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Following the conversation between the Secretary-General, Monsieur Georges-Picot and Mr. Crosthwaite on August 14, the competent authorities in the United Kingdom have re-examined the claim in respect of the services provided after December 21 to the United Nations clearance operation in the Suez Canal, of which details were given in the enclosures in Mr. Moore's letter of June 7 to Colonel Katzin.

Revised figures in respect of this claim have been prepared, which, in regard to "overhead costs", are based on the principle that the total of these costs will be divided between the United Kingdom and the United Nations in proportion to the number of days for which vessels were engaged in clearing operations before and after December 21, 1956. Re-assessment on this basis reduces the United claim from £487,350 to £401,640, that is to say, by £76,690.

No reduction has been made in the figures for the daily cost of the vessels employed. These are accurate figures of actual expenditure.

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It has not been possible to compare these figures with the "unit costs" of comparable commercial vessels chartered by the United Nations since information in regard to the latter is not available in London.

On this basis a revised Summary of Claims and revised Appendices I and II have been prepared, of which copies are attached.

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CLEARANCE OF SUEZ CANAL

Expenditure incurred by Admiralty

	A Expenditure on clearance work between cease fire and 21st December, 1956, (including share of passage costs of vessels)		B Expenditure on clearance work after 21st December, 1956, (including proportionate share of passage costs of vessels remaining in area for service with U.N. Salvage Organisation)	
		£		£
(i) Costs of vessels on passage to Canal area		50,547		125,098
(ii) Work of Canal clearance				
	£		£	
(a) Costs of vessels engaged on clearance work	224,413		200,270	
(b) Salvage and other stores expended or lost during clearance operations	24,297		7,950	
(c) Pay and allowances of additional personnel employed on clearance work but not borne in salvage vessels	7,120		6,810	
(d) Air Freight on civilian clothing required during service with U.N. Salvage Organisation	-		1,135	
		255,830		216,165
(iii) Costs of vessels returning to bases		42,587		53,927
	Total	£348,964		£395,190
(iv) Hire of 10 Salvage pontoons to U.N. Salvage Organisation, 16th December, 1956, to 25th April, 1957, @ £150 per month each				6,450
			Total	£401,640

Grand Total £750,604

Details of vessels engaged and of stores expended are shown on Appendices I, I(a) II and II(a).

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Appendix I

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Clearance work between cease fire and 21st December, 1956 including passage costs of vessels

NAME OF VESSEL	A(i) Costs of vessels on passage to Canal area			A(ii) Costs of vessels during employment on clearance work				A(iii) Costs of vessels on passage to normal base		
	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £	Period (Inclusive)	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £
Salvage Vessels										
BARNSTONE	24	380	4,813(c)	3/12 - 21/12/56	19	290	5,510	24	380	4,814(c)
BARHILL *	7	380	2,660	13/11 - 21/12/56	39	290	11,310	7	380	2,660
KINGARTH	7	310	1,224(c)	8/11 - 21/12/56	44	275	12,100	7	310	1,224(c)
KINBRACE	25	310	2,635(c)	5/12 - 21/12/56	17	275	4,675	33	310	3,478(c)
SUCCOUR	20	310	2,340(c)	2/12 - 21/12/56	20	275	5,500	22	310	2,573(c)
UPLIFTER	25	310	2,040(c)	12/12 - 21/12/56	10	275	2,750	26	310	2,121(c)
DISPENSER	19	475	4,165(c)	28/11 - 21/12/56	24	440	10,560	22	475	4,823(c)
SALVEDA	28	620	6,127(c)	4/12 - 21/12/56	18	550	9,900	29	620	6,346(c)
SEA SALVOR	6	550	1,886(c)	8/11 - 21/12/56	44	470	20,680	5	550	1,571(c)
SALVESTOR *	7	550	3,850	13/11 - 18/12/56	36	470	16,920	5	550	2,750
L.C. 10	8	170	670(c)	20/11 - 21/12/56	32	215	6,880	6	170	502(c)
L.C. 11	8	170	718(c)	14/11 - 21/12/56	38	215	8,170	7	170	628(c)
RETRIEVE *	5	170	850	28/11 - 19/12/56	22	215	4,730	5	170	850
SAMSONIA *	8	450	3,600	14/11 - 21/12/56	38	375	14,250	7	450	3,150
WARDEN	8	450	1,745(c)	20/11 - 21/12/56	32	375	12,000	9	450	1,964(c)
DALRYMPLE	4	940	3,134(c)	7/11 - 21/12/56	45	850	38,250	4	940	3,133(c)
ENERGIE, AUSDAUER, HERMES, WOTAN — Chartered vessels	29	3,000 + 170 fuel costs (estd.)	8,090(c) (d)	10/12 - 21/12/56	11	3,000 + 170 fuel costs (estd.)	34,870	-	-	-
Support Vessels					Number of hours	Hourly Rate				
CAREFUL	-	-	-	16/11 - 21/12/56	57	42	2,394	-	-	-
ANTIC	-	-	-	30/11 - 21/12/56	18	27	486	-	-	-
EXPERT	-	-	-	25/11 - 21/12/56	41	42	1,722	-	-	-
BRIGAND	-	-	-	30/11 - 21/12/56	18	42	756	-	-	-
	Total		£50,547	Total			£224,413	Total		£42,587

Note: (a) Vessels marked * based on Malta. Remainder based in United Kingdom.
(b) The daily rates shown cover all running expenses. Where different rates are shown for the same vessels these are due to differences in fuel consumption on work in harbour and on passage. RETRIEVE was towed to and from Canal Area.
(c) Proportionate share of passage costs
(d) Proportionate share of passage costs based on a period of service 10/12/56 to 14/4/57.

Appendix II

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Clearance work after 21st December, 1956 and passage of vessels remaining in area for service with the U.N. salvage organisation

NAME OF VESSEL	B(i) Proportionate share of costs of vessels on passage to Canal area			B(ii) Costs of vessels during employment on clearance work				B(iii) Proportionate share of costs of vessels on passage to normal base		
	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £	Period (Inclusive)	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £	Number of days	Daily Rate £	Costs £
Salvage Vessels				From 22/12/56 to						
BARNSTONE	24	380	4,307	7/1/57	17	290	4,930	24	380	4,306
KINGARTH *	7	310	946	24/1/57	34	325	11,050	7	310	946
KINBRACE	25	310	5,115	23/1/57	33	325	10,725	33	310	6,752
SUCCOUR	20	310	3,860	23/1/57	33	325	10,725	22	310	4,247
UPLIFTER	25	310	5,710	18/1/57	28	275	7,700	26	310	5,939
DISPENSER	19	475	4,860	18/1/57	28	440	12,320	22	475	5,627
SALVEDA	28	620	11,233	23/1/57	33	550	18,150	29	620	11,634
SEA SALVOR *	6	550	1,414	23/1/57	33	525	17,325	5	550	1,179
L.C. 10 *	8	170	690	23/1/57	33	275	9,075	6	170	518
L.C. 11 *	8	170	642	24/1/57	34	275	9,350	7	170	562
WARDEN *	8	450	1,855	24/1/57	34	375	12,750	9	450	2,086
DALRYMPLE *	4	940	626	30/12/56	9	850	7,650	4	940	627
ENERGIE, AUSDAUER, HERMES, WOTAN — Chartered Vessels	29	3,000 + 170 fuel costs (estd.)	83,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Vessels				From 22/12/56 to						
BLUE RANGER *	-	-	-	22/1/57	32	430	13,760	5	440	939
CAREFUL	-	-	-	23/1/57	33	375	12,375	20	450	4,304
STRIKER *	-	-	-	23/1/57	33	745	24,585	6	890	2,447
SPAPOOL *	-	-	-	11/1/57	21	250	5,250	6	250	492
FORT DUQUESNE *	-	-	-	3/1/57	13	790	10,270	5	840	1,187
Employment of 3 M.F.V.'s and 2 "Z" lighters *	-	-	-	From 22/12/56 to various dates between 31/12/56 and 23/1/57	-	-	2,280	-	-	135
		Total	£125,098			Total	£200,270		Total	£53,927

Note: (a) Vessels marked * based on Malta. Remainder based on United Kingdom.

(b) The daily rates shown cover all running expenses. The different rates shown are due to differencesin fuel consumption on work in harbour and on passage. Also, additional allowances paid to crews whilst employed in Canal Area. L.C. 10 and L.C.11 were towed to and from Canal Area.