PRIVATE Messages Sent: Histadrut
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Consulate General, Jerusalem
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 1, 1944
NUMBER: 124

Hugh R. Furgusin sends the following message for Israel Merkiński.

I have received your 18 through the Consulate and shall answer your queries in the near future. News of the renewed deportation of twelve thousand daily from Hungary has just been received. Strengthened and renewed warnings to the population of Hungary and to its government officials is demanded by those nearer Hungary, and in addition frequent broadcasts and air dropped leaflets. It is most important that there be maximum activation of the Red Cross and a strong approach to the Pope. [The foregoing is in reference to the Department's August 18 telegram No. 136.]

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DOH: RHH: MLM 9/22/44

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
A. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972
Dear Mr. Mereminski:

The following message for you from Rehavi Frumkin was received through the American Consulate General in Jerusalem under date of September 1, 1944:

"I have received your 18 through the Consulate and shall answer your queries in the near future. News of the renewed deportation of twelve thousand daily from Hungary has just been received. Strengthened and renewed sharp warnings to the population of Hungary and to its government officials is demanded by those nearer Hungary, and in addition frequent broadcasts and air dropped leaflets. It is most important that there be maximum activation of the Red Cross and a strong approach to the Pope."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Israel Mereminski,
General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine,
510 West 112th Street,
New York, New York.

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ORIGIN TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Consulate General, Jerusalem

DATED: August 18, 1944

NUMBER: 136

Please deliver the following message to Heshel Frumkin -
Goldie Myerson, 116 Allenby, Tel-Aviv, Palestine, from Israel

"Confidential yours July 29 discussed fully WRE who submitting
first part your important war information competent authorities.
Suggest your end negotiate directly appropriate Polish groups
simultaneously destruction gas chambers, crematories, etc.

Cable details amount necessary and manner transmission rescue
thousands mentioned LVOV letter. WRE dealing energetically
four Redcross points. No indications here that Hungarian de-
portation not stopped. WRE doing everything possible deal with
Hungarian situation including question children. American Jew-
ish organizations constantly activating Hungarian Jews here
lines similar your suggestions. Contacting various organzations
concerning Polish Government broadcasts from here appealing
Poles save Jews last moment and provide Polish Embassy here
with lists Poles active rescue work demanded by American public
opinion. Believe it will work. All concerned interested you
provide me immediately information plans detailed suggestions
for immediately increasing number small boats possible
mobilize Palestine neighboring countries islands etc. All ready
help this most vital urgent problem cable same way without
delay."
Cable to the American Consulate General, Jerusalem, from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Hershel Frujin —
Goldie Ayerson, 115 Allenby, Tel-Aviv, Palestine, from Israel Hersonski.

"Confidential yours July 29 discussed fully WRB who submitting first part your important war information competent authorities. Suggest your end negotiate directly appropriate Polish groups simultaneously destruction gas chambers, crematories, etc. [redacted]

Cable details amount necessary and manner transmission rescue thousands mentioned LVNO letter. WRB dealing energetically four Redcross points. No indications here that Hungarian deportation not stopped. WRB doing everything possible deal with Hungarian situation including question children. American Jewish organizations constantly activating Hungarian Jews here lines similar your suggestions Stop Contacting various organizations concerning Polish Government broadcasts from here appealing Poles save Jews last moment and provide Polish Embassy here with lists Poles active rescue work demanded by American public opinion Stop Believe it will work. All concerned interested you provide me immediately information plane detailed suggestions for immediately increasing number small boats possible mobilize Palestine neighboring countries islands etc. All ready help this most vital urgent problem cable same way without delay."

10:00 a.m.
August 16, 1944

[Signature]

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman, Hodes, Lauglin, Lesser, Nash, Passman, Rodman, Cables Control Files

Phoebus M. 3/14/44
CABLE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Heshel Frumkin —

Goldie Myerson, 115 Allenby, Tel-Aviv, Palestine, from Israel Merszinski:

"Confidential yours July 29 discussed fully WRB who submitting first part your important war information competent authorities. Suggest your end negotiate directly Polish underground and partisans simultaneously destruction gaschambers, crematories, etc. Cable details amount necessary and manner transmission rescue thousands mentioned LVOV letter. WRB dealing energetically four Redcross points. No indications here that Hungarian deportation not stopped. WRB doing everything possible deal with Hungarian Lestant American-British declaration assumes responsibility toward Scholars including Jewish Children. Hungarian war-Hungarian Jews will also help evacuation Children and when principle agreed understand WRB within all necessary for maximum-children. American Jewish organizations constantly activating Hungarian Jews here lines similar your suggestions Stop Contacting various organizations concerning Polish Government broadcasts from here appealing Poles save Jews last moment and provide Polish Embassy here with lists Poles active rescue work demanded by American public opinion Stop Believe it will work. All concerned interested you provide me immediately information plans detailed suggestions for immediately increasing number small boats possible mobilize Palestine neighboring countries islands etc. All ready help this most vital urgent problem cable same way without delay."

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Miss Florence Odell
War Refugees Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Odell:

Pursuant to our discussion concerning the problems and suggestions included in the confidential telegraphic message, received from the Histadrut Executive through the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, I will appreciate your transmitting the following cable to my colleagues:

[Handwritten note:]

PR14MKJ
HLT Heshel Goldie Myerson 115 Allenby Tel Aviv, Palestine

CONFIDENTIAL YOURS JULY 29 DISCUSSED FULLY WE SUBMITTING FIRST PART YOUR IMPORTANT WAR INFORMATION COMPETENT AUTHORITIES WE EXPLAIN USE POLISH RELATIONS SUBGROUP YIELD END NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY POLISH UNDERGROUND AND PARTISANS SIMULTANEOUS DESTRUCTION GASCHAMBERS CREMATORIES ETC. CABLE DETAILS ACCOUNT NECESSARY AND MANNER TRANSMISSION RESCUE THOUSANDS MENTIONED LET US DEALING ENERGETICALLY FOUR NERSCOS POINTS NO INDICATIONS HERE THAT HUNGARIAN DEPORTATION NOT STOPPED LATEST AMERICAN BRITISH DECLARATION ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD HUNGARY FOR EXIT HUNGARIAN JEWS WILL ALSO HELP EVACUATION CHILDREN AND WHEN PRINCIPLES AGREED UNDERSTAND WE WILL DO ALL NECESSARY FOR MAXIMUM CHILDREN AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CONSTANTLY ACTIVIZING HUNGARIAN JEWS HERE LINES SIMILAR YOUR SUGGESTIONSköp CONTACTING VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING POLISH GOVERNMENT BROADCASTS FROM HERE APPEALING POLES SAVE JEWS LAST MOMENT AND PROVIDE POLISH EMBASSY HERE WITH LISTS POLES ACTIVE RESCUE WORK DEMANDED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION STOP BELIEVE IT WILL WORK ALL CONCERNED INTERESTED YOU PROVIDE ME IMMEDIATELY INFORMATION PLANS DETAILED SUGGESTIONS FOR IMMEDIATELY INCREASING NUMBER SMALL BOATS POSSIBLY MOBILIZE PALESTINE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ISLANDS ETC ALL READY HELP THIS MOST VITAL URGENT PROBLEM CABLE SAME WITHOUT DELAY

Israel Mereminski

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten note:]

Israel Mereminski
August 16, 1944

Miss Florence Odell
War Refugee Board
Washington DC

Dear Miss Odell:

In accordance with my telephone conversation with you this morning, I am sending you the copy of the cable received from the Histadrut delegate in Istanbul, my friend Reev Chind:

[signature]

I am sure you will send me a copy of the cable sent in my behalf to my Executive in Tel Aviv.

This week I was asked about Reuben Zaslan, our Histadrut co-worker and also, assistant to Moshe Shertok in the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem. Some time ago I heard that he expected to visit London and the United States, but I have no information at present that this will be very soon.

I am interested in knowing if you have submitted the cable for Mr. Zaslan to me or to Dr. Goldmann (Jewish Agency).

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

[signature]

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI
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MERIMINSKY 510 West 112 Street Newyork

THIS MORNING ARRIVED OVERLAND FROM TURKISH PORT IGNEADA
CLOSE BULGARIAN FRONTIER 400 BULBUL PASSENGERS AND 5
SURVIVORS MEFKUREH STOP LATTERS RELATE SHIP WAS
SUDDENLY ATTACKED NIGHT 4/5 AUGUST OFF TURKISH BULGARIAN
BORDER SMALL BATTLESHIPS OBVIOUSLY GERMANS WHICH OPENED
MACHINE UNFIRE STOP MOTOR DAMAGED FIRE BURST OUT AND SHIP
SUNK AFTER SHORT WHILE STOP ABOUT 40 PEOPLE COULD JUMP INTO
QUIET SEA DESPERATELY TRYING HOLD THEMSELVES OVER WATER
STOP WHEN BULBUL PASSED BY ABOUT 3 HOURS LATER ONLY 5
REFUGEES COULD BEEN SAVED STOP ASSUMING SUCH ACCIDENT
FUTURE NOT INEVITABLE STRENGTHENING RESCUE EFFORTS.

ZEEV SHIND
Istanbul
Dated August 7, 1944
Rec'd 7:29 p.m.

Secretory of State,
Washington,
460, August 7, 1 p.m.
TO WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR ZASLANY, PROP

ZEWSKIN/DUERILL

Rec'd your cable August 1st. Benjehuda remaining
until general situation clears or at least mid-August.
Inpractical for Siauds to leave. Turkish steamship
NORINA arriving August 5 carrying 315 passengers.
BULBUL NAPKURE expected soon. The SALHLDIN still
in Constanza but expect her and SHIRHY soonest.
SIMON and similar vessels at our disposal and we are
hoping to continue despite restrictions at present.

Please accelerate by all means arrival of Elisha
as his presence is indispensable. Have no definite
information of Joel from Budapest. For the sake of
emigration his return is necessary. If such information
arrives we shall make up our minds.

Perry

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

Secretary of State,
Washington.

460, August 7, 1 p.m.

TO WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR ZASLANY FROM ZEEVSHINDUEBERALL.

Received your cable August 1st. Benjehuda remaining until general situation clears or at least mid-August. Impractical for Eluds to leave. Turkish steamship MORINA arrived August 5 carrying 315 passengers. BULBUL MAFKURE expected soon. The SALAHALDIN still in Constanza but expect her and SMYRNY soonest. MILKA and similar vessels at our disposal and we are hoping to continue despite restrictions at present.

Please accelerate by all means arrival of Elia as his presence is indispensable. Have no definite information of Joel from Budapest. For sake of emigration his return is necessary. If such information arrives we shall make up our minds.

Note: This telegram canceled at request of Consul.

August 9, 1944

BERRY
The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message, signed Israel Kereminski, to David Roman, 115 Allenby Street, Tel Aviv, Palestine:

QUOTE Received today your cable June 25 sure you meantime received my June 26 informing JDC accepted Schwarz Jewish Agency's project. Today yours 26 fully discussed JDC and your desire accepted. JDC cabled Schwarz more power and four times more financial possibilities as cabled June 26. Because your accusation JDC delays and postponement received JDC with astonishment agreed ask you cable me immediately facts postponements delays JDC responsibility because neither JDC nor Goldman myself know facts. Remember because Goldman busy Jewish Congress Zionist Labour Movement unrepresented JDC am single friendly negotiator recognized JDC and I witnessed immediate response JDC my every concrete suggestion. Cable improvement developments rescue work after arrangements leadership Kaplan Schwarz Istanbul also further suggestion.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, L-1178
By H. A. Deutsch Sep 17 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message to David Remesz, 115 Allenby Street, Tel Aviv, Palestine:

QUOTE Received today your cable June 23 sure you meantime received my June 26 informing JDC accepted Shwar's Jewish Agencies project. Today you's 25 fully discussed JDC and your desire accepted. JDC cabled Shwar's more power and four times more financial possibilities as cabled June 26. Because your accusation JDC delays and postponement received JDC with astonishment agreed ask you cable me immediately facts postponements delays JDC responsibility because neither JDC nor Goldman myself know facts. Remember because Goldman Jewish Congress Zionist Labour Movement unrepresented JDC am single friendly negotiator recognized JDC and I witnessed immediate response JDC my every concrete suggestion. Cable improvement developments rescue work after arrangements leadership Kaplan Shwar's Istanbul also further suggestion.

ISRAEL MBERMINSKY UNQUOTE

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July 5, 1944
1045 a.m.

cc: Scharshon, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann.
Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

Baekin: 7/3/44

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J PHILE, WAR REFUGEE BOARD
MAIN TREASURY BLDG WASHDC

PLEASE CABLE FOR ME DAVID REMEZ 175 ALLENBY TELAVIV NLT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE RECEIVED TODAY YOUR CABLE JUNE 23 PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MY JUNE 23 INFORMING JDC ACCEPTED SHWARZ JEW AGENCY'S PROJECT STOP TODAY'S YOURS 23 FULLY DISCUSSED JDC AND YOUR DESIRE ACCEPTED STOP JDC CABLED SHWARZ MORE POWER AND 4 TIMES MORE FINANCIAL POSSIBILITIES AS CABLED JUNE 26 STOP BECAUSE YOUR ACCUSATION JDC DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENT RECEIVED JDC WITH ASTONISHMENT AGREED ASK YOU CABLE IMEDIATELY FACTS POSTPONEMENTS DELAYS JDC RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE NEITHER JDC NOR GOLDMAN MYSELF KNOW FACTS STOP REMEMBER BECAUSE OLDMANN BUSY JEW CONGRESS ZIONIST LABOUR MOVEMENT UNREPRESENTED JDC AM SINGLE FRIENDLY NEGOTIATOR RECOGNIZED JDC AND STOP WITNESSED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE JDC MY EVERY CONCRETE SUGGESTION STOP CABLE IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENTS RESCUE WORK AFTER ARRANGEMENTS LEADERSHIP KAPLAN SHWARZ ISTANBUL ALSO FURTHER SUGGESTION UNQUOTE MY EXECUTIVE CABLE ASKING INFLUENCE JDC ACCEPT KAPLAN JEW AGENCY SHWARZ JDC EMPOWERED ACT ISTANBUL EXTRAORDINARY.

ISAAC MEMEMINSKY
The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message, signed Mereminski, to Messrs. Myerson:

David Remez, 115 Allenby Street, Tel Aviv, Palestine

QUOTE JDC principle accepted Schwarz agency's latest proposal rescue work Rumania. Shind informs 1712 refugees motorships May but nothing concerning his special Histadrut needs connection Chalutz Lochem. Sure you presenting Schwarz special Histadrut rescue work account colonization and retraining activities as base for new special allocation or large scale loan cable details negotiation enabling me continue this end. Cable also if small boats still needed if positive describe details. David Sterns suggestion combine boats lumber Brazil last too long.

HULL
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message to Messers Myerson, David Rezen, 115 Allenby Street, Tel Aviv, Palestine:

"I.D.C. principle accepted Shwarz Jewagenoya latest proposal rescue work Romania. Shind informs 1712 refugees motorships may but nothing concerning his special Histadrut needs connection Chalutz Lochen. Sure you presenting Shwarz special Histadrut rescue work account colonization and retraining activities as base for new special allocation or large scale loan cable details negotiation enabling me continue this end. Cable also if small boats still needed if positive describe details. David Sterns suggestion combine boats lumber Brazil last too long."

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI UNQUOTE

July 1, 1944
AN EMBASSY,
LISBON.
1944

Requested by War Refugee Board that a paraphrase of its following 46 be delivered to Elijahu Dobkin, Tivoli Hotel, Lisbon:

QUOTE Astonished my June 20 unanswered, JDC accepted principal Jewagency's program received from Shwartz. Cable me immediately 510 West 112 maximum certificates you can allocate next months monthly Spain Portugal refugees which categories acceptable defacto if dejure British instructions unchanged. Your confidential information this paragraph may give new prospects my negotiations JDC.

Israel Mereminski UNQUOTE

HULL
(GLW)

7/5/44

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972
CABLE TO AMBASSADOR HORWITZ AND DIXON, LISBON, PORTUGAL

The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message to Elijahu Dobkin, Tivoli Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal:

"Astonished my June 20 unanswered. JDC accepted principal Jewagency's program received from Shears. Cable me immediately 510 West 112 maximum certificates you can allocate next months monthly Spain Portugal refugees which categories acceptable defacto if dejure British instructions unchanged. Your confidential information this paragraph may give new prospects my negotiations JDC."

ISHAI ABRAHAMS

THIS IS WEST CABLE TO LISBON NO. 56

11:05 a.m.
July 1, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrhamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files
June 27, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Pehle:

1. Thank you very much for your letter of June 25th, including the confidential message from Zev Shind, Istanbul, of June 20th.

2. I am sure you have taken into consideration his reply to my question formulated by Mr. Lesser and myself, concerning the value and influence of broadcasting from Arab countries. I repeat his answer: "As to broadcasting from Arab countries, they have influence only if accompanied by practical facts. Neutral countries should be invited to accept Jewish mass immigration in transit to definite destination."

3. Will you please submit the enclosed confidential messages to Mr. Dobkin, Lisbon; Messers. Remes and Mayerson, Palestine and Zev Shind, Istanbul.

4. In my cable to Mr. Shind, I ask for an explanation of the difference in the total figures of refugees transported to Palestine in May. The figure I received from Mr. Barlas, Jewish Agency, is 460, and Mr. Shind's figure is 1712. I am sure that this is due to the special attempts and means of transportation arranged by Mr. Shind. If so, I am certain we will do everything possible to encourage and strengthen his activities, after his information reaches us.

5. Because of Mr. Shind's special action in connection with motorboats, I postponed negotiations regarding boats from Brazil. At the present time, I believe there are better prospects for boats - purchase and renting - in the Mediterranean, even for boats carrying 400-500 people.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI
American Representative
HISTADRUT
June 27, 1944

Zeev S. Zin, Istanbul (Turkey)

Yours June 20 received immediately utilized after informed all concerned.

Stop JDC accepted principle Jewish Agency's plan 2800 refugees as submitted

By Schwartz stop cabled Remez inform Barlas stop Barlas cable monitor 480

May refugees yours 1712 if difference due your special motorboats action

Cable which assistance motor and other boats money stop starta from here

Necessary strengthen your special program also cable your recent information

Halutz Lochem and his special needs.

Israel Mereminski
WESERN UNION
CABLEGRAM

June 26, 1944

Messrs. Myerson, David Remez
115 Allenby Street  Tel Aviv, Palestine

JDC PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED SHWARZ JENAGENCY'S LATEST PROPOSAL RESCUE WORK RUMANIA
STOP SHIND INFORMS 1712 REFUGEES MOTORSHIPS MAY BUT NOTHING CONCERNING HIS
SPECIAL HISTADRUT NEED CONNECTION CHALUTZ LOGHEM STOP SURE YOU PRESENTING
SHWARZ SPECIAL HISTADRUT RESCUE WORK ACCOUNT COLONIZATION AND RETRAINING
ACTIVITIES AS BASE FOR NEW SPECIAL ALLOCATION OR LARGE SCALE LOAN CABLE
DETAILS NEGOTIATION ENABLING ME CONTINUE THIS END STOP CABLE ALSO IF SMALL
BOATS STILL NEEDED IF POSITIVE DESCRIBE DETAILS STOP DAVID STEIN'S SUGGESTION
COMBINE BOATS LUMBER BRAZIL LAST TOO LONG.

From: M. MEREMINSKI

For cable: DAVID STEIN, JEWISH LEGACY OFFICER, ARRIVED FROM RIO DE JANEIRO
May 31 and left for S. DOMINGO, JILLING.
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which we hereby agree to:

June 27, 1944

Elijah Dobkin
Tivoli Hotel  Lisbon (Portugal)

ASTONISHED MY JUNE 20 UNANSWERED STOP JDC ACCEPTED PRINCIPAL JEWAGENCY PROGRAM RECEIVED FROM SHWABZ STOP CABLE ME IMMEDIATELY 510 WEST 112 MAXIMUM CERTIFICATES YOU CAN ALLOCATE NEXT MONTHS MONTHLY SPAIN PORTUGAL REFUGEES WHICH CATEGORIES ACCEPTABLE DEFACTO IF DEJURE BRITISH INSTRUCTIONS UNGANGED STOP YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THIS PARAGRAPH MAY GIVE NEW PROSPECTS MY NEGOTIATIONS JDC.

ISAAC MEISENBERG
AMLEGATION.

LISBON, 1796.

The cable below is from Israel Jeremiasz of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine and is WRB No. 40. Please deliver a paraphrase to Fritz Lichtenstein Dobkin, Tivoli Hotel, Lisbon.

QUOTE: Cable separately special suggestions Histadrut and Jescancy also details your activities plans. Dobkin May 28 Goldman was all financial matters here awaiting first discussion Schwartz who enroute Palestine 4th Jescancy and Histadrut. Cable details if Dobkin negotiated UNQUOTE.

HULL (GLW)

1RC: NOV: KG
6/21/44

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 11-11-72
By R. W. Parks Date SEP 17 1972
CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Fritz Lichtenstein Dobkin, Tivoli Hotel, Lisbon, from Israel Hersonski of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine:

"CABLE DETAILS YOUR ACTIVITIES PLANS ALSO SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS HISTADRUT AND JEWAGENCY SEPARATELY STOP DOBKin
MAY 25 WISE GOLDMAN ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS HERE WAITING FIRST DISCUSSION JEWAGENCY AND HISTADRUT WITH SCHWARTZ WHO ENROUTE PALESTINE STOP IF DOBKin NEGOTIATED CABLE DETAILS"

THIS IS WFB LISBON CABLE NO. 40

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June 20, 1944
11:30 a.m.

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abramson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Laxford, Mann, Mannou, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D., White, Files

FR:lab 6/19/44
Please deliver the following message to Messrs. Hyerson and Rezer, 115 Allenby Rd., Tel-Aviv, from Israel Mereminski of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine:

"Yours June sixth received. Saw Dobkins to Goldman who asks me approach JDC while he dealing political aspect. My conversation JDC clear nothing be accepted before you discuss problems Shwartz who enroute Palestine. Unclear Dobkins mission Lisbon when Shwartz absent. Sure good prospect funds after you emphasize Shwartz and cable me needs plans Histadrut separately and together Jewagenoy also what also what discussed Resnik. Clarifying matter small boats, WRB cannot accept your proposal Segal Zucker on because Government opposes delegations also Barlas cables. Goldman work suffering surplus delegates accept Shind who helpful. Hirshman returned Istanbul which enabling Shind full cooperation. Cable."

HULL
CABLE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM

Please deliver the following message to Mssrs. Myerson and Honea, 115 Allenby Rd., Tel-Aviv, from Israel Herszinski of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine:

"TOURS JUNE SIXTH RECEIVED SAV DOBINS TO GOLDMAN WHO ASKS ME APPROACH JDC WHILE HE DEALING POLITICAL ASPECT STOP MY CONVERSATION JDC CLEAR NOTHING BE ACCEPTED BEFORE YOU DISCUSS PROBLEMS SWARTZ WHO ENROUTE PALESTINE STOP UNCLEAR DOBINS MISSION LISBON WHEN SWARTZ ABSENT STOP SURE GOOD PROSPECT FINDS AFTER YOU EMphasize SWARTZ AND CABLE ME NEEDS PLANS HISTADRUT SEPARATELY AND TOGETHER JEWAGENCY ALSO WHAT DISCUSSED REEZIK STOP CLARIFYING MATTER SMALL BOATS STOP WE cannot ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL SEGAL ZUCKERMAN BECAUSE GOVERNMENT OPPOSES DELEGATIONS ALSO BARLAS GALLES GOLDMAN WORK SUFFERING SURPLUS DELEGATES ACCEPT SHIND WHO HELPFUL STOP KIRSCHMAN RETURNED ISTANBUL WHICH ENABLING SHIND FULL COOPERATION. CABLE"

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June 20, 1944
11:30 a.m.

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Aksin, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannen, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. Whitek Files
JUL 25 1944

Dear Mr. Hereminski:

There is forwarded to you herewith a report to you from Mr. Fritz Lichtenstein which was received from the American Embassy at Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Israel Hereminski
Jewish Labor Federation
510 West 112th Street
New York, N. Y.

F. Modeless 7/24/44
Subject: Transmitting report regarding possibilities of Rescuing Refugees.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter in the nature of a report from Fritz Lichtenstein, official representative of the Jewish Agency of Palestine for Spain and Portugal, to Israel Mereminski, of the Jewish Labor Federation, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. This is in partial reply to Department's telegram no. 1457, May 22, 1944. It is understood that the War Refugee Board is interested in this report and if the Department perceives no objection it is suggested that it be transmitted to them with the request that they forward the letter to Mr. Mereminski at the above address.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Edward S. Crocker
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:
Letter dated June 17, 1944.

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Enclosure with despatch no. 621 dated June 19, 1944, from the American Embassy in Lisbon.

F. Lichtenstein

Vivenda Carolina Freitas, Paco de Arcos, Portugal.
17th June 1944.

Dear Mr. Rominoski,

On June 8th I received through Dr. Dexter your cable dated May 22nd, reading as follows:-

"We are awaiting your report rescue possibilities, steps being taken, results, and statistics. Give numbers willing go anywhere, as well as Palestine. Replying your recommendation concerning Palestine Certificate from Jewish Agency London your request cabled Histadruth. You are asked to cooperate completely with Dexter WHRB representative Lisbon. You may request him forward your messages to me through War Refugee Board."

First of all, I should like to tell you that I returned to the Peninsula in the middle of April and left Lisbon for Tangiers on May 3rd. After a fortnight's stay there, during which I examined some 450 candidates for Palestine - i.e., nearly one-third of all Jewish refugees at present there and all who are desirous of going to Palestine - I went to Spain. I remained for a few days at Madrid, where I was in close touch with Mr. David Bicken- staff's office (Representation in Spain of American Relief Organization), and then went to Barcelona for a week. After that, I visited Lerida, Pamplona, Liiza, San Sebastian, and Miranda and spoke at those places of enforced residence to some 200 refugees who had reached Spain only in or after March of this year, the latest arrivals then having been in Spain for less than a week.

I returned to Lisbon on June 7th. Dobkin's arrival two days later gave me a welcome opportunity of reporting in detail about my experiences and observations, as well as my activities here during the period of my first stay in the Peninsula, from October 30th to January 29th last.

I do not know to which extent you are acquainted with my written reports of that time and with the contents of the verbal reports which I gave after my return to London to the Jewish Agency and to those of our friends at the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, who are either directly concerned or specially interested in these matters. I may recall that at that time the delegation from Palestine was in London, as well as Dr. Nahum Goldman and Dr. Arich Tartakower, also Mr. J. Weisman, the J.W.C. representative in Lisbon. We met several times, and no doubt you are informed about these meetings and their conclusions.

So you must know that I am convinced that rescue possibilities exist. They were not used in an organized way by any of the existing Jewish relief organizations here or in Spain. An attempt made in May 1943 by Wilfrid Israel for the rescue of 500 Jewish children from France broke down immediately after his tragic death. While in Barcelona in December and January in order to
select and prepare those people who went to Palestine with the "Nyassa", I made some contacts which, I am glad to say, have proved useful so that organized rescue work was started again, though on a very limited scale, owing to the insufficiency of contacts and financial means. At that time I met two men who introduced themselves to me as the delegates of the Jewish organized underground movement in France, which emphasizes its adherence to our Zionist approach. These men complained bitterly of the lack of understanding and practical help which they had experienced on the part of the established Jewish relief organizations functioning in Spain and Portugal. They proved to me that their request for co-operation with the movement in France to facilitate rescue work from this end, had been refused. I could only give very little financial help, apart from using what influence I had in Spain in order to prevent one of the men, Mr. Josef Croustillony, from being evacuated to North Africa - a threat which was then imminent. Before leaving Spain, I advised the men to get on with the work, to inform our friends about the position here, and to encourage their Aliyah by all means. I established contact between them and Mr. Weisman at Lisbon and promised to explain the situation and to obtain effective co-operation in London.

I do think that it would be no undue exaggeration to say that all those, who reached Spain after January in an organized way through our underground movement in France - about 200 people, mostly young men with definite views about their future in Palestine - were sponsored by my contacts. On the other hand, it is certainly true that inside France, their way was, in the last stages, facilitated by the money which was provided from sources at the Joint's disposal.

I shall not here go into details as to the present extremely unpleasant and deplorable relationship between Joint and W.J.O. in Lisbon, in connection with rescue work, but I dare say that it was our initiative which prompted Mr. Weisman to concentrate before my return to Lisbon on the rescue of children, which brought about the conflict between Joint and the local Communedade on the one hand, and Mr. Weisman on the other, to which I have just referred and about which, no doubt, you are well informed and may still hear more after Mr. Man will have completed his task and returned to Washington.

I am only too glad to cooperate with Dr. Dexter, and he knows that I am entirely at his disposal.

One should add perhaps that, among the 200 or so people who care to Spain since January, there are very few who are not decided to go to Palestine. I shall draw up a statistic as soon as the Jewish Agency Office here has been established and the acute pressure of work in connection with the next boat overcome. I would, however, stress at this stage that rescue work on a larger scale seems to me possible and necessary and that unity in execution of the work is a condition sine qua non. I regret to say that I feel the present state of affairs interferes with the cause, and I admit that all attempts to overcome it, which I made with the knowledge and support of Dr. Dexter and which he himself tried as well, have failed so far. Mr. Man's and Dobkin's presence here will, it is to be hoped, further the matter and restore unity in the rescue effort.
I am, in this letter, confining myself to those few remarks which refer to the past and provide, I submit, the background necessary to understand the present position and to permit conclusions for the next future. I shall be only too glad to be informed of your views. I shall keep contact with you and expect you will keep me au courant of developments over there in connection with rescue work here.

At present, I am glad to say, the number of certificates at my disposal for the Peninsula provides for all those rescued people who wish to go to Palestine, though their actual evacuation from here to Palestine depends on the availability of the means of transport - a big problem which I do not yet see how it can be solved, even if pending negotiations - which are conducted by the Joint exclusively - should provide one more boat in the not too distant future.

I hope to hear from you regularly, about other problems as well, and in the meantime, I am,

With kind regards,

Yours,

(Signed) F. Lichtenstein.

My cable address: Jewagency, Lisbon.
June 16, 1944

Miss Hodel,
War Refugee Board,
Main Treasury Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel,

In accordance with our telephone conversation
of this morning I read Dobkin's cable of May 25, Jerusalem, which
was submitted by your office to Dr. Stephen Wise and Dr. N. Goldman.

I changed the two cables (Palestine and Lisbon)
accordingly and shall appreciate your confirmation of these cables
when sent.

May I ask you, on this occasion, to tell Mr. Lesser
that I have not yet received his letter concerning the small posts
mentioned in his conversation with me.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Mereminski
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

June 16, 1944

Messrs. Myerson Remez
116 Allenby
Tel-Aviv (Palestine)

Yours June Sixth received saw Dobkins to Goldman who asks me approach JDC while he dealing political aspect stop my conversation JDC clear nothing be accepted before you discuss problems Schwartz who enroute Palestine stop unclear Dobkins mission Lisbon when Schwartz absent stop sure good projects funds after you emphasize Schwartz and cable me needs plans Histadrut separately and together Jewish also what discussed brief stop clarifying matter small boats stop WBB cannot accept your proposal Segal Zuckerb erg because government opposes delegations also Barlas cables Goldman work suffering surplus delegates accept Shind who helpful stop Hirshman returned Istanbul which enabling Shind full cooperation cable

Israel Mereminski
June 16, 1944

NLT Fritz Lichtenstein Dobkin
Tivoli Hotel Lisbon (Portugal)

CABLE DETAILS YOUR ACTIVITIES PLANS ALSO SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS HISTADRUT AND JEWAGENCY SEPARATELY STOP SAW DORINKS MAY 25 WISE GOLMAN ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS HERE WAITING FIRST DISCUSSION JEWAGENCY AND HISTADRUT WITH SCHWARTZ WHO ENROUTE PALESTINE STOP IF DORINK NEGOTIATED CABLE DETAILS

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI
June 14, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 10th, 1944, including a message from Messrs. Mayerson and Remes from Jerusalem, dated June 6th.

Dr. Goldmann informed me today that neither he nor Wise received Dobkin’s cable. Miss Udell promised me today that she will check and if such a cable were received, she will forward it on. Will you please send through the intermediary of the State Department the enclosed two cables, one to Messers. Mayerson and Remes, 115 Allenby Street, Tel Aviv, Palestine, and the other to Messers. Fritz Lichtenstein and Dobkin, Lisbon.

I will greatly appreciate your informing me when these cables are sent.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

ISRAEL MEREIMINSKI
American Representative
HISTADRUT
MESSRS. MAYERSON RUFMEZ
115 Allenby
Tel Aviv (Palestine)

YOUR JUNE SIXTH RECEIVED STOP WISE GOLDBEIN UNRECEIVED DOBIN'S CABLE STOP UNCLEAR DOBIN'S PURPOSE LISBON WHEN SCHWARTZ ITALY HAND VISIT SOON PALESTINE STOP HIRSCHMAN RETURNED STOP WONDERING WHY NO DETAILS YOURS JUNE 6th CONCERNING PURPOSES FUNDS NEEDED IF SPECIALLY HISTADRUT OR COMBINED JDC AGENCY AND OTHERS IF FUNDS PROBLEM DISCUSSED REZNIK STOP WEB CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL SEGAL ZUCKERMAN ALSO BARKAS PROTESTING SURPLUS DELEGATES STOP, WITH HIRSCHMAN'S ARRIVAL SHIND HAS ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR FULL COOPERATION.

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI

For Censorship: Reznik and Schwartz - JDC Representatives
Shind - Histadrut Representative in Istanbul
Dobkin, Elizahu - Director of Immigration, JDC Agency
Jerusalem
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

NLT

Frits Lichtenstein
Mr. Dobkin
Tivoli Hotel
Lisbon, Portugal

June Sixth

CABLE DETAILED INFORMATION YOUR ACTIVITIES PLANS ALSO SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS HISTADRUT AND JEW AGENCY SEPARATED STOP ASKED BY REMEZ IF SAN DORWIN CABLE ADVISABLE DOB Kin REPEAT IMMEDIATELY STOP ALSO WAITING STATEMENTS HIS NEGOTIATIONS JDO IF NEGOTIATED STOP CABLE.

ISRAEL MEREMINSKI

For Censorship: See letter WRB to I. Mereminski June 10

June 14, 1944
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Dear Mr. Narsinaki:

The following message for you from Messrs. Myerson
and Hames was received from Jerusalem under date of June 6, 1944:

"See Dohlin's cable Wise Goldman. We have reached a point where question of availability of funds in
time is fatefully decisive. Imperative that one of our friends United States of America such as
Segal Zuckerman proceed to Istanbul immediately equipped with plenipotentiary authority WEB and
permission for unrestricted rapid transit Istanbul Cairo Palestine."

Very truly yours,

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

Mr. Israel Narsinaki,
General Federation of
Jewish Labor in Palestine,
510 West 113th Street,
New York, New York.
SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington, June 6, 10 a.m.

Myerson and Remez request following message be sent to War Refugee Board for Israel Mireminski, New York, referring to Department's No. 103, May 17, 3 p.m.:

"See Doxkin's cable Wise Goldman. We have reached a point where question of availability of funds in time is fatefully decisive. Imperative that one of our friends United States of America such as Segal Zucker- man proceed to Istanbul immediately equipped with plenipotentiary authority WRB and permission for unrestricted rapid transit Istanbul-Cairo-Palestine." 1944.

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In accordance with telegram 103, May 17, I have checked delivery to addresses of contents Department's 46, March 16 to Remez and 60 of March 28 to Meyeroff and my willingness to transmit replies has been expressed by me. A request to do so has not as yet been received by me.

PINKERTON

DCR: MAB: RH
5-26-44
We authorize you to transmit at sender's expense via War
Refugee Board messages referring to relief and rescue of refugees
and related matters from Yehud Shind, Galata, Kasdi Victoria, to
Israel Nereimski, New York. Shind and Nereimski represent the
British Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine.

The following message is from Israel Nereimski, 510 West
112 Street, New York to Yehud Shind:

"Cable immediately concrete proposals facilitating
and speeding transportation ships and overland and other
problems arising in your work, also information rescue
possibilities and influence on local populations by
broadcast from here. To avoid delay, you may ask American
Consulate General to transmit your messages for me through
War Refugee Board."

HULL

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date, SEP 11 1912
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, ISTANBUL, TURKEY.

You are authorized to transmit at sender's expense via War Refugee Board messages referring to relief and rescue of refugees and related matters from Yehud Shind, Galata, Tariel Victoria, to Israel Mereminski, New York. Shind and Mereminski represent the General Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine.

The following message is from Israel Mereminski, 510 West 112 Street, New York to Yehud Shind:

QUOTE Cable immediately concrete proposals facilitating and speeding transportation ships and overland and other problems arising in your work also information rescue possibilities and influence on local populations by broadcasts from here. To avoid delay, you may ask American Consulate General to transmit your messages for me through War Refugee Board. Israel Mereminski UNQUOTE

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May 18, 1944
3:00 p.m.

K.S.
Bakzin: JP 5/16/44
From: Secretary of State, Washington
To: American Legation, Lisbon
Dated: May 23, 1944
Number: 1457

Following is to Dexter

We authorize you to transmit at sender's expense via War Refugee Board messages referring the relief and rescue of refugees and related matters from Fritz Lichtenstein, Tivoli Hotel, Lisbon, to Israel Mereminski, New York. Lichtenstein and Mereminski represent the General Jewish Labor Federation in Palestine.

The following message is from Israel Mereminski, 510 West 112 Street, New York, to Fritz Lichtenstein:

"Please cooperate with Dexter, American Embassy, Lisbon, special representative of War Refugee Board. To avoid delay, you may ask Dexter to transmit your messages for us through War Refugee Board. Awaiting your detailed reports on rescue possibilities, activities, achievements, figures of refugees willing to go everywhere and only Palestine also. Answer your recommendation concerning Palestine certificates from Jewish Agency, London. I cabled Histadruth your request certificates."

THIS IS WRE LISBON CABLE NO. 39

Hull
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, PORTUGAL, FOR DEXTER

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The following message is from Israel Mereminski, 510 West 112 Street, New York, to Fritz Lichtenstein:

QUOTE Please cooperate with Dexter, American Embassy, Lisbon, special representative of War Refugee Board in Portugal. To avoid delay, you may ask Dexter to transmit your messages for me through War Refugee Board. Awaiting your detailed report rescue possibilities activities achievements figures refugees willing go everywhere and only Palestine also. Answer your recommendation concerning Palestine certificates from Jewish Agency, London. I cabled Histadruth your request certificates. Israel Mereminski UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBB LISBON CABLE NO. 28

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May 18, 1944
3:00 p.m.

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

/L.S./
Bakzin: 5/16/44
It is requested that you check delivery contents
Department’s March 16 telegram No. 46 to Remez and
March 28 telegram No. 60 to Meyerhoff. Please send
report relative thereto via cable.

Hull
CONTROL COPY

TELEGRAM SENT

March 26, 1944
8 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS

AMERICAN CONSUL
JERUSALEM.

Mr. Refugee Board requests you to deliver the following message from Israel Herzowski, New York, to Saul Meyeroff, General Federation of Jewish Labor, 115 Allenby Rd. Tel-Aviv:

QUOTE Please make available to American General Consulate for transmission to me through Mr. Refugee Board fullest possible details of more recent activities and any suggestions for action from here. UNQUOTE

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March 16, 1944

8 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

JERUSALEM.

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FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Kindly transmit following from Israel Bereminski, New York City to David Renee (Histadrut) 115 Allenby, Tel-Aniv.

QUOTE Your February 9 cabled suggestion special envoys partly accomplished partly preparing. Impressed by discussion USA WRB first time rescue work in hands people who anxious get immediate results. My conclusion discussion your proposal include Histadrut representatives Board envoys this stage impractical. Real cooperation here and neutral countries more important than representation. Full collaboration and cooperation assured and Shaul Neyro's accordingly informed. Cable names your representatives Portugal Sweden. Waiting Shaul Neyro's answer urgent problems. Please airmail my address only immediately all new letters reports received by or thru Neyro since my contacts direct your behalf. UNQUOTE

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3/11/44

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March 6, 1944

To: Mr. Stettinius

From: J. W. Pehle

Attention: George Warren

I would appreciate it if you would cause to be transmitted the following cable from Israel Hereminski, the American Representative of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine (Histadrut) to David Remes of the Executive Office of that organization, 115 Allenby, Tel-Aviv. The cost of this cable should be charged to Israel Hereminski, 510 West 112th Street, New York City.

L.S.L.

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CABLE FROM ISRAEL MEREMINSKI, NEW YORK, TO DAVID REMEZ (HISTADRUT)
115 ALLBURY, TEL-AVIV.

Your February 9 cabled suggestion special envoys partly accomplished partly preparing. Impressed my discussion USA W.B first time rescue work in hands people who anxious get immediate results.

My conclusion discussion your proposal include Histadrut representatives Board envoys this stage impractical. Real cooperation here and neutral countries more important than representation. Full collaboration and cooperation assured and Shaul Meyerow accordingly informed. Cable names your representatives Portugal Sweden. Awaiting Shaul Meyerow's answer urgent problems. Please airmail my address only immediately all new letters reports received by or thru Meyerow since my contacts direct your behalf.

NOTE: "Yours February 9" refers to a message received by Mereminski through R.C.A from Remez and another on February 12, reading as follows:

"Impervious influence War Refugees Board to dispatch
immediately Turkey Lisbon Switzerland special envoys with
authority plenipotentiary powers for actual effective rescue
work. Situation obliges urgent energetic action without delay
otherwise be too late. Desirable our representatives be included
Board envoys. Cable David Remez Goldie Myerson."

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"Shaul Meyerow" is the Histadrut representative in Istanbul.
March 16, 1944
8 p.m.

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

AMBASSADOR,

ANKARA.

FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO HIRSCHMANN

Following for Shaul Meyeroff at Istanbul from Israel Mereminski.

QUOTE Submitted yours February 2 to War Refugee Board. Contact immediately Ira Hirschmann, Ankara. Cable more details your proposal Swedish ships. Also if possible and advisable contact Swedish Transport Associations through their Palestine clients twenty years standing without or in addition Red Cross. Also cable further details most recent activities Hechalutz Loched and your progress. Have you cabled Locker, London, your statement to me February 2. If so, what reaction British and other United Nations, London, and their representatives, Turkey. If advisable myself do same cable more information. Is it possible to repeat to same or larger extent letter to Spassef of June 19, 1943, photo copy of which I received in August from Bader. UNQUOTE.

HULL
(GLW)

3/11/44

RE: NOE 082 0887
TO: Mr. Stettinius
FROM: J. W. Pehle

Attention: George Warren

I would appreciate it if you would cause to be transmitted the annexed cable from Israel Mereminski, representative in this country of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine (Histadrut) to Shaul Meyeroff, that organization's representative in Istanbul. The cost of this cable should be charged to Israel Mereminski, 510 West 112th St., New York City.
CABLE TO SHAUL MEYEROFF, ISTANBUL, FROM ISRAEL MEREMINSKI, NEW YORK.

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To: Mr. George Warren
From: Lawrence S. Lesser

With respect to the proposed cable to Mayeroff from Maremsinski, attached to Mr. Pohle's memorandum of March 2, 1944, to Mr. Stettinius, the following may facilitate censorship clearance:

(1) "Yours February 2nd" refers to a cable of that date transmitted to Mr. Maremsinski by the Department of State under reference SFR 840.48/Refugees/3105, February 16, 1944. A paraphrase of such cable has been made available to the War Refugee Board by Maremsinski.

(2) "Your proposal Swedish ships" refers to a suggestion made in the cable referred to above.

(3) "Activities Hechaluts Locha" refers to the activities in Europe of underground members of the "General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine," commonly called the "Histadrut".

(4) "Locker" is the Histadrut's representative in London, and the inquiry is whether Mayeroff cabled him the same suggestions he cabled Maremsinski under date of February 2, 1944.

(5) "Letter to Spassov * * * Badar" refers to a letter dated June 19, 1943 to one Spassov on what is said to be the stationery of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior Affairs and Public Health which purports to authorize the emigration from Bulgaria to Palestine via Turkey of one thousand Jews (other than men between the ages of 18 and 30) provided they were ready to leave on or about the following July 1 and a list of names of the emigrants was supplied within a stated period. A photo-copy of this letter was sent during August 1943 by Badar, then one of Histadrut's representatives at Istanbul, to Maremsinski who received it through the Department of State, reference FCJ22.1/4091, September 11, 1943. A photo-copy of this letter is now in the possession of the War Refugee Board.

All of the foregoing was, of course, received from Maremsinski.

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

Istanbul

Secretary of State, Washington

Dated February 2, 1944

Rec'd 3:53 p.m.

FOR MEREMINSKY NEW YORK 510 West 112 FROM SHAULMEYEROW

"Think our duty inform this crucial stage tried assistance channels actually existing outpoint demands our opinion should be laid before United Nations.

One. Emigration Hungary and Rumania possible unlimited extent. Slovakian Jews can escape to Hungary for emigration. Emigration Bulgaria still possible. Swedish Portuguese ships should take aboard refugees Slovak, Hungary, Rumania, Rumanian ports. Similar rescue expeditions carried out by neutral ships Red Cross flag save fugitives other countries other nations.

Two. Populations occupied countries should be daily warned wireless programs not permit massacres Jews on their territories or give any assistance to Germans whatsoever. Should be made clear that compliance this Allied demand will be interpreted sign readiness these countries dissociate themselves from Nazis and this appeal definite political demand addressed these countries by Allies.

Three. Radio stations United Nations should appear underground resistance movements oppositional groups in countries concerned as well as churches afford Jews all assistance protection their power.

Four. Red Cross activities should be multiplied field assistance, care of children and despatch food parcels.

Five. Appointing commissioners relief rescue refugees announced government declaration made public few days ago hastened as much as possible. Seen to that special Jewish liaison officers enter regions Jewish population together liberating armies to give prompt help remaining Jews these regions.

Believe these demands should be made greatest emphasis utmost despatch order save what left to save."

BERRY