

We should appreciate any information that you can obtain as to the probable future of relief operations in Greece. Under cover of circular despatch D. No. 138 of September 29th[†] we have received from the Dominions Office a copy of a Memorandum of Agreement[†] which it is proposed to conclude with the Greek Government. Clause 5 provides that the Commander of the British Military Force will bring supplies and provide relief. Clause 17 provides that in distributing supplies and otherwise providing relief, the Commander will use the services of UNRRA. These two clauses suggest that the relief supplies will be of the nature of military relief.

It is this suggestion which puzzles us. We have understood the military relief agreement to apply to Western Europe. Is it expected that it will be applied to Greece as well? We have also understood that after the date on which UNRRA personnel take over the administration of relief, wheat shipments from Canada will count as part of Canada's contribution to UNRRA. If supplies were to be provided by way of military relief, the position of the wheat which Canada is supplying would have to be considered. Would it be:

- (a) a sale of Canadian wheat to military relief authorities in an area in which Canada is not contributing to the cost of military relief;
- (b) a sale to UNRRA;
- (c) as at present a gift to Greece;
- (d) a Canadian contribution to military relief in an area to be included in the agreement on this subject?

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IMMEDIATE. Following for Pearson from Angus, Begins: Your WA-5863 of October 12th,[†] future of relief operations in Greece. In the course of your enquiries it may be useful for you to know that the Greek Prime Minister had addressed a telegram to the Canadian Prime Minister asking for the continuation of Canadian help for Greece in addition to the relief which has been promised under the military plan. It is difficult to reply to this telegram unless we know what the military plan is and what part, if any, UNRRA will take in providing supplies. If the Canadian shipments of wheat to Greece are to count as part of the Canadian contribution to UNRRA as from the date on which UNRRA takes over relief, it would rest with UNRRA and not with the Canadian Government to decide what wheat, if any, should be sent after that date.

If a prolonged period of military relief is anticipated before UNRRA takes over, it might be rather much to expect Canada both to pay eight per cent of