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THE PROBLEM

To determine the United States position with regard to the program of UNRWA and the financing thereof in the light of the recommendations of the Director and Advisory Commission. ²

RECOMMENDATIONS

It recommended that the United States Delegation should:

- 1. Following informal discussion with representative Arab Delegations, co-sponsor, along with the U.K., France, and Turkey, and as many other delegations as possible, a resolution along the lines of the attached draft:
- 2. Attempt to concentrate General Assembly consideration on the economic and humanitarian aspects of UNRWA and to avoid possible entanglement with the political aspects of the Palestine problem.

[Attachment]

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly

Recalling its resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January, 1952;

Having Examined the Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Special Joint Report of the Director and Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and the recommendations contained therein;

¹ For the instruction of the U.S. Delegation to the Seventh Regular Session of the U.N. General Assembly.

² The Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) submitted an annual report covering the period July 1, 1951–June 30, 1952 (U.N. doc. A/2171) and a special report containing recommendations of the Director and the Agency's Advisory Commission (U.N. doc. A/2171/Add. 1), with respect to future assistance to Palestine refugees. These reports were referred to the Ad Hoc Political Committee, which discussed them at its 3d to 7th meetings between Oct. 23 and 30.