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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

27 April 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the financial statements which were submitted by the Secretary-General with respect to the financial year ended 31 December 1948. These statements have been examined and certified.

In accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly, I have the honour to present the report of the Board of Auditors with respect to the 1948 financial year.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) Watson SELLAR
On behalf of the Board of Auditors

The President of the General Assembly of the United Nations

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The accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1948, which are presented herewith, include the following principal statements:

- 1. Statement of 1948 budget appropriations, obligations incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations;
- 2. Statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account;
- 3. Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1948; together with the various schedules supporting these statements.

BUDGETARY POSITION

The budgetary accounts for the year 1948 show a surplus of \$1,673,927.44, which is arrived at as follows:

Members' assessed contributions	
Less: Obligations incurred	\$40,061,458.41 38,387,530.97
Surplus for the year	\$ 1,673,927.44

To this amount must be added the balance of surplus brought forward from 1947, \$851,725.81, and savings effected during 1948 in liquidating 1946 and 1947 obligations, \$429,015.81. This gives a total surplus as at 31 December 1948 of \$2,954,669.06.

Out of this amount, \$1,564,032.81 has been applied in reduction of Members' assessments for 1949; the balance of \$1,390,636.25, available for application against assessments for 1950, is made up as follows:

Savings on appropriations for 1948	\$	898,205.24 63,415.20
Savings effected in 1948 in liquidating \$144,057.77 1947 obligations 284,958.04		429,015.81
	\$ 1	,390,636.25

INCOME

The contributions assessed on Members in respect of the original appropriations for the year 1948, totalled \$34,775,775.00, to which is added the amount of \$4,522,517.81 provided under the 1948 supplementary estimates, making a total of \$39,298,292.81.

Miscellaneous income for 1948 amounted to \$763,165.60, and thus exceeded the estimates therefor by \$63,415.20. Details of miscellaneous income are set out in statement 2.

OBLIGATIONS INCURRED

Obligations incurred during the period totalled \$38,387,530.97 (of which \$4,339,897.42 was unliquidated at 31 December 1948) as compared with total appropriations by the General Assembly of \$39,285,736.21, thus showing savings amounting to \$898,205.24 distributed over the various sections of the budget as shown in statement 1. These savings were effected under practically all sections, the principal items being sections 5 and 6, Special Conferences, etc., \$115,885.45, sections 7–21, Secretariat, \$342,652.93, and sections 33–35, Economic commissions and advisory social welfare functions, \$166,837.27.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE BUDGETARY ACCOUNTS

Statement 1 sets out the appropriations for 1948 by sections and the obligations incurred under those sections during the financial year, which may be summarized as follows:

Section 1.	Amount	Per cent of total
Sessions of the General Assembly, Councils, Commissions and		
Committees	\$ 3,148,518	8.20
Special conferences, investigations and inquiries	5,176,865	13.49
The Secretariat	22,846,993	59.52
Common services	2,459,566	6.41
Capital expenses	629,846	1.64
Economic commissions and advisory social welfare functions	2,227,469	5.80
International Court of Justice	596,658	1.55
Transfer of League of Nations assets, liquidation of Members'		
credits	533,767	1.39
Repayment to the Working Capital Fund of advances to finance expenses of the International Conference on Trade and Em-	•	
expenses of the International Conference on Trade and Em-		•
ployment and its preparatory bodies	765,849	2.00
-	\$38,387,531	100.00
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Comments on the principal items included under the various parts and sections are set forth hereunder:

- (a) Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees: \$3,148,518. The costs charged in respect of the third session of the General Assembly held in Paris totalled \$2,163,815, of which the greater part consisted of travel and subsistence of staff, \$1,158,206, and salaries and wages for temporary assistance, \$308,475. The costs charged in respect of the second special session, held in April 1948 amounted to \$165,787.
- (b) Special conferences, investigations and inquiries: \$5,176,866. Of this amount, \$38,216 represents expenses of two special conferences (International Maritime Conference and the Conference on Freedom of Information), and \$5,138,650 was incurred in connexion with investigations and inquiries, as follows:

U. N. Commission on Palestine	\$ 148,495
Mission of the U. N. Mediator on Palestine	3,616,191
U. N. Special Committee on the Balkans	587,564
U. N. Commission on Korea	284,116
U. N. Committee of Good Offices on the Indonesian question	223,135
U. N. Commission on India and Pakistan	231,309
U. N. Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission to East Africa	47,840
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	\$5,138,650

The principal charges incurred for the major investigations and inquiries are tabulated below:

·	Mediator on Palestine	Balkans	Korea	Indonesia	India and Pakistan
Travel of representatives		\$129,291	\$116,517	\$30,060	\$40,941
Temporary assistance	\$222,638	180,280	32,390	25,184	38,977
Travel and subsistence of staff	2,002,469	201,529	86,736	107,907	92,181
Indemnity, compassionate and ex	, ,	•	•	•	•
gratia payments	133,540				
Local transportation	649,851	7,055	9,856		41,593
Insurance	198,016	6,492	3,687	2.569	2,906
Contractual support services	65,094	-,	-,	-,	-7
Motor vehicles purchased	00,002			25,536	
Communications equipment	50,103			20,000	4.128
Cable and telegraph charges	83,686	6,698	4,005	15,894	1,120
Capic and telegraph charges				10,071	
	\$3,405,397	\$531,345	\$253,191	\$207,150	\$220,726
Other	210,794	56,219	30,925	15,985	10.583
Other	210,794	30,219	30,923	13,903	10,565
	\$3,616,191.	\$587,564	\$284,116	\$223,135	\$231,309
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⁽c) Travel of delegates for the two sessions of the General Assembly and travel and subsistence (where applicable) of members of various other Committees, Commissions, etc., included in Parts 1 and 2 totalled \$710,027, of which \$98,877 was on account of subsistence allowances.

(d) The Secretariat: \$22,848,993. Expenditures directly charged against departments at Head-quarters totalled \$16,173,734 and are detailed as follows:

. , ,	Salaries and wages	Staff expenses	Other expenses
Office of the Secretary-General	\$ 264,635	\$ 47,952	\$ 11,271
Department of Security Council Affairs	533,600	49,355	13,597
Military Staff Committee	130,459	11,630	23
Department of Economic Affairs	1,276,180	111,498	155,319
Department of Social Affairs	872,595	80,718	55,714
Department of Trusteeship and Information from			
Non-Self-Governing Territories	551,422	66,423	19,970
Department of Public Information	1,769,121	128,154	1,324,634
Department of Legal Affairs	285,951	22,155	56,282
Department of Conference and General Services	6,195,197	373,233	27,889
Department of Administrative and Financial Services.	1,450,897	155,955	131,905
	\$13,330,057	\$1,047,073	\$1,796,604

Of the amount of \$1,047,073 charged for staff expenses, \$189,719 was in respect of travel on official business and substantially all of the balance was incurred in connexion with travel on home leave. Other expenses for most of the departments consist principally of communications expenditures and contractual printing, but for the Department of Public Information, the expenditures are much more extensive, as shown below:

Motion picture supplies and services. Radio and telecommunications. Contractual printing. Communications. Air Freight. Photographic supplies and services. Other expenditures.	412,644 349,493 48,655 45,160 21,193
	\$1,324,634

Expenditures for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services include \$275,266 in respect of the United Nations Appeal for Children, of which \$45,861 was on account of travel on official business. Losses due to non-collection of miscellaneous accounts receivable, \$5,991, and amounts written off as a result of the waiver of certain claims against specialized agencies, \$86,662, are included in the "other expenses" of this Department.

Common staff costs amounting to \$4,847,207 consisted of charges at Headquarters, Geneva and the information centres for recruitment and initial organization costs, \$2,306,093, and for staff benefit and welfare costs, \$2,541,114. The former includes as its major items \$969,655 as reimbursement for national income taxation; \$339,609 for termination pay and commutation of annual leave; \$325,245 for rental allowances, and \$218,642 in respect of installation grants and allowances. The balance of \$452,942 consists mainly of travel on recruitment, transfer or termination, including travel of dependants and removal of effects. Staff benefit and welfare costs include principally \$1,443,725 for contributions to the Provident and Retirement Funds; \$543,707 for expatriation allowances and \$318,552 for children's allowances and education grants.

Comparative figures for costs of personnel services for 1947 and 1948 are not readily available owing to the changes in the form of the budget for 1948, but the obligations incurred for administrative costs over all appropriation sections for 1948 (excluding the International Court of Justice and Advisory Social Welfare), were as under:

(i) (ii) (iii)	Salaries and allowances Direct administrative expenses Indirect administrative expenses (including \$855,771 for travel on	\$16,931,270 11,115,132
` ,	home leave)	1,083,549
(iv) (v)	Common staff costs	5,271,30 4 786,851
		\$35,188,106
As re	egards (i), the details of the sum of \$16,931,270 are as follows:	·
Tem ₁ Over	blished positions porary assistance time and night differential rts and consultants	\$14,630,901 1,815,774 238,663 245,841
		\$16,931,270

As regards (ii), direct administrative expenses, the principal items making up the sum of \$11,115,132 are as under:

(e) Economic commissions: \$1,634,346. The obligations incurred are summarized as follows:

Salaries and wages. Common staff costs. Travel. Contractual printing. Communications, etc. Common services, etc. Furniture and equipment.	Europe \$651,161 210,417 49,900 15,536 10,810	Asia and Far East \$200,719 44,431 210,225 4,874 21,183 32,378 3,660	Latin America \$ 64,072 30,528 41,916 172 4,084 19,897 18,383
	\$937,824	\$517,470	\$179,052

(f) Advisory social welfare functions: \$593,123. This amount comprises:

Advisers' salaries, travel, etc	\$182,128
Fellowship stipends, travel, etc.	335,337
Demonstrations	
Regional seminars	1,192
	\$593,123

(g) European Office at Geneva: The obligations incurred in connexion with the European Office at Geneva, which have been included under the appropriate expenditure classifications, are summarized below:

Section		
1	Committee on Berlin Currency and Trade	\$ 1,407
3	Narcotics Board	20,158
17	Geneva Office administration	1,463,210
20	Hospitality	548
21	Common staff costs	293,249
22-27	Common services	357,746
28-32	Capital expenses	112,709
33	Economic Commission for Europe	937,824
35	Social welfare	254,844
		\$3,441,695

- (h) International Court of Justice, The Hague: The obligations incurred, as shown under sections 36–39 of the Statement of Appropriations, totalled \$596,658. Of this amount, \$312,717 was for salaries and allowances of the judges.
- (i) Experts and consultants: In accordance with the request of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, there is attached as Annex A a list of experts and consultants employed during the year 1948, showing the purpose of employment and remuneration.
- (j) Indemnity, compassionate and ex gratia payments made during the year totalled \$158,469, out of which the amount of \$125,000 was in respect of indemnity payments to dependants of personnel

killed in the course of official duty in Palestine. Ex gratia payments included under this heading are reported as follows:

Compensation for services rendered to the Permanent Court of International Justice during the war years:

J. Douma\$4,000 D. J. Bruinsma4,000	\$ 8,000
Funeral expenses, etc., of staff members killed in Palestine Medical and hospital expenses of staff members. Reimbursement for losses of personal property. Funeral expenses of deceased staff member. Miscellaneous payments in Palestine.	1,409 892 1,579
	\$12,832

CASH

Cash balances of the General Account and Working Capital Fund, on hand at 31 December 1948, aggregated \$6,777,616.79, and, in addition, cash funds amounting to \$983,074.10 were held in trust accounts.

INVESTMENTS

Investments of Working Capital Fund monies held at 31 December 1948, carried at cost price (on a "yield" basis) of \$12,108,247.37, comprise short-term U. S. Government securities with a face value of \$12,050,000 at approximately 1½ per cent interest, as set forth in schedule E.

Investments in the Trust Funds and special accounts totalling \$27,262,033.65 are detailed in schedule I.

ADVANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER STATES

Details of Members' contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund are set out in schedules A and H respectively. The status of the accounts for contributions to the 1948 budget and prior years and the Working Capital Fund advances as at 31 December 1948, may be summarized as follows:

ONOWO.	Totals Assessed	Amounts collected	Per cent of assessment collected	Balance receivable
Contributions for 1948 (including those for new Members for 1947)	\$34,775,775.00	\$34,110,390.17	98.08	\$665,384.83
Contributions for 1947	27,450,000.00	27,428,040.00	99.92	21,960.00
Contributions for 1946	19,386,378.36	19,382,931.56	99.98	3,446.80
Advances: Working Capital Fund	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	100.00	
				\$690,791.63

As of 28 February 1949, additional collections have been received on account of the 1948 budget contributions, amounting to \$175,021.87, bringing the percentage of assessments collected to 98.59.

In accordance with the authorization given under Resolution 163 (III) of 20 November 1947, Member States were advised that a total of 20.5 per cent of the 1948 contributions (excluding the United States) could be accepted in currencies other than U. S. dollars, in the following proportions:

	Per cent			
French francs	5.5	or	\$1,200,000	
Netherlands guilders	2.5	or	500,000	
Swiss francs	40 =	or	2.600.000	

and under this arrangement, \$4,134,167 was actually allocated to Member States for payment in such currencies in compliance with the requests received.

In the course of the financial year, certain Member States reversed their former decisions and decided to pay in U. S. dollars a portion of the amounts allocated to them for payment in non-U. S. currencies. The total amounts in French francs, Netherlands guilders and Swiss francs finally taken up by Member States were as follows:

The equivalent in French francs of	\$ 643,531.35 by 12 Member States
The equivalent in Netherlands guilders of	483,406.00 by 14 Member States
The equivalent in Swiss francs of	1,863,414.00 by 11 Member States

\$2,990,351.35

ASSETS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Assets acquired by transfer from the League of Nations, which appeared in the accounts for 1947 as a single item of \$12,122,075.60, are shown in the balance sheet at 31 December 1948 under the following classifications:

Deferred charge—unamortized balance of other than permanent capital assets acquired from the League of Nations	\$	533,768.00
Capital assets—Secretariat building and assembly hall, library building and villas, Geneva	11	,054,540.39
	\$1	1,588,308.39

Of this total, \$1,312,546.39 covers assets acquired by gift in respect of which the equivalent amount is included *per contra* in the Donated Funds, while \$10,275,762.00 represents assets for which unliquidated credits are carried in favour of Member States (Schedule D). The reduction of \$533,767.21 on this account, which reflects the total reduction in these assets, corresponds to the amount charged off against the Supplementary Appropriation for 1948, in order to provide for the first instalment due to Members in connexion with the liquidation of the credits, under the terms of Resolution 250 of the General Assembly, adopted on 11 December 1948 (schedule B).

As further provided in this resolution, the amount of \$533,768, carried as a deferred charge, will be covered in the appropriations for the year 1950, and the balance, representing the value of land and buildings, in fifteen annual instalments commencing in 1951.

As regards the allocation of credits among Members, thirty-one out of the thirty-two Members designated by the League of Nations as entitled to credits signified their willingness to surrender *pro rata* shares in order to make shares available to nine additional Members, and the credits have been adjusted accordingly.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS SITE

The Loan Agreement entered into between the United States of America and the United Nations was signed on 23 March 1948. It provided for an interest-free loan of \$65,000,000 to the United Nations, to be expended for the construction and furnishing of the Permanent Headquarters in the City of New York, including the necessary architectural and engineering work, landscaping, underground construction and other appropriate improvements to land and approaches and for other related purposes and expenses incidental thereto. The Agreement also provided for the manner of repayment of the loan to the United States of the principal amounts advanced.

Public Law 903 of the 80th Congress, approved by the President of the United States on 11 August 1948, contained an authorization by Congress for funds to be appropriated in an amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 for the construction of the Permanent Headquarters of the United Nations and, pending the actual appropriation of the funds, authorized the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make advances not to exceed in the aggregate \$25,000,000, to carry out the provisions of the Loan Agreement; it also provided that no interest was to be paid on these advances.

On 23 September 1948, an initial advance of \$2,694,819.39 was made to the United Nations by the United States State Department. No other advance was requested in 1948.

The several accounts relating to operations in connexion with the Headquarters site as at 31 December 1948, are included in the balance sheet under the appropriate captions. Under capital assets, the site value has been shown at \$9,600,000, covering the land purchased with the gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the land handed over by the City of New York; the valuation as shown is based on the assessment determined by the Department of Taxation of the City of New York, covering the consolidation of all parcels of land in the site as Block 1354, Lot 1, and excluding a strip of land in Marginal Street, which the City has agreed to convey to the United Nations, but has not as yet transferred.

Preliminary expenditures are shown at \$3,455,615.61, and are detailed in schedule C.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

In the statement of assets and liabilities, the Working Capital Fund appears as a separate section in recognition of the fact that advances to this Fund are of a fundamentally different nature from contributions to the annual budget, and remain the property of Member States. The Fund is used, in accordance with the directions of the General Assembly, for making advances for specified purposes, with the provision for reimbursement in due course.

The status of the Fund at 31 December 1948 is summarized as follows:

Principal of Fund	\$20,000,000.00 5,962,086.20
Balance on hand	\$14,037,913.80
This balance was represented by: Cash	\$ 1,929,666.43
Short-term investments	\$14,037,913.80
The advances outstanding are classified as follows:	
Advances for relief for Palestine refugees. Advances for specialized agencies. Advances for staff housing, etc Other self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances to the General Account. Advances to purchase furniture and household goods by staff members.	\$ 972,118.39 1,379,164.06 412,495.00 226,037.77 2,961,023.21 11,247.77
	\$ 5,962,086.20

The advances to the specialized agencies, totalling \$1,379,164.06, comprise advances to the World Health Organization, \$1,300,000, and to the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization, \$79,164.06.

The principal item outstanding under the advances authorized for staff housing is the deposit of \$400,000 in connexion with the Parkway Village housing project.

The usage of the Fund for making advances in the course of the financial year is illustrated by the following table, showing the advances outstanding at interim dates during 1948:

	For budgetary expenditures	Unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures	Loans to specialized agencies	Other	Total
1 January	\$ 327,985	\$1,785,998	\$1,876,475	\$ 600,268	\$4,590,726
31 January	860,182	19,009	2,228,693	2,517,538	5,625,422
31 March		21,838	2,268,753	2,623,161	9,265,295
30 June	3,760,290	337,642	2,845,292	2,948,385	9,891,609
30 September		1,691,184 ¹	3,357,192	3,516,570	8,564,946
31 December		972,1182	1,379,164	3,610,804	5,962,086

Cleared against budget appropriations.
 Relief for Palestine refugees.

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

The assets of the various trust funds and special accounts held by the Organization are summarized in the following table:

U	Cash and receivables (less liabilities)	Investments (including gold)	Total of fund
Pension Fund	\$146,568.11	\$ 3,469,539.95	\$ 3,616,108.06
Staff Provident Fund	6,297.58	731,249.50	737,547.08
Library Endowment Fund	23,478.71	539,415.40	562,894.11
International Press House Fund	226.63	25,340.12	25,566.75
International Children's Emergency Fund. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation	471,780.37	22,521,828.80	22,993,609.17
Administration	227,062.72		227,062.72
	\$875,414.12 —————	\$27,287,373.77	\$28,162,787.89

Cash and receivables are represented by cash at banks, \$983,074.10, and amounts currently accrued due from the General Account, \$59,204.54, less liabilities amounting to \$166,864.52.

Pension Fund (schedule J). Credits in the Pension Fund are established on the basis of deductions from participating staff members' salaries at the rate of 7 per cent, with a contribution by the Organization at the rate of 14 per cent, both effective from the date when the staff member is admitted to the Fund. In addition, where such a staff member has previously been a member of the Staff Provident Fund, the balance to his credit in that Fund is ansferred to the Pension Fund, plus a further contribution by the Organization equivalent to 75 recent of that balance.

Administration of the Fund is carried out in accordance with the regulations approved by the General Assembly, and withdrawals from the Fund are made under authority of the Staff Benefit Committee.

Staff Provident Fund (schedule K). The Staff Provident Fund represents the accumulated contributions by staff members of 6 per cent of their salaries, together with an equivalent contribution by the United Nations, and is held in trust for the staff members. The admission of new members to the Staff Provident Fund ceased on 27 January 1947, when the Pension Scheme regulations became effective.

Library Endowment Fund (schedule L). This Fund was transferred to the United Nations by the League of Nations and is administered in accordance with specific rules to ensure its use for the original purpose for which it was established; that is, the maintenance of a library in the Palais des Nations. The income of the Fund only may be used for this purpose, subject to the budgetary provision, while the capital should remain intact apart from adjustments which may arise as a result of changes in investments, etc.

At 31 December 1948, the capital of the Fund was \$541,745.02, while accumulated income amounted to \$21,149.09.

International Press House Fund (schedule M). This Fund, established by voluntary contributions to provide an International Press House near the Palais des Nations in Geneva, was transferred from the League of Nations, subject to the original terms of its establishment. It is accordingly held as an interim custodianship pending clarification as to the bodies legally competent to dispose of the Fund.

International Children's Emergency Fund. The funds held in trust on account of the International Children's Emergency Fund, which total \$22,993,609.17, including short-term investments in United States Government securities, at a cost price of \$22,521,828.80, represent monies received as contributions which have not been requisitioned by the Fund for its operational purposes.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The General Assembly, under resolution 241 (III), adopted on 18 November 1948, approved the Agreement entered into between the United Nations and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for the handling of certain residual functions of that Organization. This Agreement covered the transfer of the residual accounting functions on the termination of liquidation, the assignment of certain claims for collection for the account of the International Children's Emergency Fund, and also the transfer of the undermentioned projects as from 28 September 1948:

- (i) The completion and publication of the history of UNRRA, and
- (ii) The processing of the UNRRA records for archival purposes and their maintenance as public records.

The funds held under this heading represent the unexpended monies transferred by UNRRA to United Nations to cover administrative costs, including termination emoluments, etc., of staff engaged on these projects (schedule N).

Darling Foundation and Leon Bernard Fund. These Funds, which appeared in the accounts for 1947, were transferred to the World Health Organization in September 1948, in accordance with the terms of the protocol.

In conclusion, attention is invited to the fact that the financial statements presented herewith do not include the accounts of the International Children's Emergency Fund. Under the provisions of resolution 57 (I), passed by the General Assembly on 11 December 1946, these accounts will be submitted together with the report of the Board of Auditors required by paragraph 6 of the resolution, as a separate document to the General Assembly. Further, the statements do not include the accounts of the operations of the project for the Relief of Palestine Refugees. These accounts are to be presented to the General Assembly with the report on this activity, in accordance with resolution 212 (III), adopted on 19 November 1948.

(signed) Trygve Lie Secretary-General 6 April 1949

ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1948

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Appropriation section

Purpose of appropriation

	Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees
1. 2. 3. 4.	The General Assembly and commissions and committees thereof
	Total, Part I
	Part II. Special conferences, investigations and inquiries
5. 6.	Special conferences
	Total, Part II
	Part III. The Secretariat
7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.	Executive Office of the Secretary-General Department of Security Council Affairs Military Staff Committee secretariat Department of Economic Affairs Department of Social Affairs Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories Department of Public Information Department of Legal Affairs Conference and General Services. Administrative and Financial Services Geneva Office Information and correspondent centres Overseas recruitment programme Hospitality Common staff costs
	Total, Part III
	Part IV. Common services
22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.	Telephone and postage. Rental and maintenance of premises. Stationery, office supplies, rental and maintenance of office equipment. Internal reproduction and printing. Maintenance and operation of transport. Miscellaneous supplies and contractual services. Total, Part IV.
	Part V. Capital expenses
28. 29. 30.	Office furniture, fixtures and equipment
31. 32.	Purchase of motor vehicles Miscellaneous capital equipment
	Total, Part V
1	Part VI. Economic commissions, administration of the Free Territory of Trieste, and advisory social welfare functions
33. 34. 35.	Economic Commissions for Europe, for Asia and the Far East, and for Latin America
	·
	Total, $Part VI$

and unabligated balances of appropriations

Appropriated by the	Liquidated by	Obligations incurred		Unobligated balance of
General Assembly ¹	disbursements	Unliquidated	Total	appropriation
\$ 2,655,244.00 211,374.00 324,117.00 51,380.00	\$ 2,061,593.16 162,332.26 216,874.67 26,199.18	\$ 588,307.39 34,221.62 48,988.08 10,001.80	\$ 2,649,900.55 196,553.88 265,862.75 36,200.98	\$ 5,343.45 14,820.12 58,254.25 15,179.02
\$ 3,242,115.00	\$ 2,466,999.27	\$ 681,518.89	\$ 3,148,518.16	\$ 93,596.84
\$ 40,974.00 5,251,777.00	\$ 33,123.63 3,831,388.93	\$ 5,092.11 1,307,260.88	\$ 38,215.74 5,138,649.81	\$ 2,758.26 113,127.19
\$ 5,292,751.00	\$ 3,864,512.56	\$1,312,352.99	\$ 5,176,865.55	\$115,885.45
\$ 338,000.00 609,867.00 156,830.00 1,580,199.00 1,050,515.00 649,262.00 3,258,952.00 397,070.00 6,596,320.00 1,738,757.00 1,467,900.00 348,758.00 37,736.00 20,000.00 4,941,480.00	\$ 307,919.53 553,390.83 137,230.61 1,433,201.57 944,499.75 590,498.88 2,689,562.89 333,850.36 6,285,521.55 1,663,607.09 1,453,588.64 297,098.51 19,454.03 16,901.71 4,396,487.50	\$ 15,938.68 43,161.22 4,881.82 109,794.90 64,527.67 47,315.95 532,346.12 30,537.67 310,797.63 75,149.05 9,620.97 25,122.59 5,333.69 932.08 450,719.58	\$ 323,858.21 596,552.05 142,112.43 1,542,996.47 1,009,027.42 637,814.83 3,221,909.01 364,388.03 6,596,319.18 1,738,756.14 1,463,209.61 322,221.10 24,787.72 17,833.79 4,847,207.08	\$ 14,141.79 13,314.95 14,717.57 37,202.53 41,487.58 11,447.17 37,042.99 32,681.97 .82 .86 4,690.39 26,536.90 12,948.28 2,166.21 94,272.92
\$23,191,646.00	\$21,122,813.45	\$1,726,179.62	\$22,848,993.07	\$342,652.93
\$ 409,487.00 998,900.00 216,318.00 350,800.00 50,400.00 529,518.00 \$ 2,555,423.00	\$ 345,746.97 895,716.80 177,963.05 333,689.78 41,528.94 391,368.65 \$ 2,186,014.19	\$ 43,561.71 81,146.68 19,548.02 6,392.24 4,742.28 118,160.45 \$ 273,551.38	\$ 389,308.68 976,863.48 197,511.07 340,082.02 46,271.22 509,529.10 \$ 2,459,565.57	\$ 20,178.32 22,036.52 18,806.93 10,717.98 4,128.78 19,988.90 \$ 95,857.43
			·	
\$ 216,400.00 99,500.00 129,000.00 82,000.00 153,175.00	\$ 197,375.10 62,645.66 103,815.84 71,984.97 108,240.24	\$ 15,411.38 25,269.22 16,432.52 4,676.75 23,993.95	\$ 212,786.48 87,914.88 120,248.36 76,661.72 132,234.19	\$ 3,613.52 11,585.12 8,751.64 5,338.28 20,940.81
\$ 680,075.00	\$ 544,061.81	\$ 85,783.82	\$ 629,845.63	\$ 50,229.37
\$ 1,698,620.00	\$ 1,479,535.64	\$ 154,810.62	\$ 1,634,346.26	\$ 64,273.7 4
695,686.00	492,156.28	— 100,966.19		102,563.53
0,0,000.00				

Statement of 1948 budget appropriations, obligations incurred,

Appropriation section

Purpose of appropriation

	Part VII. The International Court of Justice
36. 37. 38. 39.	Salaries and expenses of members of the Court Salaries, wages and expenses of the Registry Common services of the Court Capital expenses of the Court
	Total, Part VII
	Special
40. 41.	Transfer of League of Nations assets: liquidating of Members' credit
	Total, Special
	Total, Parts I-VII and Special.
	Appropriations by the General Assembly under Part A of resolution no. 166 (II) adopted on 20 November 1947, revised under

Certified correct (signed) H. C. Elvins
Comptroller

AUDIT

The above accounts have been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the informa accounts are correct, subject to the observations in our report.

resolution no. 251 (III) adopted on 11 December 1948 and subsequently modified by transfers between appropriation sections totalling \$42,237.00 made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

 $^{^{2}}$ An appropriation of \$150,000.00, under this heading, in the main appropriations, was cancelled by the resolution adopting the supplementary appropriations.

and unobligated balances of appropriations (continued)

Appropriated by the General Assembly ¹			Obligations incurred					Unobligated
			Liquidated by disbursements		Unliquidated		Total	balance of appropriation
\$	344,943.00 199,388.00 60,604.00 11,076.00	\$	337,994.66 189,382.18 56,226.76 9,482.83	\$	2,916.45 ————————————————————————————————————	\$	340,911.11 189,382.18 56,881.72 9,482.83	\$ 4,031.89 10,005.82 3,722.28 1,593.17
\$	616.011.00	\$	593,086.43	\$	3,571.41	\$	596,657.84	\$ 19,353.16
\$	533,767.21	\$	533,767.21	\$	_	\$	533,767.21	\$ —
	779,642.00		764,686.71		1,162.50		765,849.21	13,792.79
\$	1,313,409.21	\$ 1	1,298,453.92	\$	1,162.50	\$	1,299,616.42	\$ 13,792.79
\$3	9,285,736.21	\$34	1,047,633.55	\$4,	339,897.42	\$3	8,387,530.97	\$898,205.24

Approved (signed) Trygve Lie Secretary-General

CERTIFICATE

tion and explanations that we have required, and we certify, as the result of the audit, that, in our opinion, the above

(signed) Watson Sellar, Canada Antonio Ordoñez Ceballos, Colombia Uno Brunskog, Sweden

Statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account for the year ended 31 December 1948

Income:			
Members' contributions:			
Assessed (schedule A)	\$34,775,775.00		
Assessable in connexion with 1948' supplementary estimates	4,522,517.81	\$39,298,292.81	
Miscellaneous income:			
Rentals of office accommodation. Sale of publications. Income from investments. Interest on advances. Sales of furniture and equipment.	\$ 167,513.66 148,096.24 100,927.30 19,567.86 59,905.23		
Instalment received on note receivable for special sale of furniture and equipment in prior year Personnel and other services and supplies provided	38,274.84		
to specialized agencies	52,080.57		
Refunds of prior years' expenditures: travel, \$49,196.85; other, \$51,680.49	100,877.34 75,922.56	763,165.60	\$40,061,458.41
Deduct—Obligations incurred, per statement of 1948 budget appropriations, etc		•	38,387,530.97
Excess of income over obligations incurred, carried to Surplus Account			\$ 1,673,927.44
Surplus Acc	count		
Balance as at 1 January 1948	Ф 444 ОБ <i>7</i> 77		\$ 851,725.81
1946 obligations	\$ 144,057.77 284,958.04	\$ 429,015.81	
Excess of income over obligations incurred, as above.		1,673,927.44	2,102,943.25
Balance as at 31 December 1948		-	\$ 2,954,669.06
Certified correct (signed) H. C. ELVINS Comptroller		,	rygve Lie Secretary-General

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

The above accounts have been examined in accordance with our directions. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and we certify, as the result of the audit, that, in our opinion, the above accounts are correct, subject to the observations in our report.

(signed) Watson Sellar, Canada Antonio Ordoñez Ceballos, Colombia Uno Brunskog, Sweden

	Statement of assets and liabilities
General Account	
Cash at banks, on hand and in transit	690,791.63 th 1948 \$ 4,522,517.81 League
of Nations assets (schedule B)	533,767.21 3,988,750.60
Accounts receivable, advances, deposits, etc	aal sales 26 Sep-
September 1956 (contra) Deferred charge—unamortized balance of other than per	306,198.75
capital assets acquired from League of Nations	533,768.00
Capital assets: Secretariat Building and Assembly Hall, Library Building Villas, Geneva Land for Permanent Headquarters Site, New York Permanent Headquarters—preliminary expenditures (schools)	\$11,054,540.39 9,600,000.00
Working Capital Fund Cash at banks. Investments, at cost (schedule E). Advances to General Account. Loans to Specialized Agencies and Preparatory Comm (schedule F). Advances to United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees Rental advances for staff housing. Loans to staff members for purchase of furniture and ho goods. Advances for other self-liquidating purchases and ac (schedule G). Trust Funds and Special Accounts	12,108,247.37 2,961,023.21 missions 1,379,164.06 972,118.39 412,495.00 busehold 11,247.77 ctivities
Cash at banks	25,340.12 27,262,033.65
correct	\$28,329,652.41

Certified correct

(signed) H. C. ELVINS
Comptroller

AUDIT

The above statement of assets and liabilities has been examined in accordance with our directions. We have in our opinion, the above statement is correct, subject to the observations in our report.

31 December 1948

LIABILITIES

aliquidated obligations:		
Financial year 1948Financial year 1947	\$ 4,339,897.42 173,484.52	\$ 4,513,381.94
vances received from Members and others to cover cost of		66,814.37
services		49,196.10
ne to other Funds: Working Capital Fund Trust funds and special accounts	\$ 2,961,023.21 59,204.54	3,020,227.75
ndry credit balances		162,763.79
ferred income from sale of furniture and equipment on instalment basis, under conditional sales agreement (contra)	•	306,198.75
inder the agreement dated 11 August 1948, respecting the inancing of the Permanent Headquarters		2,694,819.39
ferred credits to Members as a result of the transfer of assets rom the League of Nations (schedule D)		10,275,762.00 10,912,546.39
oudgets, per Statement of Income and Obligations Incurred and Surplus Account		2,954,669.06
		\$34,956,379.54
incipal of fund, representing advances received from Members		
		\$20,000,000.00
		\$20,000,000.00
mmitments outstanding: Joint Staff Pension Fund.	\$ 165,710.93 1,153.59	
mmitments outstanding: loint Staff Pension Fund Staff Provident Fund ncipal and accumulated income of Trust Funds: loint Staff Pension Fund (schedule J) Staff Provident Fund (schedule K) Library Endowment Fund (schedule L) International Press House Fund (schedule M)		\$20,000,000.00
mmitments outstanding: [oint Staff Pension Fund. Staff Provident Fund. ncipal and accumulated income of Trust Funds: [oint Staff Pension Fund (schedule J). Staff Provident Fund (schedule K). Library Endowment Fund (schedule L). International Press House Fund (schedule M). Incounts held in special accounts: International Children's Emergency Fund.		\$20,000,000.00 \$ 166,864.52 3,616,108.06 737,547.08 562,894.11
mmitments outstanding: Joint Staff Pension Fund Staff Provident Fund incipal and accumulated income of Trust Funds: Joint Staff Pension Fund (schedule J) Staff Provident Fund (schedule J) Staff Provident Fund (schedule J) International Press House Fund (schedule L) International Press House Fund (schedule M) International Children's Emergency Fund United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (schedule N)	1,153.59	\$20,000,000.00 \$ 166,864.52 3,616,108.06 737,547.08 562,894.11

RTIFICATE

ned all the information and explanations that we have required, and we certify, as the result of the audit, that,

(signed) Watson Sellar, Canada Antonio Ordoñez Ceballos, Colombia Uno Brunskog, Sweden

Secretary-General

Schedules to the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1948

SCHEDULE A

Contributions receivable from Members as at 31 December 1948

as at 31 December 1948						
		19	48 assessments		Prior years' assessments:	Total:
		Assessments	Collections	Balance due	balance due	balances due
Afghanistan		\$ 17,349.00	\$ 17,349.00		\$ —	\$ —
Argentina		641,913.00	641,913.00		—	
Australia		683,551.00	683,551.00			
Belgium		468,423.00	468,423.00			
Bolivia		27,758.00	27,758.00			
Brazil		641,913.00	641,913.00			
Byelorussian SSR		76,336.00	76,336.00	_		
Canada		1,110,336 00	1,110,336.00			
Chile		156,141.00	156,141.00			
China		2,081,880.00	2,081,880.00			
Colombia		128,383.00		128,383.00	44 400 001	128,383.00
Costa Rica		13,879.00		13,879.00	$14,422.00^{1}$	28,301.00
Cuba		100,624.00	306,871.49	100,624.00	_	100,624.00 5,410.51
Czechoslovakia		312,282.00	274,114.00	5,410.51		5,410.51
Denmark		274,114.00 17,349.00	17,349.00			
Dominican Republic		17,349.00	17,349.00	_		
Ecuador Egypt		274,114.00	274,114.00	<u></u>		
El Salvador		17,349.00	17,349.00			
Ethiopia		27,758.00	10,656.00	17,102.00		17,102.00
France		2,081,880.00	1,892,562.00	189,318.00		189,318.00
Greece		58,987.00	58,987.00			
Guatemala		17,349.00	17,349.00	· 		
Haiti		13,879.00	13,879.00			
Honduras		13,879.00	13,879.00	_		
Iceland		13,879.00	13,879.00		_	
India and Pakistan.		1,370,571.00	1,370,571.00			46.400.00
Iran		156,141.00	139,733.00	16,408.00		16,408.00
Iraq		58,987.00		58,987.00		58,987.00
Lebanon		20,819.00	20,819.00			
Liberia		13,879.00 17,349.00	13,879.00 17,349.00	-		
Luxembourg		218,598.00	218,598.00			<u> </u>
Mexico Netherlands		485,772.00	485,772.00		_	
New Zealand		173,490.00	173,490.00			
Nicaragua		13,879.00	3,605.68	10,273.32		10,273.32
Norway		173,490.00	173,490.00	_		
Panama		17,349.00	17,349.00			_
Paraguay		13,879.00		13,879.00	10,984.80 ¹	24,863.80
Peru		69,396.00	69,396.00			
Philippines		100,624.00	100,624.00	_		
Poland		329,631.00	329,631.00			
Saudi Arabia		27,758.00	27,758.00			
Siam—1947		74,115.00	74,115.00			
Siam—1948		93,685.00 388,618.00	93,685.00 388,618.00	_ 		_
South Africa		707,839.00	707,839.00	_		
Sweden		41,638.00		41,638.00		41,638.00
Turkey		315,752.00	315,752.00			-
Ukrainian SSR		291,463.00	291,463.00			
USSR		2,199,853.00	2,199,853.00			
United Kingdom		3,983,331.00	3,983,331.00			
United States		13,841,032.00	13,841,032.00	_		
Uruguay		62,456.00	5,476.00	56,980.00		56,980.00
Venezuela		93,685.00	93,685.00	—		_
Yemen—1947		3,660.00	3,660.00		-	
Yemen—1948		13,879.00	13,879.00	12 502 00		12 502 00
Yugoslavia		114,503.00	102,000.00	12,503.00	-	12,503.00
Total		\$34,775,775.00°	\$34,110,390.17	\$665,384.83	\$25,406.80	\$690,791.63
¹ Details of balances	due in respe	ect of prior years' a		Call of	Balan	
0 D'	1046		Assessments \$ 7,692.00			
					10,98	0.00
			7,692.00	7,687.2	20	4.80
			10,980.00		10,98	
			\$37,344.00	\$11,937.2	\$25,400	<u>0.80</u>
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SCHEDULE B

Credits made available to Members as at 31 December 1948 in connexion with transfer of League of Nations assets

<u>-</u>	
Afghanistan	\$ 385.62
Argentina	19,636.59
Australia	26,012.63
Belgium	14,468.29
Bolivia	1,512.07
Canada	34,288.55
China	21,832.34
Chile	5,737.54
Cuba	4,857.44
Czechoslovakia	21,022.42
Denmark	10,026.99
Dominican Republic	593.50
Ecuador	174.23
Egypt	3,455.39
El Salvador	561.72
France	64,116.70
Greece	5,544.31
Guatemala	363.18
Haiti	954.64
Honduras	226.02
India	50,973.48
Iran	3,091.48
Iraq	1,439.37
Luxembourg	1,042.87
Mexico	3,386.50
Netherlands	18,784.97
New Zealand	8,566.07
Nicaragua	125.87
Norway	8,167.73
Panama	1,133.12
Peru	1,818.91
Poland	23,839.30
Siam	6,733.23
Sweden	19,179.50
Turkey	4,804.56
Union of South Africa	16,196.69
USSR	12,207.95
United Kingdom	94,622.14
Uruguay	4,034.26
Venezuela	2,830.63
Yugoslavia	15,018.41
•	
TOTAL	\$533,767.21

SCHEDULE C

Permanent Headquarters Preliminary expenditures to 31 December 1948

Search of title to site property	\$597,600.00	\$ 19,090.68
Alterations	55,463.08	653,063.08
Architectural and engineering services		1,364,539.29
on the site (including \$5,000.00 for special consultant's fee)		455,000.00
Models, exhibits, photography and motion picture expenses		48,694.52
Demolition costs		307,195.91
Preliminary excavation costs		122,443.14
Advances to the City of New York for plans, designs and shrubbery removals in connexion with reconstruction of Franklin D. Roosevelt		
Drive		128,000.00
Administrative expenses—Headquarters Planning Office		·
Salaries and allowances	\$269,142.52	
Printing	53,014 <i>.</i> 74	
Public accounting and auditing services	1,892.34	
Furniture and equipment	7,225.06	
Miscellaneous expenses	16,314.33	347,588.99
. Total		\$3,445,615,61

Deferred credits to Members as at 31 December 1948, as a result of the transfer of assets from the League of Nations

	Due in 1950 ¹	Due in 15 equal instalments of \$649,466.00 each from 1951 to 19653	Total
ACI like	\$ 385.00	\$ 7,065.00	\$ 7,450.00
Afghanistan	19,636.00	358,380.00	378,016.00
Argentina	26,012.00	474,750.00	500,762.00
Australia	14,469.00	264,060.00	278,529.00
Belgium	1,513.00	27,585.00	29,098.00
Bolivia	34,289.00	625,741.00	660,030.00
Canada	21,832.00	398,445.00	420,277.00
China	5,738.00	104,760.00	110,498.00
Chle	4,858.00	88,635.00	93,493.00
Cuba Czechoslovakia	21,022.00	383,625.00	404,647.00
	10,027.00	183,060.00	193,087.00
Denmark Dominican Republic	594.00	10,875.00	11,469,00
Ecuador	174.00	3,210.00	3,384.00
Egypt	3,456.00	63,045.00	66,501.00
El Salvador	562.00	10,245.00	10,807.00
France	64,117.00	1,170,136.00	1,234,253.00
Greece	5,544.00	101,220.00	106,764.00
Guatemala	364.00	6,570.00	6,934.00
Haiti	954.00	17,460.00	18,414.00
Honduras	226.00	4,170.00	4,396.00
India	50,973.00	930,330.00	981,303.00
Iran	3,092.00	56,430.00	59,522.00
Iraq	1,439.00	26,325.00	27,764.00
Luxembourg	1,042.00	19,080.00	20,122.00
Mexico	3,386.00	61,845.00	65,231.00
Netherlands	18,784.00	342,825.00	361,609.00
New Zealand	8,566.00	156,375.00	164,941.60
Nicaragua	125.00	2,325.00	2,450.00
Norway	8,167.00	149,010.00	157,177.00
Panama	1,134.00	20,685.00	21,819.00
Peru	1,819.00	33,180.00	34,999.00
Poland	23,839.00	435,075.00	458,914.00
Siam	6,734.00	122,910.00	129,644.00
Sweden	19,180.00	• 349,981.00	369,161.00
Turkey	4,805.00	87,735.00	92,540.00
Union of South Africa	16,197.00	295,545.00	311,742.00
USSR	12,208.00	222,826.00	235,034.00 1,821,662.00
United Kingdom	94,622.00	1,727,040.00	77,730.00
Uruguay	4,035.00	73,695.00	54,400.00
Venezuela	2,830.00	51,570.00 274,170.00	289,189.00
Yugoslavia	15,019.00	474,170.00	409,109.00
TOTALS	\$533,768.00	\$9,741,994.00	\$10,275,762.00

¹ For balance of other than permanent capital assets.

SCHEDULE E

Working Capital Fund Investments as at 31 December 1948

United States Treasury Notes, Series A, 1\frac{1}{8}\%, due 1 January 1949	\$ 5,046,760.83
United States Treasury Bills, due 13 January 1949. United States Treasury Bills, due 27 January 1949. United States Treasury Bills, due 24 February 1949. United States Treasury Bills, due 24 March 1949.	3,022,765.27 997,219.44 1,495,867.08 997,150.00 548,484.75

TOTAL

\$12,108,247.37

² For permanent capital assets.

SCHEDULE F

Advances to Specialized Agencies and Preparatory Commissions for the year ended 31 December 1948

	Balance 1 January 1948	Advances during year	Repayments during year	Balance 31 December 1948
Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization	\$ _ 7,075.51	\$ 79,164.06 —	\$ _ 7,075.51	\$ 79,164.06 —
Employment	768,822.46	-	768,822.46	
International Refugee Organization	16,702.51		16,702.51	
World Health Organization	1,083,874.10	1,466,125.90	1,250,000.00	1,300,000.00
Totals	\$1,876,474.58	\$1,545,289.96	\$2,042,600.48	\$1,379,164.06

SCHEDULE G

Advances for other self-liquidating purchases and activities as at 31 December 1948

	Balance 1 January 1948	Advances during year	Repayments during year 31	Balance December 1948
Expenses of the Palestine Investigating Committee	\$ 3,266.53	\$ 2,404.57	\$ 2,383.65	\$ 3,287.45
the Commission of Good Offices on the Indonesian Question Expenses of delegates in connexion with the Commission of Investigation con-	334.75	21,182.15	6,453.14	15,063.76
cerning Greek Frontier	14,985.00	2,261.48	3,959.44	13,287.04
Travel of representatives to the General Assembly, the Councils and Commissions	50,942.56	71,542.49	54,340.96	68,144.09
Extra local transportation costs for delegates to the General Assembly	53,522.40	6,086.33	56,498.97	3,109.76
Advances to finance travel of staff members loaned to specialized agencies, etc Rentals and cost of improvements to accommodations occupied by member	11,370.46	25,464.09	12,879.71	23,954.84
delegations and specialized agencies in the Empire State Building	42,858.96 25,000.00	274,293.64 10,000.00	305,819.03 10,000.00	11,333.57 25,000.00
out their duties	71,849.98 3,460.01	89,199.56 10,565.21	99,616.41 12,601.09	61,433.13 1,424.13
Totals	\$277,590.65	\$512,999.52	\$564,552.40	\$226,037.77

SCHEDULE H

Advances received from Members for the Working Capital Fund as at 31 December 1948

		40.000.00
Afghanistan	\$	10,000.00
Argentina		370,000.00
Australia		394,000.00
Belgium		270,000.00
Bolivia		16,000.00
Brazil		370,000.00
Byelorussian SSR		44,000.00
		640,000.00
Canada		
Chile		90,000.00
China		1,200,000.00
Columbia		74,000.00
Costa Rica		8,000.00
Cuba		58,000.00
Czechoslovakia		180,000.00
Denmark		158,000.00
Dominican Republic		10,000.00
Ecuador		10,000.00
Egypt		158,000.00
El Salvador		10,000.00
Ethiopia		16,000.00
		1,200,000.00
France		
Greece		34,000.00
Guatemala		10,000.00
Haiti		8,000.00
Honduras		8,000.00
Iceland		8,000.00
India		790,000.00
Iran		90,000.00
Iraq		34,000.00
Lebanon		12,000.00
Liberia		8,000.00
Luxembourg		10,000.00
Mexico		126,000.00
Netherlands		280,000.00
New Zealand		100,000.00
Nicaragua		8,000.00
Norway		100,000.00
_ •		10,000.00
Panama		8,000.00
Paraguay		
Peru		40,000.00
PhilippinesPoland		58,000.00
		190,000.00
Saudi Arabia		16,000.00
Siam		54,000.00
South Africa		224,000.00
Sweden		408,000.00
Syria		24,000.00
Turkey		182,000.00
Ukrainian SSR		168,000.00
USSR		1,268,000.00
United Kingdom		2,296,000.00
United States		7,978,000.00
Uruguay		36,000.00
Venezuela		54,000.00
Yemen		8,000.00
Yugoslavia		66,000.00
I usosiavia		
TOTAL	\$2	20,000,000.00

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SCHEDULE I

Trust Funds and Special Accounts investments as at 31 December 1948

Joint Staff Pension Fund:			
United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series F, dated 1 November 1946, due 1 November 1958 (final redemption value,		•	•
\$135,125.00)	\$	99,992.50	
1947, due 1 January 1959 (final redemption value, \$135,125,00) United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series F, dated 1 April		99,992.50	
1948, due 1 April 1960 (final redemption value \$135,125.00) United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series F, dated 1 July		99,992.50	
1948, due 1 July 1960 (final redemption value \$1,216,225)		900,006.50	
United States Treasury Bonds, 2½%, due 15 June 1962		201,187.50	
United States Treasury Bonds, 2½%, due 15 June 1907		204,687.50	•
United States Treasury Bonds, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, due 15 June 1967 United States Treasury Bonds, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, due 15 December 1968 United States Treasury Bonds, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, due 15 March 1970		203,750.00 202,750.00	
United States Treasury Bonds, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, due 15 June 1972		201,656.25	
Chicago Union Station Company, First Mortgage Guaranteed.			
Series F, 3½%, due 1 July 1963		62,146.88	
Towas Corporation Debouture, 2% due 15 May 1965		60,334.41	
Texas Corporation Debenture, 3%, due 15 May 1965 National Steel Corporation, First Collateral Mortgage, 3%, due		63,225.00	
1 April 1965		62,855.42	
Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., First and Refunding			
Mortgage, 3%, due 1 September 1965		62,100.00	
Atlantic Refining Company, Debenture, 25/8%, due 15 January 1966		59,919.48	
Monongahela Railway Company, Guaranteed First Mortgage,		33,313.40	
Series B, $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, due 1 February 1966		41,503.40	
Standard Oil Company of California, Debenture, 23/4%, due		(1 (10 (0	
1 August 1966		61,649.62	
23/4%, due 1 November 1967		60,150.00	
2¾%, due 1 November 1967		•	
1 April 1968		61,200.00	
Public Service Electric and Gas Company, First and Refunding Mortgage, 31/4%, due 1 July 1968		11,863.67	
Ohio Power Company, First Mortgage, $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, due 1 October 1968		63,424.54	
Cleveland Electric Huminating Company, First Wortgage, 3\%,		00,2202	
due 1 July 1970		62,750.34	
Detroit Edison Company, Guaranteed and Refunding Mortgage,		60,900.00	
Series H, 3%, due 1 December 1970		00,900.00	
1 December 1970		59,750.00	
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Debenture, 23/8%, due		# C # 24 02	
5 May 1971		76,534.93	
Mortgage, Series C, $2\frac{3}{4}$ %, due 1 June 1972		69,641.24	
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, First and Refunding Mortgage,			
3%, Series L, due 1 June 1974		60,755.00	
tember 1975		60,547.71	
American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Debenture, 2¾%, due 1 October 1975		75,367.64	
Buffalo Niagara Electric Company, First Mortgage, 23/4%, due		E9 00E 43	\$ 2.460 E20 OF
1 November 1975	_	58,905.42	\$ 3,469,539.95
Staff Provident Fund:			
United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series F, dated 1			
December 1947, due 1 December 1959 (final redemption value			
\$135,125.00)	\$	99,992.50	
1948, due 1 April 1960 (final redemption value \$135,125.00).		99,992.50	
United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series F, dated 1 July		77,774.00	
1948, due 1 July 1960 (final redemption value \$717,925.00)		531,264.50	731,249.50
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SCHEDULE I (continued)

Trust Funds and Special Accounts Investments as at 31 December 1948 (continued)

Library Endowment Fund: German External Loan, 1924, 7%. Greek Government Loan, 1964, 7%. Government of Denmark, 1925–1955, 5½%. Commonwealth of Australia, 1962, 3¾%. Government of Sweden Bonds, 1939 (J and D), 2¾%. Government of Sweden Bonds, 1942 (F and A), 3½%. Government of Sweden Bonds, 1943 (M and S), 3½%. Government of Sweden Bonds, 1944, 3½%. United States Treasury Bonds, 1967–1972 (J and D), 2½%. United States Treasury Bonds, 1962 (J and D), 2½%. United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series G, due 1 June 1960, 2½%. United States Savings Bonds, Registered Series G, due 1 June 1960, 2½%. Bank of Canton of Berne, 1949, 2¾%. Swiss Federal Loan, 1942–1949, 2½%.	\$ 1.00 4,200.00 10,225.00 13,974.63 47,185.39 28,556.28 28,587.70 28,835.56 40,598.59 17,361.25 100,000.00 200,000.00 4,680.00 15,210.00	\$ 539,415.40
International Children's Emergency Fund: United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series A, 1½%, due 1 January 1949 United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series B, 1½%, due 1 February 1949 United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series C, 1½%, due 1 March 1949 United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series E, 1½%, due 1 June 1949 United States Treasury Notes, Series due 1 January 1949 United States Treasury Bills, due 13 January 1949 United States Treasury Bills, due 17 February 1949 United States Treasury Bills, due 24 February 1949 United States Treasury Bills, due 17 March 1949 United States Treasury Bills, due 17 March 1949	\$2,017,300.20 2,016,195.26 2,014,546.68 1,005,106.46 1,009,578.64 7,977,755.56 1,994,258.00 3,489,990.00 997,098.00	22,521,828.80
Total		\$27,262,033.65

As at 31 December 1948, the market value of the above-listed investments was \$27,308,000.

SCHEDULE J

Joint Staff Pension Fund

Summary of transactions for the year ended 31 december 1948

Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948 Add—Contributions received during year: Staff participants	\$ 580,129.45 1,405,903.19	\$1,986,032.64	\$1,339,376.28
Transfers from Staff Provident Fund:	1,100,700.17	ψ1,200,002.01	
Staff members' contributions	\$ 166,408.23 166,408.23	332,816.46	•
Interest on investments during year (including interest on investments held for Staff Provident Fund)		24,906.94	2,343,756.04
		•	3,683,132.32
Deduct—Pension payments		\$ 1,136.32 65,887.94	67,024.26
Principal of Fund as at 31 December 1948			\$3,616,108.06
Principal represented by: Cash at bank Investments at cost (schedule I) Due from General Account		\$ 284,396.78 3,469,539.95 27,981.32	\$3,781,918.05
Deduct: Commitments for investments in transit Held in trust pending committee decision Due to Staff Provident Fund		\$ 165,319.78 391.15 99.06	165,809.99
	•		\$3,616,108.06
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SCHEDULE			٠
Staff Provident	Fund		
	Fund	ecember 1948	•
Staff Provident Summary of transactions for the year Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948	Fund	ecember 1948	\$ 843,893.67
Staff Provident Summary of transactions for the year	Fund	*\$203,750.14 203,750.14	\$ 843,893.67 407,500.28
Summary of transactions for the year: Add—Contributions received during year: Staff members.	Fund	\$203,750.14	· ,
Summary of transactions for the year: Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948	Fund	\$203,750.14	407,500.28
Summary of transactions for the year: Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948	Fund	\$203,750.14 203,750.14	407,500.28
Summary of transactions for the year: Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948	Fund EAR ENDED 31 D: \$166,408.23	\$203,750.14 203,750.14 	\$1,251,393.95
Summary of transactions for the year: Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948. Add—Contributions received during year: Staff members. United Nations. Deduct—Payments to staff members on separation during year. Transfers to Joint Staff Pension Fund: Staff members' contributions. United Nations' contributions.	### \$166,408.23	\$203,750.14 203,750.14 	\$1,251,393.95 \$1,251,393.95
Summary of transactions for the visual Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948. Add—Contributions received during year: Staff members. United Nations. Deduct—Payments to staff members on separation during year. Transfers to Joint Staff Pension Fund: Staff members' contributions. United Nations' contributions. United Nations' contributions. Principal of Fund as at 31 December 1948. Principal represented by: Investments at cost (schedule I). Due from General Account. Due from Joint Staff Pension Fund.	### \$166,408.23	\$203,750.14 203,750.14 \$181,030.41 332,816.46 \$731,249.50 7,352.11	407,500.28 \$1,251,393.95 513,846.87 \$ 737,547.08
Summary of transactions for the virillar of Fund as at 1 January 1948. Add—Contributions received during year: Staff members. United Nations. Deduct—Payments to staff members on separation during year. Transfers to Joint Staff Pension Fund: Staff members' contributions. United Nations' contributions. United Nations' contributions. Principal of Fund as at 31 December 1948. Principal represented by: Investments at cost (schedule I). Due from General Account.	### \$166,408.23	\$203,750.14 203,750.14 \$181,030.41 332,816.46 \$731,249.50 7,352.11	\$1,251,393.95 \$1,251,393.95 513,846.87 \$ 737,547.08 \$ 738,700.67

SCHEDULE L

Library Endowment Fund

Summary of transactions for the year ended 31 december 1948

Principal: Balance as at 1 January 1948 Deduct—Loss on realization or redemption of investments		\$542,141.94 396.92
Balance as at 31 December 1948		\$541,745.02
Accumulated income: Balance as at 1 January 1948 Add—Net interest received on investments during the year		\$ 12,974.32 8,174.77
Balance as at 31 December 1948		21,149.09
Principal and accumulated income of Fund as at 31 December 1948		\$562,894.11
Principal and accumulated income represented by: Cash at banks		\$ 23,473.34 539,415.40 5.37
		\$562,894.11 ===================================
SCHEDULE M		
International Press House Fund		
Summary of transactions for the year ended 31 dece	MBER 1948	
Principal of Fund as at 1 January 1948. Deduct—Safe custody charges		\$ 25,614.18 47.63
Principal of Fund as at 31 December 1948		\$ 25,566.75
Principal represented by: Canh at bank Cold, 726.804 fine ounces		\$ 226.63 25,340.12 \$ 25,566.75
SCHEDULE N		
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administra	ition	
Summary of transactions for the period ended 31 dec	емвек 1948	
Archives and records: Receipts Deduct—Expenditures	\$144,383.44 24,697.15	
Balance as at 31 December 1948	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$119,686.29
History project: Receipts Deduct—Expenditures	\$111,588.11 16,629.24	
Balance as at 31 December 1948	•	94,958.87
Rental and maintenance of premises: Receipts Deduct—Expenditures	\$ 14,916.55 2,563.52	
Balance as at 31 December 1948		12,353.03
Miscellaneous income—salvage sales		64.53
Amount held in Special Account as at 31 December 1948		\$227,062.72

Annex A

Statement of payments to experts and consultants during 1948

	Purpose of employment		nt paid 1948
	Department of Security Council Affairs		
Frase, R. W. Goldsmith, H. H. Light, I. Lipetz, Ben-Ami Luntz, J. D. Schram, S. R. Silverman, J.	Political, social and scientific bibliography of atomic energy.	\$	263 1,000 700 129 300 1,180 234
		\$	3,806
	Department of Economic Affairs		
Azkoul, K. Brady, Dorothy Camejo, D. Coppock, J. Diska, S. L. Ekwall, A. Goldschmidt, A. E. Goodrich, C. Henson, E. R. Kolesnikoff, A. S. Latham, E. Lehmann, K. G. Mahalanobis, P. C. Rauschenbush, S. Salas, F. Sundelson, J. Tychanowicz, R. M. Venneman, H. Woodward, A. N.	Preparatory Committee on U.N. Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources (UNSCCUR) Advisory Committee on Cost of Living Index Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR. Editing economic publications for consistency and uniformity of presentation Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR. Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR. Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR. Policy and technique on providing expert assistance in economic development. Listing commodities for international trade with Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Survey of needs for education and training in statistics. Preparatory Committee on UNSCCUR.	*	70 145 90 160 207 80 228 2,360 5,148 207 1,320 240 220 1,000 70 1,430 120 150 220 13,465
	Department of Social Affairs		
Brandon, H. Crane, Jacob Dolivet, L. Mirkine-Guetzevitch, B. Hamberger, E. J. Hambro, C. J. Huth, Arno Notestein, F. Pindor, K. Rothenberg, I. Rodzinowicz, L. Savage, John M. Sotiroff, G. Wickwar, W. Williams, P.	Documentation for the Conference on Freedom of Information. Consultant on international housing. Report on the meetings of the International Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Preparation of Human Rights Year Book. Preparation of Human Rights Year Book. Special report on European refugees. Documentation for the Conference on Freedom of Information. Consultant director. Preparation of document on social activities published in Europe. Documentation for the Conference on Freedom of Information. Consultant on social defence. Consultant on freedom of information. Studies on migration. Consultant on social administration and methods. Special report on European refugees.	\$	4,250 50 1,260 8,900 7,410 3,750 500 4,629 2,900 2,790 2,480 40 257 1,295 1,925
		\$	42,436
	Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories		
Finkelstein, L. S.	Study of development of Trusteeship System	\$	243

Annex A (continued)

Department of Public Information

Anderson, D. Bratland, P. Kressy, E. McClarrin, J. K. Milam, C. H. Scanlon, Helen L. Sutnar, L. Vacquero, E. Van Dissel, G. F.	Study of distribution of Press releases, etc. Survey of distribution of material produced by the Films and Visual Information Division. Restyling and type setting on special promotion drive for the U.N. Bulletin. Survey of distribution problems. Reviewing library problems. Reference services of library for Paris General Assembly Restyling and type-setting on special promotion drive for the U.N. Bulletin. Work on Spanish Bulletin. Consultant on panel of radio-engineering experts investigat-	\$	350 400 200 315 320 65 600 150
Zilliacus, L.	ing establishment of U.N. broadcasting facilities Problems connected with teaching of purposes and aims of U.N. to schools in Member States		2,360
		\$	14,808
	Legal Department		
Gross, Leo Henkin, Louis	Adviser to Secretary of Committee on Development and Codification on International Law	\$	1,000 400
		\$	1,400
	Department of Conference and General Services		
Batur, M. F. Bjorklund, S. Fromm, P. Homiduddin Leme, J. Meghani, M. J. Ruebsam, Chas. Sayegh, F. A.	Translation services on "How People Work Together" Translation services on "How People Work Together" Verbatim reporter Translation services on "How People Work Together" Translation services on "How People Work Together" Translation services on "How People Work Together" Printing arrangements Translation services on "How People Work Together"	\$	184 184 1,400 184 184 184 2,873
		\$	5,377
	Department of Administrative and Financial Services		
Buck, G. B. Byrnes & Baker Camu, L. Fiduciary Trust de Haan, Hugo Lasser, J. K. Sette, Francis Schoell, F. L. Signer, A. Wang, Chi Chen Wyss, Hans	Actuarial consultant for Staff Pension Scheme. Anditing contractors' charges. Development of international facilities for promotion of science of administration and training of candidates. Custodian fee for Provident and Pension Funds. Training and staff activities consultant. Management survey. Management survey. Management survey. Medical doctor for the staff. Consultant on Chinese Advisory Board. Actuarial consultant for Staff Pension Scheme.	\$	2,979 5,221 1,500 2,094 225 6,780 1,050 450 180 35 500
	Unadayantana Diannina Office		
Abramovitz, M. Bolt, R. H. Clarke, G. D. Clarke, Rapuano and Holleran Dawson, J. Edwards & Hjorth Feder, A. Harrison, W. K. Harrison and Abramovitz Knudsen, V. O.	Headquarters Planning Office Deputy Director of Planning. Acoustical engineering. Associate architect. Technical architects and associates. Construction consultant. Technical architects and associates. Lighting. Director of Planning. Technical architects and associates Acoustical consultant.	\$	10,000 5,000 10,000 13,216 13,667 96,008 4,928 19,500 326,097 2,500

Annex A (continued)

Headquarters Planning Office (continued)

al architects and associates	\$1,0	74,950 66,937 800 330 880 6,570 10,000 13,148 870 265,617 17,971 2,350 261,339 945 1,525 80 7,875 10,705 5,025
ce consultant	\$	800 330 880 6,570 10,000 13,148 870 265,617 17,971 2,350 261,339 945 1,525 80 7,875 10,705 5,025
al architects and associates. al architects and associates. al architects and associates. ction consultant. United Nations Appeal for Children adviser on publicity and promotion. ant to the Secretary-General. y to Special Committee of the Economic and Social cil. work in connexion with promotion of United States aign. assistant to the Director on legal and political matters. Economic Commission for Latin America CLA working party. f Latin-American countries. tion of questionnaires and technical assistance.	\$	13,148 870 265,617 17,971 2,350 261,339 945 1,525 80 7,875 10,705 5,025
United Nations Appeal for Children adviser on publicity and promotion	\$	2,350 061,339 945 1,525 80 7,875 10,705 5,025
United Nations Appeal for Children adviser on publicity and promotion	\$	945 1,525 80 280 7,875 10,705
adviser on publicity and promotion	**	1,525 80 280 7,875 10,705
ant to the Secretary-General	**	1,525 80 280 7,875 10,705
Economic Commission for Latin America CLA working party. f Latin-American countries		7,875 10,705 5,025
Economic Commission for Latin America CLA working party f Latin-American countries tion of questionnaires and technical assistance		5,025
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CLA working party	\$	
f Latin-American countriestion of questionnaires and technical assistance	\$	
CLA working partyCLA working party		1,050 617 2,475 2,475
- -	\$	11,642
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East		
al training	\$	717 547 1,320 858 617 3,338 3,761 1,875 500 560 1,900 680 974 332 1,440 1,360 847 260 213 1,410 780 120
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Annex A (continued)

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (continued)

Rosenfeld, F. Roy, S. N. Sen, B. R. Shaikh, A. M. Shenoy, B. R. Shih, C. H. Shu Kai van Stappen, J. Stenhouse, J. Subbiah, R. Tung, O. T. Turnage, W. Viswanath, B. Wongsman, Wu, C. H. Young, P.	Industrial development working party Technical training Food and agriculture FAO/ECAFE joint working party Banking and finance Industrial development working party Flood control Transport Trade promotion Transport Trade promotion Industrial development working party Industrial development working party Industrial development working party Industrial development working party Flood control Trade promotion	\$	400 1,011 1,253 330 949 2,776 611 859 2,695 1,584 130 680 1,213 335 4,500 4,140
	Economic Commission for Europe		
Aicard, Basil Brunner, Karl Chamelot, Charles Leacock, D. J. Muddiman, E. Rollman, Tony Rostow, Elspeth Scudamore, Charles Waldenstrom, Erland Warriner, Doreen	Allocations procedure during transfer of functions from European Coal Organization to ECE	\$	930 468 748 2,730 1,028 2,424 1,500 600 3,138 1,680
		\$	15,246
	European Office—Geneva		
Rapp, Oscar Walters, Frank	Actuarial advice, Staff Insurance Association	\$	304 93
		\$	397
	United Nations Conciliation Commission in Palestine		
Johnson, A. Mohn, P.	Adviser to the Palestine Commission	\$	800 16,600 17,400
	Interim Committee of the General Assembly		
Eagleton, C.	Study on international political co-operation and pacific settlement of disputes	\$	3,140

Report of the Board of External Auditors to the General Assembly

- 1. The audit has been made of the 1948 accounts of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice. Records and vouchers were examined, to the extent considered necessary, at The Hague, Geneva and Lake Success.
- 2. Audit certificates have been given, subject to the observations in this report, to the following financial statements submitted by the Secretary-General:
 - (a) Statement of 1948 budget appropriations, obligations incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations;
 - (b) Statement of income and obligations incurred and surplus account for the year ended 31 December 1948;
 - (c) Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1948.
- 3. In addition to the report to the General Assembly, a memorandum is being submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with respect to various administrative practices and accounting transactions not involving general policy.
- 4. Appropriations for the year were \$39,285,736.21 and the recorded obligations incurred amounted to \$38,387,530.97. Thus, the unobligated balances of appropriations were \$898,205.24.
- 5. The accumulated surplus as of 31 December 1948 was \$2,954,669.06. An analysis of the sources of the surplus, showing its availability for reductions of assessments on Members in 1949 and 1950, in accordance with financial regulation 17 (Resolution 163 (II) of the General Assembly) is:

Unobligated balances of 1947 appropriations	\$1,326,326.79 118,847.37 118,858.65	
To be applied in 1950: Unobligated balances of 1948 appropriations	898,205.24 63,415.20 144,057.77 284,958.04	\$1,564,032.81
		1,390,636.25
		\$2,954,669.06

Consequently, throughout the current year the Secretary-General will have available for working capital purposes surplus funds of \$1,390,636.25, in addition to the \$20,000,000 Working Capital Fund. There does not appear to be any practical reason for preserving a surplus account balance; therefore further consideration might be given to the text of financial regulation 17.

6. The Budget Estimates of the Secretary-General (A/318 of 14 July 1947) set out in detail proposed expenditures of \$39,403,792. Material variations were made in the amounts by the General Assembly and, in addition, transfers were authorized during the year between appropriation sections. Consequently, the Board did not attempt to reconcile the budget estimates with the actual outcome of the year. Compared with 1947, there was an increase of over \$11,050,000 in obligations incurred. The 1947 budget consisted of eight sections while 41 were used in 1948, therefore the following comparison is by objects of expenditure and not by appropriation sections:

objects of outperference and and appropriate	,			
	1948	1947	Increase	Decrease
Personnel costs	\$23,123,000	\$18,739,000	\$ 4,384,000	\$
Travel ar 1 subsistence	5,059,000			
Printing, reproduction and office supplies	1,968,000	1,720,000	248,000	
Miscellaneous supplies and services	1,155,000	1,041,000	114,000	
Premises: rentals and maintenance	1,092,000	1,135,000	·	43,000
Costs related to dissemination of information.	966,000	444,000	522,000	•
Transportation	849,000	253,000	596,000	
Equipment purchases	787,000	895,000		108,000
International Court of Justice	597,000	526,000	71,000	•
Advisory social welfare activities	593,000	436,000	157,000	
International Trade and Employment con-				
ferences	766,000		766,000	
Payment on League of Nations assets	534,000		534,000	
Other charges	853,000	525,000	328,000	
	\$38,342,000	\$27,290,000	\$11,203,000	\$151,000
			151,000	
	•		\$11.052.000	

\$11,052,000

The increase in the cost of personnel was mainly due to additions in staff and to grade increases, and also to increases in (a) contributions to pension fund, (b) reimbursement for income tax, and (c) travel on home leave. The large increase for travel and subsistence is associated, in part, with the holding of the session of the General Assembly in Paris, but more particularly with the Palestine Mission. The latter was also the principal reason for the material increase in transportation costs.

7. Ex gratia, compassionate and indemnity payments: Financial Regulation 26 (Resolution 163 (II) of the General Assembly) vests in the Secretary-General a discretion to make "such ex gratia payments as he deems to be necessary in the interests of the United Nations" and directs that a statement of such payments be submitted to the General Assembly with the annual accounts. The Financial Report of the Secretary-General states that: "Indemnity, compassionate and ex gratia payments made during the year totalled \$158,469..." and lists those classified as ex gratia to an amount of \$12,832. A review was made of the principal obligations which, it was stated to the Board, were treated as "compassionate":

Payment to widow of UN guard killed in Palestine	\$ 25,000
Compassionate payments of \$25,000 each to widows of four French military observers killed in Palestine	100,000
Provision for funeral expenses of the four French military observers	7,709
and of two payments rated as "indemnity" settlements:	
To an officer of the rank of Assistant Secretary-General, on abolition of post	11,000
To an officer of the rank of administrative officer grade 14, on abolition of post	1,675

- 8. This Board is directed to draw to the notice of the General Assembly, among other things, "expenditure not in conformity with the authority which governs it". With respect to the first of the indemnity payments, the post was established on 18 March 1948 and was abolished as of 1 September 1948. In the period of employment, payments were controlled by General Assembly "Organization of the Secretariat" resolution, dated 13 February 1946, in particular, by:
 - "15. An Assistant Secretary-General shall receive a net salary of \$13,500 (U.S.) together with an allowance varying from \$7,000 (U.S.) to \$11,500 (U.S.) at the Secretary-General's discretion."

The standard form of contract for short-term appointments, bearing no expiration date, was used for the contract with the administrative officer. Both payments were made by relying on staff regulation 22 (also approved by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946), which reads:

"22. If the Secretary-General terminates an appointment under regulation 21 he shall give at least three months' notice and pay an indemnity equivalent to at least three months' salary. The amount of the indemnity shall be increased with length of service up to a maximum of nine months' salary. These provisions of notice and indemnity shall not apply to probationers, to persons holding short-term contracts, or to persons summarily dismissed."

The Board notes that (a) the \$11,000 payment was computed by construing "salary" in regulation 22 to mean the "net salary" fixed by organization regulation 15, plus the \$8,500 allowance fixed by the Secretary-General under the authority of the same regulation; and (b) the contract held by the administrative officer was in a form within the ambit of the concluding sentence of regulation 22.

- 9. Reimbursement for national income taxation: The charges recorded in the allotment account total \$969,655. When reporting on the 1947 accounts, the Board of Auditors drew attention (paragraph 7) to the fact that an unliquidated obligation of \$80,326 was being carried into 1948 for income tax reimbursement claims although known liabilities for the total amount were not a matter of record. At the close of 1948 an unliquidated balance of \$49,577 in the account was allowed to remain unadjusted although it bore no relation to any known liability. In the opinion of the Board, it would be a safeguard were the financial regulations to provide that, when it is impracticable to estimate liabilities accurately, no unliquidated obligation should be included in the accounts; instead, any claim arising be recorded as a charge to the year in which it comes for payment.
- 10. Associated with these payments is the intent of the authorizing resolution of the General Assembly as to the length of time over which reimbursements may be made to former staff members. The declared purpose of the reimbursing practice is "to achieve equality among staff members". The claimants are almost invariably citizens of the United States, and the laws of that country provide that any sum reimbursed is taxable income. The case now used to illustrate is selected because amounts involved are substantial. An officer left the service of United Nations in 1947. During 1948 he claimed and was reimbursed approximately \$8,000, being the amount of tax levied on his 1947 income received from United Nations. In March 1949 he claimed and was reimbursed approximately \$2,200, being the tax levied on the \$8,000 reimbursed in 1948. The point is: Do the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly contemplate that reimbursements continue to be made after a staff member leaves the service of the United Nations?

- \$3,616,000. A classification of outlays is given in the Financial Report of the Secretary-General, under the heading "Main Features of the Budgetary Accounts". Included in the local transportation item are charges of approximately \$450,000 for the charter hire of 12 aircraft and of \$80,000 for fueling aircraft. Not included is the cost of four other aircraft for which no billing was received in the year and for which no obligation was entered in the accounts. Nine out of the 16 were light transport aircraft, and the records disclose that these were found to be unsuited for the work to be performed. Seven of these aircraft were flown to the point of delivery; two others did not leave their home base. The contracts for the charter hire of these transport planes included a three-day cancellation clause, but it was not exercised until 25 days had elapsed. The registered obligation for five is \$56,469, and information provided to the Board is to the effect that the account is in the process of being settled at approximately \$50,000. Because sums involved in aircraft charters are substantial, and because special types of aircraft are sometimes required by missions, the Board is of opinion that steps should be taken to safeguard against repetition of 1948 experience.
- 12. Insurance: The cost of insurance in 1947 approximated \$57,000; in 1948 it was about \$315,000. The United Nations portion of the Sperry building and its contents are insured against fire to the amount of \$8,500,000; the Manhattan building for \$1,500,000; the Palais des Nations and contents for 75,000,000 Swiss francs, and the five villas at Geneva for 2,000,000 Swiss francs. Insurance is carried against various other risks. Illustrations are: In New York and Geneva public liability policies are in effect. All persons travelling by air on United Nations instructions are covered by a blanket policy costing \$6,000 per annum. Articles in transit are insured under a blanket policy costing \$8,000 annually. In addition, the following special policies were in effect at the year-end:

The Board was informed that more favourable rates ae, in some cases, now in effect. In addition to insurance policies, employees in New York and Genew are within the scope of workmen's compensation schemes; for these, charges in the year exceed \$110,000, which is not included in the \$315,000 paid for insurance premiums. Direct recoveries by United Nations from insurance policies, etc., were less than \$1,000. However, insurance companes paid \$104,000 directly to beneficiaries of the late Count Bernadotte. Workmen's compensation payments, until remarriage, were put into effect for the widow of the guard killed in Palestine. The Board was informed that companies accept liability for, but have not yet paid, \$25,000 to the widows of two military observers killed in a road accident. On the other hand, a compassionate payment of \$25,000 to the widow of the guard mentioned above, and like payments to widows of four Fench military observers are charged to appropriations because no insurance policy was applicable to the causes of death. The Board was informed that a Secretariat committee is currently reviewing Isurance practices.

- 13. Sales of publications: Income from sales appreximated \$150,000. Agreements with "authorized sales agents" require a semi-annual accounting to be made. By March 1949, only 12 out of the 23 agents had made an accounting for the half-year nding 30 June 1948. In two instances amounts received had not been reconciled with sales reported at time of audit. Another agent paid more than the agreement requires, and in one instance a sur was paid in anticipation of sales but no particulars were given with respect to actual sales. The mjor distributor is Columbia University Press, which made payments of \$95,900 on account during the year. It was indicated to the Board that only Columbia University Press and the Stationery Office of the United Kingdom Government earmark a portion of commissions to promote sales. It i not believed that other authorized agents will adopt that practice, because their earnings are no substantial. The Board was informed that, were the United Nations to undertake a sales promotion programme to test world-wide market possibilities, at least \$25,000 would be necessary.
- 14. The Board examined sales records the respect to some publications. The direct production costs of the Yearbook of the United Natios (English edition) amounted to \$34,000 during the year. Sales amounted to \$25,000. The French lition was issued under the supervision of an independent agency, the commitment of United Natios being to take 1,000 copies at a cost of \$10,000 and to provide paper. In all, the cost was about \$1,000. No accounting for sales has been made, but the demand for copies is believed to be much belovexpectations. The cost of printing (in English and French)

the Yearbook on Human Rights was \$22,000. As of 31 December 1948, no accountings of sales had been received. The cost of printing the UN Bulletin in English, French and Spanish was about \$85,000 in the year. Delivery charges approximated \$8,000. Proceeds of sales were about \$16,000. The Monthly Bulletin of Statistics cost about \$50,000 to print and distribute. Proceeds from sales were about \$7,500. No statistics are maintained to establish managing, editing and translating costs for any of these publications.

- 15. It is appreciated that it is not the primary object of these publications to make money. On the other hand, they are not intended to be the equivalent of annual "reports" of public authorities. The combined print order for the English, French and Spanish editions of the UN Bulletin was 19,000 at the year-end—it has since been increased to 21,500. Subscribers total 6,000, but it was stated to the Board that to evaluate worth by a comparison of these figures would not give a true indication of the service performed by the Bulletin. In the opinion of those associated with the work of disseminating information with respect to the United Nations, the primary objective of the Bulletin is to provide up-to-date, factual information to newspaper editors, writers, commentators, etc. In other words, the role of the Bulletin is that of a means to an end; for that reason there is a copy "deadline" of three days before publishing date, and issues are released simultaneously in New York, Mexico City and Geneva. On the other hand, the view was expressed that a publication such as the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics is susceptible to the tests applicable to a commercial venture of like character, because it is in demand by commerce and industry.
- 16. The Board is of opinion that pullications of the classes enumerated might profitably be made the subject of inquiry to establish whether it is practicable and in the interests of the United Nations to consider changes in policy and in the method of financing costs.
- 17. Contributions of Members: Schedul A to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities lists \$665,384.83 as still to be paid on 1948 assessments on Members. When the audit was completed on 15 April, it was noted that the amount had been reduced to \$461,577.28 by reason of the following payments having been received between 1 January and 1! April: Costa Rica \$13,879; Czechoslovakia \$5,410.51; France \$123,166; Nicaragua \$7,211.04; Syria \$41,638; and Yugoslavia \$12,503. In addition, Costa Rica paid \$14,422, being the balance due on 1946 and 1947 assessments.
- 18. Accounts with Members: The Secretariat performs various services for Member Nations on repayment basis. The majority of transaction are related to the providing of transportation. As of 31 December 1948 about \$175,000 was recorded as due by Members. While the bulk of the sum can be classified as "current", numerous billings have been outstanding for over a year and there are two charges which have been recorded for over two years. Examinations of files indicate a need for a better follow-up procedure than is now in effect. As the accounts "age", it becomes increasingly difficult to find persons who are familiar with the transactions, and as litigation is out of the question, files become dormant when requests for payment go unacknowledged. There is also a question as to the classes of services the Secretariat should undertake to provide Members. Attention is drawn to the matter because the general question is one more susceptible to control by regulation of the General Assembly than by Secretariat directives. It might be added that in the scrutiny of the records it was observed that approximately \$9,200 has been owing by a non-member Government (Bulgaria) for over a year.
- 19. Stores accounts, Lake Success: The financial regulations require a statement showing the supplies in hand as of 31 December to be rendered to the Board of Auditors. The statement submitted is:

Stationery and office supplies		\$ 47,995.63
paper in hands of printers)		79,494.32
Maintenance and engineering supplies: Cleaning materials	\$ 4,944.77	
Hardware supplies.	3,750.26	
Paint, etc	1,355.43	
Plumbing supplies Electrical supplies	6,179.60 13.811.88	30,041.94
Electrical supplies		00,041.74
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Photographic supplies		11,377.84 12,082.47
Badges for guards		7,000.00
Miscellaneous		6,646.53
		÷194,638.73

20. The quantities used in computing the inventory values used for the purposes of this statement have been test-checked. Like checks were made of prices extensions and additions. The inventory, as classified, has been found to be correct, subject to the following classes of supplies are not included since they were not under stores control. They consist of: supplies ordered to fill

special departmental needs and charged directly to requisitioning departments; supplies found surplus to ordinary departmental needs and returned to storerooms; building supplies unused in the construction of temporary headquarters; reserve inventories of tableware for the dining room and cafeteria; surplus stores held pending decisions by the Board of Survey as to disposal; and drums, cylinders and other containers which are returnable to suppliers. It is desirable that the above classes of supplies should be made subject to stores control.

- 21. Furniture and equipment accounts, Lake Success: The Board of Auditors has previously reported that records with respect to these accounts were only in process of development. The same comment must be made with respect to the current situation. On 1 January 1949 a new system was undertaken. The intent now is to record by values as well as quantities. The Board doubts if any benefit, from the control point of view, will be derived from valuing such items. The essential—and it has been too long delayed— is to secure quantitative control, especially over (a) items such as cameras, typewriters, brief cases, sound and recording equipment, machine shop equipment, etc., and (b) items shipped for use away from headquarters.
- 22. The Geneva Office: The Geneva accounts were found to be in good order, without any transaction requiring special comment to the General Assembly. Audit examinations made at Geneva and Lake Success disclosed marked improvements in accounting relations between the two offices.
- 23. As required by the financial regulations, a statement was rendered by the Finance Officer showing the expendable supplies in hand as of 31 December. It is:

Paper supplies. Printing paper and covers for binding. Cleaning supplies and material Electric light bulbs.	13,261.86 5,275.77
• •	\$136,364.27

Test-checks made indicate that the statement is correct.

- 24. The Finance Officer also presented statements with respect to office appliances, furniture and other equipment in charge of the Geneva Office as of 31 December. These were examined, test-checked and found to be in order.
- 25. The International Court of Justice: The accounts maintained at The Hague were examined and found to be correct. The only exceptional payments were ex gratia awards of \$4,000 each to two officials for services rendered during the war years. The stores statement, showing \$6,481 held, was submitted and test-checked.
- 26. The accounting system: On 17 January 1949 the Bureau of the Comptroller and the Bureau of Administrative Management and Budget were combined into a Bureau of Finance. It is to be hoped that the amalgamation will result in intensified effort further to simplify the system of budgetary control and accounting. To end the year, as was the case on 31 December last, with actual disbursements of approximately \$34,000,000 and unliquidated obligations of almost \$4,350,000 is undesirable. It is, of course, to be borne in mind that the session of the General Assembly in Paris and the extent of activities in Palestine created an abnormal situation. Now that there is a single head over the budgetary and accounting divisions, it should be practicable to evaluate more easily the accounting requirements of each division and those of the spending departments, and to bring into effect a system better adapted, than is the present one, to the needs of the United Nations Organization. We add that it is our opinion that the staff now assigned to budget and accounting work have the experience and qualifications necessary to develop adjustments without requiring employment of outside experts.
- 27. The accounts at Lake Success were examined by officers provided by the Government of Canada, and those in Europe by the representative of Sweden on this Board. The audits were facilitated in every way by officers of the Secretariat and of the International Court of Justice. Full opportunity was afforded to examine records, vouchers and papers; for all of which the members of the Board express their appreciation.
- 28. International Children's Emergency Fund: The transactions of this Fund have been examined by staff under the supervision of the representative of Colombia on this Board. In accordance with the provisions of resolution 57 (I) of the General Assembly, the report on that audit will be made, through the Secretary-General, to the Executive Board of the Fund.

(signed) Watson Sellar, Canada (Chairman)

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