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United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine
United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine

Report by the Secretary-General

United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine

1. In a report submitted by the Secretary-General on anticipated 1957 requirements under section 5 of the budget estimates (A/C.5/670), no provision was made for the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine or for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, in view of the difficulties, under present circumstances, of estimating such needs with any reasonable precision.
2. The Secretary-General feels that no adequate basis yet exists for the submission of firm and reliable estimates, capable of detailed justification, nor is any such basis likely to exist before the end of the present financial year. It will be recalled, however, that increased activities in the area, even before the present crisis emerged, had already resulted in increased expenditures for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Additional requirements, for which provision has been made in the Supplementary Estimates for 1956 (A/3207), as approved by the Fifth Committee at its 536th meeting, have necessitated an increase of \$367,500 over the approved 1956 appropriation of \$747,500, thus resulting in a revised 1956 estimate for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization of \$1,115,000.

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3. A projection of this 1956 revised estimate through 1957, assuming that the present pattern and level of expenditures is continued, would result in an estimated total requirement for the latter year of \$1,190,800, a breakdown of which is given in annex I to this report.

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4. Assuming the continuance of present arrangements in respect of this Commission, the estimated requirements would amount to approximately \$82,000, a reduction of \$35,000 as compared with the 1956 appropriation of \$117,000. A reduction in the estimate is possible because most of the equipment and supplies necessary for the work of the Commission have been purchased in 1956 and no provision for such items need therefore be made in 1957. A breakdown of the estimate of \$82,000 is shown in annex II attached.

Summary of Estimates

5. Thus, the above estimates and projections, based on the situation prevailing as of October 1956, would suggest that a sum of about \$1,272,000 would be required, to enable both missions to perform their functions through 1957. This compares with revised 1956 estimates (A/3207 - Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 1956), totalling \$1,207,900 and expenditures for 1955 of \$699,439. Since, however, it is impossible, under present circumstances, to submit firm estimates, the Secretary-General recommends that, in order to provide a basis for action on the 1957 budget, a global provision of \$1,000,000 be approved under section 5 of the 1957 budget, to cover provisionally the requirements both of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine and the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine. It is not expected that detailed estimates based on actual 1957 requirements will be available prior to the end of the present financial year. The Secretary-General therefore proposes to report further on this matter to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as soon as sufficient information is at hand.

6. Detailed 1957 estimates already submitted by the Secretary-General for other chapters of section 5 total \$810,000 (A/C.5/670). Pursuant to the proposal made in paragraph 5 above, the total provision required under section 5 of the 1957 budget estimates would amount to \$1,810,000.

ANNEX I

United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine

(Security Council Resolution S/1376, of 11 August 1949)

Tentative 1957 estimates based on the pattern of expenditures of October 1956 would be as follows:

	<u>Dollars (U.S.)</u>
Temporary assistance	121,700
Travel and subsistence of observers	316,700
Travel and subsistence of staff	359,000
Communications services	8,400
Rental and maintenance of premises and equipment	32,500
Stationery and office supplies	7,200
Local transportation	1,400
Operation and maintenance of transportation and equipment	90,000
Rental of aircraft and related expenditures	84,000
Freight, cartage and express	37,600
Insurance	11,300
Miscellaneous supplies and services	10,000
Transportation equipment	73,500
Miscellaneous equipment	37,500
TOTAL	<u>\$1,190,800</u>

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ANNEX II

United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine

(General Assembly Resolutions 194 (III), 394 (V) and 512 (VI))

Tentative 1957 estimates for the commission, based on actual 1956 expenditures, would be as follows:

	<u>Dollars (U.S.)</u>
Temporary assistance	72,000
Travel and subsistence of staff	8,000
Freight, cartage and express	500
Miscellaneous supplies and services	1,500
TOTAL	<u>\$82,000</u>
