Manchester High School.
Major Subjects: Commercial Practice, Accounting, Company Law.

Languages: English, French

Employment Record (in reverse order):

March 1946 to April 1948

UNRRA China Mission.

Position: Deputy Director & Chief of Supply, China Office

Duties: Responsible for the administration and implementation of the whole Supply Program, amounting to over US\$500,000,000 and comprising some 2,500,000 long tons. This covered virtually every aspect of the UNRRA Program in China and ranged from the original formulation of requests by the Chinese Government through the arrival and distribution of supplies to ultimate consumer or end-user. It included supervision of procurement activities to the extent that considerable purchases were made locally and in the Pacific Islands from U.S. surpluses.

Besides the strict function of "Supply" characterized in the relief programs in food and clothing, the economic activities of the Industrial, Agricultural and Medical Rehabilitation Programs have been under my overall jurisdiction. Among its other numerous functions the Bureau, under my direction has dealt with the handling of port and customs operations, warehousing and transportation, formulation and agreement of supply and distribution policies with Chinese officials and the special and difficult undertaking of making distribution to Communist-controlled areas in China.

Travel: Have travelled widely in China, Hong Kong and Philippines.

Number of Personnel: Approximately 450 Western Technical Specialists and Administrative Personnel.

Supervised: 200 Chinese Clerical Assistants. 0

Salary: \$2155 p.a. plus allowances

March 1944 to February 1946:

British Army Staff

Washington, D.C.

Position: Assistant Adjutant-General (Lt. Colonel)

Duties: Representative in North America of the Directorate of Prisoners of War, the War Office, dealing with all matters of common interest

to U.S. and British Commonwealth Governments, concerning Allied and Enemy Prisoners of War. Member of Combined Chiefs of Staff Committee designated to form Anglo/U.S. policy regarding handling, treatment, exchange, and repatriation of P.W. Also handled specific Anglo/Canadian problems in the same connection. Planned and implemented repatriation of 10,000 UK PW (officers and men) from Far East through USA and Canada in autumn of 1945. Participated in numerous intergovernmental negotiations bearing on PW and War Crimes Matters, working closely with British Embassy, Washington, U.S. War, State and Navy Departments and representatives of all British Commonwealth, Netherlands, and Swiss Governments.

Travel: Visited practically all major cities of USA and Canada. Sojourn of several months on West Coast. Made nine coast-to-coast journeys in two years plus two months special mission to U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Headquarters in Hawaii.

Number of personnel supervised: Various. Commanded at one time 3,000 P.W. Officers and men of eight nationalities.

General: Awarded Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) by U.S. Government, May 1946. Demobilized February 1946 in London.

Salary: Approximately £1000 p.a. plus allowances.

September 1940 to March 1944:

British Army

Royal Tank Regiment.

History: Called up for military service September 1940. Nine months in ranks as private soldier and NCO. Commissioned 2/Lt May 1941; promoted Captain November 1941. Appointed Adjutant at the Armoured Fighting Vehicles School, Dorset, May 1942. During two years in this appointment had normal regimental duties plus extensive work in the planning and organization of Tank training courses for all ranks of UK and various Allied Armies. This entailed supervision of many hundreds of senior and junior officers of the Polish, French, Norwegian, United States, Canadian and Dutch Armed Forces. Posted to Washington, March 1944 at request of Commander, British Army Staff Mission.

Number of personnel supervised: Average of 800 Allied officers and men.

Salary: £360 p.a. plus allowances and quarters.

October 1926 to September 1940:

H.J. Heinz Co., Ltd.,

Harlesden, London

(International Food Manufacturing and Marketing Company)

Position: (final) Chief of Purchasing Department (Raw Materials)

History: Junior Clerk and Sales Clerk 1926-1933. Appointed Chief Clerk and Office Manager, Manchester, 1933.

Transferred to Nottingham Branch as Office Manager, 1935.

Responsible for Sales Office, Warehouse, Transportation and Accounting Procedures and engagement and training of staff.

Appointed to London factory headquarters as buyer 1938.

During ensuing two years gained extensive experience of world Food and Raw Materials markets. Negotiated and placed contracts with British farmers and Continental growers, merchants and transportation agencies. From September 1939, interpreted and applied provisions of Ministry of Food controls imposed by war and negotiated with that Body for Supplies to fill Service contracts, and maintain operations of UK business, employing 2,000 persons. Responsible only to Managing Director.

Salary: £400 pa (final)

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TO: PERSONNEL DIVISION
FROM: Harlan Cleveland, Director, UNRRA China Office
RE: Colonel John S. Thorp

In accordance with Section 553.2 Basic Field Manual, Part II, the following information on the above named employee is to be included in the personnel folder for the home accounting office.

C. STATEMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES WORK HISTORY

22nd February 1946 appointed in London as Deputy Regional Director, Grade 12 for China Service.
29 March 1946 appointment adjusted to Asst. to Director of Operations, Grade 13.
23 July 1946 change of title to Assistant Deputy Director, Bureau of Supply, Grade 13.
1 January 1947 promoted to Deputy Chief, Bureau of Supply, Grade 14.
1 July 1947 change of title to Deputy Director & Chief of Supply, Grade 14.
1 January 1948 awarded annual increment.

D. A PERSONAL EVALUATION, including the individual's adjustment to the conditions in a foreign country relations with co-workers and with local personnel.

Colonel Thorp's services in the Bureau of Supply as Deputy Chief of the Bureau and later as Chief of the Bureau of Supply and Deputy Director of the China Office have been outstanding. He has exhibited a comprehensive grasp of supply problems in general and an extraordinary ability to surmount obstacles to a successful completion of his program. He has kept closely in touch with the operation in every division of his Bureau and has been an active help in solving their problems.

His relationships with his fellow workers have been excellent. He has tempered administrative firmness with great objectivity and fairness in difficult cases. His intimate knowledge of organization enabled him to improve materially the day-to-day operation of his Bureau.

He has had excellent results in working with people of other nationalities. His relationships with his Chinese associates have been unusually good. He has exhibited tact, initiative, resourcefulness and ingenuity.

Colonel Thorp has been willing to disregard his own personal considerations when they interfered with his work. During the summer of 1946 when the China Office was undergoing re-organization, and again in the summer and autumn of 1947, when he became Chief of the Bureau of Supply, he consistently worked overtime in such a way as to endanger even his own health. He has been one of the outstanding employees of UNRRA's China operation.

25 May 1948

Mr. Frederick Chait
General Counsel of UNRRA
Washington, D. C.

My dear Fred:

I cannot let you leave this organization, which you have served so long and so well, without expressing to you personally and officially my thanks for all you have done. From our earliest acquaintance, from the negotiations incident to the Austrian take-over, from the negotiations incident to the allocation of tractors, the association has been a happy one for me. My confidence, admiration and dependence have grown with each passing month. Perhaps by happy chance, our views on the many problems with which we have had to deal have nearly always coincided, and, in the few instances where we have disagreed, I could never doubt your very evident sincerity and absolute integrity. Moreover, you have shown a remarkable ability loyally to support a decision, once made, regardless of your personal views in the matter. It would be hard to find a better team-mate.

Nor has it been only in your relations with me that you have been successful. Despite the fact that you have never failed to present your views firmly and forcefully, I know of no one, either within the Administration or in the governments of the United Nations who has not recognized the power of your reason nor the friendly, cooperative spirit you have always shown in all your dealings.

I have recorded in the official files something of your accomplishments, a copy of which I enclose with this letter.

I know I speak for all when I bid you farewell with the hope that your future endeavors will be rewarded with even greater success and that our paths may meet again some day.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Enclosure.

*Director General's File Copy.
Please return P. Kenny.*

c. Director General
Mr. Swerdlow
Mr. Hill
Mr. White
Mr. Milton
Mr. Conway
Central Files

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25 MAY 1948

CLEARANCES: Mr. Swerdlow
Mr. White
Mr. Milton

Major General R.G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA, European Regional Office
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

Dear Dick:

As already confirmed to you by cable, in view of the considerations outlined in your letter of 13 May 1948 (P.801/12), we have agreed to continuing on the NRO establishment until 30 September 1948 two of the employees loaned to the Ministry of Supply for work in connection with the shipment of list "A" supplies, especially with regard to railway bridging for China and Greece.

If it should become necessary to continue their services with the Ministry of Supply after that date (or whatever date is appropriate after cessation of the necessary administrative facilities at NRO) they may be transferred to the Washington-maintained NRO supplementary establishment, at least until 30 November 1948. This will doubtless entail special arrangements for handling of their attendance reports, leave, and payroll, but such details can be worked out as the occasion requires. I assume that you will inform us concerning the names and other particulars of the employees concerned as soon as they have been designated.

In agreeing to the post-30 September extension we have taken special note of your emphasis on the great importance for the recipient countries that this program be concluded, since an arbitrary cut-off might render useless large quantities of bridging material already shipped.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



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25 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Minister:

I appreciate the letter, dated April 20, 1948, addressed to me by Mr. G.R. Poulos, Counselor, with which there was enclosed a copy of a communication from the External Affairs Department of New Zealand relative to the position of UNRRA accounts.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

The Honorable
Sir Carl Berendsen, K.C.M.G.,
Minister of New Zealand
Washington, D.C.

Drafted by:
Htafloue/fe
21 May 1948

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25 MAY 1948

Mr. J. D. Sinclair
Vaile Reg. Margherita, 1
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Sinclair; Re: UNRRA TESSILE

Your letter of 18 May has been received and the documents you attached with regard to the activities of UNRRA Tessile in Italy have been noted.

While we appreciate your interest in providing this information to us, since all of our textile people have now been terminated, it will no longer be necessary to send us these reports.

Your excellent services in connection with fostering this very effective and useful operation in Italy are appreciated by this Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Drafted by: R. W. Hill/mc
25/5/48



25 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Minister:

I appreciate the letter, dated April 20, 1948, addressed to me by Mr. G.R. Posles, Counsellor, with which there was enclosed a copy of a communication from the External Affairs Department of New Zealand relative to the position of UNRRA accounts.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

The Honorable
Sir Carl Berendsen, K.C.M.G.
Minister of New Zealand
Washington, D.C.

Drafted by:
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21 May 1948

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25 MAY 1948

Mr. Maurice Pate
Executive Director
International Children's Emergency Fund
405 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Pate:

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 1948 with which you enclosed a list of ex-UNHRA personnel now with your agency. This list has been of interest to us and we appreciate your sending it.

We are also grateful for your assurance that at such time as you may be in need of additional staff you will avail yourself of UNHRA's outplacement service.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

HMilton/eg
25 May 1948

Clearance: ILPosner

cc: Field Liaison Section
HMilton
ILPosner
Room 503✓



24 May 1948

TO: Chief of the Office of Far Eastern Affairs
FROM: The Director General
SUBJECT: Repatriation Costs of Personnel in China Transferred to
FAO and to BOTRA.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 21 May 1948, subject as above with enclosed memorandum from the Deputy Controller, dated 13 May 1948, subject: Repatriation of Personnel in China transferred to FAO and BOTRA.
2. I regret that I must disapprove of the recommendations made by you in the reference of Para 1 above. My decision, that the ruling of the Chief Executive Officer as recorded in his memorandum dated 5 May 1948, subject: Repatriation of Personnel in China Transferred to FAO and BOTRA., will be reversed; settlement with FAO and BOTRA covering repatriation costs will be as notified to Mr. Morcher on 19 May, i.e., airpassage by the cheapest route plus five days salary for travel time.
3. Mr. Weisl has been informed of my decision.
4. My reasons for the above are:
 - (a) It is the Administration's policy at this stage to avoid insofar as possible reopening any prior agreements or settlements which would add to the accounting task.
 - (b) The amounts of money turned over to FAO and BOTRA were intended to cover these as well as other expenses over continuing the UNRRA projects in China.
 - (c) Any concessions made to requests of this nature serve as an invitation to further requests; such matters must now come to an end.
 - (d) There is the possibility that were the Administration to grant the request the External Auditors might raise objection on the grounds of different treatment in respect of personnel transferred for duty in Europe as against those for duty in China.
5. I take it that no formal written communication went to FAO or BOTRA informing them of the CEO's decision, since you make no reference to any such communication. Please, therefore, notify the interested parties in FAO and BOTRA informally of my decision of Para 2 above.

cc: Controller
General Counsel
Personnel & Management

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

c.c. Director General
ILPosner
Col. Harris
Mr. Swerdlow
Mr. Chait
Central Registry

24 May 1948

Mr. Ralph W. Phillips
Acting Director
Agriculture Division
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is in reply to your letter of 11 May 1948, in which you ask that UNRRA provide funds for payment of home leave of former UNRRA personnel now with FAO in China.

Your request, and the interests of the former UNRRA employees which prompted it, have been given very careful and sympathetic consideration, but I regret that we are not able to authorize approval of such an arrangement.

Should a grant be made to FAO for home leave for personnel now in China, the Administration would most probably be required to consider similar grants to other successor organizations to which UNRRA personnel have transferred. Further, since home leave is merely one type of administrative expense which an agency may incur when it has personnel overseas, it would invite the possibility of similar requests for grants for other types of administrative expenses involved in maintaining an overseas personnel establishment.

I do not feel that the Administration, in consideration of its policies regarding disposal of residual assets, can place itself in a position where it might be called upon to make additional grants for these purposes. Therefore, despite our appreciation of the administrative problems confronting FAO in carrying on its activities in China, the considerations involved in the home leave proposal preclude our being able to give a more favourable reply to your request.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

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Director General ✓

Mr. Gray Leslie
2480 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Leslie:

In answer to your enquiry of 10 April 1948 concerning the possible organization of former UNRRA employees, you are correct in your understanding that some efforts are being made to establish such a group. Former UNRRA employees in London and on the Continent already have an organized program under way in this respect, while former employees in the Washington area have been seeking the views of other personnel who have been with UNRRA concerning the feasibility of setting up a similar group on this side of the Atlantic. I would suggest that you get in touch either with Mr. Earl Borders, formerly Chief of the Bureau of Supply and now with the International Children's Emergency Fund in New York, or with Mr. Harry Isikoff, secretary of the organizing committee, who now has his law office at 908 Dupont Circle Building.

Many of us have agreed that the UNRRA story has heretofore never been properly presented, and it may be that the proposed organization would engage in activity of this type. You may have heard, however, that an official UNRRA history is in process of preparation and it is hoped to have it published during early 1949. Meanwhile you will be interested in the brief and informal story of UNRRA recently distributed to provide in popular form the highlights of UNRRA experience and achievements. The Summary Report of the Director General to the UNRRA Council, which may be available within the next month or two, provides the UNRRA story from still another angle and includes a special section on industrial rehabilitation activities.

I appreciate your suggestions in this connection and hope that this information will prove helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell M. Hooks
Director General

Enclosure:
Copy of "The Story of UNRRA"

D. G. 503

24 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of 28 April 1948 addressed to Mr. Frank Weisl, Chief Executive Officer, with reference to the copy of the Director General's Report transmitted to you with his letter of 1 April 1948.

In reference to the figures on pages 9 and 10 of the report, showing outstanding administrative contributions, it is evidently your desire that a note be added adverting to the proposal made by the Government of the U.S.S.R. for discontinuance of payment of administrative contributions. The Administration had considered the table to be simply a statistical one and had accordingly not attempted to state in detail the specific position of each of the contributing governments. Accordingly, there would seem to be no necessity for any explanatory notations describing the proposals of the individual governments.

Your request that the statement on page 15 of the report of the Ukrainian S.S.R. contributions in local currency be changed to 1,190,000 roubles has also been noted. In this connection, an inquiry is being dispatched by the Administration to its London office in order to obtain the necessary documents covering the new figures quoted by you, with a breakdown of the composition of the payments between cash paid to the Mission and non-cash items, such as goods, services and facilities furnished by the Government. In accordance with the Administration's new policy of excluding from its accounts the value of non-cash availments furnished to UNRRA by recipient governments out of Proceeds of Sale of UNRRA supplies, the listing of the Ukrainian local currency contribution, on page 15, will be revised to show only the amount of actual cash received by the UNRRA Mission, excluding the goods, services and facilities.

In accordance with the same accounting principle, the recording of the local currency contribution of the Byelorussian S.S.R., on

Mr. G. G. Dolbin
Charge d'Affaires a.i. of
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Washington, D. C.



21 May 1948

Dear Mr. Owen:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of 14 May 1948, on the subject of the transfer by the Italian Government of 60 million lire from the UNRRA Lire Fund to the proposed Compagnia Nazionale Artigiana.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Mr. A. D. K. Owen
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Economic Affairs
United Nations Secretariat
Lake Success, New York

21 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I take occasion to refer to the letter dated 28 April 1948, from Mr. Arne Gunneng, Secretary of Embassy, to Mr. Frank Weis, Chief Executive Officer of the Administration, with reference to Part II of the Director General's Report to the Council, covering the highlights of the Administration's activities during the entire span of its existence.

It would appear that a misunderstanding has arisen in connection with your Government's request, conveyed in the above-mentioned letter, that on page 20 of the said Report, where mention is made of "credits for supplies valued at \$1,837,355 made available by Norway," the sum of \$1,837,355 should be changed to read "15 million Norwegian Kroner."

The paragraph captioned "Contributions Not Chargeable Against the Country Programs," on page 20 of the Report, containing the statement in question, serves to identify certain contribution components delivered by UNRRA to receiving countries without charge to their programmed requirements. In the case of Norway, the total value of the commodities contributed to UNRRA amounted to \$4,028,821.69 (Kr. 19,994,152.31), delivered to Poland, Yugoslavia, Italy and Austria, but of that amount, only \$2,191,466.63 was charged by UNRRA to the programmed requirements of those countries, and the balance of \$1,837,355.06 was made available on an extra-program basis. Apparently this amount has been misconstrued by your Government as referring to the credits of 15 million Norwegian Kroner which Norway generously agreed to extend on very favorable terms to UNRRA receiving countries for the purchase of Norwegian products, and which were entirely separate and distinct from Norway's contribution to UNRRA which is dealt with in the above Report.

His Excellency
Wilhelm Sønthe de Mønstertærne
Ambassador of Norway
Washington, D.C.



The above misunderstanding with regard to the \$1,837,355 may have been partly due to the use of the word "credits" in the statement reading "credits for supplies valued at \$1,837,355 made available by Norway." In order to obviate further misunderstandings with regard to this item, the wording of the above statement will be changed in the Report to read, instead, "supplies valued at \$1,837,355 contributed by Norway," eliminating the word "credits" as inappropriate.

I should appreciate your advice as to whether the above explanation clarifies this matter to your entire satisfaction.

Very sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

Drafted by:
Wtaflowe/fe
17 May 1948

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Ludlow/Cavanagh
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CON-D-6293

DG
Major General R.G.Lewis

Lowell W. Rocks

21 May 1948

Dear Dick:

Please substitute this letter for my A-16281

dated 20 May which contained a slight factual error.

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

COPIES TO: Director General
F.Chait(Att'n,Mr.Morse)
I.L.Posner
Central Files

21 MAY 1948

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Major General R.G.Lewis, C.B., C.D.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNPRA, European Regional Office
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

My dear General Lewis:

I have received and noted your communication of
13 May 1948 transmitting:

- a) Specimen of the letter sent to representatives of countries on the Committee of the Council for Europe and also to representatives of other countries not on the CCE but having special interests in the matter, notifying them of the abolition of the post of Personal Representative of the Director General and the creation of the post of Chief Closure Officer, European Region;
- b) List of persons to whom the letters were addressed, showing name and title.

The contents of the letter have been conveyed to the Committee on Censure at Headquarters, and it is being deposited in the appropriate archives.

I am also, of course, planning to bring the matter to the attention of the Central Committee at its Sixty-fifth Meeting on ~~Tuesday, 25 May~~ ^{Wednesday, 27 May} 1948.

You will be hearing from me separately concerning the occasion of your departure from the Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General



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21 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Permit me to revert to the letter, addressed to me under date of September 2, 1947, by Mr. K. Lykke, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Norway, and my letter to Mr. Lykke, dated 11 September 1947, with reference to the Norwegian Government's waiver of repayment of Kroner 180,000, advanced to the UNRRA Mission in Norway for administrative expenses, and Kroner 5,800 overpaid for emergency supplies.

The Administration has now received advice from its European Regional Office in London that the sum of Kroner 5,800 overpaid for emergency supplies was based on approximate figures furnished to the Norwegian Government in December 1946, and that the actual overpayment amounted to Kroner 5,960.

Acting on the assumption that your Government would wish to extend its waiver of repayment to include the small additional amount of Kroner 160 as well as the original sum of Kroner 5,800 referred to in Mr. Lykke's letter of September 2, 1947, the Administration has increased the value of Norway's local currency contribution in its accounts by 160 Kroner, equivalent to \$32.24.

I trust that this adjustment will meet with your approval, and that your Government will find it convenient to change its figures of the local currency contribution to UNRRA accordingly, in agreement with UNRRA's entries.

Very sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

His Excellency
Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne
Ambassador of Norway
Washington, D.C.

Drafted by:
NTaflove/fe
17 May 1948

Clearances: Levin
Indlow/Cavanagh

CON-D-6294

cc: Ted L. Smith, ERO



21 MAY 1948

Mr. Keith A. Aickin
 Assistant General Counsel
 European Regional Office
 U. N. R. R. A.
 11 Portland Place
 London W-1, England

Dear Keith:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Czech representative, which is self-explanatory.

According to London 19433, His Majesty's Government has confirmed that it will present no bills for reichsmarks charges.

It is our feeling that the reichsmarks costs referred to in the enclosed letter, if claimed to have been incurred in connection with the movement of UNRRA supplies, would be covered by EMO's undertaking. As you recall, we accepted the position that EMO would not arrange for reichsmarks reimbursement of kroner expenditures, but this was on the assumption that there would be no charge made for actual reichsmarks expenditures.

Could you accordingly arrange to have the matter presented to His Majesty's Government, through appropriate ERO channels? If necessary, we can obtain the specific bills from the Czech representative here, or you could deal through their representative in London, as you prefer.

If there is anything further you require in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

F. Chait
 General Counsel



Chait
 21 May 1948

cc: Controller
 Director General
 Bureau

A 16291

*Ret
 Director General
 A-507*

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F. Chait (Att'n. Mr. Morse)
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20 MAY 1948

R. 503

Major General R.G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA, European Regional Office
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

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- b) List of persons to whom the letters were addressed, showing name and title.

The contents of the letter have been conveyed to the Committee on Closure at Headquarters, and it is being deposited in the appropriate archives.

I am also, of course, planning to bring the matter to the attention of the Central Committee at its ~~Thirty-eighth~~ Meeting on ~~Tuesday, 25 May 1948.~~ *65th*

wed 2 June

You will be hearing from me separately concerning the occasion of your departure from the Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



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20 May 1948

My dear Foreign Secretary:

As you will know, on the 1st June next the European Regional Office of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in London enters upon the final closure stage of its operations. As of that date my Personal Representative, Major-General R. G. Lewis, will relinquish his appointment and Sir Francis Dixon will, as Chief Closure Officer, supervise any remaining detail connected with the complete cessation of our activities in London. I therefore feel that this is the appropriate occasion for me to put on record my personal appreciation of the fine work done by the British members of UNRRA - specifically in the European Regional Office.

When I first joined UNRRA at the beginning of 1946, I carried out an extensive tour of the territories falling within the UNRRA scope and thereby derived a very clear impression of the inevitably complex situation with which UNRRA was faced and of the difficulties attaching to every problem with which it had to deal.

During the ensuing months I saw for myself not only the tremendous task which had been set, but also the enthusiasm with which everyone connected with UNRRA tackled the job, and it was my earnest belief that, on balance, good results were being achieved. So it was that when I assumed charge of UNRRA as Director-General I did so in the full confidence that I was to lead a band of men and women whose one desire was to give of their best to a great - though onerous - undertaking.

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, M.P.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

The Foreign Office

London, S.W.1.



That confidence has not been shaken and, as regards the London Office, I can say without hesitation that I could not have asked for a better team. The sustained effort of all members of that Office has been an outstanding contribution to the overall success of the UNRRA operation.

I therefore take this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation of the co-operation of your Government in making available to UNRRA the services of such men as Lieut.-General Sir Humphrey Gale and Major-General Lewis who over a long and trying period led the London staff. While it would be invidious to select for mention any particular individuals amongst the many British nationals who gave such unstinted service, I nevertheless feel bound to record the outstanding contribution also made by Mr. Dudley Ward who, since the inception of UNRRA, has served both me and my predecessors as General Counsel in the European Regional Office. Mr. Ward's undoubted talent in international service and his unflagging efforts in the interest of world understanding have contributed materially not only to the continuity and smooth running of the Administration, but also to excellent relations between UNRRA and Member Governments.

It is with genuine regard that I send you an expression of my gratitude for the co-operation extended to the Administration by His Majesty's Government in appointments such as those which I have mentioned and, at the same time, put on record my appreciation of the fine work done by all British members of the staff.

If you see no objection, you may consider passing a copy of this letter to Sir Edward Bridges for his information and any action which is considered suitable.

Believe me,

My dear Foreign Secretary,

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director-General

Room 503 B

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19 May 1948

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LEWIS FROM ROCKS

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MEMORANDUM 801/12 DATED 13 MAY. AGREE PROPOSAL CONTINUE TWO EMPLOYEES
ON NRO ESTABLISHMENT UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER AND TRANSFER WASHINGTON
NRO SUPPLEMENTARY ESTABLISHMENT THEREAFTER. LETTER FOLLOWS.

Irving L. Posner
Director

Div. Personnel & Manag't.

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Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC

CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICE FOR RELIEF & REHABILITATION
1357 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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18th May 1948

Mr. Frederick Chait
General Counsel
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chait,

Ref: Elbe River Charges - RM Expenses

We refer to the penultimate paragraph of your letter of 13th May, in which you kindly indicate that the Administration is prepared to make representations to H.M. Government in the U.K. with the request that the RM billings relating to the Elbe River charges be withdrawn or that any sums already paid be reimbursed to the Czechoslovak Government in accordance with H.M.G.'s understanding with UNRRA.

In our reply of 14th May (8566/48) we advised you that we were awaiting details from Prague in this connection. According to a communication received today the RM element amounts to RM 11,686.60. For your information we beg to advise you that copies of all the invoices amounting to this sum are in our possession and may be consulted if you so desire.

Although the communication does not clearly specify whether these expenses have been paid by Czechoslovakia, we assume that no payment has been made and that the Czechoslovak Elbe River Company has so far only signed the forms 800 which are usually requested to prove that the work has been carried out. The RM charges represent salary payments to the German crews of the Czechoslovak craft used for the transport of UNRRA goods.

It is of course possible that additional expenses may have been incurred over and above the sum of RM 11,686.60. We would therefore greatly appreciate it if the Administration could make its recommendations to H.M. Government in a sense such that all charges indicated on forms 800 in connection with the transport of UNRRA goods be withdrawn in accordance with the standing arrangement between H.M. Government and UNRRA.

Yours sincerely,

s/ J. Hoffmann
J. Hoffmann
for Czechoslovak Office
for Relief and Rehabilitation

c.c. Personnel file
c.c. Director General

Room
503 D

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17 MAY 1948

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. H. H. Wiedersehn
Executive Officer
UNRRA SWPA Office
Box No. 4101 G.P.O.
52 William Street
Sydney, N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr. Wiedersehn:

The Director General thought that you would be interested in a reply received from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, concerning our communications with that office in your behalf. They state: "there are one or two possibilities for him, but no concrete offer can be made at this time. We are at present subject to a personnel freeze which may be discontinued after June. If so, we will probably go on to get in touch with Mr. Wiedersehn at that time."

We are endeavouring to follow up other possibilities also.

Yours sincerely,

Irving L. Posner
Director
Division of Personnel and Management

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14 May 1948



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17 May 1948

Major-Gen. R. G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E.
Personal Representative of the
Director General
European Regional Office - UNRRA
11 Portland Place
London W1, England

Dear General Lewis:

I am in receipt of your letter of 10 May transmitting
file DG:50/10.

The file has been reviewed and I agree that there are
no documents contained therein that would serve any
useful purpose and therefore I am having it destroyed.

Yours very truly,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

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14 May 48



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2390 Champlain Street N.W.
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14 MAY 1948

The American Security & Trust Company
15th Street at Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. H. W. Ireland
Vice President & Treasurer

Gentlemen:

We have to advise that the authority for Mr. Frank Weisl to sign on Group No. 1 of the Special Account No. 11 has now been rescinded, and you are therefore, asked to record this cancellation effective immediately.

Please delete his signature from all authorities to sign on behalf of this Administration.

Yours very truly,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

Cleared:
R. W. Ludlow
I. Swerdlow

cc: Deloitte, Plender
Internal Audit

Drafted by:
HMBoyles/ep
6 May 1948
Re-drafted
11 May 48 &
13 May 48



United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
European Regional Office
11, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

P.801/12.

13 May, 1948

Maj.-Gen. Lowell W. Rooks,
Director General
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation
Administration,
1344 Connecticut Avenue,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
U. S. A.

The arrangements with His Majesty's Government in connection with the shipment of List "A" supplies contain an agreement whereby the Administration undertook to loan three employees to the Ministry of Supply for work in connection with railway bridging for China and Greece. This was necessary as military surplus material had passed under the jurisdiction of the Ministry which did not have the full background knowledge to deal with the rather involved technical problems without assistance. The employees concerned are U.K. nationals with home station London.

We have reviewed the position recently with the Ministry of Supply and the termination of one employee as of 30th June has been agreed. The retention of the other two until 30th September 1948 has, however, been requested and it was stated, that if the China programme of railway bridging was not completed by then, His Majesty's Government could not be responsible for shipping any of the outstanding railway bridging material after their termination.

The portions still to be shipped consist mainly of deficiencies of bridging components or replacements for parts shipped in error, and it is of great importance, therefore, for the recipient countries that this programme be concluded, as an arbitrary cut-off would render useless large quantities of bridging material already shipped.

The Ministry of Supply and our seconded employees hope to complete the outstanding parts of the programme not later than the end of September, but in the light of past experience that is by no means a certainty.

I therefore propose to continue the two employees concerned on the E.R.O. Establishment until 30th September 1948 and would request your agreement by cable that they be administered from Washington after that date should the need for further retention arise.

SGD. R.G. LEWIS

R.G. Lewis
Personal Representative
of the Director General

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Mr. Dudley Ward, General Counsel
European Regional Headquarters
UNRRA Headquarters
11 Portland Place
London W. 1, England

13 MAY 1948

Dear Dudley:

I have noticed with great regret that the date on which you leave the Administration is approaching.

Even though the Administration has reached its final stages, your departure represents a loss which is compensated only by the hope that your abilities and interests may be turned to other and more immediately constructive work.

I know of few people whose service has meant as much to UNRRA as yours. During some of our most difficult active periods of planning and operations, as well as through the complex and sometimes trying stages of liquidation, your wise counsel, your judgment and your resourcefulness have made a tremendous contribution to UNRRA's success. Your guidance has been invaluable not only to the functioning of ERG, but to Headquarters as well.

I hope your period of association with UNRRA has been as great a source of satisfaction to you as it has been a source of pleasure and gratitude for those who have worked with you. I am sure I speak for every one in the Administration when I say that you have won the deep respect and affection of all of us.

On both a personal and official basis, therefore, you have our thanks and our very best wishes for your success in whatever you may undertake in the future.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Chait/rbs *JC*
11 May 1948

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



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Return to
Director General,
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13 MAY 1948

Honorable Frederic R. Coudert, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Coudert:

With further reference to your letter of 15 April 1948 and my reply, the General Counsel's office has contacted Mr. Angell and has written Mr. Stitt a letter, a copy of which is attached for your information.

I very much regret that we are unable to give you a more favorable report on the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

Enclosure

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12 May 1948



27 May 1948

Miss Sheila Collins
Assistant to the Director General, UNRRA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sheila:

I cannot let you leave this organization which you have served so long and so well without expressing to you my personal and official thanks. I think back to my own first days in UNRRA and remember my admiration for your ability to work at break-neck speed through long hours of overtime without stopping for Sundays or holidays, month after month, and yet keep all appointments in order, all paper-work flowing in an orderly manner, and the mass of correspondence up to date. Beside this, you managed to keep a calm and pleasant attitude, so that it was always a pleasure as well as a satisfaction to deal with you.

And then, with my elevation to the Director Generalship, you moved up to be my assistant. I am sure I could not have asked for a better one. In addition to taking care of routine day-to-day business, your experience in the Foreign Office of His Majesty's Government made it possible for me to lean heavily upon you in all matters of protocol and diplomatic procedure. I shall always feel that whatever success I may have had in completing the operations of UNRRA and winding up the business in an orderly manner must largely be attributed to the excellence of the staff who served under me, and you must rank among the forefront of these.

I am glad you are planning to join the staff of the United Nations. We must not despair of that organization which still remains the most potent means of preserving peace in the world. I sincerely believe that with patience, perseverance and firmness, intransigence will eventually give way to cooperation.. People of your stamp all along the line in the Secretariat will provide the efficient and smooth-running machine which will contribute materially to the ultimate success. So, it is with especial feeling that I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

12 May 1948

None

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UNRRA

London No.....

Lewis from Rooks

1. Inform Howell if still there otherwise take cognizance yourself of my decision after full consideration that no repeat no change is to be made in shipping arrangements London records to Washington. Confirming our cable 26285 all records including accounting records are to be shipped to Rohner Gerhig and Company New York for UNRRA 2390 Champlain Street Washington.
2. Kathleen Francis will not repeat not be required here in connection initial receipt and handover of accounting records to Controller. She should only be transferred Washington if required full time in Controller's Office to handle accounting records after delivery to Controller by Administrative Services and any other duties Howell may have in mind.

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Lowell W. Rooks, D.G.

Office of Director General

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Lowell W. Rooks, Director General

12 May 1948

Miss Pauline Frederick
News
American Broadcasting Company, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Miss Frederick:

As requested in your letter of May 6, 1948, I enclose herewith my answers to the questions you proposed in your attachment. While I have not adhered rigidly to the allotment of one minute each to two questions and thirty seconds to the third, I have compressed my remarks to a point where I feel sure I can deliver them in two and one-half minutes.

I should appreciate any suggestions you may wish to make for changes.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Enclosures-2

Mr. Maurice Pate
Executive Director
International Children's Emergency Fund
405 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

12 MAY 1948

Dear Mr. Pate:

Since the members of your staff have always been most cooperative in considering former UNRRA employees for positions with the Children's Fund, I should be grateful if you would express my appreciation to them.

You may be interested to know that UNRRA's outplacement program will continue for some time, and we will be in a position, therefore, to continue to refer to you information regarding personnel who may have qualifications useful in your program.

In this connection, it has occurred to me that you may be contemplating augmentation of your staff, as a result of the additional grant recently made by UNRRA to your agency, concerning which you were informed in a separate communication. I understand also that the U. S. Congress has authorized appropriation of additional funds for the ICEF. Should you in fact be able to increase your staff as a result of additional funds being made available to you, we should appreciate being informed regarding the numbers and types of personnel you may require.

Please accept again my thanks for the cordial cooperation received from your staff in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

KCHalley/HMilton:eg
10 May 1948

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cc: KCHalley
HMilton
ILPomer
Room 503 ✓



Dr. Frank A. Calderone
Director, Headquarters Office
World Health Organization
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

12 MAY 1948

Dear Dr. Calderone:

Since the members of your staff have always been most cooperative in considering former UNRRA employees for positions with the World Health Organization, I should be grateful if you would express my appreciation to them.

You may be interested to know that UNRRA's outplacement program will continue for some time, and we will be in a position, therefore, to continue to refer to you information regarding personnel who may have qualifications useful in your program.

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Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

KCMalley/HMilton:eg
10 May 1948

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cc: KCMalley
HMilton
ILPosner
Room 503 ✓



11 May 1948

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LONDON NO.....

Pass Howell on arrival office from Rocks

Approach Sir Alan Ray Smith on ways and means avoiding delay closure

ERO in situation where external audit 30 June 1947 accounts only completed
September and accounts subsequent period much later. Cochrane concurs.

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Lowell W. Rocks, D.G.

Office of D.G.

11 May 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Telephone Conversation General Rooks (UNRRA) - General Phillip E. Brown (OFLC) on the subject of the cannibalization or alternatively the extra payment for certain airplanes purchased by UNRRA for China.

1. I called General Brown this morning and proposed to him that since OFLC had indicated that they still would look to UNRRA as the responsible agency to insure that twenty-five C-46-D airplanes bought by UNRRA and turned over to the Chinese Government with the covenant given by UNRRA to OFLC that these airplanes would never be flown again are not, in fact, flown again except upon additional payment, UNRRA should now negotiate with the Chinese Government and with Chennault Willauer and Company, the operating agency in China either to pay to UNRRA on account of the United States Government the extra amount due for any airplanes which they desire to fly operationally or to execute the severance of the empennages. I proposed that a deadline date should be established by which we would expect payment or after which we would expect immediate severance of the empennages so as to render the aircraft forever unflyable.
2. General Brown stated that he would dislike very much to see a proposal made at this time to sever the empennages as, from previous experience, it was evident that such action imposed upon the Chinese Government and/or Chennault Willauer and Company would be repugnant to some agencies of the United States Government. He hoped that instead we would immediately begin further negotiations with the Chinese Government and/or Chennault Willauer and Company looking to a deadline date by which Chennault Willauer and Company would either state that they have no intention of operating any or all of the twenty-five airplanes in question or, alternatively, pay the extra amount due the United States Government for any they do desire to fly operationally.
3. I stated to General Brown that UNRRA's interest was two-fold: First and foremost that these airplanes should be used to the best advantage of China; and, second, that UNRRA should fulfill to the letter its responsibility in the matter by our payment for any airplanes which, contrary to contract, may now or hereafter be used operationally. I felt that without action to insure the severance of empennages by some deadline date now to be established our prospects of getting early action were lessened. But I agreed to proceed in the first instance at least to make the approach suggested by General Brown.
4. General Brown agreed that the beginning of negotiations along the lines he now proposes might eventually lead directly to the question of the severance of empennages but reiterated his hope that such action should not be proposed at this time.

cc: Controller
G.C.
OFPA

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

c.c. General Rooks
Security File--W.Z.Park

DRAFTED BY: I.L.Posner/ism
7 May 1948

11 MAY 1948

Major-General R.G.Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA, WRO
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

Dear Dick:

Attached is a copy of my letter dated 4 March 1948 addressed to Dr. Willard Z. Park, former Chief of the Ethiopian Mission, which indicates that action has been taken terminating him from the service of the Administration on the grounds of misconduct and unsatisfactory service.

I am enclosing, also, a copy of my letter dated 5 May, which replies to a communication from Dr. Park requesting reconsideration of the action taken.

These materials are sent for your information and records. There are still one or two small outstanding phases of the case, but the matter can be considered, to all intents and purposes, closed.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Enclosures



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10 MAY 1948

Major-General R.G.Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA, NRO
11 Portland Place
London W.1, England

Dear Dick:

Thanks very much for the photostatic copies of the graphs concerning ERO and European Mission personnel strength and related statistics, transmitted with your note of 28 April 1948. The charts have been reviewed with interest by the personnel, statistical, and historical staffs and should prove of helpful background value in the preparation of summary materials.

I am sure that the mathematical experts could derive some rather startling conclusions from the various curves on the graphs, but as mentioned in other connections, I am most impressed with the effective way in which we grew to maximum working strength in mid-1946 in the European Missions, and the correspondingly swift and smooth run-down from that point. The figures on the German D.P. Operations reflect, to my mind, the continuing awareness which UNRRA had of the necessity for progressively reducing Class I staff as administrative and operating experience provided the necessary basis. We might perhaps have been able to do even better, but I think the chart itself illustrates that the results of our efforts were by no means unsatisfactory, especially in the light of the set-up which was turned over to PCIRO on 1 July 1947.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

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I. Sverdlov
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c.c. Director General ✓
Mr. Sverdlov
Mr. HSB White
Mr. Hiram Milton
Mr. IL Posner
Central Registry (2)



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10 MAY 1948

10 MAY 1948

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I wish to express my appreciation for your letter dated April 6, 1948 with which you forwarded copies of four enclosures received from the Foreign Office at Lima, containing the information requested by me in my letter of February 16th to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, regarding the current examination by the Administration's auditors of the availments under Peru's operating contribution to UNRRA.

On the basis of the information contained in the above-mentioned enclosures, as well as additional data received directly from the Secretary of the Mixed Commission for UNRRA Procurement in Peru, the Administration's figures of the Peruvian contribution have now been completely reconciled.

Permit me to convey to you my thanks for your Government's prompt action in furnishing the Administration with the requested details of the availments under the contribution. I take this opportunity of reiterating to Your Excellency the Administration's gratitude to the Government and people of your country for their support of UNRRA's program.

Very sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

His Excellency
Senor Don Alfredo Ferreyros
Ambassador of Peru
Washington, D.C.

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7 May 1948

Dr. C. M. Li
Executive Member
Board of Trustees
185 Szechuen Road (Central)
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Li:

Thank you for your letter of 26 April. As I told Mr. Ho, in a recent letter replying to one in which he announced his intended resignation, I was very glad, indeed, to learn that you were accepting the appointment of Executive Member of the Board of Trustees; and I have heard since from several sources that you have already given a very great impetus to the work of the Board, and that your deep knowledge of affairs in China has permitted you to bring a new element of coordination into the task.

The principal papers and reports that have been issued by the Board have been shown to me and I have followed these with close attention, as I naturally take a lasting interest in these developments. It has been very gratifying to me to learn from Mr. Cummings and from Mr. Barton that the objectives of the Board are now being crystalized and that you are succeeding in getting the projects on to a realistic basis. I hope that by this means a very real service will be rendered to the economy of China.

UNRRA is now in its closing phases, a liquidator is to be appointed and I will withdraw, probably about the end of June; I am glad to know that before leaving our unfinished work in China has been left in such very good hands. The Board has been described as a strong organization and I think it will need to be if it is to fulfill the difficult tasks assigned to it.

Two of the more recent problems brought to my notice were the pharmaceutical program and the BOSEY contract. On the question of the pharmaceutical program, I had a very long conversation with your Mr. Barton and I learned from him of the prevailing trend to put the project onto a business footing.

I think the proposal to try and interest a foreign producer in the development and operation of the pharmaceutical program is a very good idea, particularly if the firm engaged to undertake this responsibility has a tradition of working for the public interest, which is the case of one or two of the leading firms in the United States and Great Britain. An obvious difficulty in these negotiations is that one has to have a very clear conception of the objective, and I did not feel from what Mr. Barton said that the conclusions reached by the Board had gone far enough for a clear approach to be made to a producer.

In regard to documentation of pharmaceutical supplies I am sorry that UNRRA could not undertake this as had been requested by Mr. McMillen. We have reached a point where our run-down must take its course and I did not feel justified in reversing it much as I recognize the merits of this case. I have, however, given instructions that the maximum possible assistance shall be given to the BOTRA office in Washington in doing this work.

On the question of the BOSEY contract, I had lunch yesterday with Mr. Cummings, Mr. Cleveland and Colonel Harris; Harris, who had had a meeting that morning with General Brown and Mr. Murphy of the OFLC, explained what had taken place. General Brown, who is an old friend of mine, took a very fair line on the problem, according to Harris, and was most cooperative. Harris explained to me briefly the result of his negotiations, and although we are all disappointed that the original Gilpatric plan for a flat charter rate still seems unacceptable to OFLC, I nevertheless feel that the compromise offered by OFLC is pretty fair in the circumstances. I would like to mention privately that OFLC, of course, has to abide by the directives regulating the use of the funds at its disposal and from what General Brown said it would be impossible for him to make a sweeping settlement which he might have difficulty in justifying before Congress at a later date. One difficulty General Brown had to face was the fact that the flat charter rate would give very much more favorable terms to a Chinese agency than had been accorded to a United States firm formerly employed, and however right this may be it is a position that OFLC would have difficulty in supporting publicly in the U.S., especially as under the terms of the original contract the shipping fund authorized in connection with the USA/Sino sales

agreement was intended to pay transportation on U. S. shipping with the two-fold purpose of getting the supplies moved, and of encouraging U. S. shipping. OFLC feel that as LST are needed for the lift from Okinawa, they are justified in using LST sailing under the Chinese flag to the extent that this lift cannot be accomplished on U. S. vessels, but that they would not be justified in going beyond the terms of the agreement by paying for any local currency costs from the U. S. shipping fund.

Another question that was discussed briefly at lunch yesterday was the possibility of Mr. Clifford Willson going out to China to work with the Board of Trustees under the FAO secondment plan. I think that Willson would be an acquisition to you. He did a very good job with UNRRA, has a very well-balanced personality, and I understand that during his mission to China for UNRRA he got on very well with the officials of the Chinese Government with whom he was in contact. At all events, he came back to Washington with a very real interest in the problems there and great sympathy for China. This is a question we will again raise with Mr. Cummings, as we want to make sure that FAO carry out their agreement to bring some personnel over to China in connection with the Board's work, their salaries, of course, being paid by FAO from the funds assigned to FAO both from the China program and from UNRRA's residual resources, for the continuation of UNRRA's operations in China.

I was pleased to receive your cable offering Colonel Harris the appointment of Deputy to Mr. Cheng Paonan in the Washington Office; his knowledge of official channels and procedures in Washington should prove of assistance and I am sure he will do his best for the Board, in fact I would say that since October 1946 when we first started planning the run-down and closure of the China Office, Harris has recommended some form of post-UNRRA assistance to ensure the continued services of technical personnel in China and it was he who first sponsored the suggestion of an endowment fund for the Board.

I have heard from many sources that Mr. McMillen is getting on well in China and doing a good job. McMillen did an outstanding job with the Administration here and in the closing phases of his work he did in fact render particular service in China in pulling together the medical supply program which had quite frankly been one of our least effective operations until he took it over.

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I hope I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you again before I wind up my work here and shall in fact be glad to hear even after this. Harris can always reforward any mail you send. With my best wishes for the success of your work, I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

7 May 1948

Dear Frank:

Next Monday marks your last day of service with UNRRA, a significant one in the history of that great organization which sprang up so quickly to meet threatened catastrophe, accomplished its great humanitarian task, and then, almost as quickly, and with equal efficiency, dispersed. In all of this you played a distinguished part. Almost from the beginning you have been among that band of stalwarts, who, alternately pushing, and urging and steering, got us over the mountains of difficulties which at times seemed insuperable. Although it is characteristic of you to work quietly and with no thought of self, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You became known well and favorably among the thousands of people deployed all over the world who depended on you to make their work possible. Those of us who were privileged to work with you closely from day to day learned to trust and lean upon you heavily.

Elsewhere I have recorded officially my appraisal of your worth, where I hope it may serve as a lasting testimonial and tribute to your fine services. Here, I wish merely to bid you farewell and to extend to you my personal thanks for all you have done to make the success that we, as part of a vast team, have achieved. May you have equal success and all happiness in your new assignment. And may our paths meet again some day.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

Mr. Frank Weisl
Chief Executive Officer, UNRRA
Washington, D. C.

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7 May 1948

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*Misc 512*

Your cable 29 April not clear. Following summarizes our understanding situation:

1. You authorized by Laughlin letter 22 November ship crates numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, and 21 stored in Mr. Park's name to UHRA headquarters Washington care of Lambertson.
2. Our cables 8 January, 15 March, 26 April, enquired whether crates yet shipped.
3. If crates not (repeat not) yet shipped please hold since we trying to negotiate with Park so they can be inspected in Ethiopia.
4. Have such crates already been inspected? We did not so understand.
5. Please confirm collect ^{that} crates being held if not shipped, also whether already inspected.

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Director

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Lowell W. Rocks
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7 May 1948

Mr. Michail A. Sergeichic
Moscow
U. S. S. R.

Dear Mr. Sergeichic:

We were informed by Mr. J. I. Krasiuk, Council Member of UNRRA for the USSR, that you had located your UNRRA Service and Paybook and would forward it to the Administration.

Since it has not been received, would you please inform us if it is still in your possession or to whom it was mailed.

It is necessary that we have this Paybook to enable us to determine the amount due in final settlement of your account. If it is still in your possession, will you please forward it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl
Chief Executive Officer.

J.W. Conway:ss
7 May 1948



7 May 1948

The Commercial Attache
Embassy of the U. S. S. R.
1125 16th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a letter addressed to Mr. Michail A. Sergeichic, formerly Chief of the UNRRA Mission in Yugoslavia.

It would be appreciated if you would forward this letter to Mr. Sergeichic as I do not have his local address in the U. S. S. R.

Yours very truly,

Frank Weisl
Chief Executive Officer.

Attachment

J.W. Conway:ss
7 May 1948



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5 MAY 1948

Mr. L. I. Kaminsky
30 East 37th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kaminsky:

This is in reference to your letter of 28 April 1948 presenting certain claims which your Government considers that it has against this Administration by reason of asserted non-delivery or inadequate quality of supplies and equipment.

I am sure your Government appreciates that the Administration has bent every effort to fulfill programs to the maximum, with the best supplies obtainable under circumstances which were frequently difficult. In making these efforts, the Administration always had in the forefront of its mind the quasi-protocol nature of the Byelorussian program, and went as far as it possibly could in every respect to insure fulfillment and adequate supplies.

If it has developed that certain of the supplies do not meet your Government's standards, that circumstance is attributable to the inability of the Administration to do a perfect job in all respects. That circumstance is not, however, one which can give rise to claims which the Administration is in a position to accept.

I hope you and your Government will agree that the Administration has done as effective a job as was possible in the prevailing conditions, that it made maximum efforts to provide supplies to the letter of the program, and that no claims can reasonably be pursued or accepted, to the extent that such efforts may have been unsuccessful in some relatively small measure. Claims of this character are beyond the scope of those which the Administration is in a position to recognize in regard to receiving countries.

Sincerely yours,

Drafted: FChait/rbs

3 May 1948

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General



5 May 1948

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lowell
4708 Dalton Road
Chevy Chase
Washington, D. C.

Dear Helen and Bill:

I am writing this letter with the thought that you may wish to pass it on to Steve together with the enclosed War Department Circulars and application forms.

I have gone into the matter of securing a Reserve or National Guard Commission for Steve quite fully with friends of mine in the War Department and must say that as far as the Reserve is concerned, except the Military Intelligence Reserve, the prospects are not good. The difficulty is that the maximum age limit is twenty-eight years and although this could under law be waived, no exceptions have been made in recent years and would require the personal approval of the Director of Personnel of the Department of the Air Forces or the Director of Personnel of the Department of the Army, depending on whether Steve applied for the Air Forces or the Army. Although both of these two officers are friends of mine and I would be glad to intercede in Steve's behalf, I have little hope that it would accomplish anything unless there were very strong reasons for making exception in Steve's case.

I have mentioned the Military Intelligence Reserve. Here seems to me to be a very good possibility, as you will note from Paragraph 6, War Department Circular 208, copy enclosed, that here the age limit is much higher, in fact it is thirty-nine for second lieutenant and even higher for the higher grades. From what you told me of Steve's practical experience as a newspaper man and of his getting his Degree in journalism this summer, it appears to me that he possesses all requirements given in Para 14 of Circular 208. If Steve is interested in this field, and I must say it is one for which journalists have always seemed to me to have a particular bent, I suggest that he fill in the enclosed application form and personal history statement. If he prefers the Air Reserve to the Army Reserve, as from his past experience I should think he would, the application should then be submitted to the Air Force Headquarters in his area (I believe this would be the Eighth Air Force at Dallas, Texas, but he can find out about that.). If, on the other hand, he prefers the Army Reserve, the application and personal history statement should be mailed to the Army Area Headquarters for his area, which I believe is

located in San Antonio, Texas (again Steve can easily determine this). I have been wondering how I could personally be of assistance in this matter and must say it is a little difficult to see. Since I have not met Steve I would have to base my recommendation solely upon my acquaintance with you, his parents, and I do not believe that this would have much weight. If Steve decides to pursue this line and feels that such a letter from me would be helpful, I shall be only too glad to send him one. I should say that the application should not be submitted until after he has received his Degree this summer.

I have also gone into the matter of a National Guard Commission and this too seems to me to present possibilities provided there is a vacancy for a second lieutenant in his present unit or any other unit stationed at his location, viz, Albuquerque, New Mexico. My information is that if he wishes to apply for the National Guard, he should do it through his own unit headquarters unit in Albuquerque. The application would then have to be passed upon by the State Board and then be approved by the State Adjutant General, and finally be approved by the National Guard Bureau here. Again, if Steve thinks a letter from me would be helpful, I shall be glad to furnish him one on request. I don't believe there are any rigid age limits in the National Guard, but I am not certain of this.

It was a pleasure to see you both last week and I know that if I can be of any further assistance in this matter or any other, you will not hesitate to call upon me. Please remember me to Tess and to Darrell and Gwen when next you write to them.

Yours very sincerely,

Louise Wrynecks
Director General

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Gen Rook's file

5 May 1948

To: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.
From: Director General
Subject: E.R.O. Accounting
Reference: Your Memorandum 23 April 1948
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Thank you for your memorandum of 23 April in connection with the preparation of the accounts of the European Region Missions.

The Controller is now in London, and has been sent a copy for his information. I would be interested in seeing a similar report as of 1 June.

R.W.Ladlow:le

cc: Mr. Wayne
Mr. McIntosh

Clearance: Mr. Sverdlow



5 May 1948

Mr. James Hard
Acting Director of Personnel
Economic Cooperation Administration
Mariatice Building
600 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hard:

It has occurred to me that in the administration of the ECA's program you may require personnel who not only possess technical qualifications, but first-hand knowledge of the countries receiving aid.

If this is the case, you may wish to consider the special qualifications of Mr. Rene LeVaux. Mr. LeVaux's application has already been referred to the ECA, I understand; however, there is attached a biographical sketch on him for ready reference.

You may note that Mr. LeVaux has had very considerable business experience, at responsible levels, in many countries of Europe. He has held financial and accounting as well as managerial posts. Mr. LeVaux has a command of five European languages as well. As an incidental matter, it may be noted that he has also worked in South America, Africa and in China. His China experience was with this Administration. Mr. LeVaux's record with us was commendable, and fully warrants his being considered for an assignment where his particular background would be suitable.

Should you require additional information regarding Mr. LeVaux, you may be assured that this Administration will be happy to provide it.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Weeks
Director General

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5 MAY 1948

Dr. Willard Z. Park
2030 Gough Street
San Francisco 9, California

Dear Dr. Park:

This will acknowledge your letter of 20 April 1948 requesting reconsideration of the action taken by the Administration to terminate your services on the grounds of misconduct and unsatisfactory service.

Since, as indicated in my letter of 4 March 1948, we would consider the matter closed unless we heard further from you by registered letter postmarked no more than three days following receipt of my communication, any action taken at this date to change the character of your termination would be in the nature of a retroactive modification of the records of the Administration, indicating reversal of a decision which was based on a detailed and comprehensive inquiry. I regret to state that I am unable to authorize such action in your case.

Your letter has received careful and sympathetic consideration, and I have noted the facts presented in extenuation for what you have frankly conceded was a grievous mistake. I have authorized the inclusion of your communication in the confidential file concerning your case, so that the presentation of your version of the situation and of your record with the UNRRA Mission in Ethiopia may be regarded as a supplementary statement for the record. In doing so, however, I must make it clear that, with due allowance for the difficulties under which the Mission to Ethiopia operated, I most definitely do not agree that your activities, as the responsible head of the UNRRA Mission in Ethiopia, afford evidence of deep loyalty to the Administration or of effective accomplishment of your assigned functions.

You accepted the post of Chief of the UNRRA Mission in Ethiopia in full awareness of the special responsibilities which fell upon you as the representative of the pioneering organization in international relief and rehabilitation operations and as, in a sense, the symbol of the grateful assistance being rendered by the United Nations to a country which had suffered so deeply from war. Even if one accepted the validity of the mitigating circumstances which you cite, I do not think that they counter-balance or condone in any way the possible harm which such conduct by a man in your position may have rendered in Ethiopia to the reputation of UNRRA, and to international administration in general.

I appreciate the fact that you have voluntarily acknowledged your errors and have cooperated in closing out certain phases of the case, and I am sorry that the personal consequences to you must seem severe. Out of respect to my obligations as representative of the forty-eight member nations, however, and having regard to the treatment afforded under similar circumstances to members of the staff holding posts of lesser responsibility than yours, I cannot justify any alteration of the determinations made in your case.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



4 MAY 1948

Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent
Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa,
CANADA

My dear Mr. St. Laurent:

This is in acknowledgment of your telegram dated 29 April regarding Mr. William B. Haining, a Canadian national, who was injured while serving on a Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration vessel.

Mr. Haining was not an employee of this Administration. He was engaged for service with CNRRA Waterways Transport (CWT). UNRRA's obligation was limited to making payments to CWT personnel in currencies other than Chinese.

However, we were informed by Mr. Haining that he was injured, and as a consequence we communicated with CNRRA, through our China Office. On 22 August 1947, Dr. C. M. Li, Deputy Director General of CNRRA, informed our China Office as follows:

"Our records show that Mr. William B. Haining suffered no permanent injury as a result of the bombing of the 'Wan Shen'. He was dismissed from medical treatment exactly two months after the incident. His salary was paid during those two months and his medical expenses were taken care of.

"It was decided, however, to pay him the equivalent of 50% of his salary during his period of convalescence. This amounted to US\$316.67. A cheque for this amount was prepared by the (CNRRA) Bureau of Finance and transferred to C.W.T. for payment to Mr. Haining. In the meantime, Mr. Haining had returned to Canada and it has been impossible to send him this sum of money."

Col. R. B. Ennis of C.W.T. wrote to Mr. Haining at his Vancouver, B.C. address on 26 September 1947, and informed him that under the CNRRA Employees' Compensation Plan employees are granted compensation only in cases of injury which represents a permanent or partial disablement, or accidental death. However, he was further informed that CNRRA had decided to make the payment described above. On 28 October 1947, Mr. Haining wrote to this Administration, acknowledging receipt of Col. Ennis' letter, and asking that the promised payment of \$316.67 be made as soon as possible.

There was no indication in this letter of dissatisfaction with the settlement.

There was some delay in effecting the payment, occasioned by difficulties which CNRRA encountered in completing its payroll, but a payroll authorization was forwarded to UNRRA, to make payment in behalf of CNRRA, late in November 1947. On 9 December 1947 a cheque was dispatched to Mrs. William D. Haining at 976 Richards Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

I believe the information given above will answer most of your questions regarding Mr. Haining, but by way of summary, below are answers to the specific questions asked in your telegram:

- (1) Mr. Haining was not an UNRRA employee; he was an employee of C.W.T.
- (2) UNRRA does not consider Mr. Haining to have been in its employ at the time of his injury.
- (3) Had Mr. Haining sustained a permanent or partial disablement as a result of his accident, he would have been entitled to file a claim with CNRRA for consideration under the CNRRA Employees' Compensation Plan. However, information available seems to indicate that in CNRRA's opinion he is recovered from his injury and no further compensation above that given is due.

I hope that this letter provides the information you require. Should you have any further inquiry, we shall be happy to assist you by providing whatever information we are able to obtain.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General

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1 MAY 1948

Mr. A. I. Soldatov
Representative of the USSR on the
Central Committee of UNRRA Council
210 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Soldatov:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 26 April setting forth your proposals regarding the liquidation of UNRRA and to advise you that your letter is being issued as a Central Committee document. It will then be circulated to the members of the Committee and placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

WLM:rae/sv
30 April 1948

Lowell W. Rooks
Director General



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210 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

April 26, 1948

General L. W. Rocks
Director General
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In view of the liquidation of UNRRA I propose that further administrative contributions from member governments including those for the past period be discontinued.

The unused funds available to the Administration as well as other assets should be disposed of in the following manner:

1. Administrative expenses through the remaining period of UNRRA activities should be in accordance with the approved budget.
2. A portion of the unspent balance of the funds should be set aside to cover possible claims to UNRRA.
3. The balance of the residual funds should be transferred to the International Children's Fund.

All unused funds of the sum set aside for the settlement of possible claims should also be transferred to the International Children's Fund or be spent for similar purposes of relief.

I should greatly appreciate it if you would make my proposals on "the Liquidation of UNRRA" outlined in this letter known to all members of the Central Committee.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A.I. Soldatov

A. I. Soldatov
The Representative of the USSR
on the Central Committee of the
UNRRA Council.

cc: Personnel File
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Mr. James Hard
Acting Director of Personnel
Economic Cooperation Administration
Maiatico Building
Connecticut at H Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

3 MAY 1948

Dear Mr. Hard:

It is my understanding that the ECA program will include some activities in connection with rehabilitation of agricultural production facilities. It has occurred to me that as a consequence the ECA may require the services of persons with qualifications in the fields of agricultural economics and analysis of agricultural rehabilitation supply requirements.

If this is the case, I would like to recommend for your consideration Dr. Gerard A. Mahler, who has served this Administration as an Economic Analyst and as an Agricultural Rehabilitation Supply Consultant. The attached photostatic copy of a Federal Form 57, with supplements, indicates that his responsibilities included analyzing agricultural conditions in Europe and China and making supply requirements for rehabilitation of production facilities in various countries receiving UNRRA assistance. Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Mahler compiled for us a comprehensive study of the agricultural rehabilitation activities undertaken by UNRRA in Europe and Asia, and his consideration of basic economic problems in this study was noteworthy.

I should like to call particular attention to Dr. Mahler's considerable experience in various European countries and to his unusual language qualifications. It would seem that these would be particularly useful when combined with his technical abilities.

In all his duties, Dr. Mahler demonstrated unusual ability to analyze complex economic data and to make effective presentations regarding courses of action. He was a highly productive member of our staff and consistently exercised sound judgment. I may add that his personal relations with his colleagues and with other persons with whom he worked were excellent.

Should you require any additional information regarding Dr. Mahler or his activities with us or prior to joining UNRRA, I would be happy to secure it for you.

Very truly yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

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30 Apr. 1948

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Director General

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Mr. Chait
Mr. Long
Mr. Hill
Mr. Weisl

Washington

3 MAY 1948

Dear Dick:

Your "Sitrep #2" transmitted with your letter of 12 April 1948, under file DG:156/1/1, has been reviewed and our comments are noted below. In connection with the items covered in my letter #16116 dated 28 April, I have not thought it necessary to repeat the comments in this letter.

Settlements with U.K. Government Departments

Items 1, 2, and 3: Noted.

Final Statement of Sterling Requirements

Item 4: The Controller has this matter in hand.

Settlements with Governments other than U.K.

Item 5: Luxembourg. The Controller has been authorized to settle this matter with you during his stay in London, notifying us of the decision reached.

Reduction and Closure Plan for E.R.O.

Item 17: Noted.

1948 Administrative Estimates

Item 18: An Allotment Advice incorporating the revisions submitted in your cable #19711 (Allotment Order O-100-97 dated 14 April 1948) no doubt is already in your hands. It is a source of satisfaction that our preliminary thinking on this subject and your final firm estimates are in such substantial accord.

Personnel Remaining in the Field

Item 19: We have received your cable #19766 announcing the closure of the Trieste office as of 30 April 1948. With the departure of this last Port Officer I assume that all UNRRA personnel will be out of the Field so far as the European Regional Office is concerned.

Major General R.G. Lewis, C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C.
Personal Representative of the Director General
UNRRA European Regional Office
11 Portland Place
London W-1, England



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ERO Check Lists

Item 20: The copies requested by Headquarters are, I presume, already in transit.

Arrangements for Delivery of Supplies through 30 September and Cancellation Arrangements (Washington-London #25909)

Items 22 and 23: We would appreciate receiving copies of the subdivided "E" lists and other pertinent information relating to Items 22 and 23 so that we may have the most current information concerning disposal of these contracts.

Polish Trawler Deal

Item 24: A separate communication (cable Washington-London #26254) has been dispatched concerning the points raised with respect to the fishing vessels for Poland.

Attitude of HMG

Item 25: My letter #16116 dated 28 April and my cable to London (26248) have already confirmed the recommendation that the Office of the PRDG should be abolished as of 31 May, and that the Chief Closure Officer, European Region, should take over full responsibilities as of 1 June 1948.

Item 26: We have noted with decided satisfaction the complimentary statements of the representatives of HMG in the Treasury and the Foreign Office with respect to the manner in which the closure operation has been conducted. As I have noted at greater length elsewhere, you and your staff may be justly pleased with this sentiment.

Trans-shipment and Screening of Files

Item 29: Noted.

Item 30: You have already received our comments on this subject in my letter A-16083, as well as in the communication which I understand Mr. King sent you directly. We are hopeful that a minimum of activity, if any, in this connection will subsequently be necessary at Headquarters. The retention of the necessary staff at ERO has received my approval; I note that this will not amount to a great deal in terms of man-months.

All items have been noted and may occasion discussion upon receipt of later reports as required.

It need not be added that your report has been most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rocks
Director General

Drafter: ILFosner/HSB White
27-28 April 1948