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My dear Governor:

We have located the file copies of the two letters, one to the Secretary of State and the other to the Secretary of War, both dated 28 February 1946, referred to in your letter of 1 July 1948, on the subject of the closing down of the displaced persons camps on or about 1 July 1946. I am enclosing copies.

You will be glad to hear, I know, that things are going well in our closure plans for the Administration. Not only do I anticipate a clear certificate of the External Auditors to our final financial statement, but I think we shall be able to produce this final statement earlier than had originally been planned. Very rapid strides are now being made in settling all outstanding accounts and we have been able to produce a degree of documentation of our early operations far beyond what might reasonably have been expected under the circumstances then prevailing.

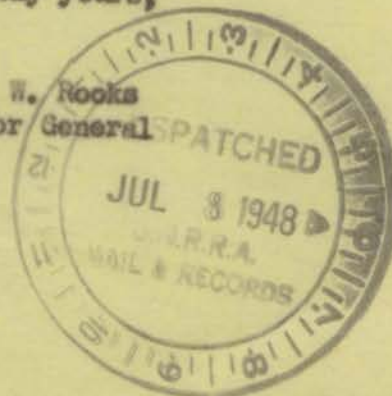
I keep in touch with Jacko occasionally and it would be a great pleasure to have a chat with you if ever you have a little time on one of your visits to Washington. You may not have heard that we have completely vacated the Dupont Circle Apartment Building and are now located in the LaSalle Building at 1034 Connecticut Avenue.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Major General Lowell W. Rooks,
Director General,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Adm'n.,
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Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Rooks:

Some time in the early part of 1946 I learned that our government intended to close down the displaced persons camps on or about July 1st, 1946. Immediately on hearing this I very vehemently protested both to Secretary of War, Robert Patterson and Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes.

I had a number of talks with them but I believe I also outlined my protest in writing.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would have some one go through the files, and if you find my memoranda to Patterson and or Byrnes, would you send me copies at your convenience.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman