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Recommendation of the Executive Director
for Assistance for Children and Mothers
Evacuated from the Port Said Area in Egypt

1. The Administration recommends an allocation to Egypt of \$110,000 for the purpose of alleviation of distress for a period of three months of 40,000 mothers and children who have been moved from the area of Port Said to emergency housing in other parts of the country. The funds will provide for immediate diversion of 310,000 lbs. of dry skimmed milk now in the Eastern Mediterranean area; for replacement of 2 million fish-liver oil capsules to be immediately diverted from other Egyptian programmes; for the provision of 120,000 lbs. of soap, 60,000 lbs. of which can be immediately diverted from other programmes; and for the provision of 30,000 blankets. A request from the Government has been received and the UNICEF Resident Representative in Egypt visited the areas concerned and evaluated the requirements and the proposed methods of distribution and supervision. The present recommendation is in response to a request relating to persons evacuated from Port Said. Other needs may require a further recommendation at a later stage.
2. The 60,000 persons who have been evacuated from the Port Said Area* include an estimated 40,000 mothers and children. They are now temporarily housed in seven districts at some distance from the Port area. About one-half of the persons have been housed in schools, welfare institutions or other public buildings

* The population of the city of Port Said was estimated at 205,000 in 1953.

while the other half have been quartered in other family dwellings in these areas. The Government has indicated that it would be able, along with voluntary contributions and local assistance, to provide basic food and domestic requirements, but that the health of the mothers and children could be maintained more securely with supplementary assistance from UNICEF.

3. The Administration has been in constant touch with other agencies such as the American Council of Voluntary Agencies, which has established in Egypt an Advisory Council of Voluntary War Relief Agencies, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Administration has consulted with these agencies in preparing this recommendation and will coordinate its activities with them in order to avoid duplication of effort. The American voluntary agencies have already sent one plane load of medical supplies and are currently shipping a considerable tonnage of a wide variety of relief items including clothing. The International Committee of the Red Cross has largely limited its appeal to medical and clothing items for the Port Said area, the first plane load of which landed in Cairo 12 November. A train load of such items arrived in Port Said 16 November.

4. UNICEF would provide:

2,000,000 fish liver oil capsules	\$ 4,500
120,000 lbs. soap	10,200
30,000 blankets	80,000
freight for above	11,000
freight for 310,000 lbs. milk in Beirut	2,500
contingency	1,800
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