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At the request of various delegations, the Committee agreed to append the following letter to its Report.

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Special Sub-committee on Resolution 71

Addressed to:

The Honorable Roger Makins, C.M.G. British Embassy

His Excellency Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador

Honorable William L. Clayton Assistant Secretary, Department of State.

My dear :

This Administration has been concerned over reports which it has received from representatives of member governments and UNRRA field officials to the effect that there are collaborators receiving UNRRA assistance in displaced persons assembly centres in Germany and Austria. As you know, in accordance with Resolution 71, it is UNRRA's firm policy to withhold assistance from displaced persons who are determined to have collaborated with the enemy or committed other crimes against the interests or nationals of the United Nations.

Under the resolutions and existing agreements, the determination of whether a displaced person may be considered a collaborator or criminal not entitled to UNERA assistance is the responsibility of the authorities of the area in which such a displaced person is located; hence the (British, French, United States) military authorities have this responsibility in the (British, French, American) zones of Germany and Austria. In view of the fact that many months have elapsed since UNRRA has had responsibility for displaced persons, it is of the greatest importance that prompt action be taken to comform to agreed UNRRA policy. I should like therefore to request that you call to the attention of the military authoritties the UNRRA policy against aiding such collaborators and criminals and unge that they take vigorous steps to remove from the camps the persons not entitled to assistance under this policy.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman Director General

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