

Licenses: AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE  
( Phila. 14150 - PORTUGAL  
Phila. 14156 - SWITZERLAND )

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency. (RESTRICTED)

*War Refugee Branch  
(Mrs. Poble)  
(att. Mrs. Meyers)*  
June 15, 1944

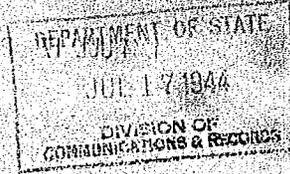
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FROM CROWLEY AND STONE, FEA



IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVAL BY ANGLO-AMERICAN BLOCKADE AUTHORITIES, TREASURY LICENSE NO. PHILADELPHIA 14156 HAS BEEN ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER \$25,000 TO ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN SWITZERLAND FOR THE PURCHASE THERE OF FOODSTUFFS TO BE DISPATCHED TO SECOURS QUAKER IN FRANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE LATTER, UNDER INTERCROSS SUPERVISION, TO PARTICULARLY NEEDY DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES IN FRANCE, SOME OF WHOM ARE DETAINED IN CAMPS, WHILE OTHERS WHO ARE AT LIBERTY ARE, IN MANY CASES, AIDED THROUGH WORKSHOPS OPERATED BY SECOURS QUAKER. SAID TREASURY LICENSE PROVIDES THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE IN SWITZERLAND OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE MUST SECURE YOUR APPROVAL REGARDING THE FOODSTUFFS TO BE PURCHASED FOR THESE FUNDS AND THE INTERMEDIARIES THROUGH WHICH SAID FOODSTUFFS ARE TO BE PROCURED.

PLEASE INFORM BRITISH LEGATION THAT MEW HAS APPROVED OF THIS TRANSACTION.

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(RLH)

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: JUN 6 - 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control,

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief in France

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There is transmitted herewith ~~xxxxxx~~ of ~~xxx~~ letters dated April 13 and May 3, 1944 from the American Friends Service Committee dealing with the transfer of funds to Switzerland and to Portugal for the purchase of food products for distribution by Secours Quaker, under International Red Cross supervision, to displaced persons in France.

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 blockade (see Cable no. 4227 from London of May 25, 1944)

Usual conditions should be stipulated.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-	issued	Phila. 14150 issued June 9, 1944 (Portugal)
Remittance License No.	<del>xxxxxx</del> issued	Phila. 14156 issued June 10, 1944 (Switzerland)
Other:		X

Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: JUN 10 1944

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FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT  
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

Phila. 14150

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$25,000 to Philip A. Conrad and/or the American Friends Service Committee, Lisbon, Portugal, for the purchase, within Portugal and/or Spain, of foodstuffs to be distributed by Secours Quaker, under the supervision of the International Red Cross, to needy displaced persons in France. Stipulation No. 2. License also to stipulate that purchases in Portugal and Spain be made with the approval of the American Legation at Lisbon and the American Embassy at Madrid, respectively, concerning the nature of goods to be purchased, as well as firms from which such purchases will be made

(Initialed) O.A.S.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Phila. 14156

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$25,000 to Mrs. Marjorie McClelland, 7 Rue des Chaudronniers, Geneva, Switzerland, for the purchase within Switzerland of foodstuffs to be distributed by Secours Quaker, under the supervision of the International Red Cross, to needy displaced persons in France. License to stipulate that purchases are to be made with the approval of the American Legation at Bern concerning the nature of goods to be purchased, as well as firms from which such purchases will be made. 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. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes".

Initialed) S.A.S.

*Ph 14156 was  
not utilized but  
was repaid  
as Ph. 14294  
on July 10  
1944  
RS*

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London

Dated May 25, 1944

Rec'd 6 a.m., 26th

*War Ref Bd*  
*(Mr. Bell)*

*1 copy only*

Secretary of State

Washington

4227, Twenty-fifth

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FOR DEPARTMENT AND FEA

Reference Department's 4046, May 22.

Relief subcommittee approves transfer of \$25,000 to American Friends' Service Committee representative in Lisbon and similar amount to its representative in Switzerland for the purposes and under the conditions given in Department's telegram under reference.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 8 1972**

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May 22, 1944

AMEMBASSY,

LONDON.

4046, twenty seconds.  
FROM CROVELLY AND STONE, PEA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAY 23 1944

American Friends Service Committee.

The American Friends Service Committee is requesting approval of the transfer of (1) \$25,000 to its representative at Lisbon for the purchase in Portugal and Spain of foodstuffs to be despatched to Secours Quaker in France for distribution by the latter, under Intercross supervision, to particularly needy displaced persons and refugees in France, some of whom are detained in camps while others who are at liberty are in many cases aided through workshops operated by Secours Quaker, and (2) \$25,000 to its representative in Switzerland for the purchase in Switzerland of foodstuffs for the same purpose as described above.

The War Refugee Board recommends strongly that both proposals be approved and we concur on condition that the proposed purchases in Portugal and Spain be subject to the usual controls as to kinds of goods procured and firms or intermediaries to be dealt with, and that the

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proposed exports from Switzerland comply with current instructions  
to legations at Bern. Please support before Relief Sub-Committee  
for immediate action.

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5/19/44  
cc: Gordon

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE  
20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 19, 1944

Mr. Herman S. Kiaer  
Foreign Economic Administration  
2501 Q Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kiaer:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this afternoon.

It was our intention to apply for licenses for purchases of foodstuffs in Switzerland and Portugal to be shipped to France for the use and benefit of displaced persons in that country without regard to whether they were in internment camps or not.

When our Committee was working in France we established a number of workshops in which refugees, particularly Spaniards, were able to participate in self-help programs. These projects are still being maintained by the Secours Quaker organization, and the difficulties of obtaining food for them are of course constantly increasing. In addition, there are thousands of other refugees outside of camps today whose position is extremely precarious but who can be reached by Secours Quaker.

We would therefore not wish to limit relief, made available under such licenses, to those in camps, but would like to leave the distribution up to the discretion of the French Quaker organization in which we have every confidence, subject to such supervision or control as it may seem best to provide through the International Red Cross.

We are sorry that we did not make this point clear in our original request, and hope that the matter is now clarified to your satisfaction.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*L.H.N.*  
Lindsley H. Noble

cc: Miss Florence Hodel ✓  
War Refugee Board

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## American Friends Service Committee

20 South Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7  Pennsylvania

May 3, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

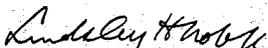
My dear Mr. Pehle:

Confirming the writer's telephone conversation of today with Miss Hodel, it is our desire that the license requested in our letter of April thirteenth be issued on the basis of relief. We realize that this will result in some delay, but we do not feel at present that we should apply for licenses on the other basis.

We should be grateful if at the same time you will request a license for us which would enable us to transfer twenty-five thousand dollars to Philip A. Conard and/or American Friends Service Committee, Rua de D. Pedro V, Lisbon, Portugal, to be used for the purchase in Portugal and/or Spain of such food products as may be available and suitable for export to France for distribution by Secours Quaker under International Red Cross supervision to the most needy displaced civilians in France. As you may know, Mr. Conard is a United States citizen and delegate of this Committee to Portugal.

We will very much appreciate anything you can do to expedite the issuance of these licenses. If there is any supplemental information which you may require, please do not hesitate to call us at our expense.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lindsley R. Noble

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## American Friends Service Committee

Twenty South Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7,  Pennsylvania

April 13, 1944

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Discussed with  
JWS 4/17/44*

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

Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

My dear Mr. Pehle:

Our Committee is desirous of sending to Switzerland a sum of money which will be available to our representative there for use in connection with the activities of Secours Quaker in France. We would like to license this transaction in a sufficiently broad way to permit our representative to either send the money in to Secours Quaker or to buy supplies in Switzerland which would be sent in to Secours Quaker, after consultation with responsible members of that organization. The sum of money we have in mind is \$25,000, and this is to be spent for the benefit of displaced persons located in France within the reach of the personnel of Secours Quaker. We wish this license to be sufficiently broad to cover displaced Frenchmen and/or their families, as well as persons of other nationalities.

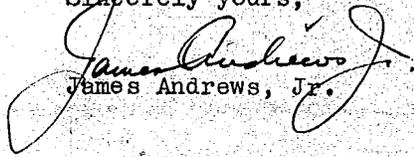
With regard to the means of effecting this transaction, we would appreciate any intervention the War Refugee Board would make to obtain the \$25,000 worth of Swiss francs at the official rate.

For your information, Secours Quaker is a French corporation which was established by our personnel prior to November 1942, and is now completely controlled by French Quakers.

We would be grateful if you could prepare the license to cover this transaction so that we may have the matter taken care of as promptly as possible.

Please feel free to call at our expense if any further questions need to be clarified. If I do not happen to be in the office, Mr. Noble is equally familiar and authorized to act for the Committee in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

  
James Andrews, Jr.

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