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REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS

The Director has the honor to present to the Executive Committee a progress report on the construction of the permanent Headquarters building and the disposal of the buildings owned by the Organization and occupied as the temporary headquarters.

The Director is happy to report that the construction started in September 1963 has progressed almost on schedule, notwithstanding the difficulties of construction during the winter months. At the date of this report, foundation work has been completed, including the placement of 112 caissons of reinforced concrete placed on bedrock, at an average depth of 52 feet below the sub-basement. The concrete for the sub-basement and basement has been poured and forms have been set for pouring concrete for the street level slabs. The work by plumbers, steamfitters, and electricians has progressed with the building. All major contracts have been issued and planning and design work is in progress on the interior finish of the building. With the improvement of the weather in the spring a great surge forward in concrete pouring is to be expected. The current schedule is based on attaining construction of the concrete framework to the top of the building by late August. Completion of the building and occupancy continue to be estimated as of April-May 1965.

The sale of the two buildings (1501-1515 New Hampshire Avenue) owned by the Organization is proceeding on schedule. Basic legal work has been completed and it is expected to place the properties on the market during the second quarter of 1964. A reappraisal has been made of the property since September and an evaluation obtained of prices for similar property in the current market.

The Director also wishes to express his appreciation for the assistance of the Chairman and the Members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, who have helped materially in the success of this activity to the present date. In keeping with the practice of this Subcommittee, the representatives from the governments of Argentina and Chile will be retiring with the end of the term of their governments on the Executive Committee. At this session, the Executive Committee should designate two members from the governments now represented on the Executive Committee, to succeed the representatives from Argentina and Chile.

The Executive Committee may wish to approve a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

The Executive Committee,

Considering the report of the Director on the progress of the construction of the Headquarters building and the sale of property owned by the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Chairman and the Members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their valuable assistance in the prosecution of all activities related to the construction of the new Headquarters building and the sale of the buildings at 1501-1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
2. To request the Director to make further reports of progress to the next meetings of the Directing Council and the Executive Committee.
3. To designate the governments of _____ and _____ to membership on the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations.