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STATEMENTS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN PARIS

The representative of France on the Executive Board of UNICEF was authorized by a letter, dated 25 June 1949, of His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs to make the following statements:

1. That he could confirm to the Executive Board of UNICEF the decision of the French Government to provide adequate premises for the operation of the Centre;

2. That negotiations have been started with the Municipal Authorities of Paris to provide for the eventual use of the Chateau de Longchamp and for its adaptation for the operation of the proposed Centre (see Note No. 1, attached hereto, concerning this building);

3. That the French Government, if the creation of the International Children's Centre is decided, will maintain its annual contribution to the Fund on the same basis and under the same conditions as in 1949;

4. That the French Government will present to the Parliament a bill which would provide, for the Centre, from the date of its establishment, an annual amount of 75 million francs for a duration of three years, with the understanding that this contribution would be paid only in case of the exclusion of the contribution already allocated for UNICEF;

5. That, furthermore, his Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs leaves to the Representative of France the task of outlining in detail to the Executive Board of UNICEF the various facilities of a technical nature which the different French administrations and institutions could place at the disposal of this Centre for the purpose of assisting in its operation (see Note No. 2, attached).

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Note No. 1

PREMISES INTENDED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S CENTRE

NEGOTIATIONS

The Representative of France has been authorized to discuss with the Municipal Authorities the assignment of the building situated in the Bois de Boulogne, and known as the Chateau de Longchamp, for the International Children's Centre. Contacts have been made with the Prefect of the Department of the Seine, the President of the Municipal Council of Paris, and the General Director of the Budget of the City of Paris.

A plenary conference was held in the office of the Prefect of the Department of the Seine, grouping together the representatives of the Ministries and Administrations concerned: the Prefect of the Department of the Seine, the Director of the Budget of the Municipal Council, the Chief of the Architectural Service of the City of Paris, and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of the Ministry of Health, and of the Ministry of Finance. The result of this conference was a request to the Municipal Council to authorize the Prefect to rent the Chateau de Longchamp for the purpose of installing in it the International Children's Centre at the symbolic or token rental of 1 franc per year.

Moreover, the French Government has decided to refit the Chateau de Longchamp within the expenditure of 100 million francs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES.

The Chateau de Longchamp is situated in the Bois de Boulogne, at the end of the Avenue des Acacias, opposite the Longchamp race course. It is a very beautiful building, surrounded by a park. To prepare the building for use, the interior refitting will be completed, providing approximately 50 rooms, which include the following:

Conference rooms
Classrooms
Council room
Administrative offices
Display rooms
Laboratories, etc.

Note No. 2

TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL FACILITIES PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

1. Facilities already provided

It is needless to mention again in detail the facilities already provided by the French Government for the Course in Social Pediatrics and for the BCG Pilot Station. Briefly summarized, these facilities are as follows:

a) Course in Social Pediatrics

The premises of the School of Peuriculture, 26 Boulevard Brune, Paris, belonging to the Faculty of Medicine, were placed at the disposal of the course.

The International Building of the Cite Universitaire was made available to the trainees, including:

Dining hall
Social salon
Lecture hall
Library
Administrative office
Health Centre of the Cite Universitaire.

Access for inspection and working facilities provided in the hospitals and clinics by the Administration of Public Welfare of Paris.

Access to the various institutions belonging to the Social Security Administration.

Access to the National Transfusion Centre

" " " National Institute of Professional Orientation
" " " Laboratory of Nutrition Physiology
" " " National Institute of Hygiene
" " " National Institute of Demographic Studies
" " " National School of Public Health
" " " National School of Administration
" " " Pasteur Institute in Paris and at Garches
" " " Department of School Hygiene at the Ministry of
National Education
" " " National Institute for the Youthful Blind
" " " National Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, etc. ...

Outside of the Parisian Area, the French Government has placed at the disposal of the Course in Social Pediatrics the institutions and hospital services of a number of large cities, including Lille, Nancy, Strasbourg, Lyon, and the health centres for children in the Alps.

All these facilities have been granted absolutely free of charge by the French Government.

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b) BCG Pilot Station

In order to facilitate the work of the BCG Pilot Station, the French Government and the institutions dependant upon it have placed, free of charge, at the disposal of the Pilot Station all the following different centres in which it operates:

Family Placement Bureau for small children
School of Puericulture of the Faculty of Medicine
"Enfants Malades" medical clinic
Medical Department of the National Society of French Railroads
St. Maurice Professional Re-education School
Training School of the National Society for Research and Construction of Airplane Motors
Baby Centres of the Public Welfare Administration
The Dispensaries of a number of municipalities surrounding the Parisian area.

2. New facilities offered to the International Children's Centre

The General Administration of Public Welfare of Paris and the Ministry of National Education have agreed to place at the disposal of the International Children's Centre the Streptomycin Centre, in operation in Paris, intended to become a clinical and biological centre for the use of antibiotics. This centre is composed of the following:

2 ward rooms for sick children at the "Enfants Malades" Hospital
1 specially equipped building at the "Hospice" of Brevannes
1 laboratory at the "Enfants Malades" Hospital
1 laboratory at the "Hospice" of Brevannes.

These laboratories work in collaboration with the laboratory of Professor G. RAMON at the National Institute of Hygiene.

Arrangements are planned to allow the trainees to take part in clinical and research work. Systematic collaboration has been established with centres existing in other countries, in particular with Professor Cocchi's centre at Milan and Professor Dubois' centre at Brussels.

This plan offers the largest experimental field in the world for the treatment of acute tuberculosis in children and non-tubercular infections sensitive to the action of antibiotics.

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In addition to the above, the Faculty of Medicine plans to offer free access to its laboratories, its main Amphitheatre, and its Library to the workers connected with the International Children's Centre.

The same can be said of the National Institute of Hygiene, the National Institute of Demographic Studies, and the Professorship of Infantile Neuro-Psychiatry. As will be noted from the attached memorandum of Professor Heuyer, a closer, and at the same time more extensive, cooperation is planned with the work undertaken by the International Children's Centre.

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