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FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

As a result of your conversation with the late Premier Sikorsky of Poland, the United States Government agreed to place to the account of the Polish Government the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of transporting and caring for Polish refugees in Mexico.

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Up to the present time, 1,441 refugees have been transported to Mexico. Sums have been withdrawn from the \$3,000,000 fund based on estimates of quarterly requirements drawn up by the Polish authorities and submitted to us for approval; through May 31, 1944, a total of \$529,529 had been advanced.

The exchange of notes states that this Government will "place to the account of the Polish Government" the amount of \$3,000,000. Secretary of State Hull has stated that he regards advances to be made under this agreement as in the nature of a loan. This accords with our own judgment.

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I should appreciate a statement from you, verifying our understanding that the advances to the Polish Government are to be regarded as a loan, and not as a gift.

Respectfully,

LEO T. CROWLEY
Administrator

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June 5, 1944.

Approved:

L.J.C.
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6/5/44

copy initialed
6/5/44
ret'd to Mr.
Crowley 6/6/44

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LEHMAN, Hon. Herbert H.
Director of Office of Foreign
Relief and Rehabilitation,
Department of State
July 1, 1943.

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Wrote the President enclosing a copy of a letter he received from the Polish Ambassador, thought the President would be interested in reading this letter.
-- Copy of Letter to Hon. Lehman from Ambassador J. Ciechanowski, 6/29/43, expressing his sincere thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Polish Government and the Polish people to the Government and people of the United States and to the Government and people of Mexico for aiding the Polish refugees, who had been deported to Russia.

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