February 2, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 31, 1945:

"Would appreciate knowing who Saul Elgart is and something of his background. Anxiously awaiting Lindner's arrival in London and his explanation. Wish advise Beekman has definitely decided accept post with Intergovernmental Committee."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

RDrury 2/2/45
SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington,

456, Thirty-First
FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

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MJP
February 2, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 31, 1945:

"Will advise possible budgetary reductions soonest although difficult see how substantial reductions possible before end winter. We have been most careful about making commitments here but must point out you have been committing large sums without consulting us as to relative importance and sometimes without even informing us. Difficult to budget under those conditions."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
INCOMING TELEGRAM

SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated January 31, 1946
Rec'd 11:59 p.m.

WASHINGTON, 455, Thirty-first
FOR JOSEPH LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM: JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

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CAFFERY

NJJ
The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

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

QUOTE In order enable us plan program for purchasing food clothing medical supplies for France and Balkan countries most important you advise us extent to which monetary relief requirements monthly various countries and extent to which relief in kind should be sent. Present purchases being made without reference to budget appropriations and status our commitments uncertain. Pilpel reports food and clothing available Portugal but we hesitate authorize purchases pending word from you as to amounts and whether within budgetary appropriations. Still awaiting your recommendations budget revisions January February also recommendations March April. Please your arrangements Fassman. UNQUOTE
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt

of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE IN ORDER ENABLE US PLAN PROGRAM FOR PURCHASING FOOD
CLOTHING MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR FRANCE AND BALKAN COUNTRIES MOST
IMPORTANT YOU ADVISE US EXTENT TO WHICH MONETARY RELIEF REQUIREMENTS
MONTHLY VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND EXTENT TO WHICH RELIEF IN KIND SHOULD
BE SENT, PREVENT PURCHASES BEING MADE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS AND STATUS OUR COMMITMENTS UNCERTAIN. FELPEL REPORTS
FOOD AND CLOTHING AVAILABLE PORTUGAL BUT WE HESITATE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASES FURTHER WITHOUT YOUR ASSURANCE AS TO AMOUNTS AND WHETHER WITHIN
BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS. STILL-awaiting YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS BUDGET
REVISIONS JANUARY FEBRUARY ALSO RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH APRIL. PLEASED
YOUR ARRANGEMENTS PASSMAN, UNQUOTE

January 27, 1945
11:00 a.m.
January 31, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of January 29, 1945:

"JDC is on their way to Albania. Their cable 26th: 'Leaving immediately for Albania first foreign relief organization to enter.'"

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
Secretary of State
Washington

217, Twenty-ninth
WMB 296 JDC 154 FOR LEAVITT FROM HAROLD.

(notes)

CROCKER
February 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 29, 1945:

"Expect to leave January 29 for Brussels, all documents in order now. Situation there I understand is aggravated and that we have representative resident there most important. Trust validation of Laura Margolis passport for France is being pushed by you. At present we are trying to merge Federation Societes Juives, Comite Assistance Refugees, and Comite General Defense into one single agency for relief for the whole of France and prospects of succeeding are good. Problem of children becoming controlled but great difficulties are being encountered with many new organizations which during occupation period have sprung up. For January budget at least francs 35,000,000 and most of this has already been paid out by us; can not see any possibility of reduction before spring. You will be kept fully advised by me."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodell
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

R Drury 2/6/45
Distribution of true reading only by special arrangement. Dated January 29, 1945.

Secretary of State
Washington

410, January 29, 3 p.m.

FOR ROSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

All documents now in order, expect to leave for Brussels January 29. Understand situation there aggravated and most important we have resident representative there. Hope you pushing validity passport Laura Margolis for France. We are now attempting to merge Comite Assistance Refugees, Federation Societe Juives and Comite General Defense into one single relief agency for all of France and prospects of success good. Children problem coming under control but having great difficulties with large number new organizations which have sprung up during occupation. Budget for January at least 35,000,000 francs most of which we have already paid out and can see no possibility of reduction before spring. Will keep you fully advised.

CAPPY

NOTE: Delay due to original message being undecipherable.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP. 8 1972
The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

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

"NOTE For reasons which Harold Linder will explain to you in detail we have assigned Richard Plaut to North Africa. Pending your discussion Linder please accept this without question. We engaged Saul Elgart for assignment France and he will be available after February 15th. Fishhohn departing next week. Perlman not yet decided whether able return overseas duty. UNQUOTE"
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schawartz from

M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE FOR REASONS WHICH HAROLD LIMBER WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU
IN DETAIL WE HAVE ASSIGNED RICHARD FLANERY TO NORTH AFRICA,
PENDING YOUR DISCUSSION LIMBER PLEASE ACCEPT THIS WITHOUT
QUESTION. WE ENGAGED SAUL KIARAT FOR ASSIGNMENT FRANCE AND
HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER FEBRUARY 15TH. FISCHER DEPARTING
NEXT WEEK. PERLMAN NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER ABLE RETURN
OVERSEAS DUTY UNQUOTE

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackerman, Akins, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston,
Hodol, Marks, McCormack, Pohle, Files

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CABLE TO DR. SCHWARTZ, PARIS, thru WRB

JANUARY 17th, 1946.

FOR REASONS WHICH HAROLD LINDER WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU IN DETAIL WE HAVE
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H.A. LEAVITT
J.D.C.
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Incorporated, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

AMERICAN
LISBON
144

The cable below is WAS-100.

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

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

We are becoming increasingly concerned with mounting requirements especially purchases over above already excessive commitments approved first two months. We purchasing here over 200,000 supplies France whereas Schwartz authorized purchases Switzerland 850,000 for France 350,000 Belgium according your cable December 28th presumably against that appropriation. Our 39-6 should have indicated we should not be making purchases here. We agreed purchase from UNRRA 260,000 medical supplies Rumania Bulgaria. Advise Schwartz Committee now approves $100,000 for supplies liberated sections Czechoslovakia on his recommendation London. In addition amounts specified our previous cable we appropriated 150,000 Agrojoint 100,000 Passover Relief 30,000 Special Emergency Grant Yeshivot Palestine. For February we transmitting 100,000 Switzerland representing refund from Gilbert Simon Ankara which should reduce Switzerland requirements that extent. We feel cash remittances for France Belgium
Balkans etc should be reduced to extent purchases being made for those areas. UNQUOTE

GREW
(Acting)
(GLW)
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel, 242 Res Avenu,

Lisbon, from E. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE WE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED VIEW MOUNTING REQUIREMENTS ESPECIALLY PURCHASES OVER ABOVE ALREADY EXCESSIVE COMMITMENTS APPROVED FIRST TWO MONTHS STOP WE PURCHASING HERE OVER $100,000 SUPPLIES FRANCE WHEREAS SCHWARTZ AUTHORIZED PURCHASES SWITZERLAND $60,000 FOR FRANCE $35,000 BELGIUM ACCORDING YOUR CABLE DECEMBER 28TH PREVIOUSLY AGAINST THAT APPROPRIATION STOP OUR F76 SHOULD HAVE INDICATED WE WERE MAKING PURCHASES HERE STOP WE AGREED PURCHASE FROM UDBRA $60,000 MEDICAL SUPPLIES ROMANIA BULGARIA STOP ADVICE SCHWARTZ COMMITTEE NOW APPROVES $100,000 FOR SUPPLIES LIBERATED REGIONS CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON HIS RECOMMENDATION LONDON STOP IN ADDITION AMOUNTS SPECIFIED OUR PREVIOUS CABLE WE APPROPRIATED $150,000 AGROJOINT $100,000 PASSOVER RELIEF $30,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY GRANT TO IVY SOLOPALESTINE STOP FEBRUARY WE TRANSMITTED $100,000 SWITZERLAND REPRESENTING REFUND FROM HELMET ALMOND AMERIKA WHICH SHOULD REDUCE SWITZERLAND REQUIREMENTS THAT EXTENT STOP WE FEEL CASH REMITTANCES FOR FRANCE BELGIUM ALMANKA ETC SHOULD BE REDUCED TO EXTENT PURCHASES BEEN MADE FOR THOSE AREAS UNQUOTE

THIS IS WB LISBON CABLE NO. 130.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncy (for the Soc'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Pines

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
LISBON
143

The cable below is WRB 129.

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

QUOTE Waiting Schwartz reaction our cable budgetary
grants January February. Estimates our income on which
budget indications for first two months predicated now appear
twenty percent too high and view large emergency requirements
which we recently agreed urge utmost caution in making
commitments and that Schwartz give us earliest his ideas
where indicated amounts may be cut. UNQUOTE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OUTGOING TELEGRAM

January 25, 1972

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

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DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS
(LIAISON)

For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMIGRATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Robert Filpul, 243 Rue Aurora,
Lisbon, from E. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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agreed must urge utmost caution in making commitments and that
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be cut unquote.

This is W 88 Lisbon Cable No. 129.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DeBois,
Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pohle, Filos

[Postmark: 1/18/45]

JDD 100523
...awaiting Schwartze's reaction our Cable Judgement Grants January
Preliminary estimates our income on which budget indications for first
two months predicated now appear twenty percent too high and view
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that appropriation stop our 286 should have indicated we making
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supplies Romania Bulgaria stop advise Schwartze Committee now approves
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stop we feel cash resistances for France Belgium Balkans etc should
be reduced to extent purchases being made for these areas

Leavitt
Joint Distribution Committee
January 27, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwarts was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 23, 1945:

"Regarding Middle East Regional Office concerning which I cabled you in detail from London wish point out that all arrangements were made on temporary basis subject to changes as and when conditions require. Also wish advise Lisbon office informs that Beckelman proposes join our staff nearest future as soon as Fedhala camp completely liquidated. This decision of course his own and arrived at without any pressure our part since have not communicated with Beckelman several months. Will advise when his decision confirmed. Cannot understand your action in granting hundred thousand dollars to Consolato without even consulting us. Had supposed that such practices had been definitely discarded and deeply discouraged to find that they still being continued. Since we don't know purposes for which funds were allocated we have no judgment in matter and are grateful that Weiss will at least inform us purposes this grant upon his arrival here."

Very truly yours,

Florence Model
Assistant Executive Director

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

RDrury 1/27/45
SECRETARY OF STATE, Washigton.

315, Twenty-third.

FOR OUR REFUGEE BOARD FOR MOSES LEVI TTT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

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Dated January 23, 1945
Read 1:03 p.m. 25th.
-2-#315, Twenty-third, from Paris.

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this grant upon his arrival here."
January 17, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwarts was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 15, 1945:

"Passman and Trobe finally left yesterday. My own departure still being held up because weather conditions. Deeply regret refusal to validate passport Laura Margolis France, Belgium which particularly difficult understand since military authorities ready furnish transportation. Believe this holding up of validation will delay necessary relief program which Belgian Government has urged us undertake. Would ask you again intervene send at least French validation to London."

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,

RDbrury 1/17/45
SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington.

515, Fiftieth
TO: HESSE FROM HANJ!

Please deliver the following message from Joseph Schwartz to Moses Leavitt of the JDC:

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conditions. Deeply regret refusal validate passport
Laura Margolis France, Belgium which particularly
difficult understand since military authorities ready
furnish transportation. Believe this holding up of
validation will delay necessary relief program which
Belgian Government has urged us undertake. Would ask
you again intervene send at least French validation
to London."

FOR WRB. If Board perceives no objection I would
appreciate Board's supporting request for validation.

JT

WINANT
The cable below is HRR 125.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Robert Filpel from R. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

Advising Schwartz remitted $600,000 only January and expect remit balance $500,000 about January 18. Also remitted December total $700,000 including one time grant $400,000. Advise Schwartz he must consider substantial budgetary reduction after February view extraordinary requirements which have arisen. We participating large nationwide used clothing drive which will take place conjunction with UNRRA and expect JDC will receive supplies for areas not covered by UNRRA distribution. All agencies cooperating this large activity and no sectarian efforts possible at least during first six months this year. UNJDC.

Grew
(Acting)
(U.S.)

UNHWA
1/18/46

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By L. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Robert Filpel from W. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ADVISE SCHWARTZ REMITTED $500,000 SALLY MAYER JANUARY
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FEBRUARY VIEW EXTRAORDINARY REQUIREMENTS WHICH HAVE ARSEN. WE
PARTICIPATING LARGE NATIONWIDE USED CLOTHING DRIVE WHICH WILL
TAKE PLACE CONJUNCTION WITH UNRRA AND EXPECT JDC WILL RECEIVE
SUPPLIES FOR AREAS NOT COVERED BY UNRRA DISTRIBUTION. ALL
AGENCIES COOPERATING THIS LARGE ACTIVITY AND NO SECTARIAN EFFORTS
POSSIBLE AT LEAST DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBR LISBON CABLE NO. 125.

11:30 a.m.
January 11, 1945

Mrs. Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaster,
Kodel, Harke, McCormack, Pehle, Files

DHDrury 1/10/45
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Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Robert Filipel from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"QUOTE Baltic Jewish Relief Committee, Svevaagen 32, Stockholm consisting Leo Lapidus, Marcus Kaplan, Hillel Stroch and others cabled World Jewish Congress that they have possibilities rescue Jews from Latvia and require 410,000. Please ask Margolis discuss their plan projects and if feasible we prepared participate and cooperate. From our information such rescue activities now almost impossible and we must be assured that all plan carefully worked out and practical. Your 250 cost per parcel seems very high for contents and wonder whether Switzerland parcel service not more desirable. UNQUOTE"

CHREW
(Acting)
(ONW)
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION LISBON FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Robert Pilpel from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE BALTIC JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE, SVENAVEN 32, STOCKHOLM CONSISTING LEO LAPIDUS, MARCIS KAPLAN, HILVI STORCH AND OTHERS CABLED WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS THAT THEY HAVE POSSIBILITIES RESCUE JEWS FROM LATVIA AND REQUIRE $10,000. PLEASE ASK HARGOLIS DISCUSS THEIR PLANS PROJECTS AND IF FEASIBLE WE PREPARED PARTICIPATE AND COOPERATE. FROM OUR INFORMATION SUCH RESCUE ACTIVITIES NOT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AND WE MUST BE ASSURED THAT ALL PLANS CAREFULLY WORKED OUT AND PRACTICAL. YOUR 250 COST PER PARCEL SEEMS VERY HIGH FOR CONTENTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER SWITZERLAND PARCEL SERVICE NOT MORE DESIRABLE. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WNB LISBON CABLE NO. 127.

11:30 a.m.
January 11, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Aizen, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pahle, Files

Drury 1/10/45
The message below is through War Refugee Board.

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

QUOTE According your request Chase cabling instructions Paris branch reference signatories our account. Does this replace credit Lyonnais account? Advise banking instructions future remittances. Arranged payment our account credit Lyonnais francs 20 million by Universal International Films which please hold pending future instructions from us. Advise when received.

UNQUOTE

GREG
(Aging)
(SF)

WRITING
1/13/45

DECLASSIFIED
State Dep't Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE HOARD.

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

QUOTE: ACCORDING YOUR REQUEST CHASE CABLE DIRECTIONS TO PARIS BRANCH REFERENCE AMERICAN ACCOUNT. DOES THIS REPLACE CREDIT LIGONNAIS ACCOUNT? ADVISE BANKING INSTRUCTIONS FUTURE REMITTANCES. ARRANGED PAYMENT OUR ACCOUNT CREDIT LIGONNAIS FRANCS 20 MILLION BY UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE WHICH PLEASE HOLD PENDING FUTURE INSTRUCTIONS FROM US. ADVISE WHEN RECEIVED. UNQUOTE

11:00 a.m., January 11, 1945

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

Drury 3/10/45

J.A.
January 13, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 12, 1945:

*Please request Plaut's passport be validated for France and Belgium. Glad advise Laura Mergolis arrived and hope have her proceed Paris and then Brussels at early date. Jacob Trube has left for Cairo en route to Balkans and Passman expects leave tomorrow. I hope return to Paris tomorrow and after completing work there and visiting Brussels hope be back London in three to four weeks."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Peble

J. F. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

*Drury 1/13/45
DCG-63

PLAIN
London

Dated January 12, 1945
Read 1:30 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

415, Twelfth
TO PEHE FROM MANN

Please deliver the following message from
Joseph Schwartz to Moses Leavitt of the JDC

"Please request Plaut's passport be validated
for France and Belgium. Glad advise Laura Margolia
arrived and hope have her proceed Paris and then
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and after completing work there and visiting Brussels
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WPS
WINANT
January 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 11, 1945:

"I have been discussing with Passman setup of Middle East Regional Office to control relief activities Balkans and purchases and shipments supplies to Eastern Europe through Tehran have agreed setup JDC Regional Office in Palestine for those purposes with Passman in charge as Regional Director with Magnes Committee acting in advisory capacity to him. Passman will be directly responsible to me and it is understood that no financial commitments and no decisions regarding basic policy will be made by Regional Office without prior clearance either with me or when I am not available directly with you. Passman expects leave next days and hopes proceed soonest to Sofia and Bucharest to establish personal contacts with our committees those countries for proper organization relief programs. Trobe also leaving Thursday en route Istanbul and Balkans and important that Fishman proceed at once consider this arrangement satisfactory from every point of view and believe it will facilitate our work for Balkan area. Passman indicates that he will be able to give us at least twelve months service this capacity."

Very truly yours,

[signed] J.W. Pehle

J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W.A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York. RDrury 1/12/45
Secretary of State,
Washington.

365, eleventh
TO FEHLE FROM M.N.N.

Please deliver the following message from Joseph Schwartz to Moses Leavitt of the JDC:

I have been discussing with Passman setup of Middle East Regional Office to control relief activities Balkans and purchases and shipments supplies to Eastern Europe through Tehran have agreed setup JDC Regional Office in Palestine for those purposes with Passman in charge as Regional Director with Weiss Committee acting in advisory capacity to him. Passman will be directly responsible to me and it is understood that no financial commitments and no decisions regarding basic policy will be made by regional office without prior clearance either with me or when
-2-#365, eleventh, from London

or when I am not available directly with you.

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WINT

# JMB
January 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of January 11, 1945:

"JDC 151. Further our Reznik expects authorization payment balance due Palestine refugees amounting approximately 4 million lire thus making total approximately 12 1/2 million lire available Italy this connection. Pursuant request Allied Commission Reznik agreed send Magnes unimportant amount miscellaneous currency excepting sterling, dollars, lire, which Palestine refugees deposited Italy."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
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NORWEB

WFS
January 10, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 9, 1945:

"Have arranged with UNRRA to make available to us on temporary basis for service in France Benjamin Glassberg, Cecilia Rosovsky, George Rocky, and possibly one other staff member. Their salaries will continue to be paid by UNRRA since their service with us is considered essential training for their future UNRRA assignments and we will pay their living and travel expenses from time they enter our service. They will be kept available for UNRRA and will be released on two week’s notice. UNRRA will arrange their travel to Paris and we expect them arrive there shortly. Glassberg is already in France. Have also arranged for temporary release to us of Jacob Trobe who will be sent to assist Passman in the Balkan area with the understanding that he may send reports on situation directly to UNRRA. This not to be considered as substitution for Fishsohn but as additional assistant to Passman who agrees. Trobe now arranging his visas and we look forward to his early departure. Please advise status Fishsohn’s departure since it is urgently important that he proceed to Istanbul soonest."

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,

PDrury 1/10/45
INCOMING TELEGRAM

London
Dated January 9, 1945
Rec'd 11:45 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington,
278, Ninth
TO PEHIE FROM MANN

Please deliver the following message from Joseph Schwartz to Moses Leavitt of the JDC.

Have arranged with UNRRA to make available to us on temporary basis for service in France Benjamin Glassberg, Cecilia Razovsky, George Rooby and possibly one other staff member. Their salaries will continue to be paid by UNRRA since their service with us is considered essential training for their future UNRRA assignments and we will pay their living and travel expenses from time they enter our service. They will be kept available for UNRRA and will be released on two week's notice. UNRRA will arrange their travel to Paris and we expect them to arrive there shortly. Glassberg is already in France. Have also arranged for temporary release to us of Jacob Trobe who will be sent to assist Passman in the Balkan area with the understanding that he may send reports on situation.
-2-%278, Ninth from London

situation directly to UNRRA. This not to be considered as substitution for Fishzohn but as additional assistant to Passman who agrees. Trobe now arranging his visas and we look forward to his early departure. Please advise status Fishzohn's departure since it urgently important he proceed Istanbul soonest.

WINANT

JT
January 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of January 6, 1945:

"JLC 1/6. Readon Resnik, Rome, advises Hicina arranged with various Belassem committees to conduct location service and secure personal and migration plan data from refugees. Resnik arranged with Belassem for forwarding this material through our office here. Our understanding all information secured, whether pursuant Hicen's or our request, proceeds central location index. View inevitable multiplication effect Italy, Lisbon, New York connection processing information please advise how we should proceed. For your information Hicen has guaranteed Belassem certain administration expenses this connection through June 1945 and arranging reimburse us New York or Italy for same advanced for this purpose."

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,
Secretary of State
Washington
33, Sixth
FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL
URB 287, JDC 148
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NORWEB

HJF
January 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of January 6, 1945:

"JDC 1/6. Resnik recommends emergency appropriation $10,000 behalf 300 refugees Tirana, Albania, who require immediate assistance according advice given Resnik through AFHQ political adviser. Resnik forwarding details earliest. Resnik advises $6,000 spent to date out of $10,000 remitted for Yugoslavs and renewing efforts evacuate portion this group."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington.

35, Sixth.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILFEL
URB 288. JDC 148.

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NORWEB
January 6, 1945

Mr. Lewitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Blumenthal was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 5, 1945:

"Before leaving another you have already discussed with him project of immigration service has status this project. Section 4 of outline is the entire matter with Gottschalk upon which I am here and I would appreciate information as to Gottschalk's reaction. If you have not already done so important you agree to him prior his departure. Would appreciate knowing what amounts you have transmitted to Salz Mayer December January. Please reply Paris."

"After discussions Jewish Colonization Association agrees in principle participate in Palestine housing scheme but does not want its money invested in French property to be utilized on revolving fund for housing. Passman and Singer agree that project could be worked out in satisfactory manner to safeguard less investments as well as our own. Central British fund is launching its appeal for one million pounds this month and has raised in the neighborhood of 750 thousand pounds until date we have no indication of amount their appeal. They do not expect any definite commitments regarding Palestine housing although project has been received sympathetically and believe participation will be forthcoming."

"Essays on discussions Passman regarding clothing requirements for clothing requirements in Eastern countries cannot urge too strongly your undertaking immediate drive for used clothing on country wise basis."

"Rash and also we set up to explore all possible shipping facilities to Tehran and to other points as will be designated by us. While we aware shipping facilities not available for large quantities our best information that possibilities do exist for occasional small lots need for clothing so great and prices so high that shipments of second hand clothing will constitute tremendous saving rendering most important service possibilities procure cloth-"
In the circumstances your points very limited, therefore this would constitute major source supplies."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. J. A. Lentz, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

February 16/45
SECRETARY OF STATE
Washington
177, Fifth
FOR PEHEL ERC. LAPP

The following messages are for Louis Leavitt from Joseph Schwartz:

"Please advise whether you have already discussed with Miss proposed joint migration service and status this project. Montefiore anxious discuss entire matter with Gottschalk upon his arrival here and I would appreciate information as to Gottschalk's reaction. If you have not already done so important you speak to him prior his departure. Would appreciate knowing what amounts you have transmitted to Saly Kher December January. Please reply to Paris."

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"Basis my discussions Pashman regarding clothing requirements Balkans and liberated Poland also basis requirements in western countries cannot urge too strongly your undertaking immediate drive for used clothing on county wide basis.

Machinery should also be set up to explore and utilize all possible shipping facilities to Tehran and to such other points as will be designated by us. While we aware shipping facilities not available for large quantities our best information that possibilities do exist for occasional small lots need for clothing so great and prices so high that shipments of second hand clothing will constitute tremendous saving rendering most important service possibilities procure clothing Palestine other points very limited therefore this would constitute major source supplies."

WINANT

HTM
The cable below is WRB 124. 

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwarts, care of Robert Pilpel, from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE After careful consideration your budgetary request for first quarter Committee felt necessary budget only first two months since one month would not give you sufficient latitude and three months was too much under present conditions. Committee estimated maximum income for 1945 at 24,000,000 which very optimistic. On this basis question arose whether advisable budget large sums first quarter with inevitable necessity make drastic reductions later in year. Committee felt this must be presented to you for your consideration. If urgently required Committee prepared to approve following items monthly in thousands for January, February: Portugal 37, Spain 80, Tangiers 17, France 150 plus onetime grant Consistoire 100, Belgium 50 plus onetime grant 200, Greece 75, liberated Italy 30, North Africa 15, Sweden 1 plus Hachsharah first half 3 1/2, liberated Poland 150, Turkey 10, emigration 50, through Switzerland one thousand, non-liberated Poland 100, parcels service Teheran 50, in addition

DECLASSIFIED State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73 in addition

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
-2-  #12, January 3, 6 p.m. to Lisbon

In addition, Magne making commitments $100 for shoes other supplies, purchaseable Palestine making total two months $4,743,500 which includes following monthly grants: South America 40, cultural 50, administration 50, miscellaneous 25. We realize many emergency situations will necessitate extraordinary onetime grants for which no provision in above budget. We must therefore leave your judgment what reductions possible in above monthly amounts for January February order provide for such emergency situations first two months. Also please cable soonest what reductions you can make after February in order bring us within income possibilities for 1946. We hope participation of countries like England South Africa South America Australia will be much more substantial in 1946 to supplement what JDC can do and result in meeting more adequately our requirements. UNQUOTE.

STEETHHUS
(MLV)

WRB:MHV:KG  WE GPW
1/2/46
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwartz, care of Robert Pilpel, from W. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION YOUR BUDGETARY REQUEST FIRST QUARTER COMMITTEE FELT NECESSARY BUDGET ONLY FIRST TWO MONTHS SINCE ONE MONTH WOULD NOT GIVE YOU SUFFICIENT LATITUDE AND THREE MONTHS WAS TOO MUCH UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. COMMITTEE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM INCOME FOR 1945 AT $24,000,000 WHICH VERY OPTIMISTIC. ON THIS BASIS QUESTION AROSE WHETHER ADVISABLE BUDGET LARGE SUMS FIRST QUARTER WITH INEVITABLE NECESSITY MAKE ELASTIC REDUCTIONS LATER IN YEAR. COMMITTEE FELT THIS MUST BE PRESENTED TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IF URGENTLY REQUIRED COMMITTEE PREPARED TO APPROVE FOLLOWING ITEMS MONTHLY IN THOUSANDS FOR JANUARY FEBRUARY:

PORTUGAL 37, EGYPT 80, TANGIER 17, FRANCE 250 PLUS ONETIME GRANT CONSIGLIORE 100, BELGIUM 50 PLUS ONETIME GRANT 200, GREECE 75, LIBERATED ITALY 30, NORTH AFRICA 15, SWEDEN 1 PAMPACHSHARA FIRST HALF 3 1/2, LIBERATED POLAND 150, TURKEY 10, PARIS 50, THROUGH SWITZERLAND ONE THOUSAND, NON-LIBERATED POLAND 100, PARCELS SERVICE TEHERAN 50, IN ADDITION HANES MAKING COMMITMENTS 300 FOR SHOES OTHER SUPPLIES PURCHASE ABLY PALESTINE MAKING TOTAL TWO MONTHS $4,743,500 WHICH INCLUDES FOLLOWING MONTHLY GRANTS: SOUTH AMERICA 40, CULTURAL 30, ADMINISTRATION 60, MISCELLANEOUS 25. WE REALIZE MANY EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WILL NECESSITATE EXTRAORDINARY ONETIME GRANTS WHICH NO PROVISION IN ABOVE BUDGET. WE MUST THEREFORE LEAVE YOUR JUDGMENT WHAT REDUCTIONS POSSIBLE IN ABOVE MONTHLY AMOUNTS FOR JANUARY FEBRUARY ORDER PROVIDE FOR SUCH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS FIRST TWO MONTHS. ALSO PLEASE CABLE SOONER WHAT REDUCTIONS YOU CAN MAKE AFTER FEBRUARY IN ORDER BRING US WITHIN INCOME POSSIBILITIES FOR 1945. WE HOPF PARTICIPATION OF COUNTRIES LIKE ENGLAND SOUTH AFRICA SOUTH AMERICA AUSTRALIA WILL BE MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL IN 1945 TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT JDC CAN DO AND RESULT IN MEETING MORE ADEQUATELY OUR REQUIREMENTS.

UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBB LISBON CABLE NO. 124.

[Handwritten note:]
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Model, McCormack, Files.
10th A.M.
January 1, 1945

Rdrury 12/30/44

[Signature]

[Handwritten number:]
300556
January 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 3, 1945:

"Request the Chase Bank in New York to cable Chase Bank in Paris instructing that Arthur Greenleigh, Joseph Schwartz, Jules Jefroykin, Laura Margolis and Maurice Brenner have authority to sign checks on account American Joint Distribution Committee. They are to honor signatures of any two of the above."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

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

Rbrury 1/6/45
MS-1772

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

SECRET

Secretary of State,
Washington,

24, January 3, 3 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGE BOARD FROM HOFFMAN.

The following message is to Kosse Leavitt from Joseph Schwartz (Charge Joint Distribution Committee New York).

Please ask Chase Bank New York inform Chase Bank Paris by cable that Joseph Schwartz, Arthur Greenleigh, Jules Jefroykin, Maurice Brener and Laura Margolis are authorized to sign cheques on account American Joint Distribution Committee. Any two of above signatures are to be honored.

CAPPERY

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January 5, 1945

Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of January 11, 1945:

"J.C. L.S. Dr. Joseph Scherta, Rennik
Sympathetic report of U.N.R.R.A Yugoslav Mission to be temporarily assigned to our staff of five members of the British Jewish Relief Unit."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committe,
570 Madison Avenue,

February 15/45
With approval Joseph Schwartz, Resnick authorized receipt of UNRRA Yugoslav Mission to make temporary assignment to our staff of five members of the British Jewish Relief unit.

NOR 15-4682

WTD
January 5, 1945

Dear Mr. Levieth:

The following message for, on from Robert Piljac, was received through the American Legation in Lisbon on date of January 5, 1945:

"Note: We consider our 87,000 Palestine claim deposited 37,000 lei (disturbed June 1, 1943) rate unfixed.

Ligman: Sternberg Palestine claim deposited 5,000,000 lei (bought at April 3, 1943), rate 250 lei of 1,000,000 rate urgent request payment of 250 lei. The claim is an estimate, Goldstein and Casier has Palestine claim joint deposit 55,000 and 75,000 but only larger than the confirmed "10,000. Casier Goldstein request repayment Palestine and not Kalmist Brooklyn."

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. F. Levy, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
75 Madison Avenue,

Riv. 1/5/45
PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated January 3, 1946
Rec'd 9:33 a.m., 4th

Secretary of State
Washington

17, Third.

WRB 284, JDC 145. FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

Further our 87. Wish advise Fred Saraga now
Palestine claims deposited 870,000 lei Bucharest
June, 30, 1944, rate unfixed. Siegmund Sternberg
Palestine claims deposited 5,200,000 lei Bucharest
April 3, 1944, rate 1300 or 1350. Both urgently
request repayment but we thus far without confirmation.
Goldstein and Cukier now Palestine still claim joint
deposits $35,000 and $23,000 but Saly Mayer thus far
confirmed only $35,000. Cukier Goldstein request
repayment Palestine and not Kalmust Brooklyn.

NORWEB

WSB
January 3, 1966

Dear Mr. Lewitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schorta was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of December 31, 1965:

"Please send to Arthur Greenspan by airmail complete materials with regard to your central location request; include registration and also instructions which were issued to agencies participating."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. H. Lewitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

Drury 1/3/65
Secretary of State,
Washington.

1150
FOR WRB FROM HOFFMAN, FOR LEAVITT FROM SCHWARTZ.
CHARGE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK.

Please forward to Arthur Greenleigh via airmail all materials in connection with your central location bureau. Including registration card and instructions issued to participating agencies.

CAPPERY

JMS #

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By H. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
January 3, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of December 30, 1944:

"After arrival here have been talking with Arthur Greenleigh in preparation for his taking charge. Next few days expect to depart for London to confer with Perlman. Most important that he return to the Middle East immediately.

"As hoping you have had success in securing permission for his entry into Bucharest. It is most urgent that more American personnel be sent to France to work since the situation is very complicated; also for eventual reassignment to neighboring countries. Besides Laura Margolis, it is suggested you send three other staff members at least, including Max Perlman. There should be capable persons. We are trying to facilitate entry here of Laura Margolis. It is most important also that we send to assist only Mayer a competent American; Mayer has been overburdened with many responsibilities and duties which he cannot be expected to carry alone any longer. We will endeavor to facilitate transit France and Mayer will make arrangements for Swiss visa. I plan to remain in London for one week and will then come back here to finish organizational setup."

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J.W. Poole

J. W. Poole
Executive Director

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

FEBRUARY 1/3/45
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Secretary of State, 

Washington, 

1302, December 30, 1944

FOR: RT FROM HOFFMAN TO LLOYD AVITT FROM

Secretaries, ARTHUR JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK

arrived here and have been conferring Arthur Greenleigh preliminary his taking over. Expect leave for London next days confer (asman whose immediate return to Middle East most important.

Hope you have succeeded obtaining permission on his entry Bucharest, most urgent additional American personnel be sent France for work here where situation most complicated and also for reassignment eventually to other neighboring countries. In addition to Laura Largulis (repeat Largulis), whose entry here we undertake facilitate, suggest you send at least three other capable staff members including Max Perlman. Also extremely important we send a competent American to assist Sally (Sly) Meyer (repeat Mayer) Switzerland been overtaxed with many duties and

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72 responsibilities
By H. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
-2-1132, December 30, Noon, from Paris

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carry alone. layer will arrange Swiss visa and we
will try facilitate French transit. Expect remain
in London one week and then return here to complete
organizational setup.

CAPPERY

TSB
January 1, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 28, 1944:

"UNHRA Yugoslav Mission offered Reznik five members British Jewish not on temporary basis. On Reznik's recommendation have authorized him accept their services.

"For your information OSE expects send medical mission to Yugoslavia soon through Yugoslav Red Cross and we trying arrange have one of our representatives possibly from France accompany unit.

"Please advise status Israel Jacobson and Arthur Fitzohn.

"Spoke to Laura Margolis and authorized her pay for 10,000 food parcels for December even though relations with Congress group still complicated which hopefully will be satisfactorily settled shortly. Please expedite validation her passport for France and Belgium.

"Please make no further remittances to France until you hear from us. We have shipped to France from here during December 150,000 cans condensed milk part sugared part unsugared at cost 180,000 Swiss francs. We are now purchasing through Interocross commodities for France for $60,000 of which one-half for food balance for children's clothing; and for Belgium $35,000."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
RDrury 1/1/45
Secretary of State,
Washington.

8387, Twenty-eighth
FOR THE FROM MCCFELND.

Kindly deliver to Leavitt JDC following message from
Schwartz:

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HUDDLE

IMS
December 30, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 27, 1944:

"JDC 142. Resnik received one million liros for Yugoslav relief. Salo Mayer received $400,000."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
Secretory of State
Washington

4297, Twenty-seventh

JDC 142 280 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

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relief Salo Mayer received 400,000.

HORWEB
December 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 21, 1944:

"Minimum of $1,000,000 will be required by Sal Mayer for January for Switzerland budget and surrounding territories and for Intercross work. From Budapest have just received via Intercross urgent request for additional aid for about 75,000 persons still there, mainly children and sick and aged people. Have also received urgent call from Slovakia where there are only approximately 700 Jews remaining in camps, balance being in hiding number unknown.

"Immediate action is also required for relief programs for other territories. Please make all efforts therefore to transmit during early days January full amount."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. J. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington

6241, December 20, 6 p.m.

For WRB from McCLELLAND for LEVITT of JDC from

Schwarz

"For January Sely Meyer will require minimum
$1,000,000 for budget Switzerland and surrounding
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Relief programs other territories also require
immediate action, therefore please make every effort
transmit full amount early days January".

FROM McCLELLAND FOR WRB: I have renewed offer
to Meyer and Schwartz of 200,000 Swiss francs from
WRB funds here if quick cash is needed particularly
for Slovakia and Vienna. 3885.

MUDDLE
December 26, 1944

Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 20, 1944:

"With Interross and Mixed Commission we have discussed purchase and transport of commodities here for Belgium, France and Holland eventually. Advised by committee possibly purchase some quantities of cheese and milk for delivery immediately and blankets and clothing for delivery at end of January or early in February. Out of appropriation which you made for France supplies we permitting expenditures here amounting to $50,000 and it is suggested that you appropriate a further $50,000 to be expended here for purchases of supplies for Belgium. Also Interross is forwarding for us monthly some 12,000 packages to Theresienstadt and to Bergenbelsen 5,000. We are endeavoring to increase these quantities, also to extend to other camps this service. Additionally Interross is forwarding bulk shipments of supplies to Yugoslavia, Poland and Birkenau camp, also Theresienstadt. Thus far this year we have expended through Interross $1,200,000 Swiss francs for all these purposes and for medical supplies to Poland especially. This amount does not include expenditures in Lisbon, Istanbul and other places."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. W. Pohle

Executive Director

Mr. U. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
EDW-112
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Secretary of State, For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

8233, December 20, noon.

FOR WRB FROM McCLELLAND.

Kindly deliver following message from Schwartz to Leavitt of JDC: "We have discussed with Intercross and Commission MIX the purchase and transport commodities here for France, Belgium and eventually Holland. Committee advises possibly buy some quantities milk and cheese for immediate delivery and clothing and blankets for delivery end January early February. We authorizing expenditures here of $50,000 out of appropriation you made for supplies France and suggest you appropriate additional $50,000 to be spent here for purchases for Belgium. Intercross also sending for us some 12,000 parcels monthly to the Resienstadt and 5,000 to Bergenbelsen. We trying increase these quantities and also extend service to other camps. In addition Intercross sending bulk shipments to Poland, Yugoslavia and camp of Birkenau as well as the Resienstadt. For all these purposes and for medical supplies especially to Poland we have spent thus far this year 1,200,000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

Bern

Dated December 20, 1944

Rec'd 10:47 a.m. 621st

Dept

DEPARTMENT OF

STATE
-2- #8233, December 20, noon, from Bern.

1,200,000 Swiss francs through Intercross. This does not include amounts spent in Lisbon, Istanbul and other places."

HUDGE

WSB
December 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 20, 1944:

"With one time emergency grant as set out your cable to London I agree fully. Already have requested that you send 2,000,000 to Salz Mayer on account this grant. Also we are in agreement Passman be authorized buy 20,000 pairs of shoes for Bulaga, however believe that expenditure for this purpose should not be charged against appropriations which are already made.

"Following for your information. Through Intercross Salz Mayer has established a 4,000,000 Swiss franc credit for Filderman's use in Romania. 2,200,000 of this credit already has been utilized since October, which yielded about 1 billion 400 million lei. Filderman budgetary request amounts to 35,000 monthly. Word just received from him advising all refugee relief activities as well as relief for local population is being financed with our funds exclusively and from World Congress or other private agencies not one dollar has been received. Also the organization of Emergency Assistance to Transylvania and for Hungarian refugees was undertaken (*), once also.

"Regret very much that Passman went to London instead of proceeding immediately to Bucharest. It will be necessary under circumstances for me to get back to London so that I can confer with him. My plans at present are to go back to Paris and Brussels and I hope to arrive in London around January 10. You will be kept advised."

(* apparent omission.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

RDury 12/26/44
Secretary of State,
Washington,

8238, December 20, 3 p.m.

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

SCHWARTZ

"Fully agree your cable to London. Have already asked you transmit to Saly Mayer $400,000 on account this grant. We agree also Passman be authorized purchase 20,000 pairs of shoes for use in Balkans but believe expenditure should not be charged against appropriations already made.

For your information Saly Mayer has established a credit of 4 million swiss francs through Intercross for use of Filderman in Rumania. Since October 2,200,000 of this credit have already been utilized yielding approximately 1 billion 4 hundred million lei. Budgetary request of Filderman amounts 965,000 monthly. Have just received word from him stating that all refugee relief work as well as relief local population being financed exclusively with our funds
2-9238, December 20, 3 p.m. from Bern:

and that not one dollar has been received from World Congress or other private organization. Also the organization of Emergency Assistance to Transylvania and for Hungarian refugees was undertaken (§) omits also.

Request exceedingly that Passman did not proceed immediately to Bucharest but went to London instead. Under circumstances I will have to get back to London in order to confer with him. At present time my plans are return to Paris and Brussels hoping reach London about January 10. Will keep you advised.

HUDDLE

J.M.S

(§) apparent omission
December 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 20, 1944:

"To Jewish Community Bulgaria we have made available a credit of 150,000 and this has at present been utilized almost fully, yielding about 20,000,000 levas. Community is now requesting urgently further credit as many are in want and diphtheria, malaria and typhus are prevalent. Also they are requesting a shipment of medical supplies and clothing and this we have referred to Intercross; Intercross is studying the situation.

With regard to transport from here outlook is most unfavorable. Through Magne will inquire whether medical supplies can be shipped from Palestine.

Concerning northern Italy, during last five months 20,000,000 lire has been made available by us. However must advise you reports at present indicate all Jews in camps have been deported largely, with exception of approximately 70 in one camp and prison. In northern Italy all other Jews are in hiding, numbers being unknown. An additional credit has been made available by us for aid as and when possible.

In Croatia relief at the rate of 20,000 Swiss francs monthly, which yields now 50,000,000 kunes, has been supplied by us. Additionally, through Intercross we have been dispatching food and clothing for internees. In Croatia there are in camps 1200 Jews and 800 are at large.

New Intercross delegate in Slovakia authorized credits in sufficient amounts to care for Jews remaining there in camps or in hiding in unknown numbers."

Very truly yours,

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

(Signed) W. Pehle, Executive Director.

RDrury 12/26/44
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELAND.

Please deliver to Leavitt of JDC following message from Schwartz: "We have made available to Jewish Community Bulgaria credit of $50,000 which has now been almost fully utilized yielding approximately 20 million levas. At present time community urgently requesting additional credit since many in need and typhus, diphtheria and malaria prevalent. They also asking for shipment medical supplies and clothing which we have referred to Intercross who studying situation. Outlook for transport from here most unfavorable. Will inquire through Magness whether medical supplies can be sent from Palestine.

Regarding northern Italy, we have made available 20 million lire during past five months. Must advise, however, present reports indicate all Jews in camps have been largely deported except about 70 in one camp and prison."
-2-#8240, December 20, 5 p.m., from Bern.

and prison. All other Jews of northern Italy are in
hiding numbers unknown. We have made additional credit
available for help when and as possible.

In Croatia where 1200 Jews are in camps and 800 at
large, we have been supplying relief at rate of 20,000
Swiss francs monthly yielding now 50 million kunas.
In addition, we have been sending through Intercross
food and clothing for internees.

In Slovakia new Intercross delegate authorized
credits sufficient look after Jews still there either
in camps or hiding exact numbers being unknown". 6665.

HUDDLE

WMH
December 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpol was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 26, 1944:

"JDC is fully informed of the Yugoslav Red Cross providing food parcels, other assistance to approximately 1,200 Topusko and 1,400 Split and community kitchen established Topusko. All foregoing basis funds we supplying Resnik; hopeful arrange emigration for 600 of whom 400 Yugoslavians non-military age, 100 non-Yugoslavians and 100 children."

Very truly yours,

[signed] J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. H. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

4287, Twenty-sixth
WRB 279, JDC 141.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

Yugoslav Red Cross providing food parcels, other assistance to approximately 1,200 Topusko and 140 Split and community kitchen established Topusko. All foregoing basis funds we supplying Resnik; hopeful arrange emigration for 600 of whom 400 Yugoslavians non-military age, 100 non-Yugoslavians and 100 children.

NORWEB

JT
The cable below for McClelland is WRB 333.

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

QUOTE Plait reporting for duty December 26 and after three to four weeks will be ready leave. Please advise country his assignment in order request necessary validations his passport. Linder planning depart mid January also expect Fishohn depart for Turkey sometime. We requesting French visa for Margolis. If Passman left Cairo for London we all feel most important he come here for short visit for consultation and clarification basis our work Near East provided Magnee agrees since we assume you wish spend longer time Switzerland and France and useless Passman waiting London for your return. What are your views. We asked Sonnertstein have your Russian visa sent to Soviet Embassy London but we have no confirmation that this done. Passman advises he purchased 4,000,000 supplies

John H. Parks Date: SEP 8 1972
-2- #4346, December 26, 9 p.m., to Bern

Teheran to be used for parcel service also bulk shipment to Poland. He expects participation of Teheran and from South African Jewish appeal. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(C.L.)
CABLE TO HUDDLE, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR RELIEF BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz from

M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE: PLANT REPORTING FOR DUTY DECEMBER 26 AND AFTER THREE TO FOUR WEEKS WILL BE READY TO LEAVE. PLEASE ADVISE COUNTRY HIS ASSIGNMENT IN ORDER REQUEST NECESSARY VALIDATIONS HIS PASSPORT. LINDER PLANNING DEPART MID JANUARY ALSO EXPECT FISHER DEPARTURE FOR TURKEY SAME TIME. WE REQUESTING FRENCH VISA FOR MAROULIS. IF PASSMAN LEFT CAIRO FOR LONDON WE ALL FEEL MOST IMPORTANT HE COME HERE FOR SHORT VISIT FOR CONSULTATION AND CLARIFICATION HOURS BECAUSE OUR WORK NEAR EAST PROVIDED MEMBERS AMONGS SINCE WE ASSUME YOU MAY WISH SPEND LONGER TIME IN SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE AND USELESS PASSMAN WAITING LONDON FOR YOUR RETURN. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS. WE ASK SCHEMINSKY HAVE YOUR RUSSIAN VISA SENT TO SOVIET EMBASSY LONDON BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT THE DO. PASSMAN ADVISED HIS PURCHASED $460,000 SUPPLIES TURKISH TO BE USED FOR PARCEL SERVICE ALSO BULK SHIPMENT TO POLAND. HE EXPECTS PARTICIPATION FIELDS TURKISH AND FROM SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH APPEAL. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 333.

2:30 p.m.,
December 21, 1944

Miss Chauncey for the Secy Abrahamson, Ackerman, Cohn, Dubois, Hodel, Mannon, McCormack, Files

Copy 12/21/44

Phthd 12/21/44 -
Cable to Joseph Schwartz, Switzerland, through WRB

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PROVIDED MAGNES AGREED, SINCE WE ASSUME YOU, MAY WISH SPEND LONGER TIME SWITZERLAND AND WESTERN FRANCE WILLING FRENCH FOR YOUR RETURN AND FRANCE, WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS. WE ASKED SOMMERSTEIN HAVE YOUR RUSSIAN VISA SENT TO SOVIET EMBASSY LONDON BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT THIS DONE.

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LEAVITT
J D C
The cable below is VRB 122.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Robert Filpel from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"QUOTE Remitted $55,000 Salo Nafger December grant to Shanghai. Remitted $400,000 Salo Nafger. UNQUOTE"

STETTINIUS

VRB:22518
12/22/44
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REPUBLIC BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Robert Pilpel from
M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"QUOTE EMITTED $25,000 SALT MAYER GROUP SHANNON.
EMITTED $400,000 SALT MAYER. UNQUOTE"

THIS IS WBB LISBON CABLE NO. 122.

10:00 a.m.
December 19, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Soc'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Mannon, McCormack, Fitzs

EDrury 12/18/44
From: Secretary of State, Washington
To: American Consul, Jerusalem
Dated: December 22, 1944
Number: 214

From War Refugee Board.
Please deliver following message to Judah Magnes from
M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We cabled Passman care of American Legation Cairo
as follows: INNERQUOTE Schwartz just left Paris for
Switzerland where expects spend several weeks and there-
after he plans return Paris for stay and possible flying
visit Belgium before returning London which may therefore
be from six to eight weeks from today. In view above
question whether advisable you go London to await Schwartz’s
return since we pressing continuously your entrance
Rumania and expect to get clearance any day. Glad advise
you IOA Board approves leave of absence for you to end
June 1945. END INNERQUOTE. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS

DECCLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By H. H. Parks Date SEP. 8 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Judah Magnes from M. A. Leavitt
of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTED: WE CABLED PASSMAN CAIRN OF AMERICAN LEGATION CAIRO
AS FOLLOWS: IMMEDIATELY SCHWARTZ JUST LEFT PARIS FOR
SWITZERLAND WHERE EXPATRIOS SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS AND THEREAFTER
HE PLANS RETURN PARIS FOR STAY AND POSSIBLE FUTURE VISIT RELATION
BEFORE RETURNING LONDON WHICH MAY THEREFORE BE FROM SIX TO
IGHT WEEKS FROM TODAY. IN VERY ABOVE QUESTION WHETHER ADVISABLE
YOU GO LONDON TO AVOID SCHWARTZ'S RETURN SINCE WE PERSUADING CO-
FIDENTLY YOUR ENTRANCE ROMANIA AND EXPECT TO GIVE CLEARANCE ANY
DAY. GLAD ADVISE YOU ICA BOARD APPROVES LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR
YOU TO END JUNE 1945. END IMMEDIATELY. QUOTED

10:00 a.m.
December 19, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackerman, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman,
Hodel, Mannan, McCormack, Files
February 12/19/44
Bern
4315
The cable below for McClelland is URB 531.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Joseph
Schwartz, c/o Sal Mayer, St. Gall, from M. A. Leavitt of American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Received following from Magness, Simon Jerusalem:
INNERQUOTE Despite rejections our proposal we advising Charles
Passman Jerusalem fly London now for thorough final endeavor
clarify needs of situation. We urge you and Joseph Schwartz
London make every effort meet our views for sake increasing joint
effectiveness. Without more substantial authority we cannot carry
moral responsibilities which grave emergencies are placing increas-
ingly upon us as joint representatives whatever Committee’s offi-
cial title may be. We awaiting results Charles Passman’s Jerusalem
meeting Joseph Schwartz London with anxiety. END INNERQUOTE We
have not yet replied Magness. UNQUOTE

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(GLW)
Kong 1012425
12/22/44
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MS CLAYLAND, FROM WAR REFUEREE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwarts, c/o Sally Mayer, St. Gall, from M. A. Lowitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE RECEIVED FOLLOWING FROM MASHERS, SIMON JERUSALEM:

"INTERROGUE DESIRES REJECTION OF PROPOSAL WE ADVISING CHARLES PASSMAN JERUSALEM FLY LONDON NOW FOR THOROUGH FORMAL EXAMINATION CLARIFY NEEDS OF SITUATION. WE URGEO YOU AND JOSEPH SCHWARTS LONDON MAKE EVERY EFFORTS ENSURE OUR VIEWS FOR RAPID INCREASING JOINT EFFECTIVENESS. WITHOUT MORE SUBSTANTIAL AUTHORITY WE CANNOT CARRY MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH GREAT EMERGENCIES ARE PLACING INCREASINGLY UPON US AS JOINT REPRESENTATIVES. WHETHER COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL TITLE MAY BE, WE ANXIETY RESULTS CHARLES PASSMAN'S JERUSALEM MEETING JOSEPH SCHWARTS LONDON WITH ANYWAY. WE INTERROGUE WE HAVE NOT YET EXPLAINED KHANES. UNQUOTE"

THIS IS BERN CABLE NO. 331.

10:00 a.m.,
December 19, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Hannon, McCormack, Fidus
December 22, 1944

Dear M. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of December 21, 1944:

"In awaiting return of Dr. Schwartz from Switzerland, please send official mail to me through pouch new address for personal mail care of American Embassy APO 287. Please advise my family."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
Secretary of State,
Washington.

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FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK FROM ARTHUR GREENLEIGHT:

Am awaiting return of Dr. Schwartz from Switzerland; please send official mail to me through pouch new address for personal mail care of Amembassy APO 887. Please advise my family.

CAFFERY

WTD
December 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Loavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 21, 1944:

*Following account received from Valobra covering dollar claims during period from March 1941 to February 1942: Fritz Bieler 5,030; Rikard Gryzon 10,030; Mina Hechter 17,500; Manuel Romanin 5,400; Albert Levy 2,500; Georges (*) 11,000; E. Emile Offenbecher 600; Clemente Hassen 5,030; Moritz Mayer 8,750; Manuel Goldstraj 4,500; Hella Strickler 1,020; Hermani Troccoli 14,000; total amount $83,000.

*Excepting Moritz Mayer, all of these persons are reported to be in the United States. Additionally, Delaeem borrowed funds during a subsequent period on our credit however Valobra does not have amounts and names here but we are assured by him that records will be made available eventually as they are intact.*

(*) apparent omission.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Loavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

RDrury 12/28/44
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Secretary of State
Washington

8253, December 21, 4 p.m.

FOR WRB FRO HOOVELAND

P#ASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HAVITT OF JDC FROM SCHLITZ.

"Have received from Valobra following account of dollar claims for period March 1941 to February 1942:

Rikard Ghyron 10,000; Fritz Bieler 5,000; Mina Hechter 17,500; Albert Levy 2,500; Manuel Romanin Jacob 2,500; Georges (e) 11,000; Clemente Hassen 5,630; Emil Offenbacher 600; Manuel Goldstraj 4,500; Moritz Mayer 8,750; Hella Strickler 1,020; Hermann Troccoli 14,000; total $83,000.

All these people except Moritz Mayer are said to be in U.S. In addition funds were borrowed by Delasem on our credit during subsequent period but Valobra does not have names and amounts here, although he assures us that records are intact and will eventually be available." 4385.

JT

(?) Apparent Omission

HUDDLE

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972
FROM: AMERICAN LEGATION, CAIRO
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 30, 1944
NUMBER: 3814

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See 3633 from the Department of the fifteenth of December.

We request that you verify name and address as message was returned to Legation addresser unknown.

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

DEC. 11, 1944

Shakly

Called off
Dec. 11, 1944

The enclosed document is approved for your use and for transmission.
December 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Judah Magnes was received through the American Consulate in Jerusalem under date of December 19, 1944:

"In reply your telegram dated the 16th, estimated aggregate debt $283,000 as follows: rail Istanbul to Turkish border and maintenance Istanbul $173,000; rail Turkish border to Palestine $110,000. Data for sea transportation can only be furnished by Istanbul. Out of four vessels only YOLISH has arrived, total passengers 906, ours December 2. In above estimate of $283,000 their land transportation and maintenance is included. No additional boat arrivals are expected during December."

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,
The following message from Doctor Judah Magnes who requests that a paraphrase thereof be delivered to A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Relief Fund Yishuv Board.

"Replying to your telegram of 16th estimated total debt $283,000 as follows: Maintenance Istanbul and rail to Turkish border $173,000; rail Turkish border to Palestine $110,000. Only Istanbul can furnish data sea transportation. Only TOROS has arrived out of four boats ours December 2 total passengers 906. Their maintenance and land transportation included in above estimate of $283,000. During December no further boat arrivals expected."

PINKERTON

MRM
December 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 18, 1944:

"JLC liji. With further reference our 138 instead of remittance 750 Schwartz asks for Switzerland million monthly.

"For areas Poland not liberated please add 200 monthly."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
DSH-1289
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Lisbon
Dated December 18, 1944
Rec'd 6:17 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

4236, December 19, 5 p.m.

WRB 277, JDC 139 FOR AZLITT FROM PILPEL

Schwartz asks for million monthly Switzerland
instead of remittance 750. Further in reference
our 138.

Please make addition of 200 monthly for
unliberated Poland.

NORWEB

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

CAIRO
3666 X

The cable below is through War Refuge Board.

Reference our 3461 of November 29 and your 3666 of December 5, please deliver paraphrase of following message
to Ovadia Salem, Societe d'Avances, 91 Sharia El Malika
Farida, Cairo, from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Grateful your and Baron Georges Menasse cable
which we relayed to Joseph Schwartz in London for immediate
action. You will hear from him soonest. We anxious be of
utmost help this emergency. Happy know Egyptian Jews pre-
pared participate. UNQUOTE

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(GHW)

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1944
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, CAIRO, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD.

Reference our 3461 of November 29 and your 3666 of December 5,
please deliver following message to Ovadia Salen, Societe d'Avances,
El Charia El Hailia Farida, Cairo, from R. A. Leavitt of American Jewish
Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE, GRATEFUL YOUR وأن رأسن GEORGE HERASNE CABLE WHICH
WE RELAY TO JOSEPH SCHMITZ IN LONDON FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.
YOU WILL HEAR FROM HIM SOONEST. WE ANXIOUS BE OF UTMOST
HELP THIS EMERGENCY, HAPPY AMB EGYPTIAN JEW PREPARED
PARTICIPATE, UNQUOTE.

11:45 P.M.
December 13, 1944

Comment 12/13/44

February 12 12 44
The following message is from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee through War Refugee Board.

QUOTE If possible kindly cable before December 18 total estimated amounts we still owe for ocean, rail transportation to Istanbul, maintenance Istanbul, rail costs Istanbul to Palestine together with estimated total requirements remainder this year in addition to 200,000 pounds for sea transportation for 2200 migrants your December 2. UNQUOTE

Please deliver paraphrase to Judah Magnes.

STATTIUS

(GHW)
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Judah Magnes from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE PLEASE CABLE IF POSSIBLE BEFORE DECEMBER 18 TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM US FOR SEA, RAIL TRANSPORTATION TO ISTANBUL, MAINTENANCE ISTANBUL, RAIL TRANSPORTATION ISTANBUL TO PALESTINE ALSO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED TOTAL REQUIREMENTS REMAINDER THIS YEAR OVER AND ABOVE 200,000 POUNDS YOUR DECEMBER 2 FOR SEA TRANSPORTATION FOR 3350 MIGRANTS. UNQUOTE

10:20 a.m.
December 29, 1944

RDury 12/12/44
The cable below for McClelland is WRB 328.

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

QUOTE We remitting next days $250,000 for relief needs France for December and $200,000 for loan Kassa. We cabled Fassman Cairo not (repeat not) to proceed London since you may not return London for several months and we still expecting daily clearance his entry Rumania. We hope our message reached him Cairo before his departure. Can you send us names 1355 Hungarian Jews just arrived Switzerland? We all pleased with attendance and spirit our annual meeting.

UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO HUDDLE, BERN, FOR MCCALLAND FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz from

M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE WE REMITTING NEXT DAYS $250,000 FOR RELIEF NEEDS FRANCE FOR DECEMBER AND $200,000 FOR LOAN KASSA STOP WE CABLED PASSMAN CAIRO NOT (REPEAT NOT) TO PROCEE LD LONDON SINCE YOU MAY NOT RETURN LONDON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND WE STILL EXPECTING DAILY CLEARANCE HIS ENTRY HUENANIA STOP WE HOPE YOUR MESSAGE REACHED HIM CAIRO BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE STOP CAN YOU SEND US NAMES 1355 HUNGARIAN JEW JUST ARRIVED SWITZERLAND STOP WE ALL PLEASED WITH ATTENDANCE AND SPIRIT OUR ANNUAL MEETING UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBB IRUN CABLE NO. 325.

4:15 p.m.
December 13, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohr, Dubois, Friedman, Hodel, Hannon, McCormack, Files.

Hand 12/13/44
Cairo
3633

The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

Please deliver following message to Charles Passman from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"QUOTE Schwartz just left Paris for Switzerland where he expects to spend several weeks and thereafter he plans to return Paris for stay and possible visit to Belgium before returning London which may therefore be from six to eight weeks from today. In view of above question whether advisable you go London to await Schwartz's return since we press continuously your entrance in Rumania and expect to get clearance any day. Glad advise you ICA Board approves Leave of Absence for you to end June 1945. UNQUOTE"

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Please deliver following message to Charles Passman from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

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10:15 a.m.
December 12, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Hannon, McCormack, Piles