

SECTION H

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 POUR LE SECOURS DE L'ENFANCE
 UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
 pour le Cabinet*

*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
 to Cabinet*

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SECOND CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

The International Children's Emergency Fund is now making an appeal for further contributions from governments totalling \$20,000,000. On the matching formula adopted by the United States Congress in making its original authorization of a \$100,000,000 contribution, contributions to the amount of \$20,000,000 if made before June 30, 1949, would call out the full sum authorized by Congress. So far \$75,000,000 of this has been appropriated, but only \$42,122,404 called out by matching grants.

2. Twenty-eight governments have contributed or pledged a total of about \$62,000,000 to the Fund. Eight of them, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, South Africa and the United States, contributed twice. The two Australian grants total \$7,157,280. The Canadian Government made a grant only in 1947. \$5,000,000 of this was a direct contribution and \$200,000 a sum turned over to the Canadian Council of the United Nations Appeal for Children, earmarked for the ICEF.

3. Members of the Executive Board, including the Canadian representative, made an inspection tour this summer in Europe during which they were satisfied that assistance provided really reached the intended recipients and that all receiving governments, including those of the satellite countries, were giving cooperation.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Canadian Government now make a second contribution to the Fund of \$3,500,000 which would call out a matching grant of \$9,000,000 from the United States.⁹⁵

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⁹⁵ Le 4 février 1949, le Cabinet décida de ne pas contribuer:

On February 4, 1949 Cabinet decided to make no contribution:

for the present...it being understood that the Secretary of State for External Affairs might raise the question again at a later date.