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September 8, 1944.

Max Blecher, Jr., Esquire,
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New York City 18, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 11, 1944 has been received. I regret to state that at the present time there are no lists available to this office of individuals reported to have been interned in French territory. It is suggested that requests of this nature be referred to the International Red Cross, which will doubtless be in a position to assist you in your search.

Very truly yours,

For the U. S. Political Advisor

Thomas S. Estes
Foreign Service Officer

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Take up Mr Ackermann's files

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UNITED STATES

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POLITICAL ADVISER

August 11, 1944

Mr. Robert D. Murphy
American Ambassador
United States Political Adviser
Allied Force Headquarters
Algiers, North Africa

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Dear Hon. Murphy:

All of the below individuals were last known to be in an internment camp at Vittel, France, having on them Costa Rican passports. The relatives in the United States, Messrs. Maurice and Wolf Fakler are exceptionally worried regarding their relatives. They have heard various rumors that the individuals have been deported out of Vittel to another territory.

We wonder whether or not you can do something to find their present whereabouts and ascertain what could be done to bring these poor unfortunates out of occupied territory. You can of course imagine the anxiety of the individuals here who from time to time hear various rumors regarding the precarious position of their relatives in Vittel (?).

We would appreciate it, if you could do something in this matter and of course if there are any expenses attached thereto, please advise. If there is any organization that you know of that can assist, we would appreciate hearing the same.

Wm. R. B.

Very truly yours,

Max Blecher

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Re: Szyja Fakler
Stefa Fakler
Henryk Fakler
Salomon Izak Zucker
Bernard Zucker
Malka Feigel Zucker
Regina Zucker

Oskar Lichtmann
Anna Rozalia Lichtmann
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July 7, 1944

*Answered
July 9, 1944
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Honorable Robert Murphy
c/o American Consulate
Algiers, North Africa

Dear Sir:

We have been referred to you regarding certain individuals who are now in Southern Italy. Their relatives desire to bring them to the United States. With the thought in mind that you may be able to bring these individuals to this Country, to our so-called "free port", we enclose herewith information which may be of assistance to you.

If there is anything we can do to assist you in this matter, or if there is any expense involved thereto, please advise. The relatives of these individuals in question are of course all very anxious to aid them and would do everything possible and within their power to help in this matter.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation, we are

Very truly yours,

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Sida Bauer }

(Yugoslav)

Milan Kastl }
Zora Kastl }
Ester Bier }
Slavko Bier }

(Yugoslav)

Felix Neumann

(Yugoslav) ex-Austrian

Dante Almansi }
Ada Almansi }
Elena Nunberg }
Necioslav Nunberg }
Paolo Nunberg }
Serena Nunberg }

(Italian)

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Algiers, July 18, 1944

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Mr. Leonard Ackermann,
c/o American Consulate General
Naples, Italy



Sir:

The following telegram has been received by Mr. Murphy from
Max Blecher, Jr., 1501 Broadway, New York, New York:

"The Honorable Robert D. Murphy:

"Have been referred to you regarding possibilities of having following persons placed on freeport list for transfer to United States. Yugoslavian citizens Charles Schmutzer, Arthur Bauer, Sida Bauer residing Taranto via Duca di Genova. Yugoslavian citizens Milan Kastl, Zora Kastl, Ester Bier, Slavko Bier residing via Enrico Totto 37 Bari. Ex-Austrian citizen Felix Neumann residing Jewish group No. 1 PW transit camp OMF barrack Bari. Italian citizens Dante Almansi, Ada Almansi, Elza Niccolai, Paolo and Serena Nunberg residing via Statilia nr 25 Rome. All individuals of good character with relatives in United States who will guarantee United States government politically and financially. Would appreciate your assistance in this matter. Max Blecher, Jr., 1501 Broadway."

It would be appreciated if you will investigate the possibility of placing the persons named in the above telegram on the list for transfer to the United States and inform Mr. Blecher of the result. Please forward a copy of your letter to me. It might be well if you would inform him in advance of the action you propose.

For the United States Political Adviser,

Thomas S. Estes
American Vice-Consul

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

July 29, 1944

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Mr. Max Blecher, Jr.,
1501 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blecher,

Your cable regarding the inclusion of a number of persons on the list for transfer to the United States was received after the list had been entirely selected, and in fact did not reach Mr. Ackermann, Special Representative of the War Refugee Board, until after the ship carrying the group had departed.

I am informed by Mr. Ackermann that not all of the persons listed in your cable applied for admission to the refugee center and in addition that no Italian citizens were selected. I am glad to advise you, however, that the following persons named in your cable were selected and are enroute to the United States:

Carlo Schmitzer
Arturo Bauer
Sida Bauer
Milan Kastl
Felix Neumann

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Murphy
American Ambassador

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Dear Mr. Blecher:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of February 14 and February 15, 1944.

The problem outlined in your letters is presently being considered by the Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Acting Executive Director

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February 15, 1944

Miss Hodell
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Pennsylvania Avenue & 15th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodell:

Supplementing our letter of February 14th,
I enclose herewith photostat copy of a card received from
an internee in Vittel, who I understand has been placed upon
the exchange list. If there is any further information you
desire, please advise.

I might state that I am in Washington every
week and if it is advisable that I see you in person, please
let me know and I will arrange to do so upon my next visit.

Very truly yours,

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My dear Miss Hodell:

The following plan is respectfully submitted to the War Refugee Board as a means of rescuing certain persons now held in internment camps in Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. The names, addresses and other detailed information is not given at this time because the plan itself is considered to be of primary importance. If the War Refugee Board deems the plan to be feasible the lists of names can be prepared to include the persons now identified and the persons whose identity may be later established.

There are now interned in the internment camps at Tittmoning in Upper Bavaria, Germany and in Vittel (France) Vosges persons who were born in Poland and elsewhere in Europe and who are now nationals of Costa Rica, Venezuela, Nicaragua and Peru by reason of passports and certificate of naturalization duly issued. The Governments of Venezuela, Nicaragua and Peru have officially validated these passports and the Government of Costa Rica has taken steps to validate the passports issued and favorable action at an early date is expected. The German authorities consider them to be nationals of the countries named and have interned them as such in the places set forth. The Board is undoubtedly aware of the fact that nationals of the conquered countries have not been accorded such treatment.

It is submitted that in accordance with the agreement reached at the Pan American Congress the United States has arranged and can still arrange to include nationals of any of the other American republics in exchange lists heretofore made and which may hereafter be made. Great Britain is in a position to accomplish the same result.

It may be further noted that there now remain

in the custody of the United States and of other allied governments certain nationals of Germany. It is undoubtedly a fact that it would be in the best interests of the United States and its allies to be rid of these German nationals.

Accordingly, it is suggested that the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, take the appropriate measures to establish new exchange lists for the transfer by the United States and its allies of the German nationals now held in custody, in exchange for the nationals of the United States and its allies now held by Germany. The order in which the persons, now in custody of Germany are to be repatriated would naturally contemplate that citizens of the United States would receive first preference, and that the citizens of its allies be exchanged in a manner to be determined after careful consideration.

Full cooperation with the English government, to the extent of including its nationals, is to be desired and will probably make the plan more feasible. The important point is to arrange to withdraw from Germany to some neutral country the persons involved and whose safety is in constant jeopardy. The details of their ultimate destination can be arranged later. The cost of their care and maintenance can be positively guaranteed so that the question of economic loss to the United States or its allies need not be of any concern.

The reason why the plan is submitted at this time is the fact that the writer has been in touch with the relatives of a group of persons now held in the places set forth. Recently in a communication written from one of the internment camps, there is described the case of one of the persons who was notified by the Protecting Power that he was placed on an exchange list by reason of his South American citizenship. The citizenship referred to derived from the issuance of a Costa Rican passport and certificate of naturalization issued by the Costa Rican Consul in Lisbon, Portugal. It is to be noted that the arrangement was made by agreement with the English Government and that internee is to be transported to Palestine after his removal from Germany. Particular reference is made to the photostatic copy of this letter which is attached. *not received in files*

If the plan submitted to the Board in outline herein is favorably received, it is respectfully requested that advice be given in order that the lists of persons to be exchanged be promulgated at the earliest possible moment by the interested groups with whom I am in close contact.

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