

*Reply to
Italy
Jews in*

SPFET 201 - Heathcote-Smith, Clifford 14 June 1944

Office of the Under-Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to letter from your office dated 9 May 1944, inclosing certified check No. 10490 for \$10,000, drawn by The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., with a request that arrangements be made to have the equivalent in lire paid to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, care of the Allied Control Commission, Naples, Italy, you are advised that this amount was paid to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith on 8th June.

Sincerely yours,

T. J. FLYNN
Captain, Finance Department
Assistant, Receipts and Disbursements Division

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

*War Ref Bd
1 copy only*

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Lisbon
DATED: May 15, 1944
NUMBER: 1364

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To Norweb From War Refugee Board

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt, of the American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Understand Allied Control Commission Naples agreed
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Heathcote-Smith Intergovernmental Committee representative.

We considering Arthur Greenleigh for this post and
would appreciate your views. If you agree and Greenleigh
decides go we would hope you could meet Greenleigh in
Naples to organize refugee program. We arranging remittance
\$10,000 to Heathcote-Smith for relief to refugees southern
Italy."

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 20.
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WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 5 1972**
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CABLE TO LISBON

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May 10, 1944
4:00 p.m.

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FH:lab 5/10/44

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*War Refugee Board
M. P. Hill*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMREP, Algiers
DATED: May 11, 1944
NUMBER: 1444

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR ACKERMANN

JDC is remitting lira equivalent of \$10,000 to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, representative of Intergovernmental Committee, care of Allied Control Commission, Naples, Italy, for relief needs of stateless refugees in southern Italy. Please advise Heathcote-Smith of foregoing and request him to acknowledge to you receipt of the funds.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ALGIERS NO. 10

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ALGIERS NO. 86610

May 11, 1944
10:25 a.m.

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

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MAY - 9 1944

Headquarters Army Service Forces
Office of the Fiscal Director
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel K. E. Webber
Acting Chief
Foreign Fiscal Affairs Branch

Gentlemen:

With reference to previous telephonic conversations, there is enclosed certified check No. 10490 for \$10,000, drawn by The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., on the Chase National Bank, New York, to the order of the Treasurer of the United States, in payment for 1,000,000 lire.

It is requested that you arrange, by telegraph, to have 1,000,000 lire paid to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, care of the Allied Control Commission, Naples, Italy, and that he be informed at the time of payment that The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., states "that the purpose of this transmission to him is for relief needs of refugees in the internment camps and outside these camps in the southern liberated portion of Italy."

Your assistance in effecting payment of these funds, which is a special case, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) D. W. BELL

Under Secretary of the Treasury

Enclosure

Cleared with Mr. Taylor

FD/afm 5-9-44

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May 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Frank F. Dietrich ✓

FROM: J. W. Pehle

There is forwarded to you herewith a letter received from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, together with a certified check for \$10,000 drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the United States. It will be appreciated if you will arrange for the immediate transfer of the lira equivalent of this amount (1,000,000 lire) to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, care of the Allied Control Commission, Naples, Italy.

This money is urgently needed for the relief of stateless refugees in southern Italy. The War Refugee Board is very interested in having this transfer effected immediately.

This matter has been cleared with Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury Department.

(A) J.W. Pehle

Attachment.s

Handwritten: Cleared with Mrs. Pehle 5/18/44 with Mrs. Schmitt.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.

270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York

May 5th, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In accordance with our discussion with you and with members of the Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury, we would greatly appreciate your arranging to have \$10,000. transferred to Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, the representative of the Inter-Governmental Committee now stationed in Naples, Italy. We are enclosing herein our certified check to the order of the Treasurer of the United States for \$10,000.

It would also be appreciated if Sir Heathcote-Smith could be informed that the purpose of this transmission to him is for relief needs of refugees in the internment camps and outside these camps in the southern liberated portion of Italy.

Sincerely yours,

s/s Moses A. Leavitt

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

Check # 10490
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April 21, 1944.

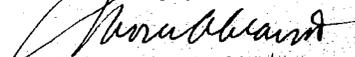
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We should like to make a first remittance of \$10,000 to Naples and we would appreciate your facilitating the issuance of a Treasury license to us for this purpose. Would you also advise us of the banking channels through which such a remittance may be made.

Sincerely yours,


Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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Secretary

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April 17, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Dr. Schwartz has advised us that Saly Mayer was able to secure lira through Vatican circles for the relief of the Jewish Community in Rome. We would like to authorize Saly Mayer to provide \$10,000 in lira through the same sources.

Should this license be granted, we would like to cable to Dr. Schwartz through your facilities informing him of this license and its purpose. We suggest the following cable to him:

"RECEIVED LICENSE TRANSMIT \$10,000 TO SALY MAYER TO BE UTILIZED BY HIM FOR PURCHASE LIRA FROM VATICAN SOURCES FOR RESCUE AND RELIEF JEWS IN ROME AND NORTHERN ITALY STOP ADVISE SALY MAYER ACCORDINGLY"

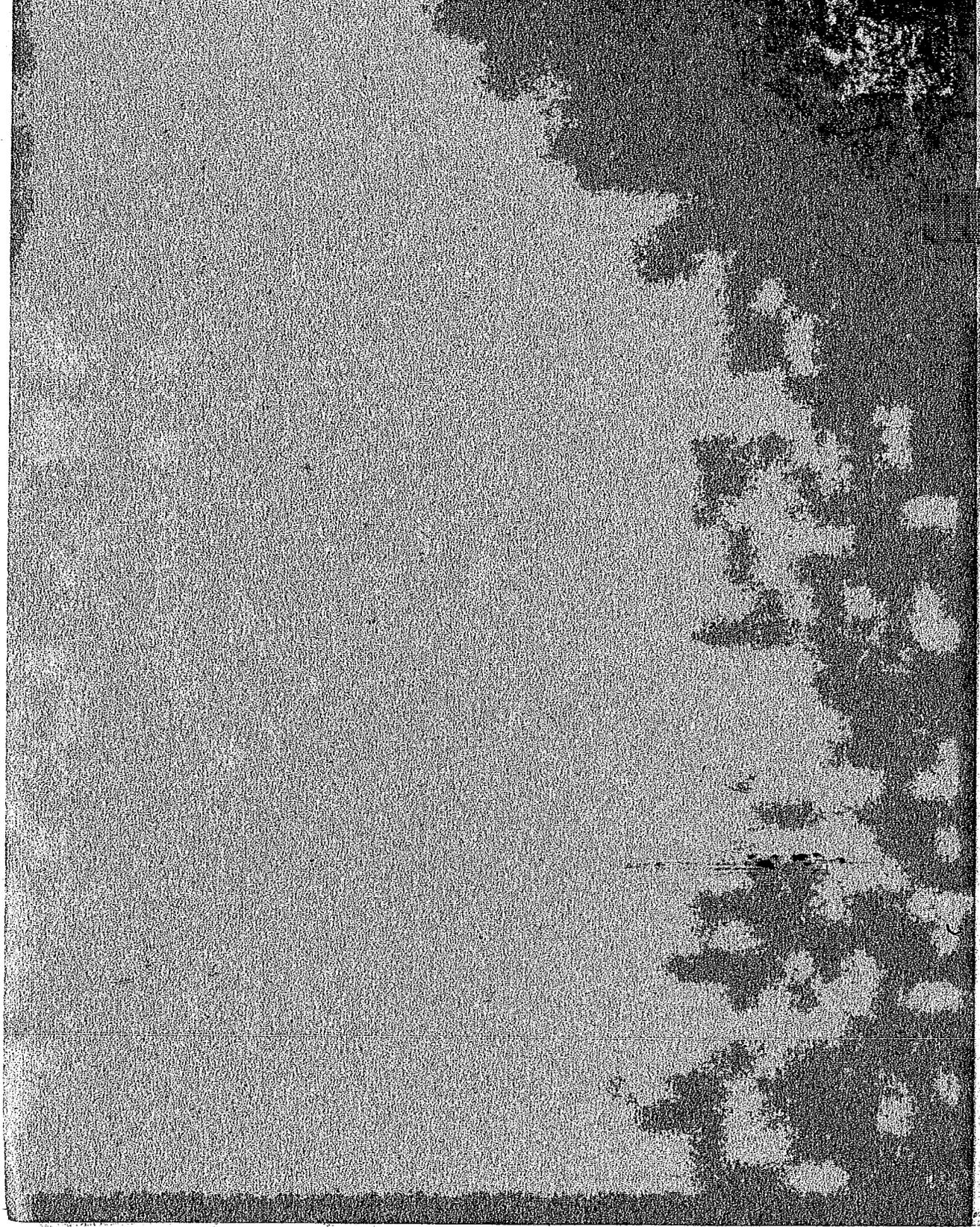
Sincerely yours,

Moses A. Leavitt
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4/26/44
Leavitt requested
that this application
be withdrawn JH

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MEMORANDUM

JDC Italy
NY 643226

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Relief in Southern Italy

There is transmitted herewith a ~~copy~~ of a letter dated July 6, 1944 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee dealing with remittance through Chase National Bank of 3,000,000 lire for account of JDC to be drawn against by Dr. Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Erlman or Arthur Greenleigh. The funds to be transmitted to the Banco di Napoli, Naples, for relief in southern Italy.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

This has been cleared with War Department and Monetary Research. Matter has been raised with FFC Liberated Areas Section which is prepared to cooperate re issuance of license.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued X
Remittance license No. ~~issued~~ NY 643226 issued August 8, 1944
Other:

/s/ R. B. Parke

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: AUG 8, 1944

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AUG 8, 1944

NY 643226

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Rulings Nos. 5A and 11, to remit \$30,000 to Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Perlman or Arthur Greenleigh, Naples, Italy, provided such remittance is effected in accordance with the applicable provisions of General License 32A. The domestic Bank effecting this remittance should be informed that it may transmit the remittance instructions relative to such remittance immediately by separate schedule

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

RBPParke;emj 8/7/44

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PARAPHRASE OF INCOMING CABLE, DATED 2 AUGUST 1944,
FROM AFHQ TO CCS

SUBJECT: Private Welfare Agencies.

1. Remittance of \$30,000 to representative of Joint Distribution Committee is recommended. No difficulties are presented in the suggested procedure for handling.
2. There follows a report on private agencies. Are verifying material on activities.

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J.C.S. Regrading Memo 27-71
By RHP Date 11-3-72

~~DECLASSIFIED
By Authority of JCS
letter 7-5-72
By RHP Date 11-3-72~~

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COPY

July 17, 1944

TO: Mr. Pehle
FROM: E. Hodel
Re: JDC IN ITALY

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Mr. Leavitt also advises that the Catholics are presently trying to get permission for a representative to be sent to Italy, and in the meanwhile they are using someone from the Vatican to carry on their work in Italy.

Attached are copies of a cable sent by Schwartz to Leavitt, Section 3 of which outlines the specific activities of JDC in Italy, for which part of the 3,000,000 lire is to be used. Also attached is a copy of a letter of July 6 from Mr. Leavitt requesting a license for the acquisition of the 3,000,000 lire, in which mention is made of the fact that two million lire were granted by the JDC for the immediate relief needs of Jewish refugee needs in Rome.

F. Hodel

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July 15, 1944

Miss Hodel

Mr. McCormack

There appears below a brief sketch of American National Red Cross operations in liberated Italy.

American National Red Cross currently operates in liberated Italy as the result of a formal agreement reached between that agency and AMG immediately following the invasion of Sicily. This agreement, I understand, has been further formalized in writing recently. The late Norman Davis consummated this arrangement during his visit to the Italian theater in late 1943. ARC met the military's request by furnishing a staff "of disciplined uniformed personnel" whose duty it is to assist the Health and Welfare Section of AMG in meeting the problems in the health and welfare field in liberated areas.

During the emergency period (immediately following liberation) relief in kind is furnished the civilian population from Army stocks; subsequently a careful relief program is established. ARC assistance in the development of these programs is represented by their revival of local public and private agencies who actually administer the relief programs for AMG. ARC personnel act as "arms and legs" for the Health and Welfare Section, performing a multiplicity of coordinating tasks.

ARC presently has a total of 45 field personnel in liberated Italy and the staff is further supplemented by the presence of 25 to 30 British Red Cross personnel who operate under the supervision of ARC Director W.W. Jefferson. Seventeen additional Americans are currently being trained in this country and will depart for the Italian theater in the near future.

ARC (report ending May 31, 1944) has assisted in providing clothing for a total of 40,000 civilians in liberated areas. This clothing is distributed by the revived private agencies and newly established local committees from a \$6,000,000 clothing stockpile that has been shipped to Italy as of April 6, 1944. This clothing is chapter produced and the raw materials were purchased from the Emergency Relief appropriation.

The agreement between ARC and AMG does not necessarily preclude the presence of other private agency personnel within liberated Italy.

BjMcCormack; ar

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~~SECRET~~
DRAFT OF CABLE TO GENERAL WILSON FROM CCS

JUL 8 1944

SUBJECT: Remittance of Joint Distribution Committee

Joint Distribution Committee desires to remit thirty thousand dollars to its representative in Naples to carry out relief activities in liberated Italy. Aforementioned remittance would be handled through regular U.S. banking channels and dollar proceeds placed in AF account. U.S. Treasury Department states it is prepared to authorize this remittance. Your views requested soonest.

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Mr. Tomlinson left the following message for you:

The War Dept. has sent a cable for the theater's views, and we should hold the application until the first of the week to await a reply. If the reply has not been received by Wednesday, they will try to get the War Dept. to clear the cable.

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July 5, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was referred to me today (July 5) by Miss Hodel. Mr. Leavitt stated that he had talked to Mr. Pehle concerning the currency conversion of the lira currency holdings of the 550 refugees recently evacuated from Italy to Palestine. During these discussions the question had arisen as to the manner in which JDC should acquire its lire requirements for its relief activities in Italy. Mr. Leavitt stated that the JDC wished to obtain 3 million lire. I informed Mr. Leavitt that it would probably be possible for JDC to obtain their necessary lire requirements through the regular banking channels in the United States. However, as Italy was a military area it would be necessary for us to consult with the War Department and probably to send a cable to the Italian theater asking for their views before we could authorize the remittance. Mr. Leavitt said that he would prepare a letter setting forth the JDC's request. I informed him that meanwhile the Treasury Department would review the matter on the basis of his oral request and send a cable if necessary.

Mr. Leavitt stated that JDC was also faced with a problem in Turkey of obtaining the "diplomatic" rate of exchange for their purchases of Turkish pounds necessary to carry out their procurement of relief supplies in Turkey for shipment to Rumania, Yugoslavia or other areas where refugees may be gathered. He stated that the distribution of the supplies was carried out by the International Red Cross. Mr. Leavitt stated that the American Ambassador had reviewed the matter with Turkish authorities and had been unable to obtain the "diplomatic" rate for goods to be shipped out of Turkey although the "diplomatic" rate was given to JDC for purchase of goods to be used in Turkey. Mr. Leavitt stated that the UKCC representative in Turkey had informed the JDC representative that the UKCC organization in Turkey would be willing to procure the goods for the JDC at the "diplomatic" rate and turn them over to the International Red Cross provided that London would approve. Mr. Leavitt asked whether it would be possible for this Government to send a cable to London urging that the necessary approval be given. I informed Mr. Leavitt that I would raise the matter in the Treasury Department.

William M. Tomlison

THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.
270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

July 6th, 1944

The War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Attention Miss Florence Hodel

We wish to apply for a license from the Treasury Department to remit through the Chase National Bank 3,000,000^{lire} for the account of American Joint Distribution Committee to be drawn against by Dr. Joseph Schwartz of Max S. Perlman or Arthur Greenleigh. The funds to be transmitted to the Banco di Napoli, Naples.

As you know, Dr. Schwartz is the chairman of our European headquarters, - Mr. Perlman is our American representative now stationed in Naples and Mr. Greenleigh is our representative, leaving for Rome shortly.

Dr. Schwartz who visited Italy recently, advised us that he had set up two refugee relief committees in Naples and Bari to take care of the foreign relief program in southern Italy. He has also made an emergency grant of 2,000,000 lire for immediate relief to the Jewish refugees in Rome. These funds are to be used for relief, maintenance of schools, workshops, dispensaries, etc. plus one time grants to establish workshops in camps and grant to reopen religious schools, synagogues, community medical service, etc.

We would ask you to be good enough to give expeditious handling to this application as we are anxious to make remittance as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,
/s/ Moses A. Leavitt

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
370 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

JUL 28 1944

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

Thank you very much for your friendly letter of July 25th in which you express your pleasure at the recent action taken by the Intergovernmental Committee and in which you are gracious enough to suggest that we may take some share of the credit in the final results.

For my part, I want to assure you that we, too, are extremely happy with the results thus far obtained. To us it seems a fitting tribute to you and to your associates that JDC was selected by the Intergovernmental Committee to serve as agent in this program. From a broader standpoint, we are sincerely gratified that the combination of the efforts of a private agency, a Federal agency, and an international agency has resulted in a plan which, directly and indirectly, will bring a substantial measure of relief and assistance to the suffering people of Europe.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald,
Chairman,
The American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee, Inc.,
370 Madison Avenue,
New York, 16, New York.

Copy to: Mr. Whelan

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LOUIS H. SOBEL, *Assistant Secretary*

July 25, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Although we do not ordinarily acknowledge the cables which you send us, I do feel in connection with the message from Sir Herbert Emerson that I want to tell you how greatly pleased all of us are with the action being taken by the Intergovernmental Committee. We realize that it would have been extremely difficult to come to this result if it had not been for the satisfactory talks Sir Herbert had with you and your associates in Washington when he was here a few months ago.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Baerwald
Paul Baerwald
Chairman

PB:JO

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19 July 1944

Commanding General
✓ Allied Force Headquarters
Advance Command Post
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
✓ U.S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WARK 67944

TAM 233 to Wilson for FHGEG from GCS cite GCAC repeated CG ETOUSA information British Chiefs of Staff.

Remittance by Joint Distribution Committee, a private welfare agency. Joint Distribution Committee desires to remit \$30,000 to its representative in Naples to carry out its activities in liberated Italy. Remittances would be handled through regular United States banking channels and dollar proceeds placed in AF account. United States Treasury Department states it is prepared to authorize this remittance. Your views requested. Information is also requested as to what private agencies are already functioning in theater and scope of their activities.

cc: Messrs. Bronz, DuBois, Dietrich, Glasser, Hoffman, Luxford,
Tomlinson, FFC (4), Files (2) and Miss Hodel

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J.C.S. Regrading Memo

By

RHP

Date

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11-3-72

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE July 17, 1944

TO : Mr. Pehle

FROM : F. Hodel

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*Also attached is a memo by Ull Camach
re Red Cross operations in liberated Ital*

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F. Hodel

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.

270 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

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Attention Miss Florence Hodel

Gentlemen:

We wish to apply for a license from the Treasury Department to remit through the Chase National Bank 3,000,000 lire for the account of American Joint Distribution Committee to be drawn against by Dr. Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Perlman or Arthur Greenleigh. The funds to be transmitted to the Banco di Napoli, Naples.

As you know, Dr. Schwartz is the chairman of our European headquarters, - Mr. Perlman is our American representative now stationed in Naples and Mr. Greenleigh is our representative, leaving for Rome shortly.

Dr. Schwartz who visited Italy recently, advised us that he had set up two refugee relief committees in Naples and Bari to take care of the foreign relief program in southern Italy. He has also made an emergency grant of 2,000,000 lire for immediate relief to the Jewish refugees in Rome. These funds are to be used for relief, maintenance of schools, workshops, dispensaries, etc. plus one time grants to establish workshops in camps and a grant to reopen religious schools, synagogues, community medical service, etc.

We would ask you to be good enough to give expeditious handling to this application as we are anxious to make remittance as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) Moses A. Leavitt

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

MAL:rl

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE July 15, 1944

TO Miss Hoel
FROM Mr. McCormack

There appears below a brief sketch of American National Red Cross operations in liberated Italy.

American National Red Cross currently operates in liberated Italy as the result of a formal agreement reached between that agency and AMG immediately following the invasion of Sicily. This agreement, I understand, has been further formalized in writing recently. The late Norman Davis consummated this arrangement during his visit to the Italian theater in late 1943. ARC met the military's request by furnishing a staff "of disciplined uniformed personnel" whose duty it is to assist the Health and Welfare Section of AMG in meeting the problems in the health and welfare field in liberated areas.

During the emergency period (immediately following liberation) relief in kind is furnished the civilian population from Army stocks; subsequently a careful relief program is established. ARC assistance in the development of these programs is represented by their revival of local public and private agencies who actually administer the relief programs for AMG. ARC personnel act as "arms and legs" for the Health and Welfare Section, performing a multiplicity of coordinating tasks.

ARC presently has a total of 45 field personnel in liberated Italy and the staff is further supplemented by the presence of 25 to 30 British Red Cross personnel who operate under the supervision of ARC Director W. W. Jefferson. Seventeen additional Americans are currently being trained in this country and will depart for the Italian theater in the near future.

ARC (report ending May 31, 1944) has assisted in providing clothing for a total of 40,000 civilians in liberated areas. This clothing is distributed by the revived private agencies and newly established local committees from a \$6,000,000 clothing stockpile that has been shipped to Italy as of April 6, 1944. This clothing is chapter produced and the raw materials were purchased from the Emergency Relief Appropriation.

The agreement between ARC and AMG does not necessarily preclude the presence of other private agency personnel within liberated Italy.

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Distribution of true
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arrangement.

Algeria

Dated June 15, 1944.

Rec'd 7:56 a.m., 16th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

2024 June 15, 2 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR LEAVITT JDC FROM
AGREEMANN NO. 30 FROM SCHWARTZ.

Section one: Returned here from Italy sooner
than expected order very next Mann accordance your
request. Expect proceed Cairo Jerusalem Istanbul
soon as discussion completed which hope will not
require more than two weeks utmost. Must point out
transportation difficulties cause long delays trying
to carry out instructions which arrive last moment.
Result personal investigation now consider it most
important Greenleigh proceed immediately Rome
leaving Palermo southern Italy. Allied Control
Commission at our request supported by Inter-governmental
Committee representative Italy has indicated approval
Greenleigh's appointment and transportation. Suggest
we apply passport immediately proceed Rome least pos-
sible delay as many urgent problems here. Kessler
wishes return home in about one month therefore
suggest you engage Samuel Fithzohn for service
probably Middle East area leaving definite assign-
ment open time being.

Section two: Magnes Resnik advise Jewish
Agency urgently requests immediate decision
following proposal transportation to Istanbul.
Utilize MILCA MARITZA similar ships without safe
conduct which impossible obtain order transport
2600 persons from Balkans. Agency requests we
assist finance costs estimated \$800,000 exclusive
participation passengers but agency believes pos-
sible reduce cost if part payment half million
Swiss francs be made Switzerland. If we cannot
participate this project agency asks we provide
Swiss francs as loan deductible from any other
funds payable agency. Magnes committee recommends
(1) our immediate agreement principle participation
above transportation project for each passenger ar-
riving Istanbul and unable pay subject determina-
tion our representative Turkey, (2) we finance fully
all transportation projects which may secure safe

conduct with

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date **SEP** 5 1972

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2-#2024, June 15, 2 p.m. from Algiers

conduct with possibilities reimbursement by passengers with means. Our own view we cannot assume responsibility any manner placing people on ships sailing without safe conduct especially since recent sinking MARITZA en route Constanza. However if War Refugee Board ready assume with Jewish Agency responsibility this project we should participate payment transportation costs those actually arrival Istanbul. View large amount involved suggest you discuss with War Refugee Board possibility their participating financial costs. If you consider this advisable view all above circumstances reply here and Lisbon.

Section three: Have set up two central committees Naples and Bari to cover southern Italy with subcommittees outlying districts and Camp Ferramenti and Santa Maria Diabagna. Monthly budget for supplementary relief maintenance schools workshops, dispensaries, et cetera, \$12,500 plus one time grants \$4800 establish workshops camps and \$2000 equip hostels Naples. Also \$2000 grant for twelve month period Naples Jewish community to reopen religious school synagogue community medical service. Above budget only southern Italy which has approximately 3000 refugees chiefly foreign but does not include Rome where now 8000 to 9000 local Jews 2000 refugees of whom 1400 from France, Yugoslavia, et cetera, 600 from Northern Italy. Have set up emergency grant 2,000,000 lire for immediate relief to ^{be done in} ~~London~~ Rome through Heath Cote Smith who proceeding there next days. If clearance 9,000,000 lire Palestine immigrants not immediately possible please remit immediately through Chase Bank 3,000,000 lire Banco di Napoli Naples account American Joint Distribution Committee for Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Perlman.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELETYPE SENT

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TO: AMCONSUL, JERUSALEM
DATED: June 29, 1944
NUMBER: 120

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By E. H. Parks Date SEP 5 1972

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(Signed) J.W. Pehle

JWPehle:lh 7/17/44

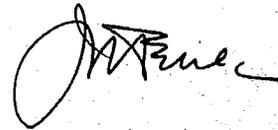
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7. On July 14 no reply to the above mentioned cable had been received by G-5 in Algiers from Civil Affairs in Washington.

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Republique Francaise

Commissariat aux Affaires
Sociales

Alger, le 21 juin 1944.

No 2864 Sante/P
a rappeler:

Le COMMISSAIRE aux AFFAIRES SOCIALES

(Direction de la Sante et
de l'Assistance Publiques)

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a

Monsieur Howard L. BROOKS
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Unitarian Service Committee
11, Chemin de la Solidarite
a Alger.

Cher Monsieur,

Vous m'avez demande si une mission medicale de
l'Unitarian Service Committee pourrait etre autorisee
a travailler en France sous le controle des autorites
francaises.

Cette mission medicale qui serait organisee avec
le concours de l'Universite de Minnesota pourrait:

- 1) - apporter des secours medicaux a la population
francaise
- 2) - faire une etude scientifique des effets de la
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C'est bien volontiers que je vous donne mon accord
au sujet de cette mission et que je faciliterai son travail
en France.

Il est difficile de prevoir des maintenant dans quelles
conditions exactes pourra s'exercer l'activite de ces
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Cependant, on peut deja penser que la meilleure
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Je pourrais meme detacher aupres de cette mission medicale un medecin francais, Professeur de Faculte, qui est en ce moment dans mes services et qui est particulierement competent dans les questions d'alimentation.

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c/o AMERICAN REPRESENTATION, ALGIERS

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Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

June 28, 1944.

Subject: Entrance of Civilian Medical Units into this Area.

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1. The preliminary stages of organization in the United States of the unit to serve in France are complete, and the Unitarian Service Committee is prepared to make formal application to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the release of the following men:

Dr. Maurice Visscher, Chairman, Dept. of Physiology.
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Dr. Irvin McQuarrie, Chairman, Dept. of Pediatrics.
Dr. Peter Brekhus, former head of the Medical School.

Other doctors included in the unit are Dr. Chester Jones of Harvard, Dr. Otto Klineberg of Columbia, and Dr. Severinghaus of the University of Wisconsin.

2. Before requesting the release of these men, the Unitarian Service Committee wishes assurances that the unit will be permitted to enter this theatre.

3. I therefore request that authorization to enter be granted to the above mentioned doctors with supporting personnel to be determined of approximately five other people.

4. I also request that the proper steps be taken to facilitate the transportation of equipment and supplies which will not exceed ten tons.

5. French authorities have formally indicated their willingness to have the unit come here.

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6. It is understood that the Unitarian Service Committee will continue to explore the possibilities of obtaining other medical personnel for this theatre, specifically the medical unit intended eventually for the Balkans.

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Howard L. Brooks,
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June 18, 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS CMS/DW/as
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 230.4-7

16 June 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Civilian Medical Personnel in
the care of Refugees.

TO : The Special Representative, Mediterranean Area,
U.S. War Refugee Board, c/o The Office of the
American Political Adviser.

Reference is made to your memorandum of 14
June, and to conversations between Mr. Ackerman and
Major Walker of this Section.

1. In principle it is agreed that use should be
made of civilian medical personnel, not being members
of UNRRA or other Allied relief or welfare agencies,
in the care of refugees in French North Africa and
Italy, provided that all such persons are first screened
and approved by the Security authorities. Assistance
will be afforded to the Representative of the American
Unitarian Service Committee in providing facilities for
Dr. Frederic Imianitof to enter French North Africa.

2. As, however, it is not possible to arrange for
the payment of such persons by the Army it is requested
that until UNRRA can be held responsible payments may
temporarily be made by the War Refugee Board, or by
another agency as you may think best. Accommodation
and food would be provided from military sources.

3. It is understood that, in addition to Dr.
Imianitof, three nursing personnel are now available in
Algeria. Information as to the assignment of these
persons will be given on receipt of confirmation that
their payment can be effected by some agency other than
military.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 201-P-Brooks, Howard L. (Civ)

12 July 1944^{/1c}

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : Mr. Howard L. Brooks, Unitarian Service Committee -
Asst Director

1. The above named American Civilian is authorized to proceed from this station on or about 12 July 1944, to the United States for the purpose of selecting medical personnel for refugee care and upon completion return to proper station.

2. Travel by military aircraft, rail and/or surface transportation is authorized.

By command of General WILSON:

R. E. LINES,
Captain, AGD,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Individual.....3
G-4 M & Tn (Air).....1
G-5.....1
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MILITARY CONTROL

DATE ARR 14 July '44

DATE DEP 15 July '44

Casablanca PORT

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DATE ARR _____

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

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TO: AMCONSUL, JERUSALEM
DATED: JUNE 29, 1944
NUMBER: 120

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 5 1972

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JH cleared
with Taulerian-Marty Research -
FH:lab 6/23/44 Cable drafted
by M. Leavitt

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JUN 24 1944

TO: Mr. Warren
FROM: J. W. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, c/o American Consulate, Jerusalem, from Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Attachment.

FH:lab 6/23/44

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