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APO 759

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TO: A. L. Frchette,
Chief, Welfare Section, APO 534

FROM: Thomas Fym Cope, Regional Chief, APO 759

SUBJECT: JAFRC Funds

ATTENTION: Kendall G. Kimberland and David Hartley

Mr. Johnson asks me to pass on the following comments on the above subject which seem appropriate in the light of recent communications.

The ideal way to allocate and spend JAFRC funds would be from the standpoint of comparative need, regardless of the amount of money available. However, it is our considered conviction that the "comparative need" criterion cannot be used in the detailed administration of the funds. The monthly allocations to the different areas in North Africa should be made on the basis of present estimates of general needs. We feel that once the allocations are made, however, they should be adhered to unless there are radical changes in conditions. This is necessary because otherwise the Amicales cannot make long range plans for relief.

Mr. Johnson discussed Dr. Frchette's memorandum on this subject with the Amicale and has agreed with them that they may budget up to 75,000 francs per month, if necessary, but that of course any reserve which can be put by would be that much to the good.

As you will see from the above, we have felt it necessary in dealing with the Amicale here to depart somewhat from your recommendation that the allocation of the first 250,000 francs should in no way be considered as an indication of later allocations. We feel that there is need for a fixed monthly sum and therefore are going ahead on the assumption that we will be receiving funds regularly.

We hope that you will agree with our arrangements since they have been arrived at only after a great deal of consideration and we really feel that they are essential to practical operation of the Spanish refugee relief activities here.

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We think you will be interested in knowing that a branch Amicale is in the process of formation in Rabat. It has not yet starting operations but we hope it will before many weeks have passed.