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APR 20 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Embassy in Rome under date of April 18, 1945:

"Just returned from Cairo and expect to be in Paris on Saturday April 21. James Rice should be assigned Italy and if Philip Stuchen already engaged he should be assigned France. Would suggest you continue line up prospects but make no definite commitments until my return to New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Rome

Dated April 18, 1945

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992, April 18, 4 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEAVITT FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ. 24.

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April 18, 1945

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Wm. R. ...
O. Sawyer

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1496, eighteenth
Please request McClelland deliver the following
message (WRB 498) to Gely Mayer, St. Gall, from H. A. Levitt
of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Hilfsverein fuer Juedische Lungenkranke Stania
Zurich group here desire raise funds for this hospital and
requested we advance them four to five thousand dollars pend-
ing their collections. Please cable us status this institu-
tion, budgetary requirements and whether advisable we make
such advance. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GHW)

WRB:MMV:KG
4/18/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, from

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

QUOTE HILFSVEREIN FUER JUEDISCHE LUNGENKRANKE BYANIA ZURICH
GROUP HERE DESIRE RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS HOSPITAL AND REQUESTED
IN ADVANCE THEM FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PENDING THEIR
COLLECTIONS. PLEASE CABLE US STATUS THIS INSTITUTION,
BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS AND WHETHER ADVISABLE WE MAKE SUCH
ADVANCE. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 498

copy sent to Joe 4/14/45

4:15 p.m.
April 12, 1945

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

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
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April 9th, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Would you kindly have the enclosed message sent through the channels of the War Refugee Board and send us confirmation copy in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Moses A. Leavitt
Moses A. Leavitt

EAL:JO
enc.

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4/9/45

Call to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, through WRB

HILFSVEREIN FÜR JÜDISCHE LUNGENKranKE ETANIA ZURICH GROUP HERE
DESIRE RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS HOSPITAL AND REQUESTED WE ADVANCE THEM
FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PENDING THEIR COLLECTIONS. PLEASE
CALL US STATUS THIS INSTITUTION, BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS AND WHETHER
ADVISABLE WE MAKE SUCH ADVANCE

F A LEAVITT
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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April 16, 1945 6 p.m.
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O. Sawyer

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LISBON 596

Please deliver the following message (WRB 169) to Harold Trobe from H. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Before applying license connection Goldstein Cukier claims referred your letter 1733 essential we secure Saly Mayer confirmation both amounts. Your 145 reported confirmation only \$35,000. Please advise Schwartz we appropriated \$100,000 for loan fund Greece and requested Linder approach ICA to provide similar amount. UNQUOTE

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

STETTINIUS (GHW)

WRB:MMV:RG
4/16/48

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

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Files
No. 3414

Mrs James - this one
should have gone as
a private message. I
checked with state
and they are changing
it. You may want to
change it on its distribution.
Should have gone to Harold
Trobe from M.G. Leavitt
RH

000106

State sending as private message
4/12/45

CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

QUOTE BEFORE APPLYING LICENSE CONNECTION GOLDSTEIN
CUKIER CLAIMS REFERRED YOUR LETTER 1733 ESSENTIAL WE
SECURE SALY MAYER CONFIRMATION BOTH AMOUNTS. YOUR 146
REPORTED CONFIRMATION ONLY \$35,000 STOP PLEASE ADVISE
SCHWARTZ WE APPROPRIATED \$100,000 FOR LOAN FUND GREECE
AND REQUESTED LINDER APPROACH IGA TO PROVIDE SIMILAR
AMOUNT UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 169

Copy sent to JAC 4/12/45-

4:30 p.m.
April 11, 1945

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

FR:hd 4/11/45

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April 10, 1945.

To Harold Trobe, Lisbon, thru WRB

BEFORE APPLYING LICENSE CONNECTION GOLDSTEIN CUKIER CLAIMS REFERRED YOUR
LETTER 1733 ESSENTIAL WE SECURE SALY MAYER CONFIRMATION BOTH AMOUNTS.
YOUR 145 REPORTED CONFIRMATION ONLY \$35,000

STP
N.A.

Harold Trobe

*Please advise if we appropriated
\$100,000 for loan fund Greece and requested
kindly approach ISA to provide similar
amount*

Frank JCA

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790 *7-10-44*
APR 10 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Trobe was received through the American Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 16, 1945:

"Margolis now Brussels. Cables address SHARF Mission Belgium APO 757 care of G-5 Displaced Persons, Postmaster New York. Notify family. Most urgent problem insuring budget next 3 months in order plan work since budget setup by Schwarts only to May 1. Please refer his cable February 9 giving breakdown budget and stressing minimum requirements 5 million francs monthly. View recent arrival and only enough money on hand operate till May 1 cannot allow time study situation thoroughly but first observations and conversations am convinced committee obliged ask budget 4 million francs monthly from us next 3 months equivalent about \$91,000 monthly. Breakdown as follows 1,850,000 francs maintenance 3,110 children under care this date and 2,150,000 francs relief 7,000 adults. Committee has just taken over 5 new homes housing 260 children formerly managed by resistance groups and more children daily coming from hiding and turned over our care. Children's section of committee in good hands and if funds available can guarantee constructive work. Clothing situation indescribable goods available locally poor quality. Many children unable attend school lack shoes. Important we concentrate all efforts getting clothing shoes over here soonest. To date committee has received no funds intergovernmental committee or other sources and their request 4 million from us based on hope additional funds still forthcoming other sources. Also hoping reduce relief budget by getting loan Kassa started which exploring immediately would appreciate favorable consideration budgetary request to insure continued work until able get into situation thoroughly. Hope have detailed figures enroute you by May 1. Please advise decision soonest so we can plan accordingly. Please transit my name \$1,000 immediately for personnel administration expenses.

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Unfortunately Edward Warburg in Paris so unable consult
him this budget. Have advised Schwartz Linder please
advise appropriation made by reconstruction committee
for loan Kassa Belgium.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Lisbon Embassy

Dated April 16, 1945

Rec'd 2 a.m.

War Ref. Div. O. Sawyer

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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WRB 382 JDC 217 FOR LEAVITT FROM TROBE

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from us next 3 months equivalent about \$91,000 monthly.
Breakdown as follows 1,650,000 francs maintenance 3110
children under care this date and 215,000 francs relief
7000 adults. Committee has just taken over 5 new homes

housing 260

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-2-#790, Sixteenth, from Lisbon

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JMS

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JOC
(Pres me)

APR 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of April 16, 1945:

"Elgart's trunk arrived here but visa not yet issued because application only recently received by Foreign Office here. Am doing everything possible expedite. We confirm receipt second contribution from Universal."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Mar. P. F. B.
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Paris

Dated April 16, 1945

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Rec'd 2:00 a.m. 17th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1899, Sixteenth

JDC 33 FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE FROM ARTHUR GREENLEIGH.

"Elgart's trunk arrived here but visa not yet issued
because application only recently received by Foreign
Office here. Am doing everything possible expedite. We
confirm receipt second contribution from Universal."

CAPFERY

JMS

Universal

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JOC
J. J. Schwartz

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April 16, 1946

*W. R. ...
O. Sawyer*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
APR 18 1946
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EMBASSY

ROME

257, Sixteenth

Please deliver the following message to J. J. Schwartz
from M. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee, through War Refugee Board:

QUOTE Philip Stuchen Canadian employed by Saul Hayes
assignment JOC overseas staff born Ontario age 32 unmarried
languages Yiddish French now employed Department Labor
Ottawa assigned research statistics. Please advise where
you will assign. James Rice originally intended UNRRA unit
released due lack assignment now available JOC program. We
making arrangements France. Born Cleveland March 6, 1913
married one child ten years experience Jewish Social Service.

UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GLW)

WR:RIV:AG
4/16/46

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE PHILIP STUCHEN CANADIAN EMPLOYED BY SAUL HAYES
ASSIGNMENT JDC OVERSEAS STAFF BORN ONTARIO AGE 32
UNMARRIED LANGUAGES YIDDISH FRENCH NOW EMPLOYED DEPART-
MENT LABOR OTTAWA ASSIGNED RESEARCH STATISTICS. PLEASE
ADVISE WHERE YOU WILL ASSIGN. STOP JAMES RICE ORIGIN-
ALLY INTENDED UMRA UNIT RELEASED DUE LACK ASSIGNMENT
NOW AVAILABLE JDC PROGRAM. WE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
FRANCE. BORN CLEVELAND MARCH 6, 1913 MARRIED ONE
CHILD TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE.
UNQUOTE

copy sent to JDC 4/12/45

11:30 a.m.
April 12, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison
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CABLEGRAM

APRIL 10/45

Thompson B

J.J. SCHWARTZ
ROME

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PROGRAM. WE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FRANCE. BORN CLEVELAND MARCH 6,
1913 MARRIED ONE CHILD TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE.

LEAVITT

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OF
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*Joe
(Law...)*

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April 16, 1948
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*Wm. R. ...
O. ...*

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 494.

Please deliver the following message to Galy Mayer,
St. Gall, from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

UNQUOTE Confidential for you. Can you suggest dis-
creetly through such channels that you believe most desir-
able to Rumanian Bulgarian and Hungarian Red Cross societies
that they appeal directly to UNRRA headquarters Washington
for medical aid to combat epidemics their countries. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GLW)

WRB:MMV:KO
4/18/48

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

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCGLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer, St. Gall,
from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL FOR YOU STOP CAN YOU SUGGEST DIS-
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DESIRABLE TO ROUMANIAN BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN RED CROSS
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WASHINGTON FOR MEDICAL AID TO COMBAT EPIDEMICS THEIR
COUNTRIES UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 494

copy sent to Joe 4/12/45

4:30 p.m.
April 11, 1945

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April 16, 1945

War Ref. Sec. - Sawyer

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
APR 18 1945
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EMBASSY

LONDON

295A, Sixteenth

Please request them deliver the following message

(REF 65) to Harold Linder, 11D Lower Regent Street, London, from H. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Schwartz cabled from Athens urgently requesting one time grant 200,000 for free or cheap credit loans in order rehabilitate 1,000 heads of families. This in addition to 200,000 we remitted for first quarter for establishing community organizations. Committee appropriated 100,000 and suggests you explore with Jewish Colonization Association their justification similar amount. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GLW)

MRD:HEV:AG
4/16/45

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

Please deliver the following message to Harold Linder,
11D Lower Regent Street, London, from W. A. Leavitt of
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE SCHWARTZ CABLED FROM ATHENS URGENTLY REQUESTING
ONE TIME GRANT \$200,000 FOR FREE OR CHEAP CREDIT LOANS
IN ORDER REHABILITATE 1,000 HEADS OF FAMILIES STOP
THIS IN ADDITION TO \$200,000 WE REMITTED FOR FIRST
QUARTER FOR ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS STOP
COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED \$100,000 AND SUGGESTS YOU EXPLORE
WITH JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION THEIR JUSTIFICATION
SIMILAR AMOUNT UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 65
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Copy sent to Joe 4/11/45

11:30 a.m.
April 12, 1945

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

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Donald Funder

1 D Long Street St

London

Latent called from Athens urgently requesting
a grant of \$200,000 for free or cheap
credit loan to aid rehabilitate 1000 heads
of cattle etc. This in addition to 200,000
to be used for 1st year for establishing
several small farms. Keep Commission approved
\$100,000 and suggests you explore with Jewish Colonization
Association their participation similar amount.

Leard & JDC

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JOC - (Pru messages)

APR 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Saly Mayer was received through the United States Legation in Bern under date of April 14, 1945:

"Dr. Pops of Belgrade informed me in cable of March 26 there were still nearly 4000 Jewish survivors in following localities: Belgrade 1463 of whom 483 men 697 women and 283 children Skoplje 360 Macedonia 340 that is 86 in Bitolj 78 in Veles and 176 in Pristina Nisleskovac Serbia 28 Subotica Backabaoka 462 Novisad Backa 173 Zemun near Belgrade 30 Djulovac 111 Vrsacsenta Banat 28 Sombor Backa and Petrovgrad 49 Banija Topusko Glina Kordun and other liberated regions of Croatia 670 Split 200 making a sum total of 3914 persons.

Children in Belgrade are mostly orphans. Lodgings are very difficult to find and there is great lack of shoes and clothing. Soup kitchens have opened. Relief scale: 6000 dinars for adults and 1000 for each child. Have placed \$50,000 credit at their disposal."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Dated April 14, 1945

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Rec'd 10:25 p.m., 15th

Secretary of State

Washington

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2199, Fourteenth
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Kindly deliver following message from Saly Mayor to

JDC New York:

"Dr. Pops of Belgrade informed me in cable of March 26 there were still nearly 4000 Jewish survivors in following localities: Belgrade 1463 of whom 483 men 697 women and 283 children Skoplje 360 Macedonia 340 that is 86 in Bitolj 78 in Veles and 176 in Pristina Nisleskovac Serbia 23 Subotica Backabacka 462 Novisad Backa 173 Zemun near Belgrade 30 Djulovac 111 Vrsacsenta Banat 28 Sombor Backa and Petrovgrad 49 Banija Topusko Glina Kordun and other liberated regions of Croatia 670 Split 200 making a sum total of 3914 persons.

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-2- #2199, Fourteenth from Born

clothing. Soup kitchens have been opened. Relief scale:
6000 dinars for adults and 1000 for each child. Have
placed 50,000 credit at their disposal". 2380

HARRISON

WEB

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APR 20 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Embassy in Cairo under date of April 12, 1945:

"Approximately 350,000 of our proteges in Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Poland urgently require clothing according to our estimates.

A minimum of 75,000 are in similar circumstances in France, Belgium and Holland. Suggest you ask immediate allocation for complete outfitting above numbers including overcoats and other winter necessities since UNRRA is not distributing clothing in these areas. You should begin immediately to arrange for shipping especially for Balkans and Poland in order to meet winter requirements. Shipping facilities directly from USA to Istanbul will be available regularly from end of April through Fern Line according to our information. If possible all clothing for Balkans and Poland should be shipped this route. We would also require as soon as possible clothing for 150,000 Polish refugees Russia. This should be shipped to Basrah for Tehran then will be sent to Russia in bulk. All shipments should include generous quantities of children's clothing. Shipments for western Europe should be consigned our offices various countries. Advise progress please."

Very truly yours,

(signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

RBH:inp 4/19/45

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PEM-908

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

1945 APR 13

Cairo
AM 8 59

Dated April 12, 1945

DC/L Rec'd 3:21 p.m.
LIAISON

Wm. R. B. O'Quyer

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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900, April 12, Noon

FOR MOSES LEAVITT, JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,
FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Our estimates indicate that in Bulgaria, Rumania,
Hungary and Poland approximately 350,000 our proteges
urgently require clothing.

In France, Belgium, Holland minimum 75,000 in similar
situation. Since UNRRA not distributing clothing these
areas suggest you ask immediate allocation for complete
outfitting above numbers including overcoats and other
winter necessities. Order meet winter requirements you
should begin immediately arrange for shipping especially
for Balkans and Poland. Our information shipping
facilities directly from USA to Istanbul will be available
regularly from end April through Fern Line. All clothing
for Balkans and Poland should be shipped this route if
possible. Would also require soonest possible clothing
for 150,000 Polish refugees Russia. This will be sent to
Russia

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-2- #900, April 12, Noon, from Cairo.

Russia in bulk and should be shipped to Basrah for Tehren.
Generous quantities children's clothing should be included
all shipments. For western Europe shipments should be
consigned our offices various countries. Please advise
progress.

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Joe. P. ...

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APR 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 13, 1945:

"Further our 367 Gottfarb cables; 'American Red Cross who also has large stores packages for war--prisoners in Germany in Gothenburg. Believe they cannot be used for original purpose because of war situation. Couldn't New York try get part of them for us.' Please advise soonest decision relative purchase stock of medical supplies in Stockholm."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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DRM-1346

DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES
PLAIN
1945 APR 14 AM 8 57 Lisbon

*W. R. ...
J. ...*

DC/L
LIAISON

Dated April 13, 1945

Rec'd 4:48 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

777, Thirteenth.

WRB 380 JDC 215

FOR LEAVITT FROM TROBE

"Further our 367 Gottfarb cables: "American
Red Cross who also has large stores packages for
war--prisoners in Germany in Gothenburg. Believe
they cannot be used for original purpose because
of war situation. Couldn't New York try get part
of them for us." Please advise soonest decision
relative purchase stock of medical supplies in
Stockholm."

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APR 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Legation in Cairo under date of April 11, 1945:

"Jewish communities in Greece have received the following one time grants. \$12,000 for reorganization central committee for Greece and Athens community \$12,000 for organization of 8 other communities including Salonika. \$32,000 for cemetery Athens and free burial services for one year. \$4,800 repair and equip schools. \$2,000 to repair Athens synagogue. \$16,000 for setting up and equipping an orphanage for 50 to 75 children. \$14,000 for care of aged. \$4,800 for equipment and medical supplies for dispensary Athens. \$8,000 for immediate summer vacation program for 150 - 200 neediest sick children including maintenance and supplementary feeding for four months. \$20,000 for emergency shelter for homeless. \$10,000 for setting up of vocational training program and cooperative workshop for 35 abandoned and homeless girls. \$2,000 special grant for wounded and temporarily disabled during recent disturbances. \$1,250 for Easter bread Salonika in accordance with our recent cable. \$138,850 total one time grants. Have also set up effective and representative committee to administer loan fund for constructive purposes for which urge \$200,000 one time grant. Hope to reduce gradually \$30,000 cash relief which monthly budget includes; \$2,500 for child care, \$1,600 to maintain 60 students who would otherwise have to discontinue their studies at university and professional schools. \$2,500 for religious personnel and Hebrew schools. \$200 for location bureau. Total \$36,800. In order to provide for other phases of activity and for unforeseen emergencies suggest that budget be maintained at \$50,000 monthly for time being. Believe will constitute major contribution to rebuilding of badly hurt and shattered community if this

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program carried out. UNRRA Greek Mission gives above program full and enthusiastic approval and Ambassador and Greek Government officials with whom I have discussed it give it full support. Hope arrange Israel Jacobson's arrival Greece about April 20."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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1945 APR 12 AM 11:28

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Dated April 11, 1945

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LIAISON d 7:13 p.m.

*W. R. B. /
O. Sawyer*

Secretary of State

Washington

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889, April 11, 4 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEAVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM
JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Following one time grants have been made to Jewish
communities Greece. For reorganization central committee
for Greece and Athens community \$12,000. Organization 8
other communities including Salonika \$12,000. Cemetery
Athens and free burial services one year \$32,000. Repair
and equipment schools \$4,800. Repair of Athens synagogue
\$2,000. Setting up and equipping orphanage 50 - 75
children \$16,000. Care of aged \$14,000. Equipment and
medical supplies dispensary Athens \$4,800. Providing
immediate summer vacation program 150 - 200 neediest
sick children including maintenance and supplementary
feeding 4 months \$8,000. Emergency shelter for homeless
\$20,000. Setting up of vocational training program and
cooperative workshop 35 abandoned and homeless girls.
\$10,000. Special

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-2-, #889, April 11, 4 p.m., from Cairo.

\$10,000. Special grant for wounded and temporarily disabled during recent disturbances \$2,000. Providing Easter bread Salonika accordance our recent cable \$1,250. Total one time grants \$138,850. In addition have set up effective and representative committee administer loan fund for constructive purposes for which again urge one time grant \$200,000. Monthly budget includes \$30,000 cash relief which hope reduce gradually. Child care \$2,500. Maintenance 60 students who would otherwise be forced discontinue studies at university and professional schools \$1,600. Religious personnel and Hebrew schools \$2,500. Location bureau \$200. Total \$36,800. Suggest, however, budget be maintained at \$50,000 monthly time being in order provide for other phases of activity and for unforeseen emergencies. If this program carried through believe will constitute major contribution to rebuilding of badly hurt and shattered community. Above program has full and enthusiastic approval UNRRA Greek Mission and full support AmEmbassy and Greek Government officials with whom I discussed it. Hope arrange Israel Jacobson's arrival Greece about April 20.

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2PC - (two messages)

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Legation in Cairo under date of April 10, 1945:

"Have been discussing with Passman possibility of our asking Bertrand Jacobson act on our behalf in view of great difficulty obtaining permission for our staff members to go to Bucharest and in view of great importance of our having direct representation there. Have cabled Filderman requesting his views and if he concurs we believe this would be wisest move at this time in spite of your reservations and ours. We shall request you undertake necessary steps with Hicem to obtain Jacobson's release to us upon receiving Filderman's approval of this suggestion. In the meantime would appreciate your views. Please cable Lisbon."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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RBH:inp 4/13/45

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*Mr. Ref. Bd.
O. Sawyer*

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other than a Government
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Dated April 11, 1945

Rec'd 10:55 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

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885, April 11, noon,
FOR MOSES LEVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM
JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

View great difficulty obtaining permission our staff
members proceed Bucharest and view great importance our
having direct representation there. Have been discussing
with Passman possibility our asking Bertrand Jacobson act
on our behalf. Have cabled Filderman asking his views
and if he agrees we feel this would be wisest step to
take at this time despite your and our reservations. Upon
receipt Filderman's approval this suggestion we shall
ask you undertake necessary steps with Hicem obtain
Jacobson's release to us. Meanwhile would appreciate
your views. Please cable Lisbon.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FROM Joe (Private Messages)
Distribution of this message by special arrangement
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The cable below is WRB 168.

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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to Harold Trobe from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

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

QUOTE Advise Linder and Schwartz. INNERQUOTE After recent meeting with Kisselev who returning Moscow we have reached tentative conclusion to write Kisselev that whenever decision reached by his Government gradually resettling Jewish colonists Crimea we prepared discuss our participation in program. Despite our budgetary problems we desire show our continued interest. Realize whenever such plans should materialize our present step may involve outlay between five hundred thousand and one million dollars annually over a period. Without indicating any final decision our part could you ascertain whether IOA friends would be prepared share in such enterprise in event such Crimean program may eventually evolve. END INNERQUOTE UNQUOTE

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4/11/48

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trobe from

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

QUOTE ADVISE LINDER AND SCHWARTZ INNERQUOTE AFTER
RECENT MEETING WITH KISSELEV WHO RETURNING MOSCOW
WE HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE CONCLUSION TO WRITE KISSELEV
THAT WHENEVER DECISION REACHED BY HIS GOVERNMENT GRAD-
UALLY RESETTLING JEWISH COLONISTS CRIMEA WE PREPARED
DISCUSS OUR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM. DESPITE OUR
BUDGETARY PROBLEMS WE DESIRE SHOW OUR CONTINUED INTEREST.
REALIZE WHENEVER SUCH PLANS SHOULD MATERIALIZE OUR PRESENT
STEP MAY INVOLVE OUTLAY BETWEEN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND
ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OVER A PERIOD. WITHOUT
INDICATING ANY FINAL DECISION OUR PART COULD YOU ASCER-
TAIN WHETHER ICA FRIENDS WOULD BE PREPARED SHARE IN SUCH
ENTERPRISE IN EVENT SUCH CRIMEAN PROGRAM MAY EVENTUALLY
EVOLVE. END INNERQUOTE UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 163

copy sent to Joe 4/9/45

1:10 p.m.
April 9, 1945

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

Rea RBH: 4/7/45

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April 6th, 1945.

Cable to Harold Trobe, Liston, thru WRB

4 ADVISE LINDER AND SCHWARTZ QUOTE AFTER RECENT MEETING WITH KISSELEV WHO
RETURNING MOSCOW WE HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE CONCLUSION TO WRITE KISSELEV THAT
REVEALS DECISION REACHED BY HIS GOVERNMENT GRADUALLY RESETTLING JEWISH
SCIENTISTS CRIMEA WE PREPARED DISCUSS OUR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM. DESPITE
OUR BUDGETARY PROBLEMS WE DESIRE SHOW OUR CONTINUED INTEREST. REALIZE
HOWEVER SUCH PLANS SHOULD MATERIALIZE OUR PRESENT STEP MAY INVOLVE OUTLAY
BETWEEN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OVER A PERIOD.
WITHOUT INDICATION OF YOUR DECISION OUR PART COULD YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER
ICA FRIENDS WOULD BE PREPARED SHARE IN SUCH ENTERPRISE IN EVENT SUCH CRIMEAN
PROGRAM MAY EVENTUALLY EVOLVE ENDQUOTE

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J D C

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564, Tenth
the cable below is WNB 165.

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

NOTE Advise Schwartz his impression erroneous and
we still must urge larger reductions monthly budgets
especially during summer months. March April budgets
were approved basis his reduced recommendations despite
feeling some members continuance this basis may necessitate
sharply decreased budgets subsequent months. March budget
Switzerland 1,900,000 included 100,000 carried over from
1944 refund purchases Turkey. UNQUOTE

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(GHV)

WNB:MDV:KG
4/10/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trebe from M. A.

Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ADVISE SCHARFE HIS IMPRESSION ERRONEOUS AND WE STILL
MUST URGE LARGER REDUCTIONS MONTHLY BUDGETS ESPECIALLY DURING
SUMMER MONTHS. MARCH APRIL BUDGETS WERE APPROVED BASIS HIS
REDUCED RECOMMENDATIONS DESPITE FEELING SOME MEMBERS CONTINU-
ANCE THIS BASIS MAY NECESSITATE SHARPLY DECREASED BUDGETS
SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. MARCH BUDGET SWITZERLAND \$900,000 INCLUDED
\$100,000 CARRIED OVER FROM 1944 REFUND PURCHASES TURKEY.
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 165

copy sent to JDC 4/7/45

4:15 p.m.
April 6, 1945

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

REH: 4/5/45

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2. To Harold Trobe, Lisbon

ADVISE SCHWARTZ HIS DEPRESSION ERRONEOUS AND WE STILL MUST URGE LARGER
REDUCTIONS MONTHLY BUDGETS ESPECIALLY DURING SUMMER MONTHS. MARCH APRIL
BUDGETS WERE APPROVED BASIS HIS REDUCED RECOMMENDATIONS DESPITE FEELING
SOME MEMBERS CONTINUANCE THIS BASIS MAY NECESSITATE SHARPLY DECREASED
BUDGETS SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. MARCH BUDGET SWITZERLAND \$900,000 INCLUDED
\$100,000 CARRIED OVER FROM 1944 REFUND PURCHASES TURKEY

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*enclosure to JDC letter
4/3/45*

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 489.

Please deliver the following message to Saly Meyer.

St. Gall, from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint

Distribution Committee:

QUOTE John Plotoff, Unioncity, New Jersey, important
friend our organization received urgent appeal help his
nephew, Marcel Gorig, Deck Ferenoz Utoa 17, Budapest 4.
We authorize you give necessary assistance. Please inform
us when effected. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GHV)

WRB:GHV:KG
4/10/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, from

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

QUOTE JOHN FLATOFF, UNIONCITY, NEWJERSEY, IMPORTANT FRIEND OUR ORGANIZATION RECEIVED URGENT APPEAL HELP HIS NEPHEW, MARCEL GORIG, DEAK FERENCZ UTCA 17, BUDAPEST 4. WE AUTHORIZE YOU GIVE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. PLEASE INFORM US WHEN REQUESTED. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 489

copy sent to JDC 4/7/45

4:15 p.m.
April 6, 1945

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

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3. To Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland

JOHN PLATOFF, UNIONCITY, NEWJERSEY, IMPORTANT FRIEND OUR ORGANIZATION
RECEIVED URGENT APPEAL HELP HIS NEPHEW, MARCEL GORIG, DEAK FERENCZ
UTCA 17, BUDAPEST 4. WE AUTHORIZE YOU GIVE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.
PLEASE INFORM US WHEN EFFECTED

MOSES A LEAVITT
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*Enclosure to JDC letter
4/31/45*

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The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

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

QUOTE Max Perlman reconsidering prepared accept
overseas post our terms. Where do you wish assign him in
order apply passport validation. Continuing daily efforts
recruiting personnel have three or four immediate prospects.
Will keep you advised. Awaiting your reply re Viteles
assignment. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BOMB, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Schwartz from M. A.

Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE MAX PERLMAN RECONSIDERING PREPARED ACCEPT OVERSEAS
POST OUR TERMS. WHERE DO YOU WISH ASSIGN HIM IN ORDER
APPLY PASSPORT VALIDATION. CONTINUING DAILY EFFORTS
RECRUITING PERSONNEL HAVE THREE OR FOUR IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS.
WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. AWAITING YOUR REPLY RE VITELNS
ASSIGNMENT. UNQUOTE

Copy sent to Joe 4/7/45

4:15 p.m.
April 6, 1945

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

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April 3, 1945

Cables to be sent through channels of War Refugee Board

1. Cable to Dr. Schwartz, Rome

MAX PERLMAN RECONSIDERING PREPARED ACCEPT OVERSEAS POST OUR TERMS.
WHERE DO YOU WISH ASSIGN HIM IN ORDER APPLY PASSPORT VALIDATION.
CONTINUING DAILY EFFORTS RECRUITING PERSONNEL HAVE THREE OR FOUR
IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. AWAITING YOUR REPLY
RE VITELES ASSIGNMENT.

MOSES A LEAVITT
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*Delivered to JOC letter
4/3/45*

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ABC - (Pres. News)

APR 14 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Legation in Cairo under date of April 10, 1945:

"Passman now purchasing 30,000 pairs of shoes for our account for which he has export license 10,000 of which is chargeable to Czechoslovakia appropriation 20,000 Tehran package service. He estimates it will be possible to get an export permit for 70,000 additional pair for rest of this year the cost of which would be approximately \$560,000 including freight, insurance etc. We urge you authorize this amount charging budget each country as shipments are made in view of urgent needs of Hungary and anticipated need in other territories now being liberated. Medical supplies, which might reach about \$50,000 and light garments amounting to approximately \$100,000 are only other articles for which export permits obtainable and which are urgently needed. Light garments should be considered only if heavier ones are not obtainable elsewhere. Therefore would suggest appropriation immediately of \$600,000 for above purposes. Advise.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel

Assistant Executive Director

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

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Dated April 10, 1945

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Secretary of State, LIAISON
Washington.

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872, April 10, 1 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Passman now purchasing for our account 30,000
pairs of shoes for which he has export licence of
which 10,000 chargeable Czechoslovakia appropriation
20,000 Tehran parcel service. He estimates it will
be possible secure export permit additional 70,000 pair
for balance this year which would cost approximately
\$560,000 including freight, insurance etc. View urgent
requirements Hungary and anticipated need other
territories now being liberated would urge we authorize
this amount charging budget each country as shipments
are made. Only other articles for which export permits
obtainable and which urgently required are medical
supplies which might reach about \$50,000 and light
garments amounting approximately \$100,000. This latter
article should be considered only if heavier garments
not available elsewhere. Would therefore suggest immediate
appropriation \$600,000 above purposes. Advise

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JSC - (Proc. mem.)

APR 14 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Legation in Cairo under date of April 10, 1945:

"Concur your suggestion to increase budget for parcel service first quarter by \$150,000 by reducing 1945 Polish appropriation by this sum. Concerning possibility substituting bulk shipments for individual parcels, this has been receiving our consideration and our position is as follows:

One. Passman will investigate possibilities of distributing bulk supplies with Moscow committee. Bulk shipments may be undertaken if committee is in a position to undertake and execute work on fair and equitable basis.

Two. In accordance with our agreement with owners of supplies, present available supplies in Tehran will have to be used for individual parcels.

Three. Even in the event bulk shipments can be inaugurated it will be best to continue paid package service which will assure participation by relatives while bulk shipments will be substituted only for free packages sent hitherto.

Four. We are now considering possibility of sending duty free individual packages to liberated Poland from Tehran. We are awaiting results from test shipments of several hundred parcels already made through regular post office facilities. This would open up useful avenue of relief in this area and make possible larger participation relatives through considerably reduced price of packages if this be possible. Investigating

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same possibilities for Lithuania and Latvia. Will keep you informed. Suggest you investigate possibilities package services to those areas from USA in view shortage of supplies in Tehran, which beginning to concern us, and in view of more available and cheaper supplies your end.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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1945 APR 12 AM 11/29
Cairo

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Dated April 10, 1945

Rec'd 9:55 p.m., 11th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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873, April 10, 2 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM
JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

Agree your suggestion increase package service budget first quarter by \$150,000 by reducing 1945 appropriation Poland this amount. Regarding possibility substituting bulk shipments for individual package this has been receiving our attention and position as follows:

One. Passman will explore possibilities distribution bulk supplies with Moscow committee and if they in position undertake and execute work on fair and equitable basis bulk shipments may then be undertaken.

Two. Present available supplies Tehran will have to be used for individual parcels in accordance our agreement with owners of supplies.

Three. Even if and when bulk shipments can be inaugurated it will be advisable continue paid parcel service thus assuring relatives participation while bulk shipments will be

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-2-#873, April 10, 2 p.m., from Cairo.

will be substituted only for free packages sent hitherto.

Four. We now exploring possibility sending individual parcels from Tehran to liberated Poland duty free. Have already made test shipment several hundred parcels through regular post office facilities and awaiting results. Should this be possible it would open up useful avenue of relief this area and make possible greater participation relatives through greatly reduced price of packages. Exploring same possibilities for Lithuania and Latvia and will keep you informed. Suggest you explore possibilities parcel service from USA to those areas view more available and cheaper supplies your end and shortage supplies Tehran which beginning give us concern.

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JCC (Per message?)

April 18, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Legation in Cairo under date of April 10, 1945:

"Have arrived at following conclusions after discussing with Passman Jewish Agency transportation accounts in accordance with his recent cable to you.

"1. Concerning transportation by sea, even though Passman's reasons for questioning payment are sound, we nevertheless both agree that sum of 31,000 pounds sterling should be paid as we were aware of the fact that considering the nature of project, control of expenditures in Rumania would not be possible and in final analysis 80% of what Jewish Agency claims to have spent in connection with transportation by sea would have to be paid by us. Passman has made it clear to Kaplan and you should reiterate that no further claims will be recognized or considered and that the account as presented now is final.

"2. We both agree claim of \$40,000 for maintenance and transportation at Istanbul should not be paid as Agency representatives had opportunity to obtain our agreement in advance which we would not have given and in view of the fact that the agency itself probably would not have given consent to those expenditures had their representatives consulted them. Advise you leave final settlement of account to Passman and Agency representatives Jerusalem and that you merely inform Kaplan of above general decisions. You will be fully advised when final adjustments are made, which should be within a reasonable time."

Very truly yours,
(signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Cairo

Dated April 10, 1945

Rec'd 12 Noon

Secretary of State,
Washington

870, April 10, 11 a.m.

FOR MOSES LEVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Have discussed with Passman Jewish Agency trans-
portation accounts accordance his recent cable to
you and have arrived following conclusions.

One. Regarding sea transportation although
Passman's reasons for questioning payment valid neverthe-
less we both agree amount of 31,000 pounds sterling
should be paid since we always knew that in view nature
of project control of expenditures in Rumania would
be impossible and in final analysis we would have to
pay 80% of what Jewish Agency claims to have expended
connection sea transportation. Passman has made it
clear to Kaplan and you should emphasize again that
the account as presented now is final and that no
further claims will be recognized or considered.

Two. Regarding

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-2- #870, April 10, 11 a.m., from Cairo

Two: Regarding maintenance transportation at Istanbul we both agree claim of \$40,000 should not be paid since Agency representatives had possibility ask our consent in advance which would not have been given and view fact agency itself would probably not have authorized those expenditures if their representatives had consulted with them. Suggest you inform Kaplan of above general decisions and leave final settlement of account to Passman and Agency representatives Jerusalem. Final adjustments can be made within reasonable time and you will be fully advised.

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GEO, Tenth

The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,
Rome, from H. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distri-
bution Committee:

QUOTE Frederick White applied post overseas born
New York January 25, 1900, educated raised Europe unmarried
employed as Executive Director American Jewish Congress
Chicago office past five years. Although lacking social
service experience he has community organization experience
and is mature intelligent person advise soonest whether he
should engage him. UNQUOTE

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(GHW)

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE FREDERICH WHITE APPLIED POST OVERSEAS BORN
NEW YORK JANUARY 25, 1900, EDUCATED RAISED EUROPE
UNMARRIED EMPLOYED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMERICAN
JEWISH CONGRESS CHICAGO OFFICE PAST FIVE YEARS STOP
ALTHOUGH LACKING SOCIAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE HE HAS
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE AND IS MATURE
INTELLIGENT PERSON ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER WE SHOULD
ENGAGE HIM UNQUOTE

copy sent Joe 4/7/45

4:15 p.m.
April 6, 1945

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

FH:hd 4/5/45

*Miss Chauncey copy not needed
files*

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Joseph Sch...
Rome Italy

Friedrich... applied first overseas born New York
January 25, 1900 educated raised Europe ^{unharnessed}
employed as executive director American Jewish
Congress Chicago office part five years stop
although lacking ~~for~~ social service experience
he has community organization experience ^{and} is mature
intelligent from advice would whether we should
engage him

Levin JDC

goc - Priv. message

April 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Frobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 9, 1945:

Gottfarb Stockholm cabled "Professor Ehrenpreis received letter from H. Grunberg Sofia: 'Präsident des Wirtschaftsrates bei der Juedischen Sektion der Vaterlaendischen Front asking for medical supply and artisan tools. Please advise your point of view and best ways of help and to whom help should be directed in case Swedish Jews will send relief to Bulgaria.' We replied 'Glad hear Swedish Jewry considering aid Bulgaria and hope final decision will be affirmative. We giving \$50,000 monthly through representative committee headed by Maurice Marcus Sofia also joint representative now Istanbul awaiting visa enter Bulgaria already sent some medical supplies. Believe best all concerned to keep work centralized therefore urge Swedish Jewry aid through joint channels. If this principle accepted details regarding transfer funds can be arranged later. An inquiring nature committee you mention will send all information soonest.'" Requesting information concerning committee from Maurice Marcus.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodal
Assistant Executive Director

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

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RBHutchison: 4/12/45

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MJV-272

APR 9 8 55

PLAIN
Lisbon

Dated April 9, 1945

Rec'd 8:45 p.m., 10th

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Secretary of State
Washington

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751, Ninth

WRB 378 JDC 213 FOR LEAVITT FROM HAROLD TROBE

Gottfarb Stockholm cabled "Professor Ehrenpreis

received letter from N Gruenberg Sofia: "Praesident
des Wirtschaftsrates bei der Juedischen Sektion der
Vaterlaendischen Front" asking for medical supply and
artisan tools. Please advise your point of view and
best ways of help and to whom help should be directed
in case Swedish Jews will send relief to Bulgaria".
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Bulgaria and hope final decision will be affirmative.
We giving \$50,000 monthly through representative committee
headed by Maurice Marcus Sofia also joint representative
now Istanbul awaiting visa enter Bulgaria already sent
some medical supplies. Believe best all concerned to
keep work centralized therefore urge Swedish Jewry aid
through joint channels. If this principle accepted details
regarding

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-2- #751, Ninth, from Lisbon

regarding transfer funds can be arranged later. Am
inquiring nature committee you mention will send all
information soonest". Requesting information concerning
committee from Maurice Marcus.

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90c - (Paw messages)

April 11, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Jacobson was received through the United States Embassy in Rome under date of April 5, 1945:

"The following message was received from AFHQ on April 4 and has been transmitted to Washington. 'American Joint Distribution Committee's Benjamin Brook has been assigned Italy operations. Have approval of Authority of this theater. ETA's advice requested. Brook should be advised to report Allied Commission in Rome.' Regards."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

REB
RE Hutchison: 4/11/45

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JMB-680
This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Government
agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Rome

Mr. R. B. ...
O. Sawyer
Dated April 5, 1945

Rec'd 8:35 a.m., 6th.

Secretary of State

Washington.

885, April 5, 7 p.m.

TO MOSES LEAVITT JDC NEW YORK FROM J. COBSON.

Following received from AFHQ April 4 which has also
been sent to Washington. Message begins. Benjamin
Brook American Joint Distribution Committee assigned
Italy operations is subject. Authority this theater
approved. Request advice ETA. Subject should be
instructed to report Allied Commission Rome complete.
Regards.

KIRK

EDA



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ADC
(Five messages)

APR 7 - 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 5, 1945:

"Further our 205. Israv cabled 'thirty thousand Swiss francs needed urgently. Very important question settled soon otherwise serious consequences'."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Lisbon

Dated April 5, 1945

Rec'd 6:04 p.m.

Wor Ref 7d
6:04

Secretary of State
Washington.

731, Fifth.

WRB 376; JDC 212.

FOR LEVITT FROM HAROLD TROBE.

"Further our 205. Israv cabled "thirty thousand
Swiss francs needed urgently. Very important question
settled soon otherwise serious consequences."))

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APR 7 - 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Hughes, Treasurer, Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, was received through the United States Embassy in London under date of April 5, 1945:

"Your message 12th. March and auditors certificate 2nd. March received. Please cable confirmation that all francs mentioned are Swiss. Commitments for France temporarily excluded since total J. D. C. expenditure as principal and as agent started to be less than commitment of \$300,000 for France but presume other expenditures made for France not included in data available to us. Please explain in light of paragraph 2 agreement of 24 April, 1944. On disposal of these queries arrangements will be made to pay you \$600,000 on general account and an equivalent sum shortly. Will it be convenient to you to accept latter amount in sterling? Linder consulted and is writing."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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1945 APR 6 AM 9 28

Dated April 5, 1945

Rec'd 10:52 a.m.

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Secretary of State,

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Washington.

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3458, Fifth.

Please deliver the following message to Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York from Hughes, Treasurer, Intergovernmental Committee on refugees, London.

Message begins. "Your message 12th. March and auditors certificate 2nd. March received. Please cable confirmation that all francs mentioned are Swiss. Commitments for France temporarily excluded since total J. D. C. expenditure as principal and as agent started to be less than commitment of \$300,000 for France but presume other expenditures made for France not included in data available to us. Please explain in light of paragraph 2 agreement of 24 April, 1944. On disposal of these queries arrangements will be made to pay you \$600,000 on general account and an equivalent sum shortly. Will it be convenient to you to accept latter amount in sterling? Linder consulted and is writing." Message ends.

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713 for Leavitt
joc. Priv. messages

April 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Frobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 3, 1945:

"Greenleigh advises \$300,000 received by Brussels committee which now named Aide aux Israelites Victimes de la Guerre. Please change records accordingly."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant 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 April 3, 1945

Rec'd 10:05 p.m.

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O. Sawyer*

Secretary of State,
Washington.

713, Third

WRB 374 JDC 210 FOR LEAVITT FROM HAROLD TROBE

Greenleigh advises \$300,000 received by Brussels
committee which now named *Aide aux Israelites Victimes*
de la Guerre. Please change records accordingly.

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EMBASSY

LONDON
2549

The cable below for Mann is WRB 62.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to Harold Linder from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE General O'Dwyer not planning presently proceed Switzerland. Must leave your decision basis further information you can secure from Lisbon office and Saly Mayer whether you should proceed Switzerland. Hope Katzki had opportunity talk with you. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GHK)

WRD:MMV:KG
4/3/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, FOR MANN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE GENERAL O'DWYER NOT PLANNING PRESENTLY PROCEED SWITZERLAND. MUST LEAVE YOUR DECISION BASIS FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN SECURE FROM LISBON OFFICE AND SALLY MAYER WHETHER YOU SHOULD PROCEED SWITZERLAND. HOPE KATZKI HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH YOU. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 62

*Copy sent to JOC - 4/7/45
Per RBH*

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

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4. To Harold Linder, London

GENERAL O'DWYER NOT PLANNING PRESENTLY PROCEED SWITZERLAND. MUST LEAVE
YOUR DECISION BASIS FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN SECURE FROM LISBON OFFICE
AND SALLY RAYNER WHETHER YOU SHOULD PROCEED SWITZERLAND. HOPE KATZKI HAD
OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH YOU

MOSES LEAVITT
J D C

*Submitted by JDC letter
7/30/65
(see 4.6. enclosures)*

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OF
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J. S...*

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LISBON

523, Third

Please deliver the following message (WRB 163) to
Harold Trobe, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Advise Schwartz Committee believes it urgent
he return here for consultation end May. Naturally if
he can arrange visit Balkans he may have to postpone
return to later date. In any event we consider his
return within next two to three months of greatest
importance. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(WRB)

WRB:MMV:RG
4/3/46

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trebe, Lisbon,
from M. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ADVISE SCHWARTZ COMMITTEE BELIEVES IT URGENT HE
RETURN HERE FOR CONSULTATION END MAY, NATURALLY IF HE
CAN ARRANGE VISIT BALMANS HE MAY HAVE TO POSTPONE RETURN
TO LATER DATE. IN ANY EVENT WE CONSIDER HIS RETURN
WITHIN NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE.
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 163

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

RBH: 3/29/45

2. TO Harold Trobe, Lisbon

ADVISE SCHWARTZ COMMITTEE BELIEVES IT URGENT HE RETURN HERE FOR CONSULTATION
~~TO~~ END LAY. NATURALLY IF HE CAN ARRANGE VISIT BALKANS HE MAY HAVE TO
POSTPONE RETURN TO LATER DATE. IN ANY EVENT WE CONSIDER HIS RETURN WITHIN
NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

MOSES LEAVITT
J D C

*Documented by JDC on 9/3/2015
(see 76 and 77)*

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OF
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arrangement. ([redacted])

April 3, 1945

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O. Senger*

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The cable below is WRB 164.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message
to Harold Trobe, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE approved April appropriations similar March
except \$30000 utilizing unspent balance 636000
Poland 150000 package service 100000 Turkey North Africa
no provision letter follows. UNQUOTE

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

STETTINIUS
(GHW)

WRB:MIV:KG
4/3/45

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-74
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trobe, Lisbon,

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

QUOTE APPROVED APRIL APPROPRIATIONS SIMILAR MARCH EXCEPT
SPAIN 10000 UTILIZING UNESPENT BALANCE 625000 POLAND 150000
PACKAGE SERVICE 100000 TURKEY NORTH AFRICA NO PROVISION
LETTER FOLLOWS: UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 164

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

RMB:RBH 3/29/45

3. To Harold Trobe, Lisbon

APPROVED APRIL APPROPRIATIONS SIMILAR MARCH EXCEPT SPAIN 10000 UTILIZING
UNSPENT BALANCE 635000 POLAND 150000 PACKAGE SERVICE 100000 TURKEY NORTH
AFRICA NO PROVISION LETTER FOLLOWS

MOSES LEAVITT
J D C

*Transmitted by JDC 8/10/50
(Case 17-10000-100)*

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ANEMBASSY

ROME

614, Third

Please deliver the following message to Reuben Resnik,
from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee, through War Refugee Board:

QUOTE Benjamin Brook engaged assist our program
Italy. Born New York City January 31, 1913. Married one
child. Necessary secure military permit soonest. Please
arrange. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GHW)

WRB:MIV:KG
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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Reuben Resnik, from M. A.

Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE BENJAMIN BROCK ENGAGED ASSIST OUR PROGRAM ITALY.
BORN NEWYORKCITY JANUARY 31, 1919. MARRIED ONE CHILD.
NECESSARY SECURE MILITARY PERMIT SOONEST. PLEASE
ARRANGE. UNQUOTE

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

RBH: 3/29/45

5. To Reuben Resnik, Rome

BENJAMIN BROOK ENGAGED ASSIST OUR PROGRAM ITALY. BORN NEWYORKCITY JANUARY
31, 1913. MARRIED ONE CHILD. NECESSARY SECURE MILITARY PERMIT SOONEST.
PLEASE ARRANGE.

MOSES LEAVITT
J D C

*submitted by JDC letter of 1/18/45
(see 76 enclosures)*

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JERUSALEM
73, Third

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

QUOTE Council Jewish Women has renewed proposals
of last summer concerning assigning staff unit their
expense to JDC program overseas. They ready engage three
women child care workers for use within JDC program. They
particularly desirous start immediate recruitment. Believe
such project mutually beneficial public relations purposes.
Necessary receive your current thinking regarding utilizing
such unit. Our continued negotiations this matter depend-
ent your reply. UNQUOTE

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STETTINIUS
(GLW)

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

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz from

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

QUOTE COUNCIL JEWISH WOMEN HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS OF LAST
SUMMER CONCERNING ASSIGNING STAFF UNIT THEIR EXPENSE TO
JDC PROGRAM OVERSEAS. THEY READY ENGAGE THREE WOMEN CHILD
CARE WORKERS FOR USE WITHIN JDC PROGRAM. THEY PARTICULARLY
DESIROUS START IMMEDIATE RECRUITMENT. BELIEVE SUCH PROJECT
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES. NECESSARY
RECEIVE YOUR CURRENT THINKING REGARDING UTILIZING SUCH UNIT.
OUR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS THIS MATTER DEPENDENT YOUR REPLY.
UNQUOTE

*Copy sent to JDC 4/7/45
Per RBH*

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

RBH REH: 3/29/45

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6. To Joseph Schwartz, Jerusalem

COUNCIL JEWISH WOMEN HAS RENEWED PROPOSALS OF LAST SUMMER CONCERNING ASSIGNING STAFF UNIT THEIR EXPENSE TO JDC PROGRAM OVERSEAS. THEY READY ENGAGE THREE WOMEN CHILD CARE WORKERS FOR USE WITHIN JDC PROGRAM. THEY PARTICULARLY DESIROUS START IMMEDIATE RECRUITMENT. BELIEVE SUCH PROJECT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES. NECESSARY RECEIVE Y OUR CURRENT THINKING REGARDING UTILIZING SUCH UNIT. OUR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS THIS MATTER DEPENDENT YOUR REPLY

MOSES LEAVITT
J D C

*submitted by JDC letter 3/28/45
(see 96-101-1000)*

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JERUSALEM
74, Third

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Please deliver the following message to Judah Magnes,
Jerusalem, from Paul Baerwald, American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee, through War Refugee Board:

QUOTE Hope it is possible for you to make short
visit here in order discuss our expanding program in
Balkans and Middle East. Our Committee feels that such
visit for consultation important and necessary. Please
advise your plans. Assume you will keep Schwartz informed.

UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(GLM)

WRB:MMV:KG
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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Jechah Magness, Jerusalem,
from Paul Macruald, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MAKE SHORT VISIT HERE
IN ORDER DISCUSS OUR EXPANDING PROGRAM IN BALKANS AND MIDDLE
EAST. OUR COMMITTEE FEELS THAT SUCH VISIT FOR CONSULTATION
IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PLANS. ASSUME
YOU WILL KEEP SCHWARTZ INFORMED. UNQUOTE

11:30 a.m.
March 30, 1945

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

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March 28, 1945.

Cables to be sent through War Refugee Board for JDC

1. To Judah Magnes, Jerusalem

HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MAKE SHORT VISIT HERE IN ORDER DISCUSS OUR
EXPANDING PROGRAM IN BALKANS AND MIDDLE EAST. OUR COMMITTEE FEELS THAT
SUCH VISIT FOR CONSULTATION IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
PLANS. ASSUME YOU WILL KEEP SCHWARTZ INFORMED

PAUL BAERWALD
J D C

*Submitted by JDC letter 3/28/45
(176 copies)*

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REC (Per message)

April 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 3, 1945:

"899 persons arrived Palestine from Italy. Jerusalem requests you remit Central Bank 30,000 pounds for repayment funds left by this group in Italy."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant 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

*Marked
J. Sawyer*

Dated April 3, 1945

Rec'd 10:06 p.m.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

~~713~~⁷¹², Third

WRB 373 JDC 209.

FOR LEAVITT FROM HAROLD TROBE

899 persons arrived Palestine from Italy.

Jerusalem requests you remit Central Bank 30,000
pounds for repayment funds left by this group in
Italy.

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April 5, 1945

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In cable from Lisbon 713 April 3 WRB-373
change serial number to 712.

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3-5-45 Athens

JOC - Pro mem

April 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Schwartz was received through the United States Mission in Athens under date of April 2, 1945:

"Approximately 90% of the Jews of Greece have been deported leaving a population of some 8500 of which more than half reside in Athens. Salonika with a pre-war population of 54,000 now has 800 Jews with about 1500 Salonika Jews in Athens most of whom will return as soon as it is possible. All Jewish communal life has been disrupted and rebuilding from the bottom is required. Official communities have now been organized in 9 cities as follows: Athens with 4500 population; Salonika 800; Larissa 750; Volos 700; Tricala 600; Chalkis 175; Patras 175; Zakynthos 250; Varia 150. Scattered numbers are in Yanina and other cities. These communities lack everything including cemeteries, schools and in many cases places of worship. They cannot pay their religious and communal personnel. Of the \$200,000 which we appropriated for the first quarter, \$125,000 will have to go immediately in one time grants as follows: reorganization of various communities \$25,000; for religious requirements including schools and cemeteries \$50,000; for setting up orphanage 50 children and home for aged 50 persons \$30,000; for dispensary and housing of 150 persons now living in old Athens synagogue under most deplorable conditions \$25,000. Favorable opportunity exists rehabilitate economically up to 1000 heads of families through free or cheap credit through small loans for which under present conditions and price structure \$200,000 minimum required. Would strongly urge immediate appropriation

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and remittance this amount. General budget next quarter can be kept at \$50,000 monthly with possibility gradual reduction as UNRRA program develops. Have assigned Jacobson here meanwhile Lamb helping. Immediate action necessary deal tragic situation here. Advise urgently."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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

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Athens

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Dated April 2, 1945

Rec'd 6:47 a.m., 4th

Secretary of State
Washington

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FOR MOSES LEAVITT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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Approximately 90% of the Jews of Greece have been deported leaving a population of some 8500 of which more than half reside in Athens. Salonika with a pre-war population of 54,000 now has 800 Jews with about 1500 Salonika Jews in Athens most of whom will return as soon as it is possible. All Jewish communal life has been disrupted and rebuilding from the bottom is required. Official communities have now been organized in 9 cities as follows: Athens with 4500 population; Salonika 800; Larissa 750; Volos 700; Tricala 600; Chalkis 175; Patras 175; Zakynthos 250; Varia 150. Scattered numbers are in Yeninna and other cities. These communities lack everything including cemeteries, schools and in many cases

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in many cases places of worship. They cannot pay their religious and communal personnel. Of the \$200,000 which we appropriated for the first quarter, \$125,000 will have to go immediately in one time grants as follows: re-organization of various communities \$25,000; for religious requirements including schools and cemeteries \$50,000; for setting up orphanage 50 children and home for aged 50 persons \$30,000; for dispensary and housing of 150 persons now living in old Athens synagogue under most deplorable conditions \$25,000. Favorable opportunity exists rehabilitate economically up to 1000 heads of families through free or cheap credit through small loans for which under present conditions and price structure \$200,000 minimum required. Would strongly urge immediate appropriation and remittance this amount. General budget next quarter can be kept at \$50,000 monthly with possibility gradual reduction as UNRRA program develops. Have assigned Jacobson here meanwhile Laub helping. Immediate action necessary deal tragic situation here. Advise urgently 9027.

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Schwartz was received through the United States Mission in Athens under date of April 2, 1945:

"Max Perlman should be assigned France from where he may be reassigned at later date. Harry Viteles should ask validations France, Belgium, Switzerland."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

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