

I am referring to your telephone conversation of July 27 with Mr. H. F. Angus of the Department of External Affairs regarding the interruption of the supplementary wheat supplies which have been supplied from the Argentine Government for famine relief in Greece, and to my earlier discussion of this subject with you on June 29.

The Canadian Embassy in Washington has been informed by the Inter-Agency Committee on Greek relief that only three shiploads of wheat totalling not more than 25,000 tons have gone to Greece from the first Argentine allotment of 50,000 tons. In addition one ship is now due in Buenos Aires and a second in early August. Therefore the first allotment is not likely to be completed until September or later.

Meanwhile the Canadian Government is arranging for the inclusion of the question of supplies of wheat for Greece on the agenda either of the Executive Committee of the International Wheat Council which is to hold a meeting in late July, or of the Council itself which is to meet early in August. The Argentine delegate attends both the Council and the Executive Committee and the Canadian representative will avail himself of the opportunity to request the Argentine delegate to ascertain from his Government their intended programme regarding continued shipments of relief wheat from Argentina.

If the Argentine Government should be unwilling to ship the second allotment of 50,000 tons, the Canadian Government would then consider the question of the procurement of an additional amount from Canadian sources.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Angus,

With reference to our earlier correspondence concerning the continued shipment of relief wheat to Greece from Argentina,<sup>†</sup> Dr. Wilson<sup>195</sup> advises that this matter was discussed at the August 28 meeting of the International Wheat Council and at the meeting of the Council's Executive Committee on August 30th.

Mr. Viacava, the Argentine delegate, stated that it was the intention of his Government to complete the shipment of the first 50,000 tons of wheat from Argentina, of which about 28,000 tons has now been shipped. Mr. Viacava was not aware that any plans had been made by his Government to continue

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