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ATHENS

MESSAGE IN

FROM LONDON 19/6  
TO ATHENS 1500  
REPEATED \_\_\_\_\_

FORM O M. 28

20 JUNE 1946

REFERENCE OUR NO 1402 BLACK INSIGNIA CLOTH FOR  
GREEK CLERGY FURTHER ENQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN  
OFFICE PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY.

*Big Stefan replies*

E.P.

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MESSAGE IN

FROM LONDON 5/6  
TO ATHENS 1403  
REPEATED WASHINGTON 6965

SUBJECT BLACK INSIGNIA CLOTH

1. FURTHER TO OUR 1267 AND YOUR SD/PQ/CS<sup>3</sup> APRIL 5TH  
WE HAVE AGAIN BEEN APPROACHED COMMITTEE CHRISTIAN  
RECONSTRUCTION IN EUROPE WHO STATE GREEK CLERGY IN  
URGENT NEED BLACK INSIGNIA CLOTH. THEY ALLEGE THIS  
PROMISED LAST YEAR AND THAT GREEK REGENT EQUALLY  
HAD BEEN SO INFORMED.
2. THIS MATTER SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE BRITISH EMBASSY  
ATHENS FOREIGN LONDON.
3. UNDERSTAND MINIMUM NEED THIRTYFIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ THOUSAND  
REPEAT THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND YARDS.
4. YOUR 880 DATED AUGUST 28TH STATED DEMAND COULD BE MET  
LOCAL PRODUCTION. WE THEREFORE PURSUED SUBJECT NO  
FURTHER WITH YOU THAT TIME. WE CONSIDER YOU IN BEST  
POSITION MAKE DECISION AND LEAVE MATTER IN YOUR HANDS.
5. PLEASE EXAMINE AND REPORT DECISION SOONEST AND ALLOCATION  
MADE IF ANY ENABLE US INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES HERE.

*Cable from Comm. Christian Recon - to Prof. Alivisatos - London 24-5-46  
"Letter awaited Thank you Hanna will do utmost  
share material with clergy."*

P.C.

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16. 5. 46.

HOLY SYNOD  
OF THE GREEK CHURCH

( Committee for foreign ecclesiastic affairs)

Reg. No. 1265

TO : UNRRA, Athens.

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But as we have received no reply from you hitherto, and as the needs of the Clergy as regards clothing, not only continue to exist but steadily increase, we kindly request you to expedite matters for the allocation of the material in question, in order to settle the irregularities caused by this long delay.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
We remain,

Yours truly,

The President.

The General  
Secretary

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# Η ΙΕΡΑ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΣ

ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

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ΔΙΕΚΠ. 415

ΑΘΗΝΗΣ Τῇ 16ῃ Μαΐου 1946.

Πρὸς τὴν Διεύθυνσιν τῆς U.N.R.R.A.

Ἐ ν τ α ὕ θ α .

Σχετικῶς πρὸς τὰς προφορικῶς δοθείσας εἰς τὸν Καθηγητὴν κ. Ἀλιβιζᾶτον πληροφορίας περὶ τοῦ ὑφάσματος τῶν Κληρικῶν, ἀνεμένον μεν μέχρι τοῦδε νεωτέραν σας ἀπάντησιν τόσον διὰ τὴν ἐκ 15.000 ὑαρδῶν ποσότητα τὴν προεπιζομένην εἰδικῶς διὰ τοὺς Κληρικοὺς καὶ διὰ τὴν δωρεάν τῆς ὁποίας ἡ ὑμετέρα ὑπηρεσία, ἔχουσα ἀμφιβολίας τινάς, ἐζήτησεν εἰδικῶς πληροφορίας, ὅσον καὶ διὰ τὴν ἑτέραν ποσότητα τῶν 130.000 ὑαρδῶν, ἡ ὁποία ἐζητήθη παρὰ τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς ἡμῶν ὅπως διατεθῇ ἐν ὅλῳ ἢ ἐν μέρει διὰ τὸν γυμνητεύοντα Ἱερόν Κλῆρον.

Ἀλλ' ἐπειδὴ δέν ἐλήφθη εἰσέτι οὐδεμία ἐκ μέρους ὑμῶν ἀπάντησις, ἡ δέ ἀνάγκη ἐπενδύσεως τοῦ Κλήρου οὐ μόνον ἐξακολουθεῖ ὑφισταμένη ἀλλὰ καὶ διαρκῶς ἐπαυξάνεται, παρακαλοῦμεν ὑμᾶς ὅπως εὐαρεστούμενοι ἐπισπεύσητε πᾶσαν ὑμῶν ἐνέργειαν πρὸς παραχώρησιν τοῦ ὡς ἄνω ὑφάσματος διὰ τὴν ἱκανοποίησιν τῆς ὑφισταμένης ἀνάγκης καὶ τακτοποιήσιν τῆς προκληθείσης ἐκ τῆς μακρᾶς καθυστερήσεως ἀνωμαλίας.

Εὐχαριστοῦντες ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦδε διὰ πᾶσαν ὑμῶν ἐν προκειμένῳ ἐνέργειαν καὶ ἀπάντησιν, διατελοῦμεν

Μετά τιμῆς

Ὁ Πρόεδρος

Ὁ Γεν. Γραμματεὺς



Ὁ Σύρου Φιλάρετος

Α.Σ. Ἀλιβιζᾶτος

*From Procurement & Coordination  
#5 5<sup>th</sup> Floor m.c. Bldg.*

Routine

Copies required I

Authorized by

*Chetani*

20 May 1946

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93-5-46

From : A/Deputy Chief of Mission for Supply and Distribution

To : Administrative Services, Translation Pool, Section "B" - Mr. Panos

Will you kindly have the attached documents translated and return to Room 7.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
GREECE MISSION  
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 28 May 1946

From : Office of Senior Deputy Chief of Mission

*J. C. Carlson*  
J. C. Carlson

*PROCUREMENT*  
To : ~~Clothing Division~~ - Attention: Mr. Jenks

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Subject: Attached Request for Clothing.

Will your office carry out the necessary coordination re the subject request. You are in the proper position and technically qualified to know all about this situation. We would suggest a letter to the authors of this request, explaining the situation, as well as a letter to the Director of Region "HI" on the same subject.

Attachment

*PROCUREMENT*



COPY

UNION OF CLERGYMEN OF MYTILENE  
(Lesbos)

Athens, May 27th 1946

To the  
General Manager  
U. N. R. R. A.  
Athens

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask for your kindly coming to our assistance.

We are resourceless and have no means to buy new clothes and underwear, which cost a lot of money nowadays, so we have to go about in rags.

We shall be grateful if you will be so kind to support the application we filed with the Ministry of Supply, so that wearing apparel, of which we have an urgent need, is granted to us.

Thanking you for anything you will, please, do for us,

Yours very truly,

UNION OF CLERGYMEN OF MYTILENE

The President

Telephone:  
LANGHAM 3090

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,  
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,

11, PORTLAND PLACE,

LONDON, W.1.

Despatch No. 1191.

To: Buell F. Maben, Esq.,  
Head of UNRRA Mission to Greece.

From: Miss J.M. Bowie  
Head of Contributed Supplies, E.R.O.

Black insignia cloth.

With reference to your letter of March 13th, there is some misunderstanding as I have ascertained from the appropriate Procurement Section that this cloth is not a gift. For this reason it was not notified to you as contributed supplies. Mr. Humphreys of the Clothing Branch is communicating with you on this subject.

28th March, 1946.

C.F. 4/-  
G.S. 4/7

Your Ref: SD/CTF/BL  
Copy to Mr. Humphreys.

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HOLY - BISHOPRIC

Kydonias & Apokoronou

Serial - 14 -

Canea January 8. 1946

To the

Director of U.N.R.R.A. Mr Tait

C i t y

We beg you, that you submit, and support to the G.W.R.A. the attached memorandum, about which we spoke personally in relation to the assistance of the priests in Crete.-

My ardent prayers

for you honour

The Bishop

Kydonias & Apokoronou

Holy Bishopric  
Kydonias - Apokoronou  
Ser. 13

Khania Jan. 8 - 1946

To

The American Greek W.R. As. - of Greece

G. W. R. A.

It is known, that from all the regions of Greece, the largest destructions, executions, compulsory work, hunger, nakedness barefootedness and etc. this large island has suffered.

U.N.R.R.A. comes to the assistance as is possible to do so, and we are thankful.

One class of people, the clerical, and at that those out in the country who can not perform any other work, besides the spiritual holy duties of theirs, are in a desperate condition, especially on shoes and clothing - etc. These men with the rest of the clerimen in all Crete number about 1000.

For these we beseechingly ask, that special care should be taken, and send us for them what ever your much merciful committee decides to send, and also black woollen material suitable for priests garments.

My ardent prays  
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The Bishop

Kydonias & Apokoronou Agathagelios



UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
GREECE MISSION HEADQUARTERS  
ATHENS

MESSAGE IN

FROM LONDON 17/5  
TO ATHENS 1267  
REPEATED \_\_\_\_\_

FORM O.M. 26



REUR 1558 BLACK INSIGNIA CLOTH. THIS WAS PROCURED  
BY UNRRA AND IS NOT CONTRIBUTED SUPPLIES. HAVE  
SHIPPED 130000 YARDS NEW BLACKOUT MATERIAL ON OCEAN  
RYDER 11TH MAY AND 4 TONS APPROXIMATELY 25000 YARDS  
USED BLACKOUT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED FOR MAY SHIPMENT.

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GREECE MISSION  
HEADQUARTERS

SD/PC/CS

Athens, 3 April 1946

To : Director, Region "K"  
From : Procurement & Coordination  
Subject: Clothing for Priests

Referring to Miss Money-Coutts memorandum of March 11, a copy of which has just come to the attention of this office, we pass on to you the following information:

The London Headquarters of the European Committee on Christian Reconstruction have recently sent a gift of 15,465 yards of black insignia to the Greek clergy. This was turned over to the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church. Professor Hamilcar Alevisatos heads the sub-committee for reconstruction of the Greek Orthodox Church, and it is suggested that communications pertaining to clothing for the clergy be addressed to him.

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*my file*

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*Recd. 1. April 46.*

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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

REGION " K "

*Volery*  
Khania 11th March 1946

To : Chief of Mission Attention : Welfare Division  
From : Director Region "K"  
Subject : Clothing for Priests

*Ref. WFI/2291*

We are forwarding a copy of the enclosed application to G.W.R.A. as requested.

As we have already advised you yard material suitable for priests garments is very urgently needed in this region. Donated clothing in no way fulfils the priests requirements even if they can be considered eligible for it. It is estimated that some 10000 yards of material are necessary.

Will you please inform us whether either U.N.R.R.A. or any of the private agencies have taken this matter up and what steps we should advise the church authorities to take.

*Mony Monoy - (out)*

Acting Regional Welfare Officer  
For Regional Director.

c c. G.W.R.A.



ΙΕΡΑ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ

ΚΥΔΩΝΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΚΟΡΩΝΟΥ

Ἐν Χανίοις τῇ 8 Ἰανουαρίου 1946

Ἀριθ. Πρωτ. 14

Πρὸς

Τὸν Διευθυντὴν τῆς Οὐνρα Κύριον Τέϊτ

Ἐ ν τ α ὺ θ α

Παρακαλοῦμεν θερμῶς ὅπως ὑπέβαλητε καὶ ὑποστηρίζετε εἰς τὴν G. W. R. A. τὸ συνημμένον ὑπόμνημα περὶ τοῦ ὁκοίου καὶ προφορικῶς ὠμιλήσαμεν, σχετικόν μὲ τὴν ἐνίσχυσιν τῶν Ἱερῶν τῆς Κρήτης. .

Τῆς Ὑμετέρας Ἐντιμότητος

Ἐνθερμος πρὸς Κύριον εὐχέτης

Ἀγαθάγγελος , Κυδωνίας καὶ Ἀποκορώνου



ΙΕΡΑ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ

ΚΥΔΩΝΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΚΟΡΩΝΟΥ

Ἐν Χανίοις τῇ 8 Ἰανουαρίου 1946

Ἀριθ. Πρωτ. 13

Πρὸς

τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν Πολεμικὴν Περίθαλψιν Ἑλλάδος

( G. W. R. A. )

Εἶναι γνωστὸν ὅτι ἀπὸ ὅλα τὰ διαμερίσματα τῆς Ἑλλάδος, τὰς μεγαλυτέρας καταστροφάς, ἐκτελέσεις ὁμήρων, ἀγναρείας, πεῖνα, γύμνια, ἀνυποδοσίαν κλπ. ὑπέστη ἡ Μεγαλόνησος Κρήτη.

Ἡ ΟΥΝΡΑ ἐπέρχεται ἀρωγὸς κατὰ τὸ δυνατόν καὶ τὴν εὐχάριστοῦμεν; Μία τάξις ἀνθρώπων, ὁ Ἐφημεριακὸς Κληρὸς καὶ δὴ τῆς ὑπαίθρου, ἄνθρωποι οἱ ὅποιοι δέν δύνανται νὰ κάμουν ἄλλην ἐργασίαν πλὴν τῶν ἱερατικῶν τῶν ἔργων, εὐρίσκονται εἰς ἀπελπιστικὴν κατὰστασιν πρὸ παντός εἰς ἐνδυμασίαν; ὑποδήματα κλπ. Οἱ ἄνθρωποι οὗτοι εἰς ὅλην τὴν Κρήτην συμποσοῦνται μετὰ τῶν λοιπῶν Κληρικῶν εἰς χιλίους περίπου. Δι' αὐτοὺς ζητοῦμεν παρακλητικῶς ὥπως ληφθῇ ἰδιαιτέρα μέριμνα καὶ ἀποσταλῇ ἡμῖν δι' αὐτοὺς πᾶν ὅτι ἤθελεν αποφασίσαι ἡ φιλεέσπλαχνος ἐπιτροπὴ σας καὶ δὴ καὶ μαῦρον μάλλον ὕφασμα κατάλληλον δι' ἱεραρικὰ ἐνδύματα.

Ἐπὶ τούτοις διατελοῦμεν

Ἐνθερμος πρὸς Κύριον εὐχέτης

ἈΓΑΘΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ , Κυδωνίας - Ἀποκορώνου.

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~~Mass. History~~

Clothing Division

5th Floor

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REGION " K "

Khania 11th March 1946

To : Chief of Mission Attention : Welfare Division

From : Director Region "K"

Subject : Clothing for Priests

*Ref. WFI/2271*

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*Mervyn Money-Cuth*

Acting Regional Welfare Officer

For Regional Director.

c c. G.W.P.A.

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GREECE MISSION HEADQUARTERS

ATHENS

MESSAGE OUT*my copy*

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PROGINS. ATTENTION CONTRIBUTED SUPPLIES RE BLACK LEBESONIA  
CLOTH YOUR LETTER MARCH 20. NO COMMUNICATION YET FROM  
HESPIREYS. DUE CONFLICTING CLAIMS PLEASE SIGNAL URGENTLY  
DEFINITELY WHETHER UNRRA PURCHASE OR CONTRIBUTED TO INSURE  
QUICK AND PROPER DISPOSITION.

16-5 Procure. Room 1558 Awaiting reply -  
Matter urgent. Kindly Expedite.

MARtha P. LINDSEY/ Contributed Supplies

Signature

Approved by

Designation

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Rev. House, Welfare Division

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE

ATTENTION CONTRIBUTED SUPPLIES RE BLACK INSIGNIA  
CLOTH YOUR LETTER MARCH 28. NO COMMUNICATION YET  
FROM HUMPHREYS. DUE CONFLICTING CLAIMS PLEASE  
SIGNAL <sup>urgently</sup> ~~SECRET~~ DEFINITELY WHETHER UNRRA PURCHASE  
OR CONTRIBUTED TO <sup>Quick and</sup> INSURE PROPER DISPOSITION  
^

Key please type cable



Return to Min Lindsey

4 April

Memo for the files

Professor Alevisatos called on me today and showed me correspondence from the Church of England as well as the World Council of Churches in Geneva about the black insignia cloth. (copied and checked)

Professor Alevisatos said there are about 7,000 priests in Greece, not all of whom need clothing; for instance, the priests in Athens do not need clothing so much as those in the villages and provinces.

He said that it requires 7 to 8 yards of material for a priest's robe.

I explained that we now had to clear up whether the first two shipments are contributed or purchased before deciding on the disposal. He understood perfectly -- said he would be glad to meet with Miss Woolf or whoever else was concerned, at any time to discuss any plan which was decided upon. He seemed to think it would be well for the Greek Church to undertake the distribution, according to our stipulations, but wanted to abide by whatever our policies were.

His telephone number is 33230.

MPL

Note: Reverend House telephoned me about Professor Alevisatos and told me he was quite an important person in ecclesiastical circles. Rev. House also said this was purchased with funds of the Church of England

The Holy Synod  
The Church of Greece.

(Committee of Ecclesiastical Questions from Abroad)

Prot. 833

April 1st 1946

To UNHRA- Greece

We have been informed through the Church of England that 13,465 yards of black cloth has been sent to us by s/s "Middlesborough" on the 12th September, for the needs of the Greek Clergy.

Your service, as they write us from England, has been notified by the Custom Authorities that the above cloth has arrived safely, but we had no other information in connection with this question. We therefore beg you to kindly give us a copy of the relative notification of the Customs Authorities informing us at the same time what further steps we must take in order to have this cloth.

We have also been informed from England that 2,035 yards of similar cloth has been also sent by s/s "Epirus" for the same purpose. This cloth was donated by the English Churches to the Church of Greece for the much suffered clergy. As this delay of the delivery causes great anxiety to us, we beg you to let us hear from you as soon as possible.

We have further been informed that besides the above, another 130,000 yards of a similar cloth has been sent (not exclusively for the clergy of Greece) and we would like to let us know whether we could have a share on this, upon distribution, as the 15,500 yards are not enough to serve the purpose.

With our warm blessings

Philaretos of Syra  
of the Committee of Ecclesiastical  
Questions from Abroad.



WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

(in process of formation)

GENEVA 4th March 1946

DEPARTMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION  
AND INTER-CHURCH AID

Professor Dr. H. Alivisatos  
Geneva.

My dear Professor:

Miss Irédale has asked me to give you the enclosed report.  
You will please take it with you so that you may try to find out  
where these thousands of yards of cloth have got to.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely Yours,

s/s J. Hutchison Cockburn, Director

JHC/LM



REPORT ON THE U.N.R.R.A. SHIPMENT OF BLACK - OUT MATERIAL FOR THE  
GREEK CLERGY

Facts given by U.N.R.R.A.

*Mistake  
Sent from  
Middlesbrough*  
On 12th September 1945, 13,465 yards of new black-out material, purchased through H.M. Gov. ~~out of U.N.R.R.A. funds~~, were shipped to Athens on the "Middlesbrough" addressed to the Greek Mission, for the use of the Greek clergy. U.N.R.R.A. was notified by the warehouse authorities of its safe arrival. Nothing further has been heard about it.

+In February, 2,035 yards (the balance of the required 15,500 yards) of the same material, were sent out on the "Epirus" and will be no on the way.

On February 21st, U.N.R.R.A. Clothing & Textile Branch, (at our request) sent a cable to their Mission in Athens asking for further news of the mission 13,365 yards. Up to the present time (Feb. 27th) no answer has been received.

*7* On February 22nd the F.O. wrote to C.R.E. enclosing a letter from the British Embassy in Athens complaining about the non-delivery of the material to the Greek Clergy (15,500 yards) which had been expected last autumn. A copy of these letters was sent to U.N.R.R.A. the same day.

*X* A further allocation of 130,000 yds. of similar new black-out material - not specifically for the use of the Clergy - is being sent out on the next available boat.

*\* Rev. House says this was purchased with church funds!*

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

*London*  
13th March, 1 46

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4. 13,465 yards of black cloth were sent on the 12th September last via U.N.R.R.A. and a further 2035 yards in February. Apparently all this material has been completely lost and a search is being made for it by U.N.R.R.A. A large new allocation of cloth is to be sent to Greece but this will not be only for the use of the clergy. If I hear any more news I will send it to you.

s/s

Yours sincerely,

Professor A. Alivisatos, D.D.,  
Voulas Str. 27,  
Athens  
GREECE



*My file*

ED/RC/CS-3

4 April 1946

European Regional Office  
U.N.R.R.A.  
11 Portland Place  
London, W.1.

Attention: Miss J. M. Howie,

*Contribute of Supplies Section*

Gentlemen:

Your memorandum of March 26 referring to the black insignia cloth leaves us confused in view of London's cable 519, a copy of which is attached, and a letter just received from the Church of Greece, a copy of which is also attached. It is hoped that Mr. Humphrey's communication will clarify the matter.

In the meanwhile we should appreciate further information about the 130,000 yards of similar cloth which ~~apparently~~ has been sent. On what ship was it loaded? Was it an UNRRA purchase or a contributed supply?

*which is understood from the Greek Church*

We were in the process of turning the material already received over to the Greek Church when your communication arrived. Obviously, if it is not a special gift from the Church of England or the Committee for Christian Reconstruction to the Greek Church, then an entirely different plan for its disposal here in Greece must be evolved.

Very truly yours,

Attachments: *Cable 519 - Letter of April 1, - Our letter March 13*

cc: Chief of Mission  
Rev. House, Welfare  
C. Votey, Clothing  
S & D  
Proc. & Coord.



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SD/CTF/ML

/30th March, 1946.

For the attention of Miss J.M. Bowie  
Contributed Supplies Section.

Gentlemen,

London's cable 519 was the first indication this Mission had received that the forty-eight bales of piece goods on the "Stemos" were a special gift of black insignia cloth for the Greek clergy.

The shipment was not identified in any way, either by markings on the bales or the ship's manifest, to indicate that it was a special gift and it is only sheer luck that it had not yet gone on the market.

We are endeavouring to retrieve the material and shall see that it is turned over to the recognised clerical organization as promptly as possible.

It would be most helpful if in all instances we are notified in advance of the shipment of special gifts to Greece, giving such information as name of donor, consignee, description of the gift, and any identifying markings, name of ship, etc.

Yours very truly,

BUELL F. MABEN  
Chief of Mission

European Regional Office,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
11 Portland Place,  
London, W.1.

Cc  
Chief of Mission  
Brig. Stayner  
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
GREECE MISSION HEADQUARTERS  
ATHENS

MESSAGE OUT

FORM O.M. 25

TO		
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UNRRA

Signature .....

Approved by .....

Designation .....

Designation .....

DISTRIBUTION:

Chief of Mission  
Supply & Distribution  
Planning, Textiles & Footwear

Deputy Chief of Mission,  
Supply & Distribution

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Charge .....



FEB 25 1946

MESSAGE IN

L 584

FROM ..... LONDON 22/2

TO ..... ATHENS 519

22 FEB. 1946

ORANGE

RECEIVED

11:20

ACTION

519 SUBJECT BLACK INSIGNIA CLOTH 1 COMMITTEE  
CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION EUROPE LONDON HEAD-  
QUARTERS STATE NO CLOTH RECEIVED BY GREEK CLERGY  
2 WE SHIPPED 12TH SEPTEMBER 13465 YARDS ON STA-  
MOS PLEASE CABLE US URGENTLY IF THIS SHIPMENT  
RECEIVED AND ALLOCATED FOR THIS REQUIREMENT 3 SHIP-  
MENT OF FURTHER 2000 YARDS EXPECTED LEAVE IN FEW  
DAYS ON EPIROS .

Miss Vary  
23/2

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COL. WHITE  
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F. & A.  
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SHIPPING

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Disposal notes show 48 bales piece goods where 59  
15,531 yds



Mr. Nikolas Koukoutsis

Director General

Et-Ex Service

Sofokleous Str. 2

City

158  
21  
705

It is bad

126  
81  
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207

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
GREECE MISSION  
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 2/14/46.

To : Miss Lindsey Room 5  
Miss Koley  
From : Director of Welfare Division, 74 House.  
Subject : Cloth for priests.

I think the attached  
Correspondence must be  
answered by your Division.  
If you want any help on  
relations to the Holy Synod  
please inform me! If you  
cannot reply soon please let  
me know so that I can write  
an interim reply. J.H.H.



Archiepiscopate

(Building where the arch-bishop's office  
are)

Philote's sheet

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Insurance Assoc. for the  
clergy.

The Holy Synod  
The Church of Greece.

(Committee of Ecclesiastical Questions from Abroad)

Prot. 833

April 1st 1946

To UNRRA- Greece

We have been informed through the Church of England that 13,465 yards of black cloth has been sent to us by s/s "Middlesborough" on the 12th September, for the needs of the Greek Clergy.

Your service, as they write us from England, has been notified by the Custom Authorities that the above cloth has arrived safely, but we had no other information in connection with this question. We therefore beg you to kindly give us a copy of the relative notification of the Customs Authorities, informing us at the same time what further steps we must take in order to have this cloth.

We have also been informed from England that 2,035 yards of similar cloth has been also sent by s/s "Epirus" for the same purpose. This cloth was donated by the English Churches to the Church of Greece for the much suffered clergy. As this delay of the delivery causes great anxiety to us, we beg you to let us hear from you as soon as possible.

We have further been informed that besides the above, another 130,000 yards of a similar cloth has been sent (not exclusively for the clergy of Greece) and we would like to let us know whether we could have a share on this, upon distribution, as the 15,500 yards are not enough to serve the purpose.

With our warm blessings

Philaretos of Syra  
of the Committee of Ecclesiastical  
Questions from Abroad.

*Stones sailed from  
Middlesborough to Greece*



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

# Η ΙΕΡΑ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΣ

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ΔΙΕΚΠ. 271.

ΑΘΗΝΑΙΣ τῇ 1ῃ Ἀπριλίου 1946.

Πρὸς τὴν Διοίκουσιν τῆς **U.N.R.R.A.**

Ε ν τ ε ὤ θ ε .

Ἐκ μέρους τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τῆς Ἀγγλίας ἔχομεν τὴν πληροφορίαν ὅτι κατὰ τὴν 12τὴν Σεπτεμβρίου 1945 ἀπεστάλη πρὸς ὑμᾶς διὰ τοῦ ἀποπλοίου "*Middlesbrough*" ποσότης μέλανος ὑφάσματος 13.465 ὑάρδων διὰ τῆς ἐνάγκης τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Κλήρου.

Ἡ ὑμετέρα ὑπηρεσία, ὡς γράφουσιν ἡμῖν ἐξ Ἀγγλίας, εἰδοποιήθη κατὰ τῶν Τελωνειακῶν Ἀρχῶν περὶ τῆς ἀσφαλτοῦς ἀφίξεως τοῦ ὡς ἄνω ὑφάσματος. Οὐδεμίαν ὁμῶς περαιτέρω ἠκούσθη ἐπὶ τοῦ ζητήματος τούτου πληροφορία.

Ὅθεν παρακαλοῦμεν ὑμᾶς ὅπως εὐαρεστούμενοι χρηγήσητε ἡμῖν ἐντέλεστον τῆς σχετικῆς εἰδοποιήσεως τοῦ Τελωνείου περὶ τῆς ἀφίξεως τοῦ ὑφάσματος ὡς ἐπίσης καὶ νὰ πληροφορήσητε ἡμᾶς περὶ τῶν περαιτέρω ἐνεργειῶν ὑμῶν ἐπὶ τῆς εἰδοποιήσεως ταύτης.

Ἐπίσης πληροφοροῦμεθα ἐξ Ἀγγλίας ὅτι διὰ τοῦ ἀποπλοίου "*ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ*" ἀπεστάλησαν πρὸς τὸν αὐτὸν σκοπὸν ἑτέραι 2.035 ὑάρδαι τοῦ αὐτοῦ ὑφάσματος.

Τὸ ὕψος τοῦτο εἶναι δωρεὰ τῶν Ἀγγλικῶν Ἐκκλησιῶν πρὸς τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τῆς Ἑλλάδος διὰ τὸν πενόμενον Κλῆρον αὐτῆς. Ἐπειδὴ δὲ ἡ ἀδικαιολόγητος καθυστέρησις τῆς παραδόσεως τοῦ ὡς ἄνω ὑφάσματος ἐμπνέει ἀνησυχίας διὰ τὴν ἀσφαλῆ καὶ διὰ τὸν ὡς ἄνω σκοπὸν διέθεσιν αὐτοῦ, παρακαλοῦμεν ὅπως εὐαρεστούμενοι γνωρίσητε ἡμῖν ὅ,τι ἐκ τῆς ὑπηρεσίας ὑμῶν σχετικῶς πρὸς τὸ ζήτημα τοῦτο προκύπτει ἵνα προβῶμεν εἰς πᾶσαν δυνατὴν ἐνέργειαν πρὸς ἐνεύρεσιν καὶ παραλαβὴν τοῦ ὑφάσματος, τοῦ ὁποίου τόσην ἐνάγκην ἔχει ὁ Κλῆρος τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Περαιτέρω ἔχομεν τὴν πληροφορίαν ὅτι, ἐκτός τοῦ ἄνωτέρω ὑφάσματος, ἀπεστάλησαν πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἑτέραι 130.000 ὑάρδαι παρομοίου ὑφάσματος (οὐχὶ ἀποκλειστικῶς διὰ τὸν Κλῆρον τῆς Ἑλλάδος) καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν ὅπως γνωρίσητε ἡμῖν κατὰ πόσον εἶναι



δυνατόν νά παραχωρηθῇ καί ἐκ τούτου ἀνέλογον ποσόν διὰ τόν  
Κληρὸν τῆς Ἑλλάδος, δεδομένου ὅτι καί αἱ ἀναμενόμεναι 15500  
ὄφρα δὲ θά εἶναι ἀρκεῖς διὰ τόν σκοπόν δι' ὃν προορί-  
ζονται.

Μετά θερμῶν ἐυχῶν



*Γεώργιος Φιλιππίδης*

Πολίτης Σύρου, φιλέματος  
Προβ. Επισκοπῆς Ἐξ. Εγκλ. Υποθέσεων

Professor Stamilo A. Ievissatos  
Sub-committee for Reconstruction

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mail addressed to

Secretary  
Idaly Synod  
Greek Orthodox Church

Phone 33230

Mr. Nikolas Kontaktsis  
Director General  
Et - Ex Service  
Sofokleous Street 2  
Athens, Greece

Held under  
classification

Dear Mr. Kontaktsis:

We were informed by London recently that the forty-eight bales of piece goods which arrived on the S/S Homer was a special gift of black insignia cloth from the <sup>European</sup> Committee of Christian Reconstruction to the Greek Clergy.

~~It~~ This consignment, as well as an additional consignment of 2000 yards <sup>of black insignia cloth</sup>, which has just arrived on the S/S Epiros, should be turned over to:

The Holy Synod  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Attention: Professor Hamilton Alexisatos  
Head of the Sub-Committee for Reconstruction

Due to the delay in identifying this gift, it will be appreciated if you will give the matter your early consideration.

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cc  
Minister  
Walter (Rev. F. House)