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LETTER DATED 21 JUNE 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I would like to inform you that the Greek Government, in addition to having contributed yesterday \$15,000 to UNRWA (this was Greece's annual contribution, bringing the total of Greek UNRWA contributions to \$290,000), has decided to send medical assistance to the Arab countries in its desire to help alleviate the suffering of victims of the Middle-Eastern war.

The "Rhodopi", a ship chartered for this specific purpose by the Greek Government, sailed yesterday from Piraeus for the Middle East carrying doctors, medical personnel, medical equipment, drugs and food.

Greek assistance is being made available by the Greek Ministry of Social Welfare in conjunction with the Greek Red Cross.

Many Greek doctors and nurses are participating in this mission of aid to the Arab countries, which comprises an anaesthetic apparatus, an ambulance car, 130 hospital beds and clothing for the wounded.

Also part of the assistance programme are two mobile infirmaries with full equipment, one having a capacity of 100 beds and the other of 75 beds. These are scheduled to operate in the United Arab Republic and in Jordan, under the supervision of surgeon Dr. Elias Tsardakas, Director of the State Hospital of Athens, who has already flown to Amman heading a group of 6 doctors and 36 nurses.

Furthermore, Jordan is to receive 75 tons of medical equipment, 65 tents, 1,000 tons of wheat and a substantial quantity of other foods, while 30 tons of medical equipment will be sent to Syria.

The cost of the above medical equipment and supplies amounts to approximately \$700,000.

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I would be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(<u>Signed</u>) Alexis S. LIATIS

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to the United Nations