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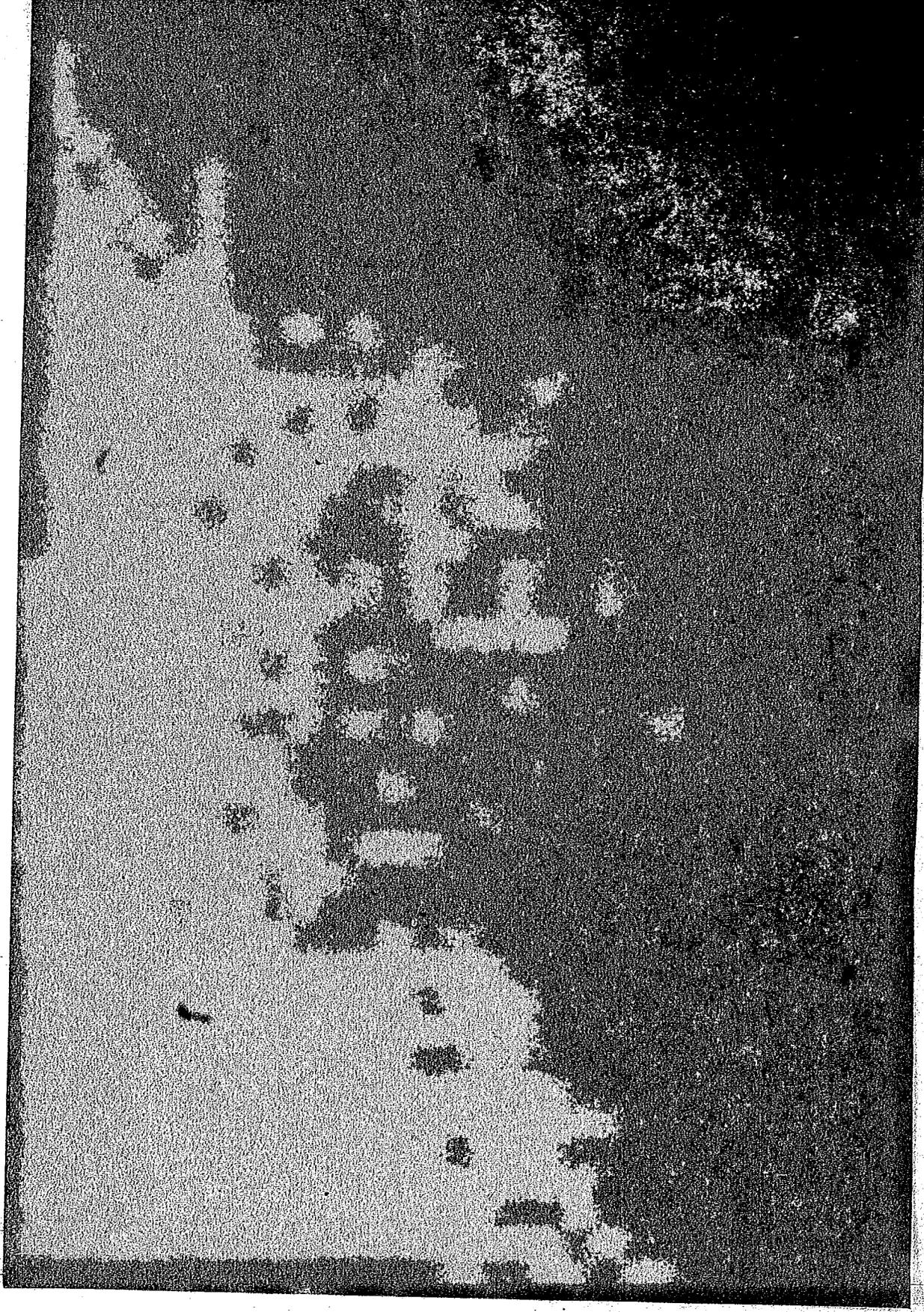
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REPORT

NO. 100-440

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June 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Miss LaFollette and Mr. Pierce have sent me a copy of our letter of June 5 to you concerning the proposed reallocation of \$150,000 remaining in the Polish budget for the Labor-sponsored project for Poland.

We understand that the proposal of the Budget Committee to deduct \$100,000 from the Polish budget was referred back to the Committee as was the Committee's proposal concerning the Norwegian project.

Subject to concurrence of the National War Fund the President's War Relief Control Board has no objection to the proposal on behalf of Labor's War Relief Program to reallocate \$75,000 for a program to be carried out through the Labor trustees in Norway as recommended by the representative of the War Refugee Board and \$75,000 for American Relief for India through the British War Relief Society.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot  
Executive Director

Mr. Elliot J. Jensen, Secretary,  
Budget Committee,  
National War Fund,  
46 Cedar Street,  
New York 5, New York.

cc: Miss LaFollette; Mr. Pierce; Miss Hodel; Mr. Wigeland; Mr. White.

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June 7, 1945

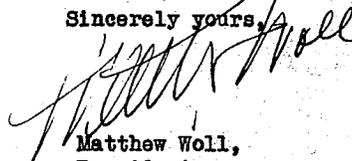
Miss Florence Hodel,  
Acting Executive Director  
War Refugee Board,  
Old Treasury Bldg.,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to the National War Fund, requesting them to authorize the trustees of the Labor/project for Poland to use in Western Europe half of the funds now held in London.

May I hope that the War Refugee Board will approve the release of these funds for the purpose stated?

Sincerely yours,



Matthew Woll,  
President

Enc.

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218 West 40th Street  
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June 7, 1945

Mr. Elliot Jensen, Secretary  
Budget Committee,  
National War Fund,  
46 Cedar Street,  
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

The Labor League for Human Rights has received from the trustees of the American Labor relief project for Poland a cable, copy of which is enclosed, requesting authorization to use for relief of liberated Polish workers in Western Europe the Labor-sponsored relief funds now in London. I also enclose copies of two earlier communications transmitted to us through Mr. Wladyslaw R. Malinowski, one of the representatives in the United States of the Polish Labor movement.

We have, as you know, requested at the last two quarterly budget hearings that the \$150,000 sent to London during the current budget year on account of the Labor-sponsored project be permitted to remain there pending clarification of the political situation in Poland. Our hope was that our trustees, who are outstanding representatives of the bona fide trade union movement of that country, might be able to return to their country; in which case we hoped to secure authorization for their use of the funds in liberated Poland. It appears that this hope must be abandoned for the present.

The Labor League for Human Rights, adhering to the policy hitherto followed by the Labor Relief organizations, of soliciting and in so far as practicable following, the advice of Labor's relief trustees abroad, was prepared, upon receipt of the cable of April 28 from our Polish trustees, to join with the National CIO War Relief Committee in requesting the authorization they seek. However, we are at last informed that since the funds can not be distributed in liberated Poland by our trustees, the CIO prefers to leave the money unused. We therefore feel ourselves obliged in view of the urgent need among liberated Polish workers in Western Europe, to request that our trustees be permitted to use half of the money now in London, or \$75,000, for the relief of those workers.

We are aware that it is the present policy of the National War Fund to prefer the use of relief funds for the liberated countries of Europe within those countries. However, we submit, as warranting an exception in this case, the following facts:

1. There is at present no way in which we can send relief into Poland with any assurance of impartial distribution. Our trustees

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are excluded from their country for no fault of their own, and at present we have no contact, or prospect thereof, with the bona fide trade union movement of Poland.

2. The number of liberated Polish workers in Western Europe is very large. They have been detained in Nazi labor camps under conditions notoriously atrocious, and are now suffering and destitute.

3. Our trustees have already established contact with these liberated Poles and can vouch for their urgent need.

4. One of the purposes for which the money in question was originally granted was "assistance to prisoners in Jails, concentration camps, and slave labor battalions." The proposed beneficiaries were eligible for aid under the license for relief behind Axis lines. Their need is still acute; we believe that they are still eligible for relief.

We trust that these considerations are sufficiently weighty to warrant favorable action by the National War Fund on our request for approval for the use of \$75,000 to relieve need among these destitute victims of Nazi barbarity.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Woll,  
President

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POLISH LABOR GROUP

55 West 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y.

April 30, 1945

Miss Suzanne LaFollette, Director  
War Relief Program & Community Activities,  
Labor League for Human Rights,  
10 East 40th St.,  
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Miss LaFollette:

With reference to our conversation on the wire I take the liberty to submit to you a translation of a message from the Polish Labor trustees which has been sent to Brother Adamczyk and myself:

"Please request authorization that funds remitted might be used also for relief purposes for Polish workers/and their families/liberated by American and British troops in Belgium, France, Holland and Germany

Kwapinski, Stanczyk, Scherer, Grosfeld."

Transmitting you this message, I am certain that you will share our anxiety for the welfare of the Polish displaced workers, almost two million of whom had been deported to Germany by the Nazis in order to serve as forced labor. Many of those Polish workers, along with their families, have already been liberated, many more are awaiting their liberation daily. They have endured much suffering and their misery is great. The utilization, for their welfare, of funds remitted might considerably relieve their misery.

With best thanks for whatever steps you might take in order to achieve that purpose, I remain

Very truly yours,

s/

Wladyslaw R. Malinowski

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POLISH LABOR GROUP

55 West 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y.

April 6, 1945.

Mr. Abraham Bluestein, Director  
Labor League for Human Rights,  
10 East 40th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bluestein:

In connection with the present situation I received the following message from the Polish Labor trustees in London who requested me to transmit that message to you:

(Please inform Labor Relief organizations that we cannot use funds allotted from current National Fund budget and remitted to London, as license is conditioned on using them behind enemy lines stop In view of this situation we have to desist from using them on the basis of the present license, but do at the same time urgently request you that these funds be earmarked and that we as Polish Labor trustees be authorized to use them later for relief purposes in Polish areas liberated from German occupation stop Emanuel Scherer now on continent agrees with our view stop

Kwapinski Stanczyk Grosfeld.'

I am convinced that you will do everything possible in order to assure that the funds earmarked - thanks to your help - for Poland from the current budget of the National War Fund, will be reserved for purposes of future relief for the Polish people and held until our trustees send us a message that they have the possibility of using them in Polish areas liberated from German occupation.

May I take this opportunity to express you my deep gratitude for everything you personally and your organization have done for the Polish workers.

Fraternally yours,

s/  
Wladyslaw R. Malinowski

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RADIOGRAM

NLT A Bluestein Relief Committee  
American Federation of Labor Washington

WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT NEW LICENCE IS OBTAINED WHICH WOULD PERMIT  
USING FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO US FOR OCCUPIED POLAND ALSO FOR CARRYING A  
RELIEF PROGRAMME FOR POLISH WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LIBERATED BY AMERICAN  
AND BRITISH ARMIES AND WHO ARE AT PRESENT SITUATED IN GERMANY FRANCE HOLLAND  
AND BELGIUM STOP J KWAPINSKI J STANCOZYK L GROSSFELD R SOHRERER

POLISH MINISTER FINANCE

Dated April 28, 1945

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London  
Dated May 3, 1945  
Rec'd 6:35 p.m.

*Pol relief  
Copy sent to  
Bern 6/14/45*

Secretary of State  
Washington

U.S. URGENT  
4475, May 3, 5 p.m.  
FOR O'DWYER FROM MANN  
Reference WRB Nos. 56 and 57,

*\$350,000  
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Polish group here advises that total of \$400,000 remitted to them by United States labor groups of which \$50,000 was sent to Poland November 1944. Pound sterling equivalent of balance less charges for conversion from dollars into pounds is on deposit in banks in London. Included in above mentioned figure are two remittances of \$75,000 one of which was sent directly to Polish group and is under their control but other is held by a London bank to be turned over to Poles only after I have approved.

Polish trustees here have asked about possibility of using funds for relief of Polish displaced persons in Allied could not (repeat not) be done under terms of presently outstanding license. They have advised me that their suggestion has been made to group in United States supplying funds and that such is presently being considered by latter.

Inasmuch as the Polish groups in London do not appear to have any effective means of transferring the funds in question to Poland for relief purposes, and since funds cannot now be used for purposes originally intended, the board may care to ask the donor groups to request the trustees of Polish relief funds to return the above-mentioned balances to the United States. After such funds have been received in the United States consideration could be given to further disposition or use for relief purposes in Poland at a subsequent date. As the board is aware from my previous reports I continually urged trustees to use funds in question until it became apparent that they were unable to do so.

Delay in obtaining information was due to absence from London of person most familiar with use made of above-mentioned funds.

Please consult donor groups and advise urgently what disposition is to be made of the funds since I intend to leave for Bern shortly.

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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The following for Mann is WRB 13.

Please advise appropriate trustees to furnish reports through Embassy to WRB on use of funds sent from United States for rescue projects of United Czechoslovak Relief, Polish War Relief and French War Relief. Amounts remitted are \$150,000, \$250,000, and \$75,000 respectively. Licenses call for regular reports from trustees and National War Fund has been advised that such reports would be made.

Interested groups here very anxious for information concerning use of such funds. They also advise that there probably will be available for the last quarter of 1944 the following additional amounts for operations in enemy controlled areas: \$100,000 for The Czechoslovak program; \$150,000 for the French program; and \$150,000 for the Polish program. They request that the trustees be informed of this and, if they feel the additional funds can be used by them for operations in enemy controlled areas, they should be requested to submit detailed programs to you for forwarding to the WRB. Interested groups here would also appreciate opinion of trustees concerning the desirability of channelling future operations of these programs through Switzerland or Sweden rather than London.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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-2- #3563, October 16, 1944, Midnight, to London.

The trustees of the three programs should also be advised that if funds already remitted cannot be profitably used by them, such funds should be returned to the remitting organizations in the United States.

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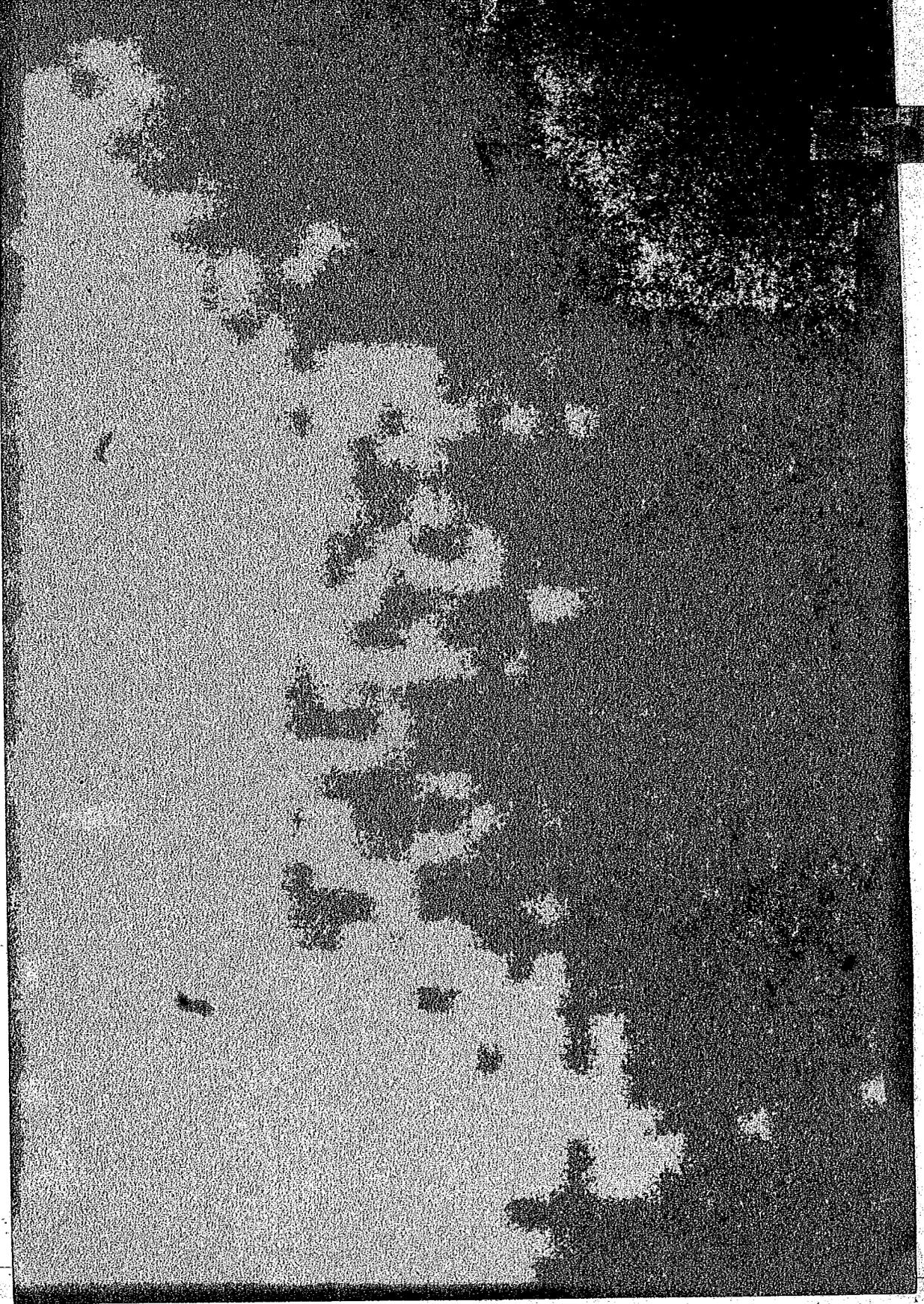
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For license Chicago 28350 and relative material concerning  
Polish refugees in Sweden

SEE: PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES; OTHER  
EVACUATION PROJECTS ( EVACUATIONS TO & THROUGH SWEDEN)

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# LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

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February 8, 1945

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Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
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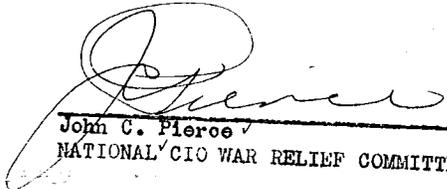
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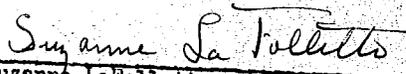
For your information, we enclose herewith a copy of a letter which we received from F.X. Swietlik, President of the Polish War Relief Society; also a copy of the letter from their London correspondent, to which he refers; also a copy of our letter to Mr. Swietlik.

We are meeting within the next couple of days with the representatives here of Polish Labor. At that meeting we shall work out a telegram of inquiry to our trustees in London. We hope that within the next few weeks we shall be able, in one way or another, to dispose of the funds now being held in London.

With all good wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

  
John C. Pierce  
NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

  
Suzanne LaFollette  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF, AFL

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REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH COMMITTEES

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POLISH WAR RELIEF  
1200 N. ASHLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

February 2, 1945

Miss Suzanne LaFollette, Director  
War Relief Program and Community Activities  
Labor League for Human Rights  
United Nations Relief  
10 East 40th Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Madam:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of a letter which we received from the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago with reference to the sum of \$75,000, cabled by us to London in accordance with labor project of the National War Fund. I thought that you ought to be advised of this situation.

We have notified the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago that it is satisfactory to us that this money be held in abeyance for the present, as long as the American Embassy in London requested that this be done. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Brunot, of the President's War Relief Control Board and to Mr. Jensen, of the National War Fund.

Very truly yours,

F.X. Swietlik  
President

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cc: Mr. Brunot  
Mr. Jensen

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CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK  
AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO

Chicago 90, Illinois

January 29, 1945

Polish American Council  
1200 North Ashland Avenue  
Room 312  
Chicago 22, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We refer to your letter of November 8 requesting us to transfer \$75,000 to Jan Kwapinski and-or Jan Stanczyk and-or Ludwik Grosfeld and-or Emanuel Scherer.

The following letter has now been received from our London Correspondent in connection with this payment:

"We wish to refer you to your cable of 10th November last to pay the sum of \$75,000 to Jan Kwapinski and/or Jan Stanczyk and/or Ludwik Grosfeld and/or Emanuel Scherer against receipt signed by all four parties that the funds will be distributed in accordance with Terms License W2258 sent to the American Embassy, London by order of the Polish-American Council.

Although the American Embassy have been advised fully regarding this matter by us we have only been able to obtain their verbal request over the telephone to hold the funds in abeyance for the time being.

If this position is satisfactory to the Polish-American Council we will continue to hold the funds pending further developments from the American Embassy here."

Please inform us if this is satisfactory to you so that we may advise London accordingly by Air Mail.

Yours very truly,

R. S. Caution  
for Cashier

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February 8, 1945

Mr. F.A. Swietlik, President  
Polish War Relief  
1200 N. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago 22, Ill.

Dear Mr. Swietlik:

Thank you for your letter of February 2 with the enclosed copy of your London correspondent's letter of January 29.

We were aware that the representative in London of the War Refugee Board had requested your correspondent to hold in abeyance the \$75,000 cabled to London in November for labor-sponsored relief for Poland. The War Refugee Board here has kept us fully informed on this matter and we have requested them to continue to hold it in abeyance, pending consultation with our trustees in London concerning the future of the labor relief program for Poland.

As Mr. Midowicz knows, we explained to the Budget Panel of the National War Fund our intention to reconsider, in consultation with our trustees, the whole labor-sponsored relief program for Poland in the light of the changed military situation.

We very much hope that in the near future we shall have more definite information concerning future possibilities. Until that time, we should like the control of the funds now in London to remain in the hands of Mr. Mann, the War Refugee Board representative there.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Pierce  
NATIONAL CIVIL WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

Suzanne LaFollette  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF, AFL

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cc: Miss Florence Hodel  
Mr. James Brunot  
Mr. Elliot J. Jensen

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
DATED: September 12, 1944  
NUMBER: 7402  
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO WINANT AND MANN, LONDON.

Reference your No. 7191, September 2, 1944, concerning License W-2258.

Information given you by Poles incorrect. Remittances to finance operations envisaged by License W-2258 will be made by Polish War Relief of USA, Inc. through regular banking channels to Jan Kwapinski and/or Jan Stanczyk and/or Ludwik Grosfeld and/or Emanuel Scherer, London.

Use of dollar currency is an acceptable way of implementing third method specified in license.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 2.

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

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CABLE TO WINANT AND MANN, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 2

4:30 p.m.

September 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,

Lafghain, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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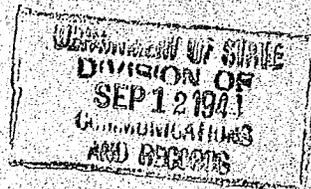
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be closely guarded.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

3564, September 11, 10 p.m.

FOR WRB

Our no. 79.



Please advise whether it is likely that funds will be made available for program outlined in no. 35 (Legation's 2224 of June 20, 8 p.m.) Funds are needed particularly to commence educational program for refugees here.

Also would appreciate advice whether assistance will be supplied to Czech group here as outlined in our no. 36 (Legation's 2239, June 21, 9 p.m.) The Czech group is seriously handicapped by lack of funds and if Board agrees Olsen is prepared to make available the small amount involved out of funds he has at his discretion.

Also would appreciate early advice as to whether anything is contemplated with respect to

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

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-2- #3564, September 11, 10 p.m., from Stockholm

Polish relief as outlined in our no. 48 and 55  
(Legation's 2569 of July 11, 9 a.m. and 2668 of  
July 18, 9 p.m.) We are being pressed for decision  
of these matters particularly in view of the  
country wide drive on in Sweden this week in  
behalf of Polish relief which is receiving extensive  
publicity.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, London  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: September 2, 1944  
NUMBER: 7191

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The following is for WRB and Department.

The Embassy has been requested by Poles to furnish additional data in connection with license W-2258 which, in line with Department's cable of August 10, No. 6324, was forwarded to Stanczyk on August 11.

We are informed by Poles that Adamezyk (when in Washington a short time ago) was advised that \$125,000 were to be transferred to Bank of England by United States Treasury on August 27 for subsequent payment to Polish Government here in sterling, and was given authority to use dollar currency in Poland in following action contemplated by license. Poles have requested information as to when they may look for transfer to be made, as neither they nor Embassy have received notice that this transfer has been effected.

Clarification and immediate directions (if any steps on our part are necessary in connection with release of these funds to Polish Government from Bank of England) would be appreciated by Embassy. Use of dollar currency is an acceptable way of implementing third method specified in license W-2258, Embassy assumes.

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

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
DATED: August 10, 1944  
NUMBER: 6324

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File*  
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Please promptly inform Messrs. Jan Kwapinski, Jan Stanczyk, Ludwik Grosfeld, and Emanuel Scherer, all care of Mr. Jan Stanczyk, Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, 43 Lowndes Square, Knights Bridge, London, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2258 to Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, permitting them, as disbursing trustees for Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., to carry out in enemy territory a relief and evacuation program. The text of such license is identical to license No. W-2215 issued to French Relief Fund, Inc., New York, which was the subject of the Department's telegram No. 5256 of July 4, 1944. You may also inform these gentlemen Treasury Department has issued to Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., a specific license for the remittance of \$250,000 to them for purpose of financing the program contemplated in the instant license in the manner provided therein. These operations have the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board, and Treasury. For your guidance, pertinent comments and recommendations made by the Department in its telegram No. 2518 of March 31, 1944, relative to issuance of similar license to United Czechoslovak Relief, are fully

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO LONDON

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9:00 a.m.  
August 10, 1944

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

August 9, 1944

TO : Miss Hodel

FROM : R. B. Parke

Subject: Draft of cable to London relative to issuance of license No. W-2258  
to Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., Chicago,  
Illinois.

In accordance with your request, there is transmitted  
herewith a draft of a cable to our Mission in London, relative to  
the issuance of the subject license, which you wish to despatch  
through official channels.

  
R. B. Parke

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: Miss Hodel

August 9, 1944

: R. B. Parke

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MEMORANDUM

*Jules*

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief and rescue of persons in German-controlled Europe.

There is transmitted herewith ~~an~~ a letter dated July 11, 1944 and a wire dated July 11, 1944 from the Polish War Relief

dealing with request

for a license to transmit \$250,000 to Messrs. Jan Kucinski, Jan Ganczarski, Ludwik Grosfeld and Emanuel Scherer in London, for the relief and rescue of persons in German-controlled Europe.

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:

Basic license  
Remittance license for \$250,000

F. Total

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

- Basic license No. W- 2258 issued August 10, 1944
- Remittance license No. ~~issued~~ Chicago 27929 issued August 10, 1944
- Other: Letter No. 74150 issued August 10, 1944
- Letter No. 74151 issued August 10, 1940

*[Signature]*  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

AUG 10 1944

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FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHICAGO 27929

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., 1200 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$250,000 to Jan Kwapinski and/or Jan Stanosyk and/or Ludwik Grosfeld and/or Emanuel Scherer, London, England, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of License No. W-2258. License to expire 6 months after date thereof.

(Initialed) O.A.S.]

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

August 9, 1944

Subject: Conversation with Mr. W. R. Malinowski, Representative of the Polish Labor Movement in the United States and, since last year, Assistant Financial Counselor of the Polish Embassy in New York.

In connection with the subject conversation, reference is made to my memorandum dated August 8, 1944, copy of which is attached hereto, addressed to Miss Hodel, of the War Refugee Board, relative to the issuance of a license to the Polish War Relief, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, permitting it to remit \$250,000 to London to finance a relief and evacuation program in Poland, and relative to a telephone conversation with Mr. Zoltowski, Financial Counselor of the Polish Embassy.

The purpose of Mr. Malinowski's visit, which he made in Miss Hodel's Office in the Main Treasury Building, was to reiterate the proposal made by Mr. Zoltowski relative to the shipment of dollar currency to London for the purpose of financing the operations contemplated by the Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

After it had been explained to him that the licensing procedure which had been adopted by the Treasury Department was as far as it had gone to date in licensing private American relief organizations such as the Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, to engage in such activities, and after the difference between this type of license and the licenses which have been issued in the past to the Polish Embassy permitting it to ship dollar currency to London, was pointed out, Mr. Malinowski readily agreed that because time was of the essence, the type of license presently being used by this Government relative to the financing of relief and evacuation operations in enemy territory, would be advisable.

It was pointed out to Mr. Malinowski that this Government had only with difficulty been successful in getting the British Government to agree to the present type of license being issued in cases of this nature. He realized that before the proposal advanced by Mr. Zoltowski and himself could be taken into consideration, it might take a considerable length of time to clear the matter with interested agencies of this Government and with the British Government, since no diplomatic considerations were in-

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made already  
referred to 3d meeting  
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volved in this case but only the matter of relief and evacuation operations being financed by a private American relief organization.

In order to expedite the delivery of the basic license to the Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, we agreed that such license would be dispatched by air mail, special delivery.

Mr. Malinowski indicated that the American Embassy in London might be informed that the four disbursing trustees for the Polish War Relief, Inc., might be reached "c/o Jan Stanczyk, Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, 43 Lowndes Square, Knights Bridge, London".

R. B. Parke

cc: Messrs. Schmidt, O'Flaherty and Miss Hodel

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: Miss Hodel

August 8, 1944

: R. B. Parke

Subject: Polish War Relief, Inc., Chicago; remittance of \$250,000 to London to finance relief and evacuation program in Poland, and telephone conversation with Mr. Zoltowski, Financial Counselor of the Polish Embassy, in connection therewith.

All necessary documents with respect to the subject case have been prepared except the draft of the cable to our Embassy in London requesting it to inform the disbursing trustees of the issuance of the basic license governing the financing of the subject program. This draft, as you know, was not prepared for the reason that the address at which the disbursing trustees in London might be reached is not known to us.

In accordance with your suggestion I telephoned the office of the relief committee of the CIO in New York (Columbus 5-2372) and asked to speak with Mr. Jeremias. His secretary stated that he was on his vacation but that she might be able to give us the required information. After looking through her files, Mr. Jeremias' secretary telephoned back and stated that she was unable to find the address in London where the four disbursing trustees might be reached. However, she stated that her files revealed that Mr. Ludwik Grosfeld, one of the disbursing trustees in question, was presently in Washington and she suggested that he might be able to give us the desired information.

I then telephoned the Polish Embassy and asked to speak with Mr. Grosfeld. Mr. Zoltowski was put on the phone instead. I told him that I had called to find out the address in question. He asked me if the matter was in connection with the \$250,000 which the Polish War Relief was intending to remit to London for the relief and evacuation program in Poland. After I said that it was, Mr. Zoltowski stated that Mr. Grosfeld had discussed the matter with him and that he was quite familiar with the matter and would like to discuss it with me. I explained quite clearly that all I required at this time was the address at which the disbursing trustees in London might be reached. Mr. Zoltowski, who quite obviously did not know the technique that had been adopted in licensing activities of this type, brushed aside my particular question and proceeded to expound on a theory of his own as to the best method of financing these activities. He was under the impression that since the funds would be remitted to London, pounds sterling would be sent into Poland to finance the activities in question. He emphasized that sterling was "no good in Poland and nobody can be saved with sterling". I pointed out that whenever feasible, the local currency of the country in which operations take place should be acquired from persons who are in an Allied or Neutral country or from persons in the country where the operations

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in question are to take place. To this he replied that "local currency in Poland is worthless; they are printing thousands of slotys daily; the Gestapo can not be bribed with slotys".

Mr. Zoltowski stated that he was of the opinion that the operations in question should be financed in the same manner as the Polish Government finances its underground and that he had proposed to Mr. Grosfeld that the payment of \$250,000 be made by the Polish War Relief to the account with the Bankers Trust Company, New York City, in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland". Against this payment Mr. Zoltowski would send \$250,000 in United States currency notes to London. From there, these dollar notes would be sent into Poland through the underground channels available to the Polish Government. Mr. Zoltowski took great pains to point out that this would actually cost the Polish Government money for it would pay the insurance and the cost of shipping these currency notes by Clipper. He seemed very pleased with his idea and said that dollar currency was the only type of currency that was any good in Europe and he did not seem to be impressed by my statement that our currency controls had caused the value of dollar currency in European countries to fall substantially.

As to my original question, Zoltowski either did not know the address which we require or he was so determined that the funds should be remitted through his office that he did not want to give us the address. In terminating my conversation with Mr. Zoltowski, I assured him that we would be very pleased to discuss with him his proposal but that I, personally, could make no comment with respect to it and that I would let him know in due course of the developments in this case.

In connection with Mr. Zoltowski's proposal of shipping dollar currency to London for subsequent transmission to Poland, Mr. Schmidt mentioned at the Luncheon Conference the other day that Mr. Gaston, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, is working on a problem involving reports that the Nazis are circulating counterfeit dollar notes. It seems that these counterfeit notes are unusually well executed. If these reports prove to be true, as it seems quite likely, it would seem that our currency controls would benefit thereby. The general knowledge in neutral money markets that the Nazis are counterfeiting American dollar notes would certainly have the effect of destroying the market for dollar notes. If this were true, the same would certainly seem to apply in Poland and Mr. Zoltowski's statement that "only dollar notes are any good in Poland" would cease to have any basis in fact. It seems highly unlikely that members of the Gestapo would run the risk of taking bribes in the form of dollar notes which might turn out to be counterfeit notes printed by their own outfit.

R. B. Parke

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# LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS UNITED NATIONS RELIEF

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Suzanne LaFollette  
Director, War Relief Program and  
Community Activities

July 19, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Thank you for your letter of July 17th. We are very much pleased to know that Labor's war relief project for Poland has been approved by the War Refugee Board. Mr. Midowicz, Vice-President of Polish War Relief, promised that he would request the change in the amount allocated for this project concerning which we wrote you in our letter of the 12th. I very much hope he did so in time for the revised amount to be included in the Treasury License.

Sincerely yours,

*Suzanne LaFollette*  
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JUL 17 1944

Dear Mr. Brunot:

Reference is made to a letter addressed to the Board by Polish War Relief under date of July 11, 1944, a copy of which we understand was transmitted to you, and to a telegram from Polish War Relief, dated July 14, 1944, increasing the amount involved from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Please be advised that under even date we are writing Polish War Relief that we approve the project outlined in such letter, for the relief and rescue of persons in German-controlled territory, which project is sponsored by the Labor League for Human Rights, A. F. of L. and the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee. We are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the license under the Trading with the enemy Act necessary to carry out this program for operations in enemy territory.

In our opinion, the proposed program is in accordance with the policy of this Government as announced by the President in Executive Order No. 9417, and in conformity with foreign policies determined by the Secretary of State, as evidenced by the approval by the Department of State of similar projects.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director,  
The President's War Relief Control Board,  
Washington Building,  
Washington 5, D. C.

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JUL 17 1944

Attention: Miss Suzanne La Follette

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 7 and 12, 1944.

We have received the request of Polish War Relief referred to in such letters and are this day writing them that the project under reference has our approval. We are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the license necessary to carry out this program of rescue and relief for persons in German-controlled territory. We are also advising the President's War Relief Control Board of our action.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Labor League for Human Rights - A. F. of L.,  
10 East 40th Street,  
New York, 16, New York.

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JUL 17 1944

Attention: Mr. Sigmund Jersin

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

National C.I.O. War Relief Committee,  
1776 Broadway,  
New York, 19, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1944

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Dear Mr. Midowicz:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 12 enclosing a copy of your letter of July 11 to the War Refugee Board concerning the proposed \$200,000 relief project for aid to persons in enemy-occupied territory.

We hope to hear shortly from the War Refugee Board as to its action on the project, at which time the Board will notify the National War Fund of its position in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot  
Executive Director

Mr. C. E. Midowicz, Vice-President,  
Polish War Relief,  
1200 North Ashland Avenue,  
Chicago 22, Illinois.

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JUL 17 1944

Attention: Mr. C. E. Kidowicz

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 11, 1944.

The project of assistance for persons in German controlled territory therein outlined has our approval, and we are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the license necessary to effect such operations in enemy territory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Polish War Relief of the  
United States of America, Inc.,  
1200 N. Ashland Avenue,  
Chicago, 22, Illinois.

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# Polish War Relief

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

1200 N. ASHLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

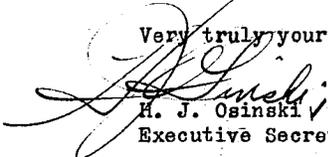
July 24, 1944

Attention: Mr. J. W. Pehle

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Midowicz's absence from the city, we wish to acknowledge your letter of July 17th to him regarding your approval of the labor war relief project for aid to the people in German-controlled territory, and your request to the Treasury Department for a license to transmit the funds necessary for the operation of this project. ✓

Very truly yours,

  
H. J. Osinski  
Executive Secretary

Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

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JOHN W PEHLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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RELETTER OF JULY 11, THE AMOUNT SET FORTH FOR PROJECT IS

\$250,000 NOT \$200,000 AS STATED IN OUR LETTER

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# LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF · A. F. L.

MATTHEW WOLL · PRESIDENT  
ABRAHAM BLUESTEIN · EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 EAST 40th ST. · NEW YORK 17, N. Y. · EL. 5-2590  
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NATIONAL C. I. O.  
WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

IRVING ABRAMSON · CHAIRMAN  
LEO PERLIS · NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1776 BROADWAY · NEW YORK 19, N. Y. · CO. 5-2372

July 12th, 1944.

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

Att: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

This is to inform you that we have requested the Polish War Relief Society to make application for \$250,000 rather than \$200,000 as previously contemplated.

We understand that their request was mailed yesterday and we would like you to approve our Polish project in this amount.

Sincerely yours,

*Suzanne La Follette*

Suzanne La Follette  
United Nations Relief - AFL

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Sigmund Jeremias  
Nat'l. C.I.O. War Relief Comm.

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cc-Mr. James Brunot

REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH COMMITTEES

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# Polish War Relief

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

1200 N. ASHLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

July 11, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Polish War Relief of the United States of America, Inc., solicits herewith the approval of the War Refugee Board and its considerate assistance in securing a Treasury License for the remittance of \$200,000 to Messrs. Jan Kwapinski, Jan Stanczyk, Ludwik Grosfeld, and Emanuel Scherer in London, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory.

- See attached telegram*
- 1 - Relief of persons in hiding from the Gestapo.
  - 2 - Aid in financing the escape of persecuted persons from <sup>German occupied</sup> Poland.
  - 3 - Aid to <sup>persons imprisoned</sup> prisoners in jails, concentration camps and slave labor battalions.
  - 4 - Aid to people imprisoned <sup>by the Germans</sup> in the ghettos of Poland.
  - 5 - Aid to families of persons executed or imprisoned <sup>by the Germans</sup>.

Mr. Jan Kwapinski is the former Chairman of the Polish Trade Union Congress. He is Vice-Premier and Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Polish Government.

Mr. Jan Stanczyk is the former General-Secretary of the Miners' Union in Poland, and at present Vice-President of the International Miners' Federation. He is Minister of Labor and Public Welfare in the Polish Government.

Mr. Ludwik Grosfeld is former Chairman of the Przemysl Labor Committee and a Labor attorney, and is at present Minister of Finance of the Polish Government.

Mr. Emanuel Scherer is former Vice-President of the National Council of the Jewish Trade Union Movement of Poland, and a member of the Polish National Assembly.

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J. W. Pehle

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We desire to make clear that none of these gentlemen has been designated as trustee of the projected relief fund because of his affiliation with the Polish Government. They have all been selected by reason of their prominence in the Polish Labor Movement.

We anticipate that the \$200,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

We have been fully assured that the project will be administered for the benefit of all people of Poland in accordance with existing needs and without regard or discrimination along lines of specific affiliations.

We are advised further that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to Polish War Relief for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will be impossible, of course, for the Polish War Relief to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Kwapinski, Stanczyk, Grosfeld, and Scherer through the American Legation at London.

Your considerate attention to the matter is herewith respectfully solicited.

Yours very truly,



C. E. Midowicz,  
Vice-President

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cc: Pres. War Relief Control Board  
Mr. E. Jensen, National War Fund  
Labor League for Human Rights -  
United Nations Relief AFL  
National C.I.O. War Relief Comm.

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# LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF · A. F. L.

MATTHEW WOLL · PRESIDENT  
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9 EAST 46th ST. · NEW YORK 17, N. Y. · EL. 5-2590

NATIONAL C. I. O.  
WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

IRVING ABRAMSON · CHAIRMAN  
LEO PERLIS · NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
1776 BROADWAY · NEW YORK 19, N. Y. · CO. 5-2372

July 7th, 1944.

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

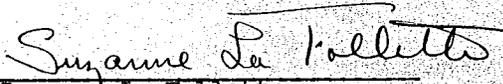
We understand that Polish War Relief has written to you with respect to a special labor relief project in the amount of \$200,000 which we requested them to submit to your Board for approval.

We would very much appreciate it if your Board would approve the submitted project and expedite the license as requested by this relief organization.

We are enclosing a photostatic copy of a letter from Mr. J. Ciechanowski, Ambassador of Poland, addressed to Mr. Jeremias, endorsing the project and approving the four trustees who will administer the fund.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sigmund Jeremias  
National CIO War Relief Comm.

  
Suzanne La Follette  
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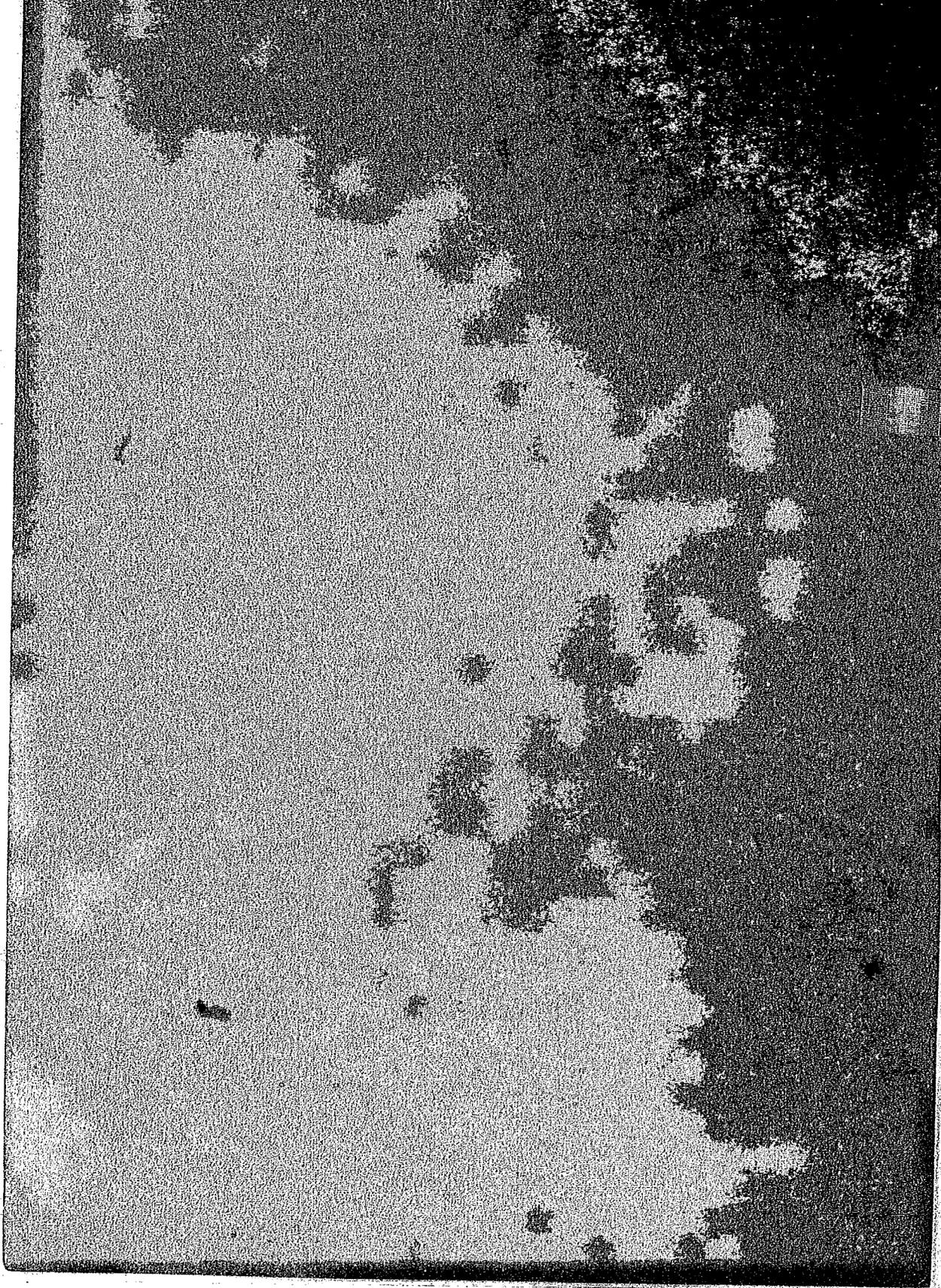
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OUTGOING TELEGRAM  
MAY 14, 1945

DIVISION OF  
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The following for Mann from War Refugee Board is

WRB 76.

Reference your no. 4475 of May 3, 1945. Interested groups here desire that funds in question remain in London until plans have been formulated here for their disposition. If it should be decided to use the funds in liberated areas, application will be filed for a new Treasury license. Please advise Polish groups in London.

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(GTW)

**WARNING**  
For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

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

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CABLE TO WINANT AND MANN, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 4478 of May 3, 1945. Interested groups here desire that funds in question remain in London until plans have been formulated here for their disposition. If it should be decided to use the funds in liberated areas, application will be filed for a new Treasury license. Please advise Polish groups in London.

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 75

4:30 p.m.  
May 12, 1945

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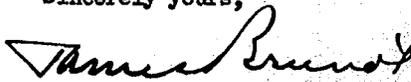
THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
WASHINGTON BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

May 8, 1945

Dear Miss Hodel:

As you probably have learned from other sources, the Budget Committee of the National War Fund allocated \$100,000 for continuation of the Labor relief project in Norway. The CIO asked for continuation of this activity with an additional allocation but the Budget Committee in effect made a transfer from the Polish project by reducing it correspondingly.

Sincerely yours,



James Brunot  
Executive Director

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

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Discussed with  
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*Wor Ref BR  
(C. Sawyer)*

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London  
Dated May 3, 1945  
Rec'd 6:35 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

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4475, May 3, 5 p.m.  
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Reference WRB Nos. 56 and 67.

Polish group here advises that total of \$400,000 remitted to them by United States labor groups of which \$50,000 was sent to Poland November 1944. Pound sterling equivalent of balance less charges for conversion from dollars into pounds is on deposit in banks in London. Included in above mentioned figure are two remittances of \$75,000 one of which was sent directly to Polish group and is under their control but other is held by a London bank to be turned over to Poles only after I have approved.

Polish trustees here have asked about possibility of using funds for relief of Polish displaced persons in Allied occupied part of Germany and I have told them that such could not (repeat not) be done under terms of presently outstanding license. They have advised me that

their suggestion

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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-2-, #4475, May 3, 5 p.m., from London.

their suggestion has been made to group in United States supplying funds and that such is presently being considered

by letter.

Inasmuch as the Polish groups in London do not appear to have any effective means of transferring the funds in question to Poland for relief purposes, and since funds cannot now be used for purposes originally intended, the board may care to ask the donor groups to request the trustees of Polish relief funds to return the above-mentioned balances to the United States. After such funds have been received in the United States consideration could be given to further disposition or use for relief purposes in Poland at a subsequent date. As the board is aware from my previous reports I continually urged trustees to use funds in question until it became apparent that they were unable to do so.

Delay in obtaining information was due to absence from London of person most familiar with use made of above-mentioned funds.

Please consult donor groups and advise urgently what disposition is to be made of the funds since I intend to leave for Bern shortly.

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World War Relief Licenses

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The following for Mann is WRB 67.

Reference Department's No. 1905 of March 12 (WRB No. 56).

Board would appreciate reply as soon as possible.

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

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CABLE TO WIMANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Department's No. 1905 of March 22 (WRB No. 56).  
would appreciate reply as soon as possible.

THIS IS WRB LONDON NO. 67

4:45 p.m.  
April 13, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison,  
McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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*Polish War Relief*  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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March 12, 1945

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The following for Mann is WRD 56.

Reference is made to Polish War Relief project. Labor groups here have requested information concerning status of the \$150,000 remitted to London in two installments of \$75,000 each. Please advise urgently whether any part of this amount has been released to Polish trustees in London and obtain from the trustees as soon as possible their proposals for the use of those funds still available to the trustees in London for this project.

For your information, replies to the foregoing inquiries are needed immediately in connection with efforts of the labor groups to obtain an additional allocation from the National War Fund for their very successful Norwegian project which now faces termination because of lack of funds.

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

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THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 56

11:00 a.m.  
March 12, 1945

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The following for Mann is WRB 38.

Polish War Relief is making an additional remittance of \$75,000 to trustees in London. Unless you have already arranged for release of \$75,000 referred to in paragraph 2 of WRB No. 30 (Department's 10825 of December 30), the new remittance should bring the total amount available to Polish trustees in London up to \$150,000. Since some time will be necessary to negotiate for acquisition of dollar currency, labor groups here hope it will be possible to release the \$150,000 to the trustees as soon as you are reasonably satisfied that the first \$250,000 was sent to Poland.

For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

In connection with problem of acquiring dollar currency, Treasury Department has advised labor groups here that every effort should be made to obtain the dollar currency from the Bank of England and that, if this method should fail, Treasury will have no objection to purchase of dollar currency from Polish Government provided approval of American Embassy in London is obtained.

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

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CABLE TO WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 38.

3:45 p.m.  
January 15, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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Dear Mr. Osinski:

With reference to your letter of December 13, 1944, we have been advised by the Treasury Department that license No. Chicago 28779, authorizing the remittance of \$150,000 to your trustees in London, was reinstated on January 15, 1945, for a period of thirty days.

Concerning your request for a license to remit the balance of funds allocated for your fiscal year ending September 30, 1945, I suggest that a new license application be filed when the funds in question have been made available by the National War Fund.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. H. J. Osinski,  
Executive Secretary,  
Polish War Relief,  
1200 North Ashland Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: January 15, 1945

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated December 13, 1944, from the Polish War Relief license authorizing remittance of \$150,000 to trustees in London for disbursement pursuant to terms of basic license No. W-2258, dealing with extension of

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:

Extension of Chicago 28779.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued

Remittance license No. Chi 28779 issued

Other:

*reinstated and renewed for  
add'l thirty days on 1/15/45*

Liaison Officer

Foreign Funds Control

Date:

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POLISH WAR RELIEF  
1200 N. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

December 13, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

On October 16th, 1944, we received a license to remit \$150,000 to a trustee committee in London for what is commonly known as a refugee labor project. We have requested the full amount of \$150,000 allocated to us for the quarter in our October requisition. The National War Fund, however, has remitted only \$75,000. We hope to receive the balance of \$75,000 this month. The license issued to us on October 14th for \$150,000 has expired 30 days from the date of issue. Therefore, it is necessary for us to obtain a new license.

Since the total yearly allocation for the labor project is \$300,000, and we have remitted \$75,000 on account, there is a balance of \$225,000. In order that we may avoid future recurrences of our license expiring before the balance is received from National War Fund, we would appreciate your obtaining a license for us to cover this sum of \$225,000 to be valid for the remaining period of the fiscal year, ending September 30, 1945.

*Not considered.*

*[Signature]*  
*1/15/45*

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. J. Osinski

H. J. Osinski  
Executive Secretary

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Please reinstate and extend license No. Chicago 28779 issued pursuant to curtel  
October 13, 1944, for a period of thirty days

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Orvie A. Schmidt  
Director

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE January 10, 1945

TO : Miss Hodel

FROM : E. W. O'Flaherty

Re : Acquisition of United States Dollar Currency by American Labor Fund for Poland.

Miss LaFollette called today to discuss this subject. She informed me that the trustees in London have been successful so far in purchasing United States dollar currency from the Bank of England for use in connection with their rescue program. She indicated, however, that it took them sometime to obtain the currency and that she is not very optimistic over their chances of obtaining, from this source, \$75,000 for use in their operations during the first quarter of 1945. She informed me that Mr. Mann is holding this amount until he shall have received confirmation of the successful use of the funds expended in 1944.

I advised Miss LaFollette that the Treasury Department would be reluctant to have them purchase United States dollar currency from the Polish Government, but that if efforts to obtain the needed amount from the Bank of England should fail, we will not stand in the way of purchasing the currency from the Polish Government, subject to the approval of the American Embassy in London. Miss LaFollette said that she will write Mr. Malinowski to this effect and urge that efforts to obtain the dollar currency from the Bank of London be initiated at once.

E. W.

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# Polish War Relief

**POLISH AMERICAN COUNCIL**  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1200 N. ASHLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 13, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

*H. J. Osinski*  
H. J. Osinski ✓  
Executive Secretary

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

December 7, 1944

TO : Mr. O'Flaherty

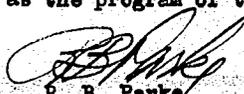
FROM : R. B. Parke

Subject: Letter addressed by the War Refugee Board to Miss La Follette of the Labor League for Human Rights, United Nations Relief, New York.

The subject letter has been submitted to the Treasury through my Office for clearance. It confirms that "the Treasury Department has ruled that the use of dollar currency is an acceptable way of implementing the third method specified in the license for the financing of rescue operations in enemy territory" which was issued to the Polish War Relief, Inc., to govern rescue and relief operations in Poland. The last paragraph of the subject letter might possibly be construed as implying that the Treasury Department would have no objection to the acquisition by the disbursing trustees in London of United States dollar currency from the Polish Government, since the letter states that the trustees should raise this question with the American Embassy in London.

My feeling is that we should object to the acquisition of United States dollar currency from the Polish Government in London for the reason that we licensed the shipment of such currency from the United States to London on the understanding that it would be used by the Polish Government to finance the underground in Poland. If the Polish Government is permitted to sell such currency to the disbursing trustees in London of Polish War Relief, Inc., it seems to me that the Polish Government might be encouraged to sit back and let the Polish War Relief, Inc., drop its funds into Poland by parachute. This might well bring about the substitution of the program of the Polish War Relief, Inc., for the one which is supposed to have been carried out by the Polish Government. That there seems to be a suggestion that such might occur, appears to be implied by Mr. Gerasias of the National CIO War Relief Committee, New York, in his letter of September 9, 1944, addressed, I believe, to a Polish Government official, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Gerasias states in this letter that "Among these restrictions (affecting the utilization of the funds made available to the disbursing trustees in London) and one of the most important, is that such funds be used for purposes for which government or other funds are not available and that payments made, for instance, by the Polish Government for relief activities in the past can not be curtailed in the future because of the funds put at the disposal of the Polish Labor Movement now".

In this connection, you will recall that Mr. Zeltowski and his assistant, Mr. Malinowski, tried to prevail upon us to permit the Polish War Relief, Inc., on behalf of the Labor Relief Committee concerned, to ship United States dollar currency to the disbursing trustees in London. We turned this down on the grounds that the program in question was not a governmental one, and hence could not be financed in the same manner as the program of the Polish Government.

  
R. B. Parke

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# LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS UNITED NATIONS RELIEF

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Suzanne LaFollette  
Director, War Relief Program and  
Community Activities

November 30, 1944

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

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. W.R. Malinowski conveying information which he has received from the trustees in London of the American Labor Fund for Poland. May I call your attention particularly to Paragraph 2 in which Mr. Malinowski states that both the American Embassy in London and Mr. Mann of the War Refugee Board expressed their readiness to accept the proposal of exchanging pounds into dollars with the Polish Government, and asks to be informed whether or not this is contrary to the rules on money transfers under the license held by the trustees. For your information, I enclose also a copy of Mr. Jeremias' letter of September 9, referred to in this paragraph.

While we subscribe naturally, to the statements in Mr. Jeremias' letter, in our opinion the trustees in London were mistaken in interpreting it as making it impossible for them to exchange their pounds for dollars in the possession of the Polish Government. Mr. Jeremias clearly warned against substitution of Labor funds for Polish Government funds in relief work. The exchange of pounds for dollars in the possession of the Polish Government obviously would not be a substitution but a straight financial transaction.

In view of the urgency of sending into Poland as much money as possible, as soon as possible, as explained in Mr. Malinowski's Paragraph 3, I very much hope that the Board will share our view in this matter. I should deeply appreciate it if you will clarify this point for us at your earliest convenience.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Mr. J.W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board

November 30, 1944

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The amount of \$150,000 to which Mr. Malinowski refers in Paragraph 3 is the appropriation made by the National War Fund for this project during the first quarter of the budget year 1944-1945.

Sincerely yours,

*Suzanne LaFollette*

Suzanne LaFollette

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Avenue

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"POLAND FIGHTS"  
Published by Polish Labor Group  
55 West 42 Street  
New York 18, N.Y.

November 28, 1944

Miss Suzanne LaFollette  
Labor League for Human Rights  
10 East 40 Street  
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Miss LaFollette:

In accordance with your desires as expressed during our conversation yesterday, I have the privilege to state:

- 1) Dr. Grosfeld informed me on behalf of the trustees that a British Treasury license had been secured to exchange the Pounds Sterling, which they had received, into dollars. The dollars thus secured will be sent to Poland immediately. Thus it might reasonably be assumed that the \$.250.000 into which the British pounds have been exchanged are by now probably delivered to our brothers in Poland.
- 2) Dr. Grosfeld had to overcome great difficulties in order to secure the license mentioned in the preceding paragraph. They did not buy the dollars from the Polish Government's reserve, as they considered that this would be contrary to Mr. Jeremias' letter of September 9, 1944, copy of which is enclosed. However, the American Embassy in London and Mr. Mann of the War Refugee Board were kind enough to express their readiness to accept the proposal of exchanging pounds into dollars with the Polish Government. I shall highly appreciate a word from you informing me whether this is not contrary to the rules on money transfers which you referred to during our conversation, for a precedent thus created might facilitate the transfer of funds in the future, particularly of the \$.75.000 sent to our trustees in London by the Polish War Relief, Inc. last week.
- 3) Mr. Mann assured Dr. Grosfeld that he will cable his head office in Washington, D.C. that the money is sent to Poland. Moreover Mr. Mann informed Dr. Grosfeld that \$150.000 will be sent soon. According to your information \$.75.000 have already been sent. I shall, therefore, highly appreciate your efforts toward having

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the remaining \$.75.000 /the rest of the first half-year appropriation for the Polish Labor Movement/ sent as soon as possible. This is important as we do not know how long it will be possible to send money by plane and parachute it; this again will depend on atmospheric conditions, such as the approaching winter and the general deterioration of weather conditions which might stop all communications for several months. It is therefore of importance that the balance of the money be sent not later than in December.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. Malinowski

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NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF  
COMMITTEE

1776 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y.

September 9, 1944

Mr. Alojzy Adamczyk,  
1416 F St., N.W., Room 319  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Adamczyk:

It is about three weeks now since Polish War Relief has received the first payment of \$100,000 on account of the special Labor relief project for Poland. We have not yet received confirmation from you that the four trustees in London have received the money. Will you please make certain that in the future we receive such confirmation immediately upon receipt of the transmitted funds by the trustees?

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you again that the funds made available to the Polish Labor trustees in London, as outlined in the letter of July 26th addressed to the trustees over the signatures of Messrs. Abramson and Woll, the chairmen of our two labor committees respectively, are subject to the same restrictions as all other private relief funds.

Among those restrictions and one of the most important, is that such funds be used for purposes for which government or other funds are not available and that payments made, for instance by the Polish Government, for relief activities in the past cannot be curtailed in the future because of the funds put at the disposal of the Polish labor movement now.

If it ever appears that the funds made available to you by us replace government or other subsidies, the President's War Relief Control Board would immediately request the discontinuance of our program and the United States Treasury Department would immediately withdraw the license.

It is unnecessary for me to tell you that apart from all these official rules and regulations, it would naturally be a violation of our understanding with you if the funds collected dollar by dollar from our membership would be used to replace government or other subsidies.

I hope you will excuse this letter but I thought it might be better if I go on record with what I believe is our understanding.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

Siegmund Jeremias, Director,  
Division of Foreign Relief and International  
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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: September 30, 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: Relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy occupied territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated September 26, 1944, from the Polish War Relief, Inc. dealing with remittance of \$150,000 to Messrs. Jan Kwapiński, Jan Stanczyk, Ludwik Grosfeld and Emanuel Scherer, London, for disbursement pursuant to the terms of License No. W-2258.

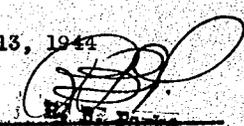
The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks: Remittance license.

F. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. ~~issued~~ Chi. 28779 issued Oct. 13, 1944  
Other:

  
H. G. Parks  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: October 13, 1944

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FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHICAGO 28779

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Polish War Relief of the United States of America Inc., 1200 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$150,000 to Jan Kwapinski and/or Jan Stanczyk and/or Ludwik Grosfeld and/or Emanuel Scherer, London, England, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2258.

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis. A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

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POLISH WAR RELIEF OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INC.  
1200 N. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago 22, Illinois

Copy

September 26th, 1944

Mr. John Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building, Room 164  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Polish War Relief, Inc. solicits herewith the approval of the War Refugee Board and its considerate assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$120,000.00 to Messrs. Jan Kwapinski, Jan Stanczyk, Ludwik Grosfeld and Emanuel Scherer in London, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory.

- 1 - Relief of persons in hiding from the Gestapo
- 2 - Aid in financing the escape of persecuted persons from Poland
- 3 - Aid to prisoners in jails, concentration camps and slave labor battalions
- 4 - Aid to people imprisoned in the ghettos of Poland
- 5 - Aid to families of persons executed or imprisoned.

Mr. Jan Kwapinski is the former Chairman of the Polish Trade Union Congress. He is Vice-Premier and Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Polish Government.

Mr. Jan Stanczyk is the former General-Secretary of the Miners' Union in Poland, and at present Vice-President of the International Miners' Federation. He is Minister of Labor and Public Welfare in the the Polish Government.

Mr. Ludwik Grosfeld is former Chairman of the Przemysl Labor Committee and a labor attorney, and is at present Minister of Finance of the Polish Government.

Mr. Emanuel Scherer is former Vice-President of the National Council of the Jewish Trade Union Movement of Poland, and a member of the Polish National Assembly.

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We desire to make clear that none of these gentlemen has been designated as trustee of the projected relief fund because of his affiliation with the Polish Government. They have all been selected by reason of their prominence in the Polish Labor Movement.

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In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will be impossible, of course, for the Polish War Relief to submit reports of the expenditures of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Kwapiński, Stanczyk, Grosfeld, and Seharer through the American Legation at London.

Your considerate attention to the matter is herewith respectfully solicited.

Yours very truly,

H. B. Wolowska  
Vice-President

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cc: Pres. War Relief Control Board  
Mr. E. Jensen, National War Fund  
Labor League for Human Rights  
United Nations Relief AFL  
National CIO War Relief Comm.

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
Washington Building  
Washington 5, DC

October 2, 1944

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Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
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LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

October 6th, 1944

Mr. John Pehle, Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Main Treasury Building, Rm. 164,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We understand that American Relief for Czechoslovakia, Inc. and Polish War Relief, Inc. have written to you with respect to the special labor relief programs for Czechoslovakia and Poland respectively for which the necessary appropriations have been made by the National War Fund,

We would appreciate it if the War Refugee Board would approve of the continuation of these programs and expedite the licenses therefore as follows:

\$150,000 for Polish War Relief for the period --  
October 1st through December 31st, 1944

\$200,000 for American Relief for Czechoslovakia  
for the period -- October 1st, 1944 through Sep-  
tember 30th, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Suzanne La Follette  
SUZANNE LA FOLLETTE  
United Nations Relief, AFL

/s/ S. Jeremias  
SIEGMUND JEREMIAS  
National CIO War Relief Comm.

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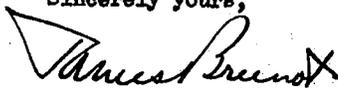
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# Polish War Relief

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

1200 N. ASHLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

W. 2258

September 26th, 1944.

Mr. John Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building, Room 164  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Polish War Relief, Inc. solicits herewith the approval of the War Refugee Board and its considerate assistance in securing a Treasury License for the remittance of \$150,000.00 to Messrs. Jan Kwapinski, Jan Stanczyk, Ludwik Grosfeld and Emanuel Scherer in London, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory.

- 1 - Relief of persons in hiding from the Gestapo
- 2 - Aid in financing the escape of persecuted persons from Poland
- 3 - Aid to prisoners in jails, concentration camps and slave labor battalions
- 4 - Aid to people imprisoned in the ghettos of Poland
- 5 - Aid to families of persons executed or imprisoned.

Mr. Jan Kwapinski is the former Chairman of the Polish Trade Union Congress. He is Vice-Premier and Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Polish Government.

Mr. Jan Stanczyk is the former Gener-Secretary of the Miners' Union in Poland, and at present Vice-President of the International Miners' Federation. He is Minister of Labor and Public Welfare in the Polish Government.

Mr. Ludwik Grosfeld is former Chairman of the Przemysl Labor Committee and a labor attorney, and is at present Minister of Finance of the Polish Government.

Mr. Emanuel Scherer is former Vice-President of the National Council of the Jewish Trade Union Movement of Poland, and a member of the Polish National Assembly.

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