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RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ALLOCATION OF COD LIVER OIL  
AND FISH LIVER OIL CAPSULES

1. One of the most significant types of assistance given by the Fund to children has been the provision to a number of countries of fish liver oils containing vitamins A and D in the form of cod liver oil and concentrated fish liver oil capsules for the prevention of rickets. This assistance, started on a small scale in the winter of 1947-48, was continued in successively greater programs in the following two winters. A separate paper reports on the result of the program in the winter of 1949-50 in Europe during which period about 5,000,000 children benefited from the consumption of this product.
2. Every country that has undertaken a program for the feeding of fish liver oil has requested the Fund to continue this assistance in the coming winter period.
3. At the present time the Fund has in store a stockpile of about one hundred million capsules valued at \$320,000. In addition the Administration is proposing to spend an additional \$80,000 of contributions received from New Zealand for additional capsules since requests totalling \$400,000 for additional fish liver oils have been received, and the procurement of this product in New Zealand represents a good purchase.
4. The attached table describes the recommendation being made by the Administration for additional allocations to countries in Europe and Israel for fish liver oils. This table also shows the quantity of capsules not consumed during the past winter.

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Practically all of this carryover was caused by late delivery of capsules owing to unavoidable shipping difficulties. In every case the proposed consumption of fish liver oil capsules during the coming winter will be less than the total actually consumed during the winter of 1949-50. Therefore, the Administration feels that the plans proposed by each of the recipient countries are quite realistic.

5. The Administration recommends that the allocations listed in the last column of the table be made to each of the countries in addition to other allocations already made or proposed to these countries.

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Country	Child Food Units (1)	Proposed Nos. of Beneficiaries Winter 1950/51 (2)	Number of Capsules (in millions) to be available in WINTER 1950/51			Proposed Allocation for new Supplies (6)
			Total Re-quirement (3)	Existing Stocks (4)	New Supplies (5)	
Austria	240,000	147,000	22.0	22.0	-	-
Bulgaria	200,000	65,000	7.8	-	7.8	\$ 24,200
Czecho-slovakia	230,000	80,000	12.0	-	12.0	37,200
Germany	(a)	260,000	39.0	21.0	18.0	55,300
Greece	630,000	250,000 b/	29.2	-	29.2	90,500 b/
Italy	700,000	270,000	31.0	8.0	23.0	71,400
Poland	700,000	210,000	31.0	15.0	16.0	49,600
Yugo-slavia	600,000	200,000	27.2	10.0	17.2	53,300
Israel	(a)	48,000	5.8	-	5.8	18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>1,530,000</b>	<b>205.0</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

Notes: a/ Neither Germany nor Israel were assigned child food units.  
 b/ Greece will be able to feed an additional 150,000 children cod liver oil under a separate allocation of \$58,000.

SOURCE OF FISH LIVER OIL CAPSULES

	Number of Capsules (millions)	Value
Stock balances in receiving countries	76.0	\$244,000
Reserve stockpile of the Fund	101.0	320,000
Proposed new procurement	28.0	80,000
	<b>205.0</b>	<b>\$644,000</b>