

Free Currency SENT Into Enemy Territory

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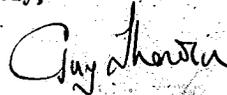
BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,

AUGUST 8th, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for your letter of August 7th, in which you kindly gave us particulars of the amount of free currency sent into enemy territory under licences authorising rescue and relief operations. I am passing this information on to Mr. Foot.

Yours sincerely,



G. F. Thorold.

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Building,
Washington, D.C.

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AUG 7 1944

Dear Mr. Thorold:

Reference is made to my letter to you of June 29, 1944, with respect to United States Treasury licenses authorizing rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

We have now received reports from the American Missions concerned on the amount of free currency sent into enemy territory under such licenses for the period ending June 1, 1944. Our Legation in Switzerland reports that the equivalent of \$269,400 has been sent in free currency into enemy territory under licenses permitting operations from Switzerland. All of our other Missions report that no free foreign currency has been made available under Treasury licenses, permitting relief and rescue operations in enemy territory.

It is apparent from the foregoing that only a small part of the total amount authorized for these operations has been used under the third method of financing permitted by the Treasury licenses.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Guy F. Thorold,
Counselor, British Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle*

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 7, 1944
NUMBER: 6078

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McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

Reference is made herewith to Department's cable of July 1, no. 2241 and Legation's message of July 24, no. 4748.

Neither the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (license W-2117) nor the International Rescue and Relief Committee (license W-2138) have sent into enemy territory any free currency during the period ending June.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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AUG 7 1944

Dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

With reference to License No. W-2166 issued to you for certain relief and rescue operations from Turkey, I wish to advise you that the American Embassy in Ankara reports that up to June 1, 1944, no part of the \$25,000 transferred under the aforementioned license was expended. Since that date the amount of 12064.57 Turkish pounds has been paid to the firm of W. F. Henry Vandersee, Istanbul, for the transportation of refugees from Constanza to Istanbul. In this connection, I enclose a photostatic copy of the report made by your representatives to the American Embassy in Ankara.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz,
Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee,
132 Nassau Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: July 24, 1944
NUMBER: 4748

McLellan sends the following for War Refugee Board.

Reference is made herewith to the Department's July 1 telegram No. 2241.

Given below is a preliminary answer to the cable under reference covering the period ending June 1, 1944.

A. The following amounts of free currency (dollar equivalents in ¹⁷pound/figures) has been sent into: Poland 3,000, Slovakia 105,000, Italy 9,400, Hungary 135,000 and Rumania 17,000, by the ^{Joint} Joint Distribution Committee license W-2106.

B. None by Jewish Labor Committee license W-2126.

C. None by American Committee for Christian Refugees license W-2150.

D. None by Jewish Congress license Y-2115.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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Dated July 21, 1944
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Rec'd 9:57 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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136, July 21, 4 p.m.

FOR PEHLE, WRB, FROM HIRSHMANN. ANKARA NO. 103.

A report received by us from the Vaadhatala
Committee in Istanbul, dated July 17, states (REURTEL
59, July 1) that no part of the \$25,000 transferred to
them by Vaadhatala, New York, was expended up to June
1. The only disbursement made since that date was the
payment of 12064.57 Turkish pounds to the firm of
W. F. Henry Vanderzee, Istanbul for the transportation
of refugees from Constanza to Istanbul. A written
report concerning this disbursement is being forwarded
to you by mail.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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July 24, 1944
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Mr. Kefted
(Mr. Gable)
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In cable from Ankara 136, July 21, 4 p.m.
FOR WRB, delete serial number "136" and insert
"1336".

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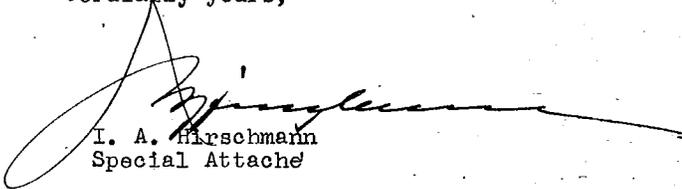
AMERICAN EMBASSY

July 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Enclosed is the report from the Emergency
Rescue Committee, the information about which you
requested by telegram. The information contained
in the attached was telegraphed to you on July 21st.

Cordially yours,


I. A. Hirschmann
Special Attache

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

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EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE NEW YORK

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ISTANBUL July 17, 1944.

American Embassy,
Ankara.

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Gentlemen:

We beg to inform you that up to the time of 1st June 1944 we did not make any use of the sum of \$ 25.000.-- assigned to us by Vaadhatzala, New York.

The 3rd July we have made payment of the amount of

T.L.12.064.57

to the firm W.F.Henry Vander Zee, Istanbul (Galata) for ship transports.

We are, Gentlemen,

very truly yours

Griffel, Kastner, Klarman

Griffel *Kastner* *Klarman*

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EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE NEW YORK

ISTANBUL July 17, 1944.

American Embassy,
Ankara.

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EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE NEW YORK

ISTANBUL July 17, 1944.

American Embassy,
Ankara.

Gentlemen:

We beg to inform you that up to the time of 1st June 1944 we did not make any use of the sum of \$ 25,000.-- assigned to us by Vaadhatzala, New York.

The 31d July we have made payment of the amount of

T.L.12.064.57

to the firm W.F.Henry Vander Zee, Istanbul (Galata) for ship transports.

We are, Gentlemen,

very truly yours

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Griffel *Kastner* *Klarman*

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Stockholm ✓
Dated July 17, 1944
Rec'd 8:40 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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2652, July 17, midnight, (SECTION ONE)

THIS IS OUR 54 FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

The following summarizes the pertinent features
of report filed by Trammal and Evens in covering
refugee activities in Norway.

Of the \$50,000 originally received (second \$50,000
received last week) approximately 100,000 Swedish
Kronor were used to purchase 328,000 Norwegian kroner.
This Norwegian currency was purchased locally from
Norwegian refugee's who had brought the currency to
Sweden and it was stressed that there could be no
possible benefit to enemy from these transactions.
Of this Norwegian currency, approximately 50,000
kroner has been sent back to Norway through the under
ground for relief purposes including the support
of families of persons in concentration camps. The
balance of this currency is still on hand. Group also
has approximately

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-2-//2652, July 17, midnight, (SECTION ONE) from
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has approximately 75,000 Swedish kroner on hand from
first transfer.

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Dated July 17, 1944
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Secretary of State,
Washington.

2652, July 17, 1 p.m. (SECTION TWO)

It is reported that about 850 Norwegians escaped
into Sweden during June despite a severe tightening
of border patrols so that operations were difficult.
During July Norwegian refugees are coming into Sweden
at the rate of approximately 65 a day and the movement
has been organized well to overcome recent obstacles.
Almost 10,000 youths who failed to respond to the Nazi
labor mobilization are hiding in the forests in the
vicinity of Oslo. Funds supplied by American relief
for Norway are assisting in maintaining these groups.
Other expenditures including the purchase in Sweden
of food clothing and shoes for severe hardship cases
in Norway.

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Stockholm
Dated July 17, 1944
Rec'd 6:30 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

2652, July 17, midnight, (SECTION THREE)

Tranmal and Evensen appear to be extremely conscientious in handling the funds and carrying out the program involved. They have established an administration committee which includes Edward Stenklev of the Stockholm Secretariat of the Norwegian Labor Union and Irygve Nilsen, former chairman of the Oslo Labor Council. The accounts are kept by Hans Hegg former chief cashier of the Norwegian Iron and Metal Union, and expenditures are audited by George Jacobsen and Karsten or Kildson, former auditors of the Norwegian Labor Union.

(END OF MESSAGE)

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1974

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Mr. Peltz*

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: July 10, 1944
NUMBER: 4387

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MacLelland sends the following for WRB with regard to message Number 2241 of July 1 from Department.

We are assembling the requested data. In this connection, we call attention to the fact that section referring to sending of free currency into enemy territory as a (three) rather than one (0) according to prototype license issued to Union of Orthodox Rabbis (see message of January 22, Number 229 of Department). Furthermore, rather than W-2115, license issued to World Jewish Congress (reference Department's message January 20, Number 197) is Y-2115.

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Stockholm
Dated July 5, 1944

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUL 7 1944
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2481, July 5, midnight

This is our No. 46 FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD in
reply to their WRB No. 40 (Department's 1319 of July
1 midnight).

Trammael has made virtually no free exchange
available to Norway. Not more than 1000 Swedish
kronor have been made available to certain Norwegians
on Swedish border who can made purchases in Sweden.
Otherwise funds placed at disposal of Trammael have
been used to purchase Norwegian kroner from acceptable
local holders, or to purchase Swedish foodstuffs
which are smuggled across border. Trammael will supply
more detailed report early part of next week and states
things are going well. Many Norwegians particularly
young men have been brought into Sweden.

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Dated July 5, 1944

Rec'd 12:08 p.m.

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Secretary of State
Washington

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2075, July 5, 10 a.m.

Joint Distribution ~~COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS~~ has not sent any money

into enemy territory under license W-2154; \$10,000 intact, Jewish Labor Committee license W-2177, Unitarian Service Committee license W-2167, no funds received or sent. This WRB referring to Department's 1887 (WRB 44) July 1. World Jewish Congress planned send equivalent French francs of \$650 to France but found it impossible. All their expenditures therefore made in Spain and Portugal.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1976

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: July 1, 1944
NUMBER: 2241

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TO HARRISON FOR McCLELLAND, BERN

Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Switzerland of the organizations listed below a report giving the total in dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during the period ending June first pursuant to section 1 (c) of the respective Treasury licenses. Estimates may, of course, be given where exact figures are not available.

- American Committee for Christian Refugees - W-2150
- Jewish Labor Committee - W-2126
- Joint Distribution Committee - W-2106
- International Rescue and Relief Committee - W-2138
- Union of Orthodox Rabbis - W-2117
- World Jewish Congress - W-2115

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 65.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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CABLE TO HARRISON FOR McCLELLAND, BERN

Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Switzerland of the organizations listed below a report giving the total in dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during the period ending June first pursuant to section 1 (c) of the respective Treasury licenses. Estimates may, of course, be given where exact figures are not available.

Joint Distribution Committee	- W-2106 ✓
World Jewish Congress	- W-2115 ✓
Union of Orthodox Rabbis	- W-2117 ✓
Jewish Labor Committee	- W-2128 ✓
International Rescue and Relief Committee	- W-2138 ✓
American Committee for Christian Refugees	- W-2180 ✓

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 65

4:00 p.m.
June 30, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahmson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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July 1, 1944

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AMLEGATION,

STOCKHOLM.
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War Refugee Board cable no. 40 for Olsen follows.

Procurement of report at earliest opportunity from
Evensen and Trausaæl giving total in dollar equivalent
of amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy
territory during period ended June 1 pursuant to
Section 1 (e) of Treasury license W-2182 requested by
Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury. Where exact
figures are not available estimates may of course be
given.

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CABLE TO JOHNSON FOR OLSEN, STOCKHOLM

Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury request that you obtain as soon as possible from Evensen and Traumaal report giving the total in dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during the period ending June first pursuant to section 1 (c) of Treasury license W-2152. Estimates may, of course, be given where exact figures are not available.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 40

4:00 p.m.
June 30, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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LISBON 1887X

War Refugee Board cable no. 44 follows.

For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

Procurement of report at earliest opportunity from representatives in Portugal of organizations listed below giving total in dollar equivalent in amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during period ended June 1 pursuant to section 1 (c) of the respective Treasury licenses requested by Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury. Where exact figures are not available estimates may, of course, be given. Joint Distribution Committee, W-2184; Jewish Labor Committee, W-2177; World Jewish Congress, pursuant to authorization of Dexter, WRB representative Lisbon; and Unitarian Service Committee, W-2167.

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CABLE TO NORWEB, LISBON

Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Portugal of the organizations listed below a report giving the total in dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during the period ending June first pursuant to section 1(c) of the respective Treasury licenses. Estimates may, of course, be given where exact figures are not available.

- Joint Distribution Committee - W-2154 ✓
- Jewish Labor Committee - W-2177 ✓
- World Jewish Congress - pursuant to authorization of Dexter, WRB representative Lisbon ✓
- Unitarian Service Committee - W-2167 ✓

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 44

4:00 p.m.
June 30, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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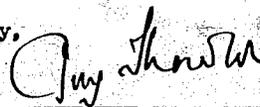
BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,

June 30th, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for your letter of June 29th, in which you give me particulars of the U.S. Treasury licences authorising rescue and relief operations in enemy territory. I am writing to Mr. Foot to give him the information contained in your letter, and we shall look forward to receiving from you in due course the further details which you promise us regarding the proportion of the total amount authorised which has been utilised under the "free currency" method of financing.

Yours sincerely,



G. F. Thorold.

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Office of the President,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Building,
Washington, D.C.

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CABLE TO STEINHARDT, ANKARA

Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury request that you obtain as soon as possible from Jacob Griffel, a report giving the total in dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during the period ending June first pursuant to section 1(c) of Treasury license #2166.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 71

4:00 p.m.
June 30, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sed'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

DATE 6/29/44

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wzlfwp* *R. [Signature]* *EJ*

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

June 29, 1944

Mr. Tamm agrees that cables should not be sent to Hayes
at present, in view of situation in Spain and England.


P. Hodel

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~~JUN 29 1944~~

Dear Mr. Thorold:

You will recall that during our recent meeting with you and Mr. Dingle Foot, Mr. Foot requested certain information with respect to U. S. Treasury licenses authorizing rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

I have now been advised by the Treasury Department that as of June 1, 1944, the total amount authorized for such operations is \$2,088,100. It should be borne in mind that this is the total amount authorized to be remitted to neutral countries and that the actual amount sent is considerably less.

As to the use of free currency in enemy territory (the third method of financing permitted by the licenses under question), it appears, from reports presently available, that only a very small fraction of the above-mentioned total has been used in this manner. In this connection I should like to advise you that cables are now being sent to the American missions concerned requesting reports on the total amount, if any, of free currency sent into enemy territory under such licenses. As soon as these reports are received, I shall advise you further.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Guy F. Thorold
Counselor, British Embassy
Washington, D. C.

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*Original signed by
Mrs. Pehle
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