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November 14, 1934.

My dear Mr. Kolbrener:

Your letter of November thirteenth, addressed to Colonel Howe, has come to me for acknowledgment.

In reply, may I advise that the President has made no statements with regard to the subjects to which you refer.

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Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the
President

Mr. Martin M. Kolbrener,
51 Chambers Street,
New York, N. Y.

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MR. DUNN OF STATE DEPT. SAYS THIS ANSWER O.K.

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November 13, 1934

Colonel Howe
Secretary to His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I should greatly appreciate it if you would provide me with copies of any statements made by the President regarding Nazi persecution of Jews or other minorities in Germany or anywhere else. I am under the impression that sometime ago I read somewheres that the President deplored such persecution. I am very anxious to have this so that I may be able to show this statement or statements to some people who have expressed their disappointment with the President regarding this matter.

I thank you for any courtesies you may extend.

Very truly yours,
Martin M. Kolbrener

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October 12, 1934.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of

State for consideration and acknowledgment.

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LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

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Letter from Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, The Franconia, 20 west 72nd St., New York, N. Y., Oct. 9th to the President. RE: Encloses copy of letter forwarded by the N. Y. Jewish Community to Pres. Van Buren in 1840 on the occasion of the Damascus massacres, and copy of the President's reply setting forth the official action he took. Thinks the President might care to have it on record as a precedent for Presidential action in the present Hitler episode which discriminates against Jews and American citizens so strangely. Cites case of an American citizen in Germany, married to a Jew, who was denied permission to go to certain baths for treatment. Asks if the U.S. can join other nations in facilitating the departure of Jews from Germany and their reception in other countries, at the expense of Jews in other lands.

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NEW YORK CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS' EXCHANGE, INC.
22 East 17th Street

February 4, 1934.

Re: Hias Emergency Fund
for the Relief of the
Jewish Refugees from Germany

Dear Sirs:

Our Industry has been called upon to raise funds for a cause which we are obligated to help and accordingly enclose herewith a contribution slip and expect you to mail same to us with your check of not less than $10.00 immediately.

This money will be used for the purpose of bringing the Jews out of Germany and the neighboring countries.

We were instrumental in having the immigration quota raised to 600 per month, so you can see what great help this small contribution will be. It is needless for us to state the plight of our brethren on the other side.

Depending upon your assistance, we are

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES D. JAFFEE
President

ISIDORE GROSSMAN
Commercial Dept.

It is not the Jewish Race that I object to, but the many Communists among them, who we understand have been the cause of their Expulsion from Germany, & the fear that they would do here what they had done in Russia—

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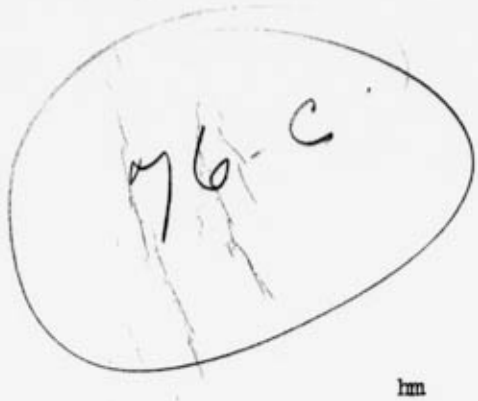
June 4, 1934

Respectfully referred to the State Department.



LOUIS McI. HOWE
Secretary to the President

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Letter from S. M. Salomon, World Alliance for Combating Anti-Semitism, 33 St. James's Street, London, S.W.I., May 22, 1934 to the President. States that in Nazi Germany, the Press recently has been filled with an accusation against Jewry of the abominable practice of Ritual Murder-in an endeavour to throw back the light of Jewish civilization to the Dark Ages. Asks the President to accede to this urgent request for a sign of disapproval of this outrageous accusation against the Jewish race.

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WAGNER, Sen. Robert F.
2-8-34.

Forwards letter received by him from Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Brooklyn, N. Y., asking for an appointment for a committee to present a petition, arranged by the Brooklyn Jewish Examiner, and signed by approximately one million perions, asking, in behalf of the stricken Jewry of Germany and in the interests of humanity, that the government of the United States make proper representations through the President and the Congress to the Government of Germany ----- interceding in behalf of the stricken and prostrate Jewry of that land.

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SUYDAM, Henry (Special Asst. to the Attorney General)
December 28, 1934

Writes Mr. Early that the Zionist Organization of America has requested the Attorney General to prepare a statement to be published on Jan. 20,1935, the first annual Palestine day. Asks if there is any objection to the Attorney General declaring himself on this subject. He visited Palestine a few years ago and was much impressed with the progress made there. - Attached is a file memo dated Dec. 26 - "Answered by telephone with the suggestion the A.G. confine himself strictly to Palestine and not, directly or by indirection, say anything that could have a possible relationship to Hitler or his troubles with the Jews. S.T.E."

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Referred to Act'g Director Bell for advice, 12-27-34.

Office Memorandum for the President, dated 12-26-34, re contribution to the High Commission for German Refugees, stating that Mr. James G. McDonald (Foreign Policy Ass'n, New York City) called on the 'phone to find out if there is anything new about the President's request to the Bureau of the Budget; Memo for Mr. McIntyre, same date, from Miss Grace Tully, stating that the President sent a memo to the State Dept. on this, and asking Mr. McIntyre to clear through Budget or State; copy of the President's Memo to State on 12-24-34 re asking Congress for $10,000 for the Jewish Refugee organization of which Mr. McDonald is the Commissioner appointed by the League.

Under date of Jan. 12, 1935, the file on the High Commission for German Refugees was referred to State Dept. for advice, together with correspondence dated Jan. 3 and Jan. 7 from Director Bell re possible Congressional appropriation, or having the $10,000 included in State Dept.'s contingent fund, and suggesting that this office communicate with Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain at Columbia if there is any further information on the matter.

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