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REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

The Director has the honor to report to the 54th Executive Committee on the Buildings and Installations of the Organization.

Headquarters Building

The secretariat has now occupied the new Headquarters building for almost eight months. The Director is happy to report that the furnishing of the new building is virtually complete and that the actual requirements have been in keeping with the estimates of furniture and equipment made prior to occupancy of the building.

During these eight months, as is the case for the first year in all new structures, work has gone forward in meeting needs for adjustments, alterations, and changes in construction and equipment. This has meant a continuing effort in bringing to best results the painting, electrical, glass doors, telephone, and especially the air conditioning and heating equipment in order to give fully effective service.

Since the inauguration of the building, a chandelier described as a "Sculpture in Light", which graces the ceiling of the circular Council Chamber, has been completed. This artistic fixture is 20 feet in diameter, weighs 16,000 pounds and consists of 3,000 individual pieces of crystal clear acrylic plastic which hangs from an aluminum base and is lighted from above by spotlights. This is the only one of its kind in the world and is made from the design of Architect Román Fresneda Siri.

Other Properties

In Buenos Aires, the office space has been inadequate for a number of years and in order to house appropriately the staff necessary to serve the Zone, the Organization purchased additional office space (87 square meters) in the same building and on the same floor at a cost of \$20,000.

In Lima the zone office has been occupying a rental house having 635 ms², which can no longer accommodate the staff. With the growth in the number of zone advisers in specialized subjects, as well as the stationing of several regional consultants in Lima because of its central location, it has been necessary to seek more space.

A search was undertaken and various alternatives have been considered. The most favorable solution to the problem appears to be to purchase, at a price of approximately \$79,000, a house located within ten minutes drive from the Ministry of Health, which has 1,100 ms² of building space, requiring little or no remodelling and having ample grounds (1,500 ms²). A professional evaluation indicates that the price is fair and that the value of the property may reasonably be expected to increase. Since alternate rental space would cost \$9,600 per year, which is slightly less than eight years would equal the above-mentioned purchase price, the Director plans to purchase the required space in the same manner as previous zone office space purchases.

Gifts

Pursuant to the Director's request in the Circular Letter of 7 June 1965, the Organization has received fourteen works of art. There follows a list of these gifts by country:

Argentina	Sculpture: "Tierra Argentina" By Pablo Curatella Manes
Brazil	Painting: "Nascimento de Venus" By Manabu Mabe
Canada	Painting: Abstract by Jean McEwen
Guatemala	Painting: Ruins of the Church of Santa Cruz By Teok Carrasco
Honduras	Painting: "Composición" By Mario Castillo
	Painting: "Policromía de Copán" By López Rodríguez
	Painting: "Nocturno en la Ciudad" By Arturo Luna
	Painting: "Retrato" By Max Aucedo
Mexico	Painting: "Guanajuato" By José Chávez

Spain	Sculpture: Bust of Francisco Hernández By Victorio Macho
Surinam	Sculpture: Carved Wood Panel of Human Figures representing the "sufferings and helplessness of human beings unknown to us" By Stuart Robles de Medina
Venezuela	Painting: Kinnetic Composition with eight red and 16 black squares By Jesús Soto
Private Gifts by:	
Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association	Painting: Blue Rays By Nemesio Antúnez
Mrs. Carlota de Inurria (Argentina)	Sculpture: "Mi discurso de mármol" By Mateo Inurria

In view of the foregoing the Executive Committee may wish to approve a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director (Document CE54/7) on the work done to complete the installations and services in the Headquarters building and the acquisition of space to expand the Zone VI offices; and

Bearing in mind that it is reported in the above-mentioned report that the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Surinam, Venezuela, and Spain, as well as the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association and Mrs. Carlota de Inurria have donated works of art for the Headquarters building,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE54/7).

2. To express its thanks to the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Surinam, Venezuela

and Spain, as well as to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association and Mrs. Carlota de Inurria for the works of art they have donated to the New Headquarters building.

3. To take note of the additional space requirements for the zone office in Lima and concur in the planned action of the Director to purchase a house to obtain adequate space.

4. To transmit the report to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference."