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Secretary of State, Washington.

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Representations and repeated inquiries on part of Legation since receipt of airgram under reference have failed to evoke any statement from the Ethiopian Government relative to the extent to which it is prepared to cooperate in rescue and relief of Jews and other persecuted minorities.

I have been promised that a statement of the policy of the Ethiopian Government respecting the matter will be forthcoming, and understand that a draft statement was referred to the Council of Ministers some weeks ago for consideration. The Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs recently informed a member of the Legation staff that it is the policy of the Ethiopian Government to act in accordance with the other members of the United Nations; but that, since the country is still engaged in efforts at reconstruction, the assistance it could afford refugees is necessarily limited.

About eight hundred Greek refugees formerly located in Palestine were admitted to Ethiopia during 1943 and are provided with housing, light and water by the Ethiopian Government. Other expenses of these refugees are said to be met by the Greek Government at Cairo, the American Red Cross, and by contributions of the local Greek community.

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