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NY 625386 Approved for transfer of Swedish Kronor 7,000
to Mosaiska Foersamlingen, Stockholm, Sweden, to guarantee
the maintenance in Sweden of Mr. Elias Zilbergas. Stipulation
No. 2

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

June 22, 1944

Re: NY 625386 - Borys I. Mirkin, New York, N. Y.

Applicant wishes to transfer Swedish Kronor 7,000 or their equivalent in United States dollar to Mosaiska Foersamlingen, Stockholm, Sweden (the recognized Jewish community relief committee for Sweden, handling all JDC relief operations in Sweden), to guarantee the maintenance in Sweden of Mr. Elias Zilbergas, stateless, and who is a Jewish internee, at present being detained in a work-camp in Finland.

Elias Zilbergas is threatened by the German authorities with deportation to a concentration camp in Poland, consequently applicant, who is a close friend of Mr. I. Zilbergs, Ballater, Scotland, an uncle of Elias Zilbergas, is desirous of effecting this remittance from the United States. Mr. Zilbergs has learned from Swedish sources that it would be possible to obtain this internee's release from Finland and permission for him to enter Sweden, provided a guarantee with a Swedish bank is given to Swedish authorities for the benefit of Elias Zilbergas at the rate of 200 Kronor per month or a total amount of 7,000 Kronor for a period of three years.

Mr. I. Zilbergs endeavored to effect said remittance from England, however the British refused to grant him permission. The British Control told Zilbergs that they had no objection to his communicating with the applicant in the United States with respect to this transaction, but they did stipulate that "no financial liability contingent or actual, should rest upon any resident in the Sterling Area as a result of any arrangements which may be made with correspondents in the United States".

In view of the aforementioned facts, Mr. Zilbergs has requested the applicant, Borys I. Mirkin, to remit said funds to Sweden in an effort to prevent the deportation to Nazi-occupied Poland of Elias Zilbergas.

The War Refugee Board strongly recommends the approval of this application.

Action: Approved for transfer of Swedish Kronor 7,000. to Mosaiska Foersamlingen, Stockholm, Sweden, to guarantee the maintenance in Sweden of Mr. Elias Zilbergas. Stipulation No. 2

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. O'Flaherty

FROM: Miss Hodel

The War Refugee Board recommends that the application of Mr. Borys I. Mirkin be granted, permitting the transfer of 7,000 Swedish kronor to the Mosaiska Foersamlingen in Stockholm, Sweden, for the purpose of guaranteeing maintenance in Sweden of a refugee presently interned in a camp in Finland. The Mosaiska Foersamlingen is a very responsible organization which handles all relief work in Sweden for the JDC. It is felt that Mr. Mirkin's request should be granted as a special test case to see whether the establishment of a guarantee in Sweden will actually result in the issuance of a Swedish visa for the interned person and eventually in saving his life.

If the attached application is granted, please advise the War Refugee board in order that we may communicate with our representative in Stockholm concerning this possible method for saving lives of people interned in concentration camps

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June 1, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Parke
FROM: Miss Hodel

The War Refugee Board strongly recommends the approval of the attached application.

For your information the Mosaiska Foersamlingen is a reliable relief organization, being the recognized Jewish community relief committee for Sweden. The JDC advises me that the Mosaiska Foersamlingen is the organization which handles all JDC relief operations in Sweden.

NY 625386:

Applicant: Borys I. Mirkin

Transfer Swedish Kroner 7,000. to Mosaiska Foersamlingen, Stockholm, Sweden, to guarantee the maintenance in Sweden of Elias Zilbergas, who is at the present time believed to be interned in a work camp in Finland and who is threatened with deportation by the Germans to a concentration camp in Poland.

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