

tion's operation (including a very considerable reduction in overhead), it will become increasingly difficult to persuade the public of many countries, including Canada, that their governments should continue to give full support to UNESCO.

7. We shall try to supplement the above instructions by letter and you will of course refer to the Department by telegram should you require guidance on any particular issue. Ends.

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DESPATCH 830

Paris, October 7, 1949

SECRET

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to the Fourth Session of the General Conference of U.N.E.S.C.O., which concluded its work on October 5th, 1949.

2. Mr. Jay will, of course, be able to report more fully when he returns to Ottawa on about the 18th of this month. In addition, I have been informed that the resolutions and decisions taken here will be transmitted to member states, on October 15, and the full record of the proceedings will be despatched early in November.

*Programme and Budget.—*

3. As you are aware, the Director General, in his Report and in his first address, stressed the importance of priority planning which he stated had been effected by means of the requests made in his Budget estimates. From what he had to say in the course of the debate, it began to seem that all the items included in the estimates had almost equally high priority. The programme and budget were discussed at the same time by the Programme and Budget Commission which then referred its decisions to a Drafting and Co-ordinating Sub-Committee on which we were not represented. The Budget eventually approved by the Conference totals \$8,000,000 and represents the successful effort of the Sub-Committee to make use of all of the amount indicated in the Provisional Ceiling figure.

*Provisional Ceiling for Budget.—*

4. It had been assumed that the Director General would have arranged for one of the Latin American delegates, several of whom were in his pocket, to open the debate on the provisional ceiling for the budget with a proposal to accept his own figure of 8.17 million dollars, which was what remained of it when the estimated saving from the devaluation of the franc and other currencies had been subtracted. Actually the Director General was able to do a little better than that: the proposal to accept his figure of 8.17 million was made by the Indian Delegation and supported by the Cuban, Swiss, Greek and others. The United Kingdom Delegate then pro-