PRIVATE MESSAGES SENT: UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

September 15, 1945

Mr. William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

Dr. Joy is now in Europe for the Unitarian Service Committee and I am pleased to accept on his behalf the copy of your report. We want to thank you very much for sending it to us. It will be of great interest to our Committee. We shall respect its confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Cahill

Edward A. Cahill
Associate Director

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After 5 days, return to
UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
25 Beacon Street
BOSTON 8, MASS.

Mr. William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

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SEP 12 [illegible]

Dear Dr. Joy:

As you may know, the War Refugee Board will be dissolved on September 15th. Because of your deep interest in the work of the Board, I am sending you herewith for your confidential information a copy of the summary report of its activities.

It was only through the cooperation of the private agencies that it was possible for the Board to bring some measure of relief and hope to the suffering victims of Nazi oppression. I wish, therefore, to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Board for the support and assistance rendered by your organization to this unique humanitarian undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Dr. Charles Joy,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Mass.

Enclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

June 7, 1945
4 p.m.

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The following for McClelland is WRB 533.

Reur 2964 May 31, letter for Dr. Joy received June 5.

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(GHW)

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

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BERN, FOR McCLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Rcur 2964 May 31, letter for Dr. Joy received June 5.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 533

4:20 p.m.
June 6, 1945

Miss Ripple (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, Filel

EBT: 6/5/45

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JUN 6 - 1945

Dear Dr. Joy:

There is enclosed herewith a letter for you from Mr. Noel Field which the Board has just received through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Charles Joy
Unitarian Service Committee
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Enclosure

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rec'd Jun 25, 45

AIR MAIL

[redacted]

AMERICAN LEGATION

Bern, April 26, 1945.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

I should be most appreciative if you would forward the enclosed letter to Dr. Charles Joy, Unitarian Service Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. It is written by Noel Field, the representative of the Unitarians in Switzerland who also happens to be a close personnal friend of mine. The letter concerns Mr. Field's appraisal of the present status of Unitarian relief in Europe and embodies suggestions for the future; and it is of great importance to Field that it get through. There being no dependable, regular postal service Mr. Field asked me if I could help him out, which I agreed to do subject to your discretion in forwarding the letter.

Very sincerely yours,
Roswell D. McClelland
Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Enclosure: Letter for Dr. Joy of the Unitarians.

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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Representative of the
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

This is to advise you that the letter from Mr. Noel Field to which you referred in your recent telephone conversation with a member of our staff has not been received by the Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Howard Brooks,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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O'DWYER OF WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Confirmation whether letter forwarded to you by pouch on April 26 for Dr. Charles Joy of Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, was delivered would be much appreciated.

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MAR 5 - 1945

Dear Mrs. Hay:

We are pleased to acknowledge your letter of February 13, 1945, on the general subject of the issuance of American transit visas.

As you may know, when the problem of the issuance of American transit visas to Spanish Republicans in Portugal was called to the attention of the War Refugee Board, the Board arranged to simplify the procedure with respect to the issuance by the American Consul in Lisbon of United States transit visas, in those cases where Spanish Republicans had valid end Mexican visas. The simplified procedure did not require the applicant to present himself personally to the Consul to supply identifying data. Rather, a person acting on his behalf could make the application at which time the name, the date and place of birth, whether or not a communist (now or in the past), and other pertinent data would be supplied to the Consul. The Consul, in turn, would airgram this information to the Interdepartmental Committee where accelerated action would result in a decision. The Department would then authorize the Consul to issue the United States transit visa to the applicant under consideration. This procedure obtained and still obtains only in the cases of Spanish Republicans holding resident visas for Mexico.

With respect to the issuance of United States transit visas in other cases, the requirement of two American sponsors obtains now as in the past.

With respect to your request for War Refugee Board assistance on a United States transit visa for Susa Falcon, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Board with the information required in cases of this nature which you presumably can secure from your representative in Portugal. Permit us to point out, however, that the issuance of a United States transit visa in any case presupposes the retention by the applicant of a valid end visa. It would appear that this applicant, while possessing certain Cuban documents, the

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exact nature of which is unknown at this time, is likely to be holding documents whose validity is now in question, since Susa Falcon is reported to have been in prison for fourteen months.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mrs. Alexis O. Hay,
Assistant to the Director,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Mass.

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MRS. ALEXIS O. HAY
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

February 13th, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

We wonder whether you could not throw some light on the following situation which somewhat puzzles us. We have recently received a cable from our Lisbon office saying: "ALL AMERICAN TRANSIT VISAS MUST HAVE TWO AMERICAN SPONSORS BY NEW RULING". It is our understanding that the modified BC Form procedure, calling for a minimum of two sponsors, has been the one to follow for over a year in order to secure transit visas. This is also the understanding of the Boston Immigration Service. We, therefore, fail to understand the reference to a "new ruling" in the cable received from Lisbon since this has been the procedure all along. The only explanation we can think of is that the consuls do have discretionary power to issue transit, or other visas, on their own authority without preliminary advisory approval from Washington, if they so desire. It may be that the consul in Lisbon was exercising this discretionary power in exceptional cases but now no longer feels he can do so. It may also be that it has been suggested to him by those above him that he should not do so any more.

There have been a few cases in recent months, about twelve or so, whom our Lisbon office was interested in, and who passed through this country en route to Mexico. Since we had not heard anything about a BC procedure for their transit visa, it may be that such a visa was issued to them as a result of some other procedure. I have in mind such cases, for instance, as Donna Clara Bernaldo de Quiros, Jose Ferrando Sanmartin, Blanco Gómez family, Carlos Mendoza and others. Was your Board instrumental in securing those visas? If so, is it still possible to secure transit visas by a similar exceptional procedure?

The cable from Lisbon quoted above contains also the following message: "PLEASE SECURE TRANSIT VISA THROUGH WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR SUSA FALCON FOURTEEN MONTHS IN PRISON POSSESSING CUBAN DOCUMENTS STOP CANNOT GO SPANISH BOAT STOP IF VISAS IMPOSSIBLE CABLE PERMISSION SENT BY CLIPPER EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTYSIX DOLLARS". Would it be possible for you to secure such a transit visa for Susa Falcon? We have no record of this case here, so have no data on this person, such as date and place of birth, nationality status, etc.

Looking forward to hearing from you, Where is Bolell and visa

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Alexis O. Hay
Assistant to the Director

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ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

Unitarian Service Committee

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CHARLES R. JOY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

January 22, 1945

1/27/45
Discussed with Joy

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I have your letter of January 15th stating that you have been kind enough to send two cables to Geneva and Lisbon for my Committee but calling attention to the fact that these messages do not relate to activities within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board and therefore should be sent through commercial channels.

The Committee is not asking you to send cables which it believes can properly be sent through commercial channels and we believe that these two messages not only relate very definitely to the purposes of the War Refugee Board but also could not safely be sent by commercial channel. The first message has to do with work in Poland, Czechoslovakia, or Hungary and was sent through you because Mr. Field in Geneva specifically requested that all messages concerning work East of Switzerland should be sent by Consular code.

The second message to Lisbon had to do with our work for Republican Spanish refugees who have escaped from Spain and live in Portugal at the danger of their lives. These are called "Bryan cases" because the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee of which Helen Bryan is the executive secretary provides us with a generous gift each month for their support. Therefore, as a bit of camouflage we always call them "Bryan cases".

It would greatly handicap us in the prosecution of our efforts at rescue if we were not permitted to send such cables as these through your office. I should be glad, therefore, to have another word from you to clarify my own mind. Am I wrong in thinking that these two cables did have a very definite bearing upon the purposes of the War Refugee Board? We do not feel that we could send them through commercial channels without considerable risk to the work of the Committee.

Cordially yours,

Charles R. Joy
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Charles R. Joy
Executive Director

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JAN 15 1945

Dear Dr. Joy:

Reference is made to your letters of January 10, 1945, requesting the War Refugee Board to arrange for the dispatch of cables to Noel Field in Geneva and Louise Payson in Lisbon.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the cables which the Board has asked the State Department to transmit for the Unitarian Service Committee. I wish to call your attention to the fact that these messages do not relate to activities within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board. Accordingly, in the future messages of this kind should be sent through commercial channels and not through the facilities of the Board. For your information, the Office of Censorship has advised the Board that it is prepared to facilitate the sending of messages of this kind through commercial channels.

The War Refugee Board will be pleased, of course, to send through its facilities any messages which relate to the rescue and relief of persons in enemy territory who are victims of enemy oppression.

Very truly yours,

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Charles R. Joy,
Executive Director,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Mass.

Enclosures.

FH:hd 1/15/45

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OCT 6 1944

Dear Dr. Joy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegrams of September 26 and October 3, 1944.

Since all efforts to secure the release of persecuted persons from Hungary on the basis of commitments from other countries to receive them have failed up to now by reason of Hungary's inability or unwillingness to carry out her undertakings in that regard, the Board is not disposed at this time to urge Ecuador to enter into any formal commitment.

If, however, the circumstances should change, and there should appear to be any chance of securing the release of persecuted persons from Hungary on the basis of such a commitment, you may be assured that the Board will follow up Mr. Fried's good work.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Dr. Charles Joy,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Original signed by Mr. Pehle

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FROM CHARLES R JOY BOSTON MASS 022111Z

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TO JOHN W PEHLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD WASHDC

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TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED FROM ARTHUR FRIED ECUADOR QUOTE PRESIDENT ECUADOR WILL GRANT 200 ADULT VISAS IF REFUGE BOARD REQUESTS OR INQUIRES IF SAME POSSIBLE AND OR EMBASSY TRANSMITS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY UNITARIANS VISA REQUEST OR OUR INQUIRY WHETHER VISAS POSSIBLE STOP AMBASSADOR SAYS CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT DEPARTMENTS INSTRUCTIONS UNQUOTE DO YOU NEED FURTHER EFFORTS BY UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE OR SHALL WE LEAVE THIS PROBLEM NOW TO YOU

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JOHN PEHLE

WAR REFUGEE BOARD

FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED TODAY FROM ARTHUR FRIED ECUADOR

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c/o American Consulate General
[redacted], 16 September 1944

Philip Conard, Commissioner,
American Friends Service Committee,
rua de Dom Pedro V, 7-1º
Lisbon, Portugal

Re: Unitarian Service Committee

Dear Phil,

On 11 August 1944 Dr. Elisabeth Dexter, acting European director of the subject, sent a letter to Mr. James H. Saxon, who was at that time the Representative of the War Refugee Board in this city. With your letter Dr. Dexter included eight applications of refugees in Portugal, who wished to go to the North African Refugee Center, near Fedala, Morocco.

Inasmuch as Mr. Saxon was about to close his office here, he asked us to submit these applications to the proper authorities here and to follow the matter through. This was done and we have now received a memorandum under date of September 13, indicating that the following decisions with reference to the above mentioned applications have been reached by the Travel Control Section, North Africa (of G-2, AFHQ), jointly with the French "Direction de la Sécurité Militaire":

Agreed	Refused
a TRIERSCHEIDT Peter	d IMIANITOFF Frederic Felix (alias GELLE Frederic)
b GRAILLE Antoine Bellando	e JURCINE Romane
c FERNANDEZ Nicanor Recio	f ROMANOFF Ivian (Alias PARMAC Romero (Gregor)
	g SAGATELIAN Karny
	h MUELLER Josef Friedrich

A copy of the memorandum from which we have taken the above mentioned data was sent to Mr. M.W.Beckelman, the Director of the NARC.

Please pass the above [redacted] information to Dr. Dexter; a copy of this letter is inclosed for you to use in this connection, if you wish.

Sincerely,

Kendall G. Kimberland
Delegate

cc: M.W. Beckelman - APO 759
Leonard E. Ackermann - APO 512

Take to Mr Ackermann's files

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Mr. Edward Cahill
Assistant Director
Unitarian Service Committee
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

SEP 9 [redacted]

Dear Mr. Cahill:

The War Refugee Board recently received a cable from Mr. Dexter in Lisbon, indicating that he will be able to conclude his operations as Special Representative of the Board in Portugal within three, and possibly two, months. At Mr. Dexter's suggestion, you are advised that he and Miss Widen may be free to return to their former employment at that time.

I should like to take this occasion to thank the Committee for its cooperation in making available to the Board Mr. Dexter's services.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Original signed by Mr. Pehle

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Unitarian Service Committee

SEP 5 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Warren

FROM : Mr. Pehle

I have received a letter from Dr. Charles L. Joy, Acting Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee, indicating that he has been waiting more than two months for his passport to the Near East. His most recent word from Mrs. Shipley requests information on his travel arrangements. Dr. Joy asks our help in securing priority for airplane travel to Egypt.

Although Dr. Joy's proposed mission is not directly related to the work of the War Refugee Board, I would appreciate it if the State Department would take appropriate steps to expedite Dr. Joy's arrangements,,with regard to both travel and passport.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Original signed by Mr. Pehle

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WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

Unitarian Service Committee

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EDWARD B. WITTE, TREASURER
ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF
TRUSTEES, INC.

August 30, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I have been waiting a little over two months now for my passport to the Near East and a recent letter from Mrs. Shipley asks me to inform her of my travel arrangements. I should be very grateful to you if you would secure for me some airplane priority which would permit me to cross the Atlantic, probably by the southern route, and so arrive in Egypt. The work of my Committee will suffer greatly if I have to travel by boat and make changes in Lisbon and Algiers with possible long delays. The Committee is eager that I should complete this trip before rapidly moving events in Western Europe make my presence necessary there.

You know how greatly I will appreciate any help that you can give.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

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Charles R. Joy
Acting Executive Director

P.S. I know that J.D.C. and Quaker representatives frequently travel to Europe by clipper. — CRJ.

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OFFICE OF THE U.S.TREASURY
REPRESENTATIVE ATTACHED TO
THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE
ALGIERS

10 July, 1944

Dear John:

This is to introduce Mr. Howard Brooks, Representative of the Unitarian Service Committee, who has been working in this area for some weeks and who is well informed on various aspects of your problem and of the whole refugee and relief problem in the Mediterranean Area.

Best regards,

James J. Saxon,
Senior U. S. Treasury
Representative.

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
288½ Main Treasury Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
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ROBERT C. DEXTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CHARLES R. JOY
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 30, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The conferences that I held this week in Washington concerning my own journey to the Near East for the Unitarian Service Committee revealed that it would be impossible for me to take any steps towards securing my passport validation before I was assured of air priority. Mr. Stewart told me that you had kindly written to Mr. Berle stating that the War Refugee Board was urging that this priority should be granted to me. I hope the Board may be successful as my Committee will have to wait now before doing anything further about my journey to hear from the result of your efforts.

I need not tell you how deeply I appreciate your willingness to assist.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

Charles R. Joy
Acting Executive Director

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JUN 28 1944

Dear Mr. Brunot:

We understand that the Unitarian Service Committee desires to send Dr. Charles R. Joy to Lanbarene, French Equatorial Africa, Cairo, Ankara and Istanbul to make a survey of refugee problems. We think that such a survey may prove very helpful and for that reason we would appreciate it very much if you would take such action as may be necessary to facilitate Dr. Joy's trip.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

cc-Mr. Stewart

Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director
The President's War Relief Control Board
Washington Building
Washington 5, D. C.

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JUN 28 1944

TO: Mr. Berle

FROM: J..W. Pehle

We understand that the Unitarian Service Committee desires to send Dr. Charles R. Joy to Lanbarene, French Equatorial Africa, Cairo, Ankara and Istanbul to make a survey of refugee problems. We think that such a survey may prove very helpful and for that reason we would appreciate it very much if you would undertake to expedite the issuance of a passport to Dr. Joy.

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

cc-Mr. Stewart

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

June 21, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am enclosing a memorandum for the Unitarian Service Committee about which Dr. Joy tells me you have already spoken to him. Dr. Joy assures me that you have promised to support this request with the full backing of the War Refugee Board. This we believe to be very important and we are convinced that without this backing, the necessary permissions and travel priorities could hardly be received.

The Unitarian Service Committee would greatly appreciate it if you could act promptly in this matter and send to the President's War Relief Control Board, the passport division of the State Department, and to any transportation service concerned your urging that this trip be made possible.

As you know, it was hoped by the Service Committee that Dr. Joy could study the situation for us in connection with a mission which he was to have performed for you. Therefore, our plans have been delayed and we hope that immediate action may be possible.

Sincerely yours,

Seth T. Gano

Seth T. Gano
Vice Chairman

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June 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Passport Division of State Department
President's War Relief Control Board
War Refugee Board
American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service

FROM: The Unitarian Service Committee

SUBJECT: Request for permission to send Dr. Charles R. Joy on a survey trip to the Near East.

The importance of the Near East from the point of view of refugee migration has been long recognized by our Committee. The movements of people through Turkey, the use of Iran as a kind of distribution center from which refugees have been sent to distant parts of the world, the influx of Jews to Palestine, of Greeks, Yugoslavs, Poles, and others to Egypt, have made this part of the world of great interest from our point of view.

In the post-war period similar migrations will begin to flow in new directions through this whole area, back to old home-lands, on to new lands of permanent settlement.

The Committee has long felt the need of a survey of this region and has submitted a figure of possible expenses for the Near East in the latest budget prepared for the National War Fund. In addition to the $36,000 set aside for UNRRA personnel in the Balkans, another amount of $30,000 has been requested for the Near East. Besides these two amounts, the National War Fund has also approved a modest expenditure for what it considers to be the exploration and survey trips which must be made from time to time in the area covered by the foreign work of any committee like ours.

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The purpose of the proposed survey would be to determine what work, if any, within our means might now be undertaken in connection with refugees throughout the Near East, where a Near East headquarters should be established, and what other centers, if any, should be set up. The working understanding in Refugee Relief Trustees, Inc., of which this Committee is a member, is provisionally that Iran is earmarked for the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Ankara for the International Rescue and Relief Committee, and Istanbul for the Unitarian Service Committee. No other areas have yet been earmarked.

At least three other organizations are now sending representatives to Cairo: the Quakers, the Mennonites, and the Joint Distribution Committee. The International Rescue and Relief Committee has already sent a man to Italy.

The time is here when such a survey trip must be made and all the information we have from the Near East leads us to believe that it is possible for us to establish work in that area which will be increasingly useful as the war draws to a close and the post-war period begins.

The Committee requests that permissions be granted and travel facilities be made available for Dr. Joy to visit the Mission of Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Lanbarene in French Equatorial Africa en route to Cairo, since our Committee is helping to support this mission and plans to increas that aid in the near future. If that visit is possible, we should like to have Dr. Joy travel on to Cairo and then to Ankara and Istanbul.

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On the way back Dr. Joy should stop at Algiers and Lisbon. In Algiers because one of our representatives, the Reverend Howard Brooks, is now there negotiating with the French Committee of Liberation concerning post-war work in France and our Committee desires to confer with Mr. Brooks regarding the latest developments in America. The visit to Lisbon would be simply for the purpose of making a brief study of the work carried on by the Committee in that area.

The Committee desires also that Dr. Joy visit the Hibbert Houses supported jointly by the British and American Unitarians in Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. We are urged by our British Unitarian friends to make this visit in order that we may increase the interest of our churches in America in these hostels for Allied soldiers.

The Committee is somewhat at a loss to know what the proper procedure is in this instance and is unable to secure from any private transportation agency any information about routes and modes of travel.

It is hoped that the various agencies to whom this memorandum is addressed will each endorse this request and inform the Committee of the proper steps to be taken to facilitate this journey.

The Committee of course hopes that this long-delayed survey trip may be possible in the very near future. It considers it of prime importance to the future work of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth T. Gano
Vice Chairman

Reply by Lerner J.W.B. on 6/28.
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June 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Passport Division of State Department
President's War Relief Control Board
War Refugee Board
American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service

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FROM: The Unitarian Service Committee

SUBJECT: Request for permission to send Dr. Charles R. Joy on a survey trip to the Near East.

The importance of the Near East from the point of view of refugee migration has been long recognized by our Committee. The movements of people through Turkey, the use of Iran as a kind of distribution center from which refugees have been sent to distant parts of the world, the influx of Jews to Palestine, of Greeks, Yugoslavs, Poles, and others to Egypt, have made this part of the world of great interest from our point of view.

In the post-war period similar migrations will begin to flow in new directions through this whole area, back to old home-lands, on to new lands of permanent settlement.

The Committee has long felt the need of a survey of this region and has submitted a figure of possible expenses for the Near East in the latest budget prepared for the National War Fund. In addition to the $36,000 set aside for UNRRA personnel in the Balkans, another amount of $30,000 has been requested for the Near East. Besides these two amounts, the National War Fund has also approved a modest expenditure for what it considers to be the exploration and survey trips which must be made from time to time in the area covered by the foreign work of any committee like ours.

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The purpose of the proposed survey would be to determine what work, if any, within our means might now be undertaken in connection with refugees throughout the Near East, where a Near East headquarters should be established, and what other centers, if any, should be set up. The working understanding in Refugee Relief Trustees, Inc., of which this Committee is a member, is provisionally that Iran is earmarked for the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Ankara for the International Rescue and Relief Committee, and Istanbul for the Unitarian Service Committee. No other areas have yet been earmarked.

At least three other organizations are now sending representatives to Cairo: the Quakers, the Mennonites, and the Joint Distribution Committee. The International Rescue and Relief Committee has already sent a man to ~~Italy.~~ Turkey.

The time is here when such a survey trip must be made and all the information we have from the Near East leads us to believe that it is possible for us to establish work in that area which will be increasingly useful as the war draws to a close and the post-war period begins.

The Committee requests that permissions be granted and travel facilities be made available for Dr. Joy to visit the Mission of Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Lanbarene in French Equatorial Africa en route to Cairo, since our Committee is helping to support this mission and plans to increase that aid in the near future. If that visit is possible, we should like to have Dr. Joy travel on to Cairo and then to Ankara and Istanbul.

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On the way back Dr. Joy should stop at Algiers and Lisbon. In Algiers because one of our representatives, the Reverend Howard Brooks, is now there negotiating with the French Committee of Liberation concerning post-war work in France and our Committee desires to confer with Mr. Brooks regarding the latest developments in America. The visit to Lisbon would be simply for the purpose of making a brief study of the work carried on by the Committee in that area.

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Unitarian Service Committee

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EDWARD A. CAHILL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

June 21, 1944

Mr. Ward Stewart
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have read the enclosed letter addressed to Dr. Dexter in Lisbon and feel that it is sufficiently urgent to have sent on to him.

Will you be good enough to forward it to its destination?

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Cahill

Edward A. Cahill
Assistant Director

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Dear Mr. Joy:

I am sending you unopened the enclosed letter from the National War Fund for Mr. Dexter because we have some doubts as to whether it is sufficiently urgent to be sent to him in Lisbon. We thought you might want to open it and make the decision yourself.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Ward Stewart
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Charles R. Joy
Acting Executive Director
Unitarian Service Committee
25 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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U. Italian Service Comm.

Jugoslavia

14 June, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO COL. SPOFFORD:

Annexed hereto is a copy of a memorandum received by me from Howard Brooks, representative of the Unitarian Service Committee, concerning a Dr. Frederick Mianitof. It would appear that the services of this doctor could be used for the UNRRA camps in the Middle East, or for the refugee camps in Italy or North Africa. Would you please let me know immediately whether you are interested, as a number of formalities would have to be gone through before he could be brought out of Portugal. These formalities are the following:

1. French visa.
2. French and AFHQ laisser passer.
3. Travel orders.
4. (Possibly) Validation of Belgium passport.

Before complying with any of these formalities, it would be necessary in the first instance that G-5 or other appropriate section of the Army indicate its desire to employ Dr. Mianitof, as such offer of employment would constitute the basis for securing the necessary documentation. Both Mr. Brooks and myself will assist in any way possible in making the necessary arrangements, should you indicate your interest.

Leonard E. Ackermann,
Special Representative
Mediterranean Area
U.S. War Refugee Board.

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UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
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To: Mr. Leonard Ackerman
From: Howard Brooks

Re: Dr. Frederic Imianitof
(Frederic Gelle)

This man, whose real name is Imianitof, is a distinguished surgeon of Belgian nationality. His ancestors were Russian, which accounts for his name. Imianitof was formerly Under-Secretary of State in the Belgian Government.

After the fall of France he was imprisoned in the concentration camp of Le Vernet in the south of France. Le Vernet was a punitive camp in which many prominent political prisoners were interned. It was closely guarded by the military. In spite of this fact, Imianitoff escaped and made his way to Portugal. He applied to the French for any kind of service. For some reason his application was held up. Meanwhile he was helped both by the French and the Belgians in Lisbon.

Imianitof lived in residence forcee at Passa d'Arcas, a suburb of Lisbon, until the time of the strike in 1943. Following this event, the Portuguese made wholesale arrests. Because of his name Imianitof was arrested and sent to the prison of Peniche in spite of the fact that he never engaged in political activities of any kind in Portugal.

This man wants to be of service to the Allied cause. He is willing to do anything and go anywhere. He is in his early forties and of good health. He holds a medical degree from an English medical school and speaks fluently English, German, and Spanish besides French which is his native language.

Imianitof is in possession of a Belgian passport and could be released from Peniche if his entry to a country outside Portugal were assured.

Imianitof is personally known to M. Gorlier, the French Consul in Lisbon. Gorlier is at the moment in Algiers and would be glad to give you any further information you may wish.

Because of his experience in public administration and his experience of camp life, Imianitof would seem to be splendidly qualified for service with UNRRA or the Army.

Howard Brooks.

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COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL REFUGEE PROBLEMS

144 Bleecker Street, New York 12, N. Y.

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May 9, 1944

Mr. Laurence Lesser
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lesser:

I am delighted to hear that the War Refugee Board has been able to secure the Algerian validation of Howard Brooks's passport. I have sent the word on to my Committee and I am sure they will want me to send you a word of most cordial appreciation. Please share our thanks with Mr. Mann who, I understand, was chiefly instrumental.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

Charles R. Joy

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE May 8, 1944

TO Mr. Lesser

FROM James H. Mann

At last Mr. Warren advises that he has been informed by Mrs. Shipley that the case of Rev. Howard Brooks has been cleared and that he will be permitted to go to North Africa.

Will you please inform Mr. Joy.

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APR 25 1944

Dear Dr. Joy:

The following message for you from Elisabeth Dexter was received from Lisbon under date of April 22, 1944:

"Greatly disturbed delay Howard Brook's North African validation. Urgent he accept French Committee's invitation soonest. He has French visa laissez passer and Ambassador Wilson approval."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Charles Joy,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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7. War Ref Board (Mr. Pehle)

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Lisbon

Dated April 22, 1944

Rec'd 8:45 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS

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WRB 4. Please send following Unitarian Service Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston:

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Message sent 4/24/44 to Jay JKI

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In reply please
refer to: 354

MAR 27 1944

Dear Dr. Shapley:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 1944, and the enclosed information concerning the work of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation.

Your offer to make available the facilities of the Foundation to aid in the work of the War Refugee Board is greatly appreciated. In this connection, you are undoubtedly aware that members of our staff are in touch with Mr. Joy on this whole problem.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Harlow Shapley,
Harvard College Observatory,
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

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March 11, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I had hoped to be able to have a brief conference with you when I was in Washington last week, but both of us were too busy, even for the telephone. I had wanted to place before you personally the possibility that in your developing work for refugees you could help make use of the facilities of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation.

Mr. Seth Gano of Boston, and his associate in the Unitarian Service Organization, Mr. Joy, had asked me to talk the matter over with you; and I believe that Governor Lehman also pointed out to my associate, Walter Lemmon, the President and founder of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, that our resources might be of considerable value to you as soon as they are released by the Office of War Information.

The World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, which is frequently known by the call letters WRUL, is a non-profit, non-commercial, short-wave broadcasting organization. The headquarters are here in Boston, 133 Commonwealth Avenue. We have a branch office in New York at 598 Madison Avenue.

Until our facilities were taken over by the government shortly before the invasion of North Africa, we were broadcasting "Good Will Programs" in more than twenty languages to Europe and other continents. We had built up a considerable listening audience in parts of western Europe. It was, indeed, because of the good-will we had built up that it became so important for the Office of War Information to take over our facilities.

We understand that before long at least one or more of our transmitters will be released to us again for at least part of the time. Until that time, we are essentially dormant, although we are permitted to have fifteen minutes a day for various small programs we operate. The chief one is that weekly program sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Another one is operated jointly by Harvard and Yale Universities.

We are told by the listeners and by the Exile Governments of several of the smaller nations of occupied Europe, that our greatest value was in maintaining the courage of the conquered people. Mr. Joy and Mr. Gano believe that we might resume that particular function, to the great advantage of your enterprise.

Mr. John W. Pehle March 11, 1944

Of course nothing is to be done until we do have our facilities returned to us, and have been able to reestablish our financial backings which were lost when the government took over.

Here in Massachusetts we have our transmitting station, which is now equipped with four fifty kilowatts transmitters and an elaborate well-engineered set of directional antennae. I believe there is no more powerful equipment in the western hemisphere.

If I had been able to see you, I would have told you of these things, and of the many related operations. My interest lies in the fact that I am Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation and have been an active trustee since the beginning of the work some seven years ago. Mr. Lemmon and I, with the help of others, are now actively planning our postwar work and the eventual establishment of the World Radio University, which our call letters are intended to indicate as goal of our enterprise.

I enclose herewith a copy of our quarterly, "The World Wide Listener." The article on page 26 by Mr. Eric Underwood should assist in giving you a picture of our activities and our potentialities.

Very truly yours,

Harlow Shapley

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ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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AIR MAIL
Special Delivery

March 25, 1944

Mr. Joseph Friedman, Assist. Director
War Relief Board
Room 192 The Treasury
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

In my talk with you yesterday, I neglected to ask whether you had received my telegram sent Wednesday, stating that the Unitarian Service Committee at its meeting last Tuesday, gave its cordial consent to the arrangements which we discussed regarding my representing your Board in Lisbon. I assume you did receive it but I should have checked.

In the same telegram, I suggested that if Saxton or anybody else goes into Spain to represent you, it would be an excellent idea if he were routed via Lisbon so that he and I could confer at some length regarding our mutual problems. I sincerely hope that if our plans go through, this may be done.

It is my understanding now that, as soon as I leave, a cable along the line indicated in our conversation will be sent to Ambassador Norweb.

April 1 is earliest, per Army. Pehle. N.Y. 3/27

Will you please thank Mr. Stuart for his efforts to get me off at the earliest possible moment. In view of developments now taking place on the other side, it is of even greater importance than previously that I reach there as soon as possible. If definite arrangements have not been made by the time you receive this letter, I hope that he will again take the matter up with the other people concerned and see if something cannot be done. It seems to me imperative that I reach Lisbon next week if it is humanly possible. I should have been there before this.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memorandum from Mrs. Dexter, parts of which I read over the phone yesterday. You will note her hesitancy regarding numbers that we could take care of out of our funds. We cabled her yesterday to go ahead on the proposition and told her that the money would be available and would be sent when she wanted it. We intimated in the cable

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that she was not to limit herself to the forty she indicated. I feel this very strongly because the more we can get out ~~through~~ safety, the better for them and for everyone concerned. I am sure that we could get the money somewhere. If we cannot get it out of our present appropriation from the War Fund--and we do this for the forty she indicates, I am sure you would do what you can to get us a new allocation for this specific purpose. If that is not obtainable, I feel certain the money can be secured with your backing.

There is one other matter on which you should be informed for speeding up our cooperation at this end. In view of the fact that Dr. Joy is now to be in New York most of the time and what I hope will be the fact of my immediate departure, the Executive Committee of the Unitarian Service Committee has appointed Mr. Edward A. Cahill as Assistant Director to be in charge of our office here. I don't think you have met Mr. Cahill but I hope that you will soon be able to do so. I am suggesting that the next time he comes to Washington, he call and see you. Mr. Cahill has previously been in charge of our Home Service Work and knows our general work very intimately. I think you will find him a good man to work with. All communications, contacts with this office should, until further notice, be made through Mr. Cahill.

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Once more may I thank you and Mr. Stuart for your efforts and hope that they may have immediate results. I am looking forward with the keenest interest to our cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Dexter

Mr. Robert C. Dexter
European Director

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Lisbon, March 10th 1944

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Letter No. 287

Urgent - Memo on conversation with representative of the British Embassy -

I was told to-day that word has just been received from London that the British Embassy here is to assume responsibility in respect to refugees of all refugees of all nationalities. The speaker believes that a fair number - some now here illegally in hiding, some from Spain, and others who will arrive from France and elsewhere,--will be in need of this protection. He has already started conversations with the Chief of the International Police about establishing another residence forcee, if possible nearer Lisbon than Caldas and Ericeira, so that Consuls or relief workers can easily go back and forth.

The question was put up to me: Was the Unitarian Service Committee prepared to accept financial responsibility and general supervision of such a residence forcee? The expenses per person, he assumed, would be about the same as at Caldas or Ericeira and no blanket guarantee would be needed, only the care for each refugee as he came along. He said that he would very much rather have us take the responsibility for the whole thing than have it divided among the different relief agencies, as he has come to the conclusion that we have less red tape and more energy than the others.

I said that it would be necessary to get a re-allocation of funds from home if any large number of new refugees were to be provided for, but I believed this could be done and I would write immediately. He asked how many we were prepared to take care of immediately. I shut my eyes, took a deep breath and said 40. Actually we could not do this indefinitely without additional money, but we could do it out of existing funds for a limited period and I don't doubt that additional funds will be forthcoming if the need is manifest.

This is to an extent an unhatched chicken and I don't like to count on it too much, but the egg is at least a substantial one. I feel it quite a compliment to have the British Embassy ask our aid in this way, and I know that we could count on active and effective cooperation from them as well as from our own people. I would suggest that the ground be softened up, so to say, to see about sending additional funds in our direction. Meanwhile, as soon as I have anything more definite I will let you know, either by letter or by cable. I need hardly say that if this materialises it would keep one person busy. However, we will take a chance on that and trust that Mr. Grieve will be here before very long. This possibility fits in with what I have already heard and reported to you from Dr. Kullman and other sources, about more refugees coming here.

I asked specifically whether any Spaniards would be included in this plan. The answer was a tentative yes. I should doubt

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Lisbon, March 10th 1944

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Letter No. 287

very much that it could really be thrown open to Spaniards, but the idea is at any rate not to exclude them automatically. It is probable also that the Jewish agencies would come in on this, but it would be preferred if we agree to take the responsibility for the whole thing and then see what arrangements could be made with them later. I don't think there would be any difficulty at this end.

(sgd.) Elisabeth Dexter

Expenses - We allow 200$ ($8) a week per person, with clothing and medical care extra. Say $40 a month or a little more, for an average. But we will need something additional of course for administration.

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144 Bleecker St.
New York City
March 13, 1944

Joe to Joy on this

Mr. J. B. Friedman
War Refugee Board
Treasury Dep't.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Do you think that Ecuador and our set-up there, with as competent a man as Arthur Fried, will be useful to you? Because of circumstances which have radically changed since last summer, Ecuador is not proving as valuable to my committee as it anticipated, and there is at present a growing disposition to withdraw from Ecuador in the very near future.

I am however convinced that the committee would not do this if they felt that our office in Ecuador could serve your purposes in the future.

Please let me have the benefit of your counsel upon this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

Charles R. Joy

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144 Bleecker St.
New York City
March 13, 1944

Joy informed

Mr. J. B. Friedman
War Refugee Board
Treasury Dep't.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

It is reported to us that a stream of Jewish Refugees is already beginning to flow through Roumania and Bulgaria to Turkey--each of them having been ransomed by the payment of the sum of $200.00.

I am informed that the Turkish government is willing to admit these refugees and allow them to remain until such time as they can move on to other lands.

This information does not come from our accustomed trustworthy sources. Do you know whether there is any truth in this report?

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

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Sent to Mr. Fried. main file

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144 Bleecker St.
New York City
March 10, 1944

Mr. J. B. Friedman
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

As you are by this time well aware, I am now fully engaged in my new task. I can be helpful to you only so far as I have the continued cooperation of the group of experts with whom I am working, and on the other, so far as I have your complete cooperation and confidence. In other words, our fruitful cooperation cannot consist of suggestions which I make to you, and projects submitted by me to you. I must know in the first place whether your board approves of the suggestions, what actions you take upon them, and what the results of these actions turn out to be.

I can be helpful also to you, if you will inform me of all matters that bear upon the particular projects which we are attempting to formulate for you.

Any information you give me will be held in strictest confidence. Of course, all information submitted to you by the New York group must be so treated.

For the sake of filing convenience, I am enclosing other letters, each on a separate subject.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

Dr. C. R. Joy

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Later for Mr. Luchman's file

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE MAR 3 1944

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM Mr. Rains

Re: Portuguese visa for Mr. Robert C. Dexter.

As a result of a letter written to you by Mr. Dexter on February 28, 1944, I went to the Portuguese Legation and saw Senor Nogueira, secretary of the Legation, to request that anything possible be done to expedite the issuance of a visa to Mr. Dexter. Senor Nogueira spoke to the Portuguese Minister and got in touch with me today and stated that it would be necessary for the Unitarian Service Committee to write a letter directly to the Minister requesting favorable action on the visa application.

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Mr. Pehle

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ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF TRUSTEES, INC.

February 28, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Yesterday one of your associates, I have forgotten which one, was kind enough to say that if your organization could in any way expedite my return to Portugal, they would be only too happy to help. He was referring particularly to clipper reservations which I hope may be arranged without such intervention, somewhere around the fifteenth of March. If there should be any hitch on this, I should be only too glad to call on you but unless there is a hitch, I see no reason for bothering you.

However, there is one matter in which I think, if you are willing, you might be of some assistance to me. I am in possession of U.S. passport No. 680198, issued to Robert Cloutman Dexter, March 14th, 1941, and reissued in 1943. Mrs. Shipley, as possibly I told you, was kind enough to validate this passport on February 22nd, 1944, for both Portugal and Spain so that my passport is quite O.K. The immediate delay now arises over my Portuguese visa. When I left Portugal, as has usually been the case when I have left that country, I made a formal application to the police for a residence visa for my reentry. The police assured our Portuguese representative with the police that there would be no difficulty at all about this as there has not been in any previous case. I should add that I hold and have had for a long time a "permit de sejour" of Portugal which has been reissued to me every three months since I have been in the country. The present "autorizacao" was issued by the Civil Governor of the district of Lisbon on the eleventh of January and is valid for the usual period until the eleventh of April. In view of this permit, the Portuguese police assured my man that as a temporary resident of Portugal, there would be no difficulty regarding my visa. However, shortly after I arrived here I had a cable from my office in Lisbon to the effect that the Portuguese now had a new regulation which required that a cable request for the visa should be sent through the Consul here in Boston. The cable also said that this was a mere matter of form and that everything looked all right. This cable came

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on February 18th while I was in New York and my assistant here went down to the Consulate and with considerable difficulty got them to send the necessary cable for which we paid together with prepaid reply. The Consul said that he thought the quickest way to get the visa was through the Portuguese Minister in Washington but since I did not plan to be in Washington for some time and since these were my instructions from Lisbon, I felt I had better follow this procedure. It is now eleven days since the cable was sent and no reply has arrived here to date. Since I have been tentatively promised a clipper reservation somewhere about the fifteen of March, the time is now growing short. In any event, I can't make the formal application for priority until I get the Portuguese visa.

Since I am not planning to be in Washington for the next ten days anyway, it has occurred to me that someone on your staff might be willing, on my behalf, to take this matter up with the Portuguese Minister who, I believe, will remember me as I have met him several times previously. Would it be possible for him either to grant the visa on his own initiative since I have a residence permit from the police or to hasten the granting of the visa here by sending a rush cable for which, of course, we should be glad to pay? If it has to be the latter, would you be kind enough to pay for he cable and we will be glad to send a check to cover.

I hate to put this burden on your office with all the other burdens that you are assuming at this time but I am sure that you will understand my desire to get back as quickly as possible and I think the sooner I get back, the more useful we can be to you there. I think that it will be perfectly all right for your representative to tell the Minister that we, in common with all the other relief agencies, were working in close touch with your Board and that you were anxious to have me back as soon as possible. If for any reason you cannot do this, please let me know by wire collect and I will see what I can do by telephone, but I think a personal interview by one of your people would expedite the matter much faster.

While I am writing, may I express to you my personal appreciation of the attitude of you and your associates in the meeting Saturday and Sunday. As Mrs. Dexter wrote in her letter to the Legation in Lisbon, Mr. Hull's cable, which was prompted by your Board, is one of the most encouraging things that we have seen in three long years -- except, of course, for military victories. I sincerely hope that you and your associates will be able to help meet the situation which your Board was organized to deal with. If this Committee or Mrs. Dexter or I personally, or any members of our staff overseas, can be of assistance, we shall be only too happy.

I hope to get to Washington some time after the eighth -- indeed I shall have to get there to get my clipper priority-and I hope very much to have another chance to talk to you.

With apologies for adding to your already overburdened agenda and with kindest good wishes to you and your associates, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Dexter

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TRUSTEES, INC.

February 26, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I suppose that I should at least acknowledge your letter of February 8th addressed to the Unitarian Service Committee, asking for a detailed statement in writing of such specific action as we believe the board should take and the measures that we are equipped to take as a committee to lend assistance to you.

As of course you realize, our answer to that problem has taken form in the group meetings which you have attended in New York. Many of the suggestions that our Committee would like to make and the information as to the assistance it can render have already been made and will continue to be made through that group. It seems to me that this is very much better than attempting to put a detailed program of suggestions and proposals into writing.

I hope you agree; but of course the Committee and I are prepared to help you in every possible way. We would rather help you, nonetheless, in actions rather than words.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

Charles R. Joy
Acting Director

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February 25, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the cable which we are suggesting might be sent to our director in Switzerland. As you suggested, a copy of the cable was sent to Mr. Travers' office for dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Joy

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Acting Director

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Mr. Madison arranged for appropriate changes with Mr. Warren.
JWP

3/7/44 Transmitted to Geneva Legation in Bern by private messenger.

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CABLE

February 24, 1944

Mr. Noel Field
12 rue Vieux College
Geneva

WAR REFUGEE BOARD REGARDING WHICH YOU CAN SECURE INFORMATION FROM LEGATION DESIRES TO ARRANGE FACILITIES FOR MIGRATION REFUGEES FROM ALL SURROUNDING AREAS IN EUROPE TO SWITZERLAND STOP THEY ~~ALSO GUARANTEE~~ will undertake to make arrangements for THEIR SUPPORT AND THEIR REMOVAL AFTER WAR STOP THEY ARE WILLING TO USE UNDERGROUND OR ANY OTHER METHODS STOP IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE CAN YOU DO ANYTHING IN SWITZERLAND TO SPEED UP PROCESS SUGGEST YOU CONTACT WALTER FABIAN AND RENE BERTHOLET PLEASE REPLY THROUGH SAME CHANNELS GREETINGS

Robert Dexter and Charles Joy

3/1/44 Discussed with Joy who agrees + suggests we get Traverso + change message accordingly JH

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February 23, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

At your request, I am submitting the following proposal for a broadcasting program in aid of refugees in Europe.

The proposal - The Unitarian Service Committee proposes to arrange with the World-Wide Broadcasting Foundation, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N.Y. for regular broadcasting programs through the Boston transmitting stations of W.R.U.L., the expense of the program to be carried by the Unitarian Service Committee through funds raised for this special purpose.

W.R.U.L. - The World-Wide Broadcasting Foundation is a non-profit organization supported by voluntary contributions dedicated to a broad service for humanity. It has no political or partisan purposes but is wholeheartedly committed to the cause of the allies. It was founded in 1935 with the cooperation of Harvard, Boston University, M.I.T., Mt. Holyoke, etc. In 1936 it broadcast the full program of the Harvard Tercentenary Celebration. In 1937, '38 and '39 the World Radio University began to take shape. Its record of cooperation during the war period is beyond praise. Its broadcast saved approximately nine-hundred Norwegian vessels to the Allied cause. It helped to swing Yugoslavia to our side. As I can testify from first-hand information, its programs to Europe became over there the most trustworthy source for accurate news of war developments. Under the program of O.W.I., the entire facilities of the foundation were taken over by the government, although serious doubt has been felt as to the wisdom of this step in view of the extraordinary influence of W.R.U.L. in foreign lands exerted by programs already ~~carefully~~ thoroughly established. Mr. Walter Lemmon, the president and founder of the world-wide broadcasting foundation, is heartily in sympathy with the above proposal and ready to cooperate to the full under the conditions which follow.

The general purpose - The purpose of these broadcasts would be to appeal to the people of Axis and occupied countries to help the oppressed minorities. It would be a broad humanitarian appeal but with a very definite note of warning in it. Our program of broadcasting abroad has made in the past certain inept emphases which have tended to defeat the very purpose they have in mind. Nothing, for instance, could be more maladroit than the broadcast message "Show your anti-Fascist feelings now; tomorrow it will be too late". In Nazi countries to manifest anti-Nazi sympathies at the

present moment is to commit suicide; and if tomorrow it is to be too late, then naturally, everyone comes to believe that his only hope lies with an Axis victory. Our major emphasis should rather be, "Help the victims of Nazi aggression, and you will have someone to plead for you after the victory is won. If you are able to help these poor unfortunates with shelter or clothing or food, or other assistance, they will remember it, and so will we. Perhaps the only way for you to show your sympathy for the cause of democracy, which is already winning the war, is to help these victims of Nazism. If you help them, your assistance will not be forgotten."

The Plan - All broadcast programs would of course be subject to government censorship, but it is essential to the success of this plan that the messages should originate with the Unitarian Service Committee and the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation and should be quite independent of the O.W.I. We would suggest that the O.W.I. release two of the transmitters for three hours a day. The programs would be beamed so as to cover all of Northern Europe and all of Southern Europe and would of course be in all the necessary languages. The programs would be so timed as to reach all parts of Europe just before and just after midnight, which is the safest time and best time for a clandestine listening abroad. The Unitarian Service Committee is in a position to secure through underground channels specific information about conditions in various parts of Europe so that a broadcast could be very direct and challenging. Officers in the German army and in the satellite armies, governors of districts, from the highest rank to the lowest rank, can be addressed by name. Reports of their activities can be sent to them so that they know that they are being watched and their acts recorded. Many of them will be eager to atone for past cruelties, if they know that their names are on the list of those on whom the wrath of the victorious allies will someday be visited. No specific promises can of course be given; but we can make it clear to many an official in the Axis and occupied countries that it will be well for them to have on their records a few deeds of kindness. We believe that such a program as this in a dozen different languages and everywhere directed to named individuals or to specific situations will have a most powerful influence in protecting and saving these persecuted people.

Sponsorship - It seems to us of great importance that this program should not be under Jewish sponsorship, directly or indirectly. It seems to us also of great importance that this should not be under government sponsorship. It should be the common people of America speaking to the people of Europe, not a part of the alleged Jewish plot to dominate the world nor a part of suspected government propaganda.

The cost - Such a program as this would probably cost about $10,000.00 for a six months period. The Unitarian Service Committee thinks that it can raise the money for this program without difficulty.

Very truly yours,

Charles R. Joy

Charles R. Joy
Acting Director

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February 21, 1944.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Pearl Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sirs,

This is with reference to license # Boston 16576 authorizing our Committee to remit the sum of $10,350.00 to Mr. Noel Field, our representative in Switzerland, to be used in Switzerland for refugee service and relief.

We now apply for an amendment to this license which (1) would eliminate the provision whereby remittances are authorized only if effected by payment of the dollar amount to a blocked account within the country in which the ultimate beneficiary is located, and (2) would permit the purchase of the Swiss Francs through the Stabilization Fund at the official rate.

The whole problem of providing our representative in Geneva with adequate funds for refugee relief has been discussed by Dr. Charles R. Joy, Acting Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee, with Mr. John W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, and the request in this letter is in line with this recent discussion.

Very truly yours,

Edward B. Witte
Treasurer.

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Dear Mr. Joy:

Your letter to the Secretary of War concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your Committee in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
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Mr. Charles R. Joy,
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Mr. John Pehle,
Assistant to the Secretary,
Treasury Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

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Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Stimson

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Mr. Charles R. Joy,
Unitarian Service Committee,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Joy:

Receipt of your letter of January 24, 1944, conveying the generous offer of Unitarian Service Committee to be of all possible assistance in the work of the President's War Refugee Board, is gratefully acknowledged.

At the present time the work of the War Refugee Board is still in the formative stage. It is hoped that we will soon be enabled to turn to good use the proffered services of such organizations as yours with their world-wide interest in the rescue of all peoples from their oppressors. I have no doubt that the practical experience of the Unitarian Service Committee will prove of great benefit to the War Refugee Board. In the meantime, I am pleased to hand your letter to Mr. John Pehle, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is presently assisting the War Refugee Board as acting director.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War.

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UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

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January 24, 1944

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stimson:

The appointment by the President of a War Refugee Board consisting of the Honorable Secretaries of the Departments of State, Treasury and War and directed to take all measures within their power "to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in immediate danger of death", is an act of wise charity and clear vision. The Unitarian Service Committee, which has for years considered the rescue, transportation, maintenance and relief of such persons its major responsibility, is profoundly interested. Working with a carefully chosen and competent American personnel in Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, France and Portugal and cooperating closely with other American and foreign relief agencies in these and other foreign countries, it has helped thousands of endangered refugees to escape from the clutches of their persecutors. It has worked with the Governments in Exile, the High Commissioner for Refugees under the Protection of the League of Nations and all other authorities concerned with these unfortunate persons and has had wide experience in solving their problems.

Since, by the terms of your mandate, you may accept the services or contributions of any private persons or organizations, the Unitarian Service Committee feels impelled to offer you any assistance within its power. Generously supported by the National War Fund of which it is a participating member, operating on a wholly unsectarian basis, and dedicated to the service of the racial, religious and political minorities of Europe, the Committee is now ready to place itself entirely at the disposal of your Board to assist you in any possible way. Our personnel, our resources, our experience, are at your command.

The Committee would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the areas of possible cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Charles R. Joy

Acting Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Joy:

I have received your letter of January 24, 1944, concerning the President's new War Refugee Board and the interest of your Committee in the problem of rescuing and bringing relief to the victims of enemy persecution.

Your Committee is to be congratulated for the splendid work it has done in this field and your offer of service to the new Board is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Mr. Charles R. Joy,
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