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MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN
CONCERNING TIDAL WAVE IN EAST PAKISTAN

Following is the text of a cable sent on 14 November by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to General Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan, President of Pakistan, concerning the recent tidal wave which hit areas of East Pakistan:

I am deeply distressed to learn of the loss of life, suffering and extensive damage in Pakistan due to the recent tidal wave which hit areas of East Pakistan. I wish to express to your Excellency and through you to the people of Pakistan my sincere concern and sympathy. The United Nations and its family of organizations are ready to extend every possible assistance within their resources. I am instructing those concerned in the United Nations to discuss further with representatives of your Government the best ways in which we may assist. Highest consideration.

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JOINT APPEAL BY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EAST PAKISTAN

Following is the text of a joint appeal made by the President of the
twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Edvard Hambro, and the
Secretary-General, U Thant, regarding emergency assistance to victims of the
natural disaster in East Pakistan:

The whole world has been profoundly shocked to learn of the appalling
disaster that befell parts of East Pakistan a few days ago. The Secretary-
General has taken steps to ascertain from the Pakistan Government and the
representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and the United
Nations Children's Fund in the region the nature and extent of the most
immediate needs that the United Nations organizations could help to meet;
and he is appealing to all United Nations organizations to extend to the
stricken population all possible aid within their resources. These resources
are, however, very limited and it is hoped that additional contributions from
governmental, non-governmental and individual sources may be made available
either through the Secretary-General of the United Nations or directly to the
organizations concerned.

The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General have been
happy to learn of action taken or about to be taken by UNICEF, UNESCO and the F.
World Food Programme, as well as the world-wide appeal to national Red Cross
Societies issued by the International League of Red Cross Societies at the
weekend, for immediate assistance on behalf of the homeless. They now join in
appealing to all States Members of the United Nations and the specialized
agencies, as well as to non-governmental organizations and private individuals,
to provide through the appropriate channels all possible assistance in this
terrible emergency.

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The Pakistan Red Cross was not asking for more personnel at the moment but had expressed a need for blankets, textiles, multi-vitamins and certain medications. Large food supplies were available in Europe, including 1200 tons of dried soup from the Common Market. Food was also available locally and the United States was providing $10,000,000 in local currency for purchases. The League of Red Cross Societies was in close touch with the Resident Representative and his deputy in East Pakistan.

The World Council of Churches will be channelling church funds through the League.

The special League delegate in Pakistan has reported that "at present 13 teams with 95 volunteers working from existing stocks already distributed 5500 blankets, 17,000 saris, 14,000 lungees, three million multi-vitamin tablets, half million water purifying tablets, 1,000 cartons cereals, 400 bags of clothing and medicaments. Government responsible rescue evacuation and food. In addition already stated needs hurricane lamps and cooking utensils also needed. No medical or other teams requested as infrastructure disaster area completely destroyed and no possibility receive foreign personnel. PIA agrees airlift relief free. Swiss plane not needed for internal transports as no landing strips practicable. Helicopters only possible aircraft."

This information is being communicated by cable to all members of the United Nations family concerned with assistance to Pakistan. It will be passed to OPI tomorrow for release to the press.
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TO U THANT
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NEW YORK

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WORLD BANK ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH:

QUOTE THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT THIS EVENING TO THE PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN, MR YAHYA KHAN, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP, MR ROBERT S. MCNAMARA:

"THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE BANK AND IDA MET IN SPECIAL SESSION TODAY AND UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED MY PROPOSAL THAT THE WORLD BANK GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AREAS OF EAST PAKISTAN DEVASTATED BY THE RECENT CYCLONE. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY STAFF IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE FIELD TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES IMMEDIATELY TO THIS PROBLEM AND TOGETHER WITH EAST PAKISTAN OFFICIALS TO DRAW UP FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPECIAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO ENABLE BANK GROUP TO TAKE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S OWN EFFORTS."

THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, U THANT. MR. MCNAMARA ADDED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL: "WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO COORDINATE OUR ACTION WITH THOSE OF THE REST OF THE UN SYSTEM." UNQUOTE

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Mr. Martin Hill wishes that
This cable be shown to
The Secretary-General.

Date: 20-x1
CR, 13 (1139)
(SEE ATTACHED LIST)

RE PAKISTAN DISASTER FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FRIDAY PARAGRAPH UNDP PRO REPS REPRESENTATIVE DACCA WOLFF CABLED ASSESSMENT OF DISASTER AND PRESENT SITUATION STOP FIGURES DEAD YET UNDETERMINED BUT RELIABLE REPORTS STATE LIKELY AROUND THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND STOP THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED ESTIMATED AT TWO MILLION STOP DUE COMMUNICATIONS BREAKDOWN SOME PARTS OF DEVASTATED AREA CANNOT BE CONTACTED EVEN ON SEVENTH DAY AFTER CATASTROPHIC STOP TOTAL LOSS OF CROPS AND LIVESTOCK OVER ONE MILLION ACRES STOP SURVIVORS IN MOST CASES HAVE NO FOOD, WATER, CLOTHING STOP RELIEF OPERATIONS MARSHALLED UNDER GOVERNMENT EAST PAKISTAN BY ARMED FORCES AND PAKISTAN RED CROSS SUPPORTED BY THREE-MAN RED CROSS MISSION STOP DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES SUCH AS BLANKETS, CLOTHING, MEDICAMENTS ENORMOUSLY DIFFICULT DUE COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES AND LACK OF HELICOPTERS AND SPEEDBOATS WHICH ONLY MEANS REACH DEVASTATED AREA STOP RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL COORDINATION IN PAKISTAN OF FOREIGN AID VESTED IN ECONOMIC ADVISER TO PRESIDENT MR. AHMED STOP MEETING ON FOREIGN AID COORDINATION PLANNED FOR NEAR FUTURE IN ISLAMABAD PARAGRAPH WOLFF COMMENTED PRESENT UNATIONS ACTION AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS QUOTE UNDP FAO PAK22 FISHING VESSELS PARTICIPATED FROM THE BEGINNING IN RELIEF OPERATIONS AND IS OF GREATEST ASSISTANCE UNICEF HAS PUT ITS TRANSPORT FLEET AT DISPOSAL RELIEF COMMISSIONER AND AUTHORIZED USE TUBEWELL MATERIAL DRINKING WATER PARAGRAPH WE HOLD VIEW THAT UN FAMILY IS NOT SUITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST PHASE EMERGENCY RELIEF
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Martin Hill
Assistant Secretary-General
for Inter-Agency Affairs
List of addresses for the cable on Pakistan
20 November 1970

FLETCHER
FOR GENEVA-BASED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
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PAKISTAN
No. 3690

23 November 1970

Dear Sir,

With reference to the joint appeal of 16 November which you made with the President of the General Assembly H.E. Ambassador Edvard Hambro urging all member countries of the United Nations to provide all possible assistance to the victims of the recent tidal wave disaster in Pakistan, I have the honour to inform you that the Greek Government has decided, as a first step, to send to Pakistan, as quickly as possible, 1000 blankets and 500 kilos of medicaments and other pharmaceutical material.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dimitri S. Bitsios
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations

His Excellency U Thant
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY AND CONCERN ON THE DISASTER CAUSED IN EAST PAKISTAN BY THE TIDAL WAVE (.). ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN PARTICULARLY ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AFFECTED AREAS I EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALL ITS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR INTEREST AND FOR THE ASSISTANCE THAT HAS BEEN PROMISED AND RECEIVED SO FAR.

GENERAL AGHA MUHAMMAD YAHYA KHAN PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

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[Signature]
Pakistan's Dying Children

To the Editor:

"Cyclone May Be the Worst Disaster of the Century," reads the headline of a Nov. 21 news article.

Once again world resources are being mobilized. Again UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, is rushing aid to this natural disaster's most vulnerable victims—the children.

UNICEF is in a unique position to bring aid. It has had long experience in purchasing and shipping vital drugs, foods, blankets, medical supplies, transport and other equipment. Its assistance is closely coordinated with other United Nations and voluntary agencies, such as the Red Cross.

To the many thousands of the fund's supporters in this country the challenge is real and immediate. All contributions sent to UNICEF, New York, from the smallest to the largest, and designated for the Pakistan Emergency, will be put to work immediately for relief to the cyclone victims. Every hour's delay has the gravest implications for the millions exposed to starvation and disease.

ELIZABETH PANTALEONI
President, U.S. Committee for UNICEF
United Nations, N.Y., Nov. 22, 1970
Pakistan Storm Relief a Vast Problem

By RICHARD HALLAMON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—A Japanese newspaper has listed the names of 175,000 people who have died in the storm that ravaged eastern Pakistan during the month of Nov. 12-15.

When the fire reached the town of more than 25,000 people, the Government request for the assistance of the American Red Cross was denied. The Government said that it could not handle the situation alone. The United States, with the exception of the United States, has no plans to send any assistance to Pakistan. The United Nations has offered to send a team of experts to assess the situation. The United States has furnished 10 helicopters, as has Britain. A total of 38 are operational. About 70 boats have been provided by the United States and about 70 from Britain for distribution of supplies.

The action of governments and international organizations to the disaster has been slow. Official American help to the East Pakistan itself did not start until 48 hours after the disaster because of the lack of information and the slow reaction of the Pakistan Government. Mr. Tipp, the U.S. official in the disaster relief machinery, was notified until the last in the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 15.

He was in his office until midnight that night and on Sunday he alerted officials in the State Department, State, Defense, and Health, Education and Welfare and in accord with a plan. He also notified voluntary agencies that a dispatcher of mass-dimension appeared to have occurred.

In Pakistan, the United States Ambassador Joseph S. Patil said that the Government has promised some $2.5 million for relief.

In Italy and Switzerland, however, the majority of people are not interested in the first survey. The second survey, of course, is more thorough. Where-100,000 and others are taking place all the time. The third survey, of course, is more thorough. Where-200,000 and others are taking place all the time.

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World Bank Offers Plan to Reconstruct East Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—Officials of the World Bank, estimated today that it would cost $185-million to reconstruct the area of East Pakistan that was devastated by a cyclonic and tidal wave on Nov. 12 and 13.

The officials said the bank had drawn up a comprehensive plan for reconstruction that has been accepted by the Government of Pakistan as a blueprint for restoring the economy of the wrecked region.

The bank's figure was believed to be the first that has been set on reconstruction, as opposed to relief, for recovery from the storm, which killed at least 176,000 people and perhaps as many as 500,000. About 2.5 million people are homeless and hungry.

The $185-million for reconstruction is a comparatively small amount, since East Pakistan is a primitive area in which per capita income is only about $60 annually. The amount compares roughly with what Americans spend for seeds, flowers, and potted plants every seven weeks.

Many Facilities Included

The bank's proposal included plans for restoring homes, water supplies, farms, livestock, fishing and transport boats, roads and embankments for flood control to their condition before the storm.

It also included plans for shelters, protected water supplies, emergency food provisions, jellies and an improved warning system to lessen loss of life in future storms.

The reconstruction plan was intended to dovetail with the current three-year, $1.6-billion flood control and economic development program financed by a consortium that comprises the bank and 11 nations, including the United States.

The project puts the bank, formally known as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, back into the reconstruction business for the first time since the post-World War II period. The bank contributed to reconstruction in Biafra after the Nigerian civil war and in Peru after the earthquake last summer, but not on the scale envisioned in East Pakistan.

The bank's president, Robert S. McNamara, has been enthusiastic about broadening the bank's activities.

To Solicit Financing

The officials said that the bank would take a central role in helping Pakistan solicit financing for the project and would decide within a few days how much it would put up itself. Advanced nations will be asked to contribute the rest.

The Pakistani Government will manage the reconstruction, with advice from the bank's experts.

Meanwhile, relief efforts have moved forward. A total of $28.9 million has been allocated by 41 nations, international organizations and private groups for relief in East Pakistan.

George M. Elsey, president of the American Red Cross, announced today that three more Red Cross specialists in disaster relief, two from the United States and one from Japan, would join the Red Cross representative already in East Pakistan.

The World Bank officials said today that the speed with which they were able to move was primarily good luck. There were more than 30 bank representatives in East Pakistan inspecting or working on the development program when the storm struck.

One representative from Washington, Pat Dugan, was in the region the day before the cyclone struck and spent the night with 150 Pakistani refugees in a two-story concrete building while winds reached 80 miles an hour and water rose 18 feet.

widespread criticism that official Japanese aid to East Pakistani cyclone victims has been niggardly, the Japanese Cabinet yesterday approved a contribution of $1.5-million in addition to its original gift of $150,000.

The increase, Government sources reported, was approved partly in response to criticism from within the Government that the aid was partly because of publicity given to private contributions from Japan.

A 70-year-old carpenter, Takefji Tachibana, gave his estimate of $25,000. A 58-year-old manufacturer of pajama- lene pants, Kozaburo Tezuka, gave $25,000.


Special to The New York Times

One-third crop loss

Bay of Bengal


Relief Plane Crash Kills 4

Special to The New York Times

DACCA, Pakistan, Dec. 2—A four-engine turboprop plane chartered by the Belgian Red Cross in Luxembourg for a relief flight crashed this afternoon just before landing at the airport, killing all four islander crewmen aboard.

The plane, a Canadian CL-44, lost contact with the control tower minutes before landing, crashed in flames five miles east of the airport. The cause of the crash is not immediately known.

Official figures show that 106,600 tents, nearly 2,000 packages of clothes, 1,400 bags of powdered milk and about 3,300 tons of rice have been received from foreign donors. In addition, the United States has contributed 25 small boats, 725,000 pounds of high protein biscuits and 450 pounds of life saving kits.

The Pakistani Government has allocated about $10-million for the purchase of wheat, rice and clothing. About 10 per cent has already been distributed, officials say.

The Government says that the relief effort has reached into every one of the 199 unions or clusters of villages, in the affected area of 3.3 million people.

Tokyo Increases Aid

Special to The New York Times

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 2—Tokyo By

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**Date:**

9 December 1970

**From:**

Martin Hill

**CR. 13 (11-69)**
Sir,

I refer to your letter of 23 November 1970 Reference No. 5245 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Italian Government's decision to provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in aid to the people of East Pakistan who have suffered in consequence of the recent disaster.

The President of the General Assembly and I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Italy for its generous gesture.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

U Thant

His Excellency
Mr. Piero Vinci
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Italy
to the United Nations
809 United Plaza, 3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10017
Sir,

I refer to your letter of 23 November 1970 Reference No. 3690 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Greek Government's decision to provide blankets, medicaments and other supplies in aid to the people of East Pakistan.

The President of the General Assembly and I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Greece for its generous response to our appeal for assistance to Pakistan.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

His Excellency
Mr. Dimitri S. Bitsios
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations
69 East 79th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
Sir,

I refer to your letter of 18 November 1970 Reference No. 4797-A/70 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Austrian Government's decision to make available through United Nations channels $US 10,000 for emergency relief to Pakistan.

The President of the General Assembly and I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Austria for its generous gesture.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

U Thant

His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Austria
to the United Nations
14 East 68th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
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Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Austria
to the United Nations
14 East 68th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
Sir,

I refer to your letter of 23 November 1970 Reference No. 3690 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Greek Government's decision to provide blankets, medicaments and other supplies in aid to the people of East Pakistan.

The President of the General Assembly and I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Greece for its generous response to our appeal for assistance to Pakistan.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

U Thant

His Excellency
Mr. Dimitri S. Bitsios
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations
69 East 79th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
Sir,

I refer to your letter of 23 November 1970 Reference No. 5245 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Italian Government's decision to provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in aid to the people of East Pakistan who have suffered in consequence of the recent disaster.

The President of the General Assembly and I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Italy for its generous gesture.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

U Thant

His Excellency
Mr. Piero Vinci
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Italy
to the United Nations
809 United Plaza, 3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10017
7 December 1970

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 23 November 1970 Reference No. NY(PM)124(4)/70 by which you were good enough to inform me of the Indian Government's decision to contribute Rs 10 million worth of relief supplies in aid to the people of East Pakistan.

I should like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of India for its generous gesture in response to the resolution recently adopted by the General Assembly.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

His Excellency
Mr. Samar Sen
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations
3 East 64th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of his note Reference SC/70/334 of 1 December 1970 enclosing a statement of the Government of Japan concerning aid made available to the Government of Pakistan in connexion with the recent calamity.

The Secretary-General wishes to express his sincere gratitude to the Japanese Government for its most generous gesture and avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

7 December 1970
The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of his note dated 30 November 1970 by which he informed the Secretary-General of his Government's decision to make available the sum of $US 5,000 as a contribution towards relief activities in East Pakistan.

The Secretary-General wishes to express his sincere gratitude to the Government of Fiji for its generous gesture in response to the appeal embodied in the resolution recently adopted by the General Assembly, and avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

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Date: CR.13 (11/64)

cc: Mrs. Mira
Le 9 décembre 1970

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre n° S.4609 D.652 du 20 novembre 1970, par laquelle vous avez bien voulu m'informer des mesures prises par le Gouvernement belge et les organisations humanitaires belges afin de mettre des équipes d'assistance médicale ainsi que du matériel sanitaire à la disposition des victimes des récents événements du Pakistan.

Le Président de l'Assemblée générale et moi-même désirons exprimer au Gouvernement belge toute notre gratitude pour son geste généreux.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Le Secrétaire général

U Thant

Son Excellence
Monsieur Édouard Longerstaey
Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire
Représentant permanent de la Belgique auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
809 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017
Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre N° 370.1 du 23 novembre 1970, par laquelle vous avez bien voulu m'informer des mesures prises par la Confédération suisse afin de porter secours au Pakistan.

Le Président de l'Assemblée générale et moi-même désirons exprimer à la Confédération suisse toute notre gratitude pour son geste généreux.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Le Secrétaire général

Son Excellence
Monsieur Bernard Turrettini
Observateur permanent de la Suisse
au près de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
757 Third Avenue, Room 2120
New York, N.Y. 10017
TO: The Secretary-General

FROM: Ismat T. Kittani

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Permanent Representatives at 4.30 this afternoon

DATE: 8 January 1971

1. Although some Permanent Representatives are not attending in person but are sending members of their Missions, we have addressed copies of the aide memoire to the Ambassadors themselves.

2. After you open the meeting we might hand the envelopes to each representative. You might then draw attention to its contents and you might like to stress the last paragraph.

3. After the aide memoire was typed we were informed that the United Kingdom Government has decided to make an additional contribution of half a million sterling for the purchase of food grain. You might ask the UK representative whether he can confirm this. Other Permanent Representatives may wish to take the floor for the purpose of giving their reaction to the aide memoire and any supplementary information on their response to the appeal.
Aide Memoire

Having received reports of the disastrous cyclone and floods in East Pakistan, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General issued a joint appeal on 16 November 1970 for emergency assistance. The full impact of the disaster and its wider implications became apparent only subsequently and on 29 December the Secretary-General issued an appeal to Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations for further assistance to East Pakistan to help meet the continuing needs which far exceed the resources available locally.

As stated in the appeal, the Government of Pakistan estimated that some 600,000 tons of foodgrain have been lost and, due to salinization, farmlands in the flooded area will not be fit for cultivation before the monsoons in June-July. Until the crops then planted can be harvested, nearly three million people will require food. For this purpose some 500,000 tons of rice and wheat are needed.

136,000 tons had already been pledged to the Pakistan Government before the second appeal. (According to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan the contributions were as follows: Wheat: USA-50,000 tons; E.E.C.-35,000 tons; World Food Programme-20,000 tons; Australia-5,000 tons. Rice: Japan-10,000 tons; France-10,000 tons; People's Republic of China-5,000 tons; Federal Republic of Germany-540 tons; Burma-500 tons; Thailand-300 tons; Singapore-100 tons; Iran-15 tons.)

Following the Secretary-General's appeal, the United States Government has announced a further contribution of 150,000 tons. However, a shortfall still remains of about 210,000 tons rice and wheat. It is the Secretary-General's earnest hope that those Governments with the resources at their disposal, whether in foodgrain or the means to secure this, will explore ways and methods to assist the Government of Pakistan in meeting the overwhelming need.

8 January 1971
APPEAL BY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO EAST PAKISTAN

The international community was profoundly shocked in November to learn of the appalling disaster in East Pakistan. At that time, the President of the General Assembly and I appealed jointly* to Governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals, as well as organizations within the United Nations system, to contribute all possible aid from the resources at their disposal. The response was very encouraging and the emergency phase of the relief operation is drawing to a close. I am sure I reflect the sentiments of the Government and people of Pakistan in expressing my own gratitude for this manifestation of international solidarity.

The full magnitude, however, of the catastrophe and its wider implications are only now becoming clear. I am advised by the Government of Pakistan, through its Permanent Representative, that, due to the destruction of grain stocks and the salinization of farmland during the flood, nearly three million inhabitants of the disaster area will need food for more than a year. It is estimated that 500,000 tons of food grains (especially rice) are required. A total of 130,000 tons have already been pledged, leaving a shortfall of about 370,000 tons. In the light of this critical situation, I wish to express my deep concern and address a special appeal to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to help meet the need to provide food for the victims of this unprecedented disaster.

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TEXT OF NOTE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM HOLY SEE
ON DISASTER AID TO PAKISTAN

Following is the text of a note dated 22 December to the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations concerning disaster aid to Pakistan:

The Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honour to inform him, with reference to the recent United Nations Appeal on Disaster Aid to Pakistan, that the Holy See has made a contribution of $US200,000.

This sum has been presented by His Holiness Pope Paul VI during his recent visit to Dacca to the President of Pakistan, one hundred thousand dollars, and to a Representative of the Catholic Community of that Republic one hundred thousand dollars.

The Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.

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7 January 1971

TEXT OF NOTE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM DENMARK
ON DISASTER AID TO PAKISTAN

Following is the text of a note dated 11 December 1970 to the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations concerning disaster aid to Pakistan:

The Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following with reference to A/RES/2643 (XXV) of November 27, 1970 "Assistance to Pakistan in connection with the cyclone and tidal bore of November 1970":

In addition to sums already donated by the Danish Red Cross and the Relief Service of the National Church of Denmark a further donation of Danish kroner 400,000 has been given by the Danish Government as aid to the relief work in East Pakistan. Of this sum Danish kroner 250,000 will be channelled through the Danish Red Cross to the International Red Cross and Danish kroner 150,000 through the Relief Service of the National Church of Denmark for its work in East Pakistan.

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Pakistan's Relief Role

To the Editor:

The Dec. 30 and Jan. 3 dispatches by Sydney H. Schanberg on the areas in East Pakistan affected by the cyclone that struck on Nov. 12 almost completely ignore Pakistan's own contribution to the relief operations. A proper assessment of Pakistan's effort would have to take into account the unparalleled magnitude of the disaster, the abysmal nature of the official communications, and the consequent impossibility of maintaining communications after major cyclones; and the country's limited resources.

Most foreign correspondents who originally sent reports from Dacca about the Government's ineffectiveness and neglect, and about raging epidemics, admitted in later dispatches that their original assessments of Pakistan's relief effort were not entirely correct.

This is confirmed also by Maurice J. Williams, chairman, United States Government Committee for East Pakistan Relief, who said in a letter published Jan. 6 by The Washington Post that during his visit to East Pakistan in late November he found "no evidence to support gross allegations of inefficiency on the part of the Government." and continued that Western reporters "were probably misled by the best of the hard-bitten Pakistani election.

Some facts relating to the relief measures undertaken by the Pakistani authorities are:

-Imperial helicopters first started air-dropping supplies nine days after the cyclone struck. During the first nine days civil and military authorities provided emergency relief to hundreds of thousands of victims. Had Pakistani authorities not been able to provide this relief, life would have been lost due to starvation or any outbreak of epidemics.

-Money and relief materials distributed by the Government of East Pakistan in the affected areas during the first nine days of the disaster totaled nearly $20 million.

-48 hours after the cyclone struck, Pakistan naval boats were already at work carrying relief supplies of about four tons each, and by Nov. 28, 7,000 tons had been carried by boats.

-Pakistan's Air Force carried out, immediately after the disaster, a fifty-hour photographic reconnaissance of the affected area to guide all other aircraft in the dropping of relief supplies.

-Pakistan Army engineers operated in areas cut off by the cyclone, repairing roads, and roads, while the initial stages either enemy men carried relief supplies on their backs to deliver them to survivors in isolated areas.

-Pakistani authorities, within the first week, opened 250 relief centers, on average of one to every twelve square miles of the affected area.

-Pakistan's Government and the press have shown their appreciation of the magnificent manner in which the international community aided relief to the victims of the disaster. The earlier adverse impression of Pakistan's administrative machinery created by some foreign press correspondents was later attributed to the unavoidable breakdown of communications. I hope that this letter will serve to put an end to any evidence about the role of the United States.

Ambassador of Pakistan at the United States

H. R. S. Shah