

TENNENBAUM, RICHARD

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June 23, 1944

Miss Hodel

B. Akzin

Mr. D'Andrea (the New York lawyer who has dealt with Mr. Lesser on behalf of the Hungarian group which suggested channels in Switzerland for rescue activities in Hungary) phoned early this afternoon from New York. He said that a cable addressed to a Mr. Tannenbaum, Produce Exchange, New York, from Switzerland and presumably containing information about refugee matters, has been held back by the censorship authorities. Mr. Feer, of the Swiss Legation, went to the censorship office in Washington and was told that the telegram would be released to Mr. Tannenbaum if the War Refugee Board approves the release or, if the War Refugee Board prefers, it would be released to the War Refugee Board which may want to communicate it to the addressee. Censorship authorities took this stand since the telegram deals with refugee matters. The number of the telegram in censorship files is R023A.

Mr. D'Andrea asked to let him know as soon as possible whether we can take action to procure a release of the telegram, since it might contain vital information bearing upon the saving of lives.

I promised to honch him back (New York Murray Hill 6-6000, Ext. 1943) as soon as I have consulted my superiors.

Mr. McCormack believes that you might be willing to ask the Foreign Funds Liaison man at Censorship to obtain the telegram for us. Once we have the text, we may decide whether it should be released to Mr. Tannenbaum or his lawyer Mr. D'Andrea.

Mr. Baer, who introduced himself as a former member of Congress and a friend of Mr. Gaston, called later this afternoon in support of D'Andrea's request. He asked to be informed (Na. 3870, Ext. 123) whether we can accede to the request.

Please instruct me what to do.

*Cable probably from
Locher
and signed SERALIA*

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Tennenbaum, Richard

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
THE CABLE AND RADIO CENSOR

IN REPLY REFER TO: R/023A/31899

67 BROAD STREET,
NEW YORK, N. Y. #4

22 June 1944

Mr. Richard A. Tennenbaum,
507 Produce Exchange,
New York 4, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tennenbaum:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
of 20 June 1944 regarding a cable of 19 June
which you failed to receive from Switzerland.

Your letter has been forwarded by
teletype to the Chief Cable Censor in Washington,
D. C. for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

Raymond E. Lisle

Raymond E. Lisle,
Lieutenant, USNR.
By direction

I authorize Mr. Ralph D Andrea attorney to inspect and/or
accept delivery of the cable of June 19th of Cerealia Ltd
Zurich, which I failed to receive. My said attorney is
authorized to sign in my name and behalf, petition to any
authority for the release or delivery of the said cable.

New York 23rd June 1944.

State of New York,
County of New York,
Subscribed to before me this 23rd day of June 1944

Richard A. Tennenbaum

Wasson J. Lane
Notary Public

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N. Y. Co. No. 813, Reg. No. 48415
Commission expires Mar. 30, 1945

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Legation, Bern

DATED: June 23, 1944

NUMBER: 2142
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR McQUELLAND

(1) Further reference your 3369 of June 17. It has been suggested that George de Ghika who probably lives in Ascona, Switzerland, might be helpful in securing contacts.

(2) Reference Department's 1946, WEB's 33 of June 6. Telegram dated June 20 received by one Fennelbaum, New York, from Cercalis Ltd., presumably Jacques Locher reads: "Refer our 19/6 Harry answer quick decision essential afterwards no more chance to save lives". Previous telegram referred to not received by addressee, his message may indicate Locher has special channels desired. Addressee whose name can be used with Locher is among larger group who suggested names transmitted in Department's 1946.

(3) An informed source suggests that ships and barges going down the Danube are generally empty and may afford a means of escape for a limited number of refugees in the guise of seamen or otherwise. Same source suggests that shippers can be approached on financial basis and crews through so-called communist channels.

Board is also advised that railroad line from Budapest to Mohacs, said to be about ten miles from partisan-controlled Yugoslav territory, might afford similar opportunities if contacts made with trainmen through what are termed communist channels. In this connection you might also consider consulting Robert Bratschi, Union of Railwaymen, Effingerstrasse 19, Bern, who has already received general request to assist Board from J. Stein, New York. Board further advised that Transylvanian Unitarian Church, socialist and partisan groups are in a position because of geographical situation and absence of real occupation to shelter refugees if they can reach that area.

THIS IS WEB BERN CABLE NO. 251

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CC: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Akin, Bernstein, Cohn, DeBois, Friedman, Hedel, Gaston, Laughlin, Lerner, Luxford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Fargoy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Feltz, Filsen

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks, et al. SEP 12 1972

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SHORT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: June 6, 1944
NUMBER: 1948
X

To Minister Harrison

The following is from War Refugee Board for McClelland.

Recent developments in Hungary make it increasingly clear that efforts must be made to arrange for the prompt departure from Hungary of persons belonging to those classes which are likely to be the initial victims of Nazi plans to deport and exterminate Jews in that country. To this end, please consult with Saly Mayer, Sternbuch and Riegner and such of their colleagues as they may suggest. You should also consult with Jacques Locher, c/o Geraldik Ltd., Kalstrasse 85, Zurich; Julius Perry, Hueschelerstrasse 49, Zurich; Jacques Kanitz, Sudeplatz 5, Bern; Kurt Grims, Duquay 47, Zurich; and Hans Popper, Quai Gustave Ador 60, Geneva. You should inform the five last named that their names were suggested respectively by Mrs. Anny, Joe, Victor Lasse, Emil and Gaber. Please also inform the five that the persons who suggested consulting them requested that they consider the advisability of enlisting the assistance of Otto Feyer, Bahnhofstrasse 70, Zurich, and through him of securing the services of the former representative of Loew Angern. Such persons are prepared to remit funds necessary to cover fees and expenses incident to efforts of the five, of Feyer and of former Loew Angern representative to effectuate departures. In order to assure this, however, you should advise the Board promptly of their estimate of needs for initial experimental operations and of the name and address of the person to whom remittance should be made.

After consulting with each of the indicated groups separately with respect to the means thought to be available to each to effectuate departures and their views as to the probability of success, you should hold a joint meeting with representatives of each group able to be of assistance bearing in mind that the coordination of such activities is essential if duplication of effort, confusion and failure are to be avoided.

If you should be of the opinion that any of the groups has nothing to offer, or if any of the five should indicate that he has no way of being of assistance, or if you should conclude that the plan or plans proposed are not feasible, or if complete coordination and cooperation do not appear probable, please advise the Board in detail promptly. You might also consider conferring with each of the five separately, informing him of the person who suggested his name, before calling them together as a group.

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You are

By R. H. Parks, Date SEP 12 1972

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You are being given the foregoing detailed suggestions only because the groups indicated represent widely divergent groups and it is essential that in this matter all cooperate closely.

Prior to communicating with the five whose addresses are given above, you should consult appropriate officers of the Legation and such other appropriate Americans as may be known to you to ascertain such information as may be available concerning them. If there is any seemingly adverse information concerning any such individual, do not communicate with him, advising the Board promptly of the individual involved and of the nature of such information.

You will realize the urgency of this matter and will impress upon those consulted the necessity for avoiding all conflicting action. Please keep the Board fully advised with respect to all developments as promptly as possible.

This is WRE Bern Cable No. 55.

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(Acting)

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Aksin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luford, Mann, Munn, Marks, McCormack, Sargoy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, W. D. White, Fable, Files.

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