

It would seem desirable to give early consideration to these matters together with the question of governmental machinery referred to in the enclosed memorandum. I shall try to arrange a meeting for this purpose in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis
Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Ambassador in United States*

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Following for Pearson from Angus, Begins: Following is a summary of the discussion, at which you were present, in Ottawa on February 8 concerning the financing of relief during the military period, Begins:

The agreement establishing the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration¹ and the resolutions for the first session of the Council of this Administration² provide that civilian relief during the initial period of liberation shall be the responsibility of the military authorities. UNRRA may operate in any area only after consultation with and with the consent of the governmental authority (military or civil) which exercises administrative authority in that area. Furthermore, the military authorities are generally responsible for civilian relief in ex-enemy territories, and UNRRA may operate in such territories only from such time and for such purposes as may be agreed upon with military command, the established control authority, or duly recognized administration of the area, and subject to such control as the military command, or the established control authority, may find necessary.

The military authorities, in preparation for the carrying out of their responsibilities regarding civilian relief, are presently engaged in making arrangements for the necessary supplies. Supply arrangements are being made with respect to (a) liberation of occupied countries, and (b) civilian relief and rehabilitation of ex-enemy territory now occupied by the United Nations, i.e. Italy. In this connection the military authorities, through the Combined Civil Affairs Committee in Washington, have generally followed the procedure of submitting requisitions to the Combined Boards for allocation as to sources of

¹Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1943, N° 16.

See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1943, No. 16.

²Pour les résolutions, voir George Woodbridge, et al., *UNRRA: The History of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration*. volume III, New York, Columbia University Press, 1950, pp. 42-86.

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