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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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Ottawa, December 12, 1944

Your WA-6847 December 7th. Wheat supplies for Greece.

The balance of \$2,700,000 in the present War Appropriation would probably cover expenditures on an additional 54,000 tons of wheat. Since 8,400 tons have already been ordered for shipment in December, this would leave a balance of 45,600 tons for shipment from January through March.

I understand from Dr. C. F. Wilson that at a CCAC(S) meeting held on December 8th, the United States, United Kingdom and Canadian representatives took the view that the cost of providing wheat, lease-lend freight, etc., could be covered within the terms of the military relief agreement shortly to be concluded. No formal action could be taken until the conclusion of the agreement but it was anticipated that there would subsequently be no difficulty in bringing the shipments in Swedish vessels as from a date to be agreed within the framework of the new relief agreement.

It is therefore probable that at least the remaining 14,400 tons needed to make up the 20,000 tons monthly could be covered by our National Defence Appropriation for Military Relief.

I also understand from Dr. Wilson that the Cereals Committee of the Combined Food Board has concurred in the view that any shipments to Greece in Swedish vessels could be treated as supplementary to the amounts provided for in the Military Relief programme to Greece.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au ministre de Grèce  
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Minister of Greece*

Ottawa, December 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Depasta,

You will recall that in my letter of October 30th, 1944, regarding the continuation of Canadian relief wheat shipments to Greece, I stated that the Canadian Prime Minister was reluctant to reply to the Greek Prime Minister's telegram until he could speak with greater assurance about the future.

Arrangements have now been completed by which the Canadian Government will continue to send wheat for the relief of Greece in the cargo space on the Swedish relief vessels which is not required for other relief supplies. So far