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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Letter dated 8 October 1958 from the Acting Director of UNRWA,
addressed to the Secretary-General

Beyrouth, 8 October 1958

1. The Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East met on 18 September and 7 October 1958 to consider the Director's report^{1/} and, in particular, the Agency's budget for 1959. The views expressed by members of the Commission were finally embodied in a document which was unanimously adopted by the Commission at the latter of these two meetings.
2. I have pleasure in transmitting to you herewith copies of this document in English and in French, and in suggesting that, following the precedent set in recent years, it should be circulated for the information of the Members of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Leslie J. CARVER
Acting Director

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement
No. 14 (A/3931).

Views expressed by the Advisory
Commission on 7 October 1958

At its meeting on 18 September 1958, the Advisory Commission reviewed the UNRWA budget for 1959. It also considered the Director's annual report for 1957-1958. The Advisory Commission would like to express the following views:

1. It supports UNRWA's plans for the utilization of the approximately \$3.5 million which may be available in 1958 for the restoration of standards in relief and education and for the resumption of a modest self-support programme, as described in paragraphs 39-40 and 41-54 of the Director's annual report.
2. It endorses UNRWA's budget for 1959 as contained in annex G to the Director's report and recommends it to the General Assembly for approval.
3. It notes that there are no grounds for complacency with regard to UNRWA's finances. It expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General and his staff for the special efforts made last year. The Commission strongly urges that these and any other appropriate special efforts be continued so that Member and other Governments may be encouraged to contribute sufficiently to finance UNRWA's budget for 1959 in the amount of at least \$36 million.
4. In particular, the Commission draws the attention of the General Assembly to the Director's remarks in paragraph 10 of his annual report in which he states that the over-all standard of relief is very low and even then cannot be offered to all those in need. The Commission, therefore, recommends that funds additional to those requested for chapter I of the budget for 1959 be contributed in order to enable the Director to improve the standards and complete the services where these are inadequate.
5. The Commission further recommends that the decision recorded in General Assembly resolution 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, be reviewed, in so far as concerns the frontier villagers, Bedouin and other claimants for relief, in such a way that the Agency be authorized to extend its services to these unfortunate people, bearing in mind that the cost of doing so will amount approximately to \$7 million per annum.

6. It expresses its satisfaction of and admiration for the courageous and successful way in which during 1958 the Director and his staff have carried out their duties in the face of the various crises which have arisen in the region.

7. The Commission draws attention to paragraphs 7-9 and 78-79 of the annual report which deal with the approaching end of UNRWA's mandate on 30 June 1960, and endorses the observations and suggestions on this subject therein embodied.
