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AND INSTALLATIONS

The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, in Resolution IV, requested the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to continue to give collaboration to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Under the terms of this resolution, and in response to a request addressed by the Director to the Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations in a letter of 21 December 1956 (Annex I), a meeting of the Subcommittee was held on 21 December 1956. In attendance at this meeting were Mr. Marco de Peña (Dominican Republic), Mr. Francisco Anguiano (Guatemala), and Dr. Frederick J. Brady (United States), Chairman. At this meeting a study was made of the proposal to consider the rental of additional space to alleviate the overcrowded conditions at the Washington headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The representative of the Director reviewed the developments in regard to space at headquarters since the IX Meeting of the Directing Council at Antigua, Guatemala. He noted that two decisions adopted at that meeting were of particular interest to the Subcommittee. The Council authorized the Director to deposit \$100,000 of the 1955 budget surplus into the Building Reserve Fund, increasing the total of the Fund to \$200,000. The remaining surplus for 1955 of \$23,524 was authorized by the Directing Council as a Special Account for the purpose of meeting the initial expenses of architectural plans for the construction of a new headquarters building.

The representative of the Director also reported on the matter of negotiations with the U.S. Government regarding the acquisition of a suitable headquarters site. Recent information in connection with the program for redevelopment of certain sections of Washington, D.C., point to some delay in the approval of final plans and site allocations to interested organizations. In view of this situation and the fact that considerable time will elapse between the drawing of architectural plans, once a site is obtained, and the completion of the construction of a new building, the representative of the Director indicated the need for solving the immediate space problems at this time.

The proposal of the Director would provide for the rental of a building located at 1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., across the street from the main headquarters buildings, for a period of two years, with option of annual renewal at \$10,000 per annum plus the cost of renovations as required.

Following considerable discussion on the already existing space limitations in the two buildings at headquarters and the expectation of further demands on space with the development of the expanded malaria eradication program and the transfer of the malaria staff from Mexico City to Washington, the Subcommittee, after inspection of the building in question, endorsed the recommendation of the Director to lease and renovate the building as proposed.

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21 December 1956

Dr. F. J. Brady, Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings
and Installations
Pan American Sanitary Organization
c/o Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Brady:

As you know, our space problem in our present two buildings is very serious. The overcrowding will be substantially increased when the headquarters for our expanded malaria activities are moved from Mexico City to Washington early in 1957. We have therefore been looking into the question of renting additional space.

We had discussed the possibility of renting a building across the street from where we are now located, and we would very much like the Subcommittee's advice and counsel on this matter. I should like to request therefore that you call a meeting of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations as soon as possible, so that we may outline the problem and the possible solutions to the Subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,

D. F. Simpson, Chief
Division of Administration