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Dear Sir William

Dr. Böhm principal medical officer of health to Vienna has made out for me the enclosed report. It is very comprehensive but only a look round the hospitals will give any idea of the terrible state of the people here. In the poorer districts the people are ~~in~~ stupid & lethargic the result of long continued underfeeding.

I found it was impossible to get fair distribution of any relief supplies we could send as there was no organisation apart from the Ministry of food. I called on Prof Tandler the Minister of Health under the present Government.

He at once agreed to form a small Committee with Wankelbach as chairman. To give it statutory powers, government offices and store houses. Tandler himself will become a member and will get official information as to the needs of each hospital & institution in the country.

Wankelbach is writing you himself by this post. This is a bigger job than I expected and I do not know when I can get back. I ought to stick to it until the scheme is well going.

This committee will have a British representative and I have written to Sir David Henderson new chief of the international Red Cross hoping he will agree with other committees such as Friends of Hungary, "The Forum" to send one man, or woman who would represent all.

Yours very truly
Hector Munn

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