

Luxembourg, 4<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1946.

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ANNEXE

The Hon. Eugene M E Y E R,  
President of the International Bank  
for Reconstruction and Development,

W a s h i n g t o n D.C.

My dear Mr. Meyer,

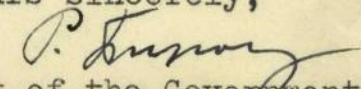
Following our recent conversations I beg to confirm to you that the Government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg intends to make appeal to the International Bank's assistance with respect to the reconstruction of the devastated areas in Luxembourg and to the restoration of the Luxembourg economy. The reconstruction program elaborated by the Grand-Ducal Government can be financed for the greater part by internal means. It supposes however that external aid be granted for about one fifth of the total amount. In this connection I take the liberty in the name of my Government to present an application for a loan of 20.000.000 Dollars.

In order to enable the Executive Directors to study the project brought before them with respect to the regulations of the Bank, I am enclosing a memorandum giving details concerning the purpose of this application as well as the general financial situation of Luxembourg.

It is the aim of the Grand-Ducal Government to get a long term loan on reasonable terms. The Grand-Duchy would be prepared to accept a direct loan out of the funds of the Bank, but would also, according to the appearance of the project after full study, accept the promise of the Bank to guarantee a long or middle term loan, which could be negotiated by the Government with private bankers.

I should be glad if you would give this project your kind consideration and inform Mr. Hugues Le Gallais, Minister of Luxembourg in Washington, of the decision taken by the Executive Directors.

Yours sincerely,

  
President of the Government,  
Minister of Finance.

Attached to Nov-18/46 letter.