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For the Secretary of the Treasury from Good:

Re: Treasury Investigative Report No. 15, Department
Memorandum No. 200 August 2 1944 concerning Henry Lazartes
Total Rivoli Lisbon.

Investigation of the subject has been made as directed
and I have interviewed him. As a result, it is established
that:

(1) The facts concerning Lazartes as reported by the
Joint Distribution Committee in its application for Treasury
license are as stated.

(2) However, since Lazartes did not possess the capital
to invest in Loja de America, 208 Rua Aurora Lisbon, when
the opportunity was presented, this possibility no longer ex-
ists. Lazartes states that he is acquainted with many other
opportunities for investment but that his money is not
available to conduct take advantage of them.

(3) Since coming to Portugal in September 1945, when
he and his wife were restricted from France with a group of
Portuguese Jews, Lazartes has used for living expenses the
equivalent of about 50,000 escudos of currency which he
brought with him and the equivalent of 2,000 escudos per
month remitted from Barclays Bank London. His account in
that bank is virtually exhausted.

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(4) During the time he has been in Portugal Tazartes has not engaged in any commercial activity. He has spent the days leisurely, studying English, reading, and cultivating friends in the English and American, and Portuguese Jewish communities.

(5) The Embassy possesses no unfavorable information on Tazartes or his wife.

Since Tazartes plans to remain in Portugal and must again work to gain livelihood, it is recommended that the license applied for by the Joint Distribution Committee to permit \$3,000 to the subject be issued. Tazartes undertakes to obtain approval from the American Embassy before making any investment.

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