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ROSENMAN, Judge Samuel I.  
New York, N.Y.  
January, 1938

Writes the President enclosing a statement in re Roumania's violation of treaty and constitutional guarantees in the treatment of her Jewish minority. Asks the President to talk to the Roumanian Minister about this situation. - On January 7th, the President replied by memo to the Judge, returning this statement, saying they are doing everything they can.

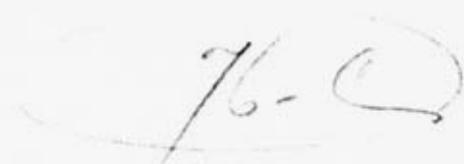
SEE - P.P.F. 64

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STATE, The Department of  
March 2, 1938

The President referred to the Department of State, for draft of reply, letter to the President February 26th from Lowell Brentano, New York, N. Y., suggesting plan whereby legislation would be passed permitting Jewish refugees from all countries a five-year provisional citizenship here. -- Draft submitted by Hon. Sumner Welles March 26th, and which the President directed be sent over Mr. McIntyre's signature, was returned by Mr. McIntyre to the State Department (Mr. Welles) April 7th, and he stated that he believes it will be better if reply is made by Under Secretary Welles. Returned to Mr. Welles were copies of State Department press release No. 142, dated March 24, 1938. -- Attached are two office memoranda, dated March 31 and April 5th, re this case.

SEE - 3186



FERTIG, M. Maldwin,  
American Jewish Congress,  
New York, N.Y.  
March 25, 1938.

Letter to the President, saying he is writing in behalf of the American Jewish Congress, The American Jewish Committee, the B'Mai B'rith, the Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Labor Committee and practically <sup>all</sup> of the national organizations concerned with the persecution of Jews. These organizations are united in requesting an interview with the President for a delegation representing the above organizations. The delegation will not exceed 15 persons. Expresses hope that ~~that~~ this interview may be arranged shortly. - Commends President on his action in extending invitation to nine nations to aid the emigration of Austro-German political fugitives. States this is thoroughly in keeping with his high humanitarian outlook, which is profoundly appreciated.

See P.P.F.5029

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TRESTMAN, F. Fritzi,  
Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.  
March 27, 1938.

Asks for President's permission to start a collection of silver foil  
in the State of New York to secure a fund to aid Jews in Germany, etc.

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STATE, The Secretary of  
April 9, 1938

Mr. Hassett referred to him, for draft of message, if same is deemed advisable, letter to the President April 7th from Rabbi Solomon Goldman, National Co-Chairman, United Palestine Appeal, New York, N. Y., requesting a Presidential message for the United Palestine Appeal conference which will meet in Chicago, Illinois, April 24th to consider the problem of assisting homeless Jewish refugees in Europe. -- In accordance with draft submitted by Mr. George Summerlin, Chief of Protocol, April 19th, Mr. Early wrote Rabbi Goldman April 19th that although the great pressure of national and international affairs at this time has made it necessary for the President to adopt the practice of declining requests for messages, he desires Mr. Early to extend his best wishes to the conference.

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O'CONNOR, Basil  
New York City  
4-26-38 (referred)

Enclosed letter addressed to him by Paul Baerwald, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of New York City, on behalf of Miss Lotte Kaliski, head of an important school in Berlin, who is here on a visitor's visa and must get out of Germany permanently; she had an attack of I. P. when she was six year old, limps considerably and walks with a cane but she has carried on her work for many years and otherwise is in excellent health; She feels it may be difficult for her to get an immigration visa as the Consuls abroad do not, as a rule, give visas except with a positive attest of their doctors, and because of the President's sympathies for victims of this disease, asks if some influence might be used to get the Consul in Berlin to waive a doctor's certification with reference to this part of the exam.

--Referred to SEC'Y. OF STATE for ack. 4-26-38.

SEE Kaliski, Miss Lotte

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STERN, Hermann, Esq.,  
District No. 1, The Free Sons of Israel,  
New York, N.Y.

April 24, 1938

Writes the President in behalf of the members of District No. 1, The Free Sons of Israel, a patriotic organization of Americans of Jewish Faith, saluting him "as the most outstanding Humanitarian, a man possessed with the noblest instincts to help his fellowmen". States further, "By calling on all civilized nations to open their doors to Gentiles and Jews persecuted in Germany and Austria, to find a place of safety for them in lands of liberty, you have again proven to the world your noble personality". Says that the proceeds of their annual Moonlight Sail this year will be devoted to the support of this noble undertaking, and invites the President to grace this occasion with his presence, on June 15, 1938.

See Invitation - New York

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LABOR, The Secretary of  
May 13, 1938

The President referred for draft of reply a letter of May 8 written to Miss LeHand by Dr. Nathaniel A. Davis, Los Angeles, Cal., enclosing copy of letter he sent to the Sec. of Labor, in re admission to this country of Heinz Charasch, a refugee from Germany. Mr. Charasch is now on a British ship in the Los Angeles harbor and Mr. Davis asks that he be granted entrance into the U.S. -- Sec. Perkins replied on May 20, submitting draft, which the President sent on May 21 stating inquiry into this case reveals that to admit him for permanent residence in the U.S. would be contrary to the Immigration Act of 1924. Says, unfortunately, administrative officers have no discretion to waive the requirements of this law.

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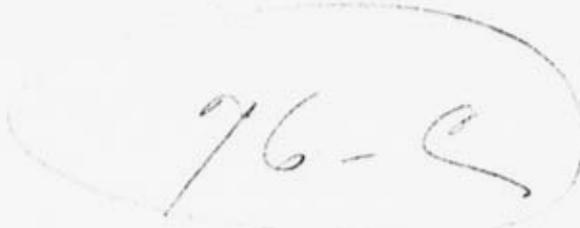
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**SIROVICH, Hon. William I.**  
**House of Representatives**  
**June 9, 1938**

Wrote the President, with covering letter to Miss LeHand, giving an historical outline of Germany in relation to the persecution of the Jews there. -- Reply was drafted for the President's signature, but instead Mr. McIntyre wrote Rep. Sirovich June 16th that the President is so rushed during the closing days of Congress that he asked him to thank him for his letter. Says the President appreciates his thoughtfulness in giving him an opportunity to look over his conclusions.

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WEINER, William - President  
Jewish Peoples Committee  
New York City  
6-3-38

Wrote the President that this Committee has received 100,000 signatures on a petition to the President in behalf of the victims of religious and political persecution, especially those of Austria and Germany. Requests the privilege for a delegation to present this petition to him on June 13th.

---Mr. McIntyre wrote on 6-7-38 that he would receive a delegation of three people to accept the petition on behalf of the President.

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STATE, The Department of  
June 17, 1938

The President referred to the Department of State, for draft of reply, letter received by him from Representative John O'Connor, dated June 15th, stating the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society suggested that the following persons be appointed to serve upon Advisory Committee on Refugees: Abraham Herman; Joseph Schlessert, Dr. James Bernstein, and John L. Bernstein. -- In accordance with draft submitted by Under Secretary Sumner Welles, June 23, the President wrote Rep. O'Connor June 26th that he is sorry that there are no vacancies upon the Advisory Committee, but he is sure that Mr. James G. McDonald and the Committee will be delighted to have the cooperation of the Society. Indicates that Mr. McDonald will be at the intergovernmental meeting at Evian to give Myron C. Taylor, asked by the President to represent this Government, the benefit of his advice, and should one of the representatives of the Society be at Evian at the same time, he is sure these gentlemen would be grateful for the advice and assistance of such a representative. Copy of Rep. O'Connor's letter and the President's reply will be sent to Mr. Taylor, for his information. -- Copy was sent to Under Secretary Welles.

REFERRED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT:  
July 7, 1938

Letter to the Pres. 7-5-38 from a person who signs herself "A Jewish woman and citizen" expressing admiration and gratitude for the President's humanitarian act toward the persecuted Jewish refugees. Encloses \$50.00 check for the Jewish refugees.

Receipt indicates the check was drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Co., Brooklyn, and signed by Louis Glass # 2

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SEOANE, Colonel C.A.,  
United States Army  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
August 20, 1938.

Wrote Mr. McIntyre suggesting that in lieu of war debt interest, Great Britain concede to us British Guiana, to be colonized by Europe's political refugees. Cites fact that it would be impossible for France or Britain to take over the German refugees. -- Mr. McIntyre wrote Colonel Seoane August 23rd, thanking him for his suggestions.

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CELLER, Congressman Emanuel  
New York City  
8-24-38

Wrote to the President enclosing a letter addressed to the President from Harold Debrest, Debrest's Weekly News Service, New York City, and dated 8-12-38. Asks for a word of reassurance from the President on the occasion of the New Year "That nothing and no one will shake your determination to save the sixteen million sons and daughters of Israel, whose lives are at this moment in jeopardy, ready to be ground under the heel of savage brutality".

---Referred to SEC'Y. OF STATE for ack. 8-26-38.

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 The following wrote or cabled the President re the European crisis and his message to Hitler, Czechoslovakia and other European countries, on 9-26-38 and 9-27-38.

SMITH, Frank	Staten Island, N.Y.	9-26-38
VANDERBILT, Neil	Beverly hills, Calif.	(wire) 9-28-38
HILL, John Philip	New York City	9-26-38 (wire)
*CHURCH, Samuel Harden	Pittsburgh, Pa.	9-26-38 (wire)
HEINLICH FAMILY	New York City	9-26-38 (wire)

(Sent Jewish New Year greetings also)

McCULLAGH, George - Publisher Globe and Mail, Toronto, Canada 9-26-38 (wire)  
 \*BUTLER, Dr. Nicholas Murray - Pres Columbia Univ. - New York City 9-28-38 (wire)

The following messages were sent to Mr. Lawrence Duggan, State Dept.  
 Leon Cortes, President de Costa Rica 9-28-38  
 Jacinto B. Poynado, Presidente de la Republica Dominicana Ciudad Trujillo 9-28-38

Felix PAIVA, President de la Republica del Paraguay, Asuncion, 9-28-38  
 A. SOMOZA, President de la Republica Nicaragua, Managua 9-28-38  
 Stenio VINCENT, President de Haiti, Port au Prince, Haiti, 9-28-38  
 Eduardo SANTOS, President de Colombia 9-27-38 (cable)  
 Getulio VARGAS - President Brazil 9-27-38

Federico Laredo Bru, - President Cuba  
 Alfredo Baldomir - President Uruguay  
 General O. R. BENAVIDES - President Peru.  
 Pierre COTT, President Du Rassemblement Universel Pour La Paix, Paris  
 Toronce, Paris  
 Senateur BENAIZET, Merigny  
 Le Supreme Conseil de L obediencia mixto Internationale-le Droit Humain, Paris.

Gorman Busch - President Republica Bolivia, La Paz 9-28-38  
 Tiburcio Carias A, Tegucigalpa, Honduras 9-28-38  
 E.Lopez Contreras - Presidente de Los Estados Unidos de Venezuela Miraflores 9-28-38  
 Maximiliano H. Martinez - President Constitucional de El Salvador  
 San Salvador 9-28-38  
 Manuel Maria Borrero - Presidente Constitucional Interino Del Ecuador  
 Quito 9-28-38  
 CRISCVOLO, Luigi - Washington, D. C. - wired Mr. Early "Please thank Pres. for quick action on suggestion in my letter on Italy's position in present crisis."

not referred -----

\*BELLAMY, Paul E. - Rapid City, S. Dak. - Ack. by Pres.  
 \*COUDERT, Hon. Frederic R. - New York City - Ack. by Pres.  
 ABBOTT, Gardner - Cleveland, Ohio

WELLES, Hon. Sumner  
Under Secretary of State  
October 10, 1938

Wrote the President with reference to message which the President sent to Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of Great Britain, regarding the work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and in which the President expressed the hope that the British Prime Minister would seize the opportunity of urging the German Chancellor to take a more lenient attitude with regard to refugees leaving Germany. Mr. Welles enclosed text of message of reply which the British Ambassador transmitted to him, in which message the Prime Minister voices his agreement with the President's view that an early appeal should be made to Herr Hitler concerning the refugee problem. The Under Secretary believes the time has come when the American Ambassador in Berlin should be instructed to sound out the German Government in order to find out whether the German authorities would be willing to discuss the refugee question with Mr. Daloz at this time, and he says simultaneous approaches would be made by the British and French Ambassadors in Berlin. -- The President's notation: "S.W. OK F.D.R. - 10-10-38." -- The President's message to Mr. Chamberlain was transmitted through the American Ambassador to Great Britain.

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for communications to the President from the persons listed below urging him to protest to Great Britain on restriction of immigration of Jews to Palestine, and proposed repudiation of the Balfour Declaration and Mandate, and for the President's replies of Oct. 19, 1938 in which he refers to his sympathy in the establishment of a National Home for the Jews in Palestine and the United States' expectation of being afforded an opportunity to communicate to the British Government our views with respect to any changes in the Mandate which may be proposed as a result of the forthcoming report of the Palestine Partition Commission. The President also said that he understands that under the terms of our convention with Great Britain regarding the Palestine Mandate we are unable to prevent modifications in the Mandate, and that the most we can do is to decline to accept as applicable to American interests any modifications affecting such interests unless we have given our assent to them. (The President's replies were drafted by the Department of State.)

Gov. James V. Allred of Texas, Oct. 12  
 Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois, Oct. 12  
 Gov. Francis P. Murphy of New Hampshire, Oct. 13  
 Gov. Robert E. Quinn of Rhode Island, Oct. 13  
 Acting Gov. James E. Berry of Oklahoma, Oct. 12  
 Sen. Theodore F. Green, Oct. 13  
 Sen. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Oct. 14  
 Sen. Millard E. Tydings, Oct. 14  
 Sen. George L. Radcliffe, Oct. 14  
 Sen. William H. Smathers, Oct. 16  
 Sen. Augustine Lonergan, Oct. 10  
 Sen. Francis T. Maloney, Oct. 12  
 Sen. Fred H. Brown, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Harry Glass, Jr., Oct. 12  
 Cong. Ira Walton Drew, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Bertrand W. Gearhart, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Peter J. DeMuth, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Pete Jarman, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Arthur W. Mitchell, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Vincent Harrington, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Robert Luce, Oct. 14  
 Cong. A. J. Sabath, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Arthur W. Mitchell, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Raymond S. McKeough, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Edward A. Kelly, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Harry P. Bean, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Thomas J. O'Brien, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Leonard W. Schuetz, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Leo Kocialkowski, Oct. 13  
 Cong. James McAndrews, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Ralph E. Church, Oct. 13  
 Cong. John W. McCormack, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Robert L. Ramsay, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Charles Kramer, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Richard M. Simpson, Oct. 14  
 Cong. John T. Bernard, Oct. 9  
 Cong. Alphonse Roy, Oct. 13  
 Cong. George J. Schneider, Oct. 14  
 Cong. Henry G. Teigen, Oct. 12  
 Cong. Joachim O. Fernandez, Oct. 12  
 Cong. James A. O'Leary, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Herman P. Eberharter, Oct. 10  
 Cong. Bert Lord, Oct. 13  
 Cong. Marcellus H. Evans, Oct. 11  
 Cong. John J. Delaney, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Andrew L. Somers, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Donald L. O'Toole, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Joseph L. Pfeifer, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Eugene J. Keogh, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Emanuel Coller, Oct. 11  
 Cong. Thomas H. Cullen, Oct. 11  
 Mayor John A.F. Hall, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 13  
 Mayor Thos. J. Spellacy, Hartford, Conn. "  
 Hon. John J. Walsh, Mbr of Assembly,  
 Utica, N.Y., Oct. 13  
 Mrs. Anna Moscovitz Kross, New York, N.Y.  
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- Cong. Fred Biermann, Oct. 13
- Cong. Matthew A. Dunn, Oct. 14
- Cong. Aime J. Forand, Oct. 14
- Cong. George B. Kelly, Oct. 15
- Cong. John J. McGrath, Oct. 15
- Gov. A. Harry Moore of New Jersey, Oct. 15
- Cong. Edith Nourse Rogers, Oct. 15 -  
(encloses copies of two wires, one from Jewish Organization of Lowell, Mass., one from Lowell Ministers' Assn., and a resolution from the City Council of Cambridge, Mass.)
- Cong. Will M. Whittington, Oct. 14
- Cong. George J. Bates, Oct. 10
  
- Gov. James H. Price of Virginia, Oct. 17
- Gov. Fred P. Cone of Florida, Oct. 17
- Gov. William Langer of North Dakota, Oct. 17
- Gov. Richard C. McMullen of Delaware, Oct. 18
- Sen. Gerald P. Nye, Oct. 17
- Cong. Harry Sauthoff, Oct. 18
- Cong. Jerry Voorhis, Oct. 17
- Cong. William P. Cole, Jr., Oct. 17
- Cong. R. M. Kleberg, Oct. 17
- Cong. Charles H. Leavy, Oct. 18

- Hon. Solomon Blatt, Barnwell, S.Car.  
Speaker, S.C. House of Rep., Oct. 17
- Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 17
- Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, New Rochelle, N.Y., Oct. 17
- Mr. Edward J. Heffron, Sec'y., National Council of Catholic Men, Oct. 18
- Mr. Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Conn., Oct. 17

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Cong. George Grant, Oct. 18  
 Cong. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Oct. 19  
 Cong. Lawrence E. Imhoff, Oct. 19  
 Cong. Clyde H. Smith, Oct. 22  
 Hon. Joseph P. Tumulty, Washington,  
 D.C., Oct. 18  
 Cong. Virginia E. Jenckes, Oct. 21  
 Mr. Daniel Carter Beard (Uncle Dan)  
 Suffern, N.Y. - Oct. 21  
 Cong. T. Alan Goldsborough, Oct. 20  
 Cong. Brooks Fletcher, Oct. 20  
 Cong. Nan Wood Honeyman, Oct. 27  
 Cong. Charles R. Eckert, Oct. 28,  
 Cong. M. K. Reilly, Oct. 27

Cong. Ambrose J. Kennedy, Oct. 29

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October 26, 1933 - wire signed  
 by the following: (From Hawkinsville,  
 (Ga.)

R. F. Dealmar (Tax Collector)  
 I. Mannheim (Clk. Sup. Ct.)  
 J. F. Lee (County Commissioner)  
 H. A. Haskins (Ordinary, Pulaski, Co.)  
 Jim Hill (Sheriff, Pulaski Co.)  
 F. N. Poole (County Agent)  
 Morgan Thompson (Postmaster)  
 Myer Silver  
 Walter F. George (USS)  
 H. F. Lawson

STATE DEPARTMENT, The  
October 27, 1938

Mr. McIntyre referred to the State Department, for draft of reply. Letter addressed to the President October 28, 1938 from His Eminence Denis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., urging that the President use the influence of his office to safeguard, so far as may be possible, the rights of the Jews in various countries and to attempt to find new homes for those who are being driven from their homelands. -- According to draft submitted by Hon. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, November 2nd, the President wrote Cardinal Dougherty November 2nd, calling his attention to his (the President's) interest in this matter and directing his attention to the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees. He assured him that the interest of this Government in the plight of these unfortunate refugees has in no degree abated.

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BLISS, Martha - Sec'y.  
Women's Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy  
Los Angeles, California  
11-11-38 (wire)

Appeals to the President to intercede with the German government to  
stop the appalling atrocities committed on the Jewish people.

---Referred to STATE DEPT. 11-14-38

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STATE DEPARTMENT, The  
November 12, 1938

Mr. McIntyre referred to the State Department, for draft of reply, telegram addressed to the President November 5, 1938 by Miss Mary E. Woolley, Westport, New York (sent from New York City) urging that Palestine be kept open for Jewish refugees. -- In accordance with draft submitted, the President wrote Miss Woolley Nov. 18th, reiterating his attitude in support of this subject and indicating that our Government will continue to follow the situation with the closest attention. Stated we have kept the British Government aware of the attitude of the American people on this subject.

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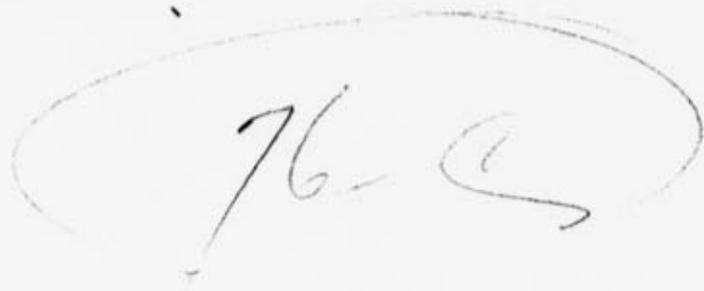
STATE DEPARTMENT, The  
November 12, 1938

Mr. McIntyre referred to the State Department, for draft of reply, telegram addressed to the President Nov. 4th from Representative Samuel Dickstein, New York, N. Y., urging the President to use his utmost influence to prevent closing of Palestine to Jews. — In accordance with draft submitted, the President wrote Rep. Dickstein Nov. 18th reiterating his attitude regarding the establishment of a National Home for the Jews in Palestine, and says he has been heartened by the progress which has been made and by the remarkable accomplishments of the Jewish settlers in that country. Says the United States Government has kept before the British Government, through our Ambassador in London, the interest of the American people in Palestine, and we have been informed that the British Government will keep in mind the international character of the Palestine Mandate. Assured him that we shall continue to follow the situation.

WINCHELL, Walter  
The Daily Mirror  
New York, N. Y.  
November 15, 1938

Telegraphed the President, commending him for his attitude regarding the Jewish situation in Europe. -- The President wrote Mr. Winchell November 18th, stating it gave him great pleasure to receive his telegram, and he thanked him for his message.

SEE - PPF 5666

A handwritten signature, possibly '76-2', is circled in pencil. The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval pencil line.

ROSSARD, Hon. Edgar B.  
U.S. Tariff Commission,  
Washington, D.C.  
Nov. 15, 1938

Writes the President congratulating him upon his wise choice of delegates to represent the U.S. at the Pan American Conference at Lima. Also mentions the protest against the treatment of Jews by Germany. Thanks for his reappointment and offers his services at any time. -- On Nov. 18, the President thanked for his letter appreciating his approval. Says he hopes to have an opportunity to see him before long.

SEE - P.P.F. 5676

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HULL, Hon. Cordell  
Secretary of State  
November 15, 1938

The President referred to him, for draft of reply, letter addressed to the President November 12th from Ernest L. Klein, Chicago, Illinois, concerning the most recent developments in Germany. -- In accordance with draft submitted by Hon. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Nov. 16th, the President wrote Mr. Klein Nov. 17th, referring to his (the President's) statement of November 15th on this subject. He stated that the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees which has been set up in London as a result of this Government's initiative, is actively engaged in its two-fold task of endeavoring to replace the present chaotic conditions of exodus from Germany by orderly conditions of emigration and to develop opportunities for permanent settlement in other countries. Assures him of this Government's interest in the plight of these unfortunate people and says our efforts to assist them will in no way be relaxed.

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**KIRSTEIN, Louis E.**  
**William Filene's Sons Company**  
**Boston, Mass.**  
**November 16, 1938**

Transmitted to Mr. Thomas G. Corcoran a note which he addressed to the President November 16th, stating "Thank God for you." -- The President wrote Mr. Kirstein November 29th, thanking him for his note and stating he appreciates his thoughtfulness. -- Mr. Kirstein's note to the President referred to his attitude with regard to political refugees.

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**BYRNES, Hon. James F.**  
**United States Senator**  
**Spartanburg, S. C.**  
**November 16, 1938**

Wired the President concerning the Jewish situation in Germany, suggesting that the State Department cooperate with other democracies to admit political refugees. Believes Congress would cooperate in raising immigration quota to relieve situation. -- The President wrote Senator Byrnes November 18th, thanking him for his message and for his offer of cooperation. Says we are working on this problem, and hopes the Senator will feel free to let him have any suggestions he may have on the subject.

SEOANE, Col. C.A. - U.S. Army,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.,  
Nov. 16, 1938

Writes to Mr. McIntyre re his note of Aug. 20 on the subject of a place for the persecuted Jews. Says should British Guiana come up for serious consideration, he has given the same much thought and could give some ideas on the subject. Says he could run down for a talk any time. -- On Nov. 23, Sumner Welles State Dept. wrote to Mr. McIntyre returning Col. Seoane's letter and thanked him for letting him see same. Says if the Intergovernmental Committee determines to take up actively the possibility of British Guiana as an appropriate place for the settlement of German refugees, some consideration might be given by the President to the assignment of U.S. Army engineers to assist in the making of surveys and in developing projects in British Guiana in cooperation with representatives of other governments interested. Says in that event, Col. Seoane might be a very useful member of the group that they would send.

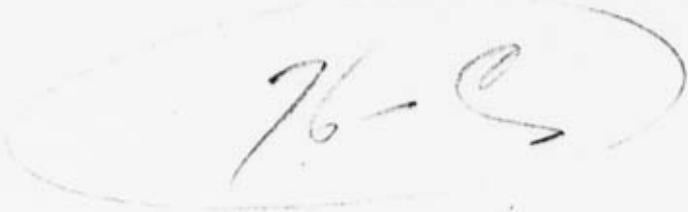
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DELANO, Hon. Frederic A.  
November 16, 1938

Transmitted to Mr. McIntyre, telegram received by him from Col. Richard Lieber, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 15th, suggesting points to be considered by the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees. Mr. Delano gives his his own views on this question.

SEE - PPF 72



SIZOO, Dr. Joseph R.  
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America  
New York, N. Y.  
November 17, 1938

Telegraphed Mr. McIntyre that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America regrets that the statement of the President limits the victims of Nazi prosecution to Jews and Catholics, leaving the inference that Protestantism has not been a victim and support Naziism. Dr. Sizoo says that many Protestant Pastors have been imprisoned, and he asks that this be included in statement of protest given out. -- By memo of November 27th, the President asked Mr. McIntyre to thank Dr. Sizoo and that it is the fault of the Press, -- that he always talks about the others but they do not use it. -- Mr. McIntyre wrote Dr. Sizoo November 29th, apologizing for delayed reply and stating that the President asked him to thank him. He indicated that the President would like to talk to Dr. Sizoo about the matter sometime.

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SCHNEIDERMAN, Hon. Rose  
Secretary of Labor, State of New York - Department of Labor  
New York, N. Y.,  
Nov. 18th, 1938.

Writes the President expressing gratification at the President's stand re the Nazi Government and the Jews of Germany.--The President, on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, wrote to Hon. Rose Schneiderman expressing pleasure that his action had met with her approval.

SEE P.P.F. 5691

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WELLS, Miss Marguerite M.  
President, National League of Women Voters,  
Washington, D. C.,  
Nov. 19, 1938.

Writes the President that the board of the National League of Women Voters, ending a week's sessions in Washington, requestd her to express their approval of the President's statement to the press in which the President referred to the shock suffered by public opinion in the United States consequent upon the news from Germany.-- The President, by letter dated Nov. 22nd, <sup>W. R. F.</sup> thanking Miss Wells for her letter and said it was most reassuring to have such a message from an organization dedicated to the ideals of democracy.

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FILE MEMO

November 21, 1938.

All correspondence with reference to the President's statement regarding the persecution of Jews in Germany is filed 198-A

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STATE, The Secretary of  
Nov. 22, 1938

Writes to the President submitting for consideration and signature, if he approves, draft of letter of instructions to the Hon. Myron Taylor, furnishing him guidance with respect to the future course of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees. Sec. Hull says he expects to confer with Mr. Taylor and Ambassador Hugh Wilson on Nov. 25. -- On Nov. 23, (at Warm Springs, Ga.) the President signed this confidential letter to Mr. Taylor pertaining to the persecution sweeping Germany and the solution of this problem. Says he is asking him to again go to London as the representative of the U.S. Government and as his (the President's) personal representative, to resume active leadership in this vital work. Outlines course, saying, in part, he still considers it highly important for Mr. George Rublee, as Director, to visit Berlin for a conference with the German officials. -- Mr. Kannee wired Mr. Forster on Nov. 23 from Warm Springs, that Sec. Morgenthau's messenger, Lt. McKay, has just left for Atlanta to fly back to Washington with an envelope addressed to Mr. Forster containing letter and papers for Sec. Hull, which the President wants delivered to the Sec. as soon as possible. Letter and papers delivered on Nov. 24 at 11:15 a.m.

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SEOANE, Col. C.A. - U.S.Army,  
Nov. 23, 1938

Writes to Col. McIntyre that the Associated Press carries the most interesting news about the British Prime Minister delivering a speech to the House of Commons of plans to lease at least ten thousand square miles in British Guiana to provide a home for German Jews. Says that is certainly a step forward. Discuss this proposition in detail, and is of the opinion that the U.S. could finance this project, but it should undertake it only as a protectorate. -- On Nov. 26, Miss Barrows replied on behalf of Mr. McIntyre acknowledging Col. Seoane's letter and sending his best wishes.

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CONNALLY, Tom, Hon.  
United States Senator,  
Marlin, Texas.  
November 23, 1938.

Wire to the President that a very large number of Moving Picture Theatres throughout Texas will on Dec. 7th give benefit performances for Jewish Refugees and sufferers in Germany. All proceeds without deductions of any kind are to be devoted to that purpose. Says that Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle of Dallas, Texas control a very large number of the Theatres, and he is extremely anxious to have a short news reel of the President at Warm Springs, with a word of greeting from him, respecting the movement to collect funds for Jewish aid. - Wire from Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, Pres., Interstate Circuit, Inc., Dallas, Texas. sent-wire to President 11/23/38 making similar request. - Also wire from James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, urging that President comply with request made in above telegrams. - Also wire from Paul Wakefield 11/23/38.

Mr. McIntyre sent wires to above, saying he regrets that it is not possible to comply with request.

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TELEGRAM

Filed Nov. 25, 1938.

A very large number of signers (several thousands) from Brooklyn, New York,  
re opening Palestine for Jewish refugees.

Referred to State Dept. 11-25-38.

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STATE, Dept. of  
Nov. 28, 1938

Mr. McIntyre referred for draft of a reply, letter of Nov. 22 to the President from Anson Phelps Stokes, Wash., D.C. who submits copy of certain resolution and comments of the Protestant Episcopal Clericus of Washington re the German situation. Copy of letter sent by committee to the German Ambassador re the Germans' treatment of the Jews. -- Sumner Welles replied Dec. 2, submitting draft, which the President sent Canon Stokes on Dec. 6 by Mr. McIntyre thanking for his letter and data.

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WELLES, Hon. Sumner  
Under Secretary of State  
November 29, 1938

Mr. McIntyre referred to him, for advice, letter addressed to the President November 22, 1938, from Jacob O. Zabronsky, National Council of Young Israel, New York, N. Y., advising the President that the Council has unanimously voted to award their second annual award to the President and to present to him copy of the scroll of the Torah. Asks that time and place of acceptance be designated by the President. -- Under Secretary Welles wrote Mr. McIntyre Dec. 6th that the National Council of Young Israel is understood to be an influential organization and no objection is seen to the President accepting the proffered honors, but he suggested that the resultant publicity be kept to a reasonable minimum. -- By memo of Dec. 6th, Mr. Kannee asked Mr. McIntyre about telephoning Mr. Zabronsky and arranging a date. -- Mr. McIntyre wrote Mr. Zabronsky Dec. 12th that the President asked him to express to him his appreciation for the honor accorded him by the Council and that the President will be glad to accept this and the scroll. He suggested that Mr. Zabronsky take this matter up with him (Mr. McIntyre) after the first of the year, when details can be arranged.

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CONNELLY, James  
Chicago, Ill.  
11-30-38 (filed)

Criticizes President for his attitude towards Jews in Germany.

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BATES, George J., Hon.,  
House of Representatives,  
Wash., D.C. (letter written from Salem, Mass.)  
Dec. 1, 1938.

Encloses copy of a resolution he received from the Board of Aldermen, and approved by Mayor Daniel E. McLean, of the City of Beverly, Mass., condemning the treatment of the Jewish people in Germany.

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AUXILIARY OF JEWISH WAR  
Toms River, N. J.  
12-7-38 (wire)

Commend President's stand towards alleviating the sufferings of  
persecuted Catholics, Protestants and Jews of Germany. Embargo the  
barbarians is the cry of decent humanity.

--Referred to STATE DEPT. 12-8-38.

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JOHNS, DR. Edgar Devitt (President)

CAVERT, Samuel McGraw (General Secretary)

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

New York, N. Y.

December 7, 1938

Wrote the President that the Council regrets that in the President's plea for compassion for the Jewish and Catholic refugees of Germany, he did not include a plea for Protestants, and they ask for a statement to clarify the situation. -- The President wrote Dr. Jones December 13th that in his original statement he did not make a plea for Jewish refugees - he made a plea for all refugees from Germany and that, therefore, Dr. Jones and Dr. Caver were misled by the Press. He stated that later Mr. Early called the Press' attention to the fact that the President had included all refugees and not just Jewish refugees and that the others included Roman Catholics and Protestants, but that again, many of the newspapers printed half the story and mentioned only Roman Catholics. Says he does not blame the newspaper men themselves, but says the fault lies in their superiors who demand something that will make the headlines. Indicated how annoying it is to have things like this happen, but he stated that as they happen almost every day, all of us have to grin and bear it and do the best we can.

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STATE, Under Secretary of  
December 8, 1938.

The President sent him a memo. asking for preparation of reply to a letter from Father Maurice S. Sheehy, Head of the Dept. of Religious Education, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., dated Dec. 3rd, to Miss LeHand, with enclosed letter to the President. Suggests as a solution to the persecution of the Jews in Germany that a special commission, composed of Bishop Ryan, Father Sheehy and possibly a prominent Catholic layman familiar with the conditions prevailing in South America, go to the capitals of the eight leading republics of South America. There they would call on the American diplomats and then contact the heads of the Catholic Church in order to cement the fine relationships which have always existed between the Church of the United States and the Church of South America.--Under Secretary of State Welles, on Dec. 8th, wrote to the President enclosing a suggested letter to send Bishop Ryan.--On Dec. 9th, Under Secretary of State wrote Miss LeHand re this matter.--The President, on Dec. 9th, wrote to Bishop Ryan that he had heard of this proposed trip and was much pleased that he thought the trip would result in much good at this time and that the Dept. of State would notify our missions in the American republics, which the Bishop would visit, and our ambassadors and ministers would be glad to do what they can to facilitate his journey.--On Dec. 10th, Mr. McIntyre referred to the Under Secretary of State for his information a copy of the President's letter to Bishop Ryan.--Attached is Presidential memo. to Miss Grace Tully re this matter.--Rev. Dr. Sheehy, on Dec. 17th, wrote Mr. McIntyre re making an appointment for Bishop Ryan to see the President before his trip to South America and also requesting an appointment for himself.

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BOWMAN, Dr. Isaiah - Pres., The Johns Hopkins Univ.,  
Baltimore, Md.,  
Dec. 10, 1938

Writes the President that he is sending by special messenger, and through the kindness of Secretary Morgenthau, the African material which deals with the possibilities of white settlement in that continent. -- Attached is a folder on this subject which deals with the German-Jewish refugees problem. The maps did not come to file. -- On Dec. 15, the President replied thanking for this material and now feels they are implemented to discuss the general refugee problem with other nations. Hopes to see him soon and sends good wishes for the Christmas season.

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SMS - 30 for a mimeographed copy of a letter of Dec. 31, 1938, from the Attorney General, (16 pages) to the Secretary of State re letter of Dec. 2nd from Act. Sec. of State requesting his opinion upon question: "Does the offense of knowingly making a false statement in an affirmation before an official, which is punishable under Article 156 of the German Criminal Code, involve moral turpitude, within the meaning of the provision of section 3 of the Immigration Act of February 5, 1917, when the record of the conviction shows that the false statement related to a material matter?" The Act. Sec. states that this problem has arisen in the case of one A.E., a German citizen, who desires to obtain an immigration visa for use in coming to this country to reside. The Attorney General concludes by saying he does not believe that the term "moral turpitude," as it is generally understood, can properly be ascribed to the conduct of this alien. Advises that the Sec. of State would be warranted in granting him a visa.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM  
May 10, 1939

The President sent a memorandum to the Secretary of State and the Under Secretary of State as follows:

"I still believe that any announcement about Palestine at this time by the British Government is a mistake, and I think we should tell them that. What can I say to Justice Brandeis.? F.D.R."

He transmitted, as per brief, confidential message from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President Jewish Agency for Palestine, which was sent to the President by Justice Brandeis, May 9, 1939.

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GAFFNEY, Hugh J.  
New York City, N. Y.  
1-16-39

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Wrote to Miss Tully asking for information as to "where the President is headed, and why" -- because he (the writer) is one of the many who are wondering why the President is so busy attacking the Germans, and he wants to continue to be sympathetic with the President's objectives. Said that he eats lunch with a group of about twenty-five men at the Advertising Club, the majority of whom are anti-New Dealers, but there were five gentlemen who held their ground up to the last few weeks. All but the writer has "now deserted the ranks as a result of the President's extraordinary discourses on Germany and Italy, along with the carry-over reaction to his talks against Japan. Said perhaps if he gets the information, he can keep the faith himself and also get the others back into the fold. ---- The President replied to Mr. Gaffney, Jan. 20, 1939 as follows: "... I suggest you try to visualize for yourself what life is like for business men and farmers and workers in Germany and Italy today. Their actual breathing and sleeping is by permission. Add to that the fact that they are pushing their form of government all over the world and you have the answer that if the United States does not encourage other democracies to work for democracy, it is possible to visualize our being completely surrounded by non-democracies. If the above seems far-fetched, who would have guessed in January, 1933, that Germany could make itself practically the economic and military master of the whole of Europe in less than six years? That type of government is, as you know, anti-religious, and when they get through with the Jews -- worth four or five billion dollars to them -- they will start next on the property of the Catholics and Protestants."

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DALLERY, Mrs. Robert C.  
Caldwell, H.J.  
1-18-39

Asks t e President to exercise his power in checking the influx of Jews  
from Germany and to remove Miss Perkins from her position as Secretary of Labor.

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WELLES, Hon. Sumner - State Dept.,  
Apr. 29, 1939

Writes to Miss LeHand re Myron Taylor's appointment with the President on May 4 and enclosing a memo for the President to read familiarizing himself with recent developments. -- Attached is a memo giving background saying Mr. Taylor will bring with him on May 4 a small group interested in the creation of the International Refugee Foundation. Says as a result of Mr. George Rublee's negotiations in Berlin the German Government agreed to create a trust fund from Jewish property in Germany for the purposes of facilitating emigration. Says this Government and the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees have consistently made clear that this plan involved no "agreement" between the Intergovernmental Committee and the German Government. Mr. Taylor contemplates a corporation, national and international in scope representing Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths.

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STATE DEPT., The  
June 19, 1939

The President referred for draft of a reply, letter from Rep. Wm. I. Sirovich, June 8, to the President who writes at some length of the Nazi threat to Christianity as well as Judaism and says that history proves that the enemy of the Jew is always the enemy of the Christian. Gives description of Nazi imperialistic aims and anti-semitic propaganda. Urges the President to make most pressing representations to the British Government that this Nation looks to the carrying out of the letter and spirit of the Balfour Declaration. Says the White Paper of May 17 attempts to abrogate Palestine as a homeland for the Jews, which is unacceptable to the American People. -- Sec. Hull submitted draft on June 22. -- On June 22, the President wrote to Rep. Sirovich saying that so far as the treaty rights of the U.S. are concerned, they were clearly set forth in a public statement by the State Dept. on Oct. 14, 1938, and the position of this Government as explained in that statement remains unaffected. Reassures him that we continue to bear in mind the interest which our people have in Palestine.

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Sheppard, Senator Morris  
7-12-39

Letter to the President, enclosing letter and accompanying papers from J. Fred Philippi, Mexico City, Oslo 8, D.F., dated 7-9-39. Suggests that, in an effort to maintain World Peace, Palestine be restored to the Jews and the formation of great federations of nations in Europe, in Asia and in America.

Referred to officials of the State Dept. for attention and such acknowledgment to Mr. Philippi as may be deemed appropriate, 7-17-39.

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ROBERTSON, Allan C.  
New York City  
8-15-39

Asks President's favorable consideration of enclosed outline of plan for settlement of Jewish Refugees in British Guiana and making a homeland for Jews. Writer and several of his friends desire to offer their services to help build up a Jewish national home.

---Referred to Dept. of State 8-17-39.

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Speech Material  
 Filed 8-25-39

Copy of a telegram sent by Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy to the Secretary of State, Personal for the Acting Secretary from Dublin, on Dec. 8, 1938 from London, saying that the representative of the German Embassy assured them that they would receive further explanation of the cancellation of (or postponement) the Brussels meeting in the course of the previous day, Dec. 7th. Through a telephone call from Berenger's office in Paris, they were told that the matter of refugees had been raised by Bonnet in his conversation with von Ribbentrop. The result was very bad. Ribbentrop, when pressed, had said to Bonnet that the Jews in Germany without exception were pickpockets, murderers and thieves. Went on to explain how the German Government had decided to assimilate them with the criminal elements of the population with their subsequent loss of property and possible escape for some into other countries. Ambassador Kennedy goes on to say that from German contact they have information that the French raised the question of refugees not only in principle but concretely in respect to the financial aspects of the question. Berenger gave him hint that his Government was preparing to take this line. Mr. Kennedy said that they attempted to dissuade him from crossing wires with their negotiations and he assured he would do his best to keep the discussion of refugees on a general plane but he added that Chamberlain had requested Deladier to take the matter up with Ribbentrop. This is denied by Winterton. The British assured that they did not countenance to the French the details of the financial plan which they now have prepared but which they are holding back. Mr. Kennedy goes on to say that the British do not know what specific financial proposals Bonnet may have raised with Ribbentrop and with regard to the visit of Belmont to London no conclusive information can be had.

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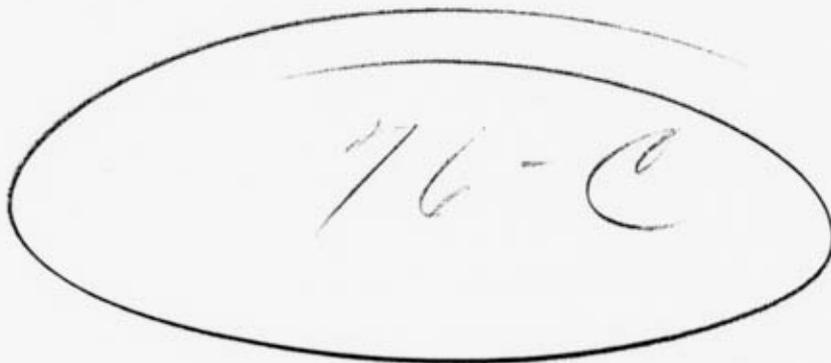
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STATS, The Secretary of  
Sept. 15, 1939

Writes to the President, enclosing memo of meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, which took place in Mr. Taylor's office at New York, Sept. 14. Says it shows that at this time agreement is lacking among the groups directly interested as regards the future of the work in behalf of refugees. Says agreement on point however, that is that Monsieur van Zeeland, who has been chosen as President of the Refugee Coordinating Corp. should be invited to sit in at meeting at the white House on Oct. 17th. Asks the President if he agrees about this invitation. -- Says in the memo that 3 viewpoints seemed to emerge: (1) The "professionals" such as Jas. G. McDonald and Geo. Warren wish to continue to develop the settlement projects such as British Guiana and the Dominican Republic. (2) The moderate Jewish leaders such as Mr. Baerwald and Lewis Straus felt that in view of outbreak of war settlement projects should be held in abeyance. (3) The Zionists constituted the third group and their spokesman Rabbi Stephen S. Wise feel that the Palestine issued should be raised by the President at this time with the member of the British Government, Lord Brinton. -- The President ok'ed this and returned original letter to Mr. Hull on Sept. 16th.

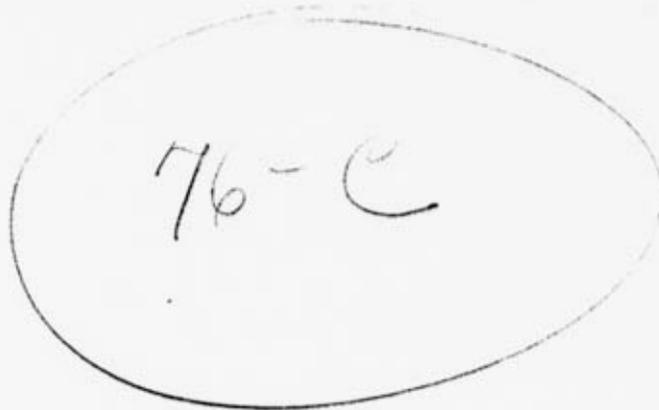
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FARLEY, Hon. James A., Chairman,  
Democratic National Committee,  
New York, N.Y.  
Nov. 1, 1939.

Encloses to the President a letter which he received from Yitzhak ber Shalom, Dublin, Eirie, suggesti that Eirie be used as a vast evacuation camp to millions of women, children and aged, who shall be evacuated from the war zones to neutral countries.

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DAVIS, Norman H.,  
American Red Cross,  
Wash., D.C.  
Nov. 15, 1939.

Memorandum to the President, enclosing a cable from their Delegation now in Berlin. States that if the plan outlined is approved by the German Foreign Office, it will be possible to give very constructive help with the necessary safeguards against discrimination against the Jews, and satisfactory assurances that the relief will reach the Poles, for whom it was intended. Also encloses copy of the cable they are sending.

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BORDEN, Mr. R.F. H.  
Brookline, Mass.,  
Nov. 15, 1939

Writes (from Wash., D.C.) to the President requesting an interview to discuss his gasoline process which will save the Government about \$30,000,000. annually. Mentions valuable property (known as the Chiriqui Estate or Grant in Panama) which he is ready to put up as security for a loan from the Government. Attaches an agreement between the President and the U.S. Government and himself merely setting forth what he can and will agree to do in the interest of the Government and the unfortunate Jewish Refugees. -- On Nov. 16, Mr. Borden also writes to Mrs. Roosevelt asking her to intercede for him re an appointment. -- Mr. Kannee made notation on Dec. 7 that he is not answering Mr. Borden's letters on the assumption that he will call at the White House in the very near future.

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TEMPLE, Richmond,  
Haymarket, London, S.W.1  
Nov. 18, 1939.

Letter to Mr. Early, enclosing to him a little pamphlet entitled "Some Victims of the Nazi Terror". It tell of what has become and been done for, many of the Refugees from Central Europe. This booklet was produced by writer for the German-Jewish Council.

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