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NOTE BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING CONTINUATION  
OF SUPPLIES TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

Summary

1. At its June, 1950 Session the Board approved an allocation of \$900,000 to continue UNICEF's aid to refugee children and nursing and pregnant mothers. This brought the total allocated for supplies to the Palestine Refugees to \$1,581,000. Of this sum there is at present a balance of \$630,000 available. Owing to reduced prices of surplus foods, UNICEF's contribution to the refugees's food needs can be continued to 30 June 1951 out of this sum.

Need for Continuing Refugee Program

2. Although the UNRWA has made a beginning in starting works projects for the refugees, the numbers so far employed (under 10,000) have not substantially reduced the numbers needing relief among the 900,000 refugees reported by UNRWA. 85,000 rations were issued by UNRWA in September 1950.

3. It is anticipated that UNRWA will continue the relief aspect of its program well into 1951 and there is no prospect for any large reduction in the numbers of refugees needing rations. The UNICEF foodstuffs would continue to be distributed by UNRWA in 1951 under the same administrative arrangements.

4. In addition to the 440,000 mothers and children planned for as UNICEF beneficiaries, the Administration is planning to extend the feeding program to include 3,000 infants and 27,000 older children and mothers among the homeless

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a destitute original residents of Gaza who have been cut off from their normal  
 s rces of livelihood and supply and constitute a particularly needy group.

5 The following table lists the additional supply program required for the  
 f st half of 1951:

<u>I m</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u> (in thousands)	<u>Daily</u> <u>Ration</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>Stocks</u> <u>1/1/51</u> (1,000 lbs.)	<u>Additional</u> <u>Requirements</u> (1,000 lbs.)	<u>Cost</u> (in thousands)
M k, skim	427	40 gr.	2,180	4,600	46
M k, whole	43	40 gr.	330	352	83
S ar	427	10 gr.	132	1,560	118
C ese	427	20 gr.	-	3,400	68
C liver oil	330	5 gr.	110	440	<u>104</u>
					<u>419</u>
M ical supplies					50
U rogrammed balance (to be specified later)					<u>161</u>
T al balance now available					<u>\$630</u>

6 The large balance is due to the fact that the Fund has been much slower  
 t n expected in using sums earmarked for processing cotton piece goods for  
 ma ing up into garments by the refugees and for delivery to the refugee program  
 o contributions in kind, mainly pulses and cereals. The Fund will continue to  
 u: the balance of \$161,000 for these purposes as goods become available and  
 w ld, if necessary, seek a further allocation later. Owing, however, to the  
 p sent shortage of funds for allocation, the Administration believes that the  
 s s originally earmarked for the above purposes should no longer be held in  
 f l. The Administration proposes to use them as indicated in the preceding  
 p agraph and procurement authority has already been begun.