

In the meantime you will no doubt wish to explore the possibility of making up the 6,000 tons of space by the shipment of some other supplies from United States sources. Ends.

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Following for H. F. Angus from Bull, Begins: Reference wheat supplies for Greece—Chairman of Inter-Agency Committee on Greek Relief reports that arrangements are being concluded under which Lend Lease funds will be available to finance charter hire of Swedish ships for the first quarter of 1945, provided that these ships are not taken into the shipping pool prior to that time. It is also proposed to finance through Lend Lease fund, food stuffs for shipments in the first quarter of 1945 based on the quantity to be supplied during the fourth quarter of this year—see my letter of November 1st,[†] in which I enclosed a schedule of proposed shipments during the fourth quarter, 1944.

We estimate that we will have approximately 35,000 tons of Swedish shipping per month, in January, February and March, 1945, and only 15,000 tons of United States relief cargo to move under the safe conduct agreement to Greece. Accordingly, the Inter-Agency Committee is anxious to know if some 20,000 tons of Canadian wheat per month can be made available to assure that these relief ships will be fully loaded.

We discussed this matter at a meeting this morning with Wilson, McIvor,¹⁹⁹ McNamara,²⁰⁰ Beamer, Sale,²⁰¹ Ritchie, Lewis,²⁰² and myself. Wilson, McIvor and McNamara are to raise this question at a meeting of the Cereals Committee of the Combined Food Board later today, and we propose a discussion of the military relief implications with our military representatives and U.S. and U.K. members of C.C.A.C.(S) tomorrow.

We will provide a further report for you after this proposed meeting and Wilson will report direct to you on his return to Ottawa, Monday, December 11th. Ends.

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