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THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE  
RECENTLY LEFT EGYPT

(Submitted by the High Commissioner)

1. According to the information available to my Office, there were, on 23 January 1957, upwards of 5,000 refugees who had recently arrived in Europe from Egypt. They are in need of emergency aid. Of these 5,000, it has been estimated that 2,370 fall under the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. Of this number, it is estimated that 870 are in the process of resettlement in Israel, in addition to over 2,000 who have already gone there, leaving 1,500 for whom other solutions must be found.
2. It has, however, been estimated that during the next six months (from 15 January to 15 July 1957) some 13,800 refugees from Egypt will arrive in Europe, of whom some 10,440 are likely to fall under the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. Of these, it may be possible to resettle approximately 7,000 in Israel, leaving some 3,400 for whom other solutions will need to be found, in addition to the 1,500 who have already been mentioned above. These make a total of approximately 5,000 refugees from Egypt who, it is estimated, will need to remain in certain European countries of asylum.
3. Considerable funds, both from governmental and non-governmental sources, are already being expended on emergency aid for refugees.
4. Apart from the legal and international protection which the High Commissioner for Refugees gives to all of those refugees from Egypt falling within his mandate, the question of financial assistance will need to be closely studied. The High Commissioner will continue to follow the situation of refugees from Egypt closely, and reserves his right to use the powers already given him by the Executive Committee in connexion with the special emergency reserve and to make such allocations from this fund as he deems necessary.