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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1960

Interim Arrangements for the Library

Report of the Secretary-General

- 1. The construction of the new building for the United Nations Library on the site occupied by the present Library will make it necessary to find a temporary site for the staff, collections and facilities of the Library. The Secretary-General has taken into account the relative merits of renting space in the immediate neighbourhood or of utilizing space within the Headquarters buildings. He has decided that, apart from the advantage of saving substantial sums in rent and the renovation of outside space, it is feasible to establish the temporary Library within the United Nations quarters. This can be accomplished by the utilization of the Secretariat lobby, the lobby on the first floor of the Conference Building, the use of space on the nineteenth floor, selected space in the General Assembly building, and a considerable expansion of branch libraries in the substantive departments and the Legal Office. It involves also the retirement into storage areas of less used books. These books will be stores in such a way as to be available if necessary.
- 2. These arrangements can be made with minimum expense. The attached cost estimates are presented to cover a two-year period. Part A covers the cost of establishing the Library in its temporary quarters. This action would take place at the beginning of the year 1960 and the cost estimate would therefore represent a charge on the 1960 budget. Part A

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also includes an estimate of \$23,400 to cover the cost of temporary relocation of film facilities, now located in the area to be utilized for the new Library building, to the second basement of the General Assembly building. Part B is the cost estimate for 1961 covering the restoration costs and the removal costs to the new building upon its completion in 1961.

- 3. It may be noted that the budget of 1959 carries an item of \$61,000 for necessary repairs to the present building. As it became apparent that funds would become available for a new building the Secretariat stopped the expenditure of this money. Thus \$60,000 of the \$61,000 remains unspent in the current budget year. In addition, a savings of approximately \$52,000 will be made in the year 1960 through the cancellation of the annual operating costs of the present building. These costs cover the custodial personnel, the operation of elevators, water, sewer, electricity and steam. Similarly the construction of the new Library building will eliminate the need for the repairs to the present Library building provided for in the 1960 estimates (A/4110) in the amount of \$36,500.

 4. The Secretary-General recommends the approval of the budget estimates of Part A, \$114,000 for inclusion in the budget for the year 1960 for temporary housing of the Library. As noted above, there would be an offsetting reduction of \$88,500 in the 1960 estimates submitted (A/4110), and a saving of \$60,000 in 1959.
- 5. The budget estimates for 1960 and 1961, amounting to a total of \$168,000 follow.

Budget estimate of cost for temporary housing of Library

Part A - Funds required in 1960

Construction costs

(a)	Temporary relocation of film area to 2nd basement General Assembly	\$23,400
(b)	Temporary housing for the Library	
	(i) Secretariat building - main floor lobby \$31,200	
	19th floor	*
	(ii) General Assembly building - Exhibit hall area \$ 5,200	
	(iii) Basement warehouse area \$ 3,500	
	(iv) 1st floor Conference building (North End) \$2,200	<u>\$42,100</u>
	Total, construction costs	\$65 , 500
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Other cos	<u>sts</u>	
(a)	Telephone moves	\$ 1,100
(b)	Moving of books, furniture and fixtures	\$ 37,200
	Total, other costs	\$38,300
		\$103,800
	Plus contingencies (10 per cent approximately)	\$ 10,200
	Total required in 1960	\$114,000

Part B - Funds required in 1961

- for moving Library into permanent building and for restoring areas used for temporary housing -

Construction costs

(i)	Secretariat building - main floor lobby	\$11,700		
(ii)	General Assembly building - Exhibit hall area	\$ 1,200		
(iii)	3rd basement warehouse area	-		
(iv)	19th floor Secretariat building	-		
(v)	<pre>lst floor Conference building (North End)</pre>	\$ 1,300		
	Total, construction costs		\$14,200	
Other costs				
(i)	Telephone installations	\$ 1,100		
(ii)	Moving of books, furniture and fixtures	\$34,100		
	Total, other costs		\$35 , 200	
				\$49,400
Plus contingencies (10 per cent approximately)				\$ 4,600
	Total required in 1961			\$54,000