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REPORT OF THE AGENT GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
KOREAN RECONSTRUCTION AGENCY

ADDENDUM

Letter dated 1 December 1952 from the Agent General of the United Nations Reconstruction Agency, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 1 December 1952

I have the honour to transmit herewith a summary of action taken by the Advisory Committee to the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency at its meeting held in New York on 24 November 1952.

I would request that this document be presented to the General Assembly as addendum 1 to document A/2222, "Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency - Organization and work of the Agency from its activation in February 1951 to 15 September 1952".^{1/}

(Signed) J. Donald KINGSLEY
Agent General

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE AGENT GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS KOREAN
RECONSTRUCTION AGENCY AT ITS MEETING HELD IN
NEW YORK ON 24 NOVEMBER 1952

1. At its twentieth meeting on 24 November 1952, the Advisory Committee to the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency adopted a \$70 million programme for the relief and rehabilitation of Korea for the period ending 30 June 1953. The programme, which was worked out by the Agent General after consultation with the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, and the President of the Government of the Republic of Korea, is designed to make an immediate and positive contribution towards meeting the most pressing needs of the Korean people in advance of the cessation of hostilities. Discretion was given to the Agent General by the Advisory Committee to implement specific projects within such fields of activity as agriculture, industrial rehabilitation, educational reconstruction, housing and public health. These projects will be closely integrated with the civil assistance programmes of the United Nations Command and kept under constant review by the Agent General and the Advisory Committee as the situation develops in Korea.

2. The Advisory Committee emphasized that in reaching understandings with the Government of the Republic of Korea as to the conduct of the programme, the Agent General should be guided by the principles laid down in General Assembly resolution 410 (V) and by the policy decisions taken by the Committee pursuant thereto. In developing the programme, it was stressed that special attention should be given to the problem of inflation and to methods of bringing it under control. It was also recognized that changes in the military situation might affect the emphasis given to certain segments of the UNKRA programme.

3. The magnitude of the programme has been stated in approximate terms in the report of the Agent General to the General Assembly (A/2222, chapter VI). As approved, the programme envisages the expenditure of \$14 million for the importation of essential commodities such as food, lumber and fertilizers. Another allocation is \$10,634,000 for capital equipment for Korean industry. A total of \$6,900,000 will be spent on agricultural research, irrigation, land reclamation and farm and fisheries development. A sum of \$7,100,000 will be used to rehabilitate power plants and develop new sources of power. To restore

urgently needed educational facilities, approximately \$8 million will be spent on the reconstruction of schools and libraries and to furnish teacher-training and vocational-training services. The work of the United Nations Command which has kept major port facilities and railways in repair, will be supplemented by an UNKRA allocation of \$7,500,000 to repair secondary ports and transverse and feeder rail lines. Housing reconstruction will be initiated in the amount of \$3 million, this programme to be expanded as supplies can be allocated. To meet the fuel needs for Korean industrial production and civilian use, \$2 million is allocated for the increase of the production of natural resources such as coal and peat. The health programme of the United Nations Civil Assistance Command in Korea will be supplemented by a \$2,500,000 UNKRA programme to restore hospitals clinics, water systems and sanitation facilities and to provide for the training of medical assistance personnel.
