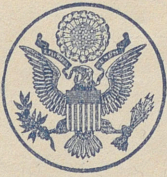


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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1915.

David Lubin, Esquire,
Delegate of the United States,
International Institute of Agriculture,
Rome, Italy.

Sir:

The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of January 30, 1915, enclosing copy of your letter of the same date to the American Ambassador at Rome, in regard to certain unpaid quotas due the International Institute from this Government.

In this connection and for your information, the Department encloses copy of an instruction this day addressed to the Ambassador in Rome in regard to the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State,

John C. Barry
Assistant Secretary of State.

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March 3, 1915.

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The Honorable

Thomas Nelson Page,
American Ambassador,

Rome, Italy.

Sir:

The Department acknowledges the receipt of your telegram No. 171 of January 30, 1915, in regard to payment of certain quotas due to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, and others which the Institute claims are still unpaid.

The Department has also received from Mr. David Lubin, a copy of his letter of January 30, 1915 to you in which he claims that quotas are still due as follows:

1. Translations for 1913	\$5,000.00
2. Quota for 1914	8,000.00
3. Translations for 1914	5,000.00
Total	\$18,000.00

In this connection an examination of the Records of the Department show that appropriations and payments have been made covering the years in question as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Diplomatic Act approved April 30, 1913	
For payment of quota for calendar year 1913	\$ 4,800.00
for translations etc.,	5,000.00.
	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>

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Diplomatic Act approved February 28, 1913

For payment of quota for calendar year 1914	\$ 4,800.00
For translations, etc.,	5,000.00
	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>

Diplomatic Act approved June 30, 1914

For payment of quota for calendar year 1915	\$ 8,000.00
For translations, etc.,	5,000.00
	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

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On December 16, 1912, Former Ambassador T. J. O'Brien drew on the Department and paid for cost of translations etc., for the Year 1913 \$ 5,000.00

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On May 13, 1914, you drew on the Department and paid the quota for the year 1913 4,800.00
\$ 9,800.00

On January 25, 1915, you drew on the Department under telegraphic instruction of January 21, 1915, and paid:

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For quota for year 1914	\$ 4,800.00
For translations, etc., for year 1914,,	5,000.00
	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>

It will be observed from the foregoing that, according to the Department's records the only quotas unpaid are those for the current calendar year (1915) as follows:

For quota	\$ 8,000.00
Cor translations, etc.,	5,000.00
	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

These quotas you are authorized to pay to the Institute whenever due.

Mr. Lubin appears to be under the impression that Congress appropriated \$8,000 for the quota covering the calendar year 1914. The increase, however, was not provided for prior to the calendar year 1915.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State.

ROBERT LANSING.