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EVACUATION OF CHILDREN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

January 6, 1944.

I telephoned Mr. Riegelman today and asked him to furnish the Treasury with copies of cable No. 340 from Bern of January 15, 1943, and cable No. 929 from Bern of February 11, 1943, which are mentioned in Bern's cable No. 3465 of June 9, 1943, and which have not to date been furnished the Treasury.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

January 5, 1944.

A meeting was held at 11:30 in Mr. Pehle's office this morning to discuss the proposed cable to Bern transmitting the text of the license issued to the JDC concerning relief and evacuation operations in France and stating that the operations had "the approval of the Department and of the Treasury." Mr. Henry Labouisse, Special Adviser on Eastern Hemisphere matters, and Mr. Riegelman, of the Eastern Hemisphere Division, represented the State Department. Messrs. Pehle and Schmidt and Miss Hodel were present for the Treasury.

Since the State Department representatives indicated that they were not familiar with the background on this case, Mr. Pehle commenced the discussion with an outline of the various cables which had been exchanged between Bern and State and between Donald Lowrie and the JDC. He also explained that, while the transactions had been previously authorized by the Treasury, no definitive license had been issued and that, in view of the license which had been issued to Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, it was felt desirable to issue a license immediately to the JDC.

The State Department representatives pointed out that, in considering whether or not it would indicate its approval of the JDC operations, State was concerned over the possibility of conflict and competition between the two organizations operating in the same area. In particular, it was pointed out that from a security angle serious harm might result in cases where two competing officials might attempt, for example, to bribe the same official in France. Mr. Pehle stated that the problem of fundamental conflict between the two organizations was one which could not be solved here. He suggested, however, that it might be possible to require the two organizations to send messages to their respective agents requesting cooperation. Mr. Riegelman felt that this would not be sufficient and that it would be advisable to apprise Harrison of the possible difficulties and arrange to have him arbitrate if any difficulties arose. Mr. Pehle emphatically stated that we would be opposed to any such advice and instruction to Harrison.

A second point of concern to State was the fact that the cable to Bern did not point up the differences in the two licenses, i.e., that the World Jewish Congress license covers evacuation operations and that the JDC license covers relief as well as evacuation. It was indicated in this connection that State would have no objection to Treasury's amending the World Jewish Congress license, if it should be decided to do so. As a third point, the State representatives questioned the meaning of "persons in France whose lives are in imminent danger." Riegelman feared that this phrase might not include all Jews. It was explained that we felt that the term undoubtedly covered the people we are worried about.

It was finally suggested that the last paragraph of the cable be reworded to read as follows: "These operations, as well as the operations referred to in Department's 3168, December 18, 1943, have the approval of the Department and of the Treasury and you should take all reasonable steps to facilitate them." Mr. Latouisse and Mr. Riegelman stated that they thought with such a change State would go along. It was agreed that Treasury would consider the problem raised with respect to possible conflict between the two organizations and the amendment of the World Jewish Congress license and that Riegelman would advise us of State's decision concerning the despatch of the cable including reference to State's approval.

F. Hodel

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

January 5, 1944.

At 6:08 p.m. Riegelman telephoned to advise me as follows:

1. The cable to Bern as drafted by Treasury with the change in the last paragraph (discussed with Labouisse and Riegelman earlier today) had been approved by State and was in the process of being dispatched. Riegelman expressed concern over the fact that he had been asked to paraphrase our draft for despatch. He asked that we go over the paraphrase with him in the near future in order to make sure that no serious changes had occurred in the paraphrasing.

2. At the same time, a second cable for the personal attention of Minister Harrison was being sent by State because State felt very strongly that the Mission should be apprised of the differences between the World Jewish Congress and the JDC licenses and should be warned of the difficulties which might arise with the two organizations operating similar plans in the same area. He added that they were aware that such a message was contrary to Mr. Pehle's views, as expressed in the morning meeting. However, State felt that it is a better judge than we are of operations in the field and that in this case such a message would be extremely helpful. Riegelman then reluctantly agreed to give me a paraphrase of the second cable as follows:

"Consideration has been given by the Department to the license issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in the light of that of the license issued to the World Jewish Congress and contained in our 3168 of December 18. The license to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is referred to in our immediately previous telegram.

It is envisaged in the license issued to the JDC that operations will be carried on which are designed solely to effect relief to persons in France whose lives are in imminent danger in addition to operations designed to bring about the evacuation thereof. A restriction is contained in the license issued to the World Jewish Congress limiting its operations in France to evacuation. We recognise that there is this difference. The manner by which the two proposals arose is in part at least the cause of this difference. The license to the World Jewish Congress may be amended by the Treasury but your attention is being called to this difference for the purpose of enabling you to facilitate both plans as set forth in the respective licenses and for the purpose of avoiding confusion in your mind.

The sole fact that two organizations are now engaged in operations in the same general area for the same general purpose is recognized as making possible the development of certain difficulties.

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The entire program may well be endangered by competition between them. In order to insure that the objectives contemplated by each of the two plans are attained to the fullest possible degree you are requested to take such reasonable action as may appear expedient or advisable to you."

3. State is greatly disturbed over the fact that through Censorship they had picked up a private message sent through open facilities and mentioning the transmittal of the license through State's facilities (apparently a message from the JDC to Saly Mayer). He said that the private individuals concerned must be told to stop this sort of thing at once because of the dangers of violating neutral countries' censorship and because the Germans might use the information to their benefit. He added that State would be glad to transmit messages of this type for the private individuals.

4. Riegelman expressed great concern over an article, appearing on page 4 of the Evening Star for today, to the effect that the Germans have worked out a new way of getting ransom from Jews in Rumania. Riegelman fears the programs we have licensed may have some effect on that picture.

F. Hodel

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January 5, 1944

Mr. Paul

J. W. Pehle

The Secretary called for this material this morning in a hurry and since you were not available I sent it directly to him as per memorandum attached.

(Initialed) J. W. P.

JWPehle:mgt 1/5/44

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Jan. 3, 1944

Secretary Morgenthau
J. W. Pehle

There is attached, pursuant to your request, a copy of the memorandum describing the proposed JDC operations in France, and approved by you on August 26, 1943. Also attached for your information is a copy of the license issued on January 3, 1944, to the JDC covering these operations.

Attachments.

JWPehle:lhh 1/5/44

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Secretary Morgenthau

JAN 3 1944

Randolph Paul

In connection with the license recently issued to the World Jewish Congress concerning the evacuation of Jews from France and Rumania, you will be interested to know that Foreign Funds Control has just issued a license with appropriate safeguards to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee authorizing its representative in Switzerland to undertake the transactions necessary to arrange for the evacuation of persons in France whose lives are in imminent danger and to sustain and safeguard their lives pending possible evacuation. Some of these transactions had already been authorized by the Treasury but no formal license had been issued. Following the precedent of the license issued at State's direction in the World Jewish Congress case, the financial transactions under the license are to be checked with the Legation only to the extent "feasible."

We have been advised that the license will be used immediately to bring relief to several thousand homeless and abandoned children in France. Recent reports received by the JDC indicate that the plight of these children is extremely serious and that funds are needed at once if they are to be saved. In view of this, we have authorized the JDC to make an initial remittance of $200,000 to Switzerland, in order to commence operations under the program. It is contemplated, however, that at least $600,000 will be needed during the next six months.

In view of the urgency of the situation and in order to avoid undue delays, the necessary licenses were issued here in Washington without clearance with State and the British. State, has of course, been requested to cable the text of the basic license to Bern for the information of our Legation and Saly Mayer, the JDC representative in Switzerland. We have also suggested that the Legation in Bern be requested to take reasonable steps to facilitate operations under the license and to report promptly the progress being made and any difficulties encountered.

(Initialed) H.M.P.

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Please transmit promptly to Saly Mayer, representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, St. Gall, Switzerland, the following which is the text of a license which has been issued by the Treasury Department to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee: (Text of license begins):

"1. In order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety of persons in France whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, your representative in Switzerland (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11 to communicate with persons in France in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the payment to persons in France of French francs for goods and services. The necessary French franc funds to finance such operations may be obtained by either of the following two methods:

(a) The first method is the purchase of French francs from persons in Switzerland who your representative, after consulting with the United States Legation in Bern when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such French francs since prior to the fall of France or have since acquired such francs in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such francs may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rate of exchange in Switzerland for French francs.

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(b) The second method is the acquisition of French francs from persons in France or elsewhere for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such francs, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

2. The total amount of dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed 2,500,000 Swiss francs, or the dollar equivalent thereof, during the six months' period beginning January 1, 1944.

3. Your representative should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fullyinformed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. In so far as feasible your representative should make certain that the persons from whom the French francs are purchased are acceptable to the Legation. Your representative should satisfy himself that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by your representative through the United States Legation in Bern." (End of text of license.)

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Please advise Saly Mayer that this license has been issued by the Treasury Department in order to clarify the procedure to be followed by him in connection with the acquisition of French francs for use in relief and evacuation operations in France and that the Treasury Department will consider requests to increase the total amount of dollars or Swiss francs specified in paragraph (2) of the license.

Please take all reasonable steps to facilitate these operations and promptly report to us the progress being made and any difficulties encountered, particularly in connection with the financial operations involved.

25 JAN 4 1944

In reply please
refer to: 57024

Dear Mr. Kimball:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of license No. W-2106, issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Assistant to the Secretary

Mr. H. H. Kimball,
Assistant Vice President,
Foreign Funds Control Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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2cc to Miss Hillis

TEEL-1 (Special)
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Foreign Funds Control

License No. W-2106

Date: January 3, 1944

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389 OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
(Name of Licensee)

270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

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4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by your representative through the United States Legation in Bern.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

J. W. Pehle
Assistant to the Secretary

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JAN 3 1944

MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LONG

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It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland.

Attachment.

(Signed) J.C. Dunn

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CABLE TO BERN

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December 31, 1943.

Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
Foreign Funds Control
Treasury Department
Sloan Building - 12th & G Streets
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

When Dr. Schwartz, our European Director, was in this country, he advised us that Mr. Saly Mayer, our representative in Geneva, was having great difficulty in securing French francs in Switzerland by virtue of the conditions which were attached to the cablegrams sent to him through your good offices.

You will recall that one of the conditions in the cable was that the sellers of the French francs would have to be approved by the Commercial Attache of the American Legation in Berne. This condition was interpreted by the Commercial Attache in such a way as to make it virtually impossible for Mr. Mayer to secure approvals of prospective sellers. The intensive investigation which was insisted upon by the Commercial Attache was such as to discourage any sellers from negotiating any transactions.

We realize that the Treasury Department is concerned that the sources from which Mr. Mayer would obtain French francs should be reliable and should in no way represent dealings with the enemy. As to that, we have complete confidence in Mr. Mayer that he would under no circumstances negotiate with any enemy agents. Nevertheless, individuals who may have French francs are reluctant to subject themselves to the type of investigation which apparently was considered necessary by the Commercial Attache.

We would urge you, if you possibly could, to amend the instructions to Mr. Mayer or to issue a license to us which would enable him to secure French francs in Switzerland against payment of Swiss francs, under the conditions that he would, to the best of his ability, make certain that he is dealing with reliable people and to consult with the American Legation in Berne in connection with any purchases that he may effect. I believe that in this way it will be possible for Mr. Mayer to secure the French francs which are so vitally needed at the present time in France in order to save the lives of thousands of children who are now being hidden away in private homes and whose care and maintenance must be pro-

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vided. I am positive that Mr. Mayer will be glad to work in the closest possible collaboration with the American Legation and in this way to assure the Treasury Department that no aid or comfort will be given to the enemy.

May we ask you to be good enough to issue a license to us to transmit immediately to Saly Mayer the equivalent in Swiss francs of $200,000, which is to be used by him for the rescue of the children in France. You will recall that our original authorization to Saly Mayer was for a total of $600,000 in connection with this childrens' program. In the light of the intensified persecution by the Germans in France of the Jewish people and of these children, it is of paramount importance that Mr. Mayer have the funds available so that he can provide funds for the persons in France who are risking their lives to take care of these children. We shall communicate with Mr. Mayer and ask him to advise us when he requires additional funds so that we can then apply for an additional license against the $600,000 appropriation.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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HITLER'S BIOLOGICAL WAR WILL DESTROY THE FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE OF EUROPE UNLESS WE SEND FOOD TO THE CHILDREN

THE CHILD THAT IS HUNGRY MUST BE FED

THAT WAS AGREED BY ALL THE NATIONS AT GENEVA

BELGIAN TEACHERS ARE FACED WITH ROWS OF PALE AND HUNGRY FACES. SOME PUPILS ARE TOO WEAK TO GO TO SCHOOL, OR FAINT WHEN THEY GET THERE WITHOUT BREAKFAST

Issued by the Famine Relief Committee
67 Brook St., London W. 1
Chairman, The Bishop of Chichester

The above is a sample of large posters used in England. British public opinion demands that help be sent to the children now. The press, labor leaders, organizations and church leaders led by the Archbishop of Canterbury are urging it.

EXPERIENCE POINTS THE WAY

1. Our State Department and the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London agree that the Germans do not take any of the 18,600 tons of food going to Greece every month. The operation does not help the enemy but saves the Greeks. For two years, ending in the fall of 1942, we fed 100,000 children in France. The Germans never touched our food.

2. The Germans could not profit indirectly by seizing more French food, for each child helped was required to consume its full portion of local food before being given a supplement of imported food, [illegible] equivalent was left that the enemy might [illegible]

4. Norway, Holland, Belgium and France have their own funds. The children could be fed without expense to the American taxpayer. Other occupied countries might require financial [illegible]

5. Only neutral ships not available for the war effort would be used to send the food.

6. No food needed for ourselves or our Allies would be used. A little grain from here, meats and fats from South America and Africa. 51,000 tons a month would save 10,000,000 children, [illegible] and expectant mothers. The Dept. of Agriculture says we waste several times that amount. Surely the crumbs which fall from our table [illegible]

The Germans eat!

The children of the democratic peoples who have fought for liberty for centuries before our country was born die of starvation.

How can we reconstruct democracy if the people who believe in it perish or become so weak in mind and body that only the Nazis will have strength to rebuild Europe?

We could prevent this by allowing a little food to be sent to the children.

Experience in Greece and France shows that it can be done without aiding the enemy.

It would shorten the war by giving courage and strength to our friends who fight hard for us now and whose help we will need in reconstruction days ahead.

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3. The Germans did not reduce the ration cards of the children helped. These children continued to have the same ration cards as the other children.

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7. The International Red Cross which supervises distribution so well in Greece would do it equally well in the other occupied countries.

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"I have seen the starvation-bloated stomachs of these dying children. I have heard the tubercular cough mingled with the cry for bread and I can never forget it." —HOWARD E. KIRSCHNER

To save these children, write or wire the President, the Secretary of State, your Congressman and your two Senators asking that food be sent at once

If you would like to see this and similar appeals appear all over America, cut out the coupon on the right and mail it with your contribution

Temporary Council on Food for Europe's Children, 70 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

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Make checks payable to the Treasurer and mail to the following name and address:

Hon. Dave Hennen Morris, Treasurer,
Temporary Council on Food for Europe's Children,
Room 1041, 70 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

Here is my contribution of $ _____ toward the cost of an advertising campaign for the saving of Europe's children. It is understood that all funds received will be used for this purpose.

Name _____

Address _____

Accounts will be audited by Independent Public Accountants.

Thousands would have signed this appeal, but to save time and space we publish only the first sixty acceptances received.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

12/30/43
Copied from original which Mr. Leavitt stated had been handed to him by Travers to-day. HH.

In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Leavitt:

I desire to confirm and to give you for your records certain information which has been received from Dr. Donald Lowrie.

The condition of the Jews in France becomes progressively worse. As an example, in Nice the deportation of more than 5,000 razzias continues. ~~While~~ In Marseille and Nimes and Perpigan, hundreds of families have been sent to Drancy. At Toulouse the French militia are collaborating with the German police in chasing the Jews and several Jews have been executed after every assassination by French partisans. Mass arrests have occurred and many Jewish families have been compelled to abandon apartments [~~and~~] given German families from barred districts in Dordogne, Creuse and Haute Vienne.

All Jews who were seriously ill and detained at the St. Louis Hospital, Perpigan, as well as old people, women and children residing in centers foreigners() social service have been deported. East-bound transport comprised 1,500 persons from Drancy was noted on November 20. The Gestapo persecutes Jewish social organizations and UGIF in state dissolution.

After Lambert Baurstora, the late General Director, Gaston Kahn and many high employees were transported to Drancy; the Gestapo arrested Zadoc Kahn, the Director of Rothchild's Hospital, Heilbronner, Consistary President with their families and camp commissioner, Sister Onin Corpore. Five social assistants of OSE were lost while attempting to save children at Nice and "Ell" deported.

According

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
The American Joint Distribution
Committee,
New York, New York.

According to the last news received on December 9, the childrens help activities will ~~form new or~~ be continued in unofficial form; homes are in dissolution. It is estimated that private families have received some 6,000 children.

It is urgently necessary to save additional 1,500 newly abandoned children, placing them with families. The local finance organizations have been totally destroyed and Dyka and Maurice are in hiding.

In order to facilitate rescue activities, we desire to repeat an earlier request and to endeavor to obtain promises of visas for several thousand children hidden in France or refugee Switzerland.

Dr. Lowrie suggests that Lisbon should be kept fully informed.

The information contained in the above telegram is not good news but I want you to know that anything the Department can do to assist in rescuing these poor people will be done and as I have mentioned to you verbally, we are continuing our efforts on behalf of the children.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Howard K. Travers

Howard K. Travers
Chief, Visa Division

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FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

To:
(1) Mr. Behrendt (Room) State Dept (Bldg.)
(2) Miss Hodil (Room) 603 Sloane (Bldg.)
(3) (Room) (Bldg.)

May I have your views as to advisability of release of this message? I believe that this is an inbound communication from enemy territory in view of our recent relaxation of E.R. as to refugee activities, and could recommend release and get reply referred.

R J Behrendt

From: R. Blumberg DEC 10 1948 (Date)
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SPECIAL DIVISION

Rec'd 12/13/43

John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Director of Foreign Funds Control,
Treasury Department.

Attention Censorship Relations Section.

SD No. Date December 8, 1943

The Department of State has received telegram no. 7564 dated December 2, 1943, from the American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, containing a message from Saly Mayer for Dr. Joseph Schwartz, care of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., New York City, a paraphrase of which is transmitted below for the information of the Treasury Department and for such comment as it may wish to make. It is requested that the Special Division of the Department of State be informed whether the message may be forwarded to Dr. Schwartz, provided it is cleared by the Chief Cable Censor.

It is my pleasure to notify you of the arrival in Switzerland of Valobra.

Referring to your telegram of the 17th, financial activity in France is impossible due to lack of organization. Flight into Switzerland and Spain and hiding in Gentile homes constitute rescue work. Although there are at present very great practical difficulties for realization of dollars into Swiss francs, I am continuing strenuous efforts to reach a successful issue out of hindrances.

Appropriate Swiss authority is willing to permit a large number of new children from France to enter Switzerland and, in event plan materializes, shall use French credit to rescue these children.

I am, while awaiting your report concerning a loan of Swiss francs, working on a solution of the financial problem.

GGB 12/13/43 After checking with Mr. Pehle's telephone talk. Blake and advised him that we had no objection to the release of this cable. JH

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

December 8, 1943.

A meeting was held in Mr. Pehle's office today for the purpose of discussing certain problems which have arisen in connection with foreign work presently being done by the J.D.C. The J.D.C. representatives present were Miss Laura Margolis, who recently returned from Shanghai on the "Griqualand", Dr. Schwartz and Messrs. Hyman and Leavitt (Schwartz having just come back from Lisbon). Treasury was represented by Messrs. Pehle, Luxford, Irving Friedman and Miss Hodel.

The discussion was opened with a report from Dr. Schwartz concerning the difficulties which Saly Mayer is encountering in Switzerland in connection with working out the details of financing the J.D.C. program to evacuate children from France. Mayer apparently has been attempting to acquire French francs in Switzerland in order to finance the program. However, he has repeatedly reported to Dr. Schwartz that he has had difficulty with the United States Commercial Attache in Berne on the problem of getting the Mission's approval of the persons from whom the French francs are to be acquired. The Mission appears to be requiring very rigid investigations of each individual seller — so rigid that the individuals are objecting strenuously and even refusing to go ahead with Mayer. Schwartz reports that Saly Mayer also had been advised by the Commercial Attache that the Treasury Department's General Ruling No. 17, to which the Swiss Government strongly objects, added to the difficulties. Mr. Mayer has indicated to Schwartz that, while the Commercial Attache insists that the restrictions have been imposed by this Government, he does not appear to be sympathetic to the program and even seems to be looking for reasons to delay it. It was the feeling of Dr. Schwartz and Mr. Leavitt that the information being requested of Mayer and the individual sellers is unreasonable and unnecessary under the program which the Treasury has approved. Mr. Pehle suggested that we might give consideration to having the checking of the sources of the local currency handled by representatives of the J.D.C. or some other organization.

Mr. Leavitt mentioned that similar difficulty was being encountered or would be encountered in connection with the Swiss franc equivalent of one million dollars which Saly Mayer will attempt to borrow in the near future. We agreed to look into the question and give consideration to an amendment of the license recently issued to the J.D.C. to deposit one million dollars in a blocked account in the United States against which Mayer will borrow in Switzerland.

Dr. Schwartz then raised the Swiss franc question and explained that the J.D.C. is encountering very serious difficulties. He stated that they were greatly concerned about the possibility of not acquiring sufficient Swiss francs for their 1944 program. He inquired concerning the possibility of acquiring Swiss francs through escudos and Mr. Pehle explained that we would object to this. He suggested that we discuss this question at a later date with Mr. Leavitt.

Mr. Leavitt then raised a question concerning Italy. Reports have been received from chaplains in Italy concerning the situation of Jewish refugees who are in dire need of funds. J.D.C. is anxious to send help to these people and Leavitt inquired concerning possible methods of making remittances. He explained that the Jewish Welfare Board is presently sending money orders through Army Post Offices for the regular expenditures of our chaplains. Mr. Pehle stated that if the J.D.C. could use the same method we would have no objection; that, as far as using regular banking channels was concerned, Treasury was presently working on the problem and the J.D.C. would be advised as soon as that method opened up. He added that any special method of remittance at this time would have to be cleared with the Army and he advised against raising the question now.

The discussion then turned to the Shanghai situation, and Miss Margolis, the former J.D.C. representative there, reported that she had borrowed almost $500,000 since Pearl Harbor against a promise that the J.D.C. would pay the sums borrowed on (1) presentation of the "contracts" in New York, or (2) six months after peace was signed with Japan. She pointed out, however, that the so-called contracts contain no assurances of a J.D.C. promise to pay because she was unable to make such assurances, not having received any communication from the J.D.C. after the outbreak of war. She explained that she could not indicate the number of contracts which were outstanding because there had been so many transactions ranging from small amounts to more substantial sums. Because of her need for funds, she borrowed from anyone in any amount. All of the contracts called for payment in Swiss francs which was required by the Japanese Government. The rates ranged from 3 Chinese dollars per Swiss franc, up to 15.50 Chinese dollars per Swiss franc. The Japanese permitted her to borrow only from so-called neutrals. In this latter group were included Norwegians, French, White Russians, and certain German refugees. She explained that one of the notes is being returned to this country by a person who recently arrived on the "Gripsholm." The note is for a few thousand dollars.

Miss Margolis then raised the question of the recent message which was sent to Adler and she was advised that we had requested him not to repeat the message to Shanghai. She also stated that it would be of considerable assistance to people carrying on the refugee work in Shanghai to have a message containing assurances from the J.D.C. and authorizing further borrowings. She suggested that the message be sent through International Red Cross channels and she stated that, if such channels were used, she was confident that the Japanese would not know about it and would cause no harm to any of the people in Shanghai.

Miss Margolis then told about some of the refugee work being carried on in Shanghai. She stated that there are about 15,000 refugees who have been segregated in an area of one-half square mile. Many of these people are dying off, in fact the death rate has been about one a day since June 1942. The

people are living in poorly constructed barracks which are not heated and sickness is very prevalent. She explained that the J.D.C. has been able to carry on a feeding program for about 5,000 of the group. The feeding amounts to one meal a day containing 400 to 500 calories. Because of the limited funds at their disposal, they have been forced to limit their relief to the old, the sick, women and children and to rotate the groups who are receiving the feedings. With respect to the question of whether or not the Japanese were strongly anti-semitic, she explained that they had encountered no interference from the Japanese as long as the segregation of the refugees was maintained on a stateless basis and she added that in their own group there were about 3,000 non-aryans.

F. Rodel

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November 16, 1943

Elsa Blake of the Special Division of the State Department called to ask our views on this matter. I advised him of the contents of our letter. He later called back to advise that the cable was being dispatched on the basis of my oral clearance.

F. Hodel

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In reply please
refer to: 56156

NOV 16 1943

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Attention: Special Division

Reference is made to your communication, (SD No. 7), dated November 12, 1943, concerning a message which the American Joint Distribution Committee desires to transmit through official channels to Mr. Saly Mayer at Zurich, Switzerland.

Insofar as Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, is concerned, the Treasury Department hereby authorizes the sending of the message quoted in your communication. This Department would appreciate it if the message could be dispatched immediately and would like to be informed of the date of its dispatch.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Assistant to the Secretary

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Cleared with JWP.

FHodel:hd 11/15/43 L.S.

100 to Mr. Cochran

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(1) Mr. Schuncik (Censorship Relations Sec.) 214 Dist. N.B.B. (Room) (Bldg.)

(2) Miss Hodel (Room) (Bldg.)

(3) (Room) (Bldg.)

Miss Hodel will probably be interested in this matter.

Miss Hodel:—
for your info + views. — It appears that release is in order. Do you agree?
K J Schuncik

From: Correspondence Section NOV 13 1943 (Date)

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John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Director of Foreign Funds Control,
Treasury Department.

Attention Censorship Relations Section.

SD No. 7 date November 12, 1943.

The Department of State has received a letter dated October 25, 1943 from the American Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York containing a message which it desires transmitted by telegraph through official channels to Mr. Saly Mayer at Zurich, Switzerland. This message is quoted below for the information of the Treasury Department and for such comment as it may wish to make. It is requested that the Special Division of the Department of State be informed whether the message after clearance by the Chief Cable Censor may be forwarded to Mr. Mayer.

"Joint Distribution Committee has no intention limiting you to monthly credit of $100,000. stop You are authorized to arrange for purchase French francs under conditions stipulated by United States Treasury up to a total of $600,000. stop Should this credit be exhausted in less than six months beginning September 1943 please advise further needs stop Assume you will keep us currently informed progress this action."

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Discussed with Gwp —
who suggested we hold for
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My dear Miss Hodel:

I have received the following letter from Mr. R. K. Taylor of the British Embassy which, I believe, may be of some interest to you:

"We have been informed by the Ministry of Economic Warfare that the question of providing additional sustenance for children in the Channel Islands has been under discussion with the Channel Islands Save the Children Fund.

"The Ministry of Economic Warfare are agreeing to a proposal whereby the sum of £3,000 is being conveyed from the Lord Mayor's General Fund to a blocked account in the name of Mr. Weatherall and Lord Justice De Parcq in the National Provincial Bank. The National Provincial Bank in Guernsey will be informed by safe means, and without the transaction coming to the knowledge of the enemy. The National Provincial Bank, Guernsey, will then advance funds up to £3,000, to those responsible for the administration of relief to the children in the Channel Islands.

"The Ministry of Economic Warfare ask us to inform you of this, explaining that the sum is comparatively small, but will render very considerable aid, and will also relieve the consistent political pressure bearing on this subject."

Yours sincerely,

Lithgow Osborne

Lithgow Osborne
Chief, Division of
Special Relief Problems

Miss Florence Hodel,
Special Assistant to the Director,
Foreign Funds Control,
Washington, D. C.

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October 25th, 1943.

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Foreign Funds Control,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have to-day sent to Mr. Travers.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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October 25th, 1943.

Mr. H. K. Travers,
Chief, Visa Division,
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Travers:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of October 22nd in which you inform us of the telegram that you had received from the Legation at Bern which Mr. Mayer requested be sent to us. In reply to that telegram, may we ask you to please transmit through the State Department channels, the following message to Mr. Saly Mayer in Zurich, Switzerland:

"Joint Distribution Committee has no intention limiting you to monthly credit of $100,000. stop You are authorized to arrange for purchase French francs under conditions stipulated by United States Treasury up to a total of $600,000. stop Should this credit be exhausted in less than six months beginning September 1943 please advise further needs stop Assume you will keep us currently informed progress this action."

Naturally, we shall be very happy to pay whatever cable charges are involved.

Yours sincerely,

Moses A. Leavitt
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October 12, 1943

Mr. John W. Pehle,
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Dear Mr. Pehle:

The enclosed copy of a cable from Dr. Schwartz is self-explanatory. Our reply to Donald Lowrie on the French situation has been sent to Geneva, we were informed yesterday.

Sincerely yours,

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John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Director of Foreign Funds Control,
Treasury Department.

Attention Censorship Relations Section.

SD No. 6 date October 1, 1943

The Department of State has received a letter dated September 29, 1943, from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, containing a message, which is quoted below for the information of the Treasury Department and for such comment as it may wish to make. It is requested that the Special Division of the Department of State be informed whether the message, if cleared by the Chief Cable Censor, may be forwarded to the addressee, Mr. Donald Lowrie, in care of the American Legation at Bern, Switzerland.

> "Received your message describing tragic situation Jews in France. Please consult Saly Mayer regarding our authorization to him arrange for local borrowing of French francs or purchase such francs in Switzerland from sources approved by American Legation, Bern. We can only hope that such arrangements will be made to meet in some degree the desperate needs."

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

September 30, 1943

I called Mr. Gilson Blake, Special Division of the State Department, and advised him that we were interested in the proposed cable from JDC to Donald Lowrie concerning the situation of the Jews in France. Mr. Blake advised me that he felt before transmitting the cable he should have clearance from both Treasury Department and Censorship and that he had sent copies to the foregoing by special messenger.

October 5, 1943

To date, the Department has not received the message which Mr. Blake said had been sent to the Treasury. After discussing the matter with Mr. Pehle, I advised Mr. Blake that, while we had not received his copy of the message, we had no objection to the release of the cable. Mr. Blake advised me that he had just received clearance from Censorship.

F. Mandel

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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FROM: AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: September 30, 1943

NUMBER: 6102

[redacted]

The following is for the attention of Treasury, OEW and the Department.

Reference is made herewith to the Department's telegram of September 17, 1943, no. 2288.

On the 28th of September Mayer called and stated that more time is needed by him to work out detailed recommendations with respect to the proposed plan for raising and distributing funds for the relief of Jewish children stranded in France under the conditions set forth by the Treasury and by the Committee's cable to Mayer contained in the Department's wire referred to above. In the meantime it is requested by Mayer that the following message be sent to the joint distribution committee:

> I feel that your generous plan is excellent and could provide help which is badly needed. Monthly sum of $100,000 is enough for the children but is not sufficient for general help. Both methods suggested by you are required for financing this sum. I am prepared to accept the conditions which you and Treasury stipulate for my own actions but owing to special difficulties of Roykin, responsibility on his behalf cannot be assumed by me. It is suggested that the credit not be divided into monthly installments but that you make it available whenever cover here can be obtained.

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September 29, 1943

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Foreign Funds Control,
Sloan Bldg.,
12th and G Streets,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

In discussion with my colleague, Mr. Leavitt, it occurred to me that we should send you a copy of the letter we received, under date of September 21st from Mr. Gilson Blake of the Special Division of the State Department, enclosing a paraphrase of a confidential message for this organization from Mr. Donald Lowrie in Switzerland, concerning the plight of the Jewish population in France, and the need to make immediately available sums of money in their behalf.

I have today communicated with Mr. Gilson Blake, requesting the cooperation of the State Department in forwarding to Donald Lowrie a message in reply to the message which the Department sent to us. Copy of our letter to the State Department making this request, is enclosed herein, for your information.

With personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Hyman

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September 21, 1943

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

Sirs:

The Department has received a telegram dated September 11, 1943, from the American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, containing a confidential message for you from Mr. Donald Lowrie, a paraphrase of which is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Gilson G. Blake
Acting Assistant Chief
Special Division

Enclosure:
Paraphrase.

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OSE has informed me that a systematic campaign for exterminating all Jews in France has reached a new climax, employing all persecution methods already known in Belgium, Holland, and Germany. New terror in Drancy, which includes physical violence to all interned women, children, and men, has been introduced by Director, Brunner, and Adjoint, Bruckner. All kinds of patients are crowded into one infected barrack of the so-called hospital, which is a mockery, and operations must be performed under impossible conditions. Only miscarriages, no normal births, have occurred. There exists real famine since the sending of food packages was discontinued. Brunner's police compel persons at liberty to surrender themselves for internment under threat of torture to members of families already in Drancy.

One letter, which serves to locate other family members, may be written by each prisoner here and deportation follows with the next convoy, once the whole family is rounded up. It has been ordered by Brunner that each person deceased, escaped, or deported must be replaced immediately by another seized at random among yellow star wearers still at liberty and in this way constant population in Drancy of approximately 3500, including numerous children, is maintained. In order to prove Drancy a comfortable, beautiful place, Brunner is decorating camp elaborately and making photographs. For eventual deportation, all children of the Paris area are being registered; 700 are in hiding; 400 have been deported; and through Eugene's efforts 200 have been sent to Jomil. However, there remain under German surveillance 600 and these should also be transferred to Jomil in order to save them. Necessary measures have been taken by Eugene, who daily awaits his own arrest, for continuation of his work.

In the grieves office, 29 Rue Bienfaisance, Paris, wholesale arrests occurred, Brunner in person arresting whole families and 45 employees in addition. There have been collected from asylums and taken to Drancy all Jewish insane and transfer of Rebaur to Drancy has also taken place. Following the removal to Drancy of all those usually in Baume la Rolande, they were deported and in the provinces the same situation exists. The entire Jewish population of a given village is seized and all jewelry and money collected by mobile columns of German police. There are in the provinces 3000 children hidden, 1000 in Jewish families, 1200 in homes, and 400 in forced residence making total in charge of OSE 6300. Specially threatened are children remaining with parents and those in forced residence. All prefectures in France were ordered on August 23 to arrest all Jewish men, foreign between 18 and 50, and French between 20 and 30 and send them to the central tod wrists organization at Marseille in convoys. As a result, Jews are being arrested everywhere, including volunteers in the French Army, escapped war prisoners, and political refugees.

I have been informed by Raoul that four children, wife, and wife's parents were arrested at Marseille, together with other employees. Also Professor Olmer is held as hostage and we await expulsion of all Jews at Marseille, as well as new measures against the union. All OSE personnel not individually sought by the police remain at their posts, despite their frightful situation. Provided they had necessary

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funds, thanks to preparations made (?) save 600 children in danger at Paris and the 1000 in Jewish families. For want of the 2000 francs to pay fare to the provinces, children perish, financial situation being catastrophic, and because 600 francs monthly pension is not guaranteed for coming months, even the 3700 in hiding (3000 in provinces and 700 at Paris) are menaced. Hence, the Gestapo is of less danger than the lack of relatively small funds. Up to the present, protection from arrest has been secured by our friends from the Italians in the prefectures under their occupation, but Italians insist that this is only a reprieve and that to avoid reprisals by Germans later, other measures are necessary.

Although it has been promised by the Italians that when leaving France they will take with them as civil prisoners the 4000 foreign Jews now in forced residence in Haute Savoie, we are not certain that this can be accomplished and we feel that the devotion and courage of our friends under greatest danger merit special assistance. It is no right of ours to expect them to risk their lives and then by lack of funds have their endeavors defeated. We have been informed by Levy, Weill, Jarblum, and Gurvic that during the last two weeks fundamental changes have occurred in the situation of UGIF, whose important officials arrested, and the situation of Jews as well. In order to save our faithful collaborators, immediate measures are indispensable and special fund of 30,000 francs paid via Saly is needed by us. Your informing Katzki would be appreciated.

[redacted]

September 29, 1943

Mr. Gilson G. Blake,
Acting Assistant Chief, Special Division,
Department of State,
Washington, 25, D. C.

Re: SD 740.00116 European War 1939/1090

My dear Mr. Blake:

With further reference to the telegram which the Department of State received, dated September 11, 1943, from the American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, containing a confidential message for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee from Mr. Donald Lowrie, a paraphrase of which you were good enough to enclose, - we should indeed be grateful if the Department would forward our reply to Mr. Donald Lowrie, through the channels of the American Legation at Bern, as follows:

> "RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE DESCRIBING TRAGIC SITUATION JEWS IN FRANCE stop PLEASE CONSULT SALY MAYER REGARDING OUR AUTHORIZATION TO HIM ARRANGE FOR LOCAL BORROWING OF FRENCH FRANCS OR PURCHASE SUCH FRANCS IN SWITZERLAND FROM SOURCES APPROVED BY AMERICAN LEGATION BERN stop WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO MEET IN SOME DEGREE THE DESPERATE NEEDS."

Would you be good enough to advise us, at your earliest convenience, concerning the disposition of our request.

With appreciation of your courtesy, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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FROM DONALD LOWRIE TRANSMITTED THROUGH AMERICAN LEGATION BERN TO AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, NEW YORK CITY PARAPHRASE OSE HAS INFORMED ME THAT A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN FOR EXTERMINATING ALL JEWS IN FRANCE HAS REACHED A NEW CLIMAX, EMPLOYING ALL PERSECUTION METHODS ALREADY KNOWN IN BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND GERMANY. NEW TERROR IN DRANCY, WHICH INCLUDES PHYSICAL VIOLENCE TO ALL INTERNED WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND MEN, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR, BRUNNER, AND ADJOINT, BRUCKNER. ALL KINDS OF PATIENTS ARE CROWDED INTO ONE INFECTED BARRACK OF THE SO-CALLED HOSPITAL, WHICH IS A MOCKERY, AND OPERATIONS MUST BE PERFORMED UNDER IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS. ONLY MISCARRIAGES, NO NORMAL BIRTHS HAVE OCCURED. THERE EXISTS REAL FAMINE SINCE THE SENDING OF FOOD PACKAGES WAS DISCONTINUED. BRUNNER'S POLICE FORCE PERSONS AT LIBERTY TO SURRENDER THEMSELVES FOR INTERNMENT UNDER THREAT OF TORTURE TO MEMBERS OF A FAMILIES ALREADY IN DRANCY.

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FROM DONALD LOWRIE TRANSMITTED THROUGH AMERICAN LEGATION BERN TO AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, NEW YORK CITY PARAPHRASE OSE HAS INFORMED ME THAT A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN FOR EXTERMINATING ALL JEWS IN FRANCE HAS REACHED A NEW CLIMAX, EMPLOYING ALL PERSECUTION METHODS ALREADY KNOWN IN BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND GERMANY. NEW TERROR IN DRANCY, WHICH INCLUDES PHYSICAL VIOLENCE TO ALL INTERNED WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND MEN, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR, BRUNNER, AND ADJOINT, BRUCKNER. ALL KINDS OF PATIENTS ARE CROWDED INTO ONE INFECTED BARRACK OF THE SO-CALLED HOSPITAL, WHICH IS A MOCKERY, AND OPERATIONS MUST BE PERFORMED UNDER IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS. ONLY MISCARRIAGES, NO NORMAL BIRTHS HAVE OCCURED. THERE EXISTS REAL FAMINE SINCE THE SENDING OF FOOD PACKAGES WAS DISCONTINUED. BRUNNER'S POLICE FORCE PERSONS AT LIBERTY TO SURRENDER THEMSELVES FOR INTERNMENT UNDER THREAT OF TORTURE TO MEMBERS OF A FAMILIES ALREADY IN DRANCY.

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Mr. Livesey

Mr. White

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QUOTE Under existing conditions could you utilize authorization to borrow locally up to $40,000 per month for next six months to carry on relief activities among refugees. If authorization desired you may expect prompt favorable response. UNQUOTE.

Please discreetly consult proper Chinese governmental authorities and unless the Chinese authorities object arrange for delivery of the message through reliable and confidential channels. Please afford the same facilities for any reply received."

SEP 4 1943

In reply please
refer to 49333

To: Mr. Bernard Meltzer,
Foreign Funds Control Division,
Department of State.

From: Orvis A. Schmidt.

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland.

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Attachment.

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original signed
Mr. Schmidt

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CABLE TO BERN

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Cleared with Messrs. Olson, Fox, DuBois.
Cleared with Leavitt by Pehle, telephone conversation 9/3.
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September 7th, 1943

Mr. John W. Pehle
Foreign Funds Control
Sloan Building
12th & G Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

May we ask you to be good enough to send the following cablegram to Mr. Saly Mayer in St. Gall, Switzerland. We would greatly appreciate your advising us when this cable has been sent and, of course, whether any reply is received.

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This is the old cable. Leavitt is to write us again confirming the new cable.

JWPehle.

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Mr. John W. Pehle, Assistant to Secretary
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

With reference to the plight of the refugees in France, we have received information that there are many thousands of children who can be saved and many adults kept alive if funds could be made available to the local refugee committees operating in that country.

Prior to November 7, 1942, we had been spending the franc equivalent of $80,000., which represented on the official basis, close to $200,000., since we were able to arrange for the purchase of francs from individuals emigrating to the United States from France, at rates which were far below the official rate of exchange. We believe that our local committees, particularly the Comite d' Assistance aux Refugies (CAR) are in a position to borrow funds locally if they had such authorization from us.

We would ask you, therefore, to be good enough to arrange to send the following cable to Mr. Saly Mayer, our representative in St. Gall, Switzerland, which gives that authorization:

"PLEASE CONSULT DONALD LOWRIE REGARDING HIS CABLES ON SITUATION JEWS IN FRANCE ALSO PLEASE CONSULT AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE stop JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE PREPARED AUTHORIZE EFROYKIN OR YOU OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS COMITE ASSISTANCE REFUGIES TO BORROW IN FRANCE UPTO EQUIVALENT ONEHUNDRED THOUSANDDOLLARS MONTHLY FOR PERIOD SIXMONTHS STARTING SEPTEMBER IF IN YOURS AND OTHERS OPINION THIS AMOUNT ADEQUATE stop SHOULD IT NOTBE POSSIBLE BORROW ALL OR ANY PART IN FRANCE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ARRANGE PURCHASE IN SWITZERLAND OF FRENCH FRANCS TOBE SENT TO FRANCE PURCHASES TOBE MADE FROM SOURCES APPROVED BY AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE AGAINST EVENTUAL REPAYMENT stop AUTHORIZATION ONEHUNDRED THOUSANDDOLLARS MONTHLY COVERS BOTH PROCEDURES

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Secretary Morgenthau
Randolph Paul

Attached is a very important memorandum about our policy on financial relief in occupied areas. Pehle and I would like to discuss it with you as promptly as possible.

(initialed) R. E. P.

cc: Fox, Schmidt, Olsen, DuBois, E. M. Bernstein

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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TO Secretary Morgenthau

AUG 26 1943

FROM Randolph Paul

We have just received copies of two cables from our Mission in Bern, which are attached for your information, regarding the desperate plight of Jewish children in France. It appears that beginning last autumn approximately 4,000 children, ranging from 2 to 14 years of age, were taken from their parents in France and deported to undisclosed destinations in windowless box-cars, without food or water. The French police, under German orders, is attempting to take a "census" of approximately six thousand other Jewish children who have been abandoned in France. Many of these children have been hidden in various peasant homes by private organizations. It is understood that approximately half of such children are presently in the Italian occupied part of Southern France.

It is understood that local financial means are inadequate to properly take care of the children evacuated to Southern France. Furthermore, it is stated that large numbers of Jewish children, presently hidden in areas near Paris, might be evacuated to the less hostile districts if financial means were available to provide transportation and subsequent support of the children. A paramount restriction on these operations apparently arises from the present limitations upon the ability of the relief organizations to obtain working funds in the area. One of these limitations results from the Government's blanket prohibition of financial transactions involving trade or communication with persons in enemy territory.

In view of the broad humanitarian considerations involved, we have reexamined our general trading with the enemy policy in order to determine whether and to what extent exceptions can be made to permit operations designed to bring relief to particularly oppressed groups in enemy territory. The important considerations appear to be the following:

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1. There are a number of organizations, not subject to our jurisdiction, based in England or neutral European countries, which are conducting operations in enemy territory through underground channels and which have been successful in financing such operations without benefit to the enemy. Such groups have generally operated under the close supervision of one of the United Nations and appear to be conscious of the necessity of not permitting operations which would benefit the enemy.

2. There are certain organizations within this country which have the facilities and contacts for operating in enemy territory and which could conduct successful relief operations within such territory without benefit to the enemy if authorized to do so.

3. We have now had sufficient experience in administering our trading with the enemy controls to be able to permit certain well defined groups to conduct limited types of relief operations in enemy territory, subject to appropriate safeguards designed to prevent benefit to the enemy, without jeopardizing our basic position with respect to trade or communications with enemy territory.

4. In view of the announced policy of the enemy to annihilate certain minority groups--either by slaughter or starvation--operations which would bring some measure of relief to such groups would have the effect of thwarting the Axis and of furthering a fundamental objective of the United Nations. As a matter of fact, the current war outlook is such that some will argue that such relief operations should now be undertaken for this purpose even if the enemy obtains certain limited benefits thereby. The trend of the United Nations policy in this respect is definitely towards such liberalization.

In the light of these considerations it is believed that the Treasury should permit certain responsible groups to enter into arrangements for bringing some relief to refugee

groups in enemy territory, subject to the following safeguards:

a. The relief organization must be responsible and must be able to demonstrate that it has the facilities and contacts to operate in enemy territory;

b. The organization must conduct its operations in such a manner as to ensure that no foreign exchange or other substantial benefit will accrue to the enemy.

c. The entire operation should be placed under the scrutiny of our mission in an appropriate neutral country; and

d. Any local currency or credits required for such program must be obtained from acceptable sources not connected with enemy interests.

If you approve, we will, on a case by case basis, insofar as Treasury is concerned, permit appropriate operations in accordance with the foregoing program.

HDW

Approved: H M Smith acting

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Mr. Pehle:

At Mr. Reinstein's request, there is transmitted herewith a paraphrase of telegram no. 4860, August 12, 1943, to London.

Virginia I. Cullen

Virginia I.Cullen

VICTORY

HANDTRANSMISSION OF WAR DEPARTMENT

To: American Embassy, London.

For: Dunkhouser and Riefler

From: Lehman and Stone

No. 4060
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Date: August 18, 1943.

Noel Hall of the British Embassy informed us quite awhile ago that a plan to send from the occupied countries 100,000 children to Switzerland for a given period had been favorably received by the Swiss Government in a preliminary approach. It was suggested to us by the British that the Swiss Government be requested to be responsible for the selection of the children, the choice to be without regard to racial or political considerations but solely for their need for better food and living conditions.

We have also discussed with the British the possibility of a somewhat similar scheme for sending children to Sweden. This plan is of great interest to the Office of Foreign Relief and the Department as is also the plan initiated by Mr. Adler-Rudel, World Jewish Congress representative, for sending from Germany and the occupied areas, especially Poland, 80,000 Jewish children to Sweden until the end of the war. This plan was discussed with the Swedish Government by the British Minister in Stockholm and was referred to in your telegram of June 21, no. 4095. Active attention is being given to the two Swedish schemes but the best means of promoting them has not been finally decided upon.

In the meantime, however, there appears to be no reason for not pressing the original Swiss plan. It is suggested by the British that London should handle these negotiations in connection with the Anglo-American-Swiss war trade negotiations which are to be held. The proposal originally submitted by the British provided for the importation into Switzerland of increased amounts of raw materials, fodder and foodstuffs to replace any supplies used for the children by the Swiss. It was stipulated, however, that the necessary arrangements to obtain Swiss francs must be made by the Allied Governments and that under the proposed Anglo-Swiss financial agreement they should not be secured against gold or against sterling. (A similar stipulation would probably have to be made that if, in order that these arrangements might be financed, it is necessary to use Allied dollar balances, the obtaining of francs against blocked dollars must be arranged for directly with the Swiss by the Allied Governments.) When an agreement had been

cc: DuBois, Taylor, E.M.Bernstein, Schmidt, Fox, Olsen, Pehle.

reached with the Swiss Government it then would be asked to negotiate with the German Government. The Swiss Government would also be asked to be responsible for making the selection of the children and for transporting them to and caring for them in Switzerland and perhaps for the cost of keeping them in that country. Presumably the Allied Governments would take care of the costs outside Switzerland or lend-lease aid could be given.

HSW is thoroughly familiar with this plan and you are instructed jointly to discuss it with HSW. Provided the arrangements for the selection of the children are satisfactory, no objection is seen to the plan by OSS. This is agreed to by the Department and, as much as possible, it would like to have the matter pressed.

There are being sent by airmail copies of the letters exchanged with Noel Hall.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DIVISION

8/10/43

Mr. Pehle –

This is the draft telegram I mentioned to you on the phone. See p. 2.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY,

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FOR MINISTER AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Some time ago British Embassy here through Noel Hall reported that Swiss Government had responded favorably to a preliminary approach relative to receiving in Switzerland up to 100,000 children from occupied areas for a limited period. British suggested to us that Swiss Government be asked to take responsibility for selecting the children solely on the basis of their need for improved living and food conditions and without reference to political or racial qualifications.

Possibility of a similar scheme for sending children to Sweden has been discussed with the British. Department and Office of Foreign Relief are greatly interested in this plan and also in the special proposal to transfer 20,000 Jewish children from Germany and occupied areas primarily Poland to Sweden for the duration of the war which was initiated by Mr. Adler-Rudel, representative of the World Jewish Congress, and discussed by British Minister in Stockholm with Swedish Government and referred to in your telegram 4035 of June 21.

The two Swedish schemes are under active consideration here but no final decision has been taken as yet as to the best means of promoting them.

However, there seems to be no reason why the original Swiss plan should not be pressed. British suggest that negotiations to this end be transferred to London in connection with the forthcoming Anglo-American-Swiss war trade negotiations. The original British proposal called for permission for Switzerland to import additional foodstuffs, fodder and raw material for clothing to make up for any supplies the Swiss might use for the children but stipulated that the Allied governments must make the necessary arrangements for the acquisition of Swiss francs, which should not be secured against sterling, or against gold under the proposed Anglo-Swiss financial agreement. (It would be necessary for us to make a similar stipulation that if the use of Allied dollar balances is necessary to finance these arrangements, the Allied governments must arrange directly with the Swiss for the acquisition of francs against blocked dollars). After agreement with the Swiss Government that latter would be asked to approach the German Government

and to assume responsibility for selecting the children and for their transportation to and care in Switzerland and possibly the cost of their maintenance within Switzerland. Costs outside Switzerland could presumably be taken care of by the Allied governments or lend-leased.

You are instructed jointly to discuss this plan with NEW which is fully familiar with it. OEW sees no objection to it as outlined above.

provided the plan for selecting the children is satisfactory. The Department concurs and would like to see the matter pressed as rapidly as possible.

Copies of correspondence with Noel Hall are being sent by air mail.

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Dear Mr. Olson:

There is enclosed for your information a paraphrase of the cable from Bern about which I spoke ~~to~~ with you over the phone today.

Very truly yours,

Carolin A. Flexner

Carolin A. Flexner
Staff Assistant

Mr. Iver Olson,
Treasury Department,
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Washington, D. C.

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To: Secretary of State - Cable No. 4643

From: Bern

Reference: No. 3465, Bern, June 9.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 17, 1943

My dear Mr. Olsen:

I enclose an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Noel Hall of the British Embassy and Governor Lehman relative to the possible feeding in Switzerland and Sweden of children of the occupied areas of Europe. When you have looked this over will you give me a ring as I would like to talk to you about it?

Sincerely yours,

Lithgow Osborne

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Enclosures

Mr. I. C. Olsen,
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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

COPY

Enclosure to letter dated 7-17-43

BRITISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY SAFE HAND

8th July, 1943

W. T. 23/17/43

Dear Mr. Lehman,

On receipt of your letter of the 24th of June I asked London to inform me about the present status of the plans for evacuating children into Switzerland and Sweden, and I have now had their reply.

Although there has been no further mention of the subject to the Swiss Government since early February, London believes that the Swiss Government have not modified their attitude of welcoming the idea in principle.

London is glad that the Department wishes the proposal to be further explored, and on the assumption that the United States Government agrees generally with the outline contained in my letter to you of the 9th of February, London now asks me to put forward to you for your consideration the following suggestions as to further procedure.

As conditions have changed since February and it is hoped that shortly joint Anglo-American-Swiss war trade negotiations may open in London to discuss the whole Swiss import programme, without which the child evacuation scheme can not go forward, London now suggests that the first approach should be made not to the Allied Governments but to the Swiss, and suggests that this could most conveniently be done jointly in London and hopes that the Department of State will authorise the American Embassy in London to take the matter up jointly with the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the Swiss Minister in London. Mr. Riefler of the American Embassy in London, who is responsible for the war trade negotiations on the American side is, I understand, familiary with the proposed scheme.

With regard to Sweden, London suggests a different procedure. It appears that in connection with the Swedish war trade negotiations, which are now nearing their completion, a draft letter was addressed to the Swedish delegation jointly by the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Warfare and Mr. Riefler. I have not got a copy of this letter

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letter here but I understand that the United States Government approved the proposals that it contained. My impression is that this letter indicated that, under proper circumstances, the British and American Governments might be willing to allow the Swedes to obtain imports in excess of the rations established under the war trade agreement, should such imports be necessary for relief purposes. As this letter is on record with the Swedish Government, London suggests that the British and American Minister in Stockholm should be instructed, as soon as the Anglo-American-Swedish war trade agreement has been ratified, to submit to the Swedish Government plans for relieving evacuated children on the general lines of my letter to you of February 9th. London hopes that the Ministers might be instructed at the same time to express the hope that the Swedish Government would not confine its share of the scheme to Norwegian children but would also be prepared to take some children from other occupied countries, including a proportion of Jewish children.

If the approaches to the Swiss in London and to the Swedes in Stockholm show that the Swiss and Swedish Governments agree with the main principles of the scheme, the next step would be to approach the allied Governments in the hope of obtaining their assent to the plan. In particular, it will be necessary at this stage to have the agreement of the Allied Governments to the financial points mentioned at the conclusion of paragraph (b) in my letter of the 9th of February.

After agreement with the Allied Governments had been reached, the time would have come to put the plan before the German and Italian Governments, presumably through the Swiss and Swedish Governments. London suggests that immediately before any such approach is made to the Axis, or simultaneously with it, there would be a great advantage in giving the scheme full publicity.

I should be glad to learn whether the above procedure, or any variant of it, commends itself to you as London is anxious to get ahead as soon as possible, and the impending agreement with the Swedes on war trade arrangements makes the near future appear to be a particularly favourable moment for pressing the matter vigourously.

Yours sincerely,

NOEL F. HALL

Enclosure to letter dated 17-12-45

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

In reply refer to
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June 24, 1943

My dear Mr. Hall:

I refer to your letter of February 9 in which you outlined in some detail a plan for bringing up to 100,000 children from the occupied countries of Europe to Switzerland for a limited period. Under the proposed plan it was suggested that additional amounts of textiles and foodstuffs or fodder might be permitted to pass through the blockade to Switzerland to provide clothing and food for these children.

As you know, the Department believed that it would be preferable to attempt to evolve a plan for the limited feeding of children in occupied territories without removing them from their homes; but for the present at least the Department has agreed to concur in the British contention that such a plan should be held in abeyance for later consideration. In the meantime the Department would be glad if the proposal contained in your letter of February 9 could be further explored and also the possibility of sending Norwegian children to Sweden.

With this in view, I should appreciate it if you would inform me whether the British Government is prepared at this time to discuss this matter further and whether it has any information as to the probable attitude of the Swiss Government.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
Director

The Honorable
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BRITISH EMBASSY

Washington, D. C.

9th February 1943.

Dear Governor Lehman,

On January 18th I sent a letter to Mr. Breckinridge Long about the Belgian/Swiss child evacuation scheme that has been under consideration for some months. On the assumption that it will be agreed in principle between our two Governments that the evacuation of children from occupied territories to Sweden and Switzerland affords a way of alleviating suffering, the Ministry of Economic Warfare have been considering practical arrangements for the Belgian-Swiss scheme. At the present time they have it in mind, after seeking the concurrence in principle of the Belgian Government, to invite His Majesty's Minister at Berne to discuss the proposal with the Swiss Government along the following lines.

(a) Plans should be made to receive in Switzerland an eventual total of about 100,000 children to be drawn gradually according to need and transport possibilities from all occupied countries except Denmark and Norway, for whom we still hope to be able to secure the agreement of the United States Government to an evacuation scheme that will take children into Sweden. The greatest number of children from the rest of occupied Europe should come from Belgium as the country in which conditions are worst (except Greece, which is being relieved direct). If pressed to do so, we might agree together to include French children in the scheme.

(b) The Swiss Government should be invited to undertake the entire operation of housing, clothing and feeding the children and to submit the total cost to the British Government. While the Swiss Government might be willing to bear part of the cost themselves (for example, that of accommodation), the incidence of the remainder would have to be discussed between His Majesty's Government and the Allied Governments. It would be necessary to make it clear that in view of the difficulty of obtaining Swiss francs, His Majesty's Government could not proceed with this scheme on any basis which could not provide for full cover by Allied Governments concerned on any foreign exchange commitment. As far as the Ministry of Economic Warfare can see at the moment, this could only be secured if the Allied Governments concerned made arrangements themselves with the Swiss Government for procuring the necessary francs, not against sterling and not against any deposit of gold falling within the scope proposed for the Anglo-Swiss financial agreement. Similar considerations would apply if foreign currencies are required to any material extent, e.g. for the shipping or purchase of supplies.

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(d) The scheme would be put to the German and Italian Governments by the Swiss Government itself who should also be invited to undertake allocation and collection of children in occupied countries in such a way as to ensure impartial selection. For this purpose, His Majesty's Government suggest that they should adopt health as the sole criterion of priority; that is to say, the children most undernourished or most prone to tuberculosis should be chosen. The Ministry feel that some such plan is essential if it is hoped to avoid pro-German families being given priority. For the same reason it is desirable that the Swiss Government, as distinct from any Red Cross organisation, should have the responsibility of selection.

I should be grateful if you would give these tentative proposals your consideration because the Ministry of Economic Warfare hope that if the scheme is approved in principle by the Government of the United States and by the Belgian Government, the Government of the United States will instruct their Minister in Berne to concert the approach to the Swiss Government with His Majesty's Minister there.

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Cable Number: 3465, June 9, from Bern (Section One)

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