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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

*4 Wm Ref B*

August 26, 1944  
4 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AUG 29 1944  
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS

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EMBASSY,

LISBON.  
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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message as WRB 82 to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Auresa, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE MARTKO MAIER CUKIER RUMANIAN NATIONAL NOW PALESTINE CLAIMING \$35,000 ACCORDING ARRANGEMENTS SALY MAYER STOP TREASURY DEPARTMENT ASKING SPECIFICALLY WHERE AND WHEN FOREIGN EQUIVALENT MADE AVAILABLE ALSO WHETHER SALY MAYER HAS ANY INFORMATION THAT CUKIER SOLE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF FUNDS STOP VERIFY CLAIM. UNQUOTE

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(HL:)

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

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*I want you  
M. A. Leavitt*

ORIGINAL TELETYPE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
DATED: August 26, 1944  
NUMBER: 6858

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Hope you making arrangements arrive here soonest. Have you considered Jefroykin's return especially reference children's problem. Assume you are thinking necessity for representative go Switzerland soonest possible. UNQUOTE

HULL

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

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2-350-8126  
CABLE TO BUREAU FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD: [unclear]

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurora, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish

Joint Distribution Committee: [unclear]

QUOTE MAREK MAIER CUKIER ROMANIAN NATIONAL NOW PALESTINE  
CLAIMING \$25,000 ACCORDING ARRANGEMENTS SALLY MAYER STOP  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT ASKING SPECIFICALLY WHERE AND WHEN  
FOREIGN EQUIVALENT MADE AVAILABLE ALSO WHETHER SALLY MAYER  
HAS ANY INFORMATION THAT CUKIER SOLE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF  
FUNDS STOP VERIFY CLAIM UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 82

1:00 p.m.  
August 24, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DeBois, Friedman,  
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

3:05 p.m.  
August 24, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DeBois, Friedman,  
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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*Copy sent to  
JDC 8/24/44  
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8/24/44*

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz  
from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE HOPE YOU MAKING ARRANGEMENTS ARRIVE HERE SOONEST STOP  
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JETROVSKIN'S RETURN ESPECIALLY REFERENCE  
CHILDREN'S PROBLEM STOP ASSUME YOU ARE THINKING NECESSITY  
FOR REPRESENTATIVE GO SWITZERLAND SOONEST POSSIBLE UNQUOTE

5:10 pm.  
August 24, 1944

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

MS  
EDrugy 8/24/44

Dictated by Mr. Kermit  
PA.

copy sent to  
JDC 8/24/44

August 22nd, 1944

CABLE TO BE SENT TO DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ - *Lisbon*

MARTKO MAIER CUKIER ROUMANIAN NATIONAL NOW PALESTINE CLAIMING  
\$35,000. ACCORDING ARRANGEMENTS SALLY MAIER STOP TREASURY  
DEPARTMENT ASKING SPECIFICALLY WHERE AND WHEN FOREIGN EQUIVALENT  
MADE AVAILABLE STOP VERIFY CLAIM ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

*Also whether Sally Meyer has any  
information that Cukier sole  
beneficial owner of funds*

*Lewis JDC*

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*For Mr. [unclear]*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

August 25, 1944  
Distribution of true reading only by special arrangement. ( [unclear] )  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF [unclear] 5 p.m.

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(Mr. Rehle)*

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EMBASSY,  
LISBON,  
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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message, which is WRB 80, to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR 31 CONTACTED CHARLES GUGGENHEIM WHO HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE CASH STOP HIS ASSETS CONSISTED MAINLY STOCK SHARES. UNQUOTE

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(GIX)

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

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CABLE TO NORWEG FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aures, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR 31 CONTACTED CHARLES GUGGENHEIM WHO HAS NO  
KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE CASH STOP HIS ASSETS CONSISTED  
MAINLY STOCK SHARES UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 80

4:10 p.m.  
August 23, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,  
Laughlin, Langer, Mann, McCormack, Mannon, Cable Control Files

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JDC*

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Lisbon

Dated August 24, 1944

Rec'd 11:23 p.m.

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Bd (Mr.  
Behle*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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2613, Twenty-fourth, 6 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL WRB 164 JDC 57.

Joseph Crustillon designated by World Jewish Congress under July 13th agreement rejects appointment and refused be bound wherefore consider agreement void and status quo ante reestablished Spain, Portugal. Local committee now caring 20 children here and will care for additional arrivals from Spain and France.

NORWEB

NVF NPL

*Message sent  
8/28/44  
RD*

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AUG 28 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Filpal was received through the American Legation at Lisbon under date of August 24, 1944:

"Joseph Crustillon designated by World Jewish Congress under July 13th agreement rejects appointment and refused be bound wherefore consider agreement void and status quo ante reestablished Spain, Portugal. Local committee now caring 20 children here and will care for additional arrivals from Spain and France."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. M. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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AUG 28 1944

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Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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*5 - War Ref Bd  
(Mr. Pehle)*

MS-579

PLAIN

London

Dated August 24, 1944

Rec'd 9:12 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS  
AUG 25 1944  
Secretary of State,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Message sent  
8/28/44  
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6858, Twenty-fourth

FOLLOWING FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM JOSEPH  
SCHWARTZ FOR MOSES LEAVITT JDC:

"Saly Mayer continuing do everything possible  
for group 1200 Rabbis and other Hungarian Jewish  
religious leaders. Reference cables you have been  
receiving from Mizrachi representative Switzerland  
wish point out we are not in position to set up and  
maintain children's homes in Switzerland on a politi-  
cal or party basis and have consistently refused to  
encourage either the Mizrachi or Aguda or any other  
party organization from organizing separate homes.  
Should we become involved in practices of this kind  
we shall be called upon to support any number of  
similar projects organized by the various groups in  
the country. Swiss Government too has requested that  
child care programme should be largely under  
supervision Swiss

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-2- #6858, August 24, from London.

supervision Swiss Red Cross and on non-sectarian basis since Swiss participating financial maintenance these children. Saly Mayer has been contributing from our funds and from funds received from South Africa to Swiss Red Cross for children and has also been subsidizing those which engaged in child care programme on broad non-sectarian basis. Despite any pressure you may be subjected to would urge we adhere to this policy since any other would lead to chaos and would encourage other groups to adopt similar tactics. For your information 320 Hungarian Jews arrived in Switzerland on August 18th".

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AUG 28 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of August 24, 1944:

"Saly Mayer continuing do everything possible for group 1200 Rabbis and other Hungarian Jewish religious leaders. Reference cables you have been receiving from Misrachi representative Switzerland wish point out we are not in position to set up and maintain children's homes in Switzerland on a political or party basis and have consistently refused to encourage either the Misrachi or Aguda or any other party organization from organizing separate homes. Should we become involved in practices of this kind we shall be called upon to support any number of similar projects organized by the various groups in the country. Swiss Government too has requested that child care programme should be largely under supervision Swiss Red Cross and on non-sectarian basis since Swiss participating financial maintenance these children. Saly Mayer has been contributing from our funds and from funds received from South Africa to Swiss Red Cross for children and has also been subsidising those which engaged in child care programme on broad non-sectarian basis. Despite any pressure you may be subjected to would urge we adhere to this policy since any other would lead to chaos and would encourage other groups to adopt similar tactics. For your information 320 Hungarian Jews arrived in Switzerland on August 18th."

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) J. W. Pehle  
J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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*P.M.C. J.S.C.*  
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Lisbon ✓

Dated August 24, 1944

Rec'd 11:32 p.m.

*50 War Ref  
Pd (Mr  
Behle)*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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2614, Twenty-fourth, 6 p.m.

FOR LEVITT FROM PILPEL WRB 163 JDC 56.

318 individuals arrived Switzerland from <sup>B</sup> Bergenbelsen yesterday Joseph Schwartz cabled Saly Mayer August seventh "96. Reference our recent conversation important you keep War Refugee Board fully advised and undertake no action without their full knowledge and consent. Should proposed meeting actually take place no commitments any kind can be made. It would seem advisable to keep negotiations open as long as possible and to listen to proposals which may be present without making any commitments before discussing them fully with Refugee Board and with us. This entire matter of such tremendous importance that <sup>no</sup> on one organization can assume responsibility without the knowledge and consent of all the high and proper authorities."

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*Message sent  
Rw*

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AUG 28 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of August 24, 1944:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, ✓  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint ✓  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

RJ ✓  
EDrury 8/28/44

AUG 24 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

There is attached copy of a cable which the War  
Refugee Board has requested the State Department to  
dispatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

*Florence Hodal*

Florence Hodal  
Assistant to the Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

RP ✓  
RDruy 8/24/44

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AUG 23 1944

Dear Miss Morrissey:

There is attached copy of a cable which the War Refugee Board has requested the State Department to dispatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

*181 Florence Hodel*

Florence Hodel  
Assistant to the Executive Director

Miss Evelyn M. Morrissey,  
Assistant Treasurer,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

KD ✓  
RDrury 8/23/44

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AUG 22 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

The following message for you from Mrs. Gertrude Van Tyn was received through the American Consulate General at Jerusalem under date of August 16, 1944:

"This is to advise you that by the end of August all the information which I have will be in the hands of the Joint Distribution Committee in New York. I suggest that JDC be consulted concerning all these questions in light of the great care that must be taken as to how such information is used. The wrong kind of publicity might have very serious consequences for Jews who are still in Belsenberg."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fahle

J. W. Fahle  
Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

EDrury 8/21/44 *RV*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Y-wa Ref Bd  
(Mr) Behle*

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Naples

Undated

Rec'd August 21, 1944  
7:35 a.m.

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*Message sent  
8/21/44*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

440, FOR JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, 270 MADISON  
AVENUE NEW YORK FROM GREENLEIGH AND PERLMAN

Please advise Schwartz no funds received nor explanation. Impossible borrow further. Needs critical and Urbach's group tens exploit our failure provide. Also need nine million lire repay borrowings authorized Delasem during occupation. Have received total \$8,960 against Palestine clearance. Murphy cabling Washington regarding our need for funds. Had already sent approval Fishzohns entry Africa.

BRANDT

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AUG 26 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Greenleigh and Perlman was received from the American Delegate in Naples under date of August 21, 1944:

"Please inform Schwartz that no funds have been received nor has any explanation. Further borrowing is impossible. Urbach's group tends to exploit our failure to provide, and the needs are critical. Nine million lire are also needed to repay the borrowings authorized Dalacem during occupation. A total of \$8,960 has been received against Palestine clearance. Murphy is cabling Washington with reference to our need for funds. Approval for Fishbein's entry into Africa had already been sent."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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RD ✓

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August 12, 1944

4 p.m.

*5 - Wm. Lef Bel (Mr. Ball)*

AMEMBASSY,

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LISBON.

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The cable below is WRB 75.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE No reply from Saly Mayer to our June fifteenth cable regarding Vaad and Mizrahi requests. Mizrahi organization received another cable from Doctor Isaac Rom. INNERQUOTE Urgently need great means salvation Jews without Switzerland Mizrachists and others. Possibilities furthermore salvation children in non-Jewish families and cloisters who get estranged and lost as Jews. Wish create homes. Saly Mayer of Joint so far passive gives only Red Cross for children. END INNERQUOTE Please contact him and advise. UNQUOTE

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-78  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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AUG 11 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

There are enclosed herewith copies of cables which the War Refugee Board has asked the State Department to despatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed) Florence Hodel*

Florence Hodel  
Assistant to the Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

FHodel;jth 8/11/44

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Warweb.

Please deliver following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz  
from Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"No reply from Saly Mayer to our June Fifteenth Cable  
regarding Vaad and Mirachi requests stop Mirachi organization  
received another cable from Doctor Isaac Rom quote Urgently  
need great means salvation Jews without Switzerland Mirachists  
and others Possibilities furthermore salvation children in  
non-Jewish families and cloisters who get estranged and lost as  
Jews wish create homes Saly Mayer of Joint so far passive  
gives only RedCross for children unquote Please contact him  
and advise."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. \_\_\_\_ 75

4:45 p.m.  
August 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,  
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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Model:jth 8/9/44

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.

270 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

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LOUIS H. SOBEL, *Assistant Secretary*

August 8, 1944

Miss Florence Hodel,  
War Refugee Board,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

On June 15th you were good enough to send for us, a message to Saly Mayer in St. Gall, Switzerland, to which we have had no reply. May we ask you to send the following message for us to Dr. Schwartz in Lisbon by way of follow-up:

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ  
~~242 RUA AUGUA~~  
LISBON (PORTUGAL)

NO REPLY FROM SALY MAYER TO OUR JUNE FIFTEENTH CABLE REGARDING  
VAAD AND MIZRACHI REQUESTS stop MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION  
RECEIVED ANOTHER CABLE FROM DOCTOR ISAAC ROM quote URGENTLY  
NEED GREAT MEANS SALVATION JEWS WITHOUT SWITZERLAND MIZRACHISTS  
AND OTHERS POSSIBILITIES FURTHERMORE SALVATION CHILDREN IN  
NONJEWISH FAMILIES AND CLOISTERS WHO GET ESTRANGED AND LOST AS  
JEWS WISH CREATE HOMES SALY MAYER OF JOINT SO FAR PASSIVE  
GIVES ONLY REDCROSS FOR CHILDREN unquote PLEASE CONTACT HIM  
AND ADVISE

MOSES LEAVITT

Will you ask your office please to send us a copy of this  
message for our files.

Sincerely yours,

*Evelyn M. Morrissey*  
Evelyn M. Morrissey.v

EMM:RM

P. S. I send you a copy of Dr. Schwartz' cablegram #1890 (about the  
Hungarian situation) received late yesterday afternoon.

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August 7, 1944

DIVISION OF  
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AND RECORDS

2 - War RFB  
**TO BE SENT IN SECRET**

American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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

EMBASSY,

LISBON.

2197

The following is WRB no. 70.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message  
to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from  
Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee:

QUOTE Approve additional emigration 2,000 people  
our share \$500,000 which assumes included \$3,000,000  
overall appropriation. UNQUOTE

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ACTING  
(GHR)

WRB:MMV:KG  
8/7/44

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SWP S/OR

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norway

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Approve additional emigration 2,000 people our share  
\$500,000 which assume included \$3,000,000 overall appropriation"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 70

10:20 a.m.  
August 4, 1944

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

*JW*  
*dictated.*  
*by Mrs. Leavitt*  
*PH:lab 8/4/44*

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August 7, 1944

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American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Bd  
(Mr. [unclear])*

EMBASSY.

AUG 9 1944

LISBON.

X 2199

The cable below is WRB 71.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message  
to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from  
Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee:

QUOTE Vaad Hahatsala received word Nuetra Rabbi has  
1800 refugees under his care requiring substantial funds  
for maintenance also to prevent their deportation STOP  
Please ask Saly Mayer investigate and report situation  
through McClelland soonest. UNQUOTE

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

STETTINIUS  
ACTING  
(CHK)

WRB:MMV:KG  
8/7/44

*S/C R*

WE

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Vaad Habatzala received word Nuetra Rabbi has 1800 refugees  
under his care requiring substantial funds for maintenance  
also to prevent their deportation STOP Please ask Saly Mayer  
investigate and report situation through McClelland soonest"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 71

2:40 p.m.  
August 4, 1944

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

*Dictated*  
*by Leavitt*  
FH:lab 8/4/44

AUG 4 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

There are enclosed herewith copies of cables which the War Refugee Board has asked the State Department to despatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

*Florence Hodel*

Florence Hodel  
Assistant to the Executive Director

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Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

August 4, 1944

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EMBASSY,

LISBON.

2177

The cable below is WRB 69.

Please deliver a paraphrase of following message

Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Assume you saw agreement Pilpel signed regarding rescue care refugees from France Stop Would appreciate your earliest comments Stop Remitted \$100,000 to Gilbert Simond Ankara Stop Unless you have very cogent reasons for remaining Lisbon we most anxious have you return here immediately for short stay for consultation many urgent current problems. UNQUOTE

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board for Norweb.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Assume you saw agreement Pilpel signed regarding  
rescue care refugees from France Stop Would appreciate  
your earliest comments Stop Remitted \$100,000 to Gilbert  
Simond Ankara Stop Unless you have very cogent reasons  
for remaining Lisbon we most anxious have you return here  
immediately for short stay for consultation many urgent  
current problems."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 69

10:05 a.m.  
August 3, 1944

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

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with E. Fowler's agr 8-2-44  
Friedman

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Secretary of State  
Washington

*Message sent to Leavitt  
8/7/44  
7-71.*

2412, August 4, 5 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM SCHWARTZ WRB 139 JDC 44

Following list of Rumanian claimants with amounts  
in dollars. Dvantman Mordeo 10,000, Feldstein Isaac  
10,000 Filderman W 13,600, Gold Marcus 10,000, Goldstein  
Adolf 35,000 Grad Leon and Michel 10,000 Gruenberg  
Nathan 15,000, Heller Eduard 4,000, Jancu Cornel  
2,000 Klipper Nathan 5,000 Mayerson Doctor 1000  
Milman Aizig 10,000 Presente Marco 10,000 Rosenthal  
Sigismund 5000 Sumer Wolf 5000, Wechsler Aron 40,000  
Zimmer Moses 13,840. Total number individual claimants  
17 total dollar amount 189,440 total amount Leis  
advanced 154,020,000. Additional lists maybe forth-  
coming which will forward immediately.

NORWEB

WFS JJM

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1114  
AUG 7 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Doctor Schwartz (JEC No. 44) has been received through the American Embassy in Lisbon:

"Following list of Rumanian claimants with amounts in dollars. Evantman Mordeco 10,000, Faldstein Isaac 10,000 Wilderman W 13,000, Gold Marcus 10,000, Goldstein Adolf 35,000 Grad Leon and Michel 10,000 Gruenberg Nathan 15,000, Heller Eduard 4,000, Jancu Cornal 2,000 Klipper Nathan 5,000 Kayerson Doctor 1,000 Milman Aisig 10,000 Presente Marco 10,000 Rosenthal Sigismund 5,000 Sumer Wolf 5,000, Wechsler Aron 40,000 Zimmer Moses 13,840. Total number individual claimants 17 total dollar amount 189,440 total amount Leis advanced 154,020,000. Additional lists maybe forthcoming which will forward immediately."

Very truly yours,

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

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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hd (mg)  
Pehl*

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Lisbon

Dated August 3, 1944

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Secretary of State  
Washington

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2398, August 3, 1 p.m.

THIS WRB 137 JDC 42 FOR LEAVITT FROM SCHWARTZ.

First consignment food packages for labor camps  
Yugoslavia left Switzerland through Intercross.  
Further shipments expected.

Salymayer started relief in Hungary with funds  
sent through WRB. Third of sum being used purchase  
of food within Hungary. 200,000 pengoes allocated  
first Grautchild Welfare 1200 Rabbis and other Hungarian  
Jewish religious leaders passed through Slovakia in  
route to Bergenbelsen near Hanover. Local Slovakian  
committee has been allotted funds to provide for other  
expected convoys and to take care local needs.

For relief in Shanghai 22,700,000 Chinese dollars  
transmitted for July compared with one/6,300,000  
June and 11,800,000 May. For June Shanghai requested  
30,000,000. 340,000 U.S. dollars equivalent to July  
budget.

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

100265

AUG 7 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of August 3, 1944:

"First consignment of food packages for Yugoslavia labor camps left Switzerland through Intercross. Expect further shipments.

Relief in Hungary started by Salymayer with funds sent through WRB. Food being purchased within Hungary with third of sum. 200,000 pengos have been allocated first Grautchild Welfare 1200 Rabbis and other Hungarian Jewish religious leaders passed through Slovakia en route to Bergenbelsen near Hanover. Funds have been allotted to local Slovakian committee to take care of local needs and to provide for other convoys expected.

For July 22, 700,000 Chinese dollars transmitted for relief in Shanghai compared with one 6,300,000 for June and 11,800,000 for May. Shanghai requested 30,000,000 for June. July budget equivalent to 340,000 U. S. dollars."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director.

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, 16, New York.

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August 22, 1944

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In telegram No. 2398, August 3, 1 p.m., from Lis-  
bon, in third paragraph, first sentence should read  
"For relief in Shanghai 22,700,000 Chinese dollars  
transmitted for July compared with 16,300,000 June  
and 11,800,000 May." Figure should be "16,300,000".

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

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Lisbon

Dated August 3, 1944

Rec'd 6:50 a.m., 4th

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AND RECORDS  
(LIAISON)

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2400, August 3, 5 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM SCHWARTZ JDC 43 WRB 138.

Following are budgetary requirements Jewish communities Turkey for 1944 over and above any appropriations or remittances previously made Istanbul 100,000 Turkish pounds of which 73,000 represent actual deficits incurred on minimal budgets balance urgently required for immediate repairs without which institutions cannot continue function. Izmir 50,000 Turkish pounds. Brussa 9,000 Edirne 9,000 Ankara 9,000. Total amount requested and required for current activities 177,000 Turkish pounds at premium rate 1.80 to dollar. As you know there are kassas established by us functioning in Istanbul and Izmir for which additional funds are requested in order to enable them to increase amounts to individual borrowers view tremendously increased costs goods materials and conducting businesses. In

this connection

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8/7/44  
Message sent  
JDC

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-2- #2400, August 3, 5 p.m., from Lisbon

this connection Brussa is asking for a special allocation of 6,000 pounds for a small loan society and Izmir is asking for a grant of 30,000 pounds for their kassa. Should Passman proceed Istanbul will ask him look into situation and make recommendations. Meantime advise whether reconstruction committee interested and able help this connection. All remittances for Turkish communities to be made Hollantse Bank Uni Istanbul for Grand Rabbinate.

HORWEB

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AUG 7 1944

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Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director.

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, 16, New York. *MS*  
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Lisbon Dated July 28, 1944

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Secretary of State

Washington

2335, July 28, 5 p.m.

JDC 39 WRB 126 for LEAVITT FROM PELPEL.

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

Message sent Leavitt 8/3/44 JH

Send quickly for J E Froykin complete list names dollar amount and rate of French transfers February 1941 through October 1942. This necessary so he can compile complete financial data. He has his file from France.

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

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AUG 3 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from  
Mr. Pilpal was received from Lisbon under date of July 28, 1944:

"JDC 39. Send quickly for J. E.  
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amount and rate of French transfers  
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complete financial data. He has  
his file from France."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Lisbon

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Rec'd 2:45 p.m.

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JUL 31 1944

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text of this message must  
be closely guarded.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2335 July 28, 5 p.m.

FOLLOWING SUMMARY TELEGRAM FROM RESNIK ANKARA

IS JDC 40 WRB 125 FROM PILPEL FROM LEAVITT.

Expenditures made for refugees from Greece and  
France in Turkish lira were for March 6, 848; April 9,  
192; May 7, 437; June 6, 749; in addition 1700 for  
small group in Izmir, total 31926. Amount available  
July 24 approximately 15600. Admits receiving \$27,000  
as indicated your 298. Now assisting 157 families,  
314 individuals.

NORWEB

RB  
WTD

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

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AUG 1 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message which, it is indicated, consists of a summary of a telegram from Mr. Resnik, Ankara, was received for you from Mr. Pilpel through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of July 28, 1944:

"Expenditures in Turkish lira made for refugees from Greece and France were for March 6, 848, April 9, 192; May 7, 437; June 6, 749; in addition 1700 for small group in Ismir, total 31926. Approximately 15600 amount available July 24. As indicated your 298, admits receiving \$27,000. Now assisting 314 individuals 157 families."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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July 31, 1944

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In telegram number 2335 from Lisbon dated July 26, 5 p.m., reading "FOLLOWING SUMMARY TELEGRAM FROM RESNIK ANKARA IS JDC 40 WRÈ 125 FROM PILPEL FROM LEAVITT.", please change the number of the telegram to read "2335-A" instead of "2335". Advice from Lisbon.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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Lisbon

Dated July 27, 1944

Rec'd 9:27 p.m.

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(Mr. Pehle)*

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

*JUL 28 1944*

2325, twenty-seventh, 6 p.m.

FOR LEVITT FROM PILPEL

WRB 121 JDC 35. Please consult War Refugee  
Board Washington reference our regular 17 and your  
July 21 basis information available here believe  
suggested source unfruitful.

NORWEB

HTH

*message sent to  
Levitt - 7/29/44  
JH*

000377

JUL 29 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of July 27, 1944:

"JDC 35. Please consult War Refugee Board Washington reference our regular 17 and your July 21 basis information available here believe suggested source unfruitful."

JDC cable 17 referred to above was transmitted to you in our letter of June 16, 1944.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Dated July 26, 1944

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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to Leavitt  
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2309, July 26, 5 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM ILPEL

WRB 118 JDC 34. Kessler Algiers cabled July 18  
that Perlman without funds which b. dly needed for all  
committees.

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JUL 29 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of July 26, 1944:

"JDO 34. Kessler Algiers cabled July 18 that Perlman without funds which badly needed for all committees."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 5:11 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2295, July 25, 6 p.m.

WRB 116 JDC 31 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

Mayer says Charles Guggenheim address Hotel  
Standish Hall, New York, has more than two million  
francs for sale in same manner as Rothschild.  
Investigate and report.

NORWEB

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

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AUG 9 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel (JDC No. 31) has been received through the American Embassy in Lisbon:

"Mayer says Charles Guggenheim address Hotel Standish Hall, New York, has more than two million francs for sale in same manner as Rothschild. Investigate and report."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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JW ✓

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This telegram must be  
paraphrased before being  
communicated to anyone  
other than a Government  
Agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Jerusalem

Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 8:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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DIVISION OF  
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*7/27/44  
Message sent  
to Leavitt  
JST*

102, July 25, 7 a.m.  
\*  
FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Joseph Schwartz requests that following message  
be transmitted to Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,  
New York, "208. Careful examination situation Istanbul  
reveals necessity for complete and immediate reorganization  
of our setup there. Have therefore asked Charles Passman  
to make himself available for emergency service there and  
will have to send another American there as assistant  
for the time being and to take over when Passman leaves.  
Passman has cabled Louis Oungre and Julius Simon, New  
York, for authorization to proceed to Istanbul soonest.  
Important you discuss with both and prevail upon them  
agree to view present real emergency. Advise urgently  
Resnik advised of contemplated change and for the  
time being will ask him to proceed Lisbon".

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HTM:

100383

JUL 28 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Dr. Joseph Schwartz was received from Jerusalem under date of July 25, 1944:

"208. Careful examination situation Istanbul reveals necessity for complete and immediate reorganization of our setup there. Have therefore asked Charles Passman to make himself available for emergency service there and will have to send another American there as assistant for the time being and to take over when Passman leaves. Passman has cabled Louis Oungro and Julius Simon, New York, for authorization to proceed to Istanbul soonest. Important you discuss with both and prevail upon them agree to view present real emergency. Advise urgently.

"Resnik advised of contemplated change and for the time being will ask him to proceed Lisbon."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Lisbon *Bellevue*

Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 5:10 p.m.

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2296, July 25, 6 p.m.

This WRB 115 JDC 32 for Leavitt from *[redacted]*

Robert Rothschilds representative Nordmannor  
advised reference our 15. Ask Rothschild advise  
Nordmannor give you particulars whoever else can  
act for him.

NORWEB

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*Message sent Leavitt 7/31 JM*

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Execs Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By E. A. Parke Dab SEP 8 1972

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JUL 31 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of July 25, 1944:

"JDO 32. Robert Rothschilds representative Nordmannor advised reference our 15. Ask Rothschild advise Nordmannor give you particulars whoever else can act for him."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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(Mr. Beble)*

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Lidbon

Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 1:35 a.m., 26th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

2294, Twenty-fifth, 6 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM FILFEL JDC 33 WRB AND RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS  
JUL 26 1944

Saly renews suggestion for blocked account USA for payments by relatives there behalf refugees. Suggest Hias accept funds in multiples of \$50 units, advise Saly and hold for Saly's account instead of making remittances as heretofore. Saly would then make payments Swiss francs. Accounts to be settled postwar. Saly satisfied such arrangements. Please advise.

NORWEB

HTM

*7/27/44  
Message sent to board  
Oct*

100287

JUL 27 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of July 25, 1944:

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Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Lisbon

Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 1:28 a.m. 26th

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2293, Twenty-fifth 6 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL JDC 34 VRB 113.

Reference Tangiers budget. Wish advise 154  
escudos Tangiers purchases 100 pesetas. Advise whether  
you able transfer escudos directly Tangiers or under  
license to us for retransmission Tangiers.

HORWEB

HTM

*7/26/44  
Message sent to Leavitt  
out*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
JUL 26 1944  
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AND RECORDS

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JUL 27 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of July 25, 1944:

"Reference Tangiers budget. Wish advise 154 escudos Tangiers purchases 100 pesetas. Advise whether you able transfer escudos directly Tangiers or under license to us for retransmission Tangiers."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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CABLE TO THE CONSUL GENERAL, ISTANBUL FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

\* Please deliver following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Due difficulties in working out lira clearance we applied for license remit 3,000,000 lira which hopeful will be issued near future Stop Meanwhile please instruct Central Bank cable us total amount advanced also number of persons to whom advances made. UNQUOTE

4:55 p.m.  
July 21, 1944

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

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Ankara

Dated July 24, 1944

Rec'd 5:49 p.m.

*7/26/44  
Message sent  
to Hearst  
JBT*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

1355, July 24, 3 p.m.  
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FOLLOWING FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ FOR LEAVITT JOINT  
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK CITY.

Have examined carefully all figures and accounts in connection with our Palestine relief grant and I am convinced this must be continued through this critical period. Blum and Filderman urge this which makes it of utmost importance. Suggest you remit June and July grants. We are following developments in the situation very closely. After careful consideration of the entire situation must ask you to disregard our previous cable suggesting discontinuance and accept above recommendations.

KELLEY

RB

MRM

100393

JUL 26 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Joseph Schwartz has been received through the American Embassy, Ankara, under date of July 24, 1944:

"Have carefully examined all figures and accounts in connection with our Palestine relief grant and I am convinced this must be continued through this critical period. Blum and Filderman urge this which makes it of utmost importance. Suggest you remit June and July grants. We are following developments in the situation very closely. After careful consideration of the entire situation must ask you to disregard our previous cable suggesting discontinuance and accept above recommendations."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses Leavitt  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee, Inc.  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

FHodel:ms 7/26/44 JWA ✓

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*Under Mr. Tolson's*  
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July 19, 1944

3 p.

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

JUL 21 1944

EMBASSY,

LISBON.

2026

The message below is WRB no. 60.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to

Robert Filpel, c/o American Embassy, from Moses A. Leavitt  
of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Avram Goldstein recently arrived Palestine  
from Rumania submitted claim on us for attention Saly  
Mayer through Manufacturers Trust Company New York Stop  
Before applying license can you verify claim also have  
Saly Mayer arrange send us list of claimants and amounts  
if possible using pouch or other means UNQUOTE.

HULL  
(GLW)

WRB:MMV:KG  
7/18/44

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S-OR

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

100345

7/19  
7/19  
CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norway

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpal,  
c/o American Embassy, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Avram Goldstein recently arrived Palestine from  
Rumania submitted claim on us for attention Saly Myer  
through Manufacturers Trust Company New York Stop  
Before applying license can you verify claim also  
have Saly Myer arrange send us list of claimants  
and amounts if possible using pouch or other means."

THIS IS WEB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 40

4:20 p.m.  
July 15, 1944

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

Dictated  
by Leavitt  
7/15/44 JAA ✓

copy sent to  
Leavitt  
7/17  
FH/dk

100396

JUL 19 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Consulate in Istanbul under date of July 17, 1944.

"The Central Bank of Jerusalem has been making payments on my instruction to immigrants from Italy paying all claims up to 10 pounds (sterling) in full and up to 10% of claims above that amount. As I previously advised you this was done at the request of the Intergovernmental Committee. Until you advise of final arrangements on clearance, I will make no payments beyond this. I will upon my return to Jerusalem inform you of total amount paid out thus far. I hope you can expedite decision as many of the immigrants are undergoing real hardship. Have you remitted funds to Italy pending a decision?"

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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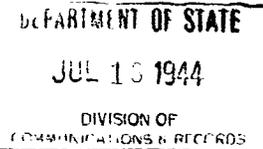
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Istanbul

Dated July 17, 1944

Rec'd 3:31 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.



420, July 17, 9 a.m.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR LEAVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

On my instruction the Central Bank Jerusalem has been making payments to immigrants from Italy paying in full all claims up to 10 pounds (sterling) and up to 10% of claims above that amount. This was done at the request of the Intergovernmental Committee, as I previously advised you. I will make no payments beyond this until you advise of final arrangements on clearance. Upon my return to Jerusalem I will inform you of total amount thus far paid out. I hope you can expedite decision as many of the immigrants are undergoing real hardship. Have you remitted funds to Italy pending a decision?

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*2nd Quor Refugee Bd.  
Mr. Kille*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washin  
TO: American Consulate General, Istanbul  
DATED: July 15, 1944  
NUMBER: 326

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Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
from Moses A. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee:

"Understand twelve hundred Jewish internees in Camp  
Jassenovac Croatia to whom food parcels could be sent  
by International Red Cross from Turkey advise whether  
this camp included in Simond's program. Can you ascertain  
discreetly and cable through Consulate whether in what  
amounts and in what form refugees from Rumania and Balkans  
are bringing currency or other liquid resources to Turkey.  
We cabled Herbert Emerson view heavy demands being made  
on us for rescue operations we request Intergovernmental  
Committee to consider taking over for last six months  
this year our credit authorizations as follows \$40,000  
monthly Rumania \$25,000 Hungary, \$100,000 France and  
\$10,000 Italy total one million fifty thousand. Also  
asked that Rumania and Hungary authorization be increased  
for amount Intergovernmental Committee. We will keep  
you advised. Regarding export of shoes from Palestine  
question of blockade involved and we exploring possibili-  
ties. Please send soonest if possible through pouch  
list of people arrived Turkey through exchange happy Van  
Tijn among them."

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Estate Dept. Letter, 1-11-77  
By H. H. Parks Date **SEP 8 1972**

100399

July 1, 1944  
12:25 p.m.

CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, ISTANBUL, FOR JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
from Moses A. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee:

"Understand twelve hundred Jewish internees in Camp  
Jasenovac Croatia to whom food parcels could be sent  
by International Red Cross from Turkey advise whether  
this camp included in Simond's program Stop Can you  
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and Balkans are bringing currency or other liquid  
resources to Turkey Stop We cabled Herbert Emerson view  
heavy demands being made on us for rescue operations  
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over for last six months this year our credit authorizations  
as follows \$40,000 monthly Rumania \$25,000 Hungary, \$100,000  
France and \$10,000 Italy total one million fifty thousand  
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*copy sent to  
Mr Leavitt  
7/12 dh*

*PH:db 7/12/44  
W. J. ...  
dictated by Leavitt*

DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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JUL 12 1944

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EMBASSY.

LISBON.

\* 1956

The following WRB cable no. 54 is for Dexter.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Filpel,  
c/o American Embassy, from Moses A. Leavitt of the  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Remittance \$150,000 representing balance of  
June budget executed July one. Please secure confirmation  
receipt equivalent Swiss francs from Saly Mayer. Can you  
obtain additional information regarding difficulties Saly  
has receiving francs as we assumed remittance problems  
satisfactorily settled. We remitted \$300,000 July budget.  
Keep us advised when Saly receives franc equivalent.  
Alfred Jaretzky deeply interested Weiss family request  
you extend such aid as may be required UNQUOTE.

HULL  
(CLW)

WRB:MMV:KG  
7/10/44

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

100401

CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Falpel,  
c/o American Embassy, from Miss A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Remittance \$150,000 representing balance of June budget  
executed July one. Please secure confirmation receipt  
equivalent Swiss francs from Saly Meyer. Can you obtain  
additional information regarding difficulties Saly has  
receiving francs as we assumed remittance problems satisfactorily  
settled. We remitted \$300,000 July budget. Keep us advised  
when Saly receives franc equivalent. Alfred Jaretsky deeply  
interested Weiss family request you extend such aid as may  
be required."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 54

*copy sent to JDC  
7/8/44  
FH/dll*

3:50 p.m.  
July 7, 1944

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

*JH*

FH:db 7/7/44

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## PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Consulate General, Istanbul  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: July 10, 1944  
NUMBER: 406

Following is for the War Refugee Board, for attention of Schwartz, Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee, New York, signed Joseph/

One. It is advised by Lightman that Buenos Aires group sending second remittance \$15,000 for purposes indicated previously. First remittance of same amount applied for transportation and maintenance.

Two. Provided you can arrange to increase monthly remittances to Saly Mayer by 80,000 would seriously consider discontinuing those to Jewish agency. As the occasion requires, participation special projects would be considered. Inform urgently.

Three. The SS KESBEC arrived here with 742 passenger including 273 men, 206 women and 263 children (200 of whom are Transnistrian orphans). On July 11 entire leaves for Palestine by train.

BERRY

*Message transmitted  
to Leavitt 7/19  
FH/dh*

DOR:VAG 7/13/44

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State Dept. Order, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date, SEP 8 1972

100403

JUL 19 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Consulate General at Istanbul under date of July 10, 1944:

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Two. Provided you can arrange to increase monthly remittances to Saly Mayer by 80,000 would seriously consider discontinuing those to Jewish agency. As the occasion requires, participation special projects would be considered. Inform urgently.

Three. The SS KESMEO arrived here with 742 passenger including 279 men, 206 women and 263 children (200 of whom are Transnistrian orphans). On July 11 entire leaves for Palestine by train."

Very truly yours,  
J. W. Fehle

Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

FH:db 7/19/44 JWA

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other than a Government  
Agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Dated July 8, 1944

Rec'd. 7:41 p.m.

*HHI*

Secretary of State

Washington

402, July 8, 5 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD, FOR LEAVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION

COMMITTEE, NEW YORK FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

Suggest you engage Samuel Fiszohn, New York  
now although prefer he proceed North Africa before  
departure Mordecai Kessler.

*Sent  
message  
7/12/44  
dl*

BERRY

JT

RR

*Rec'd by  
W.A. to  
M.A.  
7/12/44*

100405

JUL 12 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received through the American Consulate at Istanbul under date of July 8, 1944:

"Suggest that you engage Samuel Fiszohn, New York, now although prefer he proceed to North Africa before departure of Hardeoni Kasalar."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

FH:db 7/11/44

JWA ✓

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Lisbon  
Dated July 7, 1944  
Rec'd 10:11 p.m.

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Secretary of State  
Washington

JUL 10 1944

2105, July 7, 7 p.m.

This is JDC 27 WRB 96 FROM PILPEL FOR LEAVITT

Total recent arrivals Spain 306, 237 men 33 women

31 children 22 minus parents.

Assistance being given in Rumania, Slovakia and  
Hungary. This confirmed by phone from Jerusalem.

Salary making funds available through Intercross also  
borrowings noted our 23. This refers to your July 4  
referring Filderman.

NORWEB

RB  
RR

*Paragraph sent  
to Mr. Leavitt  
7/13/44  
I=H/dlb*

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

100407

JUL 13 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Embassy at Lisbon under date of July 7, 1944:

"JDC 27.

Total of recent arrivals in Spain—306 (237 men, 33 women, 31 children 22 minus parents).

Assistance is being rendered in Slovakia, Rumania and Hungary. This was confirmed by telephone from Jerusalem.

Funds being made available by Saly through Inter-cross also borrowings noted our 23. This refers to your July 4 referring Filderman."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

PH:db 7/12/44 *74*

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*for  
Dec 18*

CABLE TO ANKARA

From War Refugee Board to Steinhardt and Hirschmann

Please deliver the following message to Schwartz,  
c/o American Embassy, Ankara, from Moses A. Leavitt of the  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"While our financial situation has become extremely  
critical due urgency situation we see no alternative  
and therefore agree underwrite project up to three million  
dollars on assumption that \$800,000 appropriation just  
approved now included in the larger sum Stop Since  
assistance from other quarters necessary we exploring  
possibilities and will keep you advised Stop We do not  
understand your reference regarding commitment \$600,000  
for 1,600 refugees arrived Palestine since we assumed  
their transportation already provided for."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 70

3:00 p.m.  
June 30, 1944

*Cable 2. filed  
by Mrs. Leavitt  
cleared with Mrs. Palko*

FH:db 6/30/44

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*2- war refugee ref.  
m. table*

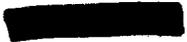
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FROM: American Embassy, Lisbon  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: July 6, 1944  
NUMBER: 2088

*JB*

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Pilpel sands this JDC 25 for Leavitt; War Refugee Board no. 93.

\$300,000 July budget should be remitted to Saly Mayer. Also \$25,000 for Shanghai. Referring further to JDC 25 (?), Mayer confirms receiving five-sixths June grant; one-sixth being withheld by the Swiss Government. /

*message sent to  
Leavitt 7/12  
FH/dlb*

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*by*  
DCR:VAG 7/10/44

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

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Mr Leavitt took it  
with him

from FH 7/12

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000412

JUL 12 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Embassy at Lisbon under date of July 6, 1944:

"\$300,000 July budget should be remitted to Saly Mayer. Also \$25,000 for Shanghai. Referring further to JDC 25 (?), Mayer confirms receiving five-sixths June grant; one-sixth being withheld by the Swiss Government."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

FH:db 7/12/44 *PA*

100413

JUL 4 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Filpal was received through the American Embassy at Lisbon under date of June 29, 1944:

"Saly has 13 formal instruments reference to loan witnessed by Inter-Cross representative Rumania including period March through May. Total amount 108 million lei payment end of war \$120000. Other large loans possible. Hopeful receive news from France soon as well as information regarding future loans."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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JW

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Lisbon

Dated June 29, 1944

Rec'd 9:17 a.m.

*Wm. Ref Bd (Mr. Pehle)*

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

DIVISION OF  
JUN 30 1944

2026, June 29, 11 a.m.

THIS JDC 23 FROM PILPEL FOR LEAVITT WRB 88

Saly has 13 formal instruments reference to  
loan witnessed by Inter-Cross representative Rumania  
including period March through May. Total amount  
108 million lei payment end of war \$120000. Other  
large loans possible. Hopeful receive news from  
France soon as well as information regarding future  
loans.

NORWEB

WMB EDA

*Message Transmitted to  
Mr. Leavitt  
7/4/44  
FA/ell*

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 8 1972**

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July 4, 1944

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AMLEGATION.

LISBON.  
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The following message to Robert Filpel, care of ~~Embassy~~  
forming WRB cable 43 is from Moses A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Please deliver a para-  
phrase.

QUOTE \$150,000 for June remitted Saly Mayer with \$150,000  
balance to be remitted July 1. \$25,000 for Shanghai also  
remitted to Saly. Inform Mosaiska Feersamlingen that pending  
submission regular budget we remitting them \$5,000 for refu-  
gees from Finland as temporary grant. World Jewish Congress  
abled by Riegner that through Internross he received appeal  
from Filderman for help for people emigrating to Palestine,  
also for ~~former~~ Transnistrian refugees and Moldavian evacuees.  
Local relief stated insufficient by Filderman. Kindly request  
ascertainment facts by Saly and his advice amounts required  
and possibilities extend aid UNQUOTE.

HULL  
(CJN)

HULL

WRB:MNV:KZ  
6/30/44

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel, c/o the American Embassy, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Remitted Saly Mayer \$150,000 for June and balance \$150,000 will be remitted July first also remitted Saly \$25,000 for Shanghai Stop Advise Mosaiska Foersamlingen we remitting them \$5,000 for refugees from Finland as temporary grant pending submission regular budget Stop Riegner cabled World Jewish Congress that he received appeal from Filderman through International Red Cross for help former Transnistrian refugees and Moldavian evacuees also for people emigrating to Palestine Stop Filderman states local relief insufficient Stop Please ask Saly ascertain facts and advise possibilities extend aid and amounts required"

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 43

2:25 p.m.  
June 28, 1944

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

*JH*  
FH:lab 6/28/44

*dittoed*

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JUN 27

JUN 29 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of June 23, 1944:

"With reference to a message numbered JDC 19 Mayer has stated that Swiss francs 100,000 were not intended for Shanghai, but were for clothing purchases made through the Red Cross by Barlas."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
✓ American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
870 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Ebt

EBTowler:agr 6-29-44

JW

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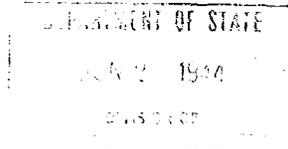
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Lisbon

Dated June 23, 1944

Rec'd 9:15 a.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.



1941, June 23, 10 p.m.

Referring JDC 19 Mayer states 100,000 Swiss francs were intended for purchase clothing which Barlas made through Red Cross not for Shanghai. / This JDC 22 WRB 79 referring JDC 14 from Pilpi<sup>et</sup> for Leavitt. Understand WRB attache Bern wiring Washington latest news Joel Brandt's proposition. Schwartz consulting Hirschman and others Palestine and Turkey. He is hoping to clear with Saly.

*Message  
Re: Saly*

NORWEB

BB  
RR

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

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PLAIN  
Lisbon

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Dated June 28, 1944

Rec'd 1:35 a.m., 29th.

*File*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

JUN 29 1944

2021, Twenty-eighth, 7 p.m.

FROM PILPEL FOR LEAVITT JDC 25, WRB 86.

Swiss Government withholding one third Salys  
June remittance. Apparently relates francs versus  
dollars problem. Please inquire endeavor straighten  
out.

NORWEB

HTM

*Transmitted  
to Leavitt 7/4  
FH/dl*

*207*

100420

JUL 4 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Embassy at Lisbon under date of June 28, 1944:

"Swiss Government withholding one-third of Saly's June remittance. Apparently relates francs versus dollars problem. Please inquire endeavor straighten out."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

FH:db 7/1/44

*JW* ✓

100421

*2-War Refugee Bd.  
Mr. Pilpel*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

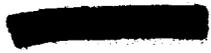
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Legation, Lisbon

DATED: June 24, 1944

NUMBER: 1827

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Consulted only Robert de Rothschild. If proposal  
emanates from Robert's responsible friends he agreeable  
to transaction up to ten million francs for himself and  
wife."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 41.

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Consulted only Robert de Rothschild Stop If proposal  
emanates from Robert's responsible friends he agreeable to  
transaction up to ten million francs for himself and wife"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 41

June 23, 1944  
~~2348~~  
10:15 a.m.

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Lisbon

Dated June 19, 1944

Rec'd 9:03 p.m.

Secretary of State, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, JUN 20 1944

1892, X June 19, 5 p.m.

WRB 77 JDC 19 FROM FILPEL FOR LEAVITT

Saly Mayor advises receipt \$300,000 for May.

Also 100,000 francs for Shanghai.

NORWEE

BB - RR

*6/23/44  
Message sent to  
Leavitt.  
JH*

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

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JUN 23 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message from Mr. Pilpel  
for you was received from Lisbon under date of June 19, 1944:

"Saly Mayer advises receipt \$300,000  
for May. Also 100,000 francs for  
Shanghai."

Very truly yours,

(s) J. W. Pehle  
J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*JA* ✓ FH:lab 6/22/44

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Algiers

Dated June 17, 1944

Rec'd. 12:45 a.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

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FOR WAR REFUGEES BOARD FOR LEAVITT JDC FROM

ACKERMAN.

No. 34 from Schwartz.

Due new regulations cannot visit James Mann from here now since do not have diplomatic or special passport. Therefore planning leave for Cairo next days. Meanwhile Pilpel conferring with Mann.

CHAPIN

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*6/23/44  
Message sent to board  
JH*

100426

JUN 23 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received from Algiers under date of June 17, 1944:

"Due new regulations cannot visit James Mann from here now since do not have diplomatic or special passport. Therefore planning leave for Cairo next days. Meanwhile Pilpel conferring with Mann."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*Pehle*  
FH:lab 6/22/44

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*2 War Ref Bd - Pka*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State  
TO: AMREP, Algiers  
DATED: June 16, 1944  
NUMBER: 1905

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From War Refugee Board to Chapin

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
c/o American Legation, Algiers, from Moses A. Leavitt of the  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Please keep in touch James Mann, American Legation,  
Lisbon regarding possibility your meeting him Algiers.  
Hirschmann Katzki en route Turkey where we assume you  
will meet them prior to your returning here for  
consultation. Harry Greenstein now Cairo."

THIS IS WRB ALGIERS CABLE NO. 24.

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HULL

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State Dept. Letter 4-11-75  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

100428

CABLE TO ALGIERS

From War Refugee Board to Chapin

Please deliver the following message to Joseph  
Schwartz, c/o American Legation, Algiers, from Moses A.  
Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Please keep in touch James Mann American Legation  
Lisbon regarding possibility your meeting him Algiers  
Stop Hirschmann Katski en route Turkey where we  
assume you will wish meet them prior to your returning  
here for consultation Stop Harry Greenstein now  
Cairo"

THIS IS WRB ALGIERS CABLE NO. 24

June 15, 1944  
10:15 a.m.

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

*JFK*  
FH:lab 6/14/44

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Algiers

Dated June 16, 1944

Rec'd 9:30 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JUN 18 1944

DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS

2046, June 16, 4 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR LEVITT JDC FROM

ACKERMAN FROM SCHWARTZ

Spoze Hirshman here who convinced rescue from  
Balkins should continue even without safe conduct. Do  
(\* )nd Julius Simon now Lisbon agree. Dobkins asks  
we advance immediately \$125,000 to be made available  
Swiss francs Switzerland which will be in place \$48,000  
monthly grant relief Palestine. We recommend this  
but you must be prepared advance further sum up to  
amounts mentioned previous cable or arrange participation  
other sources.

CHAPIN

RR WSB  
(\* ) apparent omission

*6/20/44  
Chicago sent  
to Harold  
[initials]*

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

For security reasons  
text of this message  
is hereby [REDACTED]

100430

JUN 20 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received from Algiers under date of June 16, 1944:

"Spouse Hirschman here who convinced rescue from Balkins should continue even without safe conduct. So (\*)nd Julius Simon now Lisbon agree. Dobkins asks we advance immediately \$125,000 to be made available Swiss francs Switzerland which will be in place \$48,000 monthly grant relief Palestine. We recommend this but you must be prepared advance further sum up to amounts mentioned previous cable or arrange participation other sources." (\*) apparent omission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

JH ✓  
FH:lab 6/19/44

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Algiers

Dated June 15, 1944.

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

Rec'd 7:56 a.m., 16th  
DIVISION OF

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

COMMUNICATIONS

2024, June 15, 2 p.m.

FOR W'R REFUGEE BOARD FOR LEAVITT JDC FROM

ACKERMANN No. 30 FROM SCHWARTZ.

Section one: Returned here from Italy sooner than expected order try meet Mann accordance your request. Expect proceed Cairo Jerusalem Istanbul soon as discussion completed which hope will not require more than two weeks utmost. Must point out transportation difficulties cause long delays trying to carry out instructions which arrive last moment. Result personal investigation now consider it most important Greenleigh proceed immediately Rome leaving Perlman southern Italy. Allied Control Commission at our request supported by Inter-governmental Committee representative Italy has indicated approval Greenleigh's appointment and transportation. Suggest he apply passport immediately proceed Rome least possible delay as many urgent problems here. Kossler

wishes return

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State Dept. Letter, 111-72  
SEP 8 1972  
By R. H. Parks Date

100432

-2-#2024, June 15, 2 p.m. from Algiers

wishes return home in about one month therefore suggest you engage Samuel Fithzohn for service probably Middle East area leaving definite assignment open time being.

Section two: Magnes Resnik advise Jewish Agency urgently requests immediate decision following proposal transportation to Istanbul. Utilize MILCA MARITZA similar ships without safe conduct which impossible obtain order transport 2600 persons from Balkans. Agency requests we assist finance costs estimated \$800,000 exclusive participation passengers but agency believes possible reduce cost if part payment half million Swiss francs be made Switzerland. If we cannot participate this project agency asks we provide Swiss francs as loan deductible from any other funds payable agency. Magnes committee recommends (1) our immediate agreement principle participation above transportation project for each passenger arriving Istanbul and unable pay subject determination our representative Turkey, (2) we finance fully all transportation projects which may secure safe

conduct with

-3-#2024, June 15, 2 p.m. from Algiers

conduct with possibilities reimbursement by passengers with means. Our own view we cannot assume responsibility any manner placing people on ships sailing without safe conduct especially since recent sinking MARITZA en route Constanza. However if War Refugee Board ready assume with Jewish Agency responsibility this project we should participate payment transportation costs those actually arrival Istanbul. View large amount involved suggest you discuss with War Refugee Board possibility their participating financial costs. If you consider this advisable view all above circumstances reply here and Lisbon.

Section three: Have set up two central committees Naples and Bari to cover southern Italy with subcommittees outlying districts and Camp Ferramonti and Santa Maria Dibagna. Monthly budget for supplementary relief maintenance schools, workshops, dispensaries, et cetera, \$12,500 plus one time grants \$4800 establish workshops camps and \$2000 equip hostel Naples. Also \$2000 grant for twelve month period Naples Jewish community to reopen religious

school

100434

-4-#2024, June 15, 2 p.m., from Algiers

school synagogue community medical service. Above budget only southern Italy which has approximately 3000 refugees chiefly foreign but does not include Rome where now 8000 to 9000 local Jews 2000 refugees of whom 1400 from France, Yugoslavia, et cetera, 600 from Northern Italy. Have set up emergency grant 2,000,000 lire for immediate relief to msdtem Rome through Heath Cote Smith who proceeding there next days. If clearance 9,000,000 lire Palestine immigrants not immediately possible please remit immediately through Chase Bank 3,000,000 lire Banco di Napoli Naples account American Joint Distribution Committee for Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Perlman.

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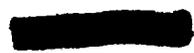
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WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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FROM: American Legation, ~~London~~  
TO: Secretary of State, Lisbon  
DATED: June 15, 1944  
NUMBER: 1848

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Following message is for Leavitt from Filpel.  
This is WRB no. 71, JDC no. 18.  
You are informed that the Grand Rabbi of France, Isiah  
Schwartz, is reported safe in France.

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*6/30/44  
Message sent  
to Leavitt  
JH*

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

100436

JUN 20 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel  
was received through the American Legation, Lisbon, under  
date of June 15, 1944:

"You are informed that the Grand  
Rabbi of France, Isiah Schwartz,  
is reported safe in France."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

JW ✓  
FH:lab 6/19/44

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Lisbon

Dated June 13, 1944

Rec'd 5:20 p.m.

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

1816, June 13, 4 p.m.

WRB 69. FOR LEAVITT FROM PLEL

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUN 14 1944
DIVISION OF RECORDS

*6/19/44  
Message sent  
to heart*

At Salymayer's initiative with Jefroykin's  
concurrence suggest you consult Robert de Rothschild  
possibility French funds in France for postwar  
repayment. Rate here now 240 per dollar.

NORWEB

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WSB

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

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JUN 19 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of June 13, 1944:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

VJA ✓

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Lisbon

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Dated June 12, 1944

Rec'd 4:50 p.m.

*6/15/44  
Message  
sent to  
Leavitt.  
DH*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
JUN 13 1944  
DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

1809, Twelfth, 6 p.m.

WRB 67 FROM PILPEL FOR LEAVITT, JDC-16

Further our 13, Bitker's opinion, Margolis con-  
curring, inadvisable, unnecessary have Inter-redcross  
representative either receive funds or supervise their  
expenditure should situation change Bitker premises.  
Advise.

NORWEB

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JUN 5 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of June 12, 1944:

"Further our 13, Bitker's opinion, Margolis concurring, inadvisable, unnecessary have Inter-redcross representative either receive funds or supervise their expenditure should situation change Bitker premises. Advise."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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June 10, 1944  
5 p.m.

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AMERICAN...  
For security reasons the  
text of this message must  
be guarded.  
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The message below from Moses A. Leavitt of the  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is WRB  
cable 38. Please deliver a paraphrase to Robert Filpel,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon.

QUOTE Three hundred thousand dollars remitted  
Saly Mayer against May appropriation. Similar sum for  
June will be remitted next few days. As heretofore  
half each remittance against special license and half  
against regular license for Switzerland refugee program  
UNQUOTE.

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(CLW)

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6/9/44

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-78

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Filpel,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Remitted three hundred thousand dollars Saly  
Mayer against May appropriation will remit next days  
similar sum for June. Half each remittance as hereto-  
fore against regular license for Switzerland refugee  
program and half against special license"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 38

June 7, 1944  
5:00 p.m.

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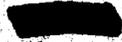
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT *War Ref Bd*

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: June 3, 1944  
NUMBER: 1602

*(Mr. Behr)*  
*Copy only*



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From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Possibility we may receive license remit \$25,000  
monthly to Saly Mayer for transmission Swiss franc equiva-  
lent to Shanghai. Consult Margolis whether advisable  
Saly Mayer make transmission to Braun directly or whether  
remittance should be made to Egli International Red Cross  
Delegate Shanghai. Suggest Saly Mayer inquire Inter-  
cross whether Egli can receive funds and supervise distri-  
bution. Cable reply through Legation. Regarding French  
claimants now Switzerland advise whether borrowings from  
them were in connection special license W-2106 in which event  
repayment will be licensed provided Saly Mayer and American  
Legation Berne satisfied they are bona fide refugees and no  
possibility their returning to German-occupied France.  
Regarding claimants who made advances for general relief  
program suggest you send us all details transactions and if  
possible affidavit from Claimant notarized by American  
Legation official so that we may apply for license but no

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972 commitment can

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202  
ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: June 3, 1944  
NUMBER: 1602  
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(Mr. Behle)  
Copy only

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

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Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Possibility we may receive license remit \$25,000 monthly to Saly Mayer for transmission Swiss franc equivalent to Shanghai. Consult Margolis whether advisable Saly Mayer make transmission to Braun directly or whether remittance should be made to Egli International Red Cross Delegate Shanghai. Suggest Saly Mayer inquire Inter-cross whether Egli can receive funds and supervise distribution. Cable reply through Legation. Regarding French claimants now Switzerland advise whether borrowings from them were in connection special license W-2106 in which event repayment will be licensed provided Saly Mayer and American Legation Berne satisfied they are bona fide refugees and no possibility their returning to German-occupied France. Regarding claimants who made advances for general relief program suggest you send us all details transactions and if possible affidavit from Claimant notarized by American Legation official so that we may apply for license but no

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June 1, 1944  
11:15 a.m.

CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpal,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Possibility we may receive license remit \$25,000  
monthly to Saly Mayer for transmission Swiss francs equiva-  
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remittance should be made to Egli International Red Cross  
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possibility their returning to German-occupied France Stop  
Regarding claimants who made advances for general relief  
program suggest you send us all details transactions and if  
possible affidavit from Claimant notarized by American  
Legation official so that we may apply for license but no  
commitment can be given that licenses for repayment in whole  
or in part will be issued"

THIS IS WEB LISBON CABLE NO. 34

*FA* Cleared with heart + JWP/ble  
FH:lab 5/31/44

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War Ref Bd (Mr. Fehle)  
1 copy only

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: AMREP, Algiers  
DATED: May 31, 1944  
NUMBER: 1719

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WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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Following for Ackermann's attention.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
c/o American Legation, Algiers, from Moses A. Leavitt of the  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"View Filpel's cable advising you leaving for Italy, Malin  
returning directly his own office without going Casablanca. He  
hopes see you Lisbon soon. In connection children rescue program  
from France War Refugee Board planning send Assistant Executive  
Director James Mann to Lisbon next week for approximately two  
weeks and imperative that you arrange your plans to meet him  
preferably Lisbon after your conferences Malin or if this not  
feasible await Mann's arrival Algiers. We engaged Arthur  
Greenleigh for Cairo or other post you may designate. Emanuel  
Rosen presently not available."

From John W. Fehle, Executive Director War Refugee Board:

"Most important that you arrange to meet Mann while he is  
in Lisbon. If this is impossible please cable Embassy giving  
your itinerary in order that he may subsequently meet you in  
Algiers or Casablanca."

THIS IS WRB ALGIERS CABLE NO. 14

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

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CABLE TO ALGIERS

Please deliver the following messages to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
c/o American Legation, Algiers:

From Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Assume you arranging meet Malin Casablanca  
about June first. Suggest if possible Pearlman also be  
there for full discussion problems and program southern  
Italy Stop Malin will discuss with you Pearlman's  
relationship to Intergovernmental Committee Stop  
In connection children rescue program from France  
War Refugee Board planning send Assistant Executive  
Director James Mann to Lisbon next week for approximately  
two weeks and imperative that you arrange your plans to  
meet him preferably Lisbon after your conferences Malin  
or if this not feasible await Mann's arrival Algiers  
Stop We engaged Arthur Greenleigh for Cairo or other  
post you may designate Stop Emanuel Rosen presently not  
available UNQUOTE

From John W. Pehle, Executive Director War Refugee  
Board:

QUOTE Most important that you arrange to meet Mann  
while he is in Lisbon. If this is impossible please cable  
Embassy giving your itinerary in order that he may  
subsequently meet you in Algiers or Casablanca UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB ALGIERS CABLE NO. 14.

\*\*\*\*\*  
May 29, 1944  
10:00 a.m.

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Please deliver the following messages to Dr. Joseph  
Schwartz, c/o American Legation, Algiers with instructions to  
forward cable if he should not be there.

JHMann:db 5/25/44



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CABLE TO ALGIERS

*Refer to Casablanca*

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, c/o American Legation, Algiers, From Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Assume you arranging meet Malin Casablanca about June first. Suggest if possible Pearlman also be there for full discussion problems and program southern Italy Stop Malin will discuss with you Pearlman's relationship to Intergovernmental Committee Stop In connection children rescue program From France War Refugee Board planning send ~~special representative~~ James Mann to Lisbon next week for ~~short period~~ and imperative that you arrange your plans to meet him preferably Lisbon after your conferences Malin or if this not feasible await Mann's arrival Algiers Stop We engaged Arthur Greenleigh for Cairo or other post you may designate Stop Emanuel Rosen presently not available."

*Assistant Executive Director*

*opportunity to visit*

*From John W. Keller, Executive Director, American Jewish Refugee Board*  
*Most important that you arrange to meet Mann, who is in Lisbon at present. It is impossible to do so. Please advise me of your plans regarding it and let me know subsequently what you are doing in connection with it.*

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LC - 419

Plain

Lisbon

Dated May 29, 1944

Rec'd 1:39 a.m., 30th

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

MAY 30 1944

1643, May 29, 6 p.m.

<sup>x</sup>  
FOR LEAVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW  
YORK CITY FROM PILPEL

"11. Your May 23 forwarded to Joseph Schartz  
Algiers May 24 and Resnik advised prevent publicity  
Interredcross parcels services. Schwartz Italy May  
27 Perlman week later. Cabled through board May 27.  
Perlman week later. Cabled through board May 17  
Greenleigh if available might be assigned Cairo".

WRB 57.

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NORWEB

*6/2/44  
Management  
to heart  
JCH*

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AND RECORDS

JUN 2 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel  
was received from Lisbon under date of May 29, 1944:

"11. Your May 23 forwarded to Joseph Schwartz  
Algiers May 24 and Remik advised prevent publicity  
Interredross parcels services. Schwartz Italy  
May 27 Perlman week later. Cabled through board  
May 27. Perlman week later. Cabled through board  
May 17 Greenleigh if available might be assigned  
Cairo."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

JW ✓ FH:lab 6/1/44

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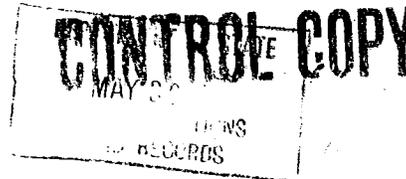
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paraphrased before being  
communicated to anyone  
other than a Government  
agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Lisbon

Dated May 27, 1944

Rec'd 3:32 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.



1628, May 27, 1 p.m.

NRB 56, JDC 10 FROM PILPEL FOR LEAVITT.

Reference our 912. Please remit urgently \$300,000  
Salymeyer for May unless already transferred. Swiss  
Government has budgeted him 300,000 monthly and  
remittance in question considered for month of May.  
Hereafter important monthly grants arrive within  
month.

NORWEB

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*5/31/44  
Message delivered  
to Mr. Leavitt  
JT*

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MAY 31 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of May 27, 1944:

"Reference our 912. Please remit urgently \$300,000 Salymayer for May unless already transferred. Swiss Government has budgeted him 300,000 monthly and remittance in question considered for month of May. Hereafter important monthly grants arrive within month."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

JCA ✓

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Distribution of true  
reading only by special  
arrangement. ( [redacted] -W)

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For security reasons the  
text of this message must  
be dated May 27, 1944

Rec'd 6:14 p. m.

Secretary of State

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MAY 27 1944  
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1624, May 27, 11 a. m.

This is JDC 9, WRB 54. FROM PILPEL FOR MOSES  
LEAVETT, NEW YORK. X

On behalf Jewish Agency Geneva asks repayment  
two loans: First, \$12,800 made early in 1942; second,  
\$20,000 July 1943 totaling \$32,800. Payment to be  
made by Manufacturers Trust Company, New York to Anglo-  
Palestine Bank in favor Kerenjesod. Utilization  
\$20,000 in Hungary vouched for by Soly Myer Geneva.

This similar to earlier transaction for which  
you asked license in February 1942. Request you  
apply license covering repayment now even though both  
were originally payable at end war.

NORWEB

JT  
REP

5/31/44  
Message delivered  
to Mr. Kocouret  
JH

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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SECRET BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MAY 31 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of May 27, 1944:

"On behalf Jewish Agency Geneva asks repayment two loans: First, \$12,800 made early in 1942; second, \$20,000 July 1943 totaling \$32,800. Payment to be made by Manufacturers Trust Company, New York to Anglo-Palestine Bank in favor Kerenjesod. Utilization \$20,000 in Hungary vouched for by Saly Mayer Geneva.

"This similar to earlier transaction for which you asked license in February 1942. Request you apply license covering repayment now even though both were originally payable at end war."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
MAY 23 1944  
J.W. Pille

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RECEIVED  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: May 23, 1944  
NUMBER: 1458  
X

MAY 23 1944

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Mr. Robert Pilpel, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Happy learn arrival Jeffreykin Spain. Do not understand why Resnik left Istanbul unless requested do so by you since many important matters make it imperative remain Istanbul and await your arrival there. Please instruct Resnik in accordance urgent request Intercross no publicity should be given parcel program from Turkey or any other parcel service under their supervision. Jack Dolub unavailable London post we continuing search suitable candidate. Please reply soonest regarding Arthur Greenlegh for post Italy."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 29.

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Nerweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Mr. Robert Pilpel, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Happy learn arrival Jefroykin Spain Step Do not understand why Resnik left Istanbul unless requested do so by you since many important matters make it imperative remain Istanbul and await your arrival there Stop Please instruct Resnik in accordance urgent request Interross no publicity should be given parcel program from Turkey or any other parcel service under their supervision Step Jack Dolub unavailable London post we continuing search suitable candidate Step Please reply soonest regarding Arthur Greenleigh for post Italy"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 29.

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May 19, 1944  
3:05 p.m.

JAA

FH:lab 5/19/44

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PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated May 18, 1944

Rec'd 10:07 a.m., 19th.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

X  
1506, May 18, 6 p.m.

WRB ✓ 41. FOR LEAVITT, JOINT, NEW YORK FROM SCHWARTZ

VIA PILPEL.

JDC No. 1 starting new series:

"Saw Jack Van Messel who promised cable in several days when new information expected. For time being prospect his proposal not too bright."

NORWEB

JT  
RR

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MAY 20 1944  
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*5/23/44  
Message sent  
to heart*

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MAY 23 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz  
was received from Lisbon under date of May 18, 1944:

"Saw Jack Van Messel who promised cable  
in several days when new information  
expected. For time being prospect his  
proposal not too bright."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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*[Handwritten initials]* ←

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PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated May 17, 1944

Rec'd 10:02 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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1495, Seventeenth, 6 p.m.

WRB 40 FOR LEVITT JOINT FROM SCHWARTZ VIA PILPEL

"Wish advise military have asked Max Perlman  
proceed Italy immediately collaborate Intergovernmental  
Committee and Allied Control Commission. At May  
suggestion has delayed departure ten days await my  
arrival and arrangements for Kessler to proceed Algiers.  
Can you advise what plans arranged with Sir Herbert  
Emerson regarding relationship functions et cetera.  
Believe Greenleigh if available might be assigned Cairo."

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EDA

*5/17/44  
Message sent  
to heart  
JH*

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MAY 19 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz via Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of May 17, 1944:

"Wish advice military have asked Max Perlman proceed Italy immediately collaborate Intergovernmental Committee and Allied Control Commission. At May suggestion has delayed departure ten days await my arrival and arrangements for Kessler to proceed Algiers. Can you advise what plans arranged with Sir Herbert Emerson regarding relationship functions et cetera. Believe Greenleigh if available might be assigned Cairo."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

EST MBTowler:inp: 5/19/44 JH ✓

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*was from BR  
Mrs. Kelle  
copy only*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Lisbon  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: May 15, 1944  
NUMBER: ~~1456~~  
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MAY 16 1944  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
REFUGEE BOARD  
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Pilpel sends the following, as WRB no. 37, for Leavitt, Joint.

There are indications that Joint borrowed 180,000,000 French francs at approximately 90 to the dollar. This report to Schwartz of Jules Jefroykin. Accounts and fuller discussions will be included in further details coming later.

All well planned apparently for evacuation of young people and adults from France, but movement of children small, probably owing to difficulties involved, regarding which more later. It is hoped we can bring Jefroykin to Barcelona, where he will work with our office, May 16.

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*Message given  
to board 5/18/44  
JK*

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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*W. J. P. [unclear]  
J. M. P. [unclear]  
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**CORRECTION ON**

**PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED**

**FROM:** American Legation, Lisbon  
**TO:** Secretary of State, Washington  
**DATED:** May 15, 1944  
**NUMBER:** 1465

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This message was erroneously marked NUMBER: 1456  
instead of NUMBER: 1465.

**NORWEB**

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

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MAY 18 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you was received from Pilpel through the American Legation, Lisbon, under date of May 15, 1944:

"There are indications that Joint borrowed 180,000,000 French francs at approximately 90 to the dollar. This report to Schwartz of Jules Jeffreykin. Accounts and fuller discussions will be included in further details coming later.

All well planned apparently for evacuation of young people and adults from France, but movement of children probably small, owing to difficulties involved, regarding which more later. It is hoped we can bring Jeffreykin to Barcelona, where he will work with our office, May 16."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

*W. H. Board*  
*M. W. Pille*  
*1 copy only*

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: May 15, 1944  
NUMBER: 1366

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 243 Rua  
Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution

Committee:

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
MAY 16 1944

"Greatly interested your cable regarding Saly Mayer report  
conditions Budapest. Can you secure additional information  
concerning \$200,000 payment especially whether such funds  
should be blocked Switzerland for payment after war."

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 19

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-74  
By E. H. Parks Date **SEP 8 1972**

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Newark

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Greatly interested your cable regarding Saly Mayer report conditions Budapest. Stop. Can you secure additional information concerning \$200,000 payment especially whether such funds could be blocked Switzerland for payment after war"

THIS IS WEB LISBON CABLE NO. 19

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May 10, 1944  
4:00 p.m.

Callahan, Abrahamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

FH:lab 5/10/44

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MAY 10 1944  
DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS

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Lisbon

Dated May 9, 1944

Rec'd 11:04 p.m.

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(Mr. Beble)  
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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

1394, Ninth, 5 p.m.

WRB 26. FOR LEAVITT JOINT FROM SCHWARTS.

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to be set  
JW*

Replying your cable April eighteenth Ose cables following "Referring your Monday call, wish emphasize relations with American Joint and their representative quite satisfactory rescue action France being totally covered Saly Mayer who likewise generously subventions medical action various countries. However, sundry emergencies are subventioned since many years friendly organizations. Reply therefore your sympathetic comprehension in matter ten thousand dollar Labor Committee appropriation greetings" FOR YOUR INFORMATION. All food parcels sent from Istanbul arrived safely Rumania. Finally received Spanish visa, planning leave tomorrow.

LMS  
WMB

NORWEB

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MAY 12 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of May 9, 1944:

"Replying your cable April eighteenth One cables following Referring your Monday call, wish emphasize relations with American Joint and their representative quite satisfactory rescue action France being totally covered Saly Mayer who likewise generously subventions medical action various countries. However, sundry emergencies are subventioned since many years friendly organizations. Reply therefore your sympathetic comprehension in matter ten thousand dollar Labor Committee appropriation greetings! FOR YOUR INFORMATION. All food parcels sent from Istanbul arrived safely Rumania. Finally received Spanish visa, planning leave tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*JAL*  
FH:lab 5/11/44

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: AMLEGATION, Lisbon  
DATE: May 8, 1944  
NUMBER: 1294

*Walt R. ...  
J. ...*

*1 copy only*

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Please have our Barcelona office contact Jack Van Messel care of Netherlands Legation Barcelona or Ritz Hotel Barcelona with reference to cable sent by him to Barend Broekman. Stop Cable reply through American Legation channels all circumstances surrounding purpose cable and advise Van Hessel every effort being made to comply his request".

WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 14

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

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WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 14

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May 4, 1944  
2:30 p.m.

*Discussed with JWP -*

*JH*

FH:lab 5/4/44

*War Refugee Board  
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: May 8, 1944  
NUMBER: 1293

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
Rua Augusta, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Distribution Committee:

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MAY 10 1944  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
DISTRIBUTION BOARD

"Most important you await Pat Malin's arrival Lisbon third  
week May thereafter agree your proceeding Algiers, Cairo other  
points. Your cable regarding purchases Azores not clear. If  
food packages intended for designated individuals under our  
licenses for Theresienstadt, Poland other camps then no  
authorization from blockade authorities would seem to be re-  
quired since licenses specifically include purchase of supplies  
indigenous to Portugal and its European possessions. If  
supplies intended for stockpiling Switzerland and thereafter dis-  
tribution by International Red Cross we may have to secure  
requisite authorization. Proposal for shipping shoes to  
Turkey from Palestine must be authorized and matter being  
followed up. Agudas Israel remittance \$25,000 Istanbul is  
for general relief rescue purposes not earmarked any specific  
proposal."

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 13

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

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Most important you await Pat Malin's arrival Lisbon third week May thereafter agree your proceeding Algiers, Cairo other points Stop Your cable regarding purchases Azores not clear Stop If food packages intended for designated individuals under our licenses for Theresienstadt, Poland other camps then no authorization from blockade authorities would seem to be required since licenses specifically include purchase of supplies indigenous to Portugal and its European possessions Stop If supplies intended for stockpiling Switzerland and thereafter distribution by International Red Cross we may have to secure requisite authorization Stop Proposal for shipping shoes to Turkey from Palestine must be authorized and matter being followed up Stop Agudas Israel remittance \$25,000 Istanbul is for general relief rescue purposes not earmarked any specific proposal"

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 19

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May 4, 1944  
2:30 p.m.

*JH* — FH:lab 5/4/44

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*was Refugee as  
in Pella  
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington,  
TO: AMLEGATION, Lisbon,  
DATED: April 28, 1944.  
NUMBER: 1197.



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CABLE TO LISBON

FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO NORWEB

Please deliver the following message to  
Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon,  
from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee;

"Message came through from Mrs. Van Tyne  
appealing for help Stop Assume you Saly Mayer,  
doing everything possible effect her rescue"

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO.7. Before deliver-  
ing, please paraphrase.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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April 26, 1944

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: J. W. Fehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

*JW*  
FH:lab 4/26/44

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Herweb

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aures, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Message came through from Mrs. Van Tyme appealing for help Stop Assume you Saly Mayer doing everything possible effect her rescue"

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 7

April 26, 1944  
5:10

*HL - Message  
drafted by Leavitt.*

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*5 SW*  
*Refugee Bd*  
*(Mr. Pehle)*

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PLAIN

London

Dated April 22, 1944

Rec'd 1:25 p.m.

*File*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
APR 23 1944  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

3317, twenty-second.

*Message sent to board*

Please instruct concerning action to take on travel priority and passport validation raised by following letter dated April 20th from American Joint Distribution Office at London just established by Donald Hurwitz.

"The American Joint Distribution Committee is interested in establishing an office in Sweden in order to extend and more effectively carry out its program of relief and rehabilitation. The representative assigned to establish this office is Miss Laura Margolis, an American citizen, who is now in Lisbon, Portugal. We have been informed that transportation to Sweden is now available, this being a prerequisite to having her passport validated for Sweden, and for England in transit. At present we should like very much to obtain a priority for travel to Sweden for Miss Margolis in which case a validation would be granted. Will you be kind

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-2- #3317, twenty-second, from London

be kind enough to take this matter up with Washington so that we may secure a priority and in turn the necessary validations and visas".

War Refugee Board may be interested. Unless Miss Margolis has a special passport indicating that she is travelling on official business the Embassy understands that transportation facilities would not be granted and in all probability Swedish visa could not be obtained.

WINANT

WSB

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*War Refugee Bd  
Mr Keller*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: Amlegation, Lisbon  
DATED: April 17, 1944  
NUMBER: 1058

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, From Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Regret not possible issue special passport to you and your regular passport renewable any American Consulate. Liebmann Hirsch cables Jewish Labor Committee requesting more funds for OSE children rescue program. Difficult understand why OSE reports to you satisfactory relationship with Saly Mayer and at same time continues send requests for funds directly and through Hirsch. Important this be clarified with OSE since separatist fund raising efforts are disrupting maximum collections. Suggest if possible OSE cable directly its representatives here regarding their satisfactory cooperation Saly Mayer. Remitted \$25,000 to Finance Officer British Foreign Office for Island of Rab evacuation".

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WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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HULL State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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April 13, 1944

TO: Mr. Warren  
FROM: J. W. Fehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Auren, Lisbon, from Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

JW  
Fehle 4/12/44

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Moscow

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, From Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Regret not possible issue special passport to you and your regular passport renewable any American Consulate Stop Liebmann Hirsch cables Jewish Labor Committee requesting more funds for OSE children rescue program Stop Difficult understand why OSE reports to you satisfactory relationship with Saly Mayer and at same time continues send requests for funds directly and through Hirsch Stop Important this be clarified with OSE since separatist fund raising efforts are disrupting maximum collections Stop Suggest if possible OSE cable directly its representatives here regarding their satisfactory cooperation Saly Mayer Stop Remitted \$25,000 to Finance Officer British Foreign Office for Island of Rab evacuation"

April 13, 1944

10:40 a.m.

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

APR 19 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Joseph Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of April 15, 1944:

"International Red Cross Lisbon advises possible send food packages in large quantities from Azores provided authorization blockade authorities received. Package consisting 500 gram each of UNNY in oil, mackerel in oil and cream of sweet potato and 40 cigarettes cost 57 escudos which is much cheaper than prices prevailing Lisbon. Packages could be made up either Azores to be sent directly various camps or sent in bulk to Lisbon to be packed here in individual parcels. If permission available International Red Cross would be ready handle entire operation for United States."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*JW*  
FH:lab 4/18/44

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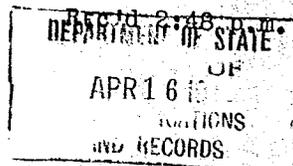
Lisbon

Dated April 15, 1944

Secretary of State

Washington

1123, 15th



Joseph Schwartz requests that following telegram be transmitted through War Refugee Board to Leavitt Joint-Distributing Committee, New York.

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*War Refugee Board  
J. M. P. Kelly*

*copy only*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Lisbon  
DATED: April 11, 1944  
NUMBER: 1012  
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**CONTROL COPY**



From the War Refugee Board to Norweb.

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from M.A. Leavitt of the American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"We remitted Swiss franc equivalent \$300,000 to  
Saly Mayer. This remittance covers regular Swiss  
budget through April. Hopeful we can continue monthly  
remittance three hundred thousand dollars of which  
half applicable Swiss budget and half applicable  
program France for children adults under special  
license. View occupation Island of Rab' by Germans  
we recalled remittance \$25,000 from British Foreign  
Office."

SEP 11 1944  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
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DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP** 8 1972

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April 5, 1944.

4:55 p.m.

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: J. H. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Areea, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

*JH*  
FH:lab 4/5/44

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norway

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aures, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"We remitted Swiss franc equivalent \$300,000 to Saly Mayer Stop This remittance covers regular Swiss budget through April Stop Hopeful we can continue monthly remittance three hundred thousand dollars of which half applicable Swiss budget and half applicable program France for children adults under special license Stop View occupation Island of Rab by Germans we recalled remittance \$25,000 from British Foreign Office"

JH  
Dictated by  
M.A. Leavitt

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

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VH:lab 4/5/44

April 5, 1944  
4:55 p.m.

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Larchlin, Lesser, Mann, Pable, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

APR 10 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of April 5, 1944:

"Your number 928, March 31. War Refugee Board requests me to go to Madrid and confer with Ambassador Hayes resulting in postponement Algiers trip and possible wait for Spanish visa. Passport expires in meantime and I request that authorization issuance new passport be sent to Lisbon Consulate immediately. Am advised that 1,400,000 liras have so far been borrowed against Rome appropriation of \$20,000. They request now whether the \$20,000 can be turned over to Rome representative of International Red Cross. I do not believe that having valid visa for countries overseas makes great difference as regards entry Switzerland because Swiss now permit refugees to enter without Swiss visa, but I shall nevertheless ascertain whether possessors of overseas visas are given special consideration. Additional \$25,000 sent Sequerra Barcelona under license W-2155 and he is informed to wait for our instructions. Before departing for North Africa I will advise."

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency. (SCOO)

Lisbon

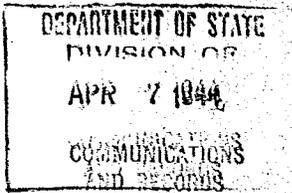
Dated April 5, 1944

Rec'd 10:30 p.m.

2 - War Refugee Bd (Mr. Leavitt) for information

Secretary of State,  
Washington:

1023, April 5, 9 p.m.



Joseph Schwartz requests that substance of following paraphrase be transmitted thru War Refugee Board to Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee, New York:

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-2- #1023, April 5, 9 p.m., from Lisbon.

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NORWEB

VFS

*4/10/44  
Message sent to  
Lantz - JH.*

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APR 10 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of April 3, 1944:

"Pillsmayer is already aiding in the relief and the rescue of Jews in northern Italy and several days ago through Vatican circles he made one million lira available. This refers to telegram dated 3 p.m., March 30. Since he has constant contact with Valobra and other representatives everything necessary is being done by him. With reference to the rescue of children from Spain it must be noted that they will arrive without documentation and you should advise the Consulates in Spain and in Portugal that visas without requiring birth certificates and other formal documents should be issued. Also is it possible for you to consider relaxing the original requirements and making the age limit sixteen instead of fourteen for children of enemy origin? Tomorrow I am leaving for Algiers because I cannot delay longer but I think that all arrangements have now been completed for preparations in Spain. I believe Donald Hurwitz will leave for London next week. If you will send my passport authorization to the American Consulate in Algiers I will appreciate it."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

*JW*  
FH:lab 4/10/44

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Minister, Lisbon  
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: April 3, 1944  
NUMBER: 997

There follows the substance of a telegram for the War Refugee Board and Moses Furguson with the United States Joint Distribution Committee, New York, from Joseph Schwartz.

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KORWEB

DOR:MPL 4/6/44

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Chbn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Lumford, Mann, Marks, Mannon, McCormack, Paul, Pollak, Rains, Smith, Sargoy, Standish, Stewart, White, Pehle, Files, Weinstein

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By E. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

*Control copy of  
Evacuation of children  
without to Spain +  
"Perfuge!"*

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*Mr. [unclear] [unclear]*  
*Mr. [unclear]*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: Amlegation, Lisbon  
DATED: March 30, 1944  
NUMBER: 916  
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*Copy only*

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**AAOI 18 8AM** For Joseph J. Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon,  
From Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee.

Can Saly Mayer make discreet inquiry regarding  
request for funds to rescue Jews from Northern Italy  
made by Donati, Volobrand, Lopez as representatives  
Italian colony. Cable reply.

HULL  
(GLW)

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-13-72  
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 8 1972**

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Joseph J. Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Can Saly Mayer make discreet inquiry regarding request  
for funds to rescue Jews from Northern Italy made by Donati,  
Volobrand, Lopes as representatives Italian colony. Cable  
reply"

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MAR 29 1943

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of March 27, 1944:

"Your March 23rd, 8 p.m.

Have put off trip Algiers and will try visit Madrid if possible arrange quickly which uncertain. For time being will not be necessary utilize special license since all payments now in pesetas to Spanish nationals. Important however you transfer this connection 500,000 pesetas for which we asked. Will give full consideration possibility stationing Laura Margolis Spain connection this program although believe at least for time being Sequerra can handle it adequately."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

*Handed to Mr. Leavitt  
by Miss Bennett.*

JW  
FH:lab 3/29/44

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PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated March 27, 1944

Rec'd 8:36 p.m.

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MAR 28 1944

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*E - War  
Refugee  
Board  
Approved  
by Leavitt  
JPZ*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

920, 27th, 6 p.m.

Following message is for War Refugee Board for  
transmission to Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution  
Committee, New York City.

"Your March 23rd, 8 p.m.

Have put off trip Algiers and will try visit  
Madrid if possible arrange quickly which uncertain.  
For time being will not be necessary utilize special  
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give full consideration possibility stationing  
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adequately". Signed Joseph Schwartz,

NORWEB

MRM

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TELEGRAM SENT

War Refugee Bd

RA  
This telegram must be  
paraphrased before being  
communicated to anyone  
other than a Governmental  
Agency.

March 23, 1944

9 p.m.

Tom  
Pehle

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS  
MAR 25 1944

AMLEGATION,

LISBON.  
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO MINISTER NORWED.

Following message to Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon,  
Portugal, from the Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Can you cable us estimate number Jewish refugees  
remaining Spain after Canadian group departs also how many of  
them likely be moved Casablanca camp and how many refusing to go  
latter divided two categories those on relief and those having  
independent means Stop Believe important from every viewpoint that  
refugees on relief particularly be urged proceed Casablanca camp  
and moral suasion should be used toward this purpose Stop Also  
cable same information regarding stateless refugees Portugal Stop  
Leavitt UNQUOTE.

HULL  
(OLW)

WRB:OLW:KG  
3/20/44

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March 16, 1944  
2:35 p.m.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Warren  
FROM: Mr. Friedman

It will be appreciated if you will have the two attached cables dispatched at once to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, one to 242 Rua Azeite, Lisbon, Portugal, and the other to Central Council for Jewish Refugees, Upper Woburn Place, London, from M. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., for the cost of the messages and any answers thereto.

Attachments

JBF:bbk - 3/16/44

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CABLE TO LISBON, PORTUGAL

FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO MINISTER NORWEG

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz, 242  
Rua Anrea, Lisbon, Portugal, from the American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee

QUOTE Can you cable us estimate number Jewish refugees  
remaining Spain after Canadian group departs also how many of them  
likely be moved Casablanca camp and how many refusing to go latter  
divided two categories those on relief and those having independent  
means Stop Believe important from every viewpoint that refugees on  
relief particularly be urged proceed Casablanca camp and moral suasion  
should be used utmost this purpose Stop Also cable same information  
regarding stateless refugees Portugal Stop Leavitt UNQUOTE

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*was referred to  
(Mr. Bundy)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON  
TO: AMLEGATION, LISBON  
DATED: March 23, 1944  
NUMBER: 841

*1 copy only*

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Given below is the substance of a message for Joseph J. Schwartz care of Donald Hurwitz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee:

It is important that you first visit Madrid before proceeding to Algiers. The Lisbon Legation will have messages for you. You should contact the Embassy at Madrid regarding special license which we hope will enable you to initiate promptly the program planned in connection with evacuation of children. In connection with refugee activities, including the abovementioned program, you may wish to consider stationing Laura Margolis at Madrid. The first week of April she will arrive at Lisbon. Your request concerning passport is being taken up.

APR 23 1944

HULL

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

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March 22, 1944

8:10 p.m.

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: J. H. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Joseph J. Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

*JH*  
FH:lab 3/22/44

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Joseph J. Schwartz,  
242 Rua Naves, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

"Important you first visit Madrid before proceeding  
Algiers Stop Contact American Legation Lisbon for messages  
for you and also Madrid Embassy for special license Spain  
under which hope you can promptly initiate program evacua-  
tion children Stop Laura Margolis arriving Lisbon first  
week April and you may want consider stationing her Madrid  
for this and other refugee activities Stop Following up  
your passport request Leavitt"

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TELEGRAM SENT 2

PLAIN

*War Refugee Bd (Mr. Pehl)*

War Refugee Board

March 13, 1944

AMEMBASSY

LONDON  
\* 1896, thirteenth.  
FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR CASSODAY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
MAR 15 1944  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

Following for Joseph Schwartz, Central Council for Jewish Refugees, Upper Woburn Place, London, from Joint Distribution Committee.

QUOTE Understand Schwarzbart others London received recent reports of condition Jews in Poland and requesting assistance Stop Assume you will take advantage Greenstein's return this country to bring us your views and other information regarding above and all our programs Stop Suggest you visit Delfosse Belgium Minister Justice or his assistant Dekindere, 116 Eaton Square, London and inform Greenstein accordingly Leavitt UNQUOTE.

HULL  
(GIW)

MRB:GLW:KG  
3/13/44

100902

March 11, 1944

10:50 a.m.

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: J. W. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable dispatched at once to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, % Central Council for Jewish Refugees, Upper Woburn Place, London, from M. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

FH:hd 3/10/44

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3/13/44

CABLE TO LONDON

From Pehle to Minant for Cassaday

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
\* Central Council for Jewish Refugees, Upper Woburn Place, London,  
from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Message begins. Understand Schwarzbart others London  
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assistance Stop Assume you will take advantage Greenstein's  
return this country to bring us your views and other information  
regarding above and all our programs Stop Suggest you visit  
Delfosse Belgium Minister Justice or his assistant Dekindere,  
116 Eaton Square, London and inform Greenstein accordingly Leavitt  
End of Message.

JH cleared  
with OWP 3/11/44

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