

PRIVATE MESSAGES SENT; AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Volume 2
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December 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 14, 1944:

"JDC 138. Joseph Schwartz advises following budgetary figures first quarter 1945 dollar amounts per month in thousands unless otherwise indicated. Portugal 37 Spain 30 Tangier 17 France 250 subject to possible increase Belgium 100 plus onetime children's homes grant 200 Greece 75 liberated Italy 60 North Africa 15 Sweden 1 plus Hachsharah 3 1/2 for first half liberated Poland 500 three months Holland 100 three months Turkey 10 emigration 500 three months.

"Through Switzerland refugees in Switzerland 120 including intellectuals 5 and interstudent service 7 1/2 plus one time clothing grant 40 Hungary 100 plus one time emergency grant 1,000,000 Bulgaria 50 Rumania 500 Yugoslavia 6 plus one time clothing grant 5 northern Italy 10 Shanghai 80 plus one time winter clothing grant 50 camps Theresienstadt Bergenbelsen Birkenau et cetera for food 100 Slovakia 50 miscellaneous 250 three months total for three months 7,628 plus 3 1/2 Hachsharah Sweden six months.

"Schwartz requests you secure license authorizing remittance Switzerland 750 monthly for three months exclusive of emergency funds about which latter will advise. Figures for packages ex-Teheran and refugee Rabbis Palestine et cetera unincuded because you have information will advise reference alliance school Teheran for your information Saly sending Theresienstadt monthly 10,000 parcels."

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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Lisbon
Dated December 14, 1944

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Rec'd 6:47 a.m., 15th.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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4215, Fourteenth

MRB 276 JDC 133 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

Joseph Schwartz advises following budgetary figures
first quarter 1945 dollar amounts per month in thousands
unless other wise indicated. Portugal 37 Spain 80
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100 plus onetime children's homes grant 200 Greece 75
liberated Italy 50 North Africa 15 Sweden one plus
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three months Holland 100 three months Turkey 10 omigration
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including intellectuals 5 and interstudent service 7 1/2
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emergency grant 1,000,000 Bulgaria 50 Rumania 500 Yugo-
slavia 6 plus onetime clothing grant 5 northern Italy
10 Shanghai

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-2-#4215, Fourteenth, from Lisbon.

10 Shanghai 80 plus onetime winter clothing grant
50 camps Theresienstadt Bergenbelsen Birkenau et cetera
for food 100 Slovakia 50 miscellaneous 250 three months
total for three months 7.628 plus 3 1/2 Haahsharah Sweden
six months.

Schwartz requests you secure license authorizing
remittance Switzerland 750 monthly for three months
exclusive of emergency funds about which latter will
advise. Figures for packages ex-Tehran and refugee
Rabbis Palestine et cetera unincuded because you have
information will advise reference alliance school Tehran
for your information Saly sending Theresienstadt monthly
10,000 parcels.

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December 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 12, 1944:

"137. Further our 121 and your WRB 120, wish advise Saly Mayer able secure food parcels Switzerland and believe advisable ship ex-Switzerland addition ex-Sweden; therefore reiterate request transfer Saly Mayer \$24,000."

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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RDrury 12/14/44

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Qua Ref...
P. H. L.

DCG-1732

PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated December 12, 1944

Rec'd 10:22 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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4197, Twelfth

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WRB 275 JDC 137 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

Further our 121 and your WRB 120 wish advise
Saly Mayer able secure food parcels Switzerland
and believe advisable ship ex-Switzerland addition
ex-Sweden therefore reiterate request transfer
Saly Mayer twenty-four thousand dollars.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Message sent 12/14/44
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December 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Filpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 11, 1944: (JDC 134)

"Joseph Schwartz, Switzerland, advises difficult arrange entry Belgium. Advised him communicate Jules Block, Brussels."

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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Dated December 11, 1944
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Secretary of State,

Washington,

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FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

Joseph Schwartz Switzerland advises difficult
arrange entry Belgium. Advised him communicate Jules
Block Brussels.

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*Message sent
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9 p.m.

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AND RECORDS
(LIAISON)

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

The cable below for McClelland is WPA 318

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

QUOTE Following cable sent to Judah Magnes today:
INNERQUOTE Our reason for requesting that emigration projects
receive prior approval was based solely on our desire be
assured safe transportation emigrants to Palestine therefore
we glad agree that after you assured either through Filderman
or other sources that boats seaworthy and minimal risks
involved in voyage you can commit JDC for 80 percent costs
transportation up to 5,000 emigrants. Should however agency
be unable provide remaining 20 percent we prepared take over
entire costs since we unwilling prevent emigration to
Palestine for any certificate holder because lack of funds.
Would ask that you keep us currently informed of actual com-
mitments made within this authorization. With respect to
priorities emigrants we believe this must remain primary res-
ponsibility of Jewish Agency since this represents normal

emigration

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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-2- #4177, December 11, 9 P.m., to Bern.

emigration rather than emergency rescue. While we hope Jewish Agency will give priority to children and foreign refugees Rumania JDC cannot impose this as condition. We relaying contents this cable to Schwartz. END INNERQUOTE.
UNQUOTE

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(CIN)

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12/11/44

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

Please deliver following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from

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

QUOTE FOLLOWING CABLE SENT TO JUDAH MAGNES TODAY:
INNERQUOTE OUR REASON FOR REQUESTING THAT EMIGRATION
PROJECTS RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL WAS BASED SOLELY ON OUR
DESIRE BE ASSURED SAFE TRANSPORTATION EMIGRANTS TO PALESTINE
THEREFORE WE GLAD AGREE THAT AFTER YOU ASSURED EITHER THROUGH
FILDERMAN OR OTHER SOURCES THAT BOATS SEAWORTHY AND MINIMAL
RISKS INVOLVED IN VOYAGE YOU CAN COMMIT JDC FOR 80 PERCENT
COSTS TRANSPORTATION UP TO 5,000 EMIGRANTS. SHOULD HOWEVER
AGENCY BE UNABLE PROVIDE REMAINING 20 PERCENT WE PREPARED
TAKE OVER ENTIRE COSTS SINCE WE UNWILLING PREVENT EMIGRATION
TO PALESTINE FOR ANY CERTIFICATE HOLDER BECAUSE LACK OF FUNDS.
WOULD ASK THAT YOU KEEP US CURRENTLY INFORMED OF ACTUAL COMMITMENTS
MADE WITHIN THIS AUTHORIZATION. WITH RESPECT TO PRIORITIES EMIGRANTS
WE BELIEVE THIS MUST REMAIN PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF JEWISH AGENCY
SINCE THIS REPRESENTS NORMAL EMIGRATION RATHER THAN EMERGENCY RESCUE.
WHILE WE HOPE JEWISH AGENCY WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO CHILDREN AND FOREIGN
REFUGEES ROMANIA JDC CANNOT IMPOSE THIS AS CONDITION. WE RELAYING
CONTENTS THIS CABLE TO SCHWARTZ. END INNERQUOTE. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 318.

*Copy sent
JDC 12/11/44
RS*

1:15 p.m.
December 8, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
RDrury 12/7/44 Hodel, Mahnon, McCormack, Files

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Private Message
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December 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Filpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 11, 1944:

"135 At request of Joseph Schwartz please remit the following amounts immediately: \$250,000 for Rumania; 100,000 for Hungarians in Rumania; 50,000 for Bulgaria; 400,000 total.

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 16, New York.

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Lisbon

Dated December 11, 1944

Rec'd 6:22 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

x
4186, December 11, 4 p.m.

This is RB 272 JDC 135 for Leavitt from Piepel
Please remit immediately to say following amounts:
for Rumania 250,000; for Hungarians in Rumania 100,000;
for Bulgaria 50,000 totalling 400,000. This is at
request Joseph Schwartz.

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12/15/44 R.S.*
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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(Mr. Pava)

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT.

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consul, Jerusalem
DATED: December 9, 1944
NUMBER: 203

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From War Refugee Board.

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

NOTE Your 279. Glad you authorized shipment fifty tons supplies and hope you able purchase balance supplies Tehran. Fully agree Magnes cable to South African War Appeal that duplication will be harmful and important there be coordination relief programs liberated Poland. Expect have similar situation with South American contributions and we taking position that if our services used this must be done on basis coordinating program. Reference our cable to you which unclear we cabled you following: ~~INTERNOTE~~ Assuming Schwartz proceeds Poland believe there will be no objection from any source to supplies being used for Jewish and non-Jewish persons in need in which event understand Polish Government will participate in cost supplies. Meanwhile we purchasing here \$250,000 supplies for shipment

liberated Poland

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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liberated Poland and for use Polish refugees in Soviet Union. END QUOTE. Authorize you purchase in Palestine up to \$50,000 medical supplies according list items sent you. We here purchasing shoes blankets soap concentrated foods. These supplies will be shipped through Russian channels and presumably will be sent directly to Lublin for distribution needy liberated Poland and Polish refugees Soviet Union. Doubt whether Schwartz can arrive Poland prior to arrival supplies but doing utmost secure his immediate entry. Meanwhile we prepared and trust distribution Solomonstein and Jewish Relief Committee. We awaiting daily clearance your entry Rumania and must point out we authorized your entrance with Katzki when matter first brought our attention early September but permission was essential and for many reasons we cannot operate like other organizations. We authorize Kusler return to New York and hope send early next year Arthur Fishohn as replacement. We authorize payment 500 Swiss francs per passenger Saledin in accordance with request from Pilpel prior receipt your cable that 175,000 Swiss francs be paid. Regarding 60,000 pounds Central Bank collected for parcels service assume you obtaining necessary permission from Palestine Treasury that these funds available for our Palestine appropriation. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE YOUR 279. GLAD YOU AUTHORIZED SHIPMENT FIFTY TONS SUPPLIES
AND HOPE YOU ABLE PURCHASE BALANCE SUPPLIES TEHERAN. FULLY AGREE
MAGNES CABLE TO SOUTH AFRICAN WAR APPEAL THAT DUPLICATION WILL BE
HARMFUL AND IMPORTANT THERE BE COORDINATION RELIEF PROGRAMS LIBERATED
POLAND. EXPECT HAVE SIMILAR SITUATION WITH SOUTH AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS
AND WE TAKING POSITION THAT IF OUR SERVICES USED THIS MUST BE DONE ON
BASIS COORDINATING PROGRAM. REFERENCE OUR CABLE TO YOU WHICH UNCLEAR
WE CABLE YOU FOLLOWING: INNERQUOTE ASSUMING SCHWARTZ PROCEEDS POLAND
BELIEVE THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTION FROM ANY SOURCE TO SUPPLIES BEING
USED FOR JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PERSONS IN NEED IN WHICH EVENT UNDERSTAND
POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN COST SUPPLIES. MEANWHILE WE
PURCHASING HERE \$250,000 SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT LIBERATED POLAND AND
FOR USE POLISH REFUGEES IN SOVIET UNION. END INNERQUOTE. AUTHORIZE
YOU PURCHASE IN PALESTINE UP TO \$50,000 MEDICAL SUPPLIES ACCORDING
LIST ITEMS SENT YOU. WE HERE PURCHASING SHOES BLANKETS SOAP CONCENTRATED
FOODS. THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE SHIPPED THROUGH RUSSIAN CHANNELS AND
PRESUMABLY WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO LUBLIN FOR DISTRIBUTION NEEDED
LIBERATED POLAND AND POLISH REFUGEES SOVIET UNION. DOUBT WHETHER
SCHWARTZ CAN ARRIVE POLAND PRIOR TO ARRIVAL SUPPLIES BUT DOING UTMOST
SECURE HIS IMMEDIATE ENTRY. MEANWHILE WE PREPARED AND TRUST DISTRIBUTION
SOMMERSTEIN AND JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE. WE AWAITING DAILY CLEARANCE
YOUR ENTRY RUMANIA AND MUST POINT OUT WE AUTHORIZED YOUR ENTRANCE WITH
KATZKI WHEN MATTER FIRST BROUGHT OUR ATTENTION EARLY SEPTEMBER BUT
PERMISSION WAS ESSENTIAL AND FOR MANY REASONS WE CANNOT OPERATE LIKE
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE AUTHORIZE KESSLER RETURN TO NEW YORK AND
HOPE SEND EARLY NEXT YEAR ARTHUR FISHZOHN AS REPLACEMENT. WE
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT 500 SWISS FRANCS PER PASSENGER SALADHIN IN ACCORDANCE
WITH REQUEST FROM PILPEL PRIOR RECEIPT YOUR CABLE THAT 175,000 SWISS
FRANCS BE PAID. REGARDING 60,000 POUNDS CENTRAL BANK COLLECTED FOR
PARCELS SERVICE ASSUME YOU OBTAINING NECESSARY PERMISSION FROM PALESTINE
TREASURY THAT THESE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OUR PALESTINE APPROPRIATION.
UNQUOTE

*Copy sent
JDC 12/11/44*
2:15 p.m.
December 5, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Mannon, McCornack, Files
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Walt R. Bell

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BERN

4150

The cable below for McClelland is WRB 312.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to

Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We awaiting your agreement regarding tentative appropriations made for Rumania, Hungarian refugees Rumania, France, liberated Poland etcetera cabled you London also regarding additional \$260,000 appropriation for Greece. Passman cabled we authorize him order 20,000 pair shoes Palestine for use Balkans which assume will run over \$100,000. We would be prepared authorize Passman proceed his purchase but would like have your views whether expenditures should be charged against proposed appropriations for Balkans. We have not set up these appropriations on our books pending word from you and with end year approaching we anxious you advise us soonest whether these appropriations fixed and the approximate time during which remittances will be required. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR MC CLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE WE AWAITING YOUR AGREEMENT REGARDING TENTATIVE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR RUMANIA, HUNGARIAN REFUGEES RUMANIA, FRANCE, LIBERATED POLAND ETCETERA CABLED YOU LONDON ALSO REGARDING ADDITIONAL \$260,000 APPROPRIATION FOR GREECE. PASSMAN CABLED WE AUTHORIZE HIM ORDER 20,000 PAIR SHOES PALESTINE FOR USE BALKANS WHICH ASSUME WILL RUN OVER \$100,000. WE WOULD BE PREPARED AUTHORIZE PASSMAN PROCEED HIS PURCHASE BUT WOULD LIKE HAVE YOUR VIEWS WHETHER EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE CHARGED AGAINST PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR BALKANS. WE HAVE NOT SET UP THESE APPROPRIATIONS ON OUR BOOKS PENDING WORD FROM YOU AND WITH END YEAR APPROACHING WE ANXIOUS YOU ADVISE US SOONEST WHETHER THESE APPROPRIATIONS FIXED AND THE APPROXIMATE TIME DURING WHICH REMITTANCES WILL BE REQUIRED. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 312.

2:15 p.m.
December 5, 1944

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

*copy sent
JDC 12/11/44*

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February 12/4/44

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100130

December 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of December 7, 1944:

"With regard to possibility of shipment of supplies to France, please confer with Clarence Pickett. It is necessary that military authorities here have information regarding content of shipment proposed, required ship tonnage, base where material located, and whom to contact, consignee's name and in what area of France it is intended to use material. We are able supply some of this information here but you must advise us balance. Also Pickett has been authorized by us to negotiate for purchase of Lend-Lease material London, if material is available, up to value of \$250,000. Warm clothing for children, blankets, and warm adults clothing are especially needed here, also concentrated foods for children especially. Some quantities of cheese, condensed milk and vitamins have been purchased in Switzerland, mainly for OSE and other agencies for child care, but additional amounts of such supplies are needed."

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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No paraphrase necessary.

Paris
Dated December 7, 1944

Rec'd 10:27 p.m. 8th.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS (LIAISON)

Secretary of State,
Washington.

843, DECEMBER 7, 9 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM HOFFMAN.

Following message is to Moses Leavitt from Joseph Schwartz (charge JDC New York).

Please consult Clarence Pickett concerning possibility shipping supplies to France. Military authorities here must have information concerning content proposed shipment, ship tonnage required, base where material is and whom contact, name of consignee and what part of France material intended be used. Some of this information we can supply here, balance you must advise us. We have also authorized Pickett negotiate for purchase Lend Lease material London up to value \$250,000 dollars if material available.

Especially needed here warm childrens clothing, blankets, warm clothing for adults, concentrated foods especially for children. Some condensed milk, chesse and vitamins have been purchased in Switzerland primarily for OSZ and other child care agencies but additional supplies this nature needed.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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December 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 7, 1944:

"131. 1,000 Hungarians arrived Saint Gall from Bergenbelsen this morning, including Josef Blum.

"Your 387 just received and have requested Joseph Schwartz send annual meeting cable. Passman proceeding Cairo reference program Greece and will advise."

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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Lisbon

Dated December 7, 1944

Rec'd 10:13 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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4152, Seventh.

WRE 209 JDC 131 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

Fourteen hundred Hungarians arrived

Saintgall from Bergenbelsen this morning including
Josef Blun.

Your 307 just received and have requested
Joseph Schwartz send annual meeting cable Passman
proceeding Cairo reference program Greece and will
advise.

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December 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 5, 1944:

"130. Information received to the effect that Bert Jacobson in Bucharest has advised representative there of Intercross that funds for general program may be provided by Hias. Filderman, Rumania, has spent 2,000,000 Swiss francs; another 1,000,000 credit being provided by Saly. Clothing and food Vienna available. Situation is well under control. Funds for persons in eight camps being provided by Saly. Bratislava situation is bad and Intercross is assisting there. Am advised that Schwartz, Paris, interviewed persons from Belgium."

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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RDrury 12/9/44

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Lisbon

Dated December 5, 1944

Rec'd 1 p.m., 6th

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

Message sent 12/9/44
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be closely guarded.

4130, December 5, 1 p.m.

THIS IS WRB 267 JDC 130 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL

Reports are that Bert Jacobson, Bucharest, has
informed Intercross representative there that He
may provide funds for general program. Two million
Swiss francs have been spent by Filderman Rumania,
Saly providing another one million credit. Food and
clothing available Vienna. Situation well in hand.
Saly providing funds for people living in eight camps.
Intercross assisting Bratislava situation which is bad.
Informed that people from Belgium have been interviewed
by Schwartz Paris.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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EMBASSY,

LISBON.

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The cable below is WRB 119.

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

QUOTE Please ask Saly Mayer to provide Swiss franc
equivalent of \$1500 to Dr. Martin Bloch, Hasskline
Foundation, Place St. Francois 14, Lausanne. This
represents loan to Foundation to enable it to carry on
activities behalf theological seminaries. Advise
Schwartz that should he visit Brussels he should contact
Jules Bloch, member Belgian Civil Affairs Division and
friend Mack Gottschalk. Effectd following payment (1)
\$35,000 to Saly Mayer November grant Shanghai (2) \$10,000
to our account Rome Island of Rab (3) \$150,000 Belgian
Embassy. UNQUOTE.

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

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(GLW)

WRB:MMV:KG WE SWP

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

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE PLEASE ASK SALLY MAYER TO PROVIDE SWISS FRANC EQUIVALENT
OF \$1500 TO DR. MARTIN BL. CH. HASKINE FOUNDATION, PLACE ST. FRANCOIS
14, LAUSANNE. THIS REPRESENTS LOAN TO FOUNDATION TO ENABLE IT TO
CARRY ON ACTIVITIES BEHALF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES. ADVISE SCHWARTZ
THAT SHOULD HE VISIT BRUSSELS HE SHOULD CONTACT JULES BLOCH, MEMBER
BELGIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION AND FRIEND MAX GOTTSCHALK. EFFECTED
FOLLOWING PAYMENTS (1) \$35,000 TO SALLY MAYER NOVEMBER GRANT SHANGHAI
(2) \$10,000 TO OUR ACCOUNT ROME ISLAND OF RAB (3) \$150,000 BELGIAN
EMBASSY. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 119.

9:45 a.m.
December 1, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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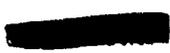
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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Cairo
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 5, 1944
NUMBER: 3666

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With reference to Department's message of November 29, No. 3461, there has been returned to this Legation marked addressee unknown message addressed to Baron Georges Menasse. Verification of name and address is requested.

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

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consul, Jerusalem
DATED: December 5, 1944
NUMBER: 201
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From War Refugee Board.

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

Your 273 we confirm previous authorization to you
purchase supplies and agree you purchase balance used
clothing. Please cable breakdown supplies purchased
also advise when fifty tons shipped.

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

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ABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE YOUR 273 WE CONFIRM PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION TO YOU
PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND AGREE YOU PURCHASE BALANCE USED CLOTHING.
PLEASE CABLE BREAKDOWN SUPPLIES PURCHASED ALSO ADVISE WHEN
FIFTY TONS SHIPPED. UNQUOTE

2:00 p.m.
November 29, 1944

copy sent
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 514.

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

For security reasons the text of this message must be classified.

QUOTE We cabled Lisbon asking for budgetary requirements first quarter 1945 particularly anxious know appropriations for Switzerland commencing January order file necessary application. As you know we remitting Switzerland \$300,000 monthly one half for use Switzerland and remainder under special license W-2108. UNQUOTE

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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

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

QUOTE WE CABLED LISBON ASKING FOR BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FIRST
QUARTER 1945 PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS KNOW APPROPRIATIONS FOR SWITZERLAND
COMMENCING JANUARY ORDER FILE NECESSARY APPLICATION. AS YOU KNOW
WE REMITTING SWITZERLAND \$300,000 MONTHLY ONE HALF FOR USE SWITZERLAND
AND REMAINDER UNDER SPECIAL LICENSE W-2106. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 314.

10:00 a.m.
December 7, 1944

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

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*L. War Ref. Bd.
Mr. Peble*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consulate General, Jerusalem
DATED: November 29, 1944
NUMBER: 199

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

Received your 268. On basis your 233 we assumed you had sufficient
supplies to carry on parcel service for first month 1945 after ship-
ment 50 tons to Poland. Regret delays beyond our control in our com-
munication but rest assured we doing utmost keep you currently in-
formed. Shipment 50 tons to Sommerstein should be made as quickly
as possible view approaching winter. Please advise status your nego-
tiations for purchase additional Lend-Lease supplies as reported by
you from Teheran. Can these supplies be utilized in part for parcel
service and part for bulk shipment to Sommerstein. Advise whether we
could be help Washington to facilitate favorable decision. You correct
your assumption we purchasing supplies here for bulk shipment to
Sommerstein but cannot estimate time of shipment. Strongly doubt
whether these supplies will be shipped via Teheran as we plan shipping
through Russian channels and route not known to us.

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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM PAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE RECEIVED YOUR 268. ON BASIS YOUR 233 WE ASSUMED YOU HAD
SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES TO CARRY ON PARCEL SERVICE FOR FIRST MONTH 1945
AFTER SHIPMENT 50 TONS TO POLAND. REGRET DELAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL
IN OUR COMMUNICATION BUT REST ASSURED WE DOING UTMOST KEEP YOU
CURRENTLY INFORMED. SHIPMENT 50 TONS TO SOMMERSTEIN SHOULD BE
MADE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE VIEW APPROACHING WINTER. PLEASE
ADVISE STATUS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LENDLEASE
SUPPLIES AS REPORTED BY YOU FROM TEHERAN. CAN THESE SUPPLIES BE
UTILIZED IN PART FOR PARCEL SERVICE AND PART FOR BULK SHIPMENT TO
SOMMERSTEIN. ADVISE WHETHER WE COULD BE HELP WASHINGTON TO FACILITATE
FAVORABLE DECISION. YOU CORRECT YOUR ASSUMPTION WE PURCHASING SUPPLIES
HERE FOR BULK SHIPMENT TO SOMMERSTEIN BUT CANNOT ESTIMATE TIME OF SHIPMENT.
STRONGLY DOUBT WHETHER THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE SHIPPED VIA TEHERAN AS WE
PLAN SHIPPING THROUGH RUSSIAN CHANNELS AND ROUTE NOT KNOWN TO US. UNQUOTE

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9:35 a.m.
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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackerman, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Lesser, Mannoij, McCormack, Files.

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December 4, 1944

Dear Sirs:

The following message for you from Saly Mayer was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of December 1, 1944:

"My very dear friends: I feel greatly honored to be able to thank you warmly on behalf of all countries and organizations for your 30 years of a service of love rendered to the Jewish community in need of your generous help. I wish you many happy returns of this anniversary. With affectionate greetings, yours faithfully."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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RDrury 12/4/44

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From Ref (B) (M. Rehle)

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Bern

Dated December 1, 1944

Rec'd 3:02 a.m., 2nd

Secretary of State

Washington

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FOR WRB FROM HCCLELLAND

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Kindly deliver following message to Joint Distribution
Committee from Saly Mayer

"My very dear friends: I feel greatly honored to be
able to thank you warmly on behalf of all countries and
organizations for your 30 years of a service of love
rendered to the Jewish community in need of your generous
help. I wish you many happy returns of this anniversary.
With affectionate greetings yours faithfully".

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November 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 25, 1944:

"Message following was received from Judah Magnes: 'To New York two lengthy cables were dispatched by us concerning Polish relief and need for Middle East office Jerusalem, and we consider it important that all your time be devoted to this, or if this is impossible Passman act as director pending director from America. Certain aspects Poland, Teheran, Balkans are very urgent. In addition requests for financial participation JDC in emigration from Bulgaria, Rumania starting as some astronomical proportions and policy which is clear-cut is absolutely essential. It is therefore urged by us that at once you come here irrespective our proposals office in Middle East.'

"Reply has been sent as follows: 'Your 21 regret not possible at present proceed to Jerusalem but importance of problems you raise is fully recognized. Next days plan depart for France and Switzerland from where hope it may be possible deal with critical situation of Jews in Hungary and Slovakia and also work out some arrangements with regard to Rumania. Completely satisfactory meanwhile that Passman act as director Middle East until other arrangements more permanent can be made. It is hoped sincerely that Passman will be able go to Bucharest with Katski and this connection all necessary steps undertaken Washington. After my return here hope to go to Moscow and liberated Poland and every effort to see you en route will be made by me.' Am endeavoring discuss with Jewish Colonization Association Passman's availability next six months and will inform you."

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,
New York 16, New York.

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London
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Dated November 25, 1944

Rec'd 5:50 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

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10398, November 25, 3 p.m.

FOR PELLE FROM MANN

*Message sent
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The following message is for Moses Leavitt of
the JDC from Joseph Schwartz.

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

"Following received from Judah Magnes: "We sent
New York two lengthy cables dealing with Polish
relief and with need for Middle East office Jerusalem
to which we feel it important you give all your time
or if that not possible Passman as director until
director from America. Various aspects Blakans,
Poland, Tehran very urgent. Moreover requests for
JDC financial participation emigration from Rumania,
Bulgaria beginning as some astronomic proportions and
clear cut policy absolutely essential. Therefore
we urge you come here at once irrespective our pro-
posals Middle East office."

Have replied as follows: "Your 21 regret
impossible present time proceed Jerusalem although
recognize fully importance problems you indicate.

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

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-2- 10398, November 25, 3 p.m. from London

Expect leave next days for France and Switzerland
from where hope be able deal with critical situation
Jews in Hungary, Slovakia also make some arrangements
concerning Rumania. Meanwhile completely satisfactory
Passman act as Middle East director until such time
as other more permanent arrangements can be made.
Sincerely hope Passman will be able proceed to
Bucharest with Katzki connection which have undertaken
all necessary steps Washington. Upon my return here
hope proceed Moscow and liberated Poland
and will make every effort see you enroute."
Trying discuss with Jewish Colonization Association
availability Passman next six months and will
advise."

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Pehle)*

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The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message
to Max Perlman, Rome, from M. A. Leavitt, of American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE authorize you negotiate with UNRRA for
use in Italy our personnel until needed by UNRRA for
their mission. UNQUOTE

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN DELEGATE, ROME, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Max Perlman, Rome, from M. A. Leavitt,
of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE AUTHORIZE YOU NEGOTIATE WITH UNRRA FOR USE IN ITALY OUR
PERSONNEL UNTIL NEEDED BY UNRRA FOR THEIR MISSION. UNQUOTE

*copy sent
to DC 11/25/44
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12:00 noon
November 25, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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The cable below is through War Refugee Board. paraphrased of

Please deliver the following message to Baron Georges Menasse, Ovadia, Salem, Presidents, Pidion Chebouyin, Cairo, from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Grateful your 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 prepared participate. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, CAIRO, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Baron Georges Menasse, Ovadin,
Salem, Presidents, Pidon Chebouyin, Cairo, from M. A. Leavitt of American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE GRATEFUL YOUR CABLE WHICH WE RELAYED TO JOSEPH SCHWARTZ
IN LONDON FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. YOU WILL HEAR FROM HIM SOONEST.
WE ANXIOUS BY OF UTMOST HELP THIS EMERGENCY. HAPPY KNOW EGYPTIAN
JEWS PREPARED PARTICIPATE. UNQUOTE

12:00 noon
November 25, 1944

Miss Chauncy (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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November 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 23, 1944:

"Perlman expects to depart for home about the 1st of December and Resnik is at present en route to Italy. All the necessary clearances have now been procured by me and I am departing for Paris Saturday probably. It is important that it be arranged by you to have Russian visa sent Consulate London and upon my return from Switzerland, and possibly Brussels, I can pick it up. Necessary steps should also be undertaken by you to validate my passport for Russia and the countries necessary en route."

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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London
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Dated November 23, 1944

Rec'd 6:30 a.m. 24th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

10309, November 23, 6 p.m.

FROM MANN FOR PEHLE.

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

"Max Perlman expects leave for home about
December 1 and Reuren Resnick is now enroute to
Italy. I have now secured all necessary clearances
and am leaving for Paris probably Saturday.
Important you arrange that Russian visa be sent
Consulate London which I can pick up on my return
from Switzerland and possibly Brussels. Also under-
take necessary steps validate my passport for Russia
and necessary countries on the way".

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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November 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 22, 1944:

"125. Max Perlman Rome advises complete list of claims of refugees ex Italy now Palestine forwarded to High Commissioner Palestine by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Claims total 11,000 pounds. Have requested Magnes consult High Commissioner.

"Clothing shipment referred our 117 arrived and Perlman expects distribute by month end. Perlman states cancelled plan remove Polish refugees from Corfu to Ferramonti."

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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Dated November 22, 1944

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Secretary of State

Washington

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JDC 125 WRB 260 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

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Clothings shipment referred out 127 arrived and Perlman expects distribute by month end. Perlman states cancelled plan remove Polish refugees from Corfu to Ferramonti.

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November 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 22, 1944:

"124. Harold Trobes Portuguese visa authorized."

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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Dated November 22, 1944

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Secretary of State

Washington

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JDC 12- NRB 262 FOR LEAVITT FROM FILPEL.

Harold Trobes Portuguese visa authorized.

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The cable below is WRB 118.

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

NOTE Following cable received from Baron George
Menasse Ovadia Salem Presidents Pidon Chebouyin Alexandria
Cairo: INNERQUOTE Have received appeal representatives
Jewish communities Athens Salonika for first aid to surviv-
ing Jews estimated 15,000 desperate state. Estimate immedi-
ate needs sterling 100,000 until intervention UNRRA and
Greek Government. Please cable any information you have
situation Greek communities and your intention help. Cairo
Alexandria Pidon Chebouyin communities prepared contribute
sterling 10,000. If necessary Nello Levi Vice President
Alexandria Pidon Chebouyin Greek subject may go Greece at
own expense and supervise personally distribution funds.
END INNERQUOTE

Administration Committee agrees set aside \$360,000
view extraordinary needs Greek population. Please ask Schwartz

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 18 1972** undertake

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-2- #3033, November 24, 9 a.m., to Lisbon.

undertake ascertain immediate requirements from Magnes
UNRRA other sources and advise recommendation also how and
when funds should be remitted. Anxious bring maximum aid
soonest. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORRIS, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD,

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel from M. A.

Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED FROM BARON GEORGE MENASSE OVADIA SALEM PRESIDENTS PIDON CHEBOUYIN ALEXANDRIA CAIRO: 'HAVE RECEIVED APPEAL REPRESENTATIVES JEWISH COMMUNITIES ATHENS SALONIKA FOR FIRST AID TO SURVIVING JEWS ESTIMATED 15,000 DESPERATE STATE. ESTIMATED IMMEDIATE NEEDS STERLING 100,000 UNTIL INTERVENTION UNRRA AND GREEK GOVERNMENT. PLEASE CABLE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE SITUATION GREEK COMMUNITIES AND YOUR INTENTION HELP. CAIRO ALEXANDRIA PIDON CHEBOUYIN COMMUNITIES PREPARED CONTRIBUTE STERLING 10,000. IF NECESSARY NELLOS LEVI VICEPRESIDENT ALEXANDRIA PIDON CHEBOUYIN GREEK SUBJECT MAY GO GREECE AT OWN EXPENSE AND SUPERVISE PERSONALLY DISTRIBUTION FUNDS.'

"ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGREES SET ASIDE \$360,000 VIEW EXTRAORDINARY NEEDS GREEK SITUATION. PLEASE ASK SCHWARTZ UNDERTAKE ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS FROM MAGNES UNRRA OTHER SOURCES AND ADVISE RECOMMENDATION ALSO HOW AND WHEN FUNDS SHOULD BE REMITTED. ANXIOUS BRING MAXIMUM AID SOONEST."

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 118.

9:00 a.m.
November 22, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files.

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November 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Delegate in Rome under date of November 21, 1944:

"There is reason to believe temporary use can be obtained of Joint personnel with UNRRA who are not needed yet by missions, if I am authorized by you to negotiate locally on arrangement. Immediate reply must be received."

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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Dated November 21, 1944

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

774, November 21, 1 p.m.

FOR MOSES IELVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE NEW YORK FROM ARTHUR GREENLEIGH.

Have reason believe can obtain temporary use
of Joint personnel with UNRRA not yet needed by
missions if you authorize me negotiate on arrangement
locally. Must have immediate answer.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

100155

November 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 20, 1944:

"Due to the fact that Greenleigh has departed already for France and Max Perlman is very anxious to leave the 1st of December, it is very important that Israel Jacobson depart for Italy at once. Mordecai Kessler, Istanbul, because of health and also for personal reasons, is anxious to return home; Arthur Fishohn should therefore leave for Istanbul as soon as possible. Assume necessary steps are being undertaken by you to obtain the visas required and Magnes has been telegraphed accordingly. Magnes has also been advised by us of Fishohn's appointment and also of desire of Kessler to depart. It is also urged that someone be sent here at once prepared to leave for Brussels. Suggest that authorization to enter Brussels might be arranged best from this end. Have seen Paul Van Zeeland and he is endeavoring to hasten my entry; am sure he also will cooperate regarding authorization for permanent representative there. View my discussions with Van Zeeland earlier confirmation regarding actual receipt equivalent \$150,000 Brussels committee now appears doubtful. Therefore suggest Belgian Embassy in Washington be pressed by you for confirmation."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

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London

Dated November 20, 1944

Rec'd 6:40 a.m., 21st

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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10163, November 20, 6 p.m. COMMUNICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR MOSES LEAVITT OF

THE JDC FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ FOR PEHLE FROM MANN

"Since Greenleigh has already left for France and Max Perlman anxious to depart December 1 it is most important Israel Jacobson leave for Italy without delay. For personal reasons and also because of health Mordecai Kessler, Istanbul, anxious to return home, therefore, Arthur Fishzohn should proceed Istanbul soonest. Assume you are undertaking necessary steps obtain required visas and have cabled Magnes accordingly. We have also advised Magnes of Fishzohn's appointment and of Kessler's desire to leave. Also urge send someone here immediately prepared to proceed Brussels. Suggest that permission to enter Brussels might best be arranged from here. Saw Paul Van Zeeland who is trying to expedite my entry

and am certain

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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and am certain he will also cooperate for permission permanent representative there. View my conversations Van Zeeland previous confirmation concerning actual receipt of committee Brussels equivalent \$150,000 now doubtful. Suggest, therefore, you press Belgian Embassy, Washington, for confirmation".

WINANT

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objection from any source to supplies being used for Jewish and non-Jewish persons in need in which event understand Polish Government will participate in cost supplies. Meanwhile we purchasing here \$250,000 supplies for shipment liberated Poland and for use Polish refugees in Soviet Union. Hopeful permission will be granted shortly your entrance Rumania and suggest on your arrival Bucharest you directly communicate with Saly Mayer and Schwartz regarding problem Rumania and receiving full information funds available for relief Rumania. We engaged American representative Arthur Fishzohn to be assigned Istanbul replacing Kessler and work with you that area. However Fishzohn not arriving Middle East until early January.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

LETTER TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE DIRECTLY ENCOURAGED PROGRESS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS TEHRAN
REGARDING SUPPLIES FOR \$579,000 WHICH PURCHASE WE AUTHORIZE.
WE IN COMMUNICATION WITH SOMMERSTEIN REGARDING SHIPMENT FIRST
FIFTY TONS FOR WHICH HOPE YOU COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE YOUR
DEPARTURE FOR JERUSALEM. SOMMERSTEIN ADVISES ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED
FOR SCHWARTZ ENTER LIBERATED POLAND AND ON CONCLUSION SCHWARTZ'S
TRIP TO SWITZERLAND ASSUME HE MAKING PLANS PROCEED THERE WHICH SHOULD
BE WITHIN PERIOD TWO MONTHS. MEANWHILE WE VERY ANXIOUS YOU UNDERTAKE
BALKAN ASSIGNMENT AND SCHWARTZ DISCUSSING WITH YOUR BOARD LONDON
YOUR AVAILABILITY WHICH WE HOPE FROM YOUR OWN PERSONAL VIEWPOINT
WILL ALSO BE FAVORABLE. ASSUMING SCHWARTZ PROCEEDS POLAND BELIEVE
THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTION FROM ANY SOURCE TO SUPPLIES BEING USED
FOR JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PERSONS IN NEED IN WHICH EVENT UNDERSTAND
POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN COST SUPPLIES. MEANWHILE
WE PURCHASING HERE \$250,000 SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT LIBERATED POLAND
AND FOR USE POLISH REFUGEES IN SOVIET UNION. HOPEFUL PERMISSION
WILL BE GRANTED SHORTLY YOUR ENTRANCE RUMANIA AND SUGGEST ON YOUR
ARRIVAL BUCHAREST YOU DIRECTLY COMMUNICATE WITH SALLY MAYER AND
SCHWARTZ REGARDING PROBLEM RUMANIA AND RECEIVING FULL INFORMATION
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF RUMANIA. WE ENGAGED AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE
ARTHUR FISHZOHN TO BE ASSIGNED ISTANBUL REPLACING KESSLER AND WORK
WITH YOU THAT AREA, HOWEVER FISHZOHN NOT ARRIVING MIDDLE EAST UNTIL
EARLY JANUARY. UNQUOTE

4:30 p.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodak, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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NOVEMBER 15, 1944.

CABLE TO CHARLES PASSMAN, JERUSALEM, THROUGH WRB

GREATLY ENCOURAGED PROGRESS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS TEHERAN REGARDING SUPPLIES FOR
\$579,000 WHICH WE ^{purchase} AUTHORIZE. WE IN COMMUNICATION WITH SOMERSTEIN REGARDING
SHIPMENT FIRST FIFTY TONS FOR WHICH HOPE YOU COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE YOUR
DEPARTURE ^{my} JERUSALEM. ~~SCHWARTZ~~ SOMERSTEIN ADVISES ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR SCHWARTZ ENTER
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YOUR AVAILABILITY WHICH WE HOPE FROM YOUR OWN PERSONAL VIEWPOINT WILL BE FAVORABLE. ^{also}
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SOURCE TO SUPPLIES BEING USED FOR JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PERSONS IN NEED IN WHICH
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ARTHUR FISHZOHN TO BE ASSIGNED ISTANBUL REPLACE ^{ing} KESSLER AND WORK WITH YOU THAT
AREA. HOWEVER FISHZOHN NOT ARRIVING MIDDLE EAST UNTIL EARLY JANUARY

LEAVITT
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November 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 20, 1944:

"For repayment of debts 5,000,000 lira again requested by Perlman. He has been advised by me that funds will be provided from clearance Oswego, Palestinian groups. It is urged that funds required by Perlman be remitted by you should the matter of this clearance not be settled definitely within a reasonable period of time."

Very truly yours,

W. 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.

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Dated November 20, 1944
Rec'd 11:27 p.m.

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Pehle*

Secretary of State
Washington

10166, November 20, 6 p.m.
FOR PEHLE FROM MANN.

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

The following message is for Moses Leavitt of JDC
from Joseph Schwartz:

"Five million lira for repayment debts again asked
by Perlman. Have advised him funds will be available from
clearance Palestinian Oswego groups. Urge you remit
funds which Perlman requires if this clearance is not de-
finitely settled within reasonable time end".

WINANT

WMB

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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LISBON 315

The cable below is ERB 115.

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

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

QUOTE Your ltr regarding Griffel request \$30,000 for evacuation 300 people from Constanza we authorize such payment subject Schwartz's approval. Advise Schwartz our position that if other two boats and Smyrna Seaworthy and Passman Kessler convinced minimum risk involved we prepared meet share transportation according established formula. Therefore our representative Istanbul should be authorized if Schwartz agrees to approve or disapprove boat sailings on spot without further reference New York or Lisbon. Regarding your request about Saly remitting funds to Jefroykin suggest that Saly do nothing pending Schwartz's arrival Switzerland.

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORFEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel from H. A.

Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR 118 REGARDING GRIFFEL REQUEST £30,000 FOR EVACUATION
300 PEOPLE FROM CONSTANZA WE AUTHORIZE SUCH PAYMENT SUBJECT SCHWARTZ'S
APPROVAL. ADVISE SCHWARTZ OUR POSITION THAT IF OTHER TWO BOATS AND
SMYRNA SEAFORTHY AND PASSMAN KESSLER CONVINCED MINIMUM RISK INVOLVED
WE PREPARED MEET SHARE TRANSPORTATION ACCORDING ESTABLISHED FORMULA.
THEREFORE OUR REPRESENTATIVE ISTANBUL SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED IF SCHWARTZ
AGREES TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE BOAT SAILINGS ON SPOT WITHOUT FURTHER
REFERENCE NEWYORK OR LISBON. REGARDING YOUR REQUEST ABOUT SALY
REMITTING FUNDS TO JEFROYKIN SUGGEST THAT SALY DO NOTHING PENDING
SCHWARTZ'S ARRIVAL SWITZERLAND. UNQUOTE.

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 115.

4:30 p.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Leeper, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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NOVEMBER 15, 1944.

CABLE TO ROBERT PILPEL, LISBON, THROUGH WRB

YOUR 118 REGARDING GRIFFEL REQUEST £30,000 FOR EVACUATION 300 PEOPLE FROM
CONSTANZA WE AUTHORIZE SUCH PAYMENT SUBJECT SCHWARTZ' APPROVAL STOP ADVISE
SCHWARTZ OUR POSITION THAT IF OTHER TWO BOATS AND SMYRNA SEAWORTHY AND PASSMAN
KESSLER CONVINCED MINIMUM RISK INVOLVED WE PREPARED MEET SHARE TRANSPORTATION
ACCORDING ESTABLISHED FORMULA STOP THEREFORE OUR REPRESENTATIVE ISTANBUL
SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED IF SCHWARTZ AGREES TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE BOAT SAILINGS
ON SPOT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE NEWYORK OR LISBON FULLSTOP REGARDING YOUR
REQUEST ABOUT SALLY REMITTING FUNDS TO JEFROYKIN SUGGEST THAT SALLY DO NOTHING
PENDING SCHWARTZ' ARRIVAL SWITZERLAND

LEAVITT
J D C

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DEPARTMENT

November 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 20, 1944:

"Understand Charles Passman expected return Jerusalem about 18 November and proceeding from there to Istanbul and Balkans. Have cabled him regarding shipment which he arranging and expecting early confirmation. Have been advised by Pilpel that Beckelman is expected here for conference with Governor Lehman; naturally hope see him when and if he arrives."

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,
New York 23, New York.

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NOV 20 1944

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London

Dated November 20, 1944

Rec'd 6:10 p.m.

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Bd (Gm)
Pehle

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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The following message is for Moses Leavitt of the JDC from Joseph Schwartz (for Pehle from Mann).

"Understand Charles Passman expected return Jerusalem about 18 November and proceeding from there to Istanbul and Balkans. Have cabled him regarding shipment which he arranging and expecting early confirmation. Have been advised by Pilpel that Beckelman is expected here for conference with Governor Lehman naturally hope see him when and if he arrives."

WINANT

MRM

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Message sent
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November 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Delegate in Rome under date of November 18, 1944:

- "(1) UNRRA negotiations have been pursued by me and have obtained agreement that as much as possible of our load will be assumed by them when operations are begun by them about the 1st of January. In accordance with interpretation by UNRRA, which is protested by us, responsibility for refugees who prior to start of war came to Italy cannot be assumed by UNRRA. Interpretation Washington has been requested by them. It is urged that matter be followed up by you at that end in view of precedent.
- "(2) Consider it imperative Resnik present here prior to UNRRA negotiations being concluded. The delay in this matter is not understandable. What further steps if any can be taken at this end to facilitate entry immediately of Jacobs and Resnik.
- "(3) Can it be arranged by you for temporary loan Morris Dubin to us; Dubin at present in Italy until his mission needs him.
- "(4) French visa still being awaited by me and it is expected at any moment. The day visa is received, am ready to depart for Paris."

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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ROME

Dated November 18, 1944

Rec'd 1:09 p.m., 19th.

Secretary of State
Washington

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.**

758, November 18, 7 p.m.

FOLLOWING FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK FROM ARTHUR GREENLEIGH.

Item One. Have pursued UNRRA negotiations and ob-
tained agreement they assume as much our load as
possible when they begin operations about January one.
According to UNRRA interpretation which we protest,
UNRRA cannot assume responsibility for refugees who
entered Italy prior war beginning. They have requested
interpretation Washington. Would urge you follow up
that end because of precedent.

Item Two. Believe imperative Resnik here before
conclusion UNRRA negotiations. Cannot understand de-
lay this matter. Can anything further be done this
end facilitate immediate entry Resnik and Jacobs.

Item Three. Can you arrange temporary loan to
us Morris Dubin now in Italy until needed by his
mission.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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-2- #758, November 18, 7 p.m., from Rome

mission.

Item Four. Am still awaiting French visa which expected momentarily. Am prepared to leave for Paris day visa received.

KIRK

JMS

100182

November 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

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

"120. Further our 110, Saly has been in touch with Tschlenoff of OSE and explained inadvisability OSE's soliciting funds. Believe matter resolved. Further our 118, Kessler advises arrangements reportedly made Bucharest for Rumanian boat PHOENIX carrying 100 and Greek ANATABIA carrying 500 all Rabbis, et cetera, sailing arrival dates unknown. Jewish Agency understands we not paying transportation bills contracted without our prior approval."

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.

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PLAIN
Lisbon

Dated November 18, 1944

Rec'd 5:06 a.m. 19th

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Bel (Mr. Beale)*

Secretary of State,
Washington.

4000, Eighteenth, 1 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL JDC 120.

WRB 256. Further our 110, Saly has been in touch with
Tschlenoff of OSE and explained inadvisability OSE's
soliciting funds. Believe matter resolved. Further our
118, Kessler advises arrangements reportedly made
Bucharest for Rumanian boat PHOENIX carrying 100 and
Greek ANATASIA carrying 500 all Rabbis, et cetera, sailing
arrival dates unknown. Jewish agency understands we not
paying transportation bills contracted without our prior
approval.
MJF

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Pelle

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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consulate General, Jerusalem
DATED: November 20, 1944
NUMBER: 191
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

Your 256 naturally approve your action authorizing Intercess distribute food Macedonia. We received appeal on behalf Greek Jews from Jacques Benzenana and Elie both now care of Greek Legation Cairo requesting emergency aid. We replied suggesting they communicate with Harry Greenstein UNRRA representative Cairo whom we cabline to inform member our UNRRA Balkan unit Belle Masur who we believe will be assigned Greece by UNRRA to report to us and you regarding needs and best procedure bring relief which not met by military or governmental or UNRRA operations.

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(Acting)

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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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 YOUR 256 NATURALLY APPROVE YOUR ACTION AUTHORIZING
INTERCROSS DISTRIBUTE FOOD MACEDONIA. WE RECEIVED APPEAL ON
BEHALF GREEK JEWS FROM JACQUES BENZONARA AND ELIE COHEN BOTH
NOW CARE OF GREEK LEGATION CAIRO REQUESTING EMERGENCY AID.
WE REPLIED SUGGESTING THEY COMMUNICATE WITH HARRY GREENSTEIN
UNRRA REPRESENTATIVE CAIRO WHOM WE CABLED; TO INFORM MEMBER
OUR UNRRA BALKAN UNIT BELLE MAZUR WHO WE BELIEVE WILL BE
ASSIGNED GREECE BY UNRRA TO REPORT TO US AND YOU REGARDING
NEEDS AND BEST PROCEDURE BRING RELIEF WHICH NOT MET BY MILITARY
OR GOVERNMENTAL OR UNRRA OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE

4:30 p.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Conn, DuBois, Friedman,
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NOVEMBER 15, 1944.

CABLE TO
Judah Magnes, Jerusalem, through WRB

YOUR 256 NATURALLY APPROVE YOUR ACTION AUTHORIZING INTERCROSS DISTRIBUTE FOOD
MACEDONIA STOP WE RECEIVED APPEAL ON BEHALF GREEK JEWS FROM JAKES BENZONANA
AND ELIE COHEN BOTH NOW CARE OF GREEK LEGATION CAIRO REQUESTING EMERGENCY AID.
WE REPLIED SUGGESTING THEY COMMUNICATE WITH HARRY GREENSTEIN UNRRA REPRESENTATIVE
CAIRO ~~WE~~ ^{whom} ^{we inform} WE CABLING MEMBER OUR UNRRA BALKAN UNIT/WHO WE BELIEVE WILL BE ASSIGNED
BY GREECE BY UNRRA TO REPORT TO US AND YOU REGARDING NEEDS AND BEST PROCEDURE
BRING RELIEF WHICH NOT MET BY MILITARY AND UNRRA OPERATIONS

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EMBASSY

LONDON 9770

The cable below for Mann is WRB 26.

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

NOTE Subject your agreement Administration Committee appropriated following onetime grants for emergency aid. Rumania \$250,000 Hungarian refugees in Rumania \$100,000 France Paris district \$100,000 liberated Poland \$500,000 Bulgaria \$50,000 Greece \$100,000. Regarding liberated Poland we authorizing Passman negotiate purchase 250 tons supplies Taheran for which above appropriation made. Regarding Hungarian refugees in Rumania understand about 6,000 in dire need and more coming daily into Rumania regarding Greece and Bulgaria we will await further advice from you before arranging for remittances. Above appropriations more than completely exhaust \$900,000 reserve which was at your disposal. Administration Committee appropriated additional \$300,000 to be placed at your disposal realizing that emergency needs in Belgium Southern France and Hungary until end this year have not been met. If you agree above we assume you will directly notify various countries also advising us when remittances should be made. Understand that of 3,000 Jews Antwerp 50% Dutch nationals.

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

100188

-2-#9770, November 20, 1944, midnight to London.
nationals. We assume Brussels Committee also making provision
help all Jews Antwerp also assume you discussing with Dutch Govern-
ment assumption relief needs for their Dutch nationals Belgium.
Glad inform you Donald Hurwitz joining our staff here. UNQUOTE

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(Acting)
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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR MINANT, LONDON, FOR WARR, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwartz, London, from

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

QUOTE SUBJECT YOUR AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED FOLLOWING ONETIME GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY AID. RUMANIA \$250,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN RUMANIA \$100,000 FRANCE PARIS DISTRICT \$100,000 LIBERATED POLAND \$500,000 BULGARIA \$50,000 GREECE \$100,000. REGARDING LIBERATED POLAND WE AUTHORIZING PASSEMAN NEGOTIATE PURCHASE 250 TONS SUPPLIES THERAN FOR WHICH ABOVE APPROPRIATION MADE. REGARDING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN RUMANIA UNDERSTAND ABOUT 5,000 IN DIRE NEED AND MORE COMING DAILY INTO RUMANIA REGARDING GREECE AND BULGARIA WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER ADVICES FROM YOU BEFORE ARRANGING FOR REMITTANCES. ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS MORE THAN COMPLETELY EXHAUST \$900,000 RESERVE WHICH WAS AT YOUR DISPOSAL. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED ADDITIONAL \$300,000 TO BE PLACED AT YOUR DISPOSAL REALIZING THAT EMERGENCY NEEDS IN BELGIUM SOUTHERN FRANCE AND HUNGARY UNTIL END THIS YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN MET. IF YOU AGREE ABOVE WE ASSUME YOU WILL DIRECTLY NOTIFY VARIOUS COUNTRIES ALSO ADVISING US WHEN REMITTANCES SHOULD BE MADE. UNDERSTAND THAT OF 3,000 JEWS ANTWERP 30% DUTCH NATIONALS. WE ASSUME BRUSSELS COMMITTEE ALSO MAKING PROVISION HELP ALL JEWS ANTWERP ALSO ASSUME YOU DISCUSSING WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT ASSUMPTION RELIEF NEEDS FOR THEIR DUTCH NATIONALS BELGIUM. GLAD INFORM YOU DONALD HURWITZ JOINING OUR STAFF HERE. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 26.

4:30 p.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamsen, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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NOVEMBER 15, 1944.

CABLE TO JOSEPH SCHWARTZ, LONDON, THROUGH WRB

SUBJECT YOUR AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED FOLLOWING ONETIME GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY AID STOP ROUMANIA \$250,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN RUMANIA \$100,000 FRANCE PARIS DISTRICT \$100,000 LIBERATED POLAND \$500,000 BULGARIA \$50,000 GREECE \$100,000 STOP REGARDING LIBERATED POLAND WE AUTHORIZING PASSMAN NEGOTIATE PURCHASE 250 TONS SUPPLIES TEHERAN FOR WHICH ABOVE APPROPRIATION MADE STOP REGARDING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN RUMANIA UNDERSTAND ABOUT 5,000 IN DIRE NEED AND MORE COMING DAILY INTO RUMANIA REGARDING GREECE AND BULGARIA WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER ADVICES FROM YOU BEFORE ARRANGING FOR REMITTANCES STOP ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS MORE THAN COMPLETELY EXHAUST \$900,000 RESERVE WHICH WAS AT YOUR DISPOSAL STOP ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED ADDITIONAL \$300,000 TO BE PLACED AT YOUR DISPOSAL REALIZING THAT EMERGENCY NEEDS IN BELGIUM SOUTHERN FRANCE AND HUNGARY UNTIL END THIS YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN MET STOP IF YOU AGREE ABOVE WE ASSUME YOU WILL DIRECTLY NOTIFY VARIOUS COUNTRIES ALSO ADVISING US WHEN REMITTANCES SHOULD BE MADE STOP UNDERSTAND THAT OF 3,000 JEWS ANTWERP 30% DUTCH NATIONALS STOP WE ASSUME BRUSSELS COMMITTEE ALSO MAKING PROVISION HELP ALL JEWS ANTWERP ALSO ASSUME YOU DISCUSSING WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT ASSUMPTION RELIEF NEEDS FOR THEIR DUTCH NATIONALS BELGIUM STOP GLAD INFORM YOU DONALD HURWITZ JOINING OUR STAFF HERE

LEAVITT
J D C

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November 20, 1944

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION (WASHINGTON)

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5. War Ref
Bl (Mr
Pehle)

ALLEGATION

CAIRO 3354

The cable below is from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Harry Greenstein, UNRRA Representative, Cairo, from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Please advise Belle Mazur regarding appeal we received from Jaques Benzonana and Elie Cohen now care of Greek Legation Cairo behalf Jewish communities Athens Salonica. We suggested they communicate with you and hopeful you will discuss with Mazur should she be assigned Greece possibility her reporting to us and Hagnes situation of Jews and special supplemental requirements that JDC should meet which not met by military or governmental or UNRRA action. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS (Acting)

WRB:MMV:KG 11/20/44

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

100192

CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, CAIRO, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Harry Greenstein, UNRRA
Representative, Cairo, from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

QUOTE PLEASE ADVISE BELLE MAZUR REGARDING APPEAL WE RECEIVED
FROM JACQUES BENZONNA AND ELIE COHEN NOW CARE OF GREEK LEGATION
CAIRO BEHALF JEWISH COMMUNITIES ATHENS SALONICA. WE SUGGESTED
THEY COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND HOPEFUL YOU WILL DISCUSS WITH MAZUR
SHOULD SHE BE ASSIGNED GREECE POSSIBILITY HER REPORTING TO US
AND MAGNES SITUATION OF JEWS AND SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS
THAT JDC SHOULD MEET WHICH NOT MET BY MILITARY OR GOVERNMENTAL
OR UNRRA ACTION. UNQUOTE

4:30 p.m.
November 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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CABLE TO HARRY GREENSTEIN, UNRRA, CAIRO

PLEASE ADVISE BELLE MAZUR REGARDING APPEAL WE RECEIVED FROM JACQUES BENZONANA AND
ELIE COHEN NOW CAREOF GREEK LEGATION CAIRO BEHALF ^{Jews} COMMUNITIES ATHENS SALONICA.
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The cable below is from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Jaques Benzonana
and Elie Cohen, care of Greek Legation, Cairo, from M. A.
Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We acknowledge receipt your cable which we
immediately communicating our Lisbon headquarters 242 Rua
Aurea. Naturally we very anxious do utmost in our power
help surviving Greek Jews and meantime suggest you communicate
with Harry Greenstein representative UNRRA Cairo. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, CAIRO, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Jaques Bensonana and Elie Cohen, care of Greek Legation, Cairo, from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT YOUR CABLE WHICH WE IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATING OUR LISBON HEADQUARTERS 242 RUA AUREA. NATURALLY WE VERY ANXIOUS DO UTMOST IN OUR POWER HELP SURVIVING GREEK JEWS AND MEANTIME SUGGEST YOU COMMUNICATE WITH HARRY GREENSTEIN REPRESENTATIVE UNRRA CAIRO. UNQUOTE

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Judah
Magnez from H. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

We have received approval to reimburse Italian
refugees Palestine equivalent their lira de-
posits left in Italy. Please arrange have
Central Bank pay out claims in full against
proper releases and receipts and have Palestine
Government certify to Allied Control Commission
Italy that such payments have been made so
that lira equivalent will be paid out to our
representative Arthur Greenleigh. We asking
Greenleigh check total amount claims which we
understood was \$90,000 instead of \$45,000 which
you reported.

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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL TO REIMBURSE ITALIAN REFUGEES
PALESTINE EQUIVALENT THEIR LIRA DEPOSITS LEFT IN ITALY. PLEASE
ARRANGE HAVE CENTRAL BANK PAY OUT CLAIMS IN FULL AGAINST PROPER
RELEASES AND RECEIPTS AND HAVE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT CERTIFY TO
APPLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ITALY THAT SUCH PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
SO THAT LIRA EQUIVALENT WILL BE PAID OUT TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE
ARTHUR GREENLEIGH. WE ASKING GREENLEIGH CHECK TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMS
WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD WAS \$90,000 INSTEAD OF \$45,000 WHICH YOU REPORTED.
UNQUOTE

4:45 p.m.
November 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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LONDON

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The cable below for Mann is WRB 25.

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

QUOTE Following messages received by us:

- (1) From Dr. Amiel Sommerstein, Moscow, dated November 1:
INNERQUOTE All made for arrival your delegate Schwartz apply to Soviet Consulate necessary quick help winter cloaks, footwear, warm clothes, linen, evaporated milk, sugar products, vitamins, nutritive preperates for aged, children, sick, medicaments and medical instruments, tools for keymakers, joiners, tailors, shoemakers first need 40,000 people of liberated Poland. END INNERQUOTE
- (2) From Dr. Amiel Sommerstein President, Leo Finkelstein Bermark of Organizational Committee of Polish Jews, and Juskievicz General Secretary Union Polish Patriots, dated November 3:
INNERQUOTE Polpress informed us about your relief action. Accept our cordial thanks. Urgent need of immediate aid for 20,000 Jews saved in liberated areas of Poland as well

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as for 300,000 Polish Jews in USSR. Awaiting your
immediate reply in this matter. END INNERQUOTE

(3) From Dr. Aniel Sommerstein, dated November 5:

INNERQUOTE Please cable tonnage of your shipments as well
as when and where it was sent from. Above date necessary
to facilitate speedy receipt. Doing all efforts to arrange
coming of Director Schwartz. END INNERQUOTE

(4) From Robert Pilpel, Lisbon, dated November 7:

INNERQUOTE A nephew of Filderman, Mariclu Hornstein now
in Istanbul, emphasizes again importance of our representa-
tive proceeding Bulgaria Rumania earliest. Hornstein con-
sulting Kessler Katzki. For your information Ben Gurion
expected Istanbul next days enroute Bulgaria Rumania. END
INNERQUOTE UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WIHANT, LONDON, FOR NAME FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE FOLLOWING MESSAGES RECEIVED BY US:

(1) FROM DR. AMIEL SOMMERSTEIN, MOSCOW, DATED NOVEMBER 1:

INNERQUOTE ALL MADE FOR ARRIVAL YOUR DELEGATE SCHWARTZ APPLY TO SOVIET CONSULATE NECESSARY QUICK HELP WINTER CLOAKS, FOOTWEAR, WARM CLOTHES, LINEN, EVAPORATED MILK, SUGAR PRODUCTS, VITAMINS, NUTRITIVE PREPARATIONS FOR AGED, CHILDREN, SICK, MEDICAMENTS AND MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS FOR KEYMAKERS, JOINERS, TAILORS, SHOEMAKERS FIRST NEED 40,000 PEOPLE OF LIBERATED POLAND. END INNERQUOTE

(2) FROM DR. AMIEL SOMMERSTEIN PRESIDENT, LEO FINKELSTEIN BERNARK OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE OF POLISH JEWS, AND JUSKIEWICZ GENERAL SECRETARY UNION POLISH PATRIOTS, DATED NOVEMBER 3:

INNERQUOTE POLPRESS INFORMED US ABOUT YOUR RELIEF ACTION. ACCEPT OUR CORDIAL THANKS. URGENT NEED OF IMMEDIATE AID FOR 20,000 JEWS SAVED IN LIBERATED AREAS OF POLAND AS WELL AS FOR 300,000 POLISH JEWS IN USSR. AWAITING YOUR IMMEDIATE REPLY IN THIS MATTER. END INNERQUOTE

(3) FROM DR. AMIEL SOMMERSTEIN, DATED NOVEMBER 5:

INNERQUOTE PLEASE CABLE TONNAGE OF YOUR SHIPMENTS AS WELL AS WHEN AND WHERE IT WAS SENT FROM. ABOVE DATA NECESSARY TO FACILITATE SPEEDY RECEIPT. DOING ALL EFFORTS TO ARRANGE COMING OF DIRECTOR SCHWARTZ. END INNERQUOTE

(4) FROM ROBERT PILPEL, LISBON, DATED NOVEMBER 7:

INNERQUOTE A NEPHEW OF FILDERMAN, MARICIU HORNSTEIN NOW IN ISTANBUL, EMPHASIZES AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING BULGARIA RUMANIA EARLIEST. HORNSTEIN CONSULTING KESSLER KATZKI. FOR YOUR INFORMATION BEN GURION EXPECTED ISTANBUL NEXT DAYS ENROUTE BULGARIA RUMANIA END INNERQUOTE UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 23.

4:30 p.m. November 11, 1944

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

QUOTE Jaques Benzonana on behalf of Jewish Community Council of Athens and Elie Cohen on behalf of Jewish Community Council Salonika, now care of Greek Legation Cairo, cabled us: INNERQUOTE This is to inform you that Jewish Community Councils Athens and Salonika have been reconstituted by Royal Decree Greek Government. On eve of our return to Greece to take up difficult task rehabilitation Greek Jewry fervent appeal is made on behalf co-religionists survived Nazi total persecution. Remaining Jews scattered throughout liberated Greece estimated at about 15,000 are in pitiable physical and economic condition and completely destitute as outlaws under German occupation. Financial aid is urgently needed to save them. Please reply care of Greek Legation Cairo. END INNERQUOTE We replied: INNERQUOTE We acknowledge receipt your cable which we immediately communicating our Lisbon headquarters 242 Rua Aurea. Naturally we very anxious do utmost in our power help surviving Greek

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-2- #2970, November 16, 9 p.m., to Lisbon

Greek Jews and meantime suggest you communicate with Harry Greenstein representative UNRRA Cairo. END INNERQUOTE Please ask Schwartz, Magnes cable us their recommendations. Assume Schwartz will discuss cable with UNRRA London. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORWEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE JAQUES BENZONANA ON BEHALF OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF ATHENS AND ELIE COHEN ON BEHALF OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SALONIKA, NOW CARE OF GREEK LEGATION CAIRO, CABLED US: INNERQUOTE
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS ATHENS AND
SALONIKA HAVE BEEN RECONSTITUTED BY ROYAL DECREE GREEK GOVERNMENT.
ON EVE OF OUR RETURN TO GREECE TO TAKE UP DIFFICULT TASK REHABILITATION
GREEK JEWRY FERVENT APPEAL IS MADE ON BEHALF CO-RELIGIONISTS SURVIVED
NAZI TOTAL PERSECUTION. REMAINING JEWS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT LIBERATED
GREECE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 15,000 ARE IN PITTABLE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC
CONDITION AND COMPLETELY DESTITUTE AS OUTLAWS UNDER GERMAN OCCUPATION.
FINANCIAL AID IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO SAVE THEM. PLEASE REPLY CARE OF
GREEK LEGATION CAIRO. END INNERQUOTE. WE REPLIED: INNERQUOTE
WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT YOUR CABLE WHICH WE IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATING
OUR LISBON HEADQUARTERS 242 RUA AUREA. NATURALLY WE VERY ANXIOUS
DO UTMOST IN OUR POWER HELP SURVIVING GREEK JEWS AND MEANTIME SUGGEST
YOU COMMUNICATE WITH HARRY GREENSTEIN REPRESENTATIVE UNRRA CAIRO.
END INNERQUOTE. PLEASE ASK SCHWARTZ, MAGNES CABLE US THEIR
RECOMMENDATIONS. ASSUME SCHWARTZ WILL DISCUSS CABLE WITH UNRRA
LONDON. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 114.

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Miss Chauncey (for the Secty) Abrahamson, Ackerman, Cohn, DuBois,
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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to
Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish
Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE With reference Sommerstein's cable we assume that
you agree going Switzerland first. Suggest you discuss with
Governor Lehman question of timing visit to Moscow for which
visa probably obtainable London. Please discuss with Jewish
colonization association loan of Passman to us for next six
months also advise us soonest results your discussions Jewish
colonization association and British Central Fund regarding
Migration Agency. Allotment Committee distributing ten million
dollars 52.3 to us and 47.7 to United Palestine appeal. Addi-
tional funds receivable subject further allotment decision in
January. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from

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

QUOTE WITH REFERENCE SOMMERSTEIN'S CABLE WE ASSUME THAT YOU AGREE GOING SWITZERLAND FIRST. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH GOVERNOR LEHMAN QUESTION OF TIMING VISIT TO MOSCOW FOR WHICH VISA PROBABLY OBTAINABLE LONDON. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION LOAN OF PASSMAN TO US FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS ALSO ADVISE US SOONEST RESULTS YOUR DISCUSSIONS JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION AND BRITISH CENTRAL FUND REGARDING MIGRATION AGENCY. ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTING TEN MILLION DOLLARS 52.3 TO US AND 47.7 TO UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. ADDITIONAL FUNDS RECEIVABLE SUBJECT FURTHER ALLOTMENT DECISION IN JANUARY. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 24.

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Miss Stauney (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, Darbois, Friedman, Hodel, Lasser, Mannon, McCormack, Elias

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ROME 435

The cable below is from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Arthur Greenleigh from H. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We authorized Judah Magnes arrange reimburse refugees from Italy their lira equivalent left with Allied Control Commission. Magnes advises claims in Palestine aggregate approximately 11,000 pounds although we under impression total these claims amounted to \$90,000. Please arrange that complete list of claims be forwarded to Magnes Jerusalem for reimbursement. We asked Magnes that Palestine Government certify amounts repaid to refugees so that equivalent lira can be paid out to your account. Please keep us advised. UNQUOTE

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The cable below for Mann is WRB 22.

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

QUOTE Contrary to previous information our latest
information is that Beckelman has not definitely made deci-
sion and it must be left squarely to him. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WIHANT, LONDON, FOR MANN 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 CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION OUR LATEST INFORMATION
IS THAT BECKELMAN HAS NOT DEFINITELY MADE DECISION AND IT MUST
BE LEFT SQUARELY TO HIM. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 22.

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The cable below is WRB 112.

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

QUOTE Schwartz well left for London planning proceed
Switzerland soonest via France. Advise Saly Mayer. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR NORWEG, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE SCHWARTZ WELL LEFT FOR LONDON PLANNING PROCEED
SWITZERLAND SOONEST VIA FRANCE. ADVISE SALY MAXER.
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November 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Filpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 9, 1944:

"115. 37 children, 28 adults, arrived Istanbul November 8 from Bulgaria proceeding Palestinwards tomorrow. View present inability send food packages Theresienstadt, Bergenbelsen, other camps ex Lisbon and view Laura Margolis reports feasibility sending parcels ex Sweden suggest appropriate amondment licenae. Laura advises World Congress parcel project likely be abortive.

"Laura more optimistic concerning Stockholm's Jewish community understanding of our function and Congress functions and indicates Ehrenpreis aware of inadvisability his Congress connection. She visited Malmo, Goteborg, Halsingborg, meeting communities and Chalutzim and finds general interest and desire to be informed about our work. Laura desires receive regularly dozen copies digest other publicity material."

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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November 11, 1944

Dear Sirs:

The following message for Dr. Schwartz from Union OSE was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of November 10, 1944:

"Lazar Gurvitch and Joseph Weill recently visited Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Chambéry and Grenoble. Unified OSE organization has been reestablished comprising institutions in Paris and southern Zone. Central Board French OSE in Paris presided over by Justin Godard and Dr. Minkowski. Needs Jewish population very great. About 50,000 persons are receiving financial assistance from social organizations. OSE has initiated action reunite parents and children and is responsible for 5,500 children, 2,000 of whom receiving aid with their families while 3,500 have been placed in adoptive families and children homes. 4 OSE homes have been reopened and before year's end 1,200 children will be transferred into newly opened colonies; there is great need of medicines, clothing and household equipment these homes. Medical and social consultation centers have been opened in Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Toulouse and Limoges which care for a considerable number of sick people particularly tuberculars. View widespread need have had to increase budget 60 percent. Have established close contact with French Ministry of Public Health and United Front French Mutual Aid which has recognized OSE activities within general frame of French war relief program.

"Please communicate possibilities sending medicines to liberated Poland.

"Moravski quite well and working with OSE.

"Kindly relay substance this message to Leo Kulmann."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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Moravski quite well and working with OSE.

Kindly relay substance this message to Leo Wulmann." 34.60

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November 15, 1944

Cable from Bern 7475 November 10 for WRB change
serial number to "7465".

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November 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 9, 1944:

"117. Perlman Rome advises (1) 150 male Polish Jews interned Corfu being brought Ferramonti camp; (2) further our 97 (October 24) military furnishing three additional planes carrying 6 tons winter army clothing to Jewish community Croatia thereby alleviating situation these 1400 people; (3) Combined Chiefs of Staff approved clearance of funds for refugees now Palestine Fort Ontario from Italy and Allied Commission prepared pay us lire equivalent when advised Joint has paid refugees; (4) volume work increasing and Perlman needs help. Perlman suggests you endeavor arrange temporary assignment Skorniklaub and Shacow until their UNRRA missions require them; (5) Greenleigh's French visa expected today and Greenleigh leaving upon receipt."

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,
New York 16, New York.

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7-war Ref (M. Pehle)

Dated November 9, 1944

Rec'd 10:03 p.m., 10th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

3905, ninth, 7 p.m.
FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPER
JDC 117 WRB 251.

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*Message sent
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RB*

Perlman Rome advises, (first) 150 male Polish Jews interned Corfu being brought Ferramonti camp (second) further our ^{JDC (Oct 24)} WRB 97 military furnishing three additional planes carrying six tons winter army clothing to Jewish community Croatia thereby alleviating situation these 1,400 people (third) combined chiefs of staff approved clearance of funds for refugees now Palestine Fort Ontario from Italy and Allied Commission prepared pay us lire equivalent when advise joint has paid refugees (fourth) volume work increasing and Perlman needs help. Perlman suggests you endeavor arrange temporary assignment Skorniklaub and Shacow until their UNRRA missions require them (fifth) Greenleigh's French visa expected today and Greenleigh leaving upon receipt.

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November 11, 1944

Dear Sirs:

The following message for Dr. Schwartz from Charles Passman was received from Teheran under date of November 8, 1944:

"With regard to immediate aid from Teheran to liberated areas of Poland, following are results of discussions with Teheran representatives, Polish Minister, Polish Liberation Committee, Consul General of Russia, and FEA.

"(1) Willingness was expressed by Polish Minister to place at our disposal supplies which they have available which includes medical equipment donated, I believe, by the United States; also to provide funds to us for purchase of additional Lend-Lease goods in accordance with previous agreement, provided aid will be given also to persons who are non-Jews. Also he does not object to distribution through present Lublin Committee. This represents his personal view which cable his Government in London requesting approval. It was thought by him that certainly approval will be granted if our representative participates in supervising distribution.

"(2) Liberation Committee representatives said they were certain that everything will be done by Lublin Committee to make sure just distribution and will request permission from Russia for our representative to be present. Tomorrow one of them is departing for Moscow and Lublin.

"(3) It was stated by Russian Consul he believes there will be no difficulty in their transporting our supplies Teheran-Lublin which it is expected will take about a month but is uncertain regarding presence our representative. He agreed to immediately cable Moscow.

"(4) It was stated by FEA they are instructed to at once dispose of all stocks here and refused therefore request we made previously to sell portion to us. Other offers under consideration by them and quick decision will have to be made. Should we send relief to liberated areas of Poland with financial aid Polish Government London, and considering requirements for additional goods for parcels program 1945, we ought to purchase entire stock which consists of following goods:

46,000 men's used overcoats, 28,000 women's used overcoats, 12,000 winter caps, also small amounts other used wearing apparel, 33,000 woolen blankets, 92 tons powdered soup, 479,000 ascorbic acid E tablets. All other clothing proposed for Poland. \$579,000 total cost. Polish authorities it is expected will pay half at least.

"It was made clear in discussions with all parties no definite instructions received, also possibility our helping liberated areas Poland requires State Department permission. American Embassy here informed of all conversations.

"Was advised by all parties involved with regard to our representative proceeding Lublin that question probably be simplified if it were possible say I prepared to go. They were told by me when final decision made by you surely an acceptable person will be proposed by you.

"With regard to myself, I do not yet know whether able and ready to undertake trip either to Balkans pursuant your request or to Poland should favorable decision be made.

"Your opinion on foregoing problems kindly cable immediately."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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-2-#823, November 8, 9 a.m., from Tehran

Government London asking approval. He thought that approval will surely be given if our representative will participate in supervision distribution.

Two. Representatives Committee Liberation stated they sure Lublin Committee will do everything assure just distribution and will ask Russian permission presence our representative. One of them leaving for Moscow and Lublin tomorrow.

Three. Russian Consul stated believes no difficulty their transporting our supplies Tehran-Lublin which should take about a month, but not sure about presence our representative. He promised cable immediately Moscow.

Four. FEA stated they have instructions dispose at once all stocks here therefore refused our previous request to sell us part. They have under consideration other offers and will have to make quick decision. If we should send relief liberated Poland with financial help Polish Government, London and taking into consideration need of additional supplies for parcels service 1945 we should buy the entire stock consisting of

following:

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-3-#823, November 8, 9 a.m., from Tehran

following: 92 tons powdered soup, 479,000 ascorbic acid E tablets, 33,000 woolen blankets, 12,000 winter caps, 46,000 used mens overcoats, 28,000 used womens overcoats, also small quantities other used wearing apparel. Proposed all other clothing for Poland. Total cost \$579,000. Expect Polish authorities will pay at least half.

In discussions with all parties made clear have no definite instructions also that possibility our help liberated Poland depends upon permission State Department. Informed American Embassy here of all conversations.

Regarding our representative going Lublin was informed by all parties concerned that question likely to be simplified if could say that I ready go. I told them that when you make final decision you will surely propose acceptable person.

Regarding myself do not know yet whether ready and able undertake either mission to Balkans according your request or go Poland if favorable decision reached.

Please cable immediately your opinion above problems.

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*Private Messages
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Lehle)*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMEMBASSY, Paris
DATED: November 10, 1944
NUMBER: 360
X

From War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee from Paul Baerwald of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Thanks your and Hoehler's cable. Schwartz left for London and hopes be able see you Paris enroute Switzerland. We realize situation France during first several difficult months requires emergency help and in response direct appeal from Maurice Brenner we remitted \$100,000 pending Schwartz's report to us. Agree with importance Greenleigh taking over in Paris earliest date and happy learn from you that difficulties his entry being removed. UNQUOTE

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

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee from Paul Baerwald of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE THANKS YOUR AND HOEHLER'S CABLE. SCHWARTZ LEFT FOR LONDON AND HOPES BE ABLE SEE YOU PARIS ENROUTE SWITZERLAND. WE ANALYZE SITUATION FRANCE DURING FIRST SEVERAL DIFFICULT MONTHS NEEDS EMERGENCY HELP AND IN RESPONSE DIRECT APPEAL FROM MAURICE BRENNER WE REMITTED \$100,000 PENDING SCHWARTZ'S REPORT TO US. AGREE WITH IMPORTANCE GREENLEIGH TAKING OVER IN PARIS EARLIEST DATE AND HAPPY LEARN FROM YOU THAT DIFFICULTIES HIS ENTRY BEING REMOVED. UNQUOTE

*Copy sent
JBC 11/7/44*

11:45 a.m.
November 7, 1944

RW Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, ~~Alexander~~ Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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November 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Jules Jefroykin was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of November 4, 1944:

"Reference your message of the 16th of October.

"Only 2,500,000 francs are held by Hicem, which represents deposits of emigrants for which the owners are to be reimbursed. For this and other reasons it should not be used for relief purposes. Due to the critical situation existing at present please urgently transmit funds for Jules Jefroykin account, Credit Lyonnais A. G., 2 Avenue Messine, Paris. From the 1st of December American Joint account will operate at same bank."

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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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than the Government Agency. (2-20-44)
(LIAISON)

Paris

Dated November 4, 1944

Rec'd 2:01 p.m., 5th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

322, November 4, 5 p.m.

FROM J. JEFROYKIN AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE PARIS TO MOSES A. LEAVITTA JDC NEW YORK

Yours October 16.

Hicum possesses only 2-1/2 million francs representing emigrants deposits to be reimbursed to owners. For this reason and other reasons we have no interest to use it for relief purposes. View present critical situation please send funds urgently account Jules Jefroykin Credit Lyonnais Agence A. G. 2 Avenue Messine Paris. American joint account will function same bank from December 1.

C. JEFFERY

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*Message sent
11/9/44
RJ*

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November 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 7, 1944:

"114. A nephew of Filderman, Mariciu Hornstein now in Istanbul, emphasizes again the importance of our representative proceeding Bulgaria Rumania earliest. Hornstein consulting Kessler, Katzki. For your information Ben Gurion expected Istanbul next days en route Bulgaria, Rumania."

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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PLAIN
Lisbon

Dated November 7, 1944

Rec'd 5:02 a.m., 8th

Secretary of State,
Washington,

3883, Seventh, 6 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL JDC 114 WRB 248.

Mariciu Hornstein, nephew of Elderman, presently
Istanbul, reiterates importance our representative
proceeding Bulgaria Roumania earliest. Hornstein con-
sulting Kessler Katzki. For your information Ben Gurion
expected Istanbul next days enroute Bulgaria Roumania.

Message sent
11/9/44
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November 8, 1944

Dear Sirs:

The following message for Joseph Schwartz from Mr. Malin of the Intergovernmental Committee was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 6, 1944:

"Emerson and Kullmann left last week for a month in France, Belgium and Switzerland. I have forwarded your cable to them and asked for suggestions. Meanwhile I am discussing the matter with Foreign Office and American Embassy. Initial assumption would be that Jewish Agency would bear responsibility and we have not been approached by them.

"Please bring with you to London all available information on transportation and financing."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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London

Dated November 6, 1944

Rec'd 3:10 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

9612, Sixth

Following for Joseph Schwartz JDC from Malin

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Emerson and Kullmann left last week for a month in France, Belgium and Switzerland. I have forwarded your cable to them and asked for suggestions. Meanwhile I am discussing the matter with Foreign Office and American Embassy. Initial assumption would be that Jewish agency would bear responsibility and we have not been approached by them.

Please bring with you to London all available information on transportation and financing.

GALLMAN

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Message sent 11/10/44
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November 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 6, 1944:

"Jefroykin cabled Schwartz through Embassy Paris November 4: 'Apply immediately for French visa with French Legation and advise. Must inform you we received no funds for half September-October budget. View critical situation please have funds sent urgently for technical reasons our bank account will function from December 1 meantime make transmission account Jules Jefroykin Credit Lyonnais A Gencocag 2 Avenue Messine Paris.'

"Saly advises about 35,000 people require assistance and that shortly this number will reach 60,000. Monthly budget in millions as follows: Car 15, Federation 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, OSE 8, Consistoire 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, Miscellaneous 4.

"Saly's opinion OSE and Federation working well while other organizations less so. Saly believes funds presently available adequate for next 4 or 5 weeks. Do you wish Saly transmit funds to Jefroykin for latter's distribution or do you wish Saly continue making funds available to the several organizations?"

Very truly yours,
~~Very truly yours~~ 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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INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

EK-772

PLAIN
Lisbon

Dated November 6, 1944

Rec'd 7:07 a.m., 7th.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

3871, Sixth, 7 p.m.
FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL JDC 113 WRB 247.

Jefroykin cabled Schwartz through Embassy Paris November 4: "Apply immediately for French visa with French Legation and advise. Must inform you WE received no funds for half September-October budget. View critical situation please have funds sent urgently for technical reasons our bank account will function from December 1 meantime make transmission account Jules Jefroykin credit Lyonnais A Genccag 2 AVENUE Messine Paris".

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Saly's opinion Ose and Federation working well while other organizations less so. Saly believes

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Message sent 11/8/44
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-2-#3871; sixth 7 n.m., from Lisbon.

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weeks. Do you wish Saly transmit funds to Jefroykin
for latter's distribution or do you wish Saly contin-
ue making funds available to the several organizations.

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NOV 7 1944 2 p.m.

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ALLEGATION

STOCKHOLM 2231

The cable below for Olsen is WRB 235.

Please deliver the following message to Laura Kargolis, Hotel Continental, Stockholm, from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Answering your cable connection 115 Finnish stateless refugees approved total \$20,000 against which remitted \$15,000 now remitting balance \$5,000 under license number 642081-B. Behalf Danish refugees first \$25,000 remitted October 11, 1943 additional \$25,000 transferred December 29. \$1,000 monthly applicable general budget. Suggest you consult Iver Olsen WRB representative to whom transferred \$100,000 September 7 license 648481. While Hugo Rothenberg was helpful to us in past view his present status as refugee believe it would be best not have him closely identified our work. Plan return Lisbon enroute London early next week. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Laura Margolis, Hotel Continental, Stockholm, from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ANSWERING YOUR CABLE CONNECTION 115 FINNISH STATELESS REFUGEES APPROVED TOTAL \$20,000 AGAINST WHICH REMITTED \$15,000 NOW REMITTING BALANCE \$5,000 UNDER LICENSE NUMBER 642081-R. BEHALF DANISH REFUGEES FIRST \$25,000 REMITTED OCTOBER 11, 1943 ADDITIONAL \$25,000 TRANSFERRED DECEMBER 29. \$1,000 MONTHLY APPLICABLE GENERAL BUDGET. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT IVER OLSEN WRB REPRESENTATIVE TO WHOM TRANSFERRED \$100,000 SEPTEMBER 7 LICENSE 648481. WHILE HUGO ROTHENBERG WAS HELPFUL TO US IN PAST VIEW HIS PRESENT STATUS AS REFUGEE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST NOT HAVE HIM CLOSELY IDENTIFIED OUR WORK. PLAN RETURN LISBON ENROUTE LONDON EARLY NEXT WEEK. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 235.

10:30 a.m.
November 4, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

Copy sent JDC 11/6/44 RJ
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*was Ref BU
Pelle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington
TO: AMCONSUL, Jerusalem
DATED: November 7, 1944
NUMBER: 182
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From War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Judah Magnes from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Your October 5 have already cabled Passman asking him proceed Rumania as soon as possible and we here have undertaken all possible steps with Department to authorize his entry. Fully agree your view that relief needs Balkan countries so great that no private agency can alone undertake full responsibility and would certainly expect Passman undertake all necessary steps Rumanian other Government authorities to obtain fullest amount Government participation relief program with JDC supplementing wherever necessary and to the extent our budget permits. Must point out that we have not authorized nor do we intend Jewish Agency act our behalf therefore will certainly not pay for programs which they initiate. We look to Passman and our own representatives to initiate necessary programs in consultation with local committees and with us. For your information Saly Mayer is in direct touch Filderman and he has authorized initial credit two million Swiss francs against which Filderman has already drawn 650 million Lei still leaving an open credit of about 1,100,000 Swiss francs. For time being direct transmissions from here impossible therefore have to rely on Saly Mayer for remittances based largely on local borrowing. Would urge Passman to give at least additional six months for work in Balkans which we taking up with his board members here. Should he require additional personnel would authorize immediately engaging Ussoskin and any other suitable assistants available Palestine provided travel arrangements Balkans could be made. Kessler desirous returning here in January against which we have no objection provided Ussoskin or somebody else available replace him that time. Meanwhile we interviewing American personnel and will keep you advised of results. UNQUOTE

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

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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Judah Magnes from
Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR OCTOBER 5 HAVE ALREADY CABLED PASSMAN ASKING HIM
PROCEED RUMANIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE HERE HAVE UNDERTAKEN
ALL POSSIBLE STEPS WITH DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE HIS ENTRY.
FULLY AGREE YOUR VIEW THAT RELIEF NEEDS BALKAN COUNTRIES SO
GREAT THAT NO PRIVATE AGENCY CAN ALONE UNDERTAKE FULL
RESPONSIBILITY AND WOULD CERTAINLY EXPECT PASSMAN UNDERTAKE
ALL NECESSARY STEPS RUMANIAN OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO
OBTAIN FULLEST AMOUNT GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION RELIEF PROGRAM
WITH JDC SUPPLEMENTING WHEREVER NECESSARY AND TO THE EXTENT
OUR BUDGET PERMITS. MUST POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED
NOR DO WE INTEND JEWISH AGENCY ACT OUR BEHALF THEREFORE WILL
CERTAINLY NOT PAY FOR PROGRAMS WHICH THEY INITIATE. WE LOOK
TO PASSMAN AND OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE NECESSARY
PROGRAMS IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL COMMITTEES AND WITH US.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION SALLY MAYER IS IN DIRECT TOUCH FILDERMAN
AND HE HAS AUTHORIZED INITIAL CREDIT TWO MILLION SWISS FRANCS
AGAINST WHICH FILDERMAN HAS ALREADY DRAWN 650 MILLION LET STILL
LEAVING AN OPEN CREDIT OF ABOUT 1,100,000 SWISS FRANCS. FOR
TIME BEING DIRECT TRANSMISSIONS FROM HERE IMPOSSIBLE THEREFORE
HAVE TO RELY ON SALLY MAYER FOR REMITTANCES BASED LARGELY ON
LOCAL BORROWING. WOULD URGE PASSMAN TO GIVE AT LEAST ADDITIONAL
SIX MONTHS FOR WORK IN BALKANS WHICH WE TAKING UP WITH HIS BOARD
MEMBERS HERE. SHOULD HE REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD AUTHORIZE
IMMEDIATELY ENGAGING USSOSKIN AND ANY OTHER SUITABLE ASSISTANTS AVAIL-
ABLE PALESTINE PROVIDED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BALKANS COULD BE MADE.
KESSELER DESIROUS RETURNING HERE IN JANUARY AGAINST WHICH WE HAVE
NO OBJECTION PROVIDED USSOSKIN OR SOMEBODY ELSE AVAILABLE REPLACE
HIM THAT TIME. MEANWHILE WE INTERVIEWING AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND
WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF RESULTS. UNQUOTE

*Copy sent JDC
10/30/44
RZ*

4:00 p.m.
October 28, 1944

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

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November 17, 1944

Dear Sir:

The following message for Dr. Schwartz from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Legate in Rome under date of November 6, 1944:

"Clearance was received from SHAEF; French visa only being awaited by me, which should be received within a two or three day period. I then expect to leave for France as early as it is possible. At what time are you leaving and where will we meet? Will plan to meet with you in Paris should no message be received from you prior to my departure. Everything has been transferred to Perlman who is present here to take my place. Kindly send us soonest time schedule for Jacobson in order to facilitate planning here for operations."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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other than a Government
agency. (Restrictions)
(LIAISON)

Rome

Dated November 6, 1944

REC'd 3:45 p.m.

*War Ref
Bd
1 Mr
Pohl*

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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*Message sent
11/17/44*

666, November 6, 5 p.m.

FROM ARTHUR GREENLEIGH FOR JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK:

SHMEF clearance received and I am only awaiting
French visa. This should arrive within two or three
days. Then I plan to proceed to France as soon as
possible. When are you planning to leave and where
shall I meet you? If nothing received from you
before I leave shall plan meet you in Paris. I
have transferred everything to Perlman who is here
to replace me. To facilitate planning operations
here please send us time schedule on Jacobson
soonest.

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November 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Saly Mayer was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of November 4, 1944:

"Would you kindly cable me what Joe Schwartz's plans are."

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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PLAIN

Bern

Dated November 4, 1944

Rec'd 3:05 p.m., 5th.

Handwritten: Ref. Bd. (Mr. Ehl)

Secretary of State,
Washington.

7334, Fourth.

FOR WRE FROM MCCLELLAND

For Leavitt of Joint Distribution Committee from

Saly Meyer.

"Would you kindly cable me what Joe Schwartz's
plans are." 505

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AMEMBASSY

LISBON
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The cable below is WRB 111.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Filpel from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Arthur Greenleigh Rome advises he has arranged military clearance for Resnik enter Italy via London. Expect see you briefly Lisbon enroute London and if Resnik has not yet departed please ask him await my arrival. UNQUOTE

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

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11/6/44

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

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CABLE TO NORWEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel from
Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ARTHUR GREENLEIGH ROME ADVISES HE HAS ARRANGED
MILITARY CLEARANCE FOR RESNIK ENTER ITALY VIA LONDON. EXPECT
SEE YOU BRIEFLY LISBON ENROUTE LONDON AND IF RESNIK HAS NOT
YET DEPARTED PLEASE ASK HIM AWAIT MY ARRIVAL. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 111.

11:15 a.m.
November 3, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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The cable below is from War Refugee Board.

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(Mr. Bel)*

Please deliver the following message to Arthur Greenleigh from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Your October 29 full name is Israel Gaynor Jacobson not Jacobs. Please make necessary correction your end order avoid complications here. Hope be in France enroute Switzerland in ten days to two weeks therefore suggest you make every effort meet me there our Paris address 19 Rue de Teheran. We have now French personnel available. Paris office in charge now Maurice Brenner French national and Jules Jefroykin expected arrive there shortly. Harry Miele not available and thus far French Government has restricted entry to you and me. For your information Palestine certificates authorized for Italy total 900 for next six months and not 900 monthly which seemed your impression. UNQUOTE

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(ACTING)
(RMV)

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11/3/44

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

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

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CABLE TO AMERICAN DELEGATE, ROME, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Arthur Greenleigh from
Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR OCTOBER 29 FULL NAME IS ISRAEL GAYNOR JACOBSON
NOT JACOBS. PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTION YOUR END ORDER
AVOID COMPLICATIONS HERE. HOPE BE IN FRANCE ENROUTE SWITZERLAND
IN TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT
MEET ME THERE OUR PARIS ADDRESS 19 RUE DE TENERAN. WE HAVE NOW
FRENCH PERSONNEL THERE WHO WILL BE ABLE ASSIST YOU UNTIL ADDITIONAL
AMERICAN PERSONNEL AVAILABLE. PARIS OFFICE IN CHARGE NOW MAURICE
BRENNER FRENCH NATIONAL AND JULES JEFFROYKIN EXPECTED ARRIVE THERE
SHORTLY. HARRY BIELE NOT AVAILABLE AND THUS FAR FRENCH GOVERNMENT
HAS RESTRICTED ENTRY TO YOU AND ME. FOR YOUR INFORMATION PALESTINE
CERTIFICATES AUTHORIZED FOR ITALY TOTAL 900 FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS
AND NOT 900 MONTHLY WHICH SEEMED YOUR IMPRESSION. UNQUOTE

11:15 a.m.

November 3, 1944

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JDC 11/3/44

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November 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

The following message for you from Sir Herbert Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee and Mr. Hoehler of UNRRA was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of November 2, 1944:

- "1. We deem it to be necessary that the Joint Distribution Committee should renew monthly remittances to the office in Paris as soon as possible; the minimum requirements at the present time are ten million French francs and this will probably prove to be insufficient.
- "2. We deem it to be most desirable that Greenleigh should take over in Paris at as early a date as possible; we understand that difficulties in the way of his coming are being removed.
- "3. We deem it to be very advisable that Schwartz should visit Paris at as early a date as is practicable in order to survey the entire position and make arrangements accordingly."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald, Chairman,
American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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RDRury 11/6/44

*I want to see
Pelle*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Paris
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: November 2, 1944
NUMBER: 297

*Message sent
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The message which follows is a joint one, through the War Refugee Board for Baerwald; it is from Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee and Hoyhler of UNRRA; both of these men are in Paris at the present time.

Start of the message:

1. We deem it to be necessary that the Joint Distribution Committee should renew monthly remittances to the office in Paris as soon as possible; the minimum requirements at the present time are ten million French francs and this will probably prove to be insufficient.

2. We deem it to be most desirable that Greenleigh should take over in Paris at as early a date as possible; we understand that difficulties in the way of his coming are being removed.

3. We deem it to be very advisable that Schwarz should visit Paris at as early a date as is practicable in order to survey the entire position and make arrangements accordingly.

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

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Drury 2414
(Room) (Sig.)
..... (Room) (Sig.)
..... (Room) (Sig.)

Will you please call
J D C & dictate this
message to them?

Self 25128

From: J D C
dictates to J D C
11/6 (date)
11/6 (time)
11/6 (date)

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November 4, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Filpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 1, 1944:

"110. War Refugee Board, Stockholm, telegram 96 (October 31) to Washington repeats Laura Margolis October 30 to United States. Please consult and advise us what answer we should send Margolis reference OSE matter."

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 ✓
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Message sent 11/1/44 RW

Dated November 1, 1944

Rec'd 4:41 a.m., 2nd.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

3825, November 1, 5 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL JDG 110 WRB 244.

War Refugee Board Stockholm telegram 96 to Washington repeats Laura Margolis October 30 to United States. Please consult and advise us what answer we should send Margolis reference OSE matter.

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November 3, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 1, 1944:

"109. Consulate here again cabled State Department requesting Reuben Resnik's validation North Africa and Italy basis military authorization Resnik holds to Mediterranean theatre. Greenleigh urges Resnik's soonest arrival Home."

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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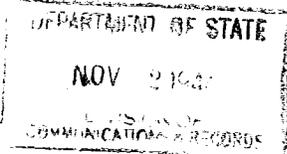
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PLAIN

Lisbon

Dated November 1, 1944

Rec'd 4:38 a.m., 2nd

Secretary of State

Washington

3826, November 1, 5 p.m.

FOR LEAVITT FROM FILPEL JDC 109 WRB 243.

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*Message sent
11/3/44
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Consulate here again cabled State Department requesting Reuben Resnik's validation North Africa and Italy basis military authorization Resnik holds to Mediterranean theater Greenleigh urges Resnik's soonest arrival Rome.

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