

Licenses: World Jewish Congress
(NY 626339)

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Dated May 24, 1944

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text of this message must
be closely guarded

Secretary of State,
Washington.

1582, May 24, 4 p.m.

Referring license \$10,000 for Weissman note

proviso giving control expenditures representatives
WRB. This is WRB 52 referring Department's No. 1420
your WRB 24. Terms clear Weissman Financial Attache
and Dexter.

It would simplify matters here if in all similar
licenses to private American organizations a provision
identical this were inserted. Have discussed matter
with Financial Attache and he concurs this recommendation.

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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

*was by Dr
Mr. Park
1 copy only*

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Lisbon
DATED: May 19, 1944
NUMBER: 1420
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Following message is for Dexter from War Refugee Board:
World Jewish Congress is making an initial remittance of \$10,000 to Dr. Weisman under Treasury license which specified that such funds may be utilized by Dr. Weisman only as authorized by you, as representative of the War Refugee Board.

In approving the use of any such funds by Dr. Weisman, you should of course be satisfied that there will be no duplication of the rescue and relief activities of other private agencies operating in Portugal.

For your guidance, the funds may be used by Weisman in order to arrange for the rescue of persons in enemy territory whose lives are in imminent danger and to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons pending evacuation to places of safety. The funds may also be used for the maintenance of refugees in Portugal. The necessary funds, goods or services from persons in enemy territory may be acquired against payment by any of the three methods which are prescribed under Section (A), license No. W-2154 issued to the Joint Distribution Committee and set forth in Department's cable dated March 18, 1944, No. 800

You and Dr. Weisman should consult with James Wood, Financial

Attache at

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Attache at the Embassy, with respect to the financial aspects of operations desired to be effected by Weisman with World Jewish Congress funds remitted from the United States under the above-mentioned license.

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 24

JULY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
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JUL 13 1941

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CABLE TO LISBON

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1. The purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Portugal who Dr. Weissman, after consulting with the ^{Embassy} United States Legation in Lisbon when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States or have since benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency or exchange may be reimbursed therefor in escudos at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Portugal; ^{from}
2. The acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territories for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on the books of the World Jewish Congress in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Portugal. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval;
3. If it is not feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods, the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory

acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy.

It cleared with J. P. [unclear] discussed with J. B. [unclear]

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may be acquired against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. Dr. Weissman should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

You and Dr. Weissman should consult with James Wood, Financial Attache at the Embassy, with respect to the financial aspects of operations desired to be effected by Weissman with World Jewish Congress funds remitted from the United States under the above-mentioned license.

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 24

May 13, 1944
10:50 a.m.

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

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: MAY 6 - 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: **Evacuation of refugees**

There is transmitted herewith a ~~copy~~ letter dated April 28, 1944 from the **World Jewish Congress** dealing with remittance of \$50,000 to representative in Portugal, or such agents as he may appoint, for evacuation operations.

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: No **Basic license**
Remittance license for \$50,000, stipulating funds to be utilized only as authorized by representative of W.R.B. at Lisbon. F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance License No. ~~626339~~ NY 626339 ^{amended} ~~issued~~ May 13, 1944
Other:

F. Hodel
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: MAY 13 1944

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

MAY 13 1944

NY 626339 Ourtel May 10, 1944, is hereby amended so as to authorize you to issue license to World Jewish Congress, 330 West 42nd Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit up to the excudo equivalent of \$50,000 to Dr. Isaac Weissman, Lisbon, Portugal, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by Dr. Isaac Weissman only as authorized by Mr. Robert C. Dexter, Representative of the War Refugee Board at Lisbon, Portugal. Stipulation No. 2. Periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by Dr. Weissman through United States Embassy, Lisbon.
License period six months

(s) *Orvis A. Schmidt*

Unit 402 RBPark: jfh 5-12-44

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FOR THE DIRECTOR
FOR THE DIRECTOR
FOR THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

May 12, 1944

Subject: NY 626339 - Wire amending our telegram of May 10, 1944.

It will be noted that the subject wire is substantially identical with our wire of May 10, 1944, authorizing the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to issue a license to the World Jewish Congress permitting it to remit \$50,000 to its representative in Lisbon, Portugal, except that the subject wire stipulates: "provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by Dr. Isaac Weissman only as authorized by Mr. Robert C. Dexter, Representative of the War Refugee Board at Lisbon, Portugal", instead of: "for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2190".

This change was made at the specific request of the War Refugee Board which recommended that this form of license should be issued, rather than a basic license and a remittance license, in order to obviate the possibility that the World Jewish Congress would publicize the fact that it had received a "basic" license covering evacuation operations from Portugal.

In place of the usual "basic" license, the War Refugee Board has despatched a cable to its representative in Lisbon instructing him to authorize the use of the funds by Dr. Weissman in accordance with the provisions set forth in the basic licenses. The War Refugee Board instructed its representative in Lisbon that "in approving the use of any such funds by Dr. Weissman, you should, of course, be satisfied that there will be no duplication of the rescue and relief activities of other private agencies operating in Portugal", which is another reason for the form of license described above.

The War Refugee Board is advising the World Jewish Congress directly of the issuance of this license.

E. B. Parke

RBParke:jfh 5-12-44

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MAY 10 1944

NY 626339

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the World Jewish Congress, 330 West 42nd Street, New York City, permitting it notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11 to remit in the aggregate, up to, but not exceeding, the sum of \$50,000 to Mr. Isaac Weissman, Lisbon, Portugal, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2170. Stipulation No. 2. License period six months

(Initialed) C.H.S.J.

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

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CABLES: CONGRESS, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE: LONGACRE 5-2600

April 28, 1944

Miss Florence Hodell
Assistant to the Executive Director
War Refugee Board
190 Main Building
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodell:

May we ask you to grant us

- 1) A license for the equivalent of \$100,000 to be sent to our representative in Switzerland, including such agents as he may appoint, in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by him, of persons in enemy or enemy occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons;
- 2) A license for the equivalent of \$50,000 to be sent to our representative in Portugal, including such agents as he may appoint.

May we request that these licenses should have the same provisions as the License W-2115 as amended, which was issued to us on February 4, 1944.

The activities of our representative in Geneva, Dr. Riegner, are well-known to the War Refugee Board and the greater part of the amount provided by License W-2115 has been forwarded already to him.

Our Lisbon representative, Mr. Isaac Weissman, is working in close cooperation with Dr. Dexter. It appears from messages from Mr. Weissman which have been forwarded to us on April 10th and April 22nd by the War Refugee Board that he is engaged in most important children rescue work.

*see World Jewish Congress
NY 62-5189*

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In the hope that you will grant this request your
urgent attention, I remain

Sincerely yours



Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head
Rescue Department

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New York 18, New York

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(signed) A.L. Kubowitzki

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head
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