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ACCOMMODATION FOR THE REGIONAL OFFICE

It will be recalled that it was agreed, in the early planning stages for accommodation for the WHO Regional Office, that the building would house not only the regional office staff but also the staff of the United Nations Information Office, the Technical Assistance Board and UNICEF with provision for expansion. This expansion was based upon the estimated needs of the Regional Office for the next twenty years. The other agencies reported that no significant increase in staff would be anticipated in the foreseeable future.

From the preliminary cost estimates for the building construction, US\$500 000 was considered the target figure for planning. When detailed plans were developed, however, it was soon discovered that no more than three offices for future expansion could be accommodated within this figure.

With the implementation of the programmes financed by the Malaria Eradication Special Account, thirteen additional posts were authorized for the Regional Office which were not foreseen in the original planning stage. This would in effect leave the Regional Office not any better off as far as space was concerned, although much better off from the point of view of physical conditions.

In the original plans, foundations were constructed so that a fourth floor could be built at any future date when the need arose. Therefore the Eleventh World Health Assembly, taking into consideration the present needs of the Regional Office and, more important, the generous response of the Member Countries in the Region in their contributions to the building, authorized the construction of an additional floor.¹ To construct the additional storey at this time would mean a saving of at least US\$53 000 based upon present construction costs. Although this will delay the moving of the Regional Office staff until February 1959, the additional space will be well worth the crowding during the next few months.

The estimated cost of the building is Pesos 1 310 000 or US\$655 000. The Building Fund, established by authority of the Tenth World Health Assembly,² has been credited with the following amounts:

/Donation by ...

¹Resolution WHA11.32

²Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 4th ed., p. 206, resolution WHA10.28

	<u>US\$ Equivalent</u>
<u>Donation by the Government of the Philippines</u>	250 000.00
<u>Voluntary contributions:</u>	
Australia	50 000.00
Brunei	3 300.00
Cambodia	5 000.00
China	50 000.00
Fiji Islands	2 503.00
Hong Kong	8 772.00
Japan	50 000.00
Korea	5 000.00
Laos	5 000.00
Malaya	9 900.00
Netherlands	10 000.00
North Borneo	3 300.00
Sarawak	8 251.00
Singapore	9 900.00
Total ---	<u>470 926.00</u>

In addition the following offers of voluntary contributions have been made but payments have not yet been received:

	<u>US\$ Equivalent</u>
New Zealand	14 001.68
Viet Nam	<u>5 000.00</u>
Total ---	<u>19 001.68</u>