

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

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Dear Mr. Kuznets:

I have your letter of March 28, 1944, requesting information with respect to a news item which appeared in Yiddish language newspapers in New York concerning the Vaad Hahatzala.

The Vaad Hahatzala of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, upon the recommendation of the Board, has received several licenses from the Treasury Department to remit funds to its representatives in Switzerland and Turkey for relief and evacuation operations. This, of course, is distinguishable from the direct gift of \$100,000 made by HIAS to the government for War Refugee Board purposes.

I am enclosing copies of the Board's Press Releases Nos. 1 through 6, and the President's Statement of March 24, 1944. In accordance with your request, we have placed your name on our mailing list to receive similar publications as issued.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Solomon Kuznets,
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Enclosures.

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March 28, 1944

Mr. John W. Kehle, Executive Director
 U. S. War Refugee Board
 Treasury Building
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, on whose behalf this request is addressed to you, is an organization counting among its members some 250 Jewish welfare chests throughout the United States. One of the services which the Council renders its members is reporting on various Jewish relief and welfare agencies which appeal to welfare chests for grants.

We are at present concerned with verifying a news item carried by the Yiddish language press in New York. The story was that shortly after your Board was created, the Vaad Hahatzala of 132 Nassau Street, New York City, turned over to the Board a sum of \$154,000 to help in financing the work. So far I had not noticed any official statement on this point, although the grant by the HIAS of \$100,000 was so recorded. Hence this request for assistance.

May I also take this opportunity to request that my name be added to your mailing list for any press releases and other official material distributed outside government circles.

Very sincerely yours,

Solomon Kuznets
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Director of Budget Research

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