Presentation of Cheque for Permanent UN Headquarters
Empire State Building, New York - 25 March 1947

Presentation of cheque for $8,500,000. to
UN Secretary General Trygve Lie by
John D. Rockefeller Jr. (gift for erecting
UN permanent headquarters in New York City).

Shots show:
Architect Le Corbusier, Mayor of New York City
O'Dwyer, UN Secretary General Trygve Lie and
John D. Rockefeller Jr. sitting at desk
speaking.

Close up of Rockefeller's cheque for
$8,500,000.

Transcript of speeches:
ROCKEFELLER: The future of this country and the
lives of our children and our children's
children are interwoven with the success
of the United Nations. In it lies the hope of the people of the world. My father considers it a privilege to have had a part in the development of its permanent home. I'm glad to hand you Mr. Lie, my father's cheque.

LIL: Thank you Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller, Mayor O'Dwyer, United Nations extends its sincere thanks to you and to your father for this magnificent gift. We intend to go ahead and create on the East River site a dignified and appropriate headquarters for the United Nations which will stand for generations to come as a great monument to peace and security. Your family can be proud of its contribution to this cause. Mr. Mayor, the City of New York is also a party to this great enterprise and we should like very much to hear you too.

MAYOR O'DWYER: Mr. Lie, New York City is very proud to be a party to this enterprise. We in the City of New York are thinking of the children of today
not only in our city, or state, or nation but the children of the whole world and those who are not yet born. We look to the United Nations as the one and only agency that will give us permanent peace. It is with this thought in mind that New York City is happy to be here today to take part in this enterprise, and for the contribution that Mr. Rockefeller and his family have made to this day the city is deeply grateful.