EXEMPLARY FROM DOCUMENT A/C.5/711, REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Schedule of post adjustment: classification for
the United Nations Office at Geneva

"8. In the light of the decisions taken by the ILO and WHO and having regard to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1095 B (XI), the Secretary-General feels obliged to recommend that, on grounds of equity and in the interest of preserving the common system, the same salary and allowance arrangements which the World Health Assembly and the ILO Governing Body have seen fit to apply to the Geneva-based international staff of their respective Secretariats should be applied also to eligible members of the Geneva staff of the United Nations. Acceptance by the General Assembly of this principle and the consequential adoption in respect of the United Nations Office at Geneva of a Class 2 classification for post adjustment purposes, would involve an addition to the 1958 budget, as submitted by the Secretary-General, of $85,000 under Sections 6 (Salaries and Wages, United Nations Secretariat), 10 (Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees) and 11 (Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body). It would follow also that in so far as the United Nations is to be brought into alignment with the other Geneva agencies for post adjustment purposes, 1 January 1957 would become the base date from which future cost of living movements at Geneva would be measured.

"9. There remains the ancillary question of whether this adjustment, if accepted in principle, should be applied retroactively to 1 June 1957 in line with the WHO and ILO decisions referred to in paragraph 5 above. While the Secretary-General recognizes that arguments can be made both for and against such retroactivity, he believes that on balance there is a case for ensuring full equality of treatment to international officials of the United Nations and specialized agencies who are located at the same duty station. If this view should prevail, provision would need to be made to an amount of approximately $50,000 in the supplementary estimates for 1957."

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