

SCHLEIFER FAMILY

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From Turkey

Istanbul, January 29, 1945

Dear Mr. Elstein:

We have your letter of December 26 regarding the Schleifer family. We have not as yet received the telegram which you sent us, and of which you include the text in your letter.

Some time ago we requested information regarding the Schleifer family in Arad, Rumania, using the address which you give in your letter. We are still awaiting a response. We attribute this delay in receiving a report to communication difficulties which now exist. As soon as we receive any further information regarding the Schleifers we shall, of course, advise you.

The reason for the delay in the departure to Palestine of the Schleifer family might be any one of several. In the first place, former procedures which simplified the departure of Jewish people from Rumania via Turkey to Palestine -- a procedure pursuant to which it was possible for Miss Margarete Neulander and the two Schleifer children to leave Rumania -- have been terminated. As a result, the obtention of Palestine certificates again has become more or less formalized and dependent upon the Palestine Office in Bucharest and the British Passport Control Officer in that city. In the second place, new procedures have been developed regarding the issuance of exit permits for people in Rumania who desire to leave that country. We understand that there is now delay in securing them. In any event, until one secures more exact information regarding the present whereabouts of the Schleifers and what the status of their emigration is, the reason for their failure to depart from Rumania and emigrate to Palestine is speculative. You might wish to discuss the situation with the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, which, we are sure, is fully informed in the entire matter of emigration to Palestine from Rumania.

We wish that there was some way in which we could help Miss Neulander and the two Schleifer children in connection with their onward voyage from Cairo to the United States.

Sincerely,  
[Signature]

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However, airplane bookings from Cairo are entirely within the control of the Air Service officials in that city, and are subject to priority regulations, according to which military service personnel and other categories of people are entitled to priority to whatever airplane passage is available. We, in Turkey, have no control over matters having to do with airplane passage from Cairo to the United States. This question can be solved only in Cairo. This applies also to the obtention of steamship passage from Cairo to the United States. In these matters the American Consulate General in Jerusalem undoubtedly will be able to provide you with full information.

We are informed that from time to time neutral vessels, notably Portuguese, establish sailings from Haifa to the United States. If you are interested in this type of passage you most likely will be able to obtain information from the local steamship agencies in Jerusalem.

We regret that we are not able to assist you in a more positive manner, but as you see, the matters which you present to us are subject to solution not in Turkey through us, but in other areas.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki  
Representative  
War Refugee Board

David Elstein, Esquire  
Advocate  
Generali Building  
Princess Mary Avenue  
Jerusalem

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Istanbul, December 26, 1944

Dear Mrs. Schleifer:

We have your letter of November 15.

By this time you must know that Miss Neulander and your two sons have gone to Palestine. Their files for emigration to the United States have been transferred to the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, and the question of their emigration, transportation, etc., must be pursued from there. Ankara no longer has jurisdiction over this matter.

With regard to the emigration of the other members of your family from Rumania, we have been in communication with the Jewish Agency in Istanbul who informed us that they have notified the Palestine Office in Bucharest in the matter of Palestine emigration. We understand that their emigration must now be regulated in Bucharest.

Should we learn anything further we shall advise you. In the meanwhile we would suggest that you keep in touch with the office of the War Refugee Board in Washington, which we have fully informed regarding the steps so far taken in behalf of your family.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki  
Representative  
War Refugee Board

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West 85th Street  
New York, New York

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19 West 85th Street  
New York 23, N.Y.

November 15, 1944

Mr. Herbert Katzky,  
War Refugee Board,  
American Legation,  
Ankara, Turkey.

Dear Mr. Katzky:

I wish to thank you most heartely for forwarding my sister's letter to me. This was the first news from my family in years. I am extremely grateful to you for your so very friendly assistance to my sister and my sons. I learned from this letter also that you wanted to send the two boys immediately to the United States. I appreciate your kindness but you will understand that I would like my sister and the two boys to join us here together. My sister has grown up in our house and we regarded her as our daughter. Especially now when we have lost our two girls so tragically, we would like to stay with us and I know that she feels very lonely and lost without us after all the suffering she has gone through. In view of all this, I beg you to kindly do your utmost so that my sister and the two boys can have an airplane passage to the United States. Could you perhaps approach Ambassador Steinhardt in this matter who has taken a very sympathetic interest in the fate of my children and their guardians. I am sure that with Ambassador Steinhardt's help and an airplane passage for my sister and the two boys can be arranged. You will understand that I cannot even think of a ship passage after this tragedy. Please help us to be united with the part of the family that is left as quickly as possible.

May I also ask your kind assistance with regard to the other members of my family, enumerated on the enclosed list. These members are in possession of Palestine Certificates and have difficulties to leave Rumania. Will you please help save them? My father is an old man, my sister is weak. Once they reach Palestine, their health and their souls can be build up. My husband and I have ample funds there and we own a house there. They would not become a public charge.

Will you be kind enough to let me know soon and I hope you can give me good news regarding my requests.

With repeated heartfelt thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Ida Schleifer*

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*I wish to review what I said to you at Mr. Sobel's Office. "Shall the Allmighty guard you and protect you."*

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List of relatives of Mr. David Schleifer, 19 West 85th St. N.Y.C.

Neulander Jacob, born at Borsa, Marmaros (Hungary) 68 yrs., father

Slum Bela,	"	in Hungary,	between 36-40 "	brother-in-law
" Sarah	"	at Sarisap, Estergom, Hungary	35 "	sister
" Eli	"	Arad Rumania	7	nephew
" Isreal	"	"	6	"
"	"	"	4	"

Neulander Eli'ahu " " Jobbagyi, Nagrad, Hungary 37 brother

" " Ibolya " " Gurahont, Jud. Arad, Rumania 34 sister-in-law

" " Ruth " " Arad, Rumania

Schleifer Avram Moishe, born at Komuli, Hungary/Rumania, 30 yrs. brother

Schleifer Dora " " " " " 25-26 sister

All residing at Tribunal Dobrea 11, Arad, Rumania

DAVID ELSTEIN  
ADVOCATE  
Generali Bldg., Princess Mary Ave.  
Office Phone 3754  
Residence: 32, King George Ave.  
Phone 5175  
JERUSALEM

Jerusalem December 26, 1944.

My Ref. No.: --  
Your Ref. No.: --

Mr. Katzki  
I s t a n b u l.

Dear Mr. Katzki,

I beg to confirm my telegram to you of to-day,  
reading as follows:-

"THANKS YOUR ENDEAVOURS RE SCHLEIFER  
CHILDREN AND AUNT PLEASE INFORM  
WHEREABOUTS SCHLEIFER ABRAHAM AND  
FAMILY NEULÄNDER C/O FELDMAN TRIBUNAL  
DOBRA 11 ARAD RUMANIA AND REASONS FOR  
DELAY THEIR COMING"

I am very thankful to you for your full understanding  
kindheartedness and obligingness in the matter of the Schleifer  
children and their accompanying aunt Miss Margarete Neuländer.

Permit me on behalf of my cousins Mrs. Schleifer  
and husband to point out to you the following.

We are so far unaware as to the whereabouts and  
reasons for their delay - in coming to Palestine - of Schleifer  
Abraham (uncle of the children) as well as of the family Neuländer  
(family of Mrs. Schleifer, mother of the children) whose last  
known address was Tribunal Dobra 11, Arad Rumania.

In the event they should have left Arad, it would be  
advisable - in order to get at their source of their departure -  
to contact with a neighbour of theirs, viz, Schleifer c/o  
Feldman TRIBUNAL DOBRA 11 Arad Rumania.

For the aunt and two surviving children here there  
are immigration visas to the States available. The problem  
now is one of obtaining airplane transportation to New York  
or to obtain some priority for shipping space on a decent  
boat to the States, otherwise the children and their aunt  
here would have to wait many weeks if not months - after  
registering with the U.S. Administration, Cairo - until ship-  
ping space will be available for them.

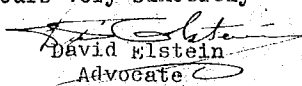
There are of course in addition ancillary difficulties  
here in connection with their travel to the States as obtaining  
Egyptian transit visas, new travel documents, exit permits, good  
conduct certificates etc, which I am confident I shall overcome.

I should therefore be very grateful to you, Dear Mr.  
Katzki, for help to be extended in connection with the above,  
viz, to contact with Abraham Schleifer and family Neuländer  
c/o Feldman Tribunal Dobra 11, Arad Rumania in order to find  
out their present whereabouts and reasons for their delay in  
coming to Palestine.

Secondly kindly to extend your help to the two children  
and aunt already here to obtain an early passage, either air-  
plane transportation or shipping priority on a decent boat through  
the instrumentality of U.S. Warshipping Administration, Cairo,  
or U.N.R.R.A., Cairo.

Trusting to receive your early affirmative reply,  
I am, thanking you in anticipation.

Yours very sincerely

  
David Elstein  
Advocate

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re: Pehle

Istanbul, November 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Packer:

We refer to our letter of November 25 regarding photostats of four letters written by the Visa Division in Washington concerning certain individuals in whom Mrs. David Schlaifer of New York City is interested.

We have secured additional information regarding the persons named in these letters, and have transmitted it to Mr. Pehle of the War Refugee Board, in accordance with the copy of the letter enclosed.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki

Earl L. Packer, Esquire  
Third Secretary of Embassy  
American Embassy  
Ankara

Encl: Copy of letter addressed  
to Mr. Pehle

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*now the sent from  
WRB office in Turkey*

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, November 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We refer to our letter of November 25 in which we informed you that we had arranged to have taken to Bucharest the photostats of four letters addressed to Mrs. David Schleifer by the Visa Division, concerning the possible issuance of United States visas to her relatives. To complete your records, we can now give you the following information which we have secured from Jewish Agency representatives in Istanbul:

Confirmations of Palestine Certificates were issued on October 20, 1944 to the family of Bela, Sarah, Eli and Israel Blum, whose address of record is Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania;

The names of Rebecca and David Gottlieb and their two children were included in certified lists, prepared by the Jewish Agency for delivery in Budapest, of persons to whom Palestine visas have been authorized. Their address of record, one or two months ago, was Bodrotrunt, Hungary;

The names of Iren, David and Sarah Liebermann were also included in certified lists similar to those described above. Their address of record is Csikszereda, Hungary;

Confirmations of Palestine Certificates were issued on October 20, 1944 to Jacob and Tereze Neulander, whose address of record is Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania;

Confirmations of Palestine Certificates were issued on October 20, 1944 to Elijah, Holya and Ruth Neulander, whose address of record is Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania;

Confirmation of Palestine Certificate was issued on November 8, 1944 to Dorah Schleifer, whose address of record is Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania;

Confirmation of Palestine Certificate was issued on October 3, 1944 to Avram M. Schleifer, whose address of record is Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania.

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The Jewish Agency issued these confirmations pursuant to our discussions with them at the time Margarete Neulander was in Istanbul en route to Palestine. We do not know today whether any of the addresses continue to be valid, but the important thing is that the local representatives of the Jewish Agency in Bucharest have been informed. It must be mentioned that we cannot tell from here what, if anything, can be done about the people listed above, who are in Hungary, or even whether the lists which were sent to Budapest actually arrived there. The point is, though, that we have done everything possible in Istanbul, and the matters will now have to be followed up locally.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert Katzki*  
Herbert Katzki  
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J. W. Pehle, Esquire  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

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Istanbul, November 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Packer:

We refer to the letter of November 15 with which you transmitted to us photostats of four letters written by the Visa Division of Washington concerning certain individuals in whom Mrs. David Schleifer of New York City is interested.

We are enclosing herein a copy of a self-explanatory letter which we have written to Mr. Pehle of the War Refugee Board, advising him of the action we have taken.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki

Earl L. Packer, Esquire  
First Secretary of Embassy  
American Embassy  
Ankara

Encl: Copy of letter

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*From WRB file sent from  
Turkey*

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, November 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The American Embassy in Ankara has transmitted to us the photostats of four letters written to Mrs. David Schleifer, 19 West Eighty-fifth Street, New York City, on the subject of the possible issuance of United States visas to relatives in whom she is interested. These photostats are referred to in your telegram No. 119 of October 21, which was received in Ankara on November 15 as an airgram. L

I have arranged that the four photostats be taken to Bucharest, so that delivery thereof might be attempted from Rumania. Possibilities for effecting delivery of documents to Hungary from Istanbul are very few at present. Should we be able to secure any reports on the persons mentioned in the letters, we shall inform you.

We have previously advised you that Margarete Neulander, mentioned in Mr. Coulter's letter of August 8, has departed for Palestine, and that Avram M. Schleifer, mentioned in the same letter, is still in Rumania as far as we know.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert Katzki*  
Herbert Katzki

J. W. Pehle, Esquire  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Ankara - November 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Katzki:

- The Embassy has just received from the Department for transmission to you the enclosed photostatic copies of three self-explanatory letters signed by the Chief of the Visa Division, dated July 31, and one letter dated August 8th, signed by the Assistant Chief of the same division, regarding the Schleifer case.
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In forwarding these letters for transmission to you, the Department requested that the following message be forwarded to you from the War Refugee Board:

"Please endeavor to have the attached photographs of letters delivered to the beneficiaries named therein, as it is thought possible that they may be afforded some measure of assistance."

Very truly yours,

*Earl L. Packer*  
Earl L. Packer  
First Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

- 1/ 3 copies letter dated July 31st.
- 2/ 1 copy letter dated August 8th.

Mr. Herbert Katzki,  
American Consulate General,  
Istanbul.

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

From wires sent from Turkey

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NOV 10 1944

Dear Mr. Schleifer:

Enclosed please find a letter from Miss Neulander, addressed to you and Mrs. Schleifer.

The letter has been forwarded to us by the Board's special representative in Turkey, and we are glad to be able to render you this service.

Very truly yours,

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

Mr. David Schleifer,  
19 West 85th Street,  
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE 11/10/44

TO Mr. Lassar

FROM R. Kizin

Subject: Letter from Miss Neulander to Mr. and Mrs.  
Schleifer, enclosed with letter from Katzki  
of October 26th.

The letter, in German, deals almost exclusively with family affairs and explains in detail the circumstances under which the Schleifer children were able to survive and to escape. It also justifies at great length Miss Neulander's decision to send two of the Schleifer children on the REKURA, where they met their death.

It touches only, in the most general fashion on conditions in Roumania and adds nothing to the well-known picture of the situation there.

I believe that the letter can be released to Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer without any inconvenience.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, October 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

By this time you will have received our telegram with regard to the four Schleifer children, Alexander, Otto, Judith, and Noëmi. The two boys and their aunt, Margarete Neulander, arrived in Istanbul on October 25 as part of the group of some 160 children who came to Istanbul from Rumania under the children's scheme for the evacuation of Jewish children from the Balkans to Palestine. Miss Neulander told me of the tragedy of the two Schleifer girls.

One can understand the reluctance of Miss Neulander to authorize the unaccompanied voyage to the United States of the two boys after what happened to the two girls. Accordingly, it was thought best to have the boys go to Palestine, for which they have regular emigration certificates, pending the receipt by Miss Neulander in Palestine of the instructions of the parents as to what they would like her to do. The file of the American Consulate General in Istanbul, referring to the visas for the children, is being transferred to the Consulate General in Jerusalem.

I suggested that if Miss Neulander would wish to write a letter to the parents we would be glad to forward it to them through the Embassy. That letter is enclosed herein. Miss Neulander suggested that it be given to Mr. David Schleifer, the father, who will be able to use his judgment about showing it to Mrs. Schleifer.

To the best of Miss Neulander's knowledge, the Turkish transit visas, although they had been requested of the Turkish Foreign Office by the American Embassy in Ankara on the basis of American emigration visas for the children, were granted because of their possession of Palestine emigration certificates. The Turkish transit visas and the other necessary transit visas, so far as she knows, were obtained through the same channels and under the same conditions as are those secured by other Palestine certificate holders in Rumania. Consequently, if the scheme for

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obtaining Turkish transit visas was to be tested by the Schleifer case, we cannot draw any inferences and will have to try with another prospective emigrant.

Will you please tell Mrs. Schleifer that I saw her two children and that they looked well and stalwart. I am sure they will grow up to be very fine men. The boys do not yet know what happened to their sisters. Would you please express my sympathy to Mrs. Schleifer, whom I met in New York, and my regrets that it had to be I who transmitted the sad news to her.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert Katzki*  
Herbert Katzki  
Representative  
War Refugee Board

J. W. Pehle, Esquire  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Encl:  
as described.

\* We kept after the Jewish Agency, as one of the channels through which we sought to bring all the Schleifer children to Istanbul.

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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INCOMING  
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

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

17/11/44 Ankara  
Dated November 7, 1944

Rec'd 1:30 a.m. 8th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

2127, November 7, 1 p.m.

ALEXANDER AND OTTO SCHLEIFER AND MARGARET

E. NEULANDER FROM KATZKI TO PEHLE, WAR REFUGEE  
BOARD

Ankara's 178 (see Embassy's 2059, Ankara's  
170 and Department's 987, War Refugee Board 124).  
Departed from Istanbul proceeding to Palestine  
on October 27.

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NOV 6 1944

Dear Mrs. Schleifer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1, 1944 and its enclosures.

I have requested the Department of State to transmit your letters to Ambassador Steinhardt and to your children and sister if to so do is conformable to applicable procedures.

With respect to your relatives whose exchange you request, please be advised that matters pertaining to such exchanges are not handled by the War Refugee Board but fall within the province of the Department of State.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director.

Mrs. David Schleifer,  
19 West 85th Street,  
New York, New York.

*Original signed  
by Mr. Pehle -*

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*B.G.L.S.L.*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To: Mr. Akgen ..... (Room) (Bldg.)  
(1) ..... (Room) (Bldg.)  
(3) ..... (Room) (Bldg.)

Have you any  
ideas?  
Ask Train, Whistler,  
Cohen - anyhow  
can't be done.

From: L. L. Lerner ..... 11/2  
(Room) (Bldg.)

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19 West 85th Street  
New York, N.Y.

November 1, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am sending you enclosed a list of  
my relatives which I left in Rumania and Hungary.  
Should they have been put into a concentration  
camp I would be very grateful if you could see  
that they are being exchanged for Nazi prisoners  
when such an exchange is going to be effected.

With repeated thanks, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) D. Schleifer

(Mrs.) David Schleifer.

P.S. I apologize for bothering you again but would you  
be kind enough to forward the enclosed letters to  
Ambassador Steinhardt. I am sure you will understand  
that this is an emergency and therefore so urgent.  
Again many, many thanks.

- D. Sch.

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List of relatives of Mr. & Mrs. David Schleifer, 19 West 85th St. N.Y.C.

Neulaender Jacob,	born	at Borsa, Marmaros, (Hungary)	74 yrs.	father
" Teréze,	"	" Toelgyes, Yudetuly, Csik, Hungary, Rumania,	66 yrs.	mother
Blum Béla	"	" in Hungary, between 36-40 yrs.	brother-in-law	
" Sarah	"	" at Sárissap, Esztergom, Hungary,	35 yrs.	sister
" Eli	"	" Arad, Rumania	7 "	nephew
" Israel	"	" "	6 "	"
Neulaender Elijah,	"	" Yobbagyi, Nograd, Hungary,	37 "	brother
" Holya	"	" Gurahunc, Yud. Arad, Rumania	34 "	sister-in-law
" Ruth	"	" Arad, Rumania	6 "	niece

all residing at Tribunal Dobrea 11, Arad, Rumania

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Schleifer Nathan,	born	at Rosznatow, Poland,	78 yrs.	father
" Pepi	"	" Jassyn, Poland	66 "	mother
" Linna	"	" Romuli, Hungary	45 "	sister
Steinmetz Fischl	"	" "	47 "	brother-in-law
" Gisa	"	" "	37 "	sister
" Hirschl	"	" "	13 "	nephew
" Iszak	"	" "	11 "	"
" Fanny	"	" "	10 "	niece
"	"	" "	9 "	nephew
"	"	" "	8 "	niece
"	"	" "	7 "	nephew
"	"	" "	6 "	niece

*all residing at Romuli Yudetul. Naszod Hungary - Rumania, Transylvania*

Gottlieb David	"	" Prundul Borgolui, Transylvania	35 yrs.	brother-in-law
" Rebecca	"	" Romuli, Hungary	35 "	sister
" Jacob	"	" Medias, Rumania	8 "	nephew
"	"	" "	6 "	niece

*Prundul Borgolui*  
all residing at Romuli, Yudetul Naszod, Rumania, Transylvania

Liebermann Irene,	born	at Savisap, Esztergom, Hungary,	32 yrs.	sister
" David	"	" Hungary,	39 "	brother-in-law
" Sarah	"	" Arad, Rumania	6 "	niece

residing at Csikszereda, Hungary.

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List of relatives of . . . & Mrs. David Schleifer, ) West 85th St.N.Y.C.

Neulaender Jacob, born at Borsa, Marmaros, (Hungary) 74 years, father  
 " Teréze, " " Toelgyes, Yudetuly, Csik, Hungary, Rumania, 66 yrs. mother  
 Blum Béla " in Hungary, between 36-40 yrs. brother-in-law  
 " Sarah " at Sárissap, Estergom, Hungary, 35 yrs. sister  
 " Eli " Arad, Rumania 7 " nephew  
 " Israel " " " 6 " "  
 Neulaender Elijah, " " Yobbagyi, Nograd, Hungary, 37 " brother  
 " Holya " " Gurahunc, Yud. Arad, Rumania 34 " sister-in-law  
 " Ruth " " Arad, Rumania 6 " niece

all residing at Tribunal Dobrea 11, Arad, Rumania

Schleifer Nathan, born at Rosznatow, Poland, 78 yrs. father  
 " Pepi " " Jassyn, Poland 66 " mother  
 " Minna " " Romuli, Hungary 45 " sister  
 Steinmetz Fischl " " " " 47 " brother-in-law  
 " Gisa " " " " 37 " sister  
 " Hirschl " " " " 13 " nephew  
 " Iszak " " " " 11 " "  
 " Fanny " " " " 10 " niece  
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 " " " " 6 " niece  
 Gottlieb David " " Prundul Borgolui, Transylvania 35 yrs. brother-in-law  
 " Rebecca " " Romuli, Hungary 35 " sister  
 " Jacob " " Medias, Rumania 8 " nephew  
 " " " " 6 " niece

all residing at Romuli, Yudetul Naszod, Rumania, Transylvania

Liebermann Irene, born at Savisap, Esztergom, Hungary, 32 yrs. sister  
 " David " " Hungary, 39 " brother-in-law  
 " Sarah " " Arad, Rumania 6 " niece

residing at Csikszereda, Hungary.

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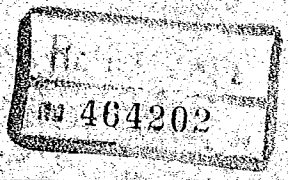
Special attention to

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



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535  
NOV 19 1944

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RE: [illegible]

John Schleifer 19 W. 25 St.  
N.Y.C.



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VIA AIR MAIL

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Re: Relatives Of David and Ida Schleifer. of 19 W. 85 th St., New York, N.Y

Alexandru Schleifer,	15	years old,	son
Otto Schleifer	13	"	"
Judith Schleifer	11	"	daughter
Roemi Schleifer	7	"	"
Avram M. Schleifer	29	"	brother of David Schleifer
Margarete Neulander	28	"	sister of Ida Schleifer

Avram M. Schleifer and Margarete Neulander are The guardians of the children. All are Rumanian nationals and live at 11 Strada Tribunal Dobrea, Arad, Rumania.

Efforts have been made for the last four years to take the children out of Rumania and bring them to the United States. Various Jewish organizations have assisted in these efforts.

Several times during these years, these organizations felt that the rescue of the children and their guardians were imminent, and that they should arrive in Turkey or Palestine by the first available transportation facilities.

Mr. Laurance A. Steinhardt, American Ambassador to Turkey, recently took interest in the case which is generally being handled by Mr. Chaim Barlas, representing the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Istanbul. Mr. Barlas seems to be in close contact with Ambassador Steinhardt. For any steps to be taken in Palestine, there is available Mr. David Elstein, an attorney and relative of the children, residing at 5 Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem. Mr. Elstein has been provided by the parents with all necessary power of attorney and with financial means.

Palestine certificate of entry have been secured for the four children and their two guardians, and the Turkish authorities have promised transit visas. Ambassador Steinhardt and Mr. Barlas obviously are endeavoring by all possible means to get these people out of Rumania and into Turkey.

In spite of the best will and of the concerted efforts of the competent authorities, of the welfare organizations and individuals interested, four years of work have not brought the desired result. While the difficulties of this rescue work cannot possibly be over-estimated, it is hard for the parents to understand why their children cannot be helped when two years ago they were supposed to be included among the "next" group of children to be evacuated.

From a recent letter of Ambassador Steinhardt to Mr. Elstein it appears that the Ambassador was unable to secure the address of the children while this address has long been known to Mr. Barlas' office. It seems that by a misunderstanding on this side, Ambassador Steinhardt was not clearly enough informed of the fact that Mr. Barlas is familiar with the case and probably able to furnish quickly further information.

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Blum, Sarah ) ~~Barbora Petre Carp 32, - house of 27 29/11 2000 11/19/44~~ *Verdammung Conf.*  
 " Bela ) *Sarah's mother*  
 " Eli ) *Sarah's mother*  
 " Israel ) *Sarah's mother*

Gottlieb, Rebecca ) *145 list / #107*  
 " David ) Romuli, Beszterce, Naszod Megye, Hungary  
 their two children ) Bodrotront Hungary 10 months ago  
 Liebermann, Iren ) *list 115/201*  
 " David ) Csikszereda, Hungary *correct address*  
 " Sarah )

Neulander, Jacob } *wife of 76/15 confirmed C3189 A 20.10.44*  
 " Tereze }  
 " Elijah } Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania  
 " Holya } *confirmed 25/16/18 confirmed 2083A 20.10.44*  
 " Ruth }

Schleifer, Dorah ) Tribunal 11, Arad, Rumania *list 38/60*  
*C701VA 8.11.44*

Schleifer, Avram M. ) Address not given *Tribunal address 2005 Conf*  
*list 9/204 173A*  
~~Neulander, Manganeta~~ ) " " " *she is in Palestine 3/10/44*

*Name not known* BELLA VEREA, ILARIE, CHENCY, #17 BUCHAREST

*D Good 2 parents of Schleifer* *list 26/1 of*  
*confirmation of parentage of*  
*C 1775 A/ 20.10.44*  
*from files and from*  
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The following for Katzki is WRB 124.

Reference your No. 2059, October 26, (Ankara's 170).

Have Scheleifer children and Aunt Margaret Neulander left  
for Jerusalem or are they still in Istanbul.

Please advise at once.

STETTINUS  
(Acting)  
( )

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

WRB:MMV:KG  
11/2/44

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

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CABLE TO STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FOR KATZKI FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 2059, October 26, (Ankara's 170). Have  
Scheleifer children and Aunt Margaret Neulander left for Jerusalem  
or are they still in Istanbul.

Please advise at once.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 124.

9:30 a.m.  
November 2, 1944

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

*JA* FH:hd 11/1/44

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## THE UNITED ROUMANIAN JEWS of AMERICA

110 WEST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.  
Telephone LACKawanna 4-6535

October 31, 1944

Lawrence Lesser, Esq.  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

After my conversation with you, I called Mrs. Schleifer to have her forward me a copy of the cablegram she received from Ambassador Steinhardt advising her of the arrival of two of her children in Istanbul and the loss of the other two on the "Mafkura", so that I could send it on to you in accordance with your request. This morning I was advised by Mrs. Schleifer that she has sent you a copy of this cablegram. I would appreciate it if you were to keep me informed as to the results of your investigation. I believe that great doubts existing in this case and in many others could be cleared up if a copy of the "Mafkura" passenger list was obtained. Should you be successful in getting this list, would you be good enough to send me a copy.

I sincerely appreciate your sympathetic cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Sonnenreich*  
CHARLES SONNENREICH  
President

CS:RR

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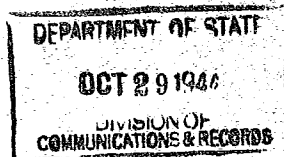
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communicated to anyone  
other than a Government  
Agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Ankara

Dated October 26, 1944

Rec'd 11:35 a.m., 28th.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.



2059, October 26, 7 p.m.

FROM THE AMBASSADOR AND KATZKI TO PEHLE WAR  
REFUGEE BOARD. ANKARA'S No. 170

Alexander and Otto Schleifer accompanied by  
their Aunt Margaret E. Neulander (see Department's  
650 of July 21 WRB 81 and Department's of October 21  
WRB 118) arrived in Istanbul October 25 with a group  
of children from Rumania en route to Palestine. They  
received necessary Turkish transit visas upon the basis  
of their Palestine certificates. We regret to advise  
you that Miss Neulander informs us that the children  
Judith and Noemi Schleifer were passengers on the SS  
MEFKURA which was sunk in the Black Sea in August.  
As these Schleifer children were not among the known  
MEFKURA survivors they must be presumed to be lost.  
Avra M. Schleifer, for whom a Palestine certificate  
has been authorized, remained in Rumania for family  
reasons.

**CONTROL COPY**

Margaret

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-2- #2059, October 26, 7 p.m., from Ankara

Margaret E. Neulander is reluctant to consent to the unaccompanied voyage to the United States of Alexander and Otto Schleifer. All three, therefore, will proceed to Palestine during the next days to await the instructions of the Schleifer parents. They may be addressed care of Elstein, 5 Benyehuda Street, Jerusalem. The American Consulate General, Istanbul, is transferring the entire file on the Schleifer case Jerusalem.

Further details including a letter from Margaret E. Neulander will be sent via pouch.

STEINHARDT

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Mrs. David Schleifer

19 West 85 St. New York City

October 25, 1944

War Refugee Board  
Treasury Department Building  
Washington, D.C.

No answer

Dear Mr. Pehle and Mr. Lesser:

I wish to thank you very much for the friendly reception at your office and your sympathetic interest in my case.

May I repeat briefly my request brought to your attention during my visit.

I would like a special envoy being sent from Turkey to Arad to fetch my children and their guardians. He should accompany them to Bucharest and make sure that they get their Turkish transit visas and then bring them to Turkey where they will get their American Immigration visas. This is the only way a safe conduct can be achieved and the only way I can be sure that my family gets out of Rumania and proceeds to Turkey. I realize that extra expenses are involved. I shall only be too glad to refund them or put them at disposal at which ever place you suggest. Will you kindly let me know when this can be arranged?

With repeated thanks for your friendly help, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Joda Schleifer*

*Spoke to writer  
10/27/44 and  
told her it was  
impossible to  
send a special  
envoy to Arad  
L.S.Z*

000869

This was sent out as A-504 of 10/23. Confirmation

copy was never received from State as message  
went out with a number of others and they do not  
send us copies in such instances.

000870

AIRGRAM TO AMEMBASSY, ANKARA, TURKEY

Please transmit the following message, with enclosures, from the War Refugee Board to Mr. Katzki:

Please endeavor to have the attached photographs of letters delivered to the beneficiaries named therein, as it is thought possible that they may thereby be afforded some measure of assistance.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 119.

10:00 a.m.  
October 19, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser,  
BAKzin:ar 10/18/44 Mannon, McCormack, Files

*BA. 10/18/44*

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October 21, 1944

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AMEMBASSY,

ANKARA

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The cable below for Katzki is WRB 118.

For security reasons the  
text of this message must  
be kept secret.

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Reference is made to Department's 680 of July 21, WRB's 81 and Department's 680 of August 5, WRB's 90. By note of August 12, Swiss Foreign Office informed Amlegation Bern that Bulgarian government expressed willingness to accord transit visas to Neulanders and Schleifers for which application must be made at Bulgarian legation in Bucharest. By cable to Bern dated August 23, Swiss government has been requested to inform Neulanders and Schleifers through its Bucharest legation of the foregoing, as well as to advise them to communicate, upon arrival in Turkey, with Amembassy regarding United States immigration visas for children.

Since Neulanders and Schleifers have not been heard from, please inquire as to their whereabouts and circumstances through Filderman and all other appropriate channels and endeavor to bring foregoing information to their attention.

Please advise Board promptly of all information that you may receive concerning this family.

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(ACTING)  
(GLW)

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10/19/44

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date

SEP 12 1972

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CABLE TO AMEMBASSY, ANKARA, TURKEY, FOR KATZKI

Reference is made to Department's 650 of July 21, WRB's 81 and Department's 680 of August 5, WRB's 90. By note of August 12, Swiss Foreign Office informed Amlegation Bern that Bulgarian government expressed willingness to accord transit visas to Neulanders and Schleifers for which application must be made at Bulgarian legation in Bucharest. By cable to Bern dated August 23, Swiss government has been requested to inform Neulanders and Schleifers through its Bucharest legation of the foregoing, as well as to advise them to communicate, upon arrival in Turkey, with Amembassy regarding United States immigration visas for children.

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Please advise board promptly of all information that you may receive concerning this family.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 118.

10:00 a.m.  
October 19, 1944

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

*Ba. K.S.X.*

Deleter: Babin:ar 10/10/44

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*Ivan R. B.*  
*M. D. B.*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: <sup>2</sup> American Legation, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: August 23, 1944  
NUMBER: 2909 X



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CABLE TO McCLELLAND.

Reference is made to Department's 2486 of July 21 and  
your <sup>5296</sup> ~~5279~~ of August 15.

Please request Swiss Foreign Office to ask Swiss Legation  
Bucharest to transmit information contained in your 5279 to  
Schleifers and Neulanders.

Schleifers and Neulanders should also be advised to  
communicate, upon arrival in Turkey, with American Embassy  
regarding United States immigration visas for children.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 141 X

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

Reference is made to Department's 2486 of July 21 and your 5279 of August 15.

Please request Swiss Foreign Office to ask Swiss Legation Bucharest to transmit information contained in your 5279 to Schleifers and Neulanders.

Schleifers and Neulanders<sup>a</sup> should also be advised to communicate, upon arrival in Turkey, with American embassy regarding United States immigration visas for children.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 141

9:45 a.m.  
August 23, 1944

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

*Ba. ybf*  
BAkzin:ar 8/21/44

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PARTIAL MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: ALEXANDER, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: August 15, 1944  
NUMBER: 5279 corrected to 5296

*Lu as Ky Bu*  
*Mr. Bell*  
**CONTROL COPY**

Your 2486, July 21, 1944

It is stated in a note from the Foreign Office August 12 that the Swiss Legation at Sofia reports on the ninth of August that the Government of Bulgaria is willing to accord transit visas to Neulander and Schlaifers for which application must be made at the Bulgarian Legation in Bucharest and that this information has been transmitted to the Swiss Legation in Bucharest.

HARRISON

DOR:EMS

6-16-44

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

*I was Ref. Bl -  
Mr. Parks*

FROM: AMLEGATION, Bern

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: August 15, 1944

NUMBER: 5297-5279

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Your 2488, July 21, 1944

The serial number of the above message should be changed  
from 5279 to 5286.

HARRISON

DCR:EMS

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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the Embassy at Ankara by the Department of State.)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 8, 1944

In reply refer to  
V.D.

My dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I wish to thank you for your letter of August 3, 1944  
enclosing visa applications on behalf of your sister,  
Margarete Neulander, and your brother-in-law, Avram M.  
Schleifer.

These forms will be retained in the Department and as  
soon as your relatives reach Turkey or other country in which  
visa services are available, immediate consideration will be  
given to their applications and action in the cases will be  
expedited as much as possible.

Please keep the Department informed of any news which  
you may learn regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Eliot B. Coulter

ELIOT B. COULTER  
Assistant Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-Fifth Street  
New York, New York

*Given to Mr. B. 7/14/45  
sent from Turkey*

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the Embassy at Ankara by the Department of State.)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 31, 1944

In reply refer to  
V.D. 811,111 Neulander, Jacob

My dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I refer to your letter of July 28, 1944 concerning your  
desire to assist certain relatives to come to the United States.

The relatives to whom you refer are your parents, Jacob  
and Tereze Neulander, your sister, Sarah Blum, her husband,  
Bela Blum, and their two children Eli and Israel; your brother,  
Elijah Neulander, his wife Holya, and their daughter, Ruth;  
and your sister-in-law, Dorah Schleifer, all residing at  
Tribunul 11, Arad, Rumania.

If your relatives should be successful in reaching a  
country in which visa services are available, the Department  
will be glad to give prompt and sympathetic consideration to  
their visa applications. If they are found to meet the require-  
ments of our immigration laws, visas may be granted to them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed ) Howard K. Travers

HOWARD K. TRAVERS  
Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-fifth Street  
New York, New York

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 31, 1944

In reply refer to  
V.D. 811,111 Neulander, Jacob

My dear Mrs, Schleifer:

I refer to your letter of July 28, 1944 concerning your  
desire to assist certain relatives to come to the United States.

The relatives to whom you refer are your sister Iren  
Liebermann, her husband, David Liebermann, and their daughter,  
Sarah, all residing at Csikszereda, Hungary.

If your relatives should be successful in reaching a  
country in which visa services are available, the Department  
will be glad to give prompt and sympathetic consideration to  
their visa applications. If they are found to meet the require-  
ments of our immigration laws, visas may be granted to them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Howard K. Travers

HOWARD K. TRAVERS  
Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-fifth Street  
New York, New York

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the Embassy at Ankara by the Department of State.)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 31, 1944

In reply refer to  
V.D. 811,111 Neulander, Jacob

My dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I refer to your letter of July 28, 1944 concerning your  
desire to assist certain relatives to come to the United States.

The relatives to whom you refer are your sister, Rebecca  
Gottlieb, her husband, David Gottlieb, and their two children,  
all residing at Romuli, Beszterce, Naszod Megye, Hungary.

If your relatives should be successful in reaching a  
country in which visa services are available, the Department  
will be glad to give prompt and sympathetic consideration to  
their visa applications. If they are found to meet the require-  
ments of our immigration laws, visas may be granted to them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Howard K. Travers

HOWARD K. TRAVERS  
Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-fifth Street  
New York, New York

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 8, 1944

In reply refer to  
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Please keep the Department informed of any news which  
you may learn regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elliot B. Coulter

ELIOT B. COULTER  
Assistant Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-Fifth Street  
New York, New York

000882

November 25, 1944

List of relatives of Mrs. Schleifer, for whom she has made  
visa applications to the State Department:

Blum, Sarah )  
" Bela ) Tribunul 11, Arad, Rumania  
" Eli )  
" Israel )

Gottlieb, Rebecca )  
" David ) Romuli, Beszterce, Naszod Megye, Hungary  
their two children )

Liebermann, Iren )  
" David ) Csikszereda, Hungary  
" Sarah )

Neulander, Jacob )  
" Tereze )  
" Elijah ) Tribunul 11, Arad, Rumania  
" Holya )  
" Ruth )

Schleifer, Dorah ) Tribunul 11, Arad, Rumania

Schleifer, Avram M. ) Address not given

Neulander, Margarete ) " " "


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*I was Rf Bc  
Pela*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: American Legation, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: August 5, 1944  
NUMBER: 2697<sup>x</sup>

  
For McClelland.

Reference Department's 2486 of July 21, WRB's 84.

Turkish Embassy, Washington, now advises that early  
last June Turkish Consulate Bucharest was instructed to  
issue transit visas to Schleiffer family.

This is WRB Bern Cable No. 107<sup>x</sup>

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AT BERN AND McCLELLAND

Reference Department's 2486 of July 21, WRB's 84.

Turkish Embassy, Washington, now advises that early last June Turkish Consulate Bucharest was instructed to issue transit visas to Schleiffer family.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 107.

4:20 p.m.  
August 1, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodl, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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5 p.m.

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AMEMBASSY.

ANKARA.

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The cable below for Hirschmann is WRB 90.

Reference Department's 650 of July 21, WRB's 81.

Turkish Embassy, Washington, now advises that early  
last June Turkish Consulate Bucharest was instructed to  
issue transit visas to Schleiffer family.

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

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CABLE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE, AMEMBASSY, ANKARA, AND HIRSCHMANN

Reference Department's \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, WRB's 81.

Turkish Embassy, Washington, now advises that early last June Turkish Consulate Bucharest was instructed to issue transit visas to Schleiffer family.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. ~~—90—~~

4:20 p.m.  
August 1, 1944

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

LSLesser:tmh 8-1-44 *L.S.L. 707*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In reply refer to  
VDS11. 111 Schleifer, David

July 28, 1944

My dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I refer to your recent call at the Department concerning your children, Alexander, Judith, Otto and Neomi Schleifer and their escorts, Mr. Schleifer's brother, Abraham Moishe Schleifer and your sister, Margaret Neulander, all of whom are residing in Rumania and desire to come to the United States.

As mentioned in the Department's letter of May 1, 1944, if your children should be successful in reaching a country in which visa services are available prompt and sympathetic consideration will be given to the visa applications submitted on their behalf and visas will be issued to them if they are found to qualify under the law. I may add that if the children's escorts, Abraham Schleifer and Margaret Neulander should also succeed in reaching a country in which visa services are available, the Department will be glad to give prompt consideration to their visa applications. If they are found to meet the requirements of our immigration laws, visas may be granted to them as well as to the children.

Sincerely yours

(SGD) Howard K. Travers  
Chief, Visa Division

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West Eighty-fifth Street,  
New York, New York.

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7/27/44  
J. A.  
Kelley

July 27, 1944

Memorandum for Mr. Kelley:

Regarding the attached, as noted herein and contrary to my impression, the individuals concerned are now in Rumania, having been removed from Hungary. At my request last April Barlas arranged for their certificates to Palestine, indicated in the attached. I understand from Barlas that no Turkish transit visas have as yet been issued for the six individuals. As I understand it the War Refugee Board and the Department are requesting that exceptions be made in their cases and that a request for transit visas be made of the Turkish officials, and that the results of our efforts are to be telegraphed to Washington.

I. A. Hirschmann

*Schleifer children*

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TURKISH EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*File  
Schleifer (miscellaneous  
cases)*

NO 1632/1134

July 24, 1944

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West 85th Street  
New York City

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of May 3,  
1944, we have pleasure in informing you, upon the  
advice we have received from Ankara, that instructions  
have been cabled early last June to our Consulate in  
Bucharest to issue transit visa to the Schleifer family.

Yours very truly,

(SGD)

Orhan Eralp

Secretary of Embassy

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: July 21, 1944  
NUMBER: 2486

The suggestion has been made to the Board from several sources that the issuance to Hungarian Jews, particularly children and families with children, of Palestine certificates, American and neutral visas in quantity might result in the saving of lives. The Board is considering the practicability of such a program in terms of the remaining balance of available Palestine certificates, 5,000 United States visitors visas, additional United States immigration visas to persons entitled to non-quota or preference status and to persons to whom United States immigration visas now expired were issued after July 1, 1941, and a comparable number of visas of the other American Republics, British dominions and neutrals. The suggested program has not (repeat not) as yet been cleared with the State Department. The Board would appreciate receiving as soon as possible your views and recommendations as to the practicability of the suggested program based upon such information as is available to you. The Board would also appreciate the informal views of informed persons in the Swiss Foreign Office if you consider it appropriate to discuss this matter with them.

In the meantime, and as an experiment to ascertain whether the availability of American visas will facilitate the egress from enemy-occupied areas of members of persecuted groups, American consular officers in Turkey have been authorized to issue visas to the following children now in Romania upon their arrival in Turkey and application therefor: Alexander Schleifer, age 15; Otto Schleifer, age 13; Judith Schleifer, age 11; and Noemi Schleifer, age 7. The children are under the guardianship of Avrum Schleifer, age 29, their father's brother, and Margarete Neulander, age 28, their mother's sister. Last known address of group is No. 11 Strada Tribunal Dobrea, Arad, Romania. Advisory review procedure has been waived in cases of these children and since their parents, David and Ida Schleifer, are in the United States, the public charge provisions of Section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917 do not apply to them. Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the four children and two adults numbers M/438/43 () 1/204, M/438/43 () 1/150.

Please request the appropriate department of the Swiss Government to approach on behalf of the United States competent

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Romanian and Bulgarian authorities and to request, in the case of Romania, that exit permits be issued to the four children and two adults, and in the case of Bulgaria that transit visas be issued to them. In support of such request, the Swiss should advise both the Romanians and the Bulgarians that the issuance of American visas to the four children has been authorized upon their arrival in Turkey and that the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the two adults who act as their guardians.

It is not clear whether the group has Turkish transit visas, but Embassy Ankara has been requested to investigate and to request the issuance of such visas to the group if currently valid visas for them are not now outstanding. You will be kept advised. Please keep the Department and Board informed of all developments promptly.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 84

HULL

cc: Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Borenstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein. Files

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AMEMBASSY,

ANKARA.

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The cable below is no. 81 from War Refugee Board. Department joins in the instruction. Reference your 1248 of July 10, year 93 to WRB and Department's 553 of June 20, WRB's 58. As an experimental matter and in an effort to ascertain whether the availability of American visas will be of assistance in securing the release of members of persecuted groups from enemy controlled areas, consular officers in Turkey are authorized to issue visas to the following children now in Rumania upon their arrival in Turkey and application therefor, subject to their meeting the statutory immigration requirements of Section 8 of the Act of February 5, 1917, except that they may be considered to meet the public charge requirements since their parents are in the United States: Alexandre Schleifer, age 16; Otto Schleifer, age 13; Judith Schleifer, age 11; and Naomi Schleifer, age 7. The children are under the guardianship of Avram Schleifer, age 29, their father's brother, and Margarete Neulander, age 28, their mother's sister. For your information, the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the four children and two adults numbers M/438/43 () 1/204, M/438/43 () 1/160. Last known address of group is No. 11 Strada Tribunal Dobroea, Arad, Rumania.

On the basis of the foregoing, please request appropriate

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-2- #550, July 21, 7 p.m. to Ankara

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Turkish officials to arrange for the issuance of Turkish transit visas to this group of six, if such visas have not already been issued.

For your information, Amlegation Bern is being instructed to request Swiss authorities to intervene with Rumanian and Bulgarian Governments in an effort to secure necessary exit and transit visas for the four children and two adults.

The advisory opinion procedure is hereby waived in the cases of the four children named.

Please advise Department and Board promptly as to whether group has Turkish visas and if not whether and when Turks will issue them.

HULL  
(GHW)

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7/17/44

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CABLE TO AMEMBASSY, ANKARA, FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 1249 of July 10, your 92 to WRE and Department's 583 of June 20, WRE's 56. As an experimental matter and in an effort to ascertain whether the availability of American visas will be of assistance in securing the release of members of persecuted groups from enemy controlled areas, consular officers in Turkey are authorized to issue visas to the following children now in Romenia upon their arrival in Turkey and application therefor, subject to their meeting the statutory immigration requirements of Section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917, except that they may be considered to meet the public charge requirements since their parents are in the United States: Alexandre Schleifer, age 15; Otto Schleifer, age 13; Judith Schleifer, age 11; and Naomi Schleifer, age 7. The children are under the guardianship of Avram Schleifer, age 20, their father's brother, and Margarete Neulander, age 20, their mother's sister. For your information, the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the four children and two adults numbers M/438/43 ( ) 1/304, M/438/43 ( ) 1/150. Last known address of group is No. 11 Strada Tribunal Dobrea, Arad, Romenia.

On the basis of the foregoing, please request appropriate Turkish officials to arrange for the issuance of Turkish transit visas to this group of six, if such visas have not already been issued.

For your information, Amlegation Berno is being instructed to request Swiss authorities to intervene with Romenian and Bulgarian Governments in an effort to secure necessary exit and transit visas for the four children and two adults.

The advisory opinion procedure is hereby waived in the cases of the four children named.

Please advise Department and Board promptly as to whether group has Turkish transit visas and if not whether and when Turks will issue them.

THIS IS WRE ANKARA CABLE NO. 81.

5:20 p.m.  
July 14, 1944

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

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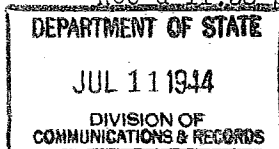
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Ankara

Dated July 10, 1944

Rec'd 11:38 p.m.

Secretary of State  
Washington



1249, July 10, 3 p.m.

FOR THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM HIRSCHMANN.

Ankara No. 93

In exploring possible means of rescuing refugees from Hungary we are reminded of past experiences which indicated that the possession of visas to Palestine and overseas countries has had the effect of delaying deportations and in numerous cases of actually saving refugees and enabling them to emigrate. Recently, as reported in the Embassy's No. 1248, 283 refugees from Germany succeeded in reaching Palestine as the result of their securing visas for Palestine under an exchange for German nationals.

In view of the above, private agencies here, particularly JDC, urge that serious consideration be given to the suggestion made by the committee from Hungary, contained in the telegram which we understand was despatched by Ross McCollolland from Bern, that

American, Palestinian

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-2- #1249, July 10, 3 p.m., from Ankara

American, Palestinian and Swedish visas be provided without delay in some form to a large number of persons in Hungary. It is urged that consideration be given to the issuance through the protecting power of numerous visitors visas or certificates outside the regular quota which may serve the same object on the grounds that the holders of such documents may enjoy immunity from deportation or may actually succeed in leaving Hungary thereby. In the event that they should succeed in escaping from Axis territory it is suggested that such refugees be assigned to free ports now being established in the United States, North Africa and other territories.

KELLEY

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CABLE TO AMEMBASSY, ANKARA, FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 1249 of July 10, your 93 to WRB and Department's 853 of June 20, WRB's 56. As an experimental matter and in an effort to ascertain whether the availability of American visas will be of assistance in securing the release of members of persecuted groups from enemy controlled areas, consular officers in Turkey are authorized to issue visas to the following children now in Romania upon their arrival in Turkey and application therefor, subject to their meeting the statutory immigration requirements of Section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917, except that they may be considered to meet the public charge requirements since their parents are in the United States: Alexandre Schleifer, age 15; Otto Schleifer, age 13; Judith Schleifer, age 11; and Naomi Schleifer, age 7. The children are under the guardianship of Avrum Schleifer, age 29, their father's brother, and Margarete Neulander, age 26, their mother's sister. For your information, the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the four children and two adults numbers N/428/43 ( ) 1/204, N/428/43 ( ) 1/186. Last known address of group is No. 11 Strada Tribunal Botos, Arad, Romania.

On the basis of the foregoing, please request appropriate Turkish officials to arrange for the issuance of Turkish transit visas to this group of six, if such visas have not already been issued.

For your information, Amlegation Berna is being instructed to request Swiss authorities to intervene with Romanian and Bulgarian Governments in an effort to secure necessary exit and transit visas for the four children and two adults.

The advisory opinion procedure is hereby waived in the cases of the four children named.

Please advise Department and Board promptly as to whether group has Turkish transit visas and if not whether and when Turks will issue them.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AT BERN AND McLELLAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND  
THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

The suggestion has been made to the Board from several sources that the issuance to Hungarian Jews, particularly children and families with children, of Palestine certificates, American and neutral visas in quantity might result in the saving of lives. The Board is considering the practicability of such a program in terms of the remaining balance of available Palestine certificates, 5,000 United States visitors visas, additional United States immigration visas to persons entitled to non-quota or preference status and to persons to whom United States immigration visas now expired were issued after July 1, 1944, and a comparable number of visas of the other American Republics, British dominions and neutrals. The suggested program has not (repeat not) as yet been cleared with the State Department. The Board would appreciate receiving as soon as possible your views and recommendations as to the practicability of the suggested program based upon such information as is available to you. The Board would also appreciate the informal views of informed persons in the Swiss Foreign Office if you consider it appropriate to discuss this matter with them.

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Please request the appropriate department of the Swiss Government to approach on behalf of the United States competent Romanian and Bulgarian authorities and to request, in the case of Romania, that exit permits be issued to the four children and two adults, and in the case of Bulgaria that transit visas be issued to them. In support of such request, the Swiss should advise both the Romanians and the Bulgarians that the issuance of American visas to the four children has been authorized upon their arrival in Turkey and that the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the two adults who act as their guardians.

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It is not clear whether the group has Turkish transit visas, but Ambassador Ankara has been requested to investigate and to request the issuance of such visas to the group if currently valid visas for them are not now outstanding. You will be kept advised. Please keep the Department and Board informed of all developments promptly.

THIS IS NEW BUREAU CABLE NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

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JUL 14 1944

Mrs. David Schleifer,  
19 West 85th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I am herewith returning to you Mr. Travers' letter  
of May 1, 1944, addressed to you, and Dr. Goldmann's letter  
of April 28, 1944, to the Turkish Ambassador, which you were  
good enough to leave with me.

Very truly yours,

*LS/ Laurence S. Lesser*  
Laurence S. Lesser  
Assistant Executive Director

Enclosures.

*Mailed 7-14-44*

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Family*  
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War Refugee Board

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be closely guarded.

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AMEMBASSY.

ANKARA.

553  
The following WRB no. 55 is for Hirschmann.

A report at earliest possible time on status of  
Schleifer children case discussed with Hirschmann before  
his departure would be appreciated. The case has been  
previously taken up with Ambassador Steinhardt and  
Barlas we understand. If deemed desirable <sup>by</sup> you, Davila,  
who is interested in matter, has authorized the use of  
his name withCRETISM. Necessary expense funds will  
be willingly provided by Schleifers.

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(GHW)

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6/20/44

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHERDT, ANKARA, FOR  
Hirschmann.

We would like report as promptly as possible on  
status of Schleifer children case which was discussed with  
Hirschmann prior to his departure. We understand case  
has previously been taken up with Ambassador Steinherdt  
and Barlas. Davila is interested in matter and has  
authorized the use of his name with Cretzianu if deemed  
desirable by you. Schleifers willing to provide necessary  
expense funds.

THIS IS WUB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 56.

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June 19, 1944

5:00 P.M.

JEP:llh 6/19/44

cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sect'y.), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,  
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, McCormack, Stewart, Central Files,  
Cable Control Files.

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Morgenthau

Mr. Gaston

Mr. Paul

Mr. White

Mr. E.M. Bernstein

Mr. DuBois

Mr. Friedman

~~Miss Hodes~~ 190

Mr. Lesser

Mr. Luxford

Mr. Stewart

Mrs. Taylor

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If you will see me I will give you  
the story on the attached.

JWP

J. W. Fehle

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FOR  
HIRSCHMANN.

We would like report as promptly as possible on  
status of Schleifer children case which was discussed with  
Hirschmann prior to his departure. We understand case  
has previously been taken up with Ambassador Steinhardt  
and Barlas. Davila is interested in matter and has  
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expense funds.

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June 19, 1944  
5:00 p.m.

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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle,

A comatriot of mine, Mrs. Schleifer has her children in Arab, Rumania and tries hard to get them out. I hope you will be able to help her. If a telegram to Hirshman, signed by me and advising the request of Gutzli's help, can be useful, kindly send it and sign my name.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

Schiller

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6: relatives Of David and Ida Schleifer. of 19 55 th St., New York, N.Y

Alexandru Schleifer	15	years old, son
Otto Schleifer	13	" "
Judith Schleifer	11	" " daughter
Loemi Schleifer	7	" "
Avram M. Schleifer	29	" " brother of David Schleifer
Margarete Neulander	28	" " sister of Ida Schleifer

Avram M. Schleifer and Margarete Neulander are The guardians of the children. All are Rumanian nationals and live at 11 Strada Tribunul Dobrea, Arad, Rumania.

Efforts have been made for the last four years to take the children out of Rumania and bring them to the United States. Various Jewish organizations have assisted in these efforts.

Several times during these years, these organizations felt that the rescue of the children and their guardians were imminent, and that they should arrive in Turkey or Palestine by the first available transportation facilities.

Mr. Laurence M. Steinhardt, American Ambassador to Turkey, recently took interest in the case which is generally being handled by Mr. Chaim Barlas, representing the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Istanbul. Mr. Barlas seems to be in close contact with Ambassador Steinhardt. For any steps to be taken in Palestine, there is available Mr. David Elstein, an attorney and relative of the children, residing at 5 Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem. Mr. Elstein has been provided by the parents with all necessary power of attorney and with financial means.

Palestine certificate of entry have been secured for the four children and their two guardians, and the Turkish authorities have promised transit visas. Ambassador Steinhardt and Mr. Barlas obviously are endeavoring by all possible means to get these people out of Rumania and into Turkey.

In spite of the best will and of the concerted efforts of the competent authorities, of the welfare organizations and individuals interested, four years of work have not brought the desired result. While the difficulties of this rescue work cannot possibly be overestimated, it is hard for the parents to understand why their children cannot be helped when two years ago they were supposed to be included among the "next" group of children to be evacuated.

From a recent letter of Ambassador Steinhardt to Mr. Elstein it appears that the Ambassador was unable to secure the address of the children while this address has long been known to Mr. Barlas' office. It seems that by a misunderstanding on this side, Ambassador Steinhardt was not clearly enough informed of the fact that Mr. Barlas is familiar with the case and probably able to furnish quickly further information.

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Ankara, May 2, 1944

Mr. David Elstein  
5 Ben Yehuda Street  
Jerusalem

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter under date of April 8th with respect to transit visas through Turkey for the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer, now residing in New York, and their parent substitutes, Abraham Schleifer and Margarete Neulander. I have taken the matter up with Mr. Barlas of the Jewish Agency in Istanbul who assures me that he has instructed his representative in Bucharest by telegram to take every possible step to arrange for their journey to Turkey or Palestine as soon as possible.

In connection with the foregoing, I invite your attention to the fact that while your letter informs me that Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer are residing in New York-- of which I was aware --and that they have been worrying about the fate of their children-- which I can well understand--and of the difficulties of obtaining Palestine entry certificates for them and gives the history of the efforts to obtain Palestine entry certificates for them, it fails to furnish me the one piece of information that might be of real value to me in bringing these children and their uncle and aunt out of Rumania into Turkey or Palestine, to wit, the present residence of either the children or their uncle and aunt. Rumania being a rather large country, my efforts have been materially impeded by the failure of anyone of anyone to tell me where the children or their uncle and aunt are now living.

Insofar as concerns Palestine entry certificates, this subject need not have been a cause of any concern as Mr. Barlas is in a position at all times to obtain Palestine entry certificates and is only too glad to do so in any given case at my request. Furthermore, I do not encounter any difficulty in obtaining Palestine entry certificates direct from the British authorities on requesting the same.

In view of the fact that time is of the utmost importance, I have requested Mr. Barlas to instruct his representative in Bucharest by cable to endeavor to locate the children and their uncle and aunt and the Turkish authorities to instruct their Consul in Bucharest to immediately issue Turkish transit visas.

On the arrival of the party in Istanbul there will be no difficulty about Palestine entry certificates. The entire problem is one of locating the individuals and of endeavouring to obtain transportation for them from Rumania to Istanbul. You may rest assured that everything that can be done is being done.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Laurence A. Steinhardt  
American Ambassador

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COPY OF CABLE SENT VIA MACKAY RADIO

APRIL 26, 1944

CHAIM BARLAS  
HOTEL PARK PALACE  
ISTANBUL (TURKEY)

URGENT ARRANGE IMMEDIATE TURKISH TRANSIT FOR ABRAHAM SCHLEIFER

NEPHEWS ALEXANDER SCHLEIFER OTTO SCHLEIFER NIECES JUDITH SCHLEIFER

NOEMI SCHLEIFER RECEIVED CERTIFICATES NO. M/438/43 () 1/204 ()

ALSO AUNT MARGARETE NEULANDER CERTIFICATE NO. M/438 () 1/150 ()

THEIR ADDRESS TRIBUNA DOBREO 11 ARAD RUMANIA STOP CABLE RESULTS

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

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# Mackay Radio

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PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND 41 East 42nd Street May 18, 1944

LAWRENCE STEINHARDT  
ANKARA (Turkey)

ANSWERING YOUR LETTER MAY SECOND SCHLEIFFERSCHILDRENS ADDRESS

TRIBUNAL DOBREA 11 ARAD RUMANIA

BERNARD ROSENBLATT

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WRITE YOUR MESSAGE ON THE GREEN-TOP BLANK. FILE THROUGH POSTAL TELEGRAPH BY MESSENGER, TELEPHONE OR POSTAL TELEGRAPH PRINTER. BE SURE TO SPECIFY "VIA MACKAY RADIO". IF DESIRED MESSAGES MAY BE TELEPHONED DIRECT TO MACKAY RADIO BY CALLING WHITEHALL 4-6780.

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TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 4, 1944

No. 982/699

Mrs. David Schleifer  
19 West 80th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to your conversation with the Ambassador, we wish to advise you that we have sent a telegram to Hariciye, the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with your family. A copy of this message is enclosed herewith. We will inform you as soon as we receive the bill from Radio Communications for this cablegram.

We wish further to advise you that you should send a cable to Mr. Barlas, in charge of the Jewish Agency, Pera Palas, Istanbul, telling him of the cable which has been sent by this Embassy in order that he may present to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, proof that Immigration certificates have been granted to your family by the Palestine Government, so that the necessary instructions may be given by the Foreign Ministry to the Turkish Consular agents in Bucharest.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Orhan K. Erol

Counselor of Embassy

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# Mackay Radio



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PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND 41 East 42nd Street

May 10, 1944

CHAIM BARIAS  
PALACE HOTEL  
THRKISH ISTAMBOUL

TURKISH AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS YOUR SEEING TURKISH ~~MINISTRY~~ **MINISTRY** IMMEDIATELY  
REFERENCE HIS CABLE SCHLEIFFER FAMILY STOP HAVE ALSO CABLED AMBASSADOR  
STEINHARDT. PLEASE EXPEDITE

BERNARD ROSENBLATT

DCC-8 NY

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COPI OF CABLE SENT BY TURKISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ANKARA

MAY 2, 1944

Maricaye Ankara

Germanyde Moga Octavian 8 Arad da mukim Alexander Schleifer Stop Otto Schleifer Stop Judith Schleifer Stop Naomi Schleifer ile mesukleri Abraham Schleifer ve teyzeleri Margarete Neulander icin transit vize verilmesi hususunda Maricaye Encumeni Reisi Sol Floor taraflardan iltimas olunmustur Stop Bunlari Filistin vizeleri Istanbulda konsoloslukta istinade resmi isleri ajani Mister Barlas yedinde olmasından yararlanilaykisi bu vesikayi ibraza davet edilmesi ve baslama haklari Filistin alakadar konsoloslugumuza verilmesi tensibi devletlerin arzusunda 94

Ertegun

COPI OF CABLE SENT BY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION NEW YORK TO MR. BARLAS

APRIL 26, 1944

Chaim Barlas Hotel Park Palace Istanbul (Turkey)

Urgent arrange immediate Turkish transit for Abraham Schleifer nephews Alexander Schleifer Otto Schleifer nieces Judith Schleifer Naomi Schleifer received certificates No. E/438/43 () 1/204 () also aunt Margarete Neulander certificate No. E/438 () 1/150 () Their address Tribuna Dobreo 11 Arad Rumania stop cable results

Zionist Organization

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

342 Madison Avenue  
New York, 17, N. Y.

April 28, 1944

His Excellency, the Turkish Ambassador,  
Washington, D. D.

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you in connection with the immigration from Rumania to Palestine of the family, at present in Rumania, of Mr. and Mrs. David Schleifer, who are living in this country.

Application was made some time ago to the Jewish Agency for Palestine for immigration certificates into Palestine for the Schleifer family, who comprise the following: Alexander (age 15), Otto (age 13), Judith (age 11), Noemi (age 7), Abraham, uncle of the above, and Margarete Neulander, aunt of the above.

Word has now been received informing us of the grant by the Palestine Government of immigration certificates to these children and to their uncle and aunt, bearing the numbers M/438/43 () 1/204 M/438/43 () 1/150. All that remains accordingly, is to arrange for transit of these persons from Rumania, via Turkey, to Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer are well known to us as persons of standing, and we are anxious to do whatever possible to help. It will be realized that in the present circumstances in the Balkans every day may be of importance in a matter of this kind, and it would be deeply appreciated if a recommendation could be cabled to the Turkish Government recommending immediate grant of the necessary transit visas.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nahum Goldmann

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VD 811.111 Schleifer, David

My dear Mrs. Schleifer:

I refer to your call at the Department concerning your desire to bring your children, Alexander, Judith, Otto and Naomi Schleifer, now residing in Rumania, to the United States.

If your children should be successful in reaching a country in which visa services are available, the Department will be glad to give prompt and sympathetic consideration to the visa applications submitted on their behalf. If they are found to qualify under the law immigration visas will be issued to them.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Howard K. Travers

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