

LICENSES: BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.
(NY 635400)

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CROSS REFERENCE ON

FOR:

- Amendment to this License
- Extension of this License
- Renewal of this License
- Correspondence concerning this application
- Other (Specify)

For further information concerning "Svenska Israelsmissionen"

- SEE:
1. SVENSKA ISRAELSMISSIONEN
 2. OTHER EVACUATION PROJECTS - RESCUE OF NORWEGIANS

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File 784

**Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America**
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

October 16, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive office of the
President's War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Your letter to Dr. Hoffmann, enclosing a letter from the Svenska Israelsmissionen received. Dr. Hoffmann is away on a tour in the interest of our work and will not return until the latter part of this month, at which time your letter will be called to his attention. I know he will be delighted to know that the Mission has received the contributions, sent through the President's War Refugee Board, for relief for the refugees in Roumania.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic M. McIndoo
Secretary to Dr. Hoffmann.

See:
"Svenska Israelsmissionen"

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

August 10, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director,
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of August 7th on the subject of the license, permitting us to make remittances to our representative in Stockholm, Sweden, said sums to be used for relief of Jewish refugees in Rumania. In the meantime the license permitting an additional amount up to \$10,000 to be sent to Mr. Pernow has been received and through the Federal Reserve Bank the necessary transfer has been made. Apparently the original copies were lost enroute.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann

Conrad Hoffmann.

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AUG 7 1944

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to Mr. Abrahamson of August 2, 1944.

In response to your letters of June 16 and June 30, 1944, the War Refugee Board recommended to the Treasury Department the issuance of appropriate licenses, permitting you to make remittances to Rev. Pernow in Stockholm for relief operations. The Treasury Department advised the War Refugee Board that the license (No. NY 635400) was issued June 26, 1944, permitting a remittance for the above purpose of \$5,000. The Board was advised by the Treasury Department that License No. NY 639127, permitting an additional remittance of \$10,000 to Rev. Pernow for these operations, was mailed to your Board by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York under date of July 17, 1944.

In view of the statements contained in your letter of August 2, we asked the Treasury Department to get in touch with you at once concerning these licenses, and we have been advised that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York telephoned you today on the matter.

We regret any inconvenience which may have been caused you as the result of the nonreceipt of your license. Your cooperation in the rescue and relief program involved is deeply appreciated by the Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Conrad Hoffman,
Board of National Missions of
the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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Mr. Parke - 5606 called and left the following message:

Re: License NY 639127 issued to the Board of National Nations of the
Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Deuel of the FRB of New York informed Mr. Parke that he had spoken ~~x~~
with Mr. Conrade Hoffman and since the latter indicated he had not received
the subject license, Mr. Deuel promised him that he would mail him two
copies today.

Mr. Deuel confirmed that the original license was mailed from the FRB of
New York on July 17, 1944.

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

August 2, 1944.

Mr. Albert Abrahamson,
War Refugee Board,
Room 196,
Treasury Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson: *not in files*

I am wondering whether you have had my previous letters of June 22nd and June 30th in which we solicited your further cooperation in securing the license permit to send the additional sums, which we have received in answer to our appeal, to the Rev. Birger Pernow, Director of the Svenska Israelsmissionen in Stockholm Sweden for relief purposes on behalf of Jewish refugees in Roumania. We actually have on hand an additional amount of \$7,770.50, having already sent \$5,000, we are prepared to send on the \$7,770.50 just as soon as the necessary permit is received. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann Jr.
Conrad Hoffmann.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: **Rescue and relief in enemy territory**

There is transmitted herewith ~~attached~~ a letter dated **June 30, 1944**,
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
from the **Board of National Missions of the /** dealing with **remittance**
to Sweden for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.

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: **Amendment of license NY 635400 issued June 26, 1944, to permit remittance of \$15,000.**

Action:

new license for \$10,000 issued
Basic license No. W- ~~12~~ issued
Remittance license No. ~~issued~~ NY 639127 issued July 15, 1944
Other:

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

[Signature]
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: JUL 15 1944

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Parlo
Award of
\$15,000
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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

June 30, 1944.

Mr. Albert Abrahamson,
War Refugee Board,
Room 196
Treasury Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

We have just received, thanks to your
intermediation, the license permitting us to transfer \$5,000
to the Rev. Birger Pernow, our Swedish representative in
Stockholm Sweden, stating that it is to be used for relief
of Jewish and other refugees in Roumania about which we had
reported.

I have secured another \$2,000 and antici-
pate some time next week an additional \$5,000. Could you once
again secure for us the necessary license to permit these two
amounts to be sent to the Rev. Birger Pernow, Director of the
Svenska Israelsmissionen, 4 Idungatan, Stockholm Sweden, for
the above purposes as above indicated. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann Jr.
Conrad Hoffmann.

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JUL 15 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 639127

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 168 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$10,000 to Reverend Birger Pernow, Stockholm, Sweden, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by the payee designated herein only as authorized by Mr. Iver O. Olsen, representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2. Periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by the payee designated herein through the American Legation, Stockholm

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director
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JUL 15 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 639127

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 168 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$10,000 to Reverend Birger Pernow, Stockholm, Sweden, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by the payee designated herein only as authorized by Mr. Iver C. Olsen, representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2. Periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by the payee designated herein through the American Legation, Stockholm

(S. Schmidt) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: ~~Rescue and relief in enemy territory.~~

There is transmitted herewith ~~an enclosure~~ letter dated **June 16, 1944**
from the **Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian**
Church in the United States of America dealing with **remittances**
to Sweden for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.

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:

Remittance license -
Expenditures to be made by Fernow
only as authorized by Olsen, WRS
representative.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. issued NY 685400 issued June 26, 1944
Other:

[Signature]
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: JUN 26 1944

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To: [unclear]

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

JUN 26 1944

NY 635400

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$8,000 to Rev. Birger Fernow, Stockholm, Sweden, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by the payee designated herein only as authorized by Mr. Iver G. Olson, representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2. Periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by the payee designated herein through American Legation, Stockholm.

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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RBParke :jfh 6-24-44

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

June 16, 1944.

Mr. Albert Abrahamson,
War Refugee Board,
Room 190,
Treasurer Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

I have secured \$5,000 and have prospect of another \$5,000 for use of our Swedish friends in relief for the Jewish refugees in Roumania about which we spoke the other day when you called on me. You kindly offered the service of your organization in securing the necessary licenses to send funds abroad for this purpose. May we therefore solicit your help in securing the license for sending \$5,000 or its equivalent to the Rev. Birger Pernow, Director of the Svenska Israelsmissionen, Idungatan 4, Stockholm 6, Sweden, who is responsible for the present relief work being done in Roumania on behalf of Jewish refugees and with the active sponsorship of the Swedish Diplomatic Office in Roumania. The \$5,000 we are anxious to send is a part of Refugee Relief Funds provided by the War-Time Service Commission of our Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. I hope to have definite word about the additional \$5,000 in prospect some time next week and if you are agreeable will then appeal to you anew for the necessary license to send this sum as well to the Rev. Birger Pernow. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann
Conrad Hoffmann

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Rescue and relief in enemy territory.

There is transmitted herewith ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a letter dated June 16, 1944 from the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America dealing with remittance to Sweden for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.

*Sec amendment
7/7 to 15,000
ltr dated 6/30*

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:

Remittance license -
Expenditures to be made by Fernow
only as authorized by Olsen, WRB
representative.

F. Hodal
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. ~~XXXXXX~~ NY 635400 issued June 26, 1944
Other:

[Signature]
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: JUN 26 1944

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JUN 26 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 635400

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$8,000 to Rev. Birger Pernow, Stockholm, Sweden, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by the payee designated herein only as authorized by Mr. Iver C. Olsen, representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2. Periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by the payee designated herein through American Legation, Stockholm.

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

June 16, 1944

Mr. Albert Abrahamson,
War Refugee Board,
Room 196,
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

I have secured \$5,000 and have prospect of another \$5,000 for use of our Swedish friends in relief for the Jewish refugees in Roumania about which we spoke the other day when you called on me. You kindly offered the service of your organization in securing the necessary licenses to send funds abroad for this purpose. May we therefore solicit your help in securing the license for sending \$5,000 or its equivalent to the Rev. Birger Pernow, Director of the Svenska Israelmisionen, Idungatan 4, Stockholm 6, Sweden, who is responsible for the present relief work being done in Roumania on behalf of Jewish refugees and with the active sponsorship of the Swedish Diplomatic Office in Roumania. The \$5,000 we are anxious to send is a part of Refugee Relief Funds provided by the War-Time Service Commission of our Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. I hope to have definite word about the additional \$5,000 in prospect some time next week and if you are agreeable will then appeal to you anew for the necessary license to send this sum as well to the Rev. Birger Pernow. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Conrad Hoffmann.

Conrad Hoffmann.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
STATE

OUTGOING
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS

June 20, 1944
8 p.m.

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Distribution of true
reading only by special
arrangement

AMLEGATION,

STOCKHOLM.
1230

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The cable below is for Olsen in reference your 1771
of May 19 (17 to WRB) and is no. 31 from War Refugee Board.

\$8,000 will be transferred soon to Birger Fernow,
Director of the Svenska Israelmmissionen for Jewish
relief, ~~from~~ ^{by} the Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
Your approval of project will be provided for in license.
Possible availability additional \$5,000 indicated by
Presbyterian.

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(GLW)

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM FOR OLSEN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference your 1771 to Department, 17 to the WRB, of May 19.

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will transfer dollars 5,000 shortly to Birger Pernow, Director of the Svenska Israelsmissionen for Jewish relief. License will provide for your approval of project. Presbyterian indicates additional dollars 5,000 may also be available.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 31

June 19, 1944

3:00 p.m.

L.S.L.
LSLesser:als 6/17.44

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W in Ref Bd
(Mr. Beble)

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: June 2, 1944
NUMBER: 1967

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Reference is made herewith to Department's May 27 tele-
gram 1031.

This is in reply to WRB No. 20 and is our No. 24 for
War Refugee Board.

Newcomers Christian Fellowship directed by Reverend
Friedrich Forell, three West Ninety-fifth Street, ^{New York} is the
Swedish affiliate of Svenska Israel Mission in New York.
International Committee on Christian Approach to Jews, directed
by Dr. Conrad Hoffman, address unknown, appears to be another
affiliated organization.

JOHNSON

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD
JUN 10 1944

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

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War Ref Bd
(Mr. Pehle)
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

RECEIVED
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Stockholm
DATED: May 27, 1944
NUMBER: 1031
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TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM FOR OLSEN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference your 1772 of May 19 to the Department, your 18 to War Refugee Board. Please advise whether this project will in your opinion overlap project for which license was transmitted in Department's 619 of April 8, 1944, and for which first installment was remitted Svenska Handelsbanken account Evensen and Tranmael on May 23. In the meantime we are arranging for sum stipulated in your 1772 which we believe will be available dependent upon reply to above inquiry.

Reference your 1771 of May 19, 1944, to Department, your 17 to War Refugee Board. Please identify New York affiliate of Svenska Israellmissionen.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 20

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM FOR OLSEN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

1. Reference your 1772 of May 19 to the Department, your 18 to War Refugee Board. Please advise whether this project will in your opinion overlap project for which license was transmitted in Department's 619 of April 8, 1944, and for which first installment was remitted Svenska Handelsbanken account Evensen and Tranael on May 23. In the meantime we are arranging for sum stipulated in your 1772 which we believe will be available dependent upon reply to above inquiry.

2. Reference your 1820 of May 22 to the Department, your 20 to War Refugee Board. Please advise whether figures six (repeat six) or seven (repeat seven) named in your 1820 as approximate number of refugees who can be evacuated from each of two countries named is correct or result of error in transmission.

3. Reference your 1771 of May 19, 1944, to Department, your 17 to War Refugee Board. Please identify New York affiliate of Svenska Israellmissionen.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 20

May 27, 1944
10:55 a.m.

L.S.L.
LSLesser:als 5/26/44

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm
 TO: Secretary of State, Washington
 DATED: May 19, 1944
 NUMBER: 1771

The following for War Refugee Board is our A. 17.

We have held several discussions with the representatives of Svenska Israel's Missionen concerning current relief activities for Christian Jews in occupied Europe which they are carrying on. While this organization has limited resources and facilities, it seems to be doing effective work in several occupied areas including Hungary, Shanghai, Rumania, Vienna, Theresienstadt, and Berlin (for Jews in hiding). Axis authorities seem to have taken a more liberal attitude towards their activities due to the Christian missionary aspect of their organization and their channels of communication of such areas are quite satisfactory. These activities are mostly in the nature of local financial support, medicine and packages of food. The possibilities of participating in a program of evacuating Jewish refugees from the Balkans have been explored with them by us and it now appears possible to evacuate from Rumania approximately 150 of these Christian Jews provided Palestine certificates can be obtained by them. The Jewish Agency in Ankara apparently is not disposed to make certificates available to Christian Jews so Israel's Missionen is trying at the present time to obtain these certificates through the Bishop of Chichester and through the International Hebrew Christian Alliance in London. Although this group is obviously concerned primarily with its own mission group it is performing effective work of direct benefit to a few thousand refugees and is in a position to give the War Refugee Board valuable assistance in carrying out certain programs of importance. It is believed that this organization should receive American encouragement in the form of financial support in view of the limited funds of this organization. The organization at the present time lacks about \$2,000 per month of being able to carry out its current program in full and we recommend that American support to that extent be found by the War Refugee Board. We are forwarding by airmail a statement of the operations and future plans of the organization. The organization has an affiliated organization in New York which may be in a position to provide the funds needed.

JOHNSON

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

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Akin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hasten, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannan, Marks, McCormack, Rains, Sargey, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, E. D. White, Fehle, Files.

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