

Cooperation with Other Governments: Latin America; Honduras

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LATIN AMERICAN (HONDURAS)

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1. FOR RELATIVE MATERIAL
2. FOR MATERIAL RE HONDURAN SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO GERMANY, RE VIEW TO ARRANGING AN EXCHANGE AGAINST GERMAN NATIONALS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE OF INTERNEES HOLDING LATIN AMERICAN PASSPORTS AND PAPERS

SEE 1. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: EVACUATION TO SWITZERLAND  
(EVACUATION OF ABANDONED CHILDREN FROM FRANCE)

2. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: OTHER MEANS OF EFFECTING RESCUES  
(RECOGNITION OF LATIN AMERICAN PASSPORTS)

October 6, 1944

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6:10 pm

American Embassy,

Tegucigalpa.

Reference your A.268 August 14.

Legation Bern has informed the Department that in a note dated September 25 the Swiss Foreign Office stated that according to the Swiss Legation Budapest the Hungarian Government gave its consent on September 15 to the representation by Switzerland of Honduran interests in Hungary.  
Please inform Foreign Office.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 14 1972

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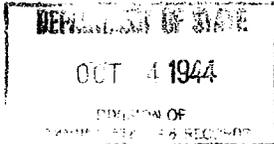
FROM:

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

A-319

September 26, 1944

ASST: October 3, 5p.m.



Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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A-319, September 26, 5 p.m.

Reference Department's circular airgram September 19, 1944,  
9:10 a.m.

It is believed that Honduras is not a likely country to provide striking illustrations of the results of the travel grant program. While I am confident that the recipients return more friendly to the United States, outstanding results are not believed apt to be noted in this country in which all progress is on a very slow basis.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 14 1972

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*Handwritten:* Wm. Ref. Bd.

Tegucigalpa

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

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At 9:53 August 15, 1944

REC'd 5:12 p.m.

*Handwritten signature:* (J. Bell)

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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<sup>x</sup>257, August 15, Noon.

Answer to Department's circular telegram of August 12, 8 p.m. is that Honduras consents.

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Refugee children

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

*J. Van Dyke*  
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

This telegram is being prepared under the supervision of the Chief of the Government

August 12, 1944

~~WASHINGTON~~

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AMMUNITION,

CANBERRA (AUSTRALIA).

Circular  
Reference previous communications regarding refugee children.

In view of the situation in Hungary and the recent statement by Admiral Horthy that his Government would grant exit permits to, and suspend deportations of, all Jewish children for whom havens may be provided outside Hungary, would you request the government to which you are accredited to extend its acceptance in principle to children from Hungary as well as from France.

You may assure appropriate officials of that government that no detailed plans have as yet been developed for the actual immigration of refugee children into its country. Should such plans become necessary at a later date, they will not (repeat not) be developed without previous consultation with the government to which you are accredited.

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6:10 p.m.

May 9, 1944

SENT BY AIRGRAM

EMBASSY.

TEGUCIGALPA (HONDURAS).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES  
AD INTERIM.

Z The Department and the War Refugee Board are highly gratified over the results reported in your nos. 127, 128, and 129 of April 26. Please convey to the Honduran authorities this Government's deep appreciation of their attitude.

The cable costs for transmitting the message contained in Honduran note no. 1646 and other resulting communications will be assumed by this Government.

Referring to the second paragraph of your no. 127, it is believed that the ignoring of inquiries of the Spanish Government regarding the validity of passports might lead to Spain giving Germany misleading information concerning the Honduran attitude. Therefore, please suggest to the Foreign Minister that in case of inquiries by Spain (or if you deem it advisable, even without awaiting such inquiries) the Spanish Minister be informed of the substance of Honduran notes 1646 and 1647.

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 14 1972

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Akim, Bernstein, Bernstein, Cahn, DeBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hibel, Laughlin, Lessor, Lufford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McGowan, Feliak, Rains, Sargey, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, E. D. White, Fable, Files.

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Tegucigalpa, Honduras

No. A 165

Dated: April 27, 1944 3p.m.

Rec'd May 3 11 a.m.

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WASHINGTON

A 165 April 27 3 p.m.

My A-165 of April 25 8 30 p.m. concerning refugee children under sixteen years of age

The Minister for Foreign Affairs informed me yesterday that President Carías appears willing for Honduras to receive a maximum of fifty (50) children, and that information as to the sex and age preferred may be supplied later. I gathered that some preference as to racial origin (which may possibly mean that Polish, French, or some other class of children would be more acceptable than Jews) might also be expressed. Acceptance of refugee children would be on the condition that all expenses of transportation and of maintenance be met by other than Honduran agencies.

Since Honduras has no diplomatic or consular representatives in Switzerland at the present time, perhaps the Department can suggest some practicable form of visa procedure.

Clarification on the following point would be helpful: are the children expected to remain in Honduras the rest of their lives, or would they be returned to their countries of origin after termination of the present war?

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 14 1972

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Aksin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Lufford, Mann, Nannon, Marks, McCormack, Pellak, Rains, Sargoy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, E. D. White, Fehle, Files.

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STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Tegucigalpa *Honduras*  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: April 30, 1944  
NUMBER: 127

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This morning the matters contained in the Department's  
A 77 of April 30, received last evening, were discussed by  
me with the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Complete success  
on all points. I was given by the Minister two signed notes  
relating respectively to exchange negotiations and to the  
material at top of page three of the a/c, as which is under  
reference. Later today we will obtain translations.

Inquiries from the Spanish Minister concerning valid-  
ity of the passports have not been received by the Minis-  
try for Foreign Affairs and such inquiries as may be re-  
ceived later will be ignored by him.

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cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin,  
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP-14 1977



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 By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 14 1972**

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Abrahamson, Akers, Bernstein, Child, DeLoach, Evans, Gale, Rosen, Sullivan, Tavel, Trotter, Tele. Room, Holmes, Gandy, Smith, Muxford, Penn, Parsons, Parks, McConaughy, Quinn, Nease, Sizoo, Winterrowd, Tele. Room, Holloman, Gandy



maintain transportation facilities from Switzerland to its  
country have been available. The Government may be informed  
and that representative of the War Refugee Board attached to  
the American Legation in Bern will be glad to cooperate with  
the diplomatic and consular officers of the other American Re-  
publics in all other refugee matters.

cc - Mr. Pehle  
Mr. Luxford  
Mr. DuBois  
Mr. E. M. Bernstein  
Mr. Stewart  
Mr. Lesser  
Mr. Friedman  
Mr. Pollak  
Miss Hodel

AIRMAIL

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FROM  
Legation, Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
A-38  
February 1, 10 a.m., 1944  
SUB: *Feb. 4*

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

A-38, February 1, 10 a.m.

Department's circular airmail of January 26, 7:00 p.m. concerning the rescue and relief of European Jews.

Answers to the questions in Paragraph 4 follow:

(a) While no official statistics are available, it is estimated that there are approximately 135 Jewish refugees in Honduras, including women and children. A few are professional men, but most are small tradesmen; many of the latter entered the country under the pretense of being farmers. Honduran consular officers are not permitted to grant visas for the entrance of Jewish refugees without prior permission from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which first consults the Ministry of Gobernacion. Very few requests are now being received, probably because of the small number of Honduran Consulates still functioning in Europe.

(b) The entrance of Jewish refugees is not encouraged, and it seems fairly certain that the Government would not care to admit any large number of Jews. Since negro immigration was prohibited several years ago and as there is growing criticism against the "Turcos" (Syrians) who are tending to monopolize certain lines of business, it is unlikely that the immigration of other races incompatible with the mass of the present population (Spanish-Indian) would be permitted. The Jewish refugees now here are living quietly without major difficulties. However, any attempt to bring additional large numbers into Honduras would probably result in a wave of anti-Semitism in which the first sufferers would be those already here.

(c) This Embassy knows of no recent cases where Jews have been turned back at the border; it seems unlikely that any Jews from Europe could get as far as the Honduran border unless already in possession of Honduran visas.

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with reference to paragraph 5 inviting recommendations as to what the government of the United States might do to effectuate with all possible speed the rescue and relief of the victims, I do not believe that the problem can be solved from this small and distant country. Perhaps the Jews could be settled in nearby Tripoli or other North African territory to which Italy has forfeited whatever rights she may have had. Or perhaps Tripoli could be given to the Arabs in exchange for Palestine to which the surviving European Jews might then be sent. Lands vacant in the former German colonies in Africa might be utilized; the climate there is probably little worse than in many sections of Central and South America, and in any case the Jews would probably prefer the chances of a bad climate in Africa to what would appear to be certain extermination in Europe.

The Department is respectfully requested to clarify paragraph 6 along the following lines:

(1) Exactly what sort of cooperation is desired from Honduras?

(2) If such cooperation envisages the actual admission of additional Jews into the country, does the United States expect to do likewise? (It would be embarrassing to ask Honduras to do something not being done by the United States.)

(3) Would the desired cooperation involve the expenditure of funds?

Without more information on these three points, it will be very difficult to discuss the matter intelligently with the Honduran Government.

Incidentally, I am reliably informed that the Papal Nuncio has approached the Honduran Ministry for Foreign Affairs in connection with the Jewish problem.

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Transmitted via courier pouch closing February 1, 1:30 p.m.

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