

In view of these circumstances you will appreciate that the Canadian Prime Minister is reluctant to reply to the Greek Prime Minister until he can speak with greater assurance about the future. Meanwhile, I am sending the information which we now have and which you may wish to convey to your Government.

Yours sincerely,

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Following for H. F. Angus from Bull, Begins: With reference to your EX-4544, November 10th<sup>†</sup>—cargo for Swedish vessels, *Saggat* and *Formosa*, on Greek Relief Fund—I have had several discussions with State Department, F.E.A., and the British Embassy officials concerned with Greek relief, on the question of cargo for the above vessels. In my letter of November 1st<sup>†</sup> I provided you with a schedule of Greek relief shipments for the balance of this year. Out of this schedule F.E.A. can provide some 10,000 tons of cargo, including 40 motor vehicles, for loading at St. John in November—early December. This leaves five or six thousand tons of space, and Wijkman,<sup>197</sup> in a telephone conversation with the Chairman of the Inter-Agency Committee, yesterday, suggested that we provide wheat to complete the loading of these two vessels.

The *Tamara* is due to sail from Greece on November 18th. There is a balance of some 20,000 tons of United States cargo covered by 1944 Lend-Lease requisitions, and it is hoped that sufficient cargo out of this balance will be available in St. John to load the *Tamara*. However, at the last moment we may be again asked for a limited quantity of wheat to complete the loading of this vessel.

Although this cargo is not being called forward by the theatre commander, in view of the safe conduct arrangement reported in my WA-6380 of November 9th,<sup>†</sup> there is no reason why any Canadian wheat shipped to the Relief Commission in Greece on the above and future Swedish vessels should not be charged against our overall military relief contributions. This wheat would, of necessity, be consigned as in the past, to the Relief Commission. However, the necessary accounting entry could be made at a later date.

The position of Lend-Lease shipments to Greece has not yet been determined. These materials continue to move on straight Lend-Lease

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