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CONFIDENTIAL LEWIS FROM ROCKS

1. Reurlet DG 156/1 dated 15 April paragraph 17, on basis your recommendations I agree with 31 May date. Paragraph 7 mylet A-16066 dated 21 April should be read accordingly.
2. Detailed reply yourlet follows.

Irving L. Fosner

Director

Personnel & Management

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Lowell W. Rocks  
Director General

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23 April 1948

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dick:

It is with much distaste that I draw your attention to London to Washington Cable No. 19755. I trust that Burnett has paid the cost of this cable. Please assure yourself that this is the case as I am much worried at what might come from his failure to do so.

I had your long and welcome letter, File D.G. 156 LX, dated 15 April, yesterday and will reply to it in detail shortly. In the meantime I should tell you that your proposed termination date of 31 May is quite satisfactory. These are evil days with all the old stalwarts leaving, but it has to be.

Very truly yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

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



23 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Division of Personnel and Management

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Closure of Office of UNRRA Rept. in Greece - W. C. Wild;  
Closure of Office of UNRRA Rept. in Austria - M. V. Beraud.

Attached for your consideration and study are two letters from General Lewis, dated 15 April 1948, attaching the final Reports, under E. R. Order No. 88, of the above-mentioned Offices.

Will you please review these Reports as quickly as possible and advise this office as to whether in your opinion it will be necessary for a meeting of the Review Committee to be held to consider these Reports, or if it would suffice to enter into the record of the Committee that they have been considered and approved after they have been circulated to the Office of the Controller and the General Counsel.

Attachments 2



22 April 1948

Mr. Thomas C. Blaisdell  
Director, Office of International Trade  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blaisdell:

I am informed by Mr. George J. Gould, one of my former valued employees in UNRRA, that he is seeking employment in your Office as Chief of the Investigations of Compliance Unit.

I recommend Mr. Gould for this position without qualification, not only because of his excellent general qualifications but because from the description I have had the position is in line with his previous experience. For your information I have known Mr. Gould intimately for the past two and one-half years during which time I have had opportunity to observe his work closely. Without exception it has been eminently satisfactory. In addition, his character has been without blemish so far as I could observe and his personality has enabled him to work well with the other employees of the Organization.

While I am informed that Mr. Gould has submitted an application in proper form, I enclose for your convenience a brief biographical sketch which I have had compiled from the record of his service here.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

Enclosure-1

cc: Personnel



22 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. M. B. T. Davies  
Council's Auditors

FROM: The Director General

SUBJECT: Draft Report to the Audit Subcommittee,  
Hong Kong Office, dated 15 April 1948

1. Returned herewith is the draft of your proposed final report to the Audit Subcommittee on the Hong Kong operation, which you were good enough to refer to me for comment. I thank you very much for your courtesy in affording me that opportunity.

2. While I believe there is the possibility that the recipients of the report under reference might from the wording of it get the impression that corrective action by the Administration resulted from the earlier reports of the Council's Auditors to the Audit Subcommittee, and their action resulting from such reports, which impression from all information available to me I do not believe to be correct, I offer no objection to it except in respect of Para 5 where I suggest it would be more correct if in the first line you were to delete the word, "disclosed", and substitute the words, "reported his suspicions".

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



*Kenny*

22 April 1948

Miss Andrea Magnus  
605 West 112th Street  
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Miss Magnus:

Since our conversation of Tuesday last I have learned that applications for appointment in the Economic Cooperation Administration are steadily going forward under direction of Mr. Samuel S. Board, Malatico Building, Connecticut and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is my understanding that he is still acting on loan from the State Department. I suggest that you might wish to fill in the enclosed application blank and return it to me. I will then send it with a covering letter to Mr. Board. Then, later, if it is convenient to you, I would suggest that you call on Mr. Board, or one of his assistants, and make a personal interview of it.

It was a pleasure to see you on your recent call at my office.

Very sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

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cc: Personnel



21 April 1948

Miss Sylvia Balbi  
International Institute of Alameda County  
121 East Eleventh Street  
Oakland 6, California

Dear Miss Balbi:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
8 April with regard to medical relief to Italy.

This Administration is presently in a state of  
liquidation, and we have therefore referred your  
letter to the World Health Organization, Interim  
Commission, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., for  
attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



21 April 1948

av  
Mr. F. Hlavic  
184 East 87th Street  
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hlavic:

I have received your letter of 30 March, and am happy to inform you that I am mailing you separately the following list of U. S. Department of Agriculture publications:

Published Information on Agriculture in Foreign  
Countries  
Check List of Publications issued during February 1948  
Fats and Oils in World War II  
Acquisition and Use of Land for Military and War Production  
Purposes  
Soil Conservation During World War II  
Veterans' Preference for New Farm Machinery and Equipment  
Farm Machinery and Equipment  
The Agricultural Situation - Vol. 31, No. 6; Vol. 32, No. 2  
The Demand and Price Situation  
Agricultural Prices  
The Marketing and Transportation Situation  
The National Food Situation  
Crop Production  
Sugar During World War II

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



20 April 1948

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Mr. Howell  
Controller

FROM: Director General

SUBJECT: Administration's Accounts - Loss Accounting.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum addressed to me under date of 16 April 1948, subject: Minutes of Audit Subcommittee Meeting, and to your memorandum to Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths and Company dated 19 April 1948, subject: Administration's Accounts - Loss Accounting.
2. While preparing to take the action recommended in the first of the references of Paragraph 1, above, I received a copy of the second reference of Paragraph 1 above, in view of which any action by me at this stage would appear to be redundant. You may recommend action later on my part depending upon the action coming out of the second reference of Paragraph 1 above.
3. For your information I am enclosing a copy of the confidential report of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths and Company to the Audit Subcommittee referred to in the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Subcommittee of 17 March 1948. As this is the only copy available in Headquarters, please return it to me personally after you have had an opportunity of studying it.

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



MEMORANDUM

20 April 1948

TO: Chief, Reports Section

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Draft Message of the Director General

I assume that you are clearing the draft of the Message of the Director General with the offices concerned: The Division of Residual Supply Activities, General Counsel, Controller, Office of Far Eastern Affairs, Division of Personnel.

Page 2: - I wonder whether in your statement "With the advice and consent of the Committee of the Council for the Far East, I have made arrangements...." the Central Committee resolution should not be brought in and mentioned. The same applies to the last sentence on the same page: "Upon consummation of the necessary arrangements, I was authorized (by Central Committee)....."

Page 3: - Paragraph 1, dealing with money transfers to successor agencies: - I would suggest that you eliminate as irrelevant the part of the last sentence which reads ..... "and with the understanding that this payment would be subject to offset of whatever outstanding claims the Administration has against PCIRO;"...

Page 4: - The part dealing with arrangements made with regard to accounting operations should especially be cleared with the Controller's Office, - and the following paragraph with the Chief Historian.

Attachment



19 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Controller

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

The Director General has seen the attached draft report to the Audit Subcommittee on the Hongkong Office by the External Auditors, and wishes to receive your comments if you have any.

Will you please advise me not later than Thursday morning whether you wish the paper to be discussed in a meeting where amendments could be suggested.

Attachment



21 April 1948

World Health Organization  
Interim Commission  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter from Miss Sylvia Balbi,  
concerning medical supplies for Italy, is forwarded  
for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure 1



MEMORANDUM

16 April 1948

TO: Director, Division of Personnel and Management

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Distribution of The Story of UNRRA

1. Some 150 form letters to dispatch The Story of UNRRA have been brought into my office for my signature. A very perfunctory glance at them is far from reassuring, at least to me. Some of the letters are addressed: "My dear Gentlemen". I have never seen such a form of address used.
2. In my approximation, one-half of the letters addressed to members of embassies and legations of member countries are being sent to people who have left this country a long time ago. If there is somebody left with some brain, in some outfit, will you please assign him to check the diplomatic list against our medieval collection of addresses. Will you also please explain why after we have sent a sufficient number of copies to embassies and legations of our member countries, we now bother individual members of the embassies with a repeated invitation to ask for more copies.
3. Will you also explain why, for instance, a pamphlet is being sent to Mr. Donald S. Gilpatric in Washington, when, as everybody in this Organization knows, or should know, he is in China where until recently he functioned as a member of the Committee of the Council for the Far East.
4. I will quote you a few more of the brilliancies as far as the addresses are concerned:

Dr. Kukanja, addressed care of the Yugoslav Embassy, has left six months ago for London, having been appointed Liaison Officer with ERO - a well-known fact to those who have a little bit of interest in UNRRA.

The Czechoslovak Economic Service was dissolved one year ago. Dr. Brumlik has left the Economic Service one and one-half years ago.



Mr. Aglion left the French Embassy here more than two years ago and until last year negotiated with many of us for the United Nations.

Mr. Wengraf, a member of our Audit Subcommittee, currently receives a flow of UNRRA official papers at his New York address.

Mr. McDougall has for three years been a Counsellor and a third ranking official of F.A.O.

5. You have informed me and I have read in your cables that you are sending 12,000 copies of The Story of UNRRA to ERO for distribution in England. Then why are we now addressing individuals in UK Governmental service?
6. There have been quite a few stories in the Washington and U.S. press that Dr. Parran has left the U. S. Public Health Service.
7. You were expressly ordered not to send any copies of The Story of UNRRA to United States Senators and Congressmen. Why, then, one to Mr. Borda?
8. Why do we send copies of this pamphlet to individuals in the United Nations Secretariat after we have sent quite a number of copies to them and they are attending to their own distribution?

This is the most disgraceful operation in many weeks and a waste of time and effort for many which I deeply resent. I will not sign any more of these letters until they are cleared by some responsible person whom you are to appoint to attend to the distribution of The Story of UNRRA, - not only with his hands, but also with his brain.



16th April 1948

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration  
European Regional Office  
11 Portland Place  
London W. 1  
England

Attention: Miss Barbara Hutchinson  
Acting Secretary  
Committee of Council for Europe

Referring to your letter of 1st April, in which you informed us that the Committee of Council for Europe, at its 38th meeting held 23rd March, had resolved to dissolve itself, and requesting that we arrange for the Central Committee to be so informed, I quote below an extract from the verbatim minutes of the meeting of the Central Committee held 8th April:

"Chairman: (Director General)

I have received from London a cable, No. 19650, dated March 23, Para. 5... a resolution dissolving the Committee of the Council for Europe -- proposed by the Belgian Member and seconded by the Greek Member and passed unanimously by all members present. I wish to bring that to your attention. Some time ago I believe this Committee authorized the CCE and the CCFE to decide for themselves when they should dissolve, and we are now informed that they have done that."

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



16th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Irving L. Posner, Director  
Division of Personnel & Management

Attention: Mr. Ray Mork  
Placement Officer

From: Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

This is with reference to Mr. Mork's request for an evaluation of Mr. Eric Teesdale.

He was the Finance Officer of the Temporary UNRRA Delegation to Poland, of which I was the Assistant Chief, and I supervised his activities for several months here at Headquarters, prior to our departure, and then from the time of our arrival in Poland in July 1945 until my departure for Headquarters in November 1945.

Mr. Teesdale did a very good job in his capacity as Finance Officer of the Temporary UNRRA Delegation to Poland, under extremely difficult circumstances, without regard for the time and strenuous efforts which the assignment required.

In addition to his duties as Finance Officer, he also had to take care of all administrative services, including establishment of communications and arranging for means of transportation for the Delegation.

I feel that he should be recommended by this Administration.



16 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Reports Section  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: Distribution of D.G.R. - 14

As stated to you several times, I do not see any reason why we should have more of the D.G.R.'s -14 than we had of the D.G.R.'s-13.

It is felt here, generally, that we have made enough post-mortem propaganda for ourselves.

Copy to Mr. Posner



16 April 1948

Maj. Gen. W. A. Wood, Jr.  
U. S. Army, Ret'd.  
Chief, U. S. Office  
Preparatory Commission for  
International Refugee Organization  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Wood:

With reference to our telephone conversation of several days ago, I am enclosing for your information a letter despatched today by the Director General of this Administration to Mr. W. Hallam Tuck, advising him of the decision of the Central Committee to transfer to PCIRO \$2,000,000 of UNRRA residual assets.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure 1



16 April 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

Maj. Gen. 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 General Lewis:

With reference to ERO's cable to PCIRO Geneva 183, repeated Washington 19732, I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter dispatched today by the Director General to Mr. W. Hallam Tuck, Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission for International Refugee Organization, advising him of the decision of the Central Committee to transfer to PCIRO \$2,000,000 of UNRRA residual assets, as well as of the intention of the Administration to set off against this grant the amount of indebtedness owed to it by PCIRO.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure 1



15th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Irving L. Posner, Director  
Division of Personnel & Management

From: Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Abolishment of the Office of the Chief  
Executive Officer.

1. The Director General has agreed to abolish the office of the Chief Executive Officer as of 9th May 1948.
2. Will you please draft, and submit for clearance, an announcement to the staff and to the European Regional Office.
3. I expect that you will discuss with me the reassignment of responsibility resting with the Office of the Chief Executive Officer and/or the withdrawal of the delegation of authority, etc.
4. The personnel actions to be taken as a result of the Director General's decision are as follows:
  - a. Mr. Frank Weisl to be declared redundant as of 9th May 1948;
  - b. To discuss with me the reassignment of Miss Esther Ober, remaining from the Reports Section (NTE 15th June 1948), to some other office of the Administration for the duration of her stay;
  - c. Miss Maria Knech will remain until 31st May, in order to attend to residual administrative matters of the office, and will be assigned, for the period between 10th and 31st May, to the office of the Director General;
  - d. Miss Agnes Olive is also to be assigned to the office of the Director General, she having been carried on the staffing of the Chief Executive Officer's office.
  - e. Mrs. Rucelle Powell to be reassigned to the pool;
  - f. Mr. Leslie Harrison to be declared redundant as of 15 May 1948.



15 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: General Counsel  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: Harold D. Brown Case

1. As indicated to you I have discussed the matter again with Mr. Davies and with the Director General. Based on my explanation that the insurance policy itself does not contain a full statement on the present conversion privileges of the insured, and that the full information is provided on the occasion of the termination of our employees, and that we, however, have some doubt whether in this instance the employee was properly informed, Mr. Davies felt that we would have a stronger case for the decision of the Director General as proposed by the General Counsel.
2. Will you please indicate - if possible, on Monday - the timing of events in connection with Mr. Harold Brown's termination and the expiration of his insurance policy.
3. The papers which I am returning herewith are to be resubmitted at that time.

Attachments



15th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Irving L. Posner  
For: Mr. H. S. White  
From: Maria Knech  
Subject: Extension of NTE date -  
Position No. 11110,  
Mildred Stevenson

The Chief of the Reports Section, whose termination date has been set for 30th April 1948, advises that the Reports Analyst in her Section, whom it is desired to retain until 15th June 1948, will require the assistance of the Clerk-Stenographer in completing the work required in connection with the publishing of the Director General's final report.

It is therefore requested that Miss Mildred Stevenson's NTE date be extended to 15th June 1948.



16 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Division of Personnel and Management  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: Distribution of "The Story of UNRRA"

Among the letters sent to me for signature is one to the former Director General, Governor Lehman, who, as you know, is a contributor to the pamphlet.

This, in my opinion, calls for an individual letter. I am returning the one sent up to be rewritten accordingly.

Attachment



14th April 1948

PERSONAL  
CONFIDENTIAL!

Mr. Paquin:

This is in connection with the servicing of the telephone switchboards.

I want to state at the outset that it is neither Mr. Weisl's nor my intention to even imply any sort of criticism of the services being rendered by the telephone operators. It's just a point which Mr. Weisl wishes to make -- also a request.

On a couple of occasions it has been reported to him that there is no answer when a call is placed to the Administration from the outside. Point to be stressed here -- Mr. Weisl is fully aware of the fact that the girls have an awful lot to do and are kept extremely busy -- if criticism in this connection is to be directed anywhere, it should be at the faulty "top-side" planning for creating such a situation.

Request: Would you be good enough, in as nice a way as possible, emphasizing that no criticism is meant, arrange to have the operators give first attention to calls coming in from the outside? Internal staff should realize that they are just too busy and understaffed to give immediate attention to a receiver lifted from hook.

Thank you.

M. Knech



14th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Irving L. Fosner, Director  
Division of Personnel & Management

For: Mr. Harmon S. White  
Chief, Management Branch

From: Maria Kmech  
Administrative Assistant  
Office of the Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Extension of NTE date: Miss Esther Ober  
Position No. 11106

The Chief of the Reports Section, whose services to the Administration will be redundant as of 30th April 1948, advises that it will be necessary to retain the services of the Reports Analyst in her Section for an additional period of time, in order to bring to completion the physical aspects of the work in connection with the publishing of the Director General's final report.

It is therefore requested that Miss Esther Ober's NTE date be extended to 15th June 1948.



12 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Division of Administrative Services  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: Expense Account - Molly Flynn

In view of:

1. Miss Flynn's statement that she would be out of pocket in an amount of about \$250 on her India-Pakistan trip if the per diem of \$3.00 were disapproved, and
2. Your supporting statement,

the Director General has approved the per diem charge of \$3.00 per day as it appears on her expense account.



12 April 1948

Dear Dick:

Please hand the enclosed letter to Mr. Alphonse Morhange,  
Financial Adviser, Office of the Deputy Controller, UNRRA Euro-  
pean Regional Office.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

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



12 April 1948

Mr. Alphonse Morhange  
Financial Adviser  
Office of the Deputy Controller  
UNRRA European Regional Office  
11 Portland Place  
London W.1, England

Dear Mr. Morhange:

It has just come to my attention that you are leaving UNRRA because the liquidation of its business will have reached a stage where your office will become redundant on 30 April 1948. One by one the old stalwarts of this fine organization are leaving under similar circumstances and this must be accepted as inevitable. I cannot, however, see them depart without a feeling of regret, and this is especially so in your case.

I remember so well my meeting with you in January of 1946, when you were good enough to explain the functioning of your office of Director of Finance and something of the problems and difficulties with which we were then confronted. You were an old hand in the organization even then, having been one of the original members of the European Regional Office. It must be marked down to the credit of men like you, who labored steadily throughout UNRRA's span of life, that we were able largely to solve our problems and overcome our difficulties.

I want you to know as you leave UNRRA that you take with you the gratitude of the Administration and of myself personally for all that you have done to make this great operation a success. You also carry with you our very best wishes for your continued success and happiness in whatever new assignment may fall to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



12 April 1948

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Personal, Lewis from Rooks

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In line with Headquarters' policy assume appointment Ted Smith as Acting Deputy Controller and eventually Deputy Controller will result in no increase in salary. Feel strongly this should be the case, particularly in view rapid advances heretofore granted this case.

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9th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. H. E. Howell  
Controller

From: Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Transfer of \$3,500,000. from UNRRA's residual assets  
to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

1. In implementation of the Central Committee's decision at its meeting yesterday, please prepare, for the signature of the Director General, a letter of transmittal to the International Children's Emergency Fund concerning the transfer of \$3,500,000. to them.
2. General Counsel has been instructed to prepare letters to the World Health Organization-Interim Commission, and the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, in view of the reservations expressed by the Resolution concerning the transfer of residual funds to these two organizations.



9th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. H. E. Howell  
Controller

From: Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

Subject: Transfer to the International Children's  
Emergency Fund of \$3,500,000. from UNRRA's  
residual assets.

In implementation of the Resolution adopted by the Central Committee at its meeting yesterday, please arrange to have \$3,500,000. from UNRRA's residual assets transferred to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

These funds can be taken from the residual assets derived from the United States contribution.

F.Weisl:mk



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None

UNRRA REPRESENTATIVE

PRAGUE

*meeting*  
Opening Central Committee yesterday, Director General said:

"I should like to take this opportunity to say how deeply the Administration feels the loss of Mr. Masaryk, whose death occurred since the last Central Committee meeting. He was a Delegate to the Council of UNRRA and a very active member in the setting up of UNRRA and starting its operations. I thought it would be appropriate to say how deeply all of us regret the passing of this great humanitarian -- a man of international goodwill."

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Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



9th April 1948

Mr. J. Hoffman  
Czechoslovak Office for Relief & Rehabilitation  
1367 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

In opening the Central Committee meeting yesterday,  
the Director General made the following statement:

"I should like to take this opportunity to say how deeply the Administration feels the loss of Mr. Masaryk, whose death occurred since the last Central Committee meeting. He was a Delegate to the Council of UNRRA and a very active member in the setting up of UNRRA and starting its operations. I thought it would be appropriate to say how deeply all of us regret the passing of this great humanitarian -- a man of international good will".

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



9 April 1948

TO: Director, Division of Administrative Services  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: OFFRA Documents and Correspondence - Your Memorandum of 7 April.

1. All OFFRA documents which the State Department considers as belonging to them or to any other U.S. office, should, of course, be returned to that office forthwith.
2. Correspondence between UNRRA and the State Department or vice versa forms, of course, a part of UNRRA archives and files.



9 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Controller

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Audit: 30 June 1947: Belgian Contribution; External Auditors' Memorandum to you of April 7.

Will you please advise this office of your reply to the memorandum of the External Auditors as stated above, providing a copy.



9 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.  
FROM: Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: United Kingdom Contribution

This refers to your memorandum of 5 April.

In view of paragraph 3 of your memorandum, and inasmuch as this matter was discussed in London, and the treatment of it agreed upon with the external auditors, the Director General sees no necessity to bring the matter up before the Central Committee.

Clearance: Director General



MEMORANDUM

7 April 1948

TO: General Counsel

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: "Proceeds of Sales" Reports from the Period  
Beginning 1 January 1948.

I am attaching for your information a memorandum from the Controller dated 2 April 1948.

I wish to call paragraph 2 of this memorandum to your attention, with a request to arrange with the Secretariat of the United Nations that copies of the incoming reports of the recipient governments on the use of proceeds for the period beginning 1 January 1948 be made available to the Office of the Controller of this Administration.

Attachment 1

Copy to: Controller



7th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Fred G. Long  
Director, Administrative Services

From: Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Air Passage Expenses of Molly Flynn  
and E. Barger.

The Director General feels that, in the sense of his letter of 15th November to the Ambassador of Pakistan, copy attached, the Pakistan Government is entitled to reimbursement for the expenses listed in the letter from Mr. M.O.A. Baig dated 5th April 1948, amounting to Rupees 387/12/-, if these expenses cover Miss Flynn's and Mr. Barger's transportation outside of Pakistan.

Because the letter does not state this expressly, will you please, when you discuss Miss Flynn's expense account with her, determine what route the bill presented to the Pakistan Government by the Orient Air Ways Limited covers, and inform me accordingly, returning the letter and attachments.

Attachments



MEMORANDUM

7 April 1948

TO: Controller

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: "Proceeds of Sales" Reports from the Period  
Beginning 1 January 1948.

With reference to your memorandum of 2 April 1948, I have instructed the General Counsel as stated in the attached copy of my memorandum to him today.

I take it that this is what you want, and I would appreciate receiving your confirmation.

Attachment 1



7 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: General Counsel

FROM: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Attached Memorandum from Director, Division of  
Administrative Services, re Sales Outlet - Secretariat  
Documents.

Regarding the above-mentioned memorandum, off-hand the suggestion made by the Director, Division of Administrative Services, whereby the proceeds from the sale of our official publications would be turned over by the United Nations to the International Children's Emergency Fund, would appeal to me:

1. Will you please review the matter and let me have your views, and indicate whether such an arrangement would, in your opinion, require a Central Committee decision.

Attachments



7 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Weis, C.E.O.  
✓ Mr. Howell, Controller  
Mr. Chait, General Counsel  
✓ Mr. Davies, Council's Auditors

FROM: The Director General

SUBJECT: Charges for Supplies, Services and Cash  
Furnished by UNRRA to Voluntary Agencies.

1. Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. Chait to The Director General, above subject, dated 2 April 1948, with enclosed memoranda, same subject, from Mr. Howell to the Director General, dated 15 March, 1948; from Mr. Chait to Mr. Howell, dated 19 March, 1948; from Mr. Davies to Mr. Howell, dated 26 March, 1948; and from Mr. Howell to Mr. Chait, dated 26 March, 1948.

2. On the basis of the incomplete information available to me in the references of para 1, above, my policy decision would be:

a. Voluntary agencies will not be charged for local currency expenditures made by UNRRA on their account in receiving countries where the local currency was furnished to UNRRA by the receiving country on a non-reimbursable basis. All such charges heretofore entered in UNRRA's books will be removed and any monies heretofore received on account of them will be returned.

b. Voluntary agencies will be charged for all actual hard currency expenditures made by UNRRA on their account, whether for supplies, services, or cash advances, provided:

(1) That no such charge will be made for on-the-job expenses where the voluntary agency was serving UNRRA directly in connection with its normal operations in a receiving country or in its displaced persons operations. This provision will not extend:

(a) to any payment of salaries of non-indigenous voluntary agency personnel,

(b) to travel expenses to or from home country to place of duty abroad, nor

(c) to any expenses incurred in connection with any supplementary project or program not a part of UNRRA's normal operations in the receiving country or displaced persons operations.



(2) That no such charge will be made when, by agreement between UNRRA and the voluntary agency, UNRRA specifically undertook to bear such expenses.

3. The addressees of this memorandum together with any assistants they may desire are requested to meet in the office of the Director General at 11:00 a.m., 12 April 1948, prepared to discuss this problem in general and the proposed policy of para 2, above, in particular. The Controller is requested to be prepared to furnish full details of the expenditures in question.

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



6 April 1948

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dick:

I have just had your letter of 31 March 1948 on the subject of Burnett's reservations as expressed in London to Washington Cable 19006 and I am sorry to have to reply that I do not agree; I am of the same opinion still. What is a proper concern of the Administration seems to me to be something altogether different from what I consider to be the proper attitude of an individual being considered for a position.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

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



6 April 1948

Mr. Joseph Hirsh  
Director of Public Information  
World Health Organization  
Interim Commission  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hirsh:

The enclosed letter from S. Spijer, M.D., Director of  
Public Health Service, Rotterdam, requesting certain  
numbers of the Epidemiological Information Bulletin,  
is forwarded for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure 1



6 April 1948

S. Spijer M.D.  
Director, Public Health Service  
Rotterdam  
Netherlands

Dear doctor Spijer:

Your letter of 18 March requesting certain numbers of the Epidemiological Information Bulletin, has been referred to the World Health Organization, Interim Commission, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y., which now publishes that Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



6th April 1948

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson:

I have received your announcement of the well-known fact of your marriage.

I hasten to express to you my very best wishes for your future happiness and success, which Colonel Harris -- whom I entrusted to be my special representative on the occasion when you joined your lives -- should have expressed in eloquent terms.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Atkinson  
1600 Sixteenth Street  
Washington, D. C.



3 April 1948

Miss Molly Flynn  
2512 Q Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Molly:

I am so glad you mentioned the dates when I saw you the other night. As I told you I had locked them in my telephone cabinet intending to share them with the office force and had forgotten them completely. If you hadn't said something about the matter they might have wound up in the archives. As it is, I am enjoying them at this moment and I am asking Miss Kenny to pass them about.

They are delicious and it was most thoughtful of you to send them. Thank you very much.

You still have got to justify that \$3.00 per diem.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



5 April 1948

Adolf Hochwald, M.D.  
Pension Stefanikuv Dum  
Praha II  
Sokolska 33  
Czechoslovakia

Dear Ev:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 March. I hope that you will shortly overcome the difficulties and the formalities necessary for your trip. It would be regretful if your delay in the assumption of your duties with the Institute of Psychiatry in the State of New York were to cause us embarrassment.

I wonder if Dr. V. Schlesinger, who is now with Intrasped in a leading position, could not be of help and assistance to you. He is a good friend of mine and you may want to approach him. His present address is Senovozna 3, and he is on very close terms with Eugene.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



5th April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Agnes Roman

From: Frank Weisl

Subject: Clearance of following chapters of the Last Six Months  
Report of the Director General:  
Chapter 1 - Supply Operations  
Chapter 2 - Transfer of Certain UNRRA Activities to  
Other International Organizations  
Chapter 4 - Activities of the Committees

Returned herewith are the 2 copies of the subject chapters which you submitted to the Director General and myself for final clearance.

Please take note of the small changes made by the Director General on pages 2, 4 of Chapter 1, and his marginal note on the first page of Chapter 4.

On lines 4 and 5 of page 5 of Chapter 1, there appears a statement that "the medical supply programs for all countries were completely fulfilled", which would seem to be rather misleading. I wonder if you couldn't change it appropriately, after consulting with Mr. Hill.

Attachments



5 April 1948

Miss Marion A. Murphy  
Librarian  
Washington University  
School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Murphy:

Your letter of 30 March, requesting #23 of volume 2, 1946  
of the Epidemiological Information Bulletin, has been  
forwarded to the attention of the World Health Organiza-  
tion, Interim Commission, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



5 April 1948

Dear Mr. Munro:

This will acknowledge your letter of 24 March concerning liability for the cost of transportation of 53 Chinese civilians who had given Hongkong as their birthplace, and who were repatriated from Rabaul to China.

Our Sydney Office has been advised of our agreement to reimburse the Australian Government in the amount of 820 Australian pounds to cover the cost of transporting 41 of the Chinese concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. D. J. Munro  
Second Secretary  
Australian Embassy  
3117 Woodland Drive  
Washington, D. C.



5 April 1948

Mr. F. E. Lorenz  
c/o Associated British Maltsters  
Export Company, Ltd.  
Newark on Trent  
England

Dear friend Lorenz:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 8 March which reached me several weeks ago. I had nothing to report until about 10 days ago, when I received a letter from Pavel Korbek in Prague, advising me that the drafting of the constitutions of the individual lodges has been completed and that such constitutions are now being submitted to the authorities. He expressed the hope that within the period of a month they will be approved, which would imply that then the activities of the individual groups would start.

He also informed me about a correspondence which he has just conducted with the Hungarian grand lodge, and stated that this grand lodge commenced its activities in 1946 and has spread to 19 lodges. I consider the inclusion of this paragraph, a repetition of well-known facts, as somehow significant. It may be implying that the activities will be permitted or tolerated.

All in all I share entirely and fully your view that restraint is the only thing which should be pursued on our part, so as not to cause any embarrassment to our friends in Czechoslovakia. I should assume that by now you have had direct contact. If not, I would be pleased to continue keeping you informed of future developments if any should occur.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl



5 April 1948

Mr. Joseph Hirsh  
Director of Public Information  
World Health Organization  
Interim Commission  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hirsh:

The enclosed letter from Marion A. Murphy, Librarian  
of the School of Medicine, Washington University,  
requesting #23 of volume 2, 1946 of the Epidemiological  
Information Bulletin is forwarded for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure 1



2 April 1948

TO: The Controller  
FROM: Director General

Senor Don Carlos A. Siri, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of El Salvador telephoned the Office of the Director General this morning in reference to a letter signed by the Director General under date of February 5. He stated that he had received a communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs advising that the necessary steps had been taken to effect payment of the \$2,500.00 owing from El Salvadore on the UNRRA Liquidation Budget.

For the Director General

cc: Mr. Taflove



MEMORANDUM

2 April 1948

TO: R. W. Hill

FROM: Frank Weisl

SUBJECT: Voraikos Watershed Publication

With reference to your memorandum of 1 April, I am attaching here a memorandum which I received from Mr. Gerard Mahler on the same subject, proposing that a letter be sent to several members of Congress, to whom he also proposes that the forthcoming publication be sent.

The Director General wants to make it absolutely clear that at this stage of our liquidation, he does not want any publication, including the Voraikos Watershed booklet, sent either to members of Congress or the United States' publications other than those which have a technical interest in the matter.

The distribution list of the Watershed report as submitted by Mr. Mahler is therefore disapproved. The following distribution, however, is approved:

- FAO - 500 plus 50
- Greek Embassy - ~~200~~
- Farm Organizations
- The National Grange
- The Farmers Union
- Secretary of Agriculture Anderson
- Secretariat, United Nations - sufficient number of copies
- American Farm School
- Other USDA Agencies
- U. S. Forestry Service
- Soil Conservation Service
- American Mission to Greece
- OFAR
- Historian's Office
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Brethren Service Committee
- Friends Committee



To this list you may add the other interested international agencies, for instance, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank, etc.

Will you please advise me as soon as possible of the number of copies of the publication which we expect to receive, and the number remaining on hand after the distribution as listed above has been performed. I shall then advise you how to distribute the remainder.

Attachment



1 April 1948

Division of Public Information  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you be good enough to send me whatever publications you have on the following subjects:

(a) Statistics - latest information on production, exportation, transportation, transshipment, importation, consumption, prices, futures market, grading, classification, financing of the international trade, control of production, distribution, export trade, cartel operations.

(b) Trading Methods - If changes have taken place, what are the new facts.

(c) Wartime measures - taken by U.S. Government or other governments during and after World War II.

(d) International Agreements and Controls - governmental and inter-governmental, under auspices of the League of Nations, or private.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer



1 April 1948

Mr. Louis N. Swenson  
816 17th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Another stalwart leaving UNRRA, and this time it is you. I cannot see you go without recording the deep appreciation and gratitude which I feel personally to you and which I think must also be in the hearts of all who have served with you in this great enterprise. You have had a very large hand in all that has been accomplished and I feel that you will agree with me that our accomplishment has been great. No political frictions and animosities can detract from the fact that UNRRA was instrumental in saving millions of lives and giving renewed hope for the future to countless millions. Nor do I think it possible that these millions can ever forget the kindly help and generosity which was extended to them in their darkest hour. The undertaking may yet bear fruit.

In bidding you farewell I know that I speak not only for myself but for all of the staff who still remain when I wish you every success in the future and voice the hope that our paths may someday cross again.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell W. Hooks  
Director General



1 April 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Irving L. Posner  
FROM: Frank Weisl  
SUBJECT: Tentative Mailing List for "The Story of UNRRA"

The Director General has approved the tentative mailing list for "The Story of UNRRA", as transmitted with your memorandum of 29 March.



1st April 1948

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Irving L. Posner, Director  
Division of Personnel & Management

From: Frank Weisl  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Letters of Appreciation

With reference to your memorandum of 31st March, the proposal you put forward therein has been approved. Will you please proceed accordingly.

In view of the long outstanding services which employees like Mr. Long, Mr. Blundin, etc. have, in your opinion, rendered to the Administration, it is felt that they should also be given a letter from the Director General personally signed by him.