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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

Appointment of a committee of experts to consider
the reorganization of the Secretariat

Twenty-fifth report of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the
General Assembly at its twenty-second session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1147) on the financial implications of the appointment of a committee of experts to consider the reorganization of the Secretariat.
2. The Secretary-General estimates that the additional requirements would amount to \$53,000, comprising \$42,000 under section 3, chapter III, for travel and subsistence of members of the committee, \$9,000 under section 5, chapter II, for the travel and subsistence of staff, and \$2,000 under section 10 for miscellaneous expenses, including cables, supplies and documentation.
3. In drawing up his estimate the Secretary-General proceeded from the assumption that the committee would consist of seven members, three of whom would be from outside the New York area, and that it would meet for approximately 100 days in New York, ten days in Geneva and seven days each at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa (Addis Ababa), the Economic Commission for Latin America (Santiago) and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (Bangkok). The Advisory Committee understands that the committee of experts may also visit Vienna. The Secretary-General proposes to assign three staff members to service the committee at Headquarters and on its visits to Geneva, Vienna and the regional economic commissions and so to arrange the itinerary as to keep travel costs to a minimum.

4. The Advisory Committee is satisfied that, leaving aside the element of conjecture due to the need for the Secretary-General to base himself on a number of assumptions, the estimate has been drawn up with due regard to economy. Accordingly it concurs in the Secretary-General's suggestion that the following additional appropriations be made in the budget for 1968:

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Section 3, chapter III . . .	42,000
Section 5, chapter II . . .	9,000
Section 10	<u>2,000</u>
	53,000
