

SWISS FRANCES

000587

July 20, 1944

To: Mr. Glaser

From: J. W. Peble

I have been informed by Foreign Funds Control that no action is being taken on the following applications for remittances to Switzerland for humanitarian purposes because of a shortage of Swiss francs:

N.Y. 638131 - JDC - \$450,000 for a period of three months to July Mayer.

Chicago 27337 - Polish-American Council - \$12,500 for Polish interned soldiers in Switzerland.

Chicago 27355 - Polish-American Council - \$10,000 for assistance to Polish interned soldiers in Switzerland.

N. Y. 636635 - Mennonite Central Committee - \$500 a month for 6 months for relief to French refugees in Switzerland.

I feel strongly that all of the foregoing applications should be approved without delay and I suggest that a means be worked out at once for the requisite Swiss francs being made available.

(A) JW Peble

cc. Mrs. Joy

Suggest we discuss promptly.

JW

FHodel/ag 7/20/44

000588

July 20, 1944

To: Mr. Schmidt ✓  
From: J. W. Pehle

My attention has been called to the recent action of Foreign Funds Control in denying an application filed by the Swiss Bank Corporation, New York Agency for a licence to purchase the Swiss franc equivalent of \$100,000 for transfer to the Swiss Bank Corporation, Zurich. The application apparently represented an effort on the part of the Swiss Bank Corporation, New York to convert into Swiss francs funds which it had accepted from the JDC in January, 1943.

In view of the present situation with respect to Swiss francs and recent concessions which we have been able to obtain from the Swiss Government for humanitarian purposes, I will appreciate it if matters such as the foregoing are brought to the attention of the War Refugee Board before final action is taken by Foreign Funds Control.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

*PK*  
FHodel/sg 7/20/44

000589

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

**INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE**

**TO** : Miss Hodel

July 18, 1944

**FROM** : R. B. Parke

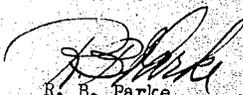
In accordance with your request, there are transmitted herewith the applications listed below for licenses to remit funds for humanitarian purposes to Switzerland, final action on which is being held up because of the Swiss franc problem:

Chicago 27337 - Polish American Council,  
Inc., Chicago.

Chicago 27355 - Polish American Council,  
Chicago, Illinois.

NY 636635 - Mennonite Central Committee,  
Akron, Pennsylvania.

NY 638131 - American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

  
R. B. Parke

000590

: Miss Hodel

July 18, 1944

: R. B. Parke

In accordance with your request, there are transmitted herewith the applications listed below for licenses to remit funds for humanitarian purposes to Switzerland, final action on which is being held up because of the Swiss franc problem:

Chicago 27337 - Polish American Council, Inc., Chicago.

Chicago 27355 - Polish American Council, Chicago, Illinois.

NY 636635 - Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

NY 638131 - American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

R. B. Parke

jfh

000591

July 15, 1944

: Mr. O'Flaherty

: F. Hodel

Mr. Pehle has asked me to request Foreign Funds Control to notify the War Refugee Board of any applications for licenses covering remittances to Switzerland for humanitarian purposes on which final action is held up because of the Swiss franc problem. Accordingly, it will be appreciated if you will arrange to have Mr. Pankle send the files on all such cases to me.

F. Hodel

JA

PH:AL 7/15/44

000592