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In reply refer to  
No. 318

February 1, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
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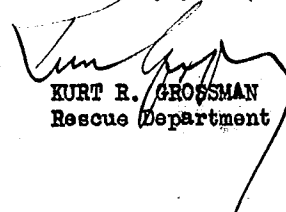
Dear General:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter I sent today to Mr. Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information concerning psychological warfare measures which can be taken to help in the rescue of the Jewish survivors.

I am certain that you will assist us in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

KRG:bm  
Enc.

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

February 1, 1946

Mr. Elmer Davis, Director  
Office of War Information  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

With reference to our previous correspondence with the offices of the O.W.I., I would like to take the liberty of drawing your attention to the disintegration within Germany in view of the military blows it is suffering at the hands of the Allied Forces.

As you can well imagine, we are interested in trying to rescue as many as possible of those Jews who managed to survive in Nazi-occupied territories, and we feel that the present situation in Germany may be a helpful factor in this direction.

You will recall that a short time ago General Eisenhower instructed the foreign workers to go into hiding. I believe it would be wise to issue similar instructions to the Jews who still enjoy some freedom of movement and to those who will be able to free themselves during the panic which will undoubtedly take place. The foreign workers and the underground forces should also be encouraged to be of help in the rescue of these Jews.

I am sure that you will give this suggestion your urgent consideration. A copy of this letter is being sent to Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

Sincerely yours,

KRG:lm

KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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FEB 3 1945

Dear Mr. Grossman:

Receipt us acknowledged of your letter of January 29, 1945, (No. 313), with which you enclosed a copy of your cable to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin, and various European governments.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman,  
Rescue Department,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Grossman:

*Receipt is acknowledged &*  
I have your letter of January 29, 1945, (No. 313),  
with which you enclosed a copy of your cable to President  
Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin, and  
various European governments.

Please be assured that the War Refugee Board will  
continue its unabating efforts to protect and rescue the  
surviving Jews of Europe and other victims of enemy persecu-  
tion.

Sincerely yours,

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman,  
Rescue Department,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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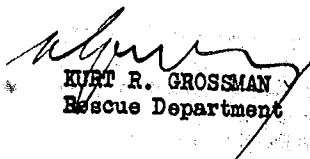
Dear General:

I herewith wish to inform you that we have sent the attached cable to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin as well as to the Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

We know that you will assist our passionate endeavors to rescue the Jewish survivors.

Sincerely yours,

KRG:bm  
Enc.

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

January 26, 1945

NLT  
Marshal Josef Stalin  
Kremlin  
Moscow (USSR)

At this moment when you are about to meet with other leaders of United Nations the World Jewish Congress respectfully urges you put on agenda your historic conference problem of rescuing about six hundred thousand Jews remaining in Nazi occupied territories threatened anew with extermination stop In view tragedy annihilation of more than five million Jews we earnestly beseech that the United Nations place these endangered Jewish survivors under their special protection and guardianship and that the German Government again be solemnly warned in the spirit of your previous statements that all perpetrators of such crimes will be held accountable stop We trust that all feasible means of rescuing the surviving Jews will be applied by United Nations stop May your conference among its achievements bring about alleviation of the terrible plight of the Jewish people.

For Executive World Jewish Congress  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise ✓  
Dr. Nahum Goldmann ✓

SSW:bl

Censor: The text is self-explanatory.

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FEB 3 1945

Dr. Kurt Grossman  
World Jewish Congress  
1834 Broadway  
New York 23, New York

Dear Dr. Grossman:

In accordance with your request over the telephone, I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a report concerning the extermination camps in German-occupied territory, received from Dr. Kubowitzki through the Board's representative in London.

Sincerely yours,

Florence Model

Florence Model  
Assistant Executive Director

Enclosure

3/31/45

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February 5, 1945

Dear Dr. Wise:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 2. Your comments regarding my services as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board are greatly appreciated.

I am confident that General O'Dwyer can rely on your continued support and cooperation in the important work still to be done.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Assistant to the Secretary

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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February 2, 1945.

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

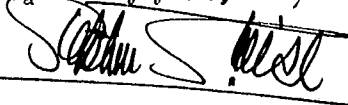
Dear Mr. Pehle:

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress I beg to express our regret that you have found it necessary to resign from your post as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

I wish at the same time to express our appreciation of the fine cooperation we have had from you in the supremely important work of rescuing Jewish survivors in Nazi-dominated territory. I know of the friendly way in which you have worked with the World Jewish Congress, and you of course understood how we feel about the need of bringing succor and relief to our unhappy Jewish brothers.

With deepest appreciation on behalf of the World Jewish Congress and every good wish to you for your service to our country,

Faithfully yours,



SSW:S

PRESIDENT

000313

FEB 7 1945

Dear Dr. Grossman,

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 5, 1945, (319), enclosing a copy of a cable which you sent to the International Red Cross on February 2, 1945.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Dr. Kurt Grossman,  
World Jewish Congress,  
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War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the cable we sent to the International Red Cross on February 2, 1945.

I feel certain that you will assist our efforts to bring help to the Jewish people in Nazi-occupied territories.

Sincerely yours,

KRG:bm  
Enc.

*Kurt R. Grossman*  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

February 2, 1945

NLT  
International Red Cross  
Geneva (Switzerland)

In view situation in Germany and horrible events in Budapest where many Jews despite protective documents assassinated urge you now take extraordinary steps in demanding that German Government sanction that all assimilated or unassimilated internment and concentration camps accept IRO protection step Also urge you make IRO representatives available for these camps thus avoiding wholesale extermination step Under present conditions if IRO were to state its demands unequivocally your step will be successful step Urge you enlist in your endeavors assistance of German Red Cross which is bound by statutes of IRO Association step Cable reply

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Dr. Nahum Goldmann ✓

108 words  
Erg: bm

Charge: World Jewish Congress

To the Censor:

Dr. Wise is the President of the World Jewish Congress; Dr. Goldmann is the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The text is self-explanatory.

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*World Jewish Congress*

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In reply refer to:  
No. 322

February 7, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of February 3rd in which was enclosed a photostatic copy of a report concerning the extermination camps in German-occupied territory which you received from Dr. Kubowitzki through your representative in London.

We are, as always, grateful for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt A. Grossman*  
KURT A. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bm

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE February 15, 1945

TO : Miss Model

FROM : B. Akzin

Dr. Nahum Goldman was here and asked that the following be brought confidentially to the General's attention.

Goldman visited yesterday the Soviet Embassy, where he was received by the Charge d'Affaires Novikov, and First Secretary Gronov. He told them of WJC's information received from Switzerland that the Germans are interested in the fate of Germans in Roumania and Transylvania and may be ready to make concessions in favor of Jews deported from these areas, if an exchange could be arranged against Germans in that part of the world or if, at least, the Russians could promise better treatment of these people.

The Soviet officials were interested in the question, but raised the following points:

(a) What proof is there that the Germans are sufficiently interested in the fate of their fellow-Germans to consider concessions or exchange of these lives;

(b) Through what channels could such negotiations between Russia and Germany take place, in view of the fact that Russia has no protective power in Germany and that the Russians would not negotiate through the Red Cross.

Regarding the second point, Dr. Goldman mentioned various neutral countries as suitable negotiators. Among them the Russians seemed to be most receptive to Sweden.

At the suggestion of the Russian officials, WJC will give them a memorandum on this question which they will cable to Moscow.

Dr. Goldman wants the Board to have this information, but he requests that nothing should be done which would lead Soviet officials to know that the substance of WJC's conversation with them has been transmitted by them to a U.S. Government agency.

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Noted  
JH

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File  
February 15, 1945

: Miss Hodel

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General William O'Dwyer  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

Dr. Wise and I tried to reach you on Monday in New York, but could not locate you; nor could I see you yesterday in Washington, as you had already left town. Therefore I am writing to you, about something which I would have preferred to discuss, but which I feel is of such urgency that it could not be delayed.

From various reports coming to us from Switzerland, it appears to us that there are new opportunities for rescuing Jews from German-occupied countries. The release of 1200 internees from Theresienstadt who were brought by train all the way to the Swiss border is an indication of the possibilities. The disintegration of the Nazi Reich has created conditions where possibilities of rescue are opening up in a degree which did not hitherto exist. If this is true, coupled with the fact that this may be the last period of time in which large-scale rescue can be undertaken, and in the light of the danger that at the last moment before the Nazi collapse, they may annihilate the remaining Jews under their heels, as was done in Lodz and elsewhere, it seems to us that some extraordinary action must be undertaken in order to utilize whatever possibilities exist.

One of the difficulties in rescue activities in the past was, to the delay because there was lack of authority to act. We think that the time has come when someone with full authority to act, someone of high standing, empowered by the United States government, provided with the necessary funds, should proceed to Switzerland immediately to explore the possibilities on the spot and take the necessary action on his own responsibility. It would be ideal if you, yourself, would be prepared to undertake this, accompanied, if necessary, by one or two experts. It would be a high humanitarian mission, and may be a way for the War Refugee Board and the American government to achieve something substantial in the way of rescue and of saving thousands of Jews who may be exterminated as millions of others have been.

I hope that you and the members of the War Refugee Board will consider this suggestion and find a way of acting on it. We hope to see you in New York within the next few days and are very eager to know what you think of this proposal.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Nahum Goldmann  
Nahum Goldmann

**New York Post**

MAR 9 1945

## **World Jews Send 2 to San Francisco**

The World Jewish Congress will be represented at the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of its political department, and Dr. Jacob Robinson, its international law adviser, it was announced today.

This announcement was made as the American Zionist Emergency Council demanded that Jewish representation be permitted at the conference. The Council pointed out that Arab nations will be represented and that Jewish Palestine should be permitted to take part in discussions bearing on its future.

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March 13, 1945

In reply refer  
to No. 353

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Dr. Akzin

Dear Sirs:

May I ask you to transmit, through the facilities  
of the State Department, the attached message to  
Mr. Hollander in Stockholm.

Thank you for giving this matter your prompt  
attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bg

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MAR 12 1945

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman  
World Jewish Congress  
1834 Broadway  
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Grossman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23. In reply, I regret to state that the Board has no information regarding the whereabouts in Germany of any groups of Italian Jews deported recently from Northern Italy.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

BA.  
BAKzin:ar 3/10/45

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In reply refer to:  
No. 333

February 23, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

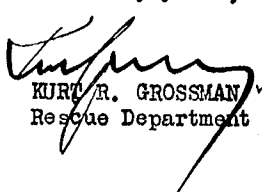
Dear General O'Dwyer:

One of the members of our Italian Jewish Representative Committee drew our attention to a number of Jews who were deported in the middle of October 1943 to an unknown destination. We have not as yet been able to find out their present whereabouts.

Mr. Arrigo Tedeschi who was one of the members of this group of deportees, was born in Ferrara on September 15, 1887. He was deported from his residence, Rome, Via Po. No. 42, on October 16, 1943. It is interesting to note that his wife received a note from him a few days later which was mailed from Verona, wherein he stated that he was going North, meaning apparently to Germany. He was included in a mass transport of Jews and I think that it should be possible to find out, through the facilities of the War Refugee Board, the whereabouts of this group.

Thanking you for giving this matter your earliest attention, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bm

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MAR 17 1945

To: Mr. Warren

From: Miss Hodel

It will be appreciated if you will arrange to have the enclosed messages, from Kurt R. Grossman of the World Jewish Congress to Mr. Fritz Hollander, Congress Committee, Postbox 7306, Stockholm, Sweden, transmitted through the facilities of the Department of State.

(Signed) Florence Hodel

RBHutchison: 3/16/45

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In reply refer to:  
No. 355

March 14, 1945

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Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION DR. AKZIN

Dear Sirs:

Please be good enough to have the attached message  
transmitted through the facilities of the Department of State.  
Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

KRG:bm  
Enc.

*Kurt R. Grossman*  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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*World Jewish Congress*  
*(reg. file)*  
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This telegram  
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March 10  
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Refugee Board

has extended facilities to World Jewish Congress  
for outgoing communications. Pouch facilities from several  
diplomatic missions have also been extended.

You are authorized therefore to grant to Dr. Kubowitzki,  
as Congress representative, the permission requested.

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(CHW)

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*Proposed cable not needed  
since Paris agreement  
that this was not  
from State Dept.*

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

Brussels

Dated February 3, 1945

Rec'd 10:58 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAR 2 1945

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

109, February 3, noon

Dr. A. Leon Kutowitzki, a Bengian national member  
of Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress,  
who is here temporarily in connection with matters  
concerning displaced persons has requested permission  
to exchange telegrams and letters with the headquarters  
of the Congress at 1834 Broadway, New York City through  
the Embassy and Department's facilities. The Embassy  
would appreciate being informed of the Department's  
attitude in the matter.

The doctor has also requested that his wife Marie  
160 West 87 Street, New York City be informed that he is  
well and in this city.

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SAWYER

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(Note: The last paragraph of this message has been  
handled by the State Department)

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In reply refer to:  
No. 373

March 23, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith a list of Terezin inmates to  
replace the illegible copy I sent you on March 15th.

I would appreciate your forwarding this list to Switzer-  
land in order that these people may benefit from the  
War Refugee Board food parcel scheme.

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt R. Grossman*  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bm  
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March 23, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear Sirs:

Please be good enough to have the attached list of  
Bergen Belsen inmates and the following message  
transmitted to Mr. Fritz Hollander through the fac-  
ilities of the Department of State:

"To: Mr. Fritz Hollander, Congress Committee,  
Postbox 7306, Stockholm  
From: Kurt R. Grossman

Kindly have food parcels sent to Bergenbelsen  
people on attached list."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt R. Grossman*  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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AIRGRAM TO MINISTER JOHNSON AND OLSEN, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Mr. Frits Hollander, Congress Committee, Postbox 7306, Stockholm from Kurt R. Grossman, World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE Kindly have food parcels sent to Bergenbelsen people on attached list UNQUOTE

*sent on 4/6 - checked files*

*letter of 4/1/4*

*Grossman*

*PJM.*

PJMcCormack:ar 3/26/45

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TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 6.1900

April 10, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director  
Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

This is to acknowledge with many thanks  
receipt of your letter of April 6 and the message  
that you forwarded from Ambassador Berle in Rio  
de Janeiro.

Sincerely yours,

*Nahum Goldmann*  
Nahum Goldmann

*wgc - Pres. Messages*

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3/16/45 Cable to Riegner re Leopold Lindenbaum held up  
pending notification of approval of license by Treasury.  
Cable Bern No. 510 sent instead after approval of license.

3/23/45 List sent to State for transmittal under date  
of 4/6/45. See letter to Grossman of 4/14

3/26/45 Cable Bern No. 483 sent 3/30/45

3/28/45 sent 4/6/45 WRB Stockholm Cable no. 348

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In reply refer to:  
No. 387

April 9, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Hodell

Dear General O'Dwyer:

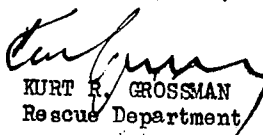
May I draw your attention to the fact that we have not as yet received confirmation of the following cables we asked you to forward for us through the facilities of the Department of State:

- March 16, 1945 Cable to Gerhard Riegner, re: Leopold Lindenbaum.
- March 23, 1945 Cable to Fritz Hollander wherein we requested that food parcels be sent to the persons mentioned on the Bergen Belsen list which was attached.
- March 26, 1945 Cable to Riegner concerning distribution of \$2,600.
- March 28, 1945 Cable to Fritz Hollander cancelling two names which appeared on our Bergen Belsen list of March 13th.

Since all these matters are of vital importance, I would be very much obliged to you if you would check this matter and inform me whether the cables have been sent.

Thanking you for giving this matter your kind attention, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bm

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APR 14 1945

Dear Dr. Wise:

The enclosed letter from your representatives  
in Sweden was received for you through the United States  
Legation in Stockholm.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
SWEDISH SECTION

POB 7306

Stockholm 7,  
Febr. 5th, 1945.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
1834 Broadway,  
New York.

Att. Rabbi Stephen Wise.

Dear Sirs,

By the kindness of Attache Ohlsen from the War Refugee Board, here, we cabled you to-day a reply to your two cables of 16th and 21st January, with regard to the Jewish situation in Germany.

Please find enclosed copy of our today's letter to the British Section, from which you will get a little bit more detailed picture of the situation than cabled to you.

We will of course continue to keep you informed about any further development and in the meantime we are, Dear Sirs,

Very truly yours,

For WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
SWEDISH SECTION

/s/ Fritz Hollander  
Fritz Hollander  
Hon. Secr.

/s/ Norbert Masur  
Norbert Masur  
Hon. Cashier

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
Swedish Section

POB 7306

Stockholm 7,  
Febr. 5th, 1945.

World Jewish Congress  
British Section  
55, New Cavendish Street  
L o n d o n.

Att.: Mr. Zelmanowitz.

Strictly Confidential

Dear Sirs,

Referring to your letter to Professor Ehrenpreis, passed to us by the kindness of attache Ohlsen from the War Refugee Board, we herewith want to inform you about the situation. As you presumed, we received the same cables from the executive in New York and Professor Ehrenpreis got in touch with our authorities to find out, what would be the best way to influence on the German Government. After our Government having investigated this matter, Professor Ehrenpreis has been informed that it has still been impossible to find out, whether the rumours about the German plans are correct or not. Our Government is investigating the suitable form for intervention, but notwithstanding that our Government is very willing to be helpful, our Foreign Department considers the success of such an action as very small. Nevertheless we have been informed that it is considered that Public protests and demonstrative steps only could deteriorate the situation of the Jews in Germany. We have also been informed by initiated people that it would not be good to issue protection passports to the Jews in Theresienstadt. At the same time we were told from this very initiated people that we should emphasize the necessity of an interallied warning of immediate reprisals. Our friends think that it is not sufficient that the interallied Government issue another statement that they will punish those, who are participating in the war criminals, but it should be made clear to the German Government and the German people that the reprisals will be taken immediately, if the German Government will not stop murdering the Jews.

By the intermediary of Attache Ohlsen we cabled the contents of this letter to the Executive and hope that they have taken immediate action, but we would be grateful, if you too would do whatever you can in order to have such an action started. Our friends believe that the threat of immediate reprisals might be the only possibility to stop the plans of the Nazis, since they know that the allied countries now have the possibility to immediate reprisals.

As said above we also continue our endeavours in other directions and will keep you informed about the results.

Very truly yours,

For WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, SWEDISH SECTION

F. HOLLANDER  
Hon. Secr.

N. MASUR  
Hon. Cashier.

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In reply refer to:  
No. 394

April 19, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear Sirs:

Attached you will find two copies of a list of Theresienstadt inmates which I would appreciate your forwarding to your representative in Switzerland. I assume that you are still continuing your food parcel scheme in which I would like these people included.

At this opportunity I would like to ask you what the War Refugee Board plans to do with the food parcels which have not as yet been distributed to the inmates of concentration camps in German and German-occupied areas. In view of the horrifying reports published about the many camps liberated thus far, I would like to know whether the War Refugee Board is endeavoring to have the inmates of the liberated camps profit from the food stocks at the disposal of the War Refugee Board.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt R. Grossman*  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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*in attachment's when  
rec'd in files -  
list sent m.c.  
4/23/45*

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APR 21 1945

Dear Dr. Goldmann:

I have received your letter of April 11 inviting me to attend the dinner of the Italian Jewish Emergency Committee, affiliated with the World Jewish Congress.

I regret very much that frequent emergencies which are now arising and the pressure of the current activities of the War Refugee Board, both in this country and abroad, make it impossible for me at this time to set any date on which I might be able to attend the dinner and meeting.

I sincerely appreciate your invitation, and I am sure you will understand the compelling urgency of the work in which we are now engaged.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Dr. Nahum Goldmann,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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Dear Dr. Goldman:

I have received your letter of April 11 inviting me to attend the dinner of the Italian Jewish Emergency Committee, affiliated with the World Jewish Congress.

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~~Due to~~ the frequent emergencies <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ are now arising and ~~by~~ the pressure of the current activities of the War Refugee Board, both in this country and abroad, <sup>make</sup> it ~~is~~ impossible for me at this time to set any date on which I might be able to attend the dinner and meeting.

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April 11th, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington D.C.

My dear General:

The Italian Jewish Emergency Committee affiliated with the World Jewish Congress is organizing a dinner followed by a mass meeting. The purpose of this gathering is to raise funds for the war-stricken Italian Jewish population.

In view of your outstanding activities in the rescue and in the relief of the war-stricken population of Italy, we will consider it an honor indeed if you would consent to be our guest at this dinner and to address those present.

We do sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation. Please let us know when you are free in order that the Italian Jewish Emergency Committee may reserve this date.

Cordially yours,

  
Nahum Goldmann

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May 9, 1945

Mrs. Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hodel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of May 5th.

I thank you most sincerely for forwarding  
to me the documents received from Dr. Riegner.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Leon Kubowitzki*  
A. Leon Kubowitzki

ALK:bg

MAY 5 - 1945

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

The enclosed documents were received for you from  
your representative in Switzerland through the United States  
Legation in Bern.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Bern, April 20th. 1945

Dear General O'Dwyer:

Pleased find attached hereto a series of documents (with covering letters) recently sent to me by Gerhart Riegner, representative of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland. Mr. Riegner would be most appreciative if this data could be forwarded to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki of the Congress in New York.

The bulk of this material consists of the minutes of a series of meetings held under the sponsorship of Dr. Kopecky who is now Czech Minister to Switzerland and initiated by Riegner himself. These meetings, of which I attended one or two, practically speaking did not accomplish a great deal (their purpose was an examination of the question of getting relief to civil detainees & Jewish deportees in Germany) although a great deal of discussion took place at them. I personally found it much more fruitful to talk directly to the Intercross, through which all such relief and rescue work had to be channeled.

These documents also include material on the question of German discrimination against Jewish prisoners of war, a general meeting Burchhardt of the ICRC held to explain to these gentlemen the results of his negotiations with the Germans (I got this from B. directly about a week earlier), and a most interesting document concerning the Hungarian forced labor bataillons for Jews on the Eastern front of which Hillel Danzig has also sent me a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roswell D. McClelland*

Roswell D. McClelland  
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Enclosures: Documents for the WJC in New York

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

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

BY R. H. Parks Date **SEP 13 1972**

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*World Jewish Congress (reg. file)*

MAY 14 1945

Dear Mr. Grossman:

I have your letters of May 8, 1945 (401-402) in which you request us to send a message to Marc Jarblum in Paris and to Hillel Storch in Stockholm, respectively.

Because the Board was established for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy persecution, its facilities were made available to private organizations for the transmission of communications relating to rescue and relief activities in enemy territory. Inasmuch as hostilities in Europe have ceased, messages to representatives of private organizations should now be transmitted through commercial channels.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed)* Florence Model

Florence Model  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman,  
Rescue Department,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

*original signed  
by Mrs. Model*

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*RBH*  
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In reply refer to:

No. 401

May 8, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

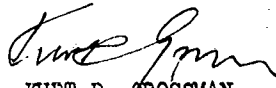
May I ask you to be good enough to have the following message  
transmitted to our Swedish Section:

"To: Hillel Storch, Postbox 7306, Stockholm  
From: Kurt Grossman

Nora Gottschalk asks you inform Lilli Epstein, Tornrosvagen  
.17 Stocksund Sweden that Lotte Berg and her children Liesel  
Gunther Jan are safe."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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May 8, 1945

In reply refer to:  
No. 402

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:


May I ask you to be good enough to have the following  
message transmitted to our representative in Paris:

"To: Marc Jarblum, 83 Avenue de la Grande Armee, Paris  
From: Kurt Grossman

Contact SHAEF Dutchmission about Max, Milly, Gert  
Mayerfeld, ages 48, 40, 15 known to have been in  
Bergenbelsen. Brother Sol Mayerfeld 91 Fort Washington  
Avenue New York most anxious."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

KRG:bm

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MAY 16 1945

To: Mr. Warren

From: Miss Hodel

Attached for your consideration is a copy of a letter dated May 10, 1945, from the World Jewish Congress, together with a copy of a message which that organization desires to have sent to Emil Sommerstein in Moscow.

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Enclosures.

ELT RBH RBHutchison: 5/14/45 cleared with Warren

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MAY 16 1945

Dear Dr. Tartakower:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 10, 1945, requesting that a message be sent to Emil Sommerstein in Moscow.

As indicated in my letter of May 14, 1945, to Mr. Grossman, the Board is no longer in a position to forward messages of this nature. I have, therefore, forwarded your request to the Department of State for transmission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Arish Tartakower,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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May 10, 1945

General William O'Dwyer, Exec. Dir.  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

May I on behalf of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress ask you to kindly have the enclosed cable transmitted to Moscow through your facilities.

As you will note from its content, we are inquiring as to the whereabouts of the parents and sister of Professor Salo Baron of Columbia University, one of the foremost scholars in this country, who certainly deserves your help. In view of the fact that for the time being no commercial cables are accepted concerning individuals on the territory of Poland, this is the only way in which the enclosed cable can reach Dr. Sommerstein, who is chairman of the Central Jewish Relief Committee in Poland, and who will certainly try to communicate with the family of Professor Baron.

Thanking you for your kind information, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Dr. Arieh Tartakower*  
Dr. Arieh Tartakower

at/ld  
Encl.

DRAFT

MAY 10, 1945

EMIL SOMMERSTEIN  
JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE  
HOTEL MOSCOW  
MOSCOW (RUSSIA)

PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ELIAS BARON AND WIFE MINA BORN WITTMAYER ALSO  
DAUGHTER GIZELA ZUSSMANN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS TARNOW RYNEK 17 CABLE THEIR  
PRESENT SITUATION STOP THESE ARE PARENTS AND SISTER OF PROFESSOR BARON OF  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WE ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED THEIR FATE

NAHUM GOLDMANN  
ARIEH TARTAKOWER

at/ld

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World Jewish Congress  
Kdug. pub.

MAY 16 1945

Dear Mr. Grossman:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 9, 1945.

The enclosure to which you referred in your letter was not received by this office. However, the Board is not holding any material forwarded to you by your Brussels office.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman,  
Rescue Department,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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May 9, 1945

Ref. No. 403

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director - War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

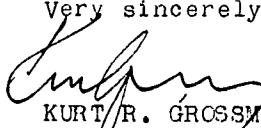
I take the liberty of enclosing, herewith,  
a copy of my letter addressed to Mr. George L.  
Warren, concerning reports and lists which have been  
sent by our Brussels office through the American  
Embassy but haven't as yet reached us.

In the meantime, I would be grateful to  
you if you could let me know whether you have  
already received this material.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,  
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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*World Jewish Congress  
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May 16, 1945

BRUSSELS

Please refer to the Embassy's despatch no. 314 of April 6 regarding the transportation of mail for the World Jewish Congress forwarded under authority of the Department's telegram no. 199 of March 17.

The two parcels of lists mentioned in the despatch under reference have been received. They weigh 25 and 8 pounds. Packages of such weight and size tax pouch facilities to an unwarranted degree. The Department has consistently refused to accept parcels of more than a few ounces from any private organization.

It is understood that packages weighing up to 4 pounds 8 ounces mailed at letter rates may now be transmitted between Belgium and the United States.

Please therefore inform the World Jewish Congress and any other interested private inquirers that pouch facilities can no longer be extended except for such communications as may be sent by airmail. The latter should be kept to an absolute minimum both as to number and weight.

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World Jew. Congress  
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JUN 22 1945

Dear Mr. Finkelstein:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Gerhart Riegner was received for you through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland. The microfilm referred to in the enclosure is being forwarded to you under separate cover, and it will be appreciated if you will acknowledge receipt thereof.

Very truly yours,

[[Signed] Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Chaim Finkelstein,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Bern, June 5, 1945.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

I take the liberty of enclosing for forwarding in the Board's discretion 1) a letter from Dr. Gerhart Riegner of the World Jewish Congress office in Geneva addressed to Mr. Chaim Finkelstein, WJC, 1834 Broadway, NYC, and 2) a small box of microfilm on which are recorded the names of the Jewish survivors in Theresienstadt as of May 10th, 1945. Dr. Riegner would be most appreciative if the letter and the film could be sent on to the World Jewish Congress in New York City.

Sincerely yours,

*Roswell D. McClelland*

Roswell D. McClelland  
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Enclosures: letter and 1 box of microfilm

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer

Executive Director

War Refugee Board,

Washington 25, D. C.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 13 1972

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bern, June 8, 1945

AIR MAIL

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Dear General O'Dwyer:

I would very much appreciate it if you would kindly forward the enclosed letter from Dr. Gerhart Riegner to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York.

Yours very sincerely,

*Roswell D. McClelland*

Roswell D. McClelland  
Spec. Assistant to the Minister

Brig. General William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
c/o Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

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HDWGC:

Roswell D. MacLellan  
Representative WAB, Bern  
THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN LEGATION,  
BERN, SWITZERLAND

~~NOT FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~

Mr. General William D. Boyer  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
c/o Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Gerhart Riegner was received for you through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

Very truly yours.

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

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June 22, 1945

Mrs. Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 18th,  
wherein you forwarded to Dr. Goldmann a message from  
Gerhart Riegner and Paul Guggenheim, Geneva.

May I ask you to forward the following reply through  
the facilities of the State Department:

"To: Gerhart Riegner, Paul Guggenheim, Geneva  
from: Nahum Goldmann, New York

Yours June 14th Authorization granted to Max Maximos  
to conduct informal negotiations without acting as  
Congress Representative view establish relations bet-  
ween Soviet Government and Congress especially view  
dispatch Congress delegate to Moscow concerning Jewish  
reconstruction rehabilitation on territories under USSR  
control."

Many thanks in advance for complying with this request.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Leon Kubowitzki*  
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In reply refer to:  
No. 390


Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

With reference to your letter of April 6, 1945 wherein you inform me that you had transmitted to the Department of State two lists and a cable requesting a correction in the list to be forwarded to Mr. Hollander, I would ask you to please be good enough to send us a copy of your request to the Department of State in order that we may retain these in our files.

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN  
Rescue Department

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June 26, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director  
Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.


Dear Miss Hodel:

This is to acknowledge gratefully your letter of June 22nd  
to which a letter from Mr. Gerhard Riegner was enclosed,

We have also received today the micro-films referred <sup>to</sup> in  
Mr. Riegner's letter which was marked "2 me serie page 1-272  
two lists of Terezin survivors May 1945".

Please accept our gratitude for your kind cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

  
CHAIM FINKELSTEIN  
Division for Displaced Persons

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JUN 26 1945

Dear Sirs:

For your information and that of other interested persons, this is to advise you that, in view of the early termination of the War Refugee Board, over-all responsibility for the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, has been transferred from the War Refugee Board to the Department of the Interior.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

World Jewish Congress,  
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New York 23, New York.

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Dear Dr. Wise:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,  
World Jewish Congress,  
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