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March 27, 1984

Mr. John A. Donnelly  
Deputy Director  
Grants Administration  
Catholic Relief Services  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

I have discussed the CRS proposal of March 14 with Gerald Kamens, and since our entire USAID/Beirut staff is in Washington, he asked me to respond to your letter. As we explained in our meeting of March 8, the funds available for relief are not regular OPG funds with which you are implementing the CRS Reconstruction Project (268-0313) but are specifically for relief. Therefore, reconstruction required for relief activities, such as the repair of hospitals and clinics, is allowable while the reconstruction of educational and social institutions is not. Likewise, we do not feel that individual family assistance and family small businesses are appropriately related to relief.

Following is the approved budget which limits additional U.S. Government financing to CRS relief activities similar to which we are currently financing under the two previous grants of \$602,610 and \$250,000. Once it appears that peace has a real chance in Lebanon, we encourage CRS proposals related to the reconstruction of social and educational institutions.

Repair of Medical Institutions	\$100,000
Commodities for Medical Institutions	140,000
Emergency Repair of Housing	100,000
Administration	60,000
	<u>\$400,000</u>

As you will note, because of the overwhelming need, we have doubled the amount requested for emergency housing. This, we believe, is a critical area where CRS can make a significant contribution to a great number of people. These funds can be used to make a house liveable, i.e. repair a hole in a wall, repair the roof, replace windows and make kitchens and bathrooms useable. Funds are limited and it is up to CRS to make a case by case determination of the minimum amount required to make a house liveable.

We are proceeding with notifying Congress that we are shifting funds made available for reconstruction to relief. Once the 15-day waiting period has expired, we will amend the current grant increasing the total by \$400,000.

Sincerely,

Lee Twentyman  
Acting Director  
USAID/Beirut

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March 14, 1984

Mr. Gerald L. Kamens, Director  
Office of Middle Eastern Affairs  
Agency for International Development  
320 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20523

SUBJECT: CRS Emergency Intervention in Lebanon

Dear Mr. Kamens:

Enclosed please find the promised proposal directed at securing financial support for an enlarged continuation of our present emergency intervention in Lebanon.

The document contains further and clearer details on the plan of operations already presented to you in the February 27, 1984 telex from our Beirut office. It should also contain, we hope, the answers to many of the questions raised during the two encounters you gracefully chaired in your office on February 28 and March 8, 1984, involving representatives of your staff, whose cooperative attitude and constructive comments we deeply appreciate, and our own people, including the Director of our Program in that troubled country.

This proposal includes the latest assessment of needs that our emergency team staff in Lebanon, recently increased by the addition of U.S. nationals also skilled in emergency response, are conducting in all the areas we plan to cover. It also includes an assessment of our Agency's capability to implement the plan described therein. In this context, therefore, we feel that AID, in considering this application for funding purposes, should resist the temptation to depart from its scope of work and implementation modalities. Such diversions are usually found in the Program Schedule which normally accompanies the Grant Letter of Agreement as Attachment No. 1, and they may create paralyzing stresses in the process of implementing a grant. One such occurrence is described under separate cover in relation to Grant NEB-0340-G-SS-4004-00.

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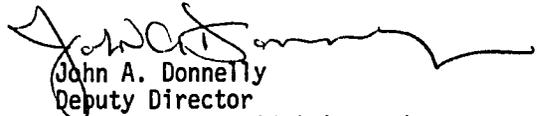
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An issue that will have to be clarified by you concerns the AID representative in Beirut who will fulfill the responsibility of assisting us in implementing the program described in the attached proposal.

We wish to thank you once again for all the cooperation received from you and from the staff in your section. We remain ready to provide you with whatever additional information may still be needed to finalize this application favorably.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



John A. Donnelly  
Deputy Director

Material Resources & Grants Administration

Enclosure

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cc: Mr. B. Salvo

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A PROPOSAL  
FOR  
THE AMPLIFIED CONTINUATION OF  
THE EMERGENCY INTERVENTION  
OF  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - USCC  
IN  
LEBANON

MARCH 1984

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## I. THE EMERGENCY AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES EXPANDED RESPONSE

The situation described in our Agency's original proposal dated September 28, 1983 and the addendum dated October 1983, has deteriorated even further, inflicting increasing misery and hardship on a people who have practically witnessed the disintegration of their own country. We shall not even attempt to describe the extent and depth of such deterioration, leaving it to the daily press reports and the records of all the agencies involved in programs of assistance to Lebanon, to confirm the condition of demoralizing grief and social disorder to which Catholic Relief Services is currently endeavoring to react with all its human and material resources. The Agency for International Development, which did indeed have an office in Beirut until recently, is fully aware, after all, of the general chaos in which that unfortunate country finds itself today.

Catholic Relief Services' presence in Lebanon can be traced through the Agency's record to the year 1946 and its relief and development program has won the respect of all levels of Lebanese society. In the current crisis, perhaps the worst ever in the history of that nation, the CRS office in Beirut has never ceased to operate. On the contrary, the Agency's emergency program, which AID has helped finance, has been gaining momentum and sophistication, primarily because additional United States personnel with tested experience in emergency response, have joined our regular staff in Beirut. This proposal reflects their input and the expanded dimension that their need assessment imposes on our

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Agency's program in Lebanon, as we try to cope with the present disaster situation and to facilitate the transition from the acute emergency phase of today, to the long-range program of rehabilitation and resettlement required for Lebanon tomorrow, when and if hostilities finally cease.

## II. BENEFICIARIES

The people who are the primary recipients of this expanded program of assistance, are still the victims of the current round of hostilities. Assistance, as has been customary for our long-range program of relief and development in Lebanon, is provided regardless of the ethnic, political, religious or social affiliations and/or conditions of the affected people in the country who are "at risk" and need emergency assistance. In this context, Maronite, Greek, Armenian, Sunni, Shi'ite, Druze, Protestant, Latin Rite and other denominational groups, wherever they may be found in the areas affected by the war hostilities in Lebanon, are included in the CRS plan.

## III. THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES PLAN

The general outline of our Agency's expanded intervention in the present emergency, includes the following main steps:

1. Continue to assess the needs of people "at risk,"
2. Recommend priorities accordingly,

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3. Conduct emergency operations on the basis of those priorities.

Among these operations, we envision, among others, the following major categories:

- a) Provide support for repair and reconstruction efforts directed toward enabling institutions to resume or initiate social services for the victims of the hostilities in Lebanon. These institutions, many of which have already worked with CRS in the past, involve health care centers, social organizations, educational institutions, religious organizations, relief groups and citizen's committees, individual family housing units, individual family small business units, etc. The repair and reconstruction effort envisioned under the present plan will be primarily functional or short-term, as compared to the structural or long-term, effort. The former, by definition, involves the reactivation of services to the affected beneficiaries on an impromptu basis that will allow the institution to provide medical treatment, food, clothing and temporary shelter, utensils for the reactivation of family units and small business, etc.
- b) Provide commodities covering immediate necessities to the beneficiaries of the plan. These commodities would include foods, relief supplies, clothing, shelter material, basic household items and furnishings, drugs, medical equipment, ambulances and medical supplies, basic occupational equipment

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and supplies, school buses and school equipment, etc.

These commodities are to be distributed through the institutional infrastructure our Agency has assisted in the past and knows well. These institutions are basically the same as those listed in the previous category. If necessary, assistance to needy people will be provided directly to individuals and families that, for some reason or other, are not eligible for assistance through social groupings.

c) Provide reimbursement for individual medical services such as surgery, prosthetics, bills for medicines, for treatments and follow-up medical care, home visits, etc. In the interest of timely delivery of medical assistance, the commodities required will be purchased locally or from the nearest source. Drugs, in particular, will be distributed for use under medical supervision.

4. Cooperate closely with national and international organizations operating emergency programs in Lebanon, in order to cover all areas of need without wasteful duplication. Such coordination already characterizes our program of assistance since its inception. Among these agencies, we find the following:

UNARDOL  
HRC (Government of Lebanon)  
ICRC  
YMCA  
SAVE THE CHILDREN FED.

Islamic Scouts  
Caritas Liban  
Druze Central Committee  
High Shi'ite Council, and  
Others

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IV. ILLUSTRATIVE BUDGET

It is estimated that our Agency's expanded response will involve a grand total of \$1,085,000. This total will involve the following expenditures:

1. For the activities described under Section III, 3a (functional repair and reconstruction) ..... \$ 400,000  
This total is divided as follows:

Medical institutions	\$100,000
Educational institutions	100,000
Social institutions	100,000
Individual family housing units	50,000
Individual family small business	50,000
  
2. For activities described under Section III, 3b (Provide Commodities,) the total in procurement and distribution costs ..... \$ 390,000  
This sub-total is divided as follows:

Medical institutions	\$140,000
Educational institutions	50,000
Social institutions	100,000
Individual family assistance	100,000
  
3. For the activities described under Section III, 3c (Reimbursement for individual medical services....) \$ 50,000
  
4. The Administrative costs will involve an estimated amount of.....\$ 160,000  
This total is divided as follows:

Personnel: Salary & Soc. Security for Project Manager, Secretary, Purchaser, Driver	30,000
Housing & maintenance for 2 Sisters	24,000
Office Expenses, telephone and telex, stationery & supplies	7,000
Occupancy, rent, electricity and maintenance	13,500
Office equipment, typewriter, desks chairs, generator	8,000
Travel expenses, van, gas, oil maintenance and insurance, per diem for two Sisters, hotel meals, air tickets	34,500
Professional subcontracts, engineering and technical consultants, Hew, audit fees	36,000
Transportation of commodities	7,000
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5. The CRS Overhead rate, negotiated with AID's Office of Overhead and Special Cost Branch in the Services Operations Divisions, Office of Contract Management, has presently been assessed at 8.5 percent, for a subtotal of \$85,000

The budget presented above is illustrative and provided the grant total is not exceeded, adjustment among-line items is unrestricted.

#### V. DURATION AND MODALITIES OF GRANT MANAGEMENT

It is estimated that the amplified emergency response of Catholic Relief Services under the present plan will require a year of implementation. As customary, Catholic Relief Services will provide AID with quarterly reports, a final report on completion of grant, the regular financial reports required by the Standard Provisions. AID will designate the proper AID representatives in Lebanon or in the U.S., who will assist CRS in the management operations of this worthy emergency project.

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VIA EXPRESS MAIL

February 14, 1984

Ms. Kathryn Cunningham  
Grant Officer  
Regional Operations Div./NESA  
Office of Contract Management  
Agency for International Development  
Washington, D. C. 20523

SUBJECT: Grant #NEB-0340-G-SS-4004-00 - Lebanon Emergency

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

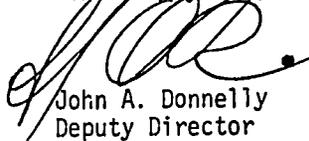
As per Ms. Joyce Frame's request, we are enclosing herewith the following documents in order to substantiate our requests for:

1. A Waiver for local purchase of medicine - CRS/Lebanon telex #0733, dated 02/06/84, confirming that the medicines on the list are under medical supervision and, therefore, are utilized in accordance with the medical standard with safety; telex #0402, dated 2/10/84, covering 11 points that emphasizes the need for quick response to CRS/Lebanon's request for the waiver.
2. Amendment to grant budget approval requested on January 25, 1984  
The telex dated 2/10/84 enclosed herewith stresses in Paragraph 10 under "recommendation", the need for consultant(s) to assess the needs under dramatic circumstances and the need for the "widest interpretation of the Grant" as dictated by the emergency situation it was intended to cope with.

Copies of these telexes are also sent to the Grant Officer as interim reports on the Grant.

Awaiting your prompt reply, I am, with kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



John A. Donnelly  
Deputy Director

Material Resources & Grants Administration

Enc.  
JAD/OR/akw  
cc: Bernard Salvo - with enclosures

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FEB. 6, 1984  
OUR REF: LB 84/21  
ATT: FR. CHARLEBOIS

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DATE ACTION COMPLETED: _____
FILE: _____

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MEDICINES ARE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED BY HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS WHO CONTROL THE PURCHASE OF MEDICINES BY THEIR STAFF PHYSICIANS.

ALL PHARMACIES' STOCK ARE UNDER HEALTH MINISTRY CONTROL.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS STATEMENT ANSWER YOUR TELEX NO. 84/363 OF FEB. 3, 1984.

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BEIRUT , 0 FEBRUARY 10, 1984

OUR REF: LB 84/19

ATT: FATHER CHARLEBOIS

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- 1) RE: OUR TELEPHONE CALL FOR SITREOP FOLLOWS:  
AT 1 PM ARTILLERY AND SMALL ARMS FIRE EXPLODED IN VICINITY OF CRS OFFICE. STAFF EVACUATION BEGAN IMMEDIATELY HOWEVER BY 1:30 A CRFEM WAS IMPOSED AND SHELLING AND FIGHTING REMAINED SO FIERCE THAT REMAINING STAFF AND MYSELF SLEPT IN OFFICE THAT NIGHT.
- 2) DURING THE NIGHT THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF MORTAR, GRAD MISSILES AND ARTILLERY SHELLS FELL ON BOTH SIDES OF BEIRUT. IN WEST BEIRUT TARGET AREAS WERE PRIMARILY IN VICINITY OF LEBANESE ARMY POSITIONS. ANTI-GOVT MUSLIM MILITIA UNDER THIS COVER-FIRE TOOK OVER ALL LEBANESE ARMY POSITIONS AND BY MORNING HAD REIMPOSED THE 'GREEN LINE' DIVIDING THE EAST AND WEST BEIRUT SEALING THE WESTERN SECTION FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
- 3) ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY CONTACTED EMBASSY OF US AND WAS ADVISED BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF USAID THAT THEY WERE REDUCING STAFF. NO GENERAL EVACUATION HAD BEEN ORDERED, BUT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IF ACTIVATED. LEBANESE FORCES THEY SAID LOST CONTROL OF WEST BEIRUT TO VARIOUS MUSLIM AND DRUZE ANI-GOVT MILITIA.
- 4) ALL STAFF MOVED TO MAYFLOWER HOTEL WHERE A TEMPORARY OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED. ATTENDED MEETING FOR COORDINATION OF RELIEF HEADED BY LEBANESE HIGH RELIEF COMMITTEE. THE LEBANESE RED CROSS HAD ALREADY DISTRIBUTED 3000 BLANKETS. THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS STATED THAT THIS ONE OF THE WORST CATASTROPHIES LEBANON HAS SUFFERED. .-. 58-5 8.B-285-.5'EE AND THAT INHABITANTS IN SOME SECTIONS OF THE CITY COULD NOT LEAVE THEIR HOMES OR SHELTERS AND NO RELIEF ACTIVITIES COULD BE DONE DUE TO CONTINUED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND SNIPING. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF WATER IN SOME AREAS DUE TO DAMAGED PIPES AND THERE ARE GEOGRAPHICAL SECTIONS OF THE CITY WHICH ARE COMPLETELY CUT OFF AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING WHICH CONTINUES. THERE MAYBE A SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN THE FUTURE IF LINES WITH EAST BEIRUT ARE NOT REESTABLISHEDZ.  
IT IS ESTIMATED ROUGHLY FIVE THOUSAND DISPLACED FAMILIES BUT NO IS ABLE TO OBTAIN RELIABLE FIGURES AS GOVT IS SPLIT AND IN NEAR CHAOS AND UNABLE TO RESPOND TO PRESENT EMERGENCY AS FIGHTING NOT ABATED ENOUGH TO MAKE ACURATE ASSESSMENTS.

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5) THE MAIN NEEDS APPARENTLY ARE CANNED FOODS , MATTRESSES, BLANKETS AND KITCHEN SETS FOLLOWED BY AMBULANCES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT STOLEN OR DAMAGED DURING SHELLING. NO QUANTITIES ARE KNOWN. THE LEBANESE RELIEF HIGHT COMMITTEE WEREHOUSE IS INAXCESSIBLE DUE TO SECURITY SO ALL PURCHASES ARE MUST TO BE MADE IN WEST BEIRUT.

COMMERCIAL AIRTRAFFIC AND BOAT TRANSPORT ARE NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO CLOSURE OF AIRPORT AND PORT AND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IS IMPOSSIBLE.

6) THE MINISTER APPEALED FOR ASSISTANTS STATING QUOTE " IT IS IMPORTANT TO UTILISE OUR RESOURCES COLLECTIVELY AS THE PROBLEM IS TO BIG FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL AGENCY BUDGET.

BUT THIS NO EXCUSE NOT TO DO ANYTHING AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR COMPLACANCY SINCE WE ALL HAVE ONE AIM AND THAT IS TO REDUCE THE SUFFERING OF PEOPLE IN NEED.

7) PRINCIPAL AGENCIES PRESENTLY OPERATING RELIEF PROGRAMS IN THE WEST ARE UNARG EE UNARDO, ICRC, SAVE THE CHILDREN, MIDDLE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, ), LEBANSE RED CROSS, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, WORLD VISION( SINCE DEPARTED) , DRUZE FUNDATION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, UNESCO, -. ) AMEL ORGANISATION, B HIGHER SHIAT COUNCIL, :- CARITAS.

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CRSNY 667207

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CONT. OF OUR TLX LB 34/19

ATT: FATHER CHARLEBOIS

3) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 CRS PROGRAM UTILIZING GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY GRANT LB 3E 019 FOR USD 662,180 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

PROJECTS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED:

- ST. THERESE HOSP.	MED. EQ.	USD 18,182.-
- SISTERS OF CROSS	REL. SUP.	6,455.-
- SFEIR COMMITTEE	BLANKETS	6,455.-

PROJECTS SURVEYED AND FUND COMMITTED PENDING DISBURSEMENT:

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- SECOUR POPULAIRE LIBANAIS, BARJA	USD 13,636.-
- DRUZE HEALTH COMMITTEE	" 90,909.-
- HADI ABU JNIL DISPENSARY	" 4,545.-
- AMEL ORGANIZATION, B- CHIAH CENTER	18,182.-
- HARLIN HOSPITAL, HANNANA	9,091.-
- AL-IMAN HOSPITAL, ALEY	9,091.-
- GHAZA HOSPT.	18,192.-
- COMITE ASSIST. POPULAIRE, OUZAI	20,909.-
- SPL. SAIDA	4,545.-
- KAR ELIAS SCHOOL	5,455.-
- MARIE-POSE BOULOS CENTER	6,364.-
- LEBANESE SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DEAF	9,091.-
- DRUZE RELIEF COMMITTEE	36,364.-
- LADIES COMMITTEE OF GREEK ORTHODOX	1,818.-
- AL-AMAN CENTER	18,182.-
- ISLAMIC BOY SCOUTS	36,364.-

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PROJECTS SURVEYED AND FUNDS COMMITTED BUT IMPLEMENTATION NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE LOCATION IN EAST BEIRUT:

- RIZK HOSPITAL USD 9,091.-
- ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL 15,455.-
- ECOLE LEBANAISE DE FORM. SOC. 13,635.-
- FOYER DES SOEURS ANTONINES 9,091.-
- CAPUCHIN ORPHANAGE 9,091.-
- MT. CARMEL SCHOOL 6,364.-
- KREIJE COMMITTEE 36,374.-

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DUE TO RECENT CONFLICT USDLR 71,818 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN FOLLOWING LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS:

- LEBANESE RED CROSS
- NATIONAL SOCIAL INSTITUTE
- COMITE ASSISTANCE POPULAIRE
- AMEL ORGANIZATION.

THESE ARE MEDICAL GROUPS REACHING THE REFUGEES OF BEIRUT SUBURBS WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES.

BALANCE DOL. 87,450.- RESERVED FOR HOSPITALS BUT SURVEYS NOT COMPLETED YET.

9) FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH US EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTURE OF ALL USAID OFFICIALS, SR. MADELENE-THERESE PROGRAM ASSISTANT ON GOVT GRANT 1651 WAS EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER TO CYPRUS WITH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT FACULTY AS NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN HER PROGRAM CAN BE CARRIED ON AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE CONTRARY TO MY PHONE CONVERSATION WITH FINN-KOCIENDA NO TRANSFER OF 1651 GOVT FUNDS TO LEBANESE SHOULD BE MADE THIS TIME WITH APOLOGIES TO MS STEIN.

10) RE EMERGENCY GRANT LB 3E 019 AS REMINDER BANKS ARE NOT FUNCTIONING NORMALLY IN BEIRUT DUE TO NOT EE UNSTABLE SITUATION THEREFORE TO FACILITATE OUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM KINDLY TRANSFER THE COMPLETE GRANT BALANCE OF USDLRS 512,180.- REPRESENTING CASH FLOW JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AS MENTIONED IN OUR TLX 84/432 OF JANUARY 11 TO OUR ACCOUNT NO: 01-2250-5 MAINTAINED AT CITIBANK, 238475. WE PRESENTLY HAVE ENOUGH BALANCE IN 105 FOR SALARIES AND ADMINISTRATION AND DO NOT PRESENTLY REQUIRE 1651 FUNDS.

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RECOMMENDATION:

WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OPERATE FOR SOME TIME UNDER PRESENT LIMITED CONDITIONS OF STAFF AND ACCESS, THEREFORE AM NOT REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS UNTIL ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS BE MADE AND CLARIFICATION OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. NO FOOD SHIPMENTS ARE REQUESTED FOR SAME REASON. KINDLY HAVE FINN-KOCIENDA INITIATE CONTACT WITH ME EVERY TWO DAYS AS EVENTS CHANGING PRECIPITOUSLY. NO Y TRAVEL SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO LEBANON AT THIS TIME. SHOULD EYE BE ADVISED TO EVACUATE, WILL RETURN TO NY FOR DEBRIEFING AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. REQUEST TQEE TWO WAIVERS FOR MEDICAL PURCHASE AND ENGINEERING CONSLTANTS BE PUSHED THROUGH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUEST USE OF WIDEST INTERPRETATION OF GRANT TO MEET PRESENT URGENT NEEDS.

11) GENERAL PRSENT SITUATION:

ALL STAFF PRESENTLY LIVING AND WORKING IN MAYFLOWER HOTEL WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH TELEX, TELEPHONES AND SHELTERS. EAST SIDE STAFF ARE UNABLE TO CROSS AND WILL EE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN IN WEST BEIRUT FORFORSEEABLE FUTURE. MORAL IS GOOD CONSIDERING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AND UNCERTAIN PREDICTIONS FOR FUTURE. ALTHOUGH WEST BEIRUT IS QUIET AND CALM AT THIS TIME FIGHTING CONTINUES ON THE GREEN LINE AND SHELLING OF EAST BEIRUT HAS NOT CEASED SINCE MONDAY. US NAVY AND AIRFORCE SHELL AND BOMBARD MOUNTAIN GUN POSITIONS DAY AND NIGHT. EYE AM REMAINING IN CLOSE CONTACT ON DAILY BASIS WITH US EMBASSY CONCERNING FURTHER EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND WILL ADVISE ASAP. HOPE THIS CLARIFIES A VERY COMPLEX AND CHANGING SITUATION. WITH YOUR PHONE AUTHORISATION HAVE MADE TWO STATEMENTS VIA PHONE INITIATED BY DAVID FINK USA TODAY SIMILAR TO SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS TELEX.

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January 9, 1984

Ms. Kathryn Y. Cunningham  
Contracting Officer  
Regional Operations Div. - NE  
Office of Contract Management  
Agency for International Development  
Washington, D. C. 20523

SUBJECT: Grant No. NEB-0340-G-4004-00 -  
Lebanon Emergency Grant

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

We are acknowledging receipt of the executed copy of the subject Grant in support of our Agency's emergency effort in Lebanon.

The services that this Grant aims at providing include the procurement and distribution of medicines to private hospitals in that unfortunate country. This service is specified in the Grant's Attachment A, page 1, Paragraph A4 (Purpose of the Grant), but the Special Provisions listed on page 2 of the same document make it mandatory that a waiver be obtained by your Agency prior to the procurement of these medicines, which are to be "specifically identified." We had hoped that a waiver from provisions of any kind would have been implicitly recognized on the basis of the emergency nature of the programmed effort in an area of unpredictable violence and need for medicines. Handbook 13, for instance, in Chapter 1U5 (page 1-38) and, more generically, in Chapter 4C2 (page 4-4) allows the AID Project Officer to initiate the waiver procedure unilaterally, if it facilitates the accomplishment of the Grant objectives.

We are hereby formally applying for such a waiver from those Special Provisions in order to allow our Agency to

- a) procure the medicines quickly,
- b) procure them from available sources, and
- c) have them transported to the beneficiaries by the fastest and easiest carrier available.

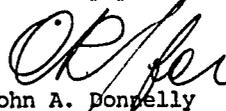
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In support of our request, we are enclosing herewith a telexed list of medicines that our field staff personnel is planning to procure in order to implement this emergency program. The information on the specific medicines and their quantities as ordered, will be shared with the USAID Mission in Beirut.

We shall be eagerly awaiting to receive your authorization to proceed and thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,



John A. Donnelly  
Deputy Director

Material Resources & Grants Administration

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cc: Mr. Bernard Salvo

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OUR REF: LB 83/423  
ATTN: MR DONNELLY

REF: YOUR MESSAGE NO. 83/4027 OF DEC. 19  
SUBJECT: 1. LISTING OF PHARMACEUTICALS REQUESTED FOR AID  
2. PROCUREMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

1. PHARMACEUTICALS NECESSARY TO ASSIST BENEFICIARIES WILL INCLUDE BUT MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

AMPICILIN, CHLORAMPHENICOL, ERYTHROMYCIN, PENICILLIN, OXACILLIN, TETRACYCLINE, MYCOSTATIN, BACTRIN, NEGRAM, FURADANTIN, SEPTIN.

PULMONAL ELIXIR, ACTIFED, THERALENE, ELIXOPHYLLINE, VENTOLIN, TANDERIL, TEDROL, DONNATAL, DUGEL, NEOPECTADE, ANPLITAL, PROMPERON, HEPHIGASTRYL, HEPARYL, LEVACHOL.

LIBRAX, DIAZEPAM, PYRIDOXINE, LEXOTAN, LORANET, NOVALGIN, INDOCID, AVAFORTAN, DARVOTRAN, HYDROCORTISONE, STERSOSAN, APC, ASPIRIN, PARACETAMOL, FLAGYL, VERMIFUGE, VERNOX, PROMPERAN, SCABICIDE, VACCINES, AND INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS OF VARIOUS TYPES.

2. BECAUSE THE OPERATION AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE AT THE AIRPORT, PORT AND IN-LAND TRANSPORTATION ARE UNRELIABLE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROCURE PHARMACEUTICALS THROUGH LOCAL PHARMACIES IN THE AREA WHERE SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED.

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## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

United States Catholic Conference

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December 22, 1983

Mr. Gerald L. Kamens, Director  
Office of Middle Eastern Affairs  
Agency for International Development  
320 21st St., NW  
Washington, D. C. 20523

SUBJECT: Grant No. NEH-0340-G-SS-4004-00  
Lebanon Emergency Program

Dear Mr. Kamens:

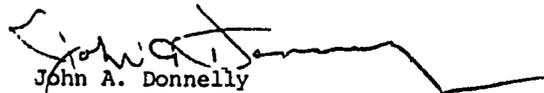
We are hereby applying for an additional \$250,000 under the above referenced Grant, in order to extend the emergency relief operation to Tripoli.

Attached please find the December 20, 1983 telex description of the project activities that our office in Lebanon plans to implement as soon as the additional financial resources will be made available. The same description has been submitted to the USAID Mission.

The projected intervention in Tripoli follows generally the same outlines characterizing our original proposal of September 28, 1983 and the October 7, 1983 addendum, which were centered on Beirut and South Lebanon. Although the above subject Grant just signed, refers to "emergency relief services... in Lebanon," hence implicitly including Tripoli and the Shouf, the same document refers to the two CRS documents mentioned above, thus explicitly restricting the impact area as originally intended by CRS/Lebanon.

With kind regards and personal best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



John A. Donnelly  
Deputy Director

Material Resources & Grants Administration

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ATTN: MR. CHARLEBOIS

- 1- FYI NATIONAL STRIKE IN PROTEST ASSASSINATION DRUZE RELIGIOUS LEADER HAS CLOSED CRS OFFICE. AIRPORT REMAIN CLOSED. INDEFINITELY AND CURFEW SET AT 5 PM.
- 2- HARSZBERGER ON R AND R CAIRO. SUGGEST HE PROCEED DIRECTLY TO ROME FOR TDY WITH MSGR COLL UNTIL SITUATION RESOLVES. IF YOU AGREE KINDLY TELEX ME AT FLOWER 21754 AND EYE WILL CONTACT CAIRO.

3- FOLLOWING IS R TRIPOLI PROPOSAL YOU REQUESTED. SAME SUBMITTED  
WIDELY TODAY

4- PROPOSAL FOR THE AREAS IN LEBANON AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT  
TO TRIPOLI BENEFICIARIES AND BUDGET BREAKDOWN  
MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION.

- 1- SUPPORT PRIVATE MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CARING FOR DISPLACED - AND/OR WOUNDED PERSONS WITH EITHER MEDICINES, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR MINOR REPAIR OF WAR DAMAGES.
- 2- SUPPORT PRIVATE LEBANESE SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY DIRECTING THEIR EFFORT TOWARDS EMERGENCY RELIEF WITH MATERIEL AND FUNDS.
- 3- SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HOSTILE EVENTS WITH FOOD, CLOTHING, BEDDING, MEDICINE, MEDICAL COST REIMBURSEMENT, HOUSE REPAIR, SHELTER.
- 4- SUPPORT EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF HEALTH FACILITIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED INTERMEDIATE STRUCTURAL OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGES DUE TO WAR.

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## PROCUREMENT

- 1- WHERE APPROPRIATE DO LOCAL PURCHASING OF AVAILABLE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES BY CRS WITH NECESSARY BIDS AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES.
  - 2- OTHERWISE PURCHASES WILL BE MADE BY THE PRIVATE FACILITY/ ORGANISATION/ INDIVIDUAL SERVED WITH APPROPRIATE CRS AUDIT CONTROL AND DELIVERY SYSTEM.
- AS WHERE POSSIBLE BENEFICIARIES WILL RECEIVE RELIEF SUPPLIES TRANSPORTED VIA THE FACILITY/ORGANISATION/INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED BY CRS.
- AS WHERE NOT POSSIBLE AS ABOVE CRS WILL TRANSPORT RELIEF SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO BENEFICIARIES.

## SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

- 1- TEAM COMPOSED OF TWO EXPERIENCED HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS AND ONE EXPERIENCED JAPANESE INTERPRETER/FIELD REPRESENTATIVE WILL:
  - A. CONDUCT NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF EMERGENCY SITUATION
  - B. RECOMMEND PRIORITIES OF WORTHY RECIPIENTS TO PROGRAM DIRECTOR
  - C. RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL NECESSARY FOR ACTIVITIES TO PROGRAM DIRECTOR.
  - D. IMPLEMENT DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF MATERIALS
  - E. DOCUMENTS AND REPORT ALL EFFORT.

## COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 1- CRS IS MEMBER AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN UNITED NATIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ALL RELIEF AGENCIES ATTENDING SCHEDULED MEETINGS.  
AS ASSIGNED BY U.N. TO SUB-COMMITTEE FOR:
    - SURVEY OF DISPLACED FAMILIES
    - ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.
  - 2- CRS PRESENTLY ACTIVE IN COORDINATION WITH:
    - A) LOCAL CHURCH COUNTERPARTS
    - B) OTHER PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES
- CRS HAS BASIC NATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGH RELIEF COMMISSION OF LEBANON TO:
  - A) ENGAGE IN RELIEF EFFORTS
  - B) COORDINATE WITH GOL THROUGH HRC OFFICE

## DESCRIPTION

FIGHTING IN AND AROUND TRIPOLI BEGINNING IN EARLY NOVEMBER SET BETWEEN RIVAL PALESTINIAN FRACTIONS HAS RESULTED IN MASSIVE DISPLACEMENT OF PEOPLE FROM VILLAGES SURROUNDING PALESTINIAN CAMPS FROM CAMP NAHR EL BARAJ AND CAMP BABADOU AND FROM TRIPOLI PROPER. APPROXIMATELY 200,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED FROM THE AREAS.

A PORTION OF THE TRIPOLI AREA AND BABADOU CAMP REVEALED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND BURNED OUT HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITH ABANDONMENT OF THE CAMP AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

OUR GEOGRAPHICAL TARGET WILL BE TRIPOLI PROPER AS WELL AS SURROUNDING VILLAGES AND AREAS IN WHICH DISPLACED PEOPLE ARE LIVING. APPROXIMATELY 75 PER CENT OF OUR EFFORTS WILL BE INDIRECT ASSISTANCE THROUGH HEALTH CARE, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND 25 PER CENT IN THE FORM OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PEOPLE.

**COMMODITIES**

- MOST COMMODITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN LEBANON:
- MEDICINES: ANTIBIOTICS - ANALGESICS, ANTI-SEPTICS, INSULINE I.V. SOLUTION, ANTI-SHOCK, SEDATIVES, ANTI-DIARRHEA, AND OTHER EMERGENCY DRUGS.
  - B. FOOD: RICE, SUGAR, MILK, MEAT, FISH, BEANS, BUTTER, SALT, JAM, SOAP.
  - C. CLOTHING: MATTRESSES, MATTRESS COVER, BLANKETS, SHEETS, TOWELS, DRESSES, TROUSERS, SWEATERS, UNDERWEAR.
  - D. KITCHEN UTENSILS: STOVES, WATER CONTAINERS, PLATES, CUPS, ETC.

**IND. REPAIR OF WAR DAMAGES**

- A. PRIVATE HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
- B. SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS
- C. INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY ASSISTANCE

**BUDGET FOR 3 MONTHS PERIOD**

A. **COMMODITIES AND REPAIRS**

PRIVATE HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	145.00
SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION	50.00
INDIVIDUAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE	15.00
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210.000

✓ **PERSONNEL (PROVIDES FOR EXTENSION OF TIME NOT ADDITIONAL PERSONEL)**

ONE SECRETARY	1800
ONE DRIVER	1,500
HOUSING AND MAINTENANCE	5,700
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10,000

✓ **OFFICE EXPENCES**

TELEPHONE, TELEX	500
POSTAGE	300
STATIONARY AND SUPPLIES	200
PHOTOCOPIES	200
ADVERTISING	100
PHOTOGRAPHS	150
NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS	50
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4,500

✓ TRAVEL EXPENSES

CASOLINE AND OIL FOR VEHICLES	1,000
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES	200
FIELD TRIP EXPENSES (HOTELS, MEALS)	1,500
PER DIEM FOR 3 MONTHS	3,200
OTHER TRAVEL EXPENSES	100
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6,000

✓ OTHER EXPENSES

TRANSPORTATION FC OF COMMODITIES	14,000
AUDIT FEES (PREPARATION OF AUDIT)	2,500
✓ CONSULTING (ENGINEERING)	5,000
CONTINGENCY	1,000
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22,500

BUDGET SUMMARY IN US DOLLARS  
COMMODITIES AND REPAIRS

210,000

B. ADMINISTRATION	
PERSONNEL	10,000
OFFICE EXPENSES	1,500
TRAVEL	6,000
OTHER	22,500
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40,000

TOTAL AMOUNT IN US DOLLARS

250,000

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# CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

United States Catholic Conference

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CC:

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October 7, 1983

Mr. Gerald L. Kamens  
Director  
Office of Middle Eastern Affairs  
Agency for International Development  
320 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20523

Dear Mr. Kamens:

In view of the fact that our proposal for the "Funding of Catholic Relief Services' Emergency Intervention in Lebanon," submitted to the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance on September 28, 1983, has been passed to your Bureau for processing, I kindly request that you consider for additional funding the enclosed proposal for "Emergency Relief for War Damaged Health Institutions in Lebanon," which was being prepared separately in view of the reconstruction activities it involves for medium and long range implementation.

In support of this request, the USAID Acting Director, Mr. Lee Twentymann, has advised CRS/Lebanon Program Director to include the attached project entitled, "To Support Emergency Repairs of Health Facilities which have Sustained Intermediate Structural or Equipment Damage Due to War," to the 9/28/83 proposal under your study. We suggest that its contents be summarized as "Emergency Repair Activities" and added as a fourth category on page four of said proposal, under Category A (Commodities) of Section VII "Budget." The figures listed in that section must be adjusted accordingly to reflect the additional \$100,000 requested, broken down into the following line items:

Project Activities	\$92,180
Overhead	7,820

In view of the fact that the proposed intervention is intended to cope with a dramatic situation in Lebanon, I would appreciate your prompt response to my request and stand by ready to provide your office with the information you may need to finalize it as quickly as possible.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Robert L. Charlebois*  
Rev. Robert L. Charlebois  
Special Assistant

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# CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

United States Catholic Conference

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADDENDUM TO  
THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO  
THE NEAR EAST BUREAU  
of  
THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
through THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
for funding of  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES"  
EMERGENCY INTERVENTION in LEBANON, FALL '83

October 1983

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A PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR  
WAR-DAMAGED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN LEBANON

Presented by : Catholic Relief Services-USCC  
Lebanon Program  
Joseph Curtin, Director  
September 19, 1983

Synopsis: Catholic Relief Services requests the amount of US \$100,000 to effect emergency repairs to medical institutions damaged in the ongoing hostilities in Lebanon.

The situation:

The recent outbreak of hostilities in Lebanon has seriously increased the hardships on the population of that country. It is estimated that of the 210,000 inhabitants of the Aley-Chouf region, only 60,000 have remained in their homes. The rest have poured into the cities of Beirut, Sidon and Tyre, away from the zones of combat, while many thousands of others have sought refuge in such towns as Deir el-Kamar and Chhim, surrounded by hostile forces. These refugees are now living in very difficult conditions without adequate water, food or health services.

Meanwhile, the hospitals of Beirut and other urban centers are receiving scores of wounded both from the fighting and from the intense shelling of densely-populated areas around the capital. A recent visit to one of the largest of these, Hotel Dieu, located in Achrafieh in East Beirut, revealed the dramatic nature of the situation. The hallways of the hospital are being used as emergency wards. The only patients now being admitted are those wounded in the hostilities, since there is no more room for those suffering from other illnesses.

On top of this already critical situation, the hospitals have not been spared by the shelling but have even been targets of it. The Berbir Medical Center, one of the largest hospitals in West Beirut, was hit on two separate occasions. On August 31, 1983, during the battle for West Beirut, three bullets struck the recently-acquired Technicon Bioanalyzer. This machine, which is capable of performing a wide variety of tests important for medical diagnosis, was financed by a grant from Catholic Relief Services under USAID Grant NE-G-1651. At this writing, the cost of repair of this machine, worth LL. 400,000, (approx.US\$ 90,000), is not known.

Further damage was suffered by Berbir Hospital during the night of 8 September 1983. Five large shells struck the premises, causing large amounts of destruction. A recently-purchased generator, valued at LL. 350,000 (approx.US\$ 80,000) was hit directly. Physical damage suffered by the hospital buildings is roughly estimated at LL. 100,000 (approx.US\$ 21,000) pending a final engineering study. Also, six vehicles belonging to hospital personnel were destroyed.

On the night of August 30-31, 1983, East Beirut's Hotel Dieu was also hit by several Grad rockets. One caused massive architectural and structural damage to the hospital's new bloc. The institution's engineer roughly estimates that LL. 450,000 (US\$ 90,000) to LL. 500,000 (US\$ 100,000) will be needed to reconstruct the damaged parts. This does not include the value of damage caused to other parts of the hospital, including broken glass, plaster, fixtures and equipment. Full engineering reports are under preparation.

In addition to the actual physical damage suffered by medical institutions, the needs of these institutions have grown with the influx of large numbers of wounded people. An example is St. Theresa Hospital in Hadeth, located on the former Green Line in a very dangerous area. Wounded patients of all confessions have been treated at St. Theresa, putting a strain on its staff and inventory of medicines and bandages. Other hospitals and clinics in Beirut and elsewhere are experiencing a similar strain.

Proposed Action:

Catholic Relief Services -U.S.C.C. proposes to meet the current emergency by financing the most urgently needed repairs to Berbir Medical Center and Hotel Dieu and, eventually, to other medical institutions which may suffer war damage. Since CRS already has trained staff in place to assess needs and implement the program of reparations, none of the requested funds would be used for administration expenses. The exact amount to be allocated to each damaged institution would be determined in coordination with the responsables of each hospital or clinic and in keeping with the general principles of fairness concerning need and confession. Of the US\$ 100,000 requested, it can be roughly estimated that US\$ 25,000 would be available for Berbir Medical Center for structural, architectural and equipment repairs and US\$ 25,000 would be available to Hotel Dieu for structural and architectural repairs. The remaining balance of \$ 50,000 would be used for repairs to other medical institutions or to finance emergency purchases of medicines or bandages to enable these institutions to cope with the large numbers of war-wounded who are arriving daily. It is proposed that an initial grant of US\$ 2,500 be made to St. Theresa Hospital in Hadeth for the latter purpose, with other recipient institutions to be determined following a more detailed needs survey.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

DATE: 15. September. 1983

- 1. C.R.S. PROJECT NUMBER.....
- 2. PROJECT TITLE..... Hotel Dieu. (Tel): 387-000).....
- 3. LOCATION.... Beirut. - prospective.....
- 4. PURPOSE..... To inspect damages from recent shelling.....

I met with Mr. André Aoun, Director of the hospital and visited all damaged areas.

Hotel Dieu is the largest medical facility in East Beirut. On the night of August 30-31, 1983, the hospital was hit by five large shells. A Grad rocket entered the second floor of the new bloc completely destroying four rooms (two for maternity) and blowing out the secretariat across the hall. The rocket pierced the floor and hit and severely damaged the operating room one floor below. Vertical and horizontal beams of the east side of the second floor were destroyed and the façade buckled outward. Removal and replacement of this heavy reinforced concrete should be expensive. A cursory estimate by the institution's engineer puts the cost at LL. 450,000 to LL. 500,000 for this part alone. The explosion of the Grad destroyed glass and plaster on much of the second floor.

The cancer unit of the hospital was almost directly hit and suffered superficial damage. One patient in the adjacent ward was killed by shrapnel and four others were wounded.

Two shells landed in the parking areas near the old hospital, shattering glass. The director feels that these older buildings are not strong enough to sustain a direct hit. For this reason he has transferred all patients to the lower floors of the stronger new bloc. This has resulted in a severe but unavoidable overcrowding. The hallways are now filled with beds, patients and their visitors. The hospital is now receiving only those people wounded by the war.

At present, the hospital only plans to sweep away the glass and debris and does not intend to effect any reparations until the fighting has stopped.

Recommendation: CRS should include Hotel Dieu in its request for emergency aid. In this way, there will be money available when the institution has damaged to repair its damages.

## FIELD TRIP REPORT

1. CRS. PROJECT NUMBER : LB 3D 083
2. Project Title : Berbir Medical Center
3. Location : Beirut
4. Purpose : To assess damages from recent hostilities.
5. Date : 13 September 1983

Berbir Hospital suffered direct and substantial damages from the hostilities of 31 August 1983 and from bombardment of 8 September 1983. I was given a tour of these damages by Mr. Marwan Ariss, chief administrator of the Hospital.

The Technicon Biochemical Analyzer, a donation from CRS worth LL. 400,000 was damaged when it was hit by three bullets. It was located on the top (seventh) floor of the hospital in the laboratory. Most of the windows of the laboratory were also broken. The engineer, Mr. Calo, must come from Jounieh to make a full report on the damage received by the Technicon. It appears that the Technicon can be repaired. It still functions partially but the "sample pump" gives erroneous readings. The machine had been in use for about one month. I strongly suggested that it be removed to a safer part of the laboratory, removed from exposure to shelling.

Heavy damages were also sustained by the new generator and its housing unit. The generator had never been used. It caught fire when a shell landed in the small parking lot where it is located. The generator cost between LL. 350,000 and LL. 400,000. The engineer for the company estimates that only LL. 20,000 worth of parts can be salvaged, but his assessment probably lacks objectivity.

Finally damage was sustained to architectural aspects of the building. The ground floor of Bloc C was severely hit, losing windows, tiles, window frames and one large reinforced concrete column. The "new" bloc suffered similar damage to windows and tiles. The accounting office located near the generator was also damaged. The institution's engineer will make a report on these damages.

I also inspected the mechanical beds which CRS donated. They are all being used in the third class or social security wards, thereby serving the neediest patients.

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Messrs. Dib and Sakha visited the site later in the day. . We are also awaiting three engineering reports from the institution concerning 1. the generator 2. the Technicon Bioanalyzer and 3. architectural damages.

Recommendation: CRS should limit its eventual participation in repair of the hospital to the Technicon machine, which we originally donated, or to architectural or structural damages. We should not get involved with the generator except to illustrate the extent of the damage suffered by the institution. Dib agrees with this last point.

Reporting: Randall Harshbarger  
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