

GABOR, Vilmos (Mr. and Mrs.)

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Mr. Dehle
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AMBASSY,

LISBON.
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The following WAB cable 52 is for Dexter.

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Reference Stockholm's 12 of June 30 to you and WAB's 50, Department's 1925 of July 5, please deliver the following message from the War Refugee Board to Ferenc Chorin and Baron Moritz Korafold, Avenida Palace Hotel, Lisbon: QUOTE In the name of all our mutual friends I urge you earnestly to cooperate with Doctor Dexter of the War Refugee Board disclosing to him all information concerning your departure and any other information that may be of assistance in saving the lives of others. Please advise Doctor Dexter who in Budapest can be approached with some hope of success and the basis upon which such approach should be made. Best greetings to all of you. Signed Ernest Wittmann. UNQUOTE.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORWEG AT LISBON FOR DEXTER

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July 7, 1944
10:30 a.m.

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LS Lesser:als 7/6/44
cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser,
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LISBON.
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The WRB cable 51 below is for Dexter.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Filpel,
c/o American Embassy, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Assume you in touch with Hungarian women
recently arrived Lisbon Stop Can you send us report
through Legation how they were evacuated also what possi-
bilities increasing flow Stop Have they any suggestions
for rescue or relief Hungarian Jews? UNQUOTE.

Following for Dexter from War Refugee Board:

In view of Stockholm's No. 12 to you dated June 30
and WRB No. 50 of July 5, you should advise Filpel of
action you may have taken and ask Filpel to keep you
informed.

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Warsaw

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July 7, 1944
10:30 a.m.

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FA/db 7/8/44*

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AMLEGATION.

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The WRB cable 52 below is for Olsen.

Information received here to the effect that Portuguese

Legation Budapest has extended refuge to Vilmos and Gauka Gabor, Hungarian Jews who are the parents of Mrs. Conrad N. Hilton the wife of an American citizen. The Portuguese Minister Budapest is reported to have arrived in Switzerland with another daughter Magda Sichevska. This action on part of Portuguese indicatee that Wallenberg may perhaps secure cooperation from that quarter.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM AND OLSEN

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2:45 p.m.
July 11, 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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WILLIAM P. ARNOLD (ON LEAVE)
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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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TELEPHONE
DISTRICT 0777

July 8, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director of the War Refugee Board
288-1/2 Main Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pehle:

I enclose herewith memorandum suggested
by our telephone conversation today. I shall be
deeply grateful to you if you can do anything to
be of assistance to us in this matter.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

William Stanley

WS:rk
Enclosure

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July 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PEHLE:

Mr. Conrad N. Hilton is a prominent business man of Los Angeles, California, and he is the owner of several hotels, including the Plaza Hotel in New York and others. He has filed a statement with the State Department showing a net worth of over \$1,000,000 and an annual income of over \$100,000 per year. He was referred to our office by J. F. T. O'Connor, former Comptroller of the Currency and now a District Judge in California.

Mrs. C. N. Hilton (Sari G. Hilton) is a Hungarian with a father and mother who are now refugees in the Portuguese Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. Their names are Vilmos Gabor and Ganka Gabor. They were formerly owners of one of the prominent jewelry stores in Budapest, and we are informed that the Portuguese Embassy has taken over their house and they are now refugees in the Portuguese Embassy.

A sister of Mrs. Hilton is named Mrs. Magda Bichovska, who has been successful in leaving Hungary and is now in Switzerland.

The Portuguese authorities have known of Mr. and Mrs. Gabor for many years and are interested in helping them. The Portuguese Ambassador to the United States informed me this morning that if the State Department of the United States could get our representative in Lisbon, Portugal, to make representations to the Portuguese Government that this Government would appreciate any assistance that the Portuguese Government could give to Mr. and Mrs. Gabor in obtaining for them safe conduct to Switzerland, he felt that this representation on behalf of our Government would be extremely helpful in enabling Mr. and Mrs. Gabor to get to Switzerland. He also stated that if arrangements could be made for Mrs. Magda Bichovska to obtain funds it would be helpful to all three of the refugees above mentioned.

Mr. Hilton is ready and willing to put up any funds necessary to be of assistance to Mrs. Hilton's family. A month or two ago applications were filed with the State Department for visas to be issued to Mr. and Mrs. Gabor and Mrs. Bichovska if they were successful in reaching some neutral country such as Portugal or Turkey and in those applications a full financial statement of Mr. Hilton is filed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton feel that in view of the present situation in Hungary some action such as suggested above may be the means of saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs.

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Gabor and they will therefore be deeply grateful if some assistance can be rendered them.

I had a conference with Mr. Breckinridge Long this morning about the matter and he explained that the request to the State Department would have to come from you.

W. S.

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2095, July 7, 11 a.m.

Looking into Vilmos Gabor case will report later.

Referring Department's telegram 1925 July 5, WRB 50.

This is WRB 94. Regarding Stockholm's 12 see Embassy's 2054, July 1. Will forward information Stockholm if and when we have anything useful or reliable. Have some fairly effective Hungarian channels available as you will note from recent despatches.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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2107, July 7, 7 p.m.

Anpilo Garrido, Portuguese Minister to Hungary

not here. This in further reply to telegram No.

1925 WRB 50. This WRB 97. Embassy to be notified

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LISBON
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-2- #1925, July 5, 9 p.m., to Lisbon.

Would appreciate response to paragraph marked three of Department's 1479, WRB's 31, of May 25.

Please expedite the inquiries requested by Amlegation Stockholm in its 12 of June 30, repeating to War Refugee Board your response thereto. Factors known to Board make it important that Board and Olsen, Board representative Stockholm, have the benefit of such information as people in question can give.

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7/5/44

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORWEG AT LISBON FOR DEXTER

1. The following is the substance of a message received from War Refugee Board Representative McClelland in Bern:

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THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 50

July 4, 1944
4:10 p.m.

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Aehn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser,
L.S.L. Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.
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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: June 21, 1944
NUMBER: 3979

The following is for War Refugee Board from McClelland.

In your discretion, transmit the following from Magda Bychowsky, Hotel Bellevue, Bern, for Mrs. Conni Chillton, 10730 Bellagio Road, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles:

"You are informed that I arrived safely in Switzerland. Our father Vilmos Gabor and mother are still comparatively safe at home."

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6/23/44

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Information sent
up for all to hear it
J.S. Currier contact
Mrs. Chillton*

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Discussed with Mr. P
Reference to report
to Dept.*

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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Sent to Mr. Leavitt
July 6, 1944

F.H.

From Bern word has been received that Magda Eychowsky has arrived safely in Switzerland and is presently staying at the Hotel Bellevue, Bern. Her father, Vilmos Gabor, and her mother are still comparatively safe at home.

It is requested that the foregoing information be transmitted to Mrs. Conni Chilton, 10730 Bellaire Road, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California.

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