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Dr. Leland Rex Robinson
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American Christian Committee for Refugees
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Reference is made to our discussion in New York on May 16th, in which you mentioned questions raised in the meeting that day by the Committee on Displaced Persons regarding voluntary agency personnel for the U. S. Immigration Project. These questions dealt with personnel requirements of this operation and whether or not UNRRA wished personnel from non-corporate affidavit agencies.

At the request of the Immigration Service, UNRRA consulted its German Operations in March, requesting a tentative estimate of the number of voluntary agency personnel needed to carry out this program on the basis of the operation outlined by the U. S. Immigration Service and the State Department. At that time an estimate of 150 personnel, of which 100 would be professional and 50 would be clerical workers, was given and the corporate affidavit agencies were requested by the Immigration Service and UNRRA jointly in a meeting on April 5th to supply such personnel. To date 31 persons have been named by these agencies, approved by the Immigration Service, and supported for entrance into Germany by UNRRA for work on this program. This is not, however, a final figure.

We believe that actual operational experience and the fact that the UNRRA staff appears to be donating more time to this project than was originally contemplated may result in reduced requirements for voluntary agency personnel. We have asked UNRRA Headquarters in Germany for a current estimate of personnel needed.

If this estimate is such that it can be met by the corporate affidavit agencies the question of the use of personnel of non-corporate affidavit agencies would not be involved. If, on the other hand, the requirements are greater than can be met by these agencies the non-corporate affidavit

agencies would naturally be a source of personnel. The nature and extent of the use of non-corporate affidavit agencies' personnel is primarily the concern of the interested U. S. Governmental and voluntary agencies.

It should be pointed out that the responsibility of UNRRA in relation to voluntary agency personnel on this project differs from that carried by UNRRA in connection with the usual voluntary agency service to displaced persons. Since this program is a distinctively U. S. Governmental undertaking, UNRRA does not have responsibility for initiating policy or for final decisions relating to the participation of agencies or staff.

We understand that this matter has been given consideration by the corporate affidavit agencies. UNRRA would have no objection to the use of non-corporate affidavit agency personnel on a basis mutually satisfactory to the U. S. Government agencies and the corporate affidavit agencies, provided that the conditions of service agreed upon were not incompatible with the requirements of UNRRA coordination.

We shall be glad to participate in further considerations or discussions on this matter at any time.

Sincerely yours,

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Voluntary Agency Relations Officer

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Follow-up letter to all voluntary agencies on UNRRA's termination policy.

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Dr. Leland Rex Robinson
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

In our letter of September 3rd we set forth the policy which UNRRA plans to pursue in terminating certain of its responsibilities to the voluntary agencies operating in UNRRA countries in Europe. Subsequently other aspects of these responsibilities, which were tentatively discussed with you at our meeting in New York on August 20th, have been considered and a decision has been reached regarding proposed agreements for work in UNRRA countries in Europe. As you know, it has been agreed in the past that voluntary agencies would only operate in countries receiving UNRRA assistance by arrangement with UNRRA, and, as a result, UNRRA has assisted their work by rendering various services.

In view of the reductions taking place in the UNRRA staff coordinating these projects in the countries it will not be possible to accept new proposals for work in UNRRA countries in Europe, except with respect to displaced persons operations, after October 1, 1946. After that date the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the State Department will handle all aspects of necessary Governmental approval insofar as the United States is concerned. Once the U. S. approval has been secured the proposals should then be cleared by your agency directly with the governments concerned, either through your representative in the country in which the proposed work is to be carried out or by approach to the Embassy of that country in Washington.

Instructions are being issued to the UNRRA Country Missions requesting that each Mission advise the government in the country of this change in procedure. This means in effect that new agreements covering all aspects of an agency's work, such as those relating to facilities, status of personnel, etc., will of necessity have to be guaranteed by the government of the country and not by UNRRA.

Item 4 of the letter of September 3rd sets forth the policy with respect to the dissolution of UNRRA's relations to the agencies which are already operating programs of work in UNRRA Country Missions. It should be noted that none of the above policy provisions apply to programs of work with displaced persons. Insofar as the operations with displaced persons are

concerned, the procedure which has been in force up to the present time will be continued.

We do not, of course, know at this time what arrangements if any will be made by U.N. or any of its agencies for offering facilities and informational services to agencies operating abroad. In the interim period, however, it is clear that such services will have to be supplied by the governments directly to the agencies. It has been recommended that governmental requests for assistance from agencies should be directed to the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, if the government does not know of a particular agency/agencies it wishes to approach.

We would appreciate your notifying your field personnel of the above information.

May we reiterate in this letter our request for a statement from each agency setting forth any written commitments or obligations of UNRRA which have not been fulfilled or will not be fulfilled under the policies set forth.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Rooks
Chief Executive Officer

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Volagency Liaison
20 Sept. 1946

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Note: Same letter sent to all volagencies on the attached list.

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