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DRAFT OUTGOING CODE CABLE

To: Davis, UNRWA
Beirut

From: Cordier

Date: 5 January 1961

Number: 10

Re UNRWA 239 which in absence Stavropoulos has been brought to my attention by Sloan and Sec. From statement of aims which we assume are official, Sec Gen and I conclude organization is sufficiently political in nature as to establish clear legal case for determination, in words ref'd, "no UNRWA employee may seek (or accept) nomination, election or appointment to any committee of union or as official of union and retain UNRWA employment." If you consider this strong line practicable we should be glad back you.

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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: Davis
UNRWA, Beirut

FROM: Cordier

DATE: 5 January 1961

NUMBER: //

After dispatch our No.10 received following cable addressed to Secgen from Munir Rayyes Mayor of Gaza: "UNRWA at the GA strip issued instructions to its Palestine officials alienating them from practicing their natural right in the building up of the Palestin Arab entity UNRWA I urge your prompt intervention to allow said officials to run for the present Palestine Arab National Union Elections". Grateful you cable or give Holland your views on whether any reply desirable, if so, comments and suggestions to take into account therefor. Presumably reply, if any, should be sent to Formin.

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OUTGOING CORE CABLE

TO: Davis Gyani
UNRWA, Beirut UNRWF, Gaza

FROM: Cordier Stavropoulos

DATE: 9 January 1961

NUMBER: 21

Re BRIGCO 1 and UNRWF 24. In view of BRIGCO 1 we are now somewhat unclear as to sequence of events in UNRWA position. However, after careful review we are certain this is an issue on which Section would feel Unatious is not repeat not permitted to compromise. We fully appreciate cultural and humanitarian aims of Union and realize they are part of large trends in Arab world to which UN can have no objection, but we cannot ignore very pointed political aims as well, especially third and fourth. Close, although obviously not identical, analogy would be for Secretariat to allow American Jews to participate in solely humanitarian work of a Zionist organization, and this we do not repeat not allow. Moreover, we feel it is preferable from every viewpoint to take clear line now based on simple fact of being an official or committee member rather than try to judge conduct later which would almost certainly depend on arguable judgments as to, say, degree of political versus humanitarian activity. Accordingly we very much hope you can see your way to take position as outlined UNRWA 299 in which no UNRWA employee could seek nomination, election, or appointment to any committee or as official of Union and retain UNRWA employment. This is line we understand Gyani also wishes to take for UNRWF and which we would normally ask him to take. However, we are withholding this advice and our reply to Asha pending reply from you. We regret having to ask you to take position which may raise practical problems for you, but we are sure you will appreciate a compromise in Gaza could adversely affect UN position in many other areas and would create repercussions among member countries as well as establish precedent which would be most embarrassing for Headquarters policy. You may if you find it helpful make clear it is UN New York that maintains this line.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: Davis, Beirut
 FROM: Cordier, Stavropoulos
 DATE: 11 January 1961
 NUMBER: 29

Editor: Please repeat to Gyand, Gaza

No. 48

this and our 21

Reur 3. We are glad to note that you are sending Deputy Director and General Counsel to ~~fix~~ Cairo to support view set forth in our 21. Believe despite temporary difficulties which you may encounter in immediate days ahead it will forestall much greater difficulties for us for the future. Agree also your suggestion that it may be useful ~~at next stage for~~ Stavropoulos to come to Cairo for further discussion this matter if meeting is held.

We are also presenting our point of view as set forth our 21 to UAR Delegation immediately.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: DAVIS, UNRWA, BEIRUT
FROM: CORDIER
DATE: 16 February 1961
NUMBER: 79

Due to Congo problems the sending of your renewed contract has been delayed. Will send it soonest.

M. B. O. L. D.

S. E. A. F.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: UNRWA
Davis
FROM: Moe
DATE: 23 February 1961

No: 88

Further to my 77 Rifai currently leading for Arabs says they intend see some resolution submitted seventh or eighth, hopefully in agreement US but through other delegations if necessary. Accordingly, all concerned suggest you be here by morning seventh.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: HOLLAND, UNRWA, BEIRUT
FROM: STAVROPOULOS
DATE: 27 FEBRUARY 1961
NUMBER: 95

Your UNRWA 41 Since understand you consider present offer most favourable that can be obtained in negotiations, I would fully recommend and support UNRWA's accepting proposed settlement as practical compromise. However I believe this should not be done by compromising legal principle which I consider in interest of Unations to maintain nor by conceding any weakness in legal basis of claim but for reason that it is impossible to obtain more through negotiations and that arbitration might be difficult aim to attain.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: Davis, Beirut -- repeat Gysni, UNEF, Gaza
FROM: Cordier, Stavropoulos
DATE: 27 February 1961
NUMBER: 97

Reur 15 and General Counsel's memo of 18 February to Moe we have today sent letter to Asha text of which is being cabled in clear.

Suggest you (a) inform UAR authorities Cairo and Gaza of our policy, with text if you wish, perhaps using formula that you are making sure there is no failure in communications; (b) advise staff, making clear this is UN Hq decision applying general UN policy. Assume you will of course first endeavour obtain cooperation UAR authorities.

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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: UNEWA, BEIRUT
DAVIS

FROM: CORDIER

DATE: 3 March 1961

NUMBER: 106

MOST IMMEDIATE

Re your 50 entirely concur your plan advise UAR authorities Cairo before taking any action Gaza. My 28 February letter to Asha is a straightforward statement of UN position (our 41 and 42 refer). We assume Cairo will fully appreciate UN position. There seemed to be no necessity for advance discussion UAR Mission and there has been no reaction.

Repeating above message to Gaza for Holland.

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Secretary-General
Bunche
Cordier
Moe

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

To: UNRWA, Beirut
For: Mr. A.F.J. Reddaway
From: Sherwood G. Moe

Date: 26 May 1961

strictly confidential

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1. Geargeoura came to see me today, considerably agitated about UNRWA's alleged treatment of him. His two main complaints are: (a) that he was terminated despite moral commitment to preserve his employment in former or another job; (b) allegations by UNRWA that he obtained money from airline representatives and aircraft charter people. He talks rather wildly about hiring international lawyer to defend him before some tribunal, enlisting support which he claims he can get from Charles Malik, Ambassador Hakim, etc.; in same breath he states wish to avoid trouble and above all his desire to be confronted with accusers and have chance to clear himself. He categorically denies any guilt and appears particularly irked by "trifling nature" of charges made, i.e., accepting only about 100 pounds per month. I have, naturally, made clear I have no official role in this personnel action, which he understands. Have also pointed out (a) above does not hold in light (b) above. Have advised him on personal basis not to spread story since it will almost inevitably be counter-productive for him, as people are too willing to believe the worst.

2. I am, however, also concerned from UNRWA's viewpoint about possible impression at headquarters here and elsewhere that we have been unfair. Grateful for advice and information, e.g., what exactly are charges and does solid proof exist?

3. Would venture recommend that on return he be faced with evidence in full, or if this preferably avoided, he first be told flatly full facts will be released if he does not keep silent. Perhaps you have already done this, as I appreciate I am receiving only one very emotional side of story, but as he tells it, this not done.

4. FYI: Personnel here have dropped consideration of him for ONUC mainly because of these charges.

Authorized:

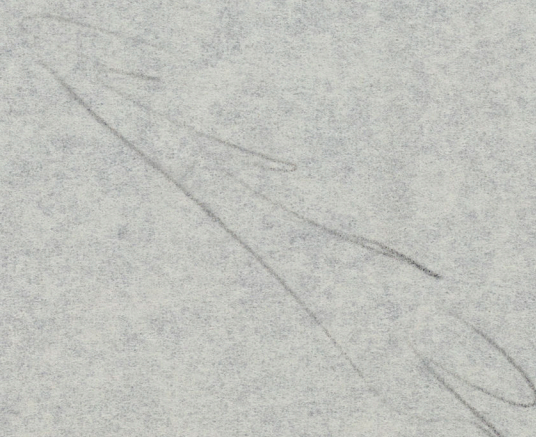
Sherwood G. Moe
UNRWA Asst. Director for
Liaison, N.Y.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

AWC:dg

TO: Davis, Beirut
FROM: Cordier
DATE: 6 July 1961
NUMBER: 328

You may recall the doubts I raised in Jerusalem with you and Von Horn regarding the possible chain of events that may follow the purchase of the Augusta Victoria Hospital. You are quite right, as stated in your memo, that your interest is limited to the assurance that the new owners would provide UNRWA with the same facilities as heretofore. However, from the point of view of UN responsibility for Mount Scopus as a whole we question the wisdom of the purchase of the hospital now. Their representatives here have reiterated that both the Israelis and the Jordanis approve the purchase. We think it would be wise if Von Horn raised the question cautiously with the Jordanis to check the story. We will so advise him. It is, of course, obvious that the Israelis would favour the purchase with the expected larger use of the facilities.



AWC:dg

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: Davis, Beirut
FROM: Cordier
DATE: 8 July 1961
NUMBER: 330

Thanks your 36. We thoroughly understand your position. Since Von Horn in Beirut please show him our 328. Would appreciate it if you would proceed in accordance with that cable. We will not otherwise inform him.

To: Davis, UNRWA Beirut

From: Moe

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14 Jul 1961

Re Bridgewater's 13 July message on sugar bids, we felt sources might pose policy problems in adjudication. Accordingly on purely informal basis I checked with Wilts. After checking within Department, he advises on equally informal basis that, that while emphasizing UNRWA's right to adjudicate as it wishes we might wish decide to buy from UN members only and of these from a contributor which in effect means Turkey. Buying from other two could give rise to adverse criticism particularly at this time when proposed contribution before Congress. Would stress this only for information but hope it will be helpful.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: ATKINSON, UNRWA, BEIRUT
FROM: BRIDGWATER, UNICEF, NEWYORK
DATE: 4 OCTOBER 1961
NO.: 502

Invitation UNRWA 508(G) Sugar. Following are lowest offers. Gargour 1600 tons Bulgarian origin unbranded cottons twentythree pounds five shillings shipment one lot December. Gargour 1175 tons only Turkish origin twentythree pounds five shillings basis CandF plus usual UNRWA expenses for insurance offloading etc. as sugar now available ex stores Zone Franche Beirut delivery first half December. Validity 5 October. Mitchell Cotts, London 1600 tons five percent tolerance Bulgarian origin white crystals believed already packed 100 kilo new jutes marking uncertain, one shipment one port discharge only, part acceptance not permitted, state authorities certificates weight, quality, packing final time shipment twentytwo pounds seventeen shillings CandF Beirut or Port Said. Cost discharge Buyers account November shipment ETA first half December. Validity midnight 5 October.

Re NYP-6932 and UNNY-75 sugar clearance Bulgarian contribution UNICEF not yet received. Paris pressing matter. Cuba has advised contribution will amount 887 tons and shipment being arranged but so far have not received booking details. However, would expect Cuban sugar arrive Beirut December January latest. If warehousing no problem suggest you purchase total tender quantity applying Cuban and Bulgarian tonnage later requirements. Advise.

Charge to UNICEF Allotment 159-12

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: UMRWA, BEIRUT
REDDAWAY

DATE: 4 OCTOBER 1961

FROM: MOE

NUMBER: 503

Reur BEICO 52 and 53 CORDIER Confirms correctness action
reported BEICO 52. Will send any further advice as situation develops.

Authorized by: S.G.

Sherwood G. Moe
Director of Liaison
UMRWA

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: HOLLAND, Beirut
FROM: STAVROPOULOS
DATE: 5 October 1961
NUMBER: 506

Reur BEICO 52 and further to Moe's 503 there has thus far been no request for separate representation from Syria. Kouzbari informed President of the General Assembly by cable dated 30 September of appointment as "President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic". Message contains assurance of Government's firm adherence to principles of Unations and desire to exercise its international relations on basis of justice and peace.

We shall immediately inform you of any developments. I agree your attitude is correct and should be followed for present particularly in light of apparent rigidity in UAR position.