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December 8, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 15-A
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am attaching copies of letters written to Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Mr. Emil Schipper and to Dr. William Schmidt in regard to the letters written to Mr. Roosevelt by Mr. Schipper in regard to his request for treatment for infantile paralysis.

We hope very much that something effective can be worked out for him through the Joint Distribution Committee and we are sure that the medical unit in this agency which as you know collects considerable money in this country for overseas use will do all in its power to assist Mr. Schipper.

Very sincerely yours,

Kathleen Allen
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Director of Medical Social Work

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DANIEL O'CONNOR
PRESIDENT

December 8, 1947

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt
2920 Forty-Fourth Place, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

We appreciate very much the opportunity to write you in regard to the young Polish Jew who has had an attack of infantile paralysis and concerning whom you wrote Mrs. Roosevelt on November 5th of this year.

It is difficult for the National Foundation to assist individuals who live as far off as Palestine and indeed, our charter does not permit us to render direct help to individuals outside the United States. We do, however, receive a great many appeals for help from patients in all parts of the world and we are fortunate in this particular situation to have the American Joint Distribution Committee which we believe will be very much interested in the plight of this young Polish Jew. We are writing Mr. Schipper to tell him that we are referring his situation to Dr. William Schmidt, Medical Director of the Joint Distribution Committee's program in the European and Near East areas and we are sure Mr. Schipper's problem will be given sympathetic consideration and as effective help as possible. Although we are not clear to offer financial assistance outside the United States, the Joint Distribution Committee sometimes brings patients to the Jewish Hospitals in this country on visitors' visas for treatment. These opportunities are of course, probably precious and whether Mr. Schipper's needs outweigh those of the many thousands of other individuals who need care will have to be left to the local officials of the Joint Distribution Committee.

As you know, it takes considerable time to work through any program at a distance and it may be weeks or even months before we have any word back on what can be accomplished for Mr. Schipper. When we do receive this word, however, we should be very happy to let you know what seems possible to work out in Mr. Schipper's case.

Very sincerely yours,

Kathleen Allen
Director of Medical Social Work

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CC: Mr. Crabtree

✓ Dr. Wm. Schmidt, Med. Dir.-Joint Distribution Committee, Paris, France
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Emil Schipper
c/o Hussbaum
57 Pinsker Street
Tel-Aviv, Palestine

Dear Mr. Schipper:

Your letters to Mr. Kermit Roosevelt of Washington, D.C. have finally reached this office. We regret to learn that you are suffering from the residuals of a severe poliomyelitis attack. We also know the contents of Dr. Ostrowski's letter in which he describes your physical situation.

The hardships which you described in your letter of July 24th to Mr. Roosevelt must have been appalling in themselves without the additional handicap of a crippling condition. As an intelligent person you will understand that any organization has some limitations and one of our present limitations is that we are equipped to assist financially only residents of the United States. For this reason, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cannot assist you to come to this country for care. Fortunately, however, the American Joint Distribution Committee which is operating in your area will undoubtedly be glad to get in touch with you to determine what can be done to assist you medically and possibly from a self-sustaining angle.

We are writing to the Medical Director of this organization in Paris to ask that everything in the power of this very intelligent and sympathetic program be offered to you. We know the Medical Director of this program personally and we believe that he will give sympathetic and understanding attention to your great need. We cannot of course, anticipate just what the Joint Distribution Committee can offer you, but we are sure that it will be more effective at close range than whatever we could suggest or advise at such long distance.

Very sincerely yours,

Kathleen Allen
Director of Medical Social Work

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cc: Mr. Crabtree
Dr. William Schmidt, Med. Dir. Joint Distribution Committee, Paris, France
Mr. Kermit Roosevelt
✓ Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

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ROMANO O'CONNOR
PRESIDENT

December 8, 1947

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. William Schmidt
Medical Director
American Joint Distribution Committee
19 Rue de Teheran
Paris, France

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I was sorry to miss you when you came to the National Foundation in October, although I did catch a glimpse of you at the A.P.H.A. Conference at Atlantic City.

At this time, I am asking the help of the American Joint Distribution Committee for Emil Schipper who has written Mr. Kermit Roosevelt in regard to treatment for infantile paralysis. Mr. Schipper is at present living in Tel Aviv and you may already know Dr. Ostrowski whose medical comment on Mr. Schipper's condition is also attached to this letter.

As you know we get many requests from patients outside the United States who wish to come here for treatment and it is very difficult to write to these patients telling them we are not in a position to assist them. However, it is a comfort to know that your agency or some of its affiliates can probably be of a good deal of help to Mr. Schipper and we have written him to this effect. If an when something can be accomplished for him, we would be interested to know where he came out.

If there is anything further that we can possibly do within our own limitations, please call on us.

With sincerest personal greetings for the holiday season,

Very cordially yours,

Kathleen Allen
Director of Medical Social Work

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✓ Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt