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Report of the Executive Board on Approval of
Emergency Relief Allocations to
PHILIPPINES (Epidemic) and SOMALIA (Flood and Famine)

1. Two recommendations for emergency aid were approved by mail poll by the
Executive Board in January 1962 to give the following assistance:

Philippines   Epidemic of Cholera El Tor   Allocation approved: $50,000
An outbreak of cholera El Tor which started in the Philippines late in 1961
assumed epidemic proportions in January, when 10,000 cases and 1,000 deaths
were reported. To assist the Government in prophylactic measures, UNICEF is
providing fluids for re-hydration in the most seriously affected areas. Other
medical supplies may also be required in the emergency. UNICEF aid will be
co-ordinated with assistance from other sources.

Somalia   Rehabilitation following   Allocation approved: $106,000
           flood and famine
An estimated 320,000 children are threatened by famine and epidemics as a re-
sult of severe drought conditions in 1961 followed by persistent flooding
rains over one fourth of the national territory. Emergency assistance from
several governments and voluntary organizations has been co-ordinated by a
relief and rehabilitation commission set up by the Prime Minister. FAO, WHO
UNESCO and the United States Agency for International Development have put

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staff at the disposal of the Government for relief and rehabilitation operations and the Federal Republic of Germany is providing the services of a road engineer. UNICEF assistance will be directed to emergency problems of child health and nutrition through: (a) the training of health officers, teachers and rehabilitation agents in rehabilitation planning and techniques; (b) the rebuilding of health services and the prevention of epidemics; (c) the replacement of destroyed teaching equipment in schools; and (d) the provision of food production supplies. The UNICEF allocation will be used to provide doctors' kits, drugs and vehicles for district health services; school supplies; food production supplies and seeds; and travel and subsistence stipends for 50 doctors, health workers and teachers to participate in rehabilitation seminars.

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