PRIVATE MESSAGE SENT: AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES
1500, Twenty-sixth
Please request Koelleland deliver the following
message (URB 307) to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue X
de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of American
Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.:

QUOTE Second request to Protestant Episcopal Church
from Hermann Ax, Schwendenustrasse 19, Zurich, Switzerland.
Repeat cannot assist individuals. Must be done through
you for all Protestant Church groups. UNQUOTE

GREW
(Acting)

URB: RIV: KG
4/28/46
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MOOLIAND, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Adolf Freundenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.:

QUOTE SECONDS REQUEST TO PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FROM
HAIMANN AX, SCHRÖNHEIMSTARZSE 19, ZURICHERHALP. STOP
REPEAT CANNOT ASSIST INDIVIDUALS. MUST BE DONE THROUGH
YOU FOR ALL PROTESTANT CHURCH GROUPS. UNIQUE

THIS IS WIRELESS CABLE NO. 507

4:30 p.m.
April 23, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison,
McCormack, O'Dwyer, Piles.
April 16, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland:

"SECOND REQUEST TO PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FROM HERMANN AX, SCHWENDENHAUSSTRASSE 10, ZURICH-
REHAIIP. STOP. REPEAT CANNOT ASSIST INDIVIDUALS.
MUST BE DONE THROUGH YOU FOR ALL PROTESTANT CHURCH
GROUPS."

(SIGNED) LELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

International Migration Service . . . Consultant
Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Freundenberg was received through the United States Legation, Bern, under date of April 5, 1945:

"Madeline Barot now here discussed your telegram to Pastor Boegner of end of March with us. She and Touraille will give Boegner information you desire. Barot submitted figures indicating that Cimadeus Refugee Service only covered financially until end of June and Touraille refugee chaplaincy to June 15th. Each service needs 400,000 French francs monthly. Would accordingly be most appreciative if you could provide them with funds necessary for three months beyond dates indicated. Many thanks."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

[Postmark: 4/7/45]
SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington,

1980, Fifth
Fifth

FOR WFB FROM MCCLELLAND
FOR WFB FROM MCCLELLAND

Please deliver following message from Freundenberg, Geneva to Leland Robinson of American Christian Committee:

"Madelaine Barot has here discussed your telegram to Pastor Boegner of end of March with us. She and Tourcille will give Boegner information you desire.]['"

Barot submitted figures indicating that Cimades Refugee Service only covered financially until end June and Tourcille refugee chaplaincy to June 15th. Each service needs 400,000 French francs monthly. Would accordingly be most appreciative if you could provide them with funds necessary for three months beyond dates indicated."

Many thanks." 14.15.

HARRISON

HAR
March 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Frau Edsberg was received through the United States Legation, Bern, under date of March 22, 1943:

"Voluntary agencies Switzerland are now able through intermediary of French Embassy at Bern to buy Swiss credits in France for relief work at rate of 3.73 Swiss francs per hundred French. We transmitted from Swiss and Swedish funds 300,000 French francs for refugee Chaplain but these funds insufficient procure monthly 700,000 needed by Fouraille and Gisande for current refugee expenditures. Suggest you request exceptional permission to transmit about $40,000 through our channel described above. Our goods for France are shipped through Intercross which submits shipments to United States Legation for approval. We now need your contribution for refugees in Shanghai so please add $1,000 to your monthly subsidy. Kindly inform Richard Edsberg, 730 Riverside Drive, New York City, 32, Erika and children all safe as of January 4th. Erika was working in a hospital where she wishes to remain."

Very truly yours,

[Florence Hodel]

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York, 13, New York.

[RE: Hutchison: 3/24/43]
Secretary of State,
Washington.

1723, Twenty-second.

FOR USE FROM McCLELLAND.

Please deliver following message from Frau Edenberg to Robinson of American Christian Committee.

Voluntary agencies Switzerland are now able through intermediary of French Embassy at Bern to buy Swiss credits in France for relief work at rate of 3.75 Swiss francs per hundred French. We transmitted from Swiss and Swedish funds 300,000 French francs for refugee Chaplain but these funds insufficient procure monthly 700,000 needed by Tourville and Gmadi for current refugee expenditures. Suggest you request exceptional permission to transmit about 640,000 through our channel described above. Our goods for France are shipped through Intercor which submits shipments to United States Legation for approval. We now need your contribution for refugees in Shanghai so please add 1,000 to your monthly subsidy.

Kindly inform Richard Hessberg, 700 Riverside Drive, New York City,
-2-, #1723, Twenty-second, from Bern.

New York City, 32, Erika and children all safe as of January 4th. Erika was working in a hospital where she wishes to remain." 22.85

HARRISON

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MARCH 13, 1946

Mr. Leland R. Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.,

Please request McClelland deliver the following:

$260, Twelfth,

Leland R. Robinson, 41 Avenue

Chapel, Geneva, from Leland R. Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.:

NOTE: Cabled $2,100 dollars of which $100 is for

Citroen. (Signed) Leland R. Robinson

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("HC")
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMIGRATION, SWISS, FOR NOCCLELAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Adolph Freundenberg:
41 Avenue de Champs, Geneva, from Leland R. Robinson of The American
Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.

QUOTE CABLED $1,100. DOLLARS OF WHICH 100 IS FOR CITRINE
STOP (SIGNED) LEland R. ROBINSON UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRO BERN CABLE NO. 436

Copy sent to Am. Christian Committee for Refugees
Dec. 3/8/45

11:30 am.
March 8, 1945

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

RN: 3/7/45
March 5, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland:

CABLED 5,100 DOLLARS OF WHICH 100 IS FOR CITROEN STOP (SIGNED) LELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

International Migration Service...Consultant
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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BRAH
790 Twenty-second
Please deliver following message to Dr. Adolf
Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland,
from Leland Rex Robinson of The American Christian Com-
mittee for Refugees, Inc.:

"QUOTE Norman Ax, Schuendenhausstrasse 10, Zurich-
Benalp, asked us directly for financial help. Important
as to handle all relief through you. Allowance for Switzer-
land unchanged. Five thousand this month. We have refor-
red Ax back to you. Kindly assist if necessary and keep
us advised. UNQUOTE

The above in WNB 408."

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(Acting)
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WNB: WIE... 
2/22/46
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg,
41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland, from Leland Rex
Robinson of The American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.

QUOTE HECIANN AX, SCHWINDENHAUSSTRASSE 29, WURICH-ERHALF,
ASKED US DIRECTLY FOR FINANCIAL HELP STOP IMPORTANT
TO HANDLE ALL RELIEF THROUGH YOU STOP ALLOWANCE
FOR SWITZERLAND UNCHANGED STOP FIVE THOUSAND THIS
MONTH STOP WE HAVE REFERRED AX BACK TO YOU STOP
KINDLY ASKED IF NECESSARY AND KEEP US ADVISED
STOP UNQUOTE

THIS IS WAR BERN CABLE NO. 493.

11:30 a.m.
February 19, 1945

Miss Chauncy (for the Sec'y), Akrin, Cohn, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel,
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

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Miss Florence Rodell
War Refugees Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Rodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland:

HERMAN AX, SCHWENDEHAUSSTRASSE 19, ZURICH-REHALF, ASKED US DIRECTLY FOR FINANCIAL HELP STOP IMPORTANT TO HANDLE ALL RELIEF THROUGH YOU STOP ALLOWANCE FOR SWITZERLAND UNCHANGED STOP FIVE THOUSAND THIS MONTH STOP WE HAVE REFURED AX BACK TO YOU STOP KINDLY ASSIST IF NECESSARY AND KEEP US ADVISED STOP (SIGNED) LELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours,

LELAND REX ROBINSON
President

International Migration Service...Consultant
February 2, 1945

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Adolf Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of January 31, 1945:

"We desire confirm recent cable that our funds are exhausted and full February contribution badly needed in Geneva."

"Can we use your funds also for refugees in Shanghai. Fine work being done there is fully described in documents sent by Warnhuis. Did all these reports satisfactorily reach you?"

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.
Secretary of State, Washington,

- 636, Thirty-first

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Please deliver following from Freudenberg to Ieland Robinson of American Christian Committee for Refugees.

"We desire confirm recent cable that our funds are exhausted and full February contribution badly needed in Geneva.

Can we use your funds also for refugees in Shanghai. Fine work being done there is fully described in documents sent by Barshuis. Did all these reports satisfactorily reach you." 10.65.

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MJP
The cable below for McClelland is WRB 397.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to

Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from

Dr. Leland Hex Robinson, American Christian Committee for
Refugees, Incorporated:

QUOTE Sending $5,000 regular $3,000 budget $2,000
contingencies including Hungarian Church Committee sending
same amount February. Received documents Warnhuis brought
late December. Giving consideration best ways directly
supporting Gisèle's refugee work beginning March probably
through proposed Direct representation France. Following
advice Warnhuis last remittance made Böegner. Appreciate
reciprocate New Year's message. Funds used Shanghai 1944
via American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Will
check with you before sending further funds there. UNQUOTE

WRB/NIKKG
1/29/45

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8, 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MC CLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson, American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.:

QUOTE SENDING 85,000 REGULAR 83,000 BUDGET 82,000 CONTINGENCIES INCLUDING HUNGARIAN CHURCH COMMITTEE SENDING SAME AMOUNT FEBRUARY. RECEIVED DOCUMENTS WAFNHUIS BRING LATE DECEMBER, GIVING CONSIDERATION BEST WAYS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING CINAEU'S REFUGEE WORK BEGINNING MARCH PROBABLY THROUGH PROPOSED DIRECT REPRESENTATION FRANCE. FOLLOWING ADVICE WAFNHUIS LAST REMITTANCE MADE DONNER, APPRECIATE RECIPROCATE NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE. FUNDS USED SHANGHAI 1944 VIA AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. WILL CHECK WITH YOU BEFORE SENDING FURTHER FUNDS THERE. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 387.

2:00 p.m. January 26, 1945

Miss Chauncy (for the Sec'y) Akersmann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Harks, McCormack, Pehle, Piles.
The American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.
(Organized in 1934)

139 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.
Telephone Canal 6-3500
Cable Address AMERJAC

January 24, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Pastor Freudenberg in Geneva:

SENDING $5,000 REGULAR $5,000 BUDGET $2,000 CONTINGENCIES INCLUDING HUNGARIAN CHURCH COMMITTEE sending same amount February stop received documents Warnshuis brought late December stop giving consideration best ways directly supporting CMAE'S REFUGEE WORK BEGINNING MARCH probably through proposed direct representation France stop following advice Warnshuis last remittance made Boedner stop appreciate reciprocate New Years message stop funds used Shanghai 1944 via American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee stop will check with you before sending further funds there, stop (signed Leland Rex Robinson)

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

International Migration Service...Consultant
January 23, 1945

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Adolf Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of January 20, 1945:

*I refer to your cable concerning remittance for Cimade and our preliminary reply of January 5 regulation preventing transfers via Switzerland seriously handicaps all activities ecumenical Refugee Commission particularly our coordinating function and important work in Switzerland will be forced discontinue shipment medicines food to France. Do not know how office expenditures will be covered. This leaves us no margin for new tasks or emergency appeals such as those recently received from Russia. How can we help in Shanghai and Italy if Swiss Swedish contributions must be used for other purposes. It is legally possible with agreement French Government and Swiss clearing office transmit funds to France at rate more than twice that of relation one dollar to fifty French Francis. Does this regulation also apply to church collections.*

*Grateful if you will advise Madeleine Barot hand over 200,000 French francs from your remittance to Pastor Tourville, refugee Chaplain, who urgently needs funds Tourville. Fine work fully described in reports you must have received from Bernhuis.*

*Please send us further information this distressing question and substantial funds as soon as possible.*

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
135 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

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SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington, D.C., Twenty

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Kindly deliver following message from Freudenberg to Robinson of American Christian Committee: "I refer to your cable concerning remittance for cimade and our preliminary reply of January 5, regulation preventing transfers via Switzerland seriously handicaps all activities Ecumenical Refugee Commission particularly our coordinating function and important work in Switzerland will be forced discontinue shipment medicines food to France. Do not know how office expenditures will be covered, this leaves us no margin for new tasks or emergency appeals such as those recently received from Rumania. How can we help in Shanghai and Italy if Swiss Swedish contributions must be used for other purposes. It is legally possible with agreement French Government and Swiss clearing office transmit funds to France at rate more than twice that of relation one dollar to fifty French France. Does this regulation also apply to church
-2-#411, Twenty, from Bern
to church collections.

Grateful if you will advise Madeleine Barot hand
over 200,000 French francs from your remittance to
Pastor Tourelle, refugee Chaplain, who urgently needs
funds Tourelle. Fine work fully described in reports
you must have received from Warnsuis.

Please send us further information this distressing
question and substantial funds as soon possible.

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MJF
December 11, 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Messrs. t'Hoof and Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 7, 1944:

"Through Craig, Leiper's message was received. Warkhuin is returning with complete answers to all questions. For old refugee groups in various camps Cimade is continuing to work and is arranging for development of important community center activities for destitute people in ruined areas which will have to be financed through contributions by you until there is available a larger reconstruction fund. It is important that French chaplaincy service for refugees also continue. On your continued aid French organizations depend.

"On us Hungarian church committee depends approximately 60%. Since mid-October contacts with them have been very difficult.

"Division of budget for January to November 1944 is 67,561 Swiss francs from sources other than United States as against 509,260 from United States. 213,606 francs of latter sum utilized in Switzerland and 136,664 in France (before end of year 30,000 more will have to be sent to France) in Hungary 60,000; for our administrative expenses 28,886.

"Budget for 1945 dependent upon unknown exchange rate for French franc. We will need, in rough figures, 250,000 francs for Switzerland and for France 250,000, and in addition approximately 35,000 for administrative expenses. Requirements of new European refugees probably will total 100,000 francs. Monthly minimum average for 1945 therefore approximately 50,000 francs, excluding non-American receipts.

"Visit of your director would be welcomed but problem of travel is at American end rather than Swiss.

"In dealing with France please continue to deal through us."

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

February 12/11/44

BEST AVAILABLE COPY
SFG-202
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency.

Secretary of State
Washington

7986, December 7, Noon

FOR WFB FROM MCCLELLAND

For Leland Robinson American Christian Committee

For Refugees From Thoof and Freudenberg:

"Leiper's message received through Craig. Waarna-

is returning with complete answers to all questions.

Cimade continues work for old groups refugees in hestle and smaller

various camps and is developing important community

center work for destitute persons in devastated areas

which must be financed with your contributions until

larger reconstruction fund available. French

chaplaincy service for refugees must also continue

important work. French organizations depend 85% on

your continued help.

Hungarian church committee depends about 60% on us. Contacts with them very difficult since

middle October.

Proportion of budget January to November 1944

from sources other than United States of America is

67,561
67,561 Swiss francs as against 509,260 francs from United States of America. Of latter sum 213,606 francs used in Switzerland 136,664 in France. (30,000 more must be sent to France before the end of year) 60,000 in Hungary 28,886 for our administrative expenses.

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Would welcome visit your director but travel problem on American rather than Swiss end.

Please continue to deal with France through us.

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JMS
CORRECTION

AF-202
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency.

December 8, 1944

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Telegram from Bern, No. 7986, December 7, Noon, in the second line of the second paragraph "Harms Huis" should read "Harmshu is returning" and insert "hostels and smaller centers; also runs foyers in" after "refugees in" and before "various camps" so as to read "Cimade continues work for old groups refugees in hostels and smaller centers; also runs foyers in various camps and is", et cetera.

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

CAD
December 8, 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Adolf Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 6, 1944:

"We have all been immensely pleased with Warnshuis' visit. Your and his most enlightening reports will enable us to collaborate much better than in past. We appreciate more than ever efforts your committee and American churches on behalf of our ecumenical refugee work. Please convey to all donors sense of our deepest gratitude. Warnshuis returning bearing extensive recent and encouraging reports covering all fields of our activity. Our chief concern is sufficient support for increasing relief work in France and Switzerland."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.
SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington,
7969, Sixth
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.
For Leland Robinson American Christian Committee for
Refugees from Adolf Freudenberg.

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HÜDDEL
The cable below for Necllland is WAB 301.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following urgent message to Adolph Freu.iemberg and Dr. Vissor t'Hooft, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Mrs. Robinson and Leiper of American Christian Committee for Refugees, 129 Centre Street, New York:

QUOTE Need detailed information concerning program Cimade other refugee organizations France extent their present dependence upon American Christian Committee refugee remittances through Geneva similar data Hungarian Reformed Church Committee. What proportion Equinoxe refugee Committee present and projected budgets expected from ACCR also minimum monthly average required. Collections from denominational bodies slow until year end but prompt inclusive advice greatly aid appeals. Regard advisable immediate visit France Switzerland ACCR executive director for better planning establishment direct working relations. Advise what can be done your end toward facilitating such visit. Meeting church leaders planned December 11 purpose raising entire refugee budget forthcoming year. Urge your strong endorsement also dramatic description present program to be presented this meeting. Are depending upon your prompt cabled.

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State Dept Letter, 11-11-72
By R H Parks Date SEP 8 1972
-2-4100, December 5, 1944 7 p.m. to Bern

cabled report. UNQUOTE

(STERVINSUS)
(YIV)

WRB: NWY: KG
12/6/44

WE
November 27, 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Adolf Freudenborg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of November 23, 1944:

"We discussed cooperation on central location index with Intercross and certain competent private organizations. We desire help coordinate search for missing relatives hope our own service could be helpful in France but as postal communication in and with France still very bad and Simade and French chaplaincy service for refugees overburdened, please begin with few test cases particularly southern France. Other proposals are under consideration."

Very truly yours,

(Jimed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

RDruy 11/27/44
Secretary of State,
Washington

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FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND
FOR ROBINSON AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE FOR
REFUGEES FROM FREUNDENBERG

"We discussed cooperation on central location index with Intercess and certain competent private organizations we desire help coordinate search for missing relatives hope our own service could be helpful in France, but as postal communication in and with France still very bad and Gisadre and French chaplaincy service for refugees overburdened, please begin with few test cases particularly southern France. Other proposals are under consideration." 1235.

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November 21, 1944

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BERN

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The following from Leland Rex Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees is WTB B94.

QUOTE $4,500 contributed by National War Fund for Cimade, et alia. Thus of $8,000 sent only $500 is for Switzerland. UNQUOTE

Please deliver paraphrase to Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel Geneva.

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(Acting)

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State Dept. Letter, 11-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR MC CLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Chazpol, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees:

QUOTE $5,000 SENT OF WHICH ONLY $500 FOR SWITZERLAND.
$4500 GIVEN BY NATIONAL WAR FUND RESTRICTED TO FRANCE FOR CIMAPE ETC. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WAR CABLE NO. 284.

9:00 a.m.
November 18, 1944

Mike Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackerman, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannan, McCormack, Files

Rbrary 11/8/44
Cable was dictated by Mr. Gaccio, American Christian Committee for Refugees, 11/3/44.

Cable to Freudenberg, Switzerland

$5,000 sent of which only $500 for Switzerland stop $4500 given by national war fund restricted to France for child care, etc.

/s/ Leland Rex Robinson
American Christian Committee for Refugees
Embassy

London 9759

The cable below for Mann is WASH 28.

The following paraphrase of message for Dr. Visser t'Hooft and
Marc Beugner is from Drs. Robinson and Leiper of the American
Christian Committee for Refugees, 129 Centre Street, New York.
Please deliver to British Council of Churches, 68 Bloomsbury Street,
London, with instruction that message be forwarded to addressee.

QUOTE Need detailed information concerning program Gisada other
refugee organizations France extent their present dependence upon
American Christian Committee Refugees remittances through Geneva
similar data Hungarian Reformed Church Committee. What proportion
ecumenical refugee committees present and projected budgets expected
from ACCR also minimum monthly average required. Collections from
denominational bodies slow until year end but prompt inclusive
advice greatly aid appeals. Regard advisable immediate visit France
Switzerland ACCR executive director for better planning establishment
direct working relations. Advise what can be done your end toward
facilitating such visit. Planning rally church leaders as means
raising entire budget forthcoming year request your strong endorse-
ment ACCR help through contributions your work. Please confirm
cable. Cable us anytime our expense. UNQUOTE

BC

Acting

State Dept. Letter 11-17-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WIMANT, LONDON, FOR WIRE FROM CAR REFUGEE BOARD.

The following message for Dr. Visser t'Hooft and Marc Boagner is
from Mrs. Robinson and Leiper of the American Christian Committee for
Refugees, 139 Centre Street, New York. Please deliver to British Council
of Churches, 58 Bloomsbury Street, London, with instruction that message
be forwarded to addresses:

QUOTE NEED DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING PROGRAM CAME OTHER
REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS FRANCE EXTENT THEIR PRESENT DEPENDENCE UPON
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE REFUGEES REMITTANCES THROUGH GENEVA
SIMILAR DATA HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH COMMITTEE, WHAT PROPORTION
ECUMENICAL REFUGEE COMMITTEES PRESENT AND PROJECTED BUDGETS EXPECTED
FROM ACCR ALSO MINIMUM MONTHLY AVERAGE REQUIRED. COLLECTIONS FROM
DENOMINATIONAL BODIES SLOW UNLESS YEAR END BUT PROMPT INCLUSIVE ADVICE
GREATLY AND APPEALS. REGARD ADVISABLE IMMEDIATE VISIT FRANCE SWITZERLAND
ACCR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BETTER PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT DIRECT WORKING
RELATIONS. ADVISE THAT CAN BE DONE YOUR END TOWARD FACILITATING SUCH
VISIT. PLANNING RALLY CHURCH LEADERS AS MEANS Raising ENTIRE BUDGET
FORCOMING YEAR REQUEST YOUR STRENGTH ENDORSEMENT ACCRS HELP THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS YOUR WORK. PLEASE CONFIRM CABLE. CABLE US ANYTIME OUR EXPENSE.
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBB LONDON CABLE NO. 25.

9:00 a.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodell, Lesser, Mann, McCormick, Tyler
November 14, 1944

Dear Miss Hodel:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning I am sending you enclosed the cable message we discussed which we should like to have you send as a radio letter.

'THOMPFF refers to Dr. Visser t'Hooft of the World Council of Churches and "Boegner" to Pastor Marc Boegner, head of the Protestant Federation of France. Dr. t'Hooft and Pastor Boegner have been attending meetings of the British Council of Churches in London and we hope are still there. However, you will note that we have added "Please forward" to the address.

Sincerely yours,

John Caecio
Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer

Enclosure
TO THOOF BORNER
BRITISH COUNCIL CHURCHES
58 BLOOMSBURY STREET
LONDON - PLEASE FORWARD

NEED DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING PROGRAM MADE OTHER REFUGE ORGANIZATIONS FRANCE EXTEND THEIR PRESENT DEPENDENCE UPON AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE REFUGEES REMITTANCES THROUGH GENEVA SIMILAR DATA HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH COMMITTEE STOP WHAT PROPORTION ECUMENICAL REFUGE COMMITTEES PRESENT AND PROJECTED BUDGETS EXPECTED FROM ACCR ALSO MINIMUM MONTHLY AVERAGE REQUIRED STOP COLLECTIONS FROM DENOMINATIONAL BODIES SLOW UNTIL YEAR END BUT PROMPT INCLUSIVE ADVISES GREATLY TO ADVISES STOP REGARD ADMISABLE IMMEDIATE VISIT SWITZERLAND ACCR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BETTER PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT DIRECT WORKING RELATIONS STOP ADVICE WHAT CAN BE DONE TOWARD FACILITATING SUCH VISIT STOP PLANNING RALLY CHURCH LEADERS AS MEANS RAISING ENTIRE BUDGET FORTHCOMING YEAR REQUEST YOUR STRONG ENDORSEMENT ACCRS HELP THROUGH CONTRIBUIONS YOUR WORK PLEASE CONFIRM CABLE US ANYTIME OUR EXPENSE.

ROBINSON LEIPER

PLEASE WRITE OR TYPE MESSAGE PLAINLY WITHIN THE BORDER - USE BLACK INK OR PENCIL - DO NOT FOLD
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: November 1, 1944
NUMBER: 3736

For McClelland, from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freundberg,
41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Iseland Robinson of the American
Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.

"We are working through newly established central
location index searching Europe lost relatives refugees
United States and cooperating International Red Cross
also other means available. Can we contact you individual
cases for searching service. Name countries you can
operate. Particularly interested France." UNQUOTE

This is WBB Bern cable No. 247.

STETTIUS
ACTING

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. L. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR BG CLELAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.

"we are working through newly established central location index searching Europe loot relatives refugees United States and cooperating international Red Cross also other means available. can we contact you individual cases for searching service. name countries you can operate. particularly interested France. unquote"

THIS IS WRE BERN CABLE NO. 247.

2:00 p.m.,
October 28, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamsen, Cohn, Dalois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
October 25, 1944

Miss Florence Hodell

War Refugee Board

Executive Office of the President

Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Pastor Freudenberg in Geneva:

WE ARE WORKING THROUGH NEWLY ESTABLISHED CENTRAL LOCATION INDEX SEARCHING EUROPE LOST RELATIVES

Refugees United States and Cooperating International Red Cross Also Other Means Available STOP Can We Contact You Individual Cases for Searching Service STOP Name Countries You Can Operate STOP Particularly Interests France (Signed) Leland Robinson

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson

President

International Migration Service . . . Consultant
October 31, 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Mr. Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of October 28, 1944.

"For refugee service in France and relief for Jews in Hungary large sums are required urgently. We supplied the Hungarian Church Committee with the means to continue its relief prior to mid-October events. Although our funds are exhausted we have additional commitments. Since September there has been received from you $2,000 and in addition $6,500, which was presumably gift for Hungary from Methodists. Will appreciate your doing utmost September and October regular remittances."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Christian Committee for Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

RDrury 10/31/44
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

7182, October 26, 11 a.m.

FOR WRE FROM MCCLELLAND FOR LELAND REX ROBINSON

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES FROM FREIDENFELD

Important sums are urgently needed for refugee service France and Jewish relief Hungary. We were able to supply Hungarian Church Committee with means continue their relief before events of mid-October. Have additional commitments but our funds exhausted. Received from you since September 3000 plus $6,500 presumably Methodist gift for Hungary. Please do your utmost (#) regular remittances for September and October.

HARRISON

(#) Apparent omission.
October 14, 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from A. Freudenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of October 12, 1944:

"Present situation was reported personally by Madeleine Dalet Cimade. During the recent months courageous refugee activity has given Cimade a strong position with the authorities of France and with the resistance group. Refugees formerly aided still need assistance.

Host, Elarum, Cimade and others are needed. It is planned by the government to sift most of the categories of foreigners in transit camps, and this will mean a number of social workers. Cimade continues to pioneer in the work of organizing and suggesting aid to the neediest French who were dispersed from the battle areas. Whole Cimade relief fine witness gospel. Your financing increasing costs is greatly appreciated by French friends. During last nine months there was spent for France 142,000 Swiss francs, and there is in preparation plans for important resistances. For aid to Protestant non-Aryans and Jews 48,000 francs was sent to Hungarian church committees. The work is organized well and is strongly supported by reformed Hungarian Lutheran Churches. During late spring protestations saved many thousands of Jews in Budapest. After horrible cruelties until July, Hungarian police are more humane now, but material distress is great. Construction of the homes referred to in April cable was started by the Switzerland Refugee Labor Service. For urgent needs for this year subsidies to Swiss refugee committees 38,590 francs; 33,000 for individual refugees.

"Financed by Swiss-Swedish contributions the Shanghai Refugee Service is running well. Your two resistances aggregating 40,516 francs were just received. Your cable offering an Italian worker was greatly appreciated. The question will have to be discussed with friends and we shall reply soon."

Very truly yours,


J. W. Pohle

Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rox Robinson,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.
INCOMING
TELEGRAM

DH-611
This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Government
agency. (RESTRICTED)

Dated October 12, 1944
Rec'd 11:01 a.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

6797, October 12, 12 noon.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

For Leland Rex Robinson from A. Freudenberg:

"Madeleine Barrot Cimade reported personally present
situation. Courageous refugee work during recent months
gives Cimade strong position French authorities and re-
sistance group. Formerly assisted refugees still need
help.

Two, Cimade, Host, Elarun and others needed, Govern-
ment plans shift most categories foreigners in transit
camps which means several social workers. Cimade con-
tinues pioneer work organizing suggesting help for most
needy dispersed French from war regions. Whole Cimade
relief fine witness gospel. French friends most grate-
ful your financing increasing expenditures. Spent for
France last nine months 143,000 Swiss francs and important
remittances in preparation. Sent 48,000 francs Hungarian
church.
church committee for assistance to Protestant non-Aryana and Jews. Work well organized strongly supported by Hungarian reformed Lutheran Churches. Protestant stations during late spring saved tens thousands Budapest Jews, Hungarian police after terrible cruelties until July now more humane but material distress great. Switzerland Refugee Labor Service started construction home mentioned cable April. Subsidies to Swiss refugee committees for urgent needs this year 88,590 francs; for individual refugees 33,000.

Shanghai Refugee Service running well financed by Swiss-Swedish contributions. Just received your two remittances totaling 40,516 francs. Thankful your telegram offering Italian worker; Must consider question with friends. Shall answer shortly.

HARRISON
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: October 4, 1944
NUMBER: 2410

FOR MCCULLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Reverend A. Freudenber, World Council of Churches, 44 Avenue de Champs, Geneva: From Leland Rex, Robb, Allen, American Committee for Christian Refugees...

"Reminding $12,000 regret temporary shortage hoping send $13,000 October. First documents Geneva study group postwar problems just received being circulated. Our staff includes professional workers loaned UNRRA probably available within year. We have available immediately mature Protestant Italian woman who helped refugees Milan before coming America 1940. Could you use loaned worker your program aiding refugees from Italy."

THIS IS WRS CABLE TO BERN NO. 190.

HULL
CABLE TO MINISTER MAGGIE, BERN, FOR M. CLAUSJAN, BLACK H. REFERENCE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Second A. Professor, with
Counsel of Counsel, 30 Avenue de Champs, General, gas./@nd Note Reference,
American Committee for Christian Mission.

"The following 10,000 current temporary changes in about 20,000
people with 200 families. It is possible that this crisis of our
people might have a natural, since the outside pressure on
professional workers caused by the situation has probably not yet
been felt. We have submitted a plan which includes several
changes that might be expected. We cannot send you
this letter without your prompt answer to our cable."

THIS IS WAR CABLE TO BERN NO. 190

2:00 p.m.
September 30, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency.

Secretary of State, Washington,

5761, September 2, 2 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM: MOBLELLAND

FOR AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES FROM PRICE WATERHOUSE, ACCOUNTANTS ZURICH:

"Have examined recorded receipts and payments, ecumenical committee for refugees Geneva for calendar year 1943. Examination subject to weaknesses in internal control and non-availability of certain supporting evidence due to precarious situation receivers. Full report will be sent as soon as mailing facilities permit."

HARRISON

BB
Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Price Waterhouse, Accountants, Zurich, was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of September 2, 1944:

"We have examined recorded payments and receipts of the ecumenical committee for refugees in Geneva for the calendar year of 1943. The examination was subject to the non-availability of certain supporting evidence resulting from the precarious position of the receivers and to weaknesses in internal control. A full report will be transmitted when mailing facilities permit."

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Committee for Christian Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York

HDury 9/6/44
Secretary of State,
Washington.

5700, thirty-first
FOR IRB IRON: McCLELLAND
For Roland Rox Robinson American Committee for
Christian Refugees from Adolf Freudenberg:

"Please convey our warm thanks to Methodists their
generous gift for Hungarian Jews. Major portion used by
special Hungarian Reformed Church committee, minor portion
for Hungarian Jews in Switzerland. In view destitution
these people additional funds offered would be most
welcome." 9:55

HARRISON
Dear Dr. Robinson!

The following message for you from Adolf Frankenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of August 31, 1944:

"Please convey our warm thanks to Methodists their generous gift for Hungarian Jews. Major portion used by special Hungarian Reformed Church Committee, minor portion for Hungarian Jews in Switzerland. In view destitution these people additional funds offered would be most welcome."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pekle

J. W. Pekle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Committee for Christian Refugees,
139 Center Street,
New York, New York.

RDrury 9/2/44
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAPH RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 23, 1944
NUMBER: 5499

McClelland sends the following for WRB.

Reference is made herewith to Department's cable of July 11, 1944, No. 2375.

From Freudenberg for Leland Hex Robinson, Committee for Christian Refugees.

At the present time there are in Switzerland the following Christian Italian civilian refugees: 33 women and 103 men who are Protestants and 470 women and 2894 men who are Catholics. Among the 25,000 odd Italian military internees the percentage of Catholics and Protestants is about the same.

HARRISON

DCR: FB 8/24/44

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

The following message for you from Adolph Frenckenberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of August 23, 1944:

"At the present time there are in Switzerland the following Christian Italian civilian refugees: 20 women and 160 men who are Protestants and 470 women and 2904 men who are Catholics. Among the 29,000 odd Italian military internes the percentage of Catholics and Protestants is about the same."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Committee for Christian Refugees,
137 Center Street,
New York, New York.
Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following message for you from Adolph Freidemberg was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of August 23, 1944:

"At the present time there are in Switzerland the following Christian Italian civilian refugees: 33 women and 103 men who are Protestants and 470 women and 2894 men who are Catholics. Among the 25,000 odd Italian military internes the percentage of Catholics and Protestants is about the same."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pahl
J. W. Pahl
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Sam Robinson,
American Committee for Christian
Refugees,
139 Center Street,
New York, New York.

HDury 8/28/44
Dear Dr. Robinson:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a cable which the War Refugee Board has asked the State Department to despatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Model

Florence Model
Assistant to the Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Committee for Christian Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

Model: 8/11/44
TO McCLELLAND.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg,
41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of
The American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Under present license cabling 8,000 dollars of which
6,500 dollars from Methodist Committee Overseas Relief designated Hungarian Jews through cooperation Hungarian Reformed Church Committee or in Switzerland. Cable whether and how much additional August funds required to maximum 6,500 dollars also use made this remittance."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 114.

STETTIMIUS
(Acting)
CABLE TO BERN
From War Refugee Board to McClelland

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg,
41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of The
American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Under present license cabling 8,000 dollars of which
6,500 dollars from Methodist Committee Overseas Relief designated
Hungarian Jews through cooperation Hungarian Reformed Church
Committee or in Switzerland Stop Cable whether and how much addi-
tional August funds required to maximum 6,500 dollars also use
made this remittance."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 114.

10:20 a.m.
August 9, 1944

Miss Chancey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamsen, Cahen, Dubois, Friedman,
Hedel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannen, McCORMACK, Cable Control Filem

PH:3th 8/3/44 JNA Message handed by Mr. Caccio.
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMLEGATION, BERN
DATED: July 11, 1944
NUMBER: 2375

FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD TO HARRISON FOR MCCLELLAND.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Desire information number and status
Italian Protestant refugees Jewish or non-Jewish
in Switzerland."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 77

HULL

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-44
By R. H. Parks Data 8-1972
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison for McClelland.

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Desire information number and status
Italian Protestant refugees Jewish or non-Jewish
in Switzerland."

THIS IS WRR CABLE TO BERN NO. 77

9:50 a.m.
July 10, 1944

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

[Signature]

[Stamp] 7-8-44
July 5, 1944

MEMORANDUM

To: War Refugee Board
   Washington, D.C.

From: Leland Rex Robinson
      President, American Committee for Christian Refugees

Will you be good enough to transmit the following message by cable to Adolph Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva?:

"Desire information number and status Italian Protestant refugees Jewish or non-Jewish in Switzerland."
From War Refugee Board to Harrison,

Please deliver the following message to Visser 't Hooft, 41 Avenue Champel, Geneva, from Henry Leiper of the American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Your joint message through American Legation Bern leaves us uncertain as to just what distribution of total to be unblocked you desire. Please send simple list totals for different items taking into account new arrangements made for funds to Freudenberg from American Committee. March twenty fourth memorandum received"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 58
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Visser 't Hooft,
41 Avenue Chambel, Geneva, from Henry Leiper of the American Committee
for Christian Refugees:

"Your joint message through American Legation
Bern leaves us uncertain as to just what distribution
of total to be unblocked you desire. Please send
simple list totals for different items taking into
account new arrangements made for funds to Freuden-
berg from American Committee. March twenty fourth
memorandum received."

THIS IS WHC CABLE TO BERN NO. 58

17:30 a.m.
June 26, 1944
June 23, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

On June 1st you very kindly transmitted to me at the address of the American Committee for Christian Refugees, 139 Centre Street, New York, a communication from Messrs. 't Hooft, Freudenberg and Beguin, received through the American Legation in Bern.

After careful consultation with the various persons involved, I am wondering whether you could request a further explanation as we cannot make out what it is they want us to do with respect to the sums mentioned.

If something like the following message could be sent, we will be very glad to meet whatever expenses are involved.

"Visser 't Hooft, 41 Avenue Champel, Geneva

Your joint message through American Legation Bern leaves us uncertain as to just what distribution of total to be unblocked you desire. Please send simple list totals for different items taking into account new arrangements made for funds to Freudenberg from American Committee. March twenty-fourth memorandum received.

(sign) Henry Leiper"

Yours very truly,

Henry Smith Loiper
Secretary for the American Committee for Christian Refugees.
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: June 6, 1944
NUMBER: 1947

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson and Henry Lieper of The American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Referring Siegmund Schultz cabled request allow 10,000 francs Hungarian refugees provided you approve within present budget limits."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 34

STETTINIUS (Acting)
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Adolph

Freundenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Ray

Robinson and Henry Lieper of The American Committee for

Christian Refugees:

"Referring Siegmund Schultze cabled request allow

10,000 francs Hungarian refugees provided you approve

within present budget limits"

THIS IS WTB CABLE TO BERN NO. 34

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June 3, 1944
10:45 a.m.
Dear Mr. Leiper:

The following very confidential message for you from Messrs. Thoof, Freudenberg and Beguin was received from the American Legation, Bern, under date of May 16, 1944:

"It has been decided by Swiss authorities to unblock 1943 balance and on conditions that balance of American gifts is transmitted in free francs, they are ready to unblock in 1944, $132,000 representing 71,000 Bibles, 48,000 refugees and 13,000 Councils.

"Consequently, Freudenberg asks to prepare for sending at least 48,000 in free francs representing four months as only January-February have been paid in free francs so far.

"The budget of Beguin is based on the expectation that 7,000 in dollars and counter part of 71,000 in free francs will be sent by Bible Society and he is convined that printing scriptures here to meet the increasing Bible famine in Eastern and Central Europe remains an urgent task; and larger editions would not be expensive now that Polish, Czech, Serb, Italian Galvanos are available. It is suggested that your reconstruction committee send $42,000 for reconstruction, making use of the above mentioned to unblock, since $100,000 would be sufficient to meet most urgent printing needs this year and since funds to meet first urgent relief needs are required by reconstruction committee. It is requested that you discuss with North the foregoing."

Very truly yours,

(Removed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. Henry Leiper,
American Committee for
Christian Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York, New York.
The following message is for Leiper, American Committee for Christian Refugees, 397 4th Avenue, New York City, from Throft, Freundenberg and Baguin (from McCollland).

Reference is made herewith to the Department's telegram of April 27, 1944 No. 1455, as it has been decided by Swiss authorities to unblock 1943 balance and new conditions that balance of American gifts is transmitted in free francs, they are ready to unblock in 1944, $233,000 representing 71,000 Bible, 40,000 refugees and 13,000 Council.

Consequently, Freundenberg asks to prepare for sending at least 46,000 in free francs representing four months as only January-February have been paid in free francs so far.

The budget of Baguin is based on the expectation that 71,000 in free francs will be sent by Bible Society and he is convinced that printing scriptures here to meet the increasing Bible famine in Eastern and Central Europe remains an urgent task; and larger editions would not be expensive now that Polish, Czech, Serbo, Italian Galvanice are available. It is suggested that your reconstruction committee send $43,000 for reconstruction, making use of the above mentioned to unblock. Since $100,000 would be sufficient to meet most urgent printing needs this year and since funds to meet first urgent relief needs are required by reconstruction committee, it is requested that you discuss with North the foregoing.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 5/30/44

HARRISON By B. H. Pavlo Date SEP 8 1972
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington,
TO: AMLEGATION, Bern,
DATED: April 27, 1944
NUMBER: 1468.

FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO HARRISON

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Frauchenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson and Henry Lieper of the American Committee for Christian Refugees:

'Total remittances $24,000 sent April 13 and 21 representing payments through June. Cable if any unblocking delays also explanation unblocked $15,000 origi mention April 2 cable.' No further remittances promised until July but expect continue $8,000 monthly thereafter also making effort obtain some additional assistance meeting French budget. Accepting your judgement best disposition funds specifically approving budget cabled December 10 subject our ability remit adequate funds. Happy your cable April 24 confirms construction project."

THIS IS WRB BFRN CABLE NO. 9
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugees Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Adolph
Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex
Robinson and Henry Lieper of The American Committee for Christian
Refugees:

"Total remittances $24,000 sent April 13 and 21
representing payments through June Stop Cable if
any unblocking delays also explain unblocked $15,000
credit mentioned April 2 cable Stop No further remit-
tances promised until July but expect continue $8,000
monthly thereafter also making effort obtain some
additional assistance meeting French budget Stop Accepting
your judgment best disposition funds specifically approving.
budget cabled December 10 subject our ability remit adequate
funds Stop Happy your cable April 24 confirms construction
project"

THIS IS WEB BERN CABLE NO. 9

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April 24, 1944
5:15 P.M.
Philab 4/24/44

[Signature]
CABLE

Cable telephoned to War Refugees Board, Washington, D.C., (Miss Hodell)

April 24, 1944

To

(Dr. Adolf Freudenberg
41 Avenue de Champel
Geneva, Switzerland)

TOTAL REMITTANCES $24,000 SHOT 4/13 AND 4/21 REPRESENTING
PAYMENTS THROUGH JUNE STOP CABLE IF ANY UNBLOCKING DELAYS
ALSO EXPLANATION UNBLOCKED $15,000 CREDIT MENTIONED APRIL 2
CABLY STOP NO FURTHER REMITTANCES PROMISED UNTIL JULY BUT
EXPECT CONTINUE $8,000 MONTHLY THEREAFTER. ALSO MAKING EFFORT
OBTAIN SOME ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE MEETING FRENCH BUDGET STOP
ACCEPTING YOUR JUDGMENT BEST DISPOSITION FUNDS SPECIFICALLY
APPROVING BUDGET CABLED DECEMBER TENTH SUBJECT OUR ABILITY
LIMIT ADEQUATE FUNDS. HAPPY YOUR CABLE APRIL 24TH CONFIRMS
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES

LELAND REX ROBINSON
HINRY SMITH LEXPER

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