MEMORANDUM

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Rescue and Relief in Enemy Territory

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated March 21, 1945 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee with remittance of Swiss franc equivalent of $900,000 during the month of April for the program of rescue and relief.

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:

F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. K27435 issued 3/26/45
Other:

Date:

R.B. Pence
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
March 21, 1945

The War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence Kedal

We hereby request a license to transmit $900,000 during the month of April to Sal Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States through the Chase National Bank of New York, for the program of rescue and relief which Mr. Mayer is carrying on from Switzerland.

We plan to send $500,000 in the early days of April, and the balance of $400,000 about April 16th. We would, therefore, appreciate your most expeditious handling of this application.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Evelyn M. Morrissey
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Assistant Treasurer
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 370 Madison Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of $900,000 to Mr. Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland. 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.

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