

Licensed: American Committee For Christian Refugees
(NY 644044)

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

TO : Miss Hodel

August 23, 1944

FROM : R. B. Parke

Subject: Letter dated August 4, 1944, addressed to the War Refugee Board by the American Committee for Christian Refugees. *Lic.*

In accordance with your request earlier this month, I discussed with Mr. Caccio, Assistant Treasurer of the American Committee for Christian Refugees, by telephone, the question raised in the subject letter, which is returned herewith.

Mr. Caccio was satisfied that he would have no Swiss franc problem until such time as the Committee proposed to effect additional remittances to Dr. Freudenberg in Switzerland. He agreed that at that time the Committee would file an application with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. I pointed out to him that since the issuance of the first license arrangements had been made for the remittance of funds to Switzerland for humanitarian purposes, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and that consistent with the supply of Swiss francs, this Department would be prepared to issue a license for the remittance of Swiss francs.

In connection with the foregoing, the American Committee for Christian Refugees has now filed application No. NY 644044 for a license to remit through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York the Swiss franc equivalent of \$14,500 in September and \$8,000 per month thereafter for a period of six months to Dr. Freudenberg for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of the basic license (W-2150) issued to the Committee. This application was approved for a period of four months pursuant to our telephone conversation on August 23, 1944, and will be handled as a regular War Refugee Board case. The license period was limited to December 26, 1944, in view of the expiration on that date of the Committee's basic license. You will receive conformed copies of the relative wires as soon as they become available.

While I doubt that Mr. Caccio expects a reply to the subject letter, I think you might wish to consider replying to the effect that you are informed that application No. NY 644044, cited above, was approved by the Treasury Department (you may, of course, wish to base such a statement on the conformed copies of the wire which will be sent to you).

R. B. Parke
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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Humanitarian work in Switzerland or in enemy territory

There is transmitted herewith a copy of *Application No. 74644044*
~~a letter dated August 4, 1944~~

from the American Committee for Christian Refugees dealing with remittance
of \$14,800 in September and \$8,000 per month thereafter for six months to
Dr. A. Freudenberg of World Council of Churches, Geneva, for humanitarian
work in Switzerland or in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in accordance
with W-2150.

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:

P. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued

Remittance license No. NY 644044 issued

Other:

August 28, 1944

4 months period

[Signature]
Liaison Officer

Foreign Funds Control

Date:

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NY 644044 Approved for \$14,500 in September and for \$8,000 per month thereafter for three months, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, for disbursement in accordance with provisions of license No. W-2150, as amended. The licensee, or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. License to expire December 26, 1944. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rueschmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

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Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES, INC.

August 4, 1944

Mrs. Florence Hodel
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Hodel:

We are troubled by the confidential cable received via your office, dated May 16, 1944 (copy enclosed), part of which refers to Free Francs to be sent to Dr. A. Freudenberg, of the Ecumenical Refugee Committee, for the last four months of 1944.

Our present license, NY 599856XLR, dated May 1, 1944, expires on August 31, 1944, and in making our application for renewal from September 1 to December 31, 1944, it would appear that we will have to have permission to send Free Francs, according to the above-mentioned cable.

Enclosed you will also find copy of a more recent cable, dated July 21, 1944, which reminds us that Dr. Freudenberg expects \$32,000. in Free Francs during the last four months of this year at the rate of \$8,000 per month.

Our bankers (Manufacturers Trust Company) have informed us that we will have to have a special license to send Free Francs; however, Mr. Rushmore, of the Federal Reserve Bank, does not think it is necessary to send Free Francs.

Will you please advise us whether it is necessary to send Free Francs and, if so, can you arrange to get this license for us as Mr. Rushmore believes that it will be difficult to secure a license for Free Francs.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John Cascio

John Cascio
Assistant Treasurer

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Assistant Treasurer

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International Migration Service . . . Consultant

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Received: June 1, 1944

May 31, 1944

Dear Mr. Leiper:

The following very confidential message for you from Messrs. Thooft, Freudenberg and Beguin was received from the American Legation, Bern, under date of May 16, 1944:

"It has been decided by Swiss authorities to unblock 1943 balance and on conditions that balance of American gifts is transmitted in free francs, they are ready to unblock in 1944, \$132,000 representing 71,000 Bible, 48,000 refugees and 13,000 Council. *Federal Council*

"Consequently, Freudenberg asks to prepare for sending at least 48,000 in free francs representing four months as only January-February have been paid in free francs so far. *Chick*

"The budget of Beguin is based on the expectation that 7,000 in dollars and counter part of 71,000 in free francs will be sent by Bible Society and he is convinced that printing scriptures here to meet the increasing Bible famine in Eastern and Central Europe remains an urgent task; and larger editions would not be expensive now that Polish, Czech, Serb, Italian Galvanos are available. It is suggested that your reconstruction committee send \$42,000 for reconstruction, making use of the above mentioned to unblock, since \$100,000 would be sufficient to meet most urgent printing needs this year and since funds to meet first urgent relief needs are required by reconstruction committee. It is requested that you discuss with North the foregoing."

Very truly yours,

(signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Mr. Henry Leiper
American Committee for
Christian Refugees
139 Centre Street
New York, New York

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July 21, 1944

Henry Leiper
297 Fourth Avenue
New York

PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT WE HAVE PERMISSION TO UNBLOCK 132000
DOLLARS DURING 1944 FOR COUNCIL REFUGEES BIBLE STOP HAVE SO FAR
UNBLOCKED 60000 DOLLARS STOP ON BASIS AVAILABLE FUNDS AND NEEDS
PROPOSE THAT REMAINING 72000 DOLLARS be ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS
COUNCIL 8000 BIBLE SECRETARIAT 3000 RECONSTRUCTION FOR WHICH
FUNDS NOW URGENTLY NEEDED 45000 REFUGEES 16000 STOP REFUGEES
EXPECT IN ADDITION 32000 DOLLARS IN FREE FRANCS

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VISSEER THOOFT