

requisitions. However, it is possible that these shipments may eventually be charged to military relief. We have been promised a report on this subject which we will forward to you. In the meantime we would appreciate your reaction to the proposal that Canadian wheat be made available to complete the loading of the three Swedish vessels listed above.

With reference to gasoline, oil and grease, Wijkman advised the Chairman of the Inter-Agency Committee on Greek relief that Cancross¹⁹⁸ is anxious to complete their shipping programme. We consider this method of shipping gasoline most uneconomical, and in the absence of information to the contrary, no longer necessary. However, if Cancross have commitments they cannot get out of, the Inter-Agency Committee would have no objections to the continued shipment of gasoline, oil and grease in drums, on the deck of the relief vessels so long as this movement does not replace any essential cargo. Ends.

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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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IMMEDIATE. Following for Bull and Pearson from Angus, Begins: Your WA-6439 of November 14th, wheat for Greece. The suggestion made in your teletype that 6,000 tons of wheat should be provided for the *Saggit* and *Formosa* to be consigned to the Relief Commission in Greece but to be credited on arrival as a military relief contribution has received very careful consideration. It seems to us out of the question that if the safe conduct precludes a consignment to the military relief authorities we should secure the same result by indirect means designed to evade the terms of the safe conduct.

It would probably be possible to make the required quantity of wheat physically available, provided that the financial terms on which it is supplied can be made clear. Apparently a straight-forward sale for military relief purposes is out of the question because of the safe conduct conditions. The Canadian-Greek Relief Fund, as you know, is in debt and an appeal to the public cannot take effect before the proposed shipment. Is there any other source from which a shipment of wheat for relief purposes in Greece could be furnished consistently with the safe conduct conditions? It might be worth while for you to explore in Washington the possibility of UNRRA undertaking such a shipment. In the meantime we can examine whether it would be appropriate to make a further shipment for Greek relief under the plan for providing wheat for Greece through the Swedish Commission. It has been assumed here that work through this Commission has terminated.

¹⁹⁸La Croix rouge canadienne.
Canadian Red Cross.