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The food situation in Belgium is critical. Former
estimation of capacity to feed population based on
assumption that over 2,000,000 refugees had left country.
Great numbers of these now returning and situation is
complicated by necessity of providing rations for large
mass of prisoners.

Serious need is for wheat and flour supplies. Most
optimistic estimates are that these cannot feed population
on basis of minimum rations for a longer period than
July 20 leaving no provision for fifty days remaining
until harvest.

Please advise what if any measures taken for American
organizations similar to American Commission for the
Relief of Belgium during the last war.

HEATH
August 8, 1940

Mr. Atherton:

I will appreciate it if you will see the Polish Ambassador and inform him in accordance with the recommendations contained in your memorandum.

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