5. That the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration be convened in its first session at a place within the United States but outside of Washington a day or two after signature of the Agreement.

It will be appreciated if your government will transmit its views with respect to these proposals to my government as promptly as possible. The Government of the United States is prepared to make specific arrangements for signature of the Agreement and for the first session of the Council and it will transmit information regarding such arrangements to each government planning to sign the Agreement. If it would be helpful to other governments in reaching a decision as to the size and character of the delegations to be chosen to attend the first session of the Council, my government also will transmit to such governments information regarding the general character of the delegation which will represent the Government of the United States. In order to expedite action by the Council, my government will be prepared also, as the host government, to lay before the Council for its consideration drafts covering its temporary organization and rules of procedure, and the agenda for its first session. It is the hope of the Government of the United States that the Government of Canada and the governments of all of the other United Nations and of the nations associated with them in this war will be prepared to take the action suggested above so that an effective organization may be established promptly to act for all of these governments in providing the greatest possible assistance to the victims of the war.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Lewis Clark, Charge d'Affaires a.i.

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