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August 12, 1944

8 p.m.

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AMLEGATION,

CANBERRA (AUSTRALIA).

Circular
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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
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CODE ROOM: Repeat to Ottawa, Ciudad Trujillo, Dublin,
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Asuncion and Lima.

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CIRCULAR CABLEGRAM TO AMEMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EIRE, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PERU.

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12:25 p.m.
August 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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August 18, 1944

CIRCULAR, Eighteenth DIVISIONS
To Certain American Diplomatic Offices: RECORDS

The Radio bulletin of August 17 contains the joint declaration of the British and United States Governments in response to the offer of the Hungarian Government to permit the emigration of certain categories of Jews from Hungary. As you have done with previous press releases on refugee matters, kindly secure the widest possible distribution for this declaration. The original offer of the Government of Hungary was made public in Switzerland by the Interpress on July 18 as follows:

QUOTE Following steps taken in Budapest by ICRG in Geneva Hungarian authorities have given the committee official assurances that transportation of Jews beyond Hungarian frontiers has ceased and that the ICRG are authorized to furnish relief of Jews who are interned or in forced residence in Hungary. The committee are furthermore empowered to cooperate in the evacuation of all Jewish children under ten years of age who are in possession of visas to reception countries and all Jews in Hungary holding entrance visas to Palestine will receive permission from the authorities to leave for that country.

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Send to AMLEGATION Bern Switzerland AMLEGATION Stockholm Sweden
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July 15, 1944

11 p.m.

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The Hungarian people in their
immense majority condemn with horror and disgust the abominable
crimes perpetrated by Hungarian quislings and their subordinates
against the Jews and other people in Hungary.

NOTE We emphasize that these crimes are committed in flagrant
violation of the Christian, humanitarian and liberty loving spirit
and tradition of true Hungarians.

NOTE Consequently, we have felt it our duty to give a solemn
warning to all Hungarians from the highest to the lowest and remind
hereby every Hungarian who may be a perpetrator of or an accessory
to these crimes, that he will have to bear full responsibility for
his acts and will not be permitted to invoke as an extenuating cir-
cumstance the fact that he has only carried out orders of a superior
authority.

NOTE We address ourselves to all true Hungarians who condemn
these ignominious cruelties and request them to extend all possible
assistance to their persecuted and tortured fellow-countrymen. END

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Code Room: Please repeat to Embassies, Lisbon and Madrid,
Amembalk, Cairo, and Amlegation, Naples, for Tittmann.

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Extension of this License ☐
Renewal of this License ☐
Correspondence concerning this application . ☐
Other (Specify)

1. For lists and all relative material re: Palestine Certificates

SEE: 1. PALESTINE CERTIFICATES

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FROM : Secretary of State, Washington

TO : American Legation, Bern

DATE : October 13, 1944

NUMBER: 3496

To Minister Harrison and McClelland.

1. With reference to Department's 3120 of September 9, 3255 of September 21 and earlier communications regarding admission of Jewish children from Hungary, Paraguayan Minister of Education by communication of August 30 agreed in principle to extend to children from Hungary previous Paraguayan consent to give asylum to a number of refugee children from France to be determined later, subject to certain economic conditions.

On September 14, Ecuadorian ministry of foreign affairs informed Embassy that "it is believed that Ecuador would be able to receive up to three hundred children provided that the funds necessary for the case."

By note of August 31, Dominican Foreign Minister informed Embassy that since it made "no distinction in the nationality of the children which it would receive there is no inconvenience that they should also proceed from Hungary." This applies to a previous Dominican agreement to accept between 1000 and 2000 refugee children.

2. Substance of your 6469 of September 29 is being communicated to Embassy quite for appropriate action. In the meantime, the following Ecuadorian aide-memoire to Embassy of August 24 has been received.

QUOTE The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, having been informed of the persecution which at present is taking place in Hungary against persons of a certain race, among whom are many who possess passports issued in the names of American Republics, has addressed its diplomatic representative in Switzerland to arrange for the Federal Government as representative of the interests of Ecuador in Axis nations or satellites thereof to notify the Government of Hungary that the Government of Ecuador recognizes the validity of documents or passports issued in its name and that accordingly it is expected that the bearers of such papers will be accorded the rights, privileges and immunities which Ecuadorian nationals enjoy. Likewise it has been requested to state that the United States is authorized to negotiate the exchange of such persons.

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By R. H. Parks Date

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The Ecuadoran Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in replying to the aide memoire of the Embassy of the United States dated August 19, reiterates its intention of not declaring invalid passports granted illegally while they may serve to protect the life and property of their holders but (reiterates) that these persons are not thereby authorized to enter Ecuador. UNQUOTE

Pending further action by Ecuador, please try to make use of above to ensure prompt action by Ecuadoran consulate and Swiss government in defense of holders of Ecuadoran documents.

3. With reference to last paragraph of your 6469 of Sept 14, it is requested that you request the Hungarian Government as implying a request to represent Ecuador in Hungary to the extent stated, and have adopted procedure analogous to that described in your 6219 of September 20. Department's 2490 of July 21 item six applies to this case.

4. By note of August 14 Haitian Foreign Ministry informed American Embassy that the following note has been sent on August 11 to Haitian legation Bern:

QUOTE Referring to cablegram of the 31st of July please ask Federal Government to communicate the following declaration to the German Government: 'Having learned that the following persons, namely, Abraham Berger, Eugenia Berger, Leon Muszynski and Lili Muszynski, holders of passports delivered in the name of Haiti, have been removed by the German authorities from the civilian internment camp at Vittel to an unknown destination, the Haitian Government protests energetically against the treatment inflicted upon the above-mentioned persons, STOP. The Haitian Government urgently asks for information concerning their address and their health and expects their immediate transfer to a civilian internment camp where they would be easily available for exchange and where, in awaiting this exchange, they will be placed under the supervision of the Protecting Power and the International Red Cross. STOP. The Haitian Government also declares that it will not permit that Germany place in doubt the validity of any documents delivered in its name and that it expects that the German Government will accord the holders of these documents the same treatment which the German Government expects to obtain for its nationals in the Western Hemisphere. STOP. Finally, the Haitian Government reserves the right to take action against any ill treatment which might be inflicted upon the above-mentioned persons and upon all persons who may be in the same position. UNQUOTE

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5. With reference to your 5281 of August 14, the following note from Cuban Ministry of State was received by Amembassy on September 19:

QUOTE Although the data on Gelernter are not sufficient to enable a quick search, since it is a humanitarian matter the Government of Cuba desires to avail itself of the good offices of the Government of the United States of America to the end that all possible protection be given to Gelernter through the means which the North American Government uses in similar cases. The Ministry will continue the investigation started in the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in order to verify the exactness of the information and the Embassy will be duly informed. UNQUOTE.

Please take appropriate action.

6. With reference to your 6524 of September 30, please express to Swiss authorities this Government's appreciation of their action in conveying to Hungarian officials the message referred to therein.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 213.

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cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Lesser, Marks, Mannon, McCormack, Pehle, Files.

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FROM: American Embassy, Madrid
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: October 10, 1944
NUMBER: 3396

With reference to message of 12:00 midnight, July 1 from the Department No. 1872, quota numbers, non-preference, given as follows were allotted for the month of September 1944 for refugee children, third 25% of block, returned unused herewith.

All numbers given are inclusive: French 43-61; Czechoslovak 33-47; Polish 14; Belgian 15-21; German 310-457; and the Netherlands 41-60.

On September 8, for use of e (*) haffenkraut, No. 309, German non-preference quota number, was assigned to Lisbon.

Reference message dated August 21, 8 p.m., from the Department No. 2324; for the month of September there were returned, not used, number 42-55 inclusive, being non-preference quota numbers assigned for refugee children from Hungary.

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(*) apparent omission

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: October 9, 1944
NUMBER: 6713

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Reference Department's 3246, dated September 20, 1944.

There follows the summary of Huber's October 2 response.

Great satisfaction was given by information that 1500 further Spanish visas authorized Jews Hungary. As done in case which involved 500 Jewish children, promptly contacted Inter-cross Delegation Budapest with instructions to take proper measures.

The Embassy finds it difficult to give well based data concerning the degree of effective control supervision which the committee can exercise over departure and in particular security prior thereto as committee's efforts are only starting to show certain degree of practical results and also as trend of military and political events seems to make such departure more than problematical.

Budapest representatives were given instructions by the committee to set up placards in all places where Jews are enforced residence stating that the committee has the inhabitants under its protection. Information has not yet been given us as to whether

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-2- #6713, October 9, from Bern.

whether or not the placards have been set up, unfortunately.

The Government of Hungary made a promise to the committee to cease further deportation of Jewish people. Apparently Hungarian officials have tried to keep this promise, but have not always been able to resist certain German arbitrary actions. Instances such as these appear rare, fortunately. The question is being closely followed by the committees' delegations with the thought in mind of possible intervention as means allow. Such means are only moral and it's obvious that we are at the mercy of reactions in Hungary coming more from German than Hungarian officials. Consequently, the committee has no assurance as to the success of its endeavor.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: September 30, 1944
NUMBER: 3378

The following is for Harrison and MacLellan.
Please refer to your No. 5276 of September 22.
We concur in your conclusion that it probably would not be useful to pursue further the vague suggestion by the German Foreign Office that a request for the emigration from Hungary of Jews holding Palestine certificates might be more favorably considered if such Jews were going to American or British territory.

With regard to your suggestion that perhaps efforts could be made to facilitate the emigration of children and others who do not have Palestine certificates, your attention is called to the fact that the Legation in Bern already has broad authority to grant visas for entry into the United States.

Particular reference is made to Department's No. 8577 of August 31, which made available approximately 4,000 American visas for children in Hungary; Department's No. 8608 of July 28, which made special provisions in favor of persons to whom American immigration visas were issued or authorized after July 1, 1941; and Department's No. 2918 of August 24, making special provisions in favor of close relatives of American citizens and alien residents in the United States. Please refer also to Department's No. 3120 of September 9 which summarizes the arrangements made by this government for the emigration of refugees from Hungary to the United States and other countries.

You were requested to bring the foregoing arrangements to the attention of the Swiss Government and the International Red Cross, and through them, to the attention of the German and Hungarian authorities in an effort to effect the evacuation from Hungary of as many as possible of the refugees for whom arrangements have thus been made. We assume that you have done everything possible to execute these instructions, and if anything further can be done in this regard, we are sure that you will proceed to do so under the already existing authorizations. You will note that the authorizations above referred to are applicable to substantially more than the 2,000 refugees referred to in your No. 5276 of September 22.

THIS IS WAR CABLE NO. 159.

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Miss Chumley (for the Secy) Abrahamson, Akshin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Garton, Heisel, Laughlin, Langer, Marawa, Marks, McGowan, Miles

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, London
DATED: September 29, 1944
NUMBER: 144

Information contained in your A-199 of September 12 is thoroughly appreciated. For your information, the following has been cabled to Amlegation Bern:

QUOTE Amembassy Madrid advised that Spanish visas have been granted to 500 Jewish children and 70 accompanying adults in Hungary, but that their departure is being held up by refusal of German authorities to grant transit visas. It is reported that pending departure these persons have been placed under Intercross supervision. Please verify this report and, unless confirmed, request Interross to undertake such supervision of these beneficiaries of Spanish visas, to prevent their deportation or persecution.

You may also inform Interross that another fifteen hundred Spanish visas have been authorized for Jews in Hungary. To ensure their safety, Inter-cross representation in Hungary is requested, likewise to assume supervision of the beneficiaries of these additional visas as soon as feasible. UNQUOTE

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Dated September 28, 1944

Rec'd 7:23 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

6446 September 28, 11 a.m.

FOR WIRE FROM MCCLELLAND

I refer to second paragraph your 3255 September 21. On September 22 we once more urged ICRC, with respect specifically to possible departure from Hungary of Jewish children and accompanying adults for Spain (Department's 3546 September 20), to frankly inform us concerning degree of actual supervision and control ICRC is able to exercise at present time not only over eventual departure of Jews from Hungary but over their general security and welfare while they remained in that country.

As observed in Legation's 6093 September 15 numbered paragraph 2, ICRC control over situation Jews in Hungary will remain essentially ineffectual as long as they are physically prevented by refusal of Germans to grant transit visas from sending additional personnel. We know that they

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-2- #6446, September 28, 11 a.m., from Bern

have wished to increase their delegation in Hungary for several months (Legations 4896 July 21 and 3731 June 11), so there is no lack of desire on their part to assist in mitigating treatment of Jews in Hungary if only by presence of observers.

ICRC unfortunately have nothing in hand which they could use as leverage in attempting to move the Germans to favorable decision in this matter.

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FROM: American Embassy, Lisbon
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 22, 1944
NUMBER: 2955^x

The Minister from Venezuela at Lisbon has finally confirmed receipt of letter from Caracas which authorized the Legation to visa refugees' passports, children for Venezuela, whether or not they are going to Venezuela, in particular. Every application must be presented to the Foreign Office in Caracas, nevertheless. This is WRB 200.

In this connection the Embassy is conferring further with the Minister to find out if the arrangements which have been made are definite enough to justify approaching the Portuguese Foreign Office as your cable 2460, September 2, suggested. Because of the necessity to refer to Caracas with the consequent delay, the Embassy is doubtful if it is wise to approach the Portuguese without additional guarantees that the Legation in Venezuela could really grant visas within a reasonable time of the arrival in Portugal of the refugees.

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 21, 1944
NUMBER: 6248

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McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

The question of bringing 5000 Jewish children to Switzerland from Hungary appears to be a matter on which Mrs. Sternbuch has been working personally and which she transmitted to the United States for the attention of the Union of Rabbis. On the 20th of September I discussed the matter with her. Mrs. Sternbuch says that a diplomat who came to Switzerland recently from Hungary (whose name she was not at liberty to reveal) told her that according to information he had received from "competent German quarters", if convincing and concrete assurances were given by either the United States or British Governments that these children would be admitted to the United States and to the British Isles, the Germans would certainly permit 5000 children to leave Hungary by way of Switzerland. According to Mrs. Sternbuch's explanation of the matter the question of the Swiss Government considering as insufficient the guarantees given and sponsored by Great Britain and the United States that such children would be evacuated from Swiss territory did not therefore arise. The fact that the Swiss Government has been given appropriate guarantees is fully understood by Mrs. Sternbuch.

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Reference is made in the above to the Department's
September 15 cable No. 3194.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: September 21, 1944
NUMBER: 3255

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FOR MCCLELLAND.

1. With reference to earlier communications regarding admission of Jewish children from Hungary, Amembassy Habana reports that by note of August 14 Cuban government agreed to lodge 1,000 refugee children now in France and Hungary. Amembassy London advised by IGC that Brazilian government is ready to accept 500 Jewish refugee children from Hungary.

2. With reference to your 5796 of September 3, clarification is desired, since Department's 2853 (erroneously given as 2863) of August 19, WRB's 130 was aimed at Swiss government rather than Intercross action. Nevertheless, Intercross attitude is regretted and you are requested to convey to Intercross Board's feeling that fear of mininterpretation should not be allowed to stand in the way if supervision of deportations can alleviate sufferings of deportees. The very presence of Intercross observers might have a salutary effect beyond mere humanization of treatment during deportation. Refer to Department's 1806 of May 25.

3. With reference to your 5888 of September 7, regret is

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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expressed at the inability of Swiss authorities to transmit message contained in Department's 2933 of August 25. In the opinion of the Board, the purpose would be accomplished by the mere awareness of Hungarian government that outside world is informed of abuses occurring in Hungary, whether or not they would accept the message in a formal sense.

4. With reference to your 5805 of September 4, paragraph two, it is considered here that documents in question may be deemed to be covered by Salvadorian declaration reported in paragraph six of your 3871 of June 17. Accordingly, if in your judgment delivery of such documents would assist victims of enemy persecution, you may do so, simultaneously cabling Board indicating numbers of documents delivered and persons covered. It is also suggested that these persons be included in lists which you will present to Swiss authorities pursuant to Department's 2407 of July 13 paragraph numbered six and Department's 3180 of September 14 paragraph numbered one.

5. In the same connection, the wisdom of using the term "fraudulent" in any communication is seriously questioned, as being inconsistent with the stand taken by Department and Board and the Inter-American Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense.

6. With reference to your 5894 of September 7, please thank Swiss authorities for information reported therein and request them

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7. Department's and Board's attention has been called to the case of Chil-Henryk Wilner, reported to be the son of an American citizen, and last known to have been in Belsenbergen.

Pursuant to Department's 1269 of April 13, 1944, please advise Swiss government that Wilner's claim to American citizenship, based on the citizenship of his father, is under investigation by the Department and that until the Swiss Government is specifically advised to the contrary by the Department, Wilner must be presumed to be a citizen of the United States in accordance with aforementioned Department's 1269. If necessary to protect Wilner, and consistent with protection of other claimants to nationality of any American Republic, Swiss may of course advise German authorities of the foregoing.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

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10:10 a.m.
September 18, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: September 20, 1944
NUMBER: 3246
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FOR MCCLELLAND.

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You may also inform Intercross that another fifteen hundred Spanish visas have been authorized for Jews in Hungary. To ensure their safety, Intercross representation in Hungary is requested, likewise to assume supervision of the beneficiaries of these additional visas as soon as feasible.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 176

1:30 p.m.
September 18, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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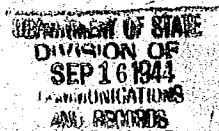
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Dated September 15, 1944

Rec'd 1:39 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.



908, September 15, 10 a.m.

Ecuadoran Government has indicated it would be
able to accept approximately 300 children (reference
Department's telegram No. 680 and Embassy's despatch
No. 2053 of August 10 and August 29, respectively). Text
of communication received from the Foreign Office is
being sent by airmail pouch.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 2140

Quito, Ecuador, September 15, 1944

Subject: Ecuadoran Response to Proposal to Receive Refugee
Children.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the Embassy's despatch No. 2053 of August 29, 1944, and the Embassy's telegram No. 908 of today, I have the honor to enclose a copy and translation of an aide memoire from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs indicating its belief that Ecuador would be able to accept approximately three hundred orphaned or abandoned children from Europe under the conditions outlined in the Department's telegram No. 680 of August 10, 9 p.m., and previous communications.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador:

/s/ JAMES W. GANTENBEIN
James W. Gantenbein
Second Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

1. Copy of aide memoire.
2. Translation

Copy to Consulate General, Guayaquil
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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Akzin, Dohn, Drury, DuBois,
Gaston, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 2140 of September 14, 1944
from American Embassy, Quito, Ecuador.

TRANSLATION

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Aide Memoire

With reference to the aide memoire addressed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the Embassy of the United States of America on August 24 of this year informing it that Ecuador was prepared to receive a group of orphaned or abandoned European children under the conditions set forth in said communication, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the honor to state that the matter, having been considered by the Ministry of Social Welfare, it is believed that Ecuador would be able to receive up to 300 children provided that the War Refugee Board furnished the funds necessary for the case.

The number indicated in the preceding paragraph might vary, nevertheless, in accordance with the provisions which the above mentioned board might make for each child, the adequacy of which is to be submitted to the judgment of the Ecuadoran Government.

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and E. R. Hall

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: September 15, 1944
NUMBER: 3194

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Cable to McClelland.

Sternbuch is reported to endeavor to bring 5000 children from Hungary to Switzerland. German authorities allegedly ready to permit departure under Intercross auspices, and Sternbuch doubtful whether Swiss government has received sufficient guarantees regarding subsequent evacuation of said children to countries other than Palestine.

It is expected that such guarantees have been offered to Swiss government pursuant to Department's 891 of March 18, 2236 of July 3, and 2877 of August 21, as well as pursuant to information regarding agreement by Ireland and Honduras (Department's 2978 of August 29), Nicaragua (Department's 3120 of Sept. 9, WRB's 158), Portugal, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, (Department's 3180 of Sept. 14, WRB's 164) and Cuba (Department's A-1412 of August 14), to admit children from Hungary.

In addition, the assurances contained in paragraph three of Department's 2605 of July 23 fully apply, of course, to children from Hungary.

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

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You may inform Sternbuch of the existence of these guarantees and assist him in any promising program of evacuating children from Hungary to Switzerland.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 171.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND McCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 171

3:10 p.m.
September 14, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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AIRGRAM

FROM: American Legation
Tangier, Morocco

UNRESTRICTED

DATE: September 12, 1944

Secretary of State

REC'D: September 19, 5 p.m.

Washington

A-199 September 12, 1944

Reference Legation's telegram No. 157 of June 2, 10 a.m. 1944, and subsequent correspondence concerning the departure from Hungary of 500 Jewish refugee children. The following developments may be of interest to the War Refugee Board:

A telegram dated August 31, 1944, addressed by the International Red Cross at Budapest to the President of the local Jewish community, a copy of which was exhibited to the Legation, read in translation partially as follows:

"Government authorized departure 500 children and 70 adults accompanying staff transit visas at present unobtainable stop gathering children in special camp under protection International Red Cross Committee around Spanish Legation here daily cost about 4,000 pengoes stop ... cable agreement stop ..."

In reply to this telegram the local office of the American Joint Distribution Committee cabled on September 3, 1944, agreeing to accept responsibility for the maintenance of this refugee group.

The local representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee has informed me that it is his belief that the 500 children and 70 adults will remain in Hungary under the protection of the Spanish Legation in Budapest pending the conclusion of hostilities when they will be free to resume their normal mode of living. He adds that in conversation with Senor Suner, Spanish Consul General at Tangier, the Consul General expressed his interest in having the number of Jewish persons in Hungary under Spanish protection substantially increased and that he intended to make such a proposal to the Spanish Foreign Office. The Department will be informed of any developments in this direction.

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840.1 ADF:gp Copy to: American Embassy, Madrid.

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Drury, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Cable Control Files.

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



OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11, with enclosure.

In reply, I wish to state that assurances to Switzerland regarding a further destination of children and other refugees to be admitted from Hungary into Switzerland, such as suggested by you, have been repeatedly given by this government since August 1st.

The Board's representative in Bern, Mr. McClelland, will keep in touch with your Mr. Sternbuch and will lend him every assistance in any worthwhile project of rescuing children from Hungary.

The other matter mentioned in your letter is continuing to receive our serious attention.

Yours very truly

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rabbi A. Kalmanowitz,
Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee,
132 Nassau Street, Room 819,
New York, 7, New York.

ועד ההצלה
VAAD HAHATZALA

(EMERGENCY COMMITTEE)

132 NASSAU STREET
(ROOM 619)
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.
PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

September 11, 1944.

Honorable John W. Pehle,
Executive Director, War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:

We must respectfully call to your attention the contents of the enclosed message received today.

May we urge you to take the action requested that the Embassy in Switzerland be instructed that every assurance be given the Swiss Government that on their granting the visas for the admission of these children, that they will be provided for and taken from Switzerland and brought to places of permanent refuge. The Swiss Government should also be advised that this government encourages their humanitarian act in providing temporary asylum for these innocent victims.

May we also call to your attention another message in which Mr. Sternbuch again emphasizes the need for the bombing of those points from which the victims are led to their doom. We have discussed the matter with you and we are sure you will take the necessary steps to make possible the relief requested.

We rely on your deep concern in the entire matter of rescue and feel certain that the requested action will ensue.

With deepest appreciation,

Very respectfully yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A. Kaimanowitz
RABBI A. KAIMANOWITZ

To rescue, save and preserve from war destruction the Torah values
(Yeshivoth, Rabbis, Scholars and Communal Leaders)

To utilize the possibilities for rescue of European Jewry where the
Vaad Hahatzala program is especially needed.

Cable from Bern September 4th

We endeavor to bring from Hungary to Switzerland 5000 children with aid of Red Cross and the Government. The Germans are ready to permit their departure with visa guarantees, but do not agree to their going to the East. The American Embassy here should be instructed that a guarantee from their government to the Swiss will issue. Such advice I should also have that I may proceed with the necessary steps here and in Budapest.

Sternbuch

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, London
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 8, 1944
NUMBER: 7393

The Embassy has been advised by the Director of IGC that the Brazilian Ambassador in London has informed him that Brazil is ready to accept 500 Jewish refugee children from Hungary who may be allowed to leave Hungary. However, the Government of Brazil does not desire to assume any financial responsibility concerning upkeep or transport.

The War Refugee Board should be informed.

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Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files, Akzin, Drury, Gaston, Marks, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 7845

Habana, September 7, 1944

AIR MAIL

Subject: (Cuba agrees to accept 1000
refugee children

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In amplification of my telegram No. 798 of September 5, 7 p.m., I have the honor to enclose copy and translation of note No. 2219 from the Ministry of State wherein the Government of Cuba agrees to accept 1000 refugee children in France and Hungary.

I have not been apprised of the manner in which Cuba proposes to handle this matter, but I shall advise the Department immediately of further developments.

Respectfully yours,

For the Charge d'Affaires a. i.:

Garret G. Ackerson, Jr.
First Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Foreign Office
note No. 2219
2. Translation thereof

File No. 711
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cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury,
DuBois, Freidman, Gaston, Hcdol, Laughlin, Lossner, Mannon, Marks,
McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein

Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 7845 of September 7, 1944,
from the Embassy at Habana

TRANSLATION

The Ministry of State presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and in connection with the memorandum from the Embassy dated August 17 regarding the admission into Cuba of 1000 refugee children who are at present in France and Hungary, is pleased to advise that the Government of Cuba agrees to offer lodging on our soil to the indicated minors and that it is disposed to offer all facilities to carry out this humanitarian proposal.

The Ministry of State avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Habana, September 5, 1944

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No. 3

RESTRICTED Asunción, Paraguay
September 5, 1944

Subject: Paraguayan Government is willing under certain conditions to receive refugee children from Hungary

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's telegraphic circular instruction August 12, 8 p.m., regarding the situation in Hungary and the possibility of obtaining havens for Jewish children from that country, and directing this Embassy to ascertain whether the Paraguayan Government would extend its acceptance in principle to children from Hungary as well as from France.

The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Foreign Relations which referred it for final decision to the Ministry of Education. A communication has now been received from the Foreign Office quoting a note from the Minister of Education, of which a copy and translation are transmitted herewith, declaring its willingness in principle to extend to children from Hungary the consent already given, with certain conditions, to receiving children from France. The Department was previously informed of this decision by my telegram No. 503, September 5, 3 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Willard L. Beaulac
Willard L. Beaulac

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Note 768 from Ministry of Foreign Relations, September 1, 1944
2. Translation of Note 768

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. 3 from Asunción, Paraguay
September 5, 1944

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Asunción, 1 de Septiembre de 1944

D.P. y D.
No. 768

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

Con referencia a la nota D.P. y D. No. 762, de 29 de Agosto último, tengo el agrado de transcribir a Vuestra Señoría la siguiente comunicación recibida del Ministerio de Educación, que dice:

"No. 12181-Asunción, 30 de Agosto de 1944.-Excmo. Señor Ministro. Tengo el agrado de acusar recibo del oficio de V.E. No. 733 del 21 de Agosto cte, así como de la copia de la nota 329 de la Embajada Americana acreditada cerca de nuestro Gobierno, que se relaciona al pedido de asilo de niños europeos en el Paraguay. Con respecto a esta tarea esencialmente humanitaria, este Ministerio ya ha tenido oportunidad de manifestar su conformidad a V.E. y se ha adelantado a determinar ciertas condiciones económicas indispensables para hacer posible, de parte de este Ministerio, la tarea de asilo y educación de los niños refugiados de Francia. En cuanto se refiere a los niños de Hungría este Ministerio es de opinión que, en principio, puede aplicarse el mismo régimen señalado anteriormente. Pero muy conveniente sería que entre los primeros grupos que se enviasen - de niños franceses - y los procedentes de Hungría, mediase un intervalo suficiente como para sacar cierta experiencia que permita hacer una acertada apreciación sobre el número máximo de niños huérfanos a quienes se pueda dar asilo con provecho. Ruego a V.E. transmita estas consideraciones a la Embajada Americana para los fines consiguientes. Reciba V.E. las expresiones de mi mejor consideración.- Fdo: Juan Darío Quiróz. Ministro-

Aprovecho la oportunidad para saludar a Vuestra Señoría con mi consideración más distinguida.

/s/ Mario Ferrario
Sub-Secretario de Estado
de Relaciones Exteriores

A Su Señoría

El Encargado de Negocios de los Estados Unidos de América,

Doctor Don Leslie Reed.-

S/D.-

Enclosure No. 2 to Despatch No. 3 from Asunción, Paraguay
September 5, 1944

No. 768

TRANSLATION

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

With reference to Note D. No. 762 of August 29 last, I have pleasure in quoting the following communication received from the Ministry of Education, which states: "No. 1218, Asunción, August 30, 1944, Mr. Minister: I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of communication No. 733 of August 21 from Your Excellency, as well as of the copy of Note No. 329 from the American Embassy accredited near our Government, referring to the request for asylum in Paraguay for European children. With respect to this essentially humanitarian work, this Ministry has already had an opportunity to declare its conformity to Your Excellency, and has gone on to fix certain indispensable economic conditions for making possible, on the part of this Ministry, the work of furnishing asylum and education for refugee children from France. With reference to children from Hungary, this Ministry is of the opinion that in principle, the same plan previously set forth can be applied, but it would be very convenient to have an interval elapse between the first groups which may be sent--French children -- and those coming from Hungary, sufficient to obtain certain experience, which would permit the formation of an accurate opinion regarding the maximum number of orphan children who might usefully be given asylum. I request Your Excellency to transmit these considerations to the American Embassy for appropriate action. Receive, Your Excellency, the expressions of my highest consideration. Signed: Juan Darío Quiróz, Minister."

I take this opportunity to salute you with my most distinguished consideration.

Signed: Mario Ferrario
Under Secretary of Foreign Relations

The Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America
Mr. Leslie Reed

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Asuncion

Dated September 5, 1944

Rec'd 7:35 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

503, September 5, 3 p.m.

Paraguay Government is willing to extend its
acceptance in principle and with the same conditions
to children from Hungary (reference Department's
circular telegram August 12, 8 p.m.) but suggests the
convenience of leaving an interval after the shipment
of French children in order to ascertain what addition-
al number can usefully be accepted.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ciudad Trujillo, D. R., September 5, 1944

No. 2748

Subject: Reply of Dominican Government to
Proposal to Accept Refugee Children

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular telegram of August 12, 1944, 8 p.m. and to previous correspondence regarding orphaned or abandoned children and to my airgram no. A-401 of August 21, 1944, 10:30 a.m. stating that the Dominican Foreign Minister had informed the Embassy that the Dominican Government had no objection in principle to including refugee children from Hungary as well as from France. I am enclosing a translation of a note of August 31, 1944 from the Foreign Minister, Lic. M. A. Pena Batlle confirming his oral communication of August 18, 1944 stating that the Dominican Government would also accept children from Hungary.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador

Andrew E. Donovan, II
Second Secretary of Embassy

Enclosure:
Note of August 31, 1944
File no. 848
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cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury,
DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lossar, Mannen, Marks,
McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

Enclosure no. 1 to accompany despatch no. 294 of September 5, 1944
from the American Embassy, Ciudad Trujillo, D. R. :

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your attentive note no. 89 dated August 14 of the present year regarding the efforts to care for orphan children abandoned in Europe by which Your Excellency informed my chancellery that the Department of State had informed you that in view of the situation in Hungary and the recent declaration of Admiral Horthy that his government would suspend the deportation of and grant exit permits to all Jewish children offered asylum outside Hungary and would appreciate it if you could be advised if the Dominican Government would desire to extend its offer in principle to children from Hungary as well as to the children from France.

Your Excellency adds in the note referred to that detailed plans on the immigration of refugee children to the Dominican Republic have not yet been developed and that in the event it should later be necessary to develop such plans it would not be done without previously consulting my government.

I am honored to inform Your Excellency that as the Dominican Government did not make a distinction in the nationality of the children which it would receive there is not inconvenience that they should also proceed from Hungary.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency assurance of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

(signed)

M. Pena Batlle

(translation: AED)

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Habana

Dated September 5, 1944

Rec'd 8:30 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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798, September 5, 7 p.m.

Note which has been received from Ministry of State
(reference Department's A-1412, August 14) says that
the Cuban Government agrees to offer lodging in Cuba to
1,000 refugee children now in France and Hungary and
that it is disposed to offer all facilities in order
to carry out this humanitarian proposal.

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SEP 4 1944

Dr. Charles E. Joy
Unitarian Service Committee
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Joy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram
of August 30 addressed to Mr. Lesser.

We are awaiting word from the American Embassy
in Quito regarding the subject matter of your telegram.
We are advised that a communication from Quito is on
its way.

Very truly yours,

J. V. Fehle
Executive Director

*Original signed by
Mr. Fehle
Copy to G. J. J.*

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD TREASURY DEPT

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM ARTHUR FRIED ECUADOR QUOTE
MINISTER LASSO WELCOMED CHALLENGE YOUR CABLE. CONSULTED
PRESIDENT WHO PROMISED ORDERS MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACCEPT
IMMEDIATELY NAMING SWITZERLAND AND CHILDREN'S VISAS AS PER
EMBASSY REQUIREMENT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. NO ADULTS ON
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Dated September 3, 1944

Rec'd 12 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

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3456, September 3, Noon

While Swedish Government is anxious to do every-
thing possible to rescue Hungarian children, (Department's
1739, August 30, 6 p.m.) it cannot (repeat not) according
to Grafstrom arrange to have a Swedish ship call at a
German port to pick up these children since making any
exception to the rule of refusing insurance to Swedish
ships proceeding to German ports would upset the
foundation on which Sweden's policy towards Germany now
rests. Hungarian children who may be evacuated will
be brought into Sweden via the ferries from Denmark.

Swedish Foreign Office is notifying Swedish
Consular Offices concerned regarding substance of
paragraph No 2 of Department's telegram under reference.

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lima, September 1, 1944.

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No. 1292 y

Subject: Informally expressed attitude of Foreign Office
official concerning possibility of reception by
Peru of children of Hungarian nationality.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular telegram of August 12, 8 p.m., directing me to ascertain if, in addition to a limited number of refugee children of French and Belgian nationality which the Peruvian Government had expressed willingness to accept under certain conditions, the group might be expanded to include refugee children of Hungarian nationality.

In the above regard I am able to inform the Department that, while a written communication on the subject was promptly addressed to the Foreign Office (August 14, 1944) to which no reply has as yet been received, occasion was taken by the Counselor of the Embassy, in the course of a call on the Ministry's Secretary General on another matter, to make inquiry concerning any decision in regard to the Hungarian refugee children which the Peruvian Government might have taken during the past fortnight.

Dr. Correa stated in reply that he did not believe his Government would find itself in a position to extend acceptance of refugee children to include those of Hungarian nationality. Not only were facilities for the accommodation of such children distinctly limited in Peru, but it was felt that it would be wise to limit acceptance of refugee children to persons whose nationality indicated they might be readily assimilable into the Peruvian population.

Should a more formal expression of view be communicated to the Embassy, I shall not fail to inform the Department thereof.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador:

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Jefferson Patterson
Counselor of Embassy

cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury,
DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lassar, Mannon, Marks
McCormack, Pohle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMLEGATION, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 1, 1944
NUMBER: 5721

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With reference to my cable 5248, dated August 12, 1944, Mr. Pilet Golaz informed me, when I conveyed the expression of appreciation as instructed in your cable 2908, dated August 23, 1944, that he had requested the Government of Hungary to intercede with the Government of Germany for permission for individuals in question to come to this country. Although he had immediately done so, he has not been able to secure consent from the Germans up to the present time.

He informed me that permission for German children to proceed to Switzerland had been refused by the Germans. Mr. Pilet is continuing his efforts for Jewish children and children of other races.

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August 30, 1944

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The following for Olsen is WMB

For security reasons the
text of this message must
be closely guarded

1. Please convey to Government of Sweden Department's
and Board's utmost appreciation of their invaluable
humanitarian services rendered in connection with Hungarian
situation.

At present juncture, to forestall any last-minute
renewal of deportations on the excuse that no sufficient
arrangements have been made for evacuation of Jews from
Hungary, please suggest to the Swedish Government that it
might advise German and Hungarian authorities that Sweden
is willing to have a Swedish boat call at any German port
chosen by these authorities for purpose of transporting
to Sweden Jewish children from Hungary, and that such sail-
ings will be repeated as long as necessary.

The foregoing suggestion specifies children since
Swedish Minister, Ankara, advised Amembassy there that
Swedish Government has announced that it was prepared to
receive in Sweden Jewish children from Hungary. Even if
this information inexact, it is hoped that you will per-
suade Swedish authorities to undertake this step. In view
of circumstances, it is not anticipated that the number of

children

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

-2- 1750, August 01, C. O. , Stockholm

children actually evacuated in this manner would be large. At any rate, this Government, singly or in cooperation with British, will guarantee costs of maintenance of such children in, and their earliest possible evacuation from, Sweden.

It is thought that obstacles to making a Swedish boat available for sailings to Haifa, referred to in your 3091 of August 14, might not (repeat not) apply to the short route between Germany and Sweden.

Should the project materialize, it is hoped that evacuation from Hungary could be supervised by representatives of InterCross, Swedish Red Cross, or Swedish Government, to prevent abuse and death en route.

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-5- #1700, August 30, C. P. L., to Stockholm
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as well as to those to whom American visas were actually
issued. In cases where applicants will not be able to
furnish evidence of authorization, such evidence will
presumably be available at local Swiss Legation or consu-
late. In addition, efforts will be made to send a list
of visa authorizations to you for transmission to Swedish
Foreign Office which, it is hoped, will forward it to
various Swedish consulates in enemy-held territory.

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AND OLSEN, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN.

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1. Please convey to Government of Sweden Department's and Board's utmost appreciation of their invaluable humanitarian services rendered in connection with Hungarian situation.

At present juncture, to forestall any last-minute renewal of deportations on the excuse that no sufficient arrangements have been made for evacuation of Jews from Hungary, please suggest to the Swedish Government that it might advise German and Hungarian authorities that Sweden is willing to have a Swedish boat call at any German port chosen by these authorities for purpose of transporting to Sweden Jewish children from Hungary, and that such sailings will be repeated as long as necessary.

The foregoing suggestion specifies children since Swedish Minister, Ankara, advised Amembassy there that Swedish Government has announced that it was prepared to receive in Sweden Jewish children from Hungary. Even if this information inexact, it is hoped that you will persuade Swedish authorities to undertake this step. In view of circumstances, it is not anticipated that the number of children actually evacuated in this manner would be large. At any rate, this Government, singly or in cooperation with British, will guarantee costs of maintenance of such children in, and their earliest possible evacuation from, Sweden.

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THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 79

3:50 p.m.

August 25, 1944

Miss Cahney (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Messer, Munn, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Montevideo, Uruguay
August 29, 1944

No. 4743^X

Subject: Uruguay agrees to Admit 500 Refugee Children from
Europe.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

- 1/ In confirmation of the Embassy's telegram no. 817 of August
29, 11a.m., 1944, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy
of the note of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which he
states that authorization will be granted for the issuance of
visas to 500 refugee children from Europe, in accordance with
the conditions set forth in this Embassy's memorandum of May 4,
1944, (copy enclosed), which was based on the Department's cir-
2/ cular airgram of April 15, 7 p.m., 1944.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Edward J. Sparks
I Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

1. Note from Minister for Foreign Affairs dated
August 28, 1944.
2. Embassy's note to Foreign Office dated May 4,
1944.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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Enclosure no. 2 to despatch no. 4743
dated August 29, 1944 from American
Embassy, Montevideo, Uruguay.

MEMORANDUM

The Department of State has authorized the consular officers of the United States in Switzerland to issue up to 4,000 immigration visas to refugee children up to sixteen years of age, under exceptionally liberal conditions. The purpose of this authorization is to facilitate the escape to Switzerland of orphaned or abandoned children by giving assurances to the Swiss Government that these children will not remain in Switzerland after the termination of hostilities in Europe. The authorization contains provisions for the continued renewal of the visas until such time as adequate transportation facilities to the United States become available.

If there are private agencies in Uruguay willing and able to undertake a program for the care of refugee children, the War Refugee Board is confident that it can make arrangements to provide those agencies with adequate funds for the maintenance, education and welfare of as many children as the Government of Uruguay will be willing to admit. Should it prove necessary, funds would undoubtedly be available to meet transportation expenses from Switzerland to Uruguay. It is conservatively estimated that there are in France alone eight to ten thousand abandoned or orphaned refugee children.

If the Uruguayan Government should be willing to take similar action it is requested that it give assurances to the Swiss Government, through its diplomatic mission in Bern, that it will accept up to a fixed number of refugee children in a manner similar to that of the Government of the United States. It is further requested that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorize its Chief of Mission in Bern to issue the appropriate number of immigration visas and to maintain their validity until suitable transportation facilities from Switzerland to Uruguay become available. The special representative of the War Refugee Board attached to the American Legation in Bern will be glad to cooperate with the Uruguayan diplomatic and consular officers in this as well as in all other refugee matters.

Montevideo, May 4, 1944.

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cc: Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y.), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn,
Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser,
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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Mr. Keller*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 29, 1944
NUMBER: 2978
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Reference is made to Department's 2877 of August 21,
WRB 122.

Please inform Swiss Government that Ireland extended
in principle its offer of refuge to 500 children to cover
children from Hungary as well as those from France. Like-
wise Honduras extended its offer of refuge to 50 children
to cover children from Hungary.

If you believe that it will be helpful, the above
information may be transmitted to Hungarian authorities
through official Swiss or Intercross channels.

This is WRB Bern Cable No. 151.

Repeated to Amembassy, London, as No. 6920 for informa-
tion of Ambassador and for transmission to IGO.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

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THIS IS WHB BERN CABLE NO. ~~101~~

Repeat to Amembassy, London, for information of Ambassador and for transmission to IGO.

4:30 p.m.
August 28, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Laugher, Messer, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 2053

Quito, Ecuador, August 29, 1944

Subject: Ecuadoran Response to Proposal to Receive Refugee Children from Hungary

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the Department's telegram No. 680 of August 10, 1944, I have the honor to enclose a copy and translation of an aide memoire from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs concerning its acceptance in principle of the proposal with respect to refugee children from Hungary.

It will be noted that the Ecuadoran Government has once again failed to indicate specifically the number of children which it would be prepared to receive. However, a high official of the Ecuadoran Foreign Office in conversation with an officer of the Embassy today stated that his Ministry was awaiting communications in the matter from two other interested Government departments and hoped to be able to provide the Embassy with a definite figure within two or three days. The Embassy will, of course, cable this information to the Department as soon as it is received.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures:

1. Copy of aide memoire.
2. Translation

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cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lessor, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein,

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Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 2053 of August 21, 1944, from
American Embassy, Quito, Ecuador.

TRANSLATION

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Diplomatic Department

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AIDE MEMOIRE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has studied with the greatest care and with real interest the contents of the aide memoire presented by the Embassy of the United States of America on August 21.

Ecuador, which on July 21 last made known its intention of receiving immediately a small group of orphaned or abandoned European children, takes pleasure in informing the American Embassy that it would be disposed to amplify considerably the pre-established quota for receiving children from Hungary and France provided that the War Refugee Board would furnish the necessary funds for the maintenance and education of those children.

Consequently, Ecuador will be able to determine exactly the number of children that it will be disposed to receive when the War Refugee Board directly or through the American Embassy notifies it of the amount of money that it would be disposed to furnish for each child.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs agrees to the necessity of considering jointly with other nations, should the case arise, plans for the possible undertaking of a large scale immigration of refugee children. But until it comes to such planning, which perhaps world events of the near future will render unnecessary, Ecuador is disposed to treat this matter with a very ample criterion as befits the humanitarian nature of the negotiations.

Quito, August 24, 1944

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein,

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 23, 1944
NUMBER: 2908
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FOLLOWING FOR McCLELLAND:

Please convey to M. Pilet this Government's warm appreciation of Swiss Government's consent to give temporary refuge to 8,000 holders of Palestine certificates from Hungary in addition to proposed asylum for expectant mothers and children.

Please transmit to the Swiss Government informally our suggestion that it would be helpful if a public statement of the Swiss Government's action was issued, so as to make impossible for Hungarians and Germans to plead that emigration is not feasible, and to give an example to other governments.

THIS IS WIRE CABLE TO BERN NO. 140

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 21, 1944
NUMBER: 2877
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FOR MCCLELLAND:

Refer paragraph marked 4, Department's 2605 of July 28, WRB's 94.

The authorization given to consular officers in Switzerland by the Department's 891 of March 18 and Department's 2236 of July 3 is hereby amended to include authorization to issue such visas to refugee children arriving in Switzerland from Hungary. For issuance through October, the additional non-preference quota immigration numbers given below were allotted to Zurich: Hungarian, 72 to 176 inclusive.

Please advise appropriate Swiss officials and make all appropriate efforts to arrange for the release to Switzerland from Hungary of children who may be eligible for the issuance of such visas.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 122

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By B. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

AIRGRAM

FROM: Ciudad Trujillo, D.R.
DATED: August 18, 1944
REC'D: August 23, 1944 4 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington, D.C.

A-401, August 21, 1944, 10:30 p.m.

Department's circular telegram of August 12, 1944, 8 p.m. regarding refugee children.

Foreign Minister Pena Batlle states that there will be no objection in principle to including children from Hungary and that he will send me a note to that effect.

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FROM: AMLEGATION, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 17, 1944
NUMBER: 5340

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This message is from McClelland for WRB.

Reported from Lazagurvic to Leo Wulmann American OSE: I

am in contact permanently with the question of ICRC and am helping in Rumania and Hungary. With the participation of former workers of OSE we are attempting to constitute Rumania as the central children's relief organization. Aradtimisnara, our prewar institutions, are helping Hungarian refugee children. Transnistrian children (1400) who were reevacuated and earmarked for Palestine have been put in children's home temporarily. We are negotiating with joint since sizeable regular subventions are critically required. In regard to Hungary, we are waiting for details of the possibilities of rescue work, especially medical relief and children emigration. We are preparing, with the participation of joint, considerable transport of restoratives and medicines. Proceed with your effort regarding the Jewish population of freed areas of Eastern Europe and transmit all data possible to us. The diverse possibilities of rescue work in Rumania and Hungary require to be served by funds outside the joint allotment although the latter has been very useful to us in our work. Regards are sent by Professor Strauss of the Resiedstadt.

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AUG 23 1944

Dear Dr. Wulmann:

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Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Dr. Leo Wulmann,
American Committee of OSE,
24 West 40th Street,
New York, New York.

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Tegucigalpa

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Dated August 15, 1944
Rec'd 5:12 p.m.
(LIAISON)

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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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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AMERICAN EMBASSY

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496 August 15, 2 p.m.

Reference Department's telegram No. 390 of August 10, 5 p.m. concerning refugee children.

The Embassy is reluctant to request the Costa Rican Government to "extend its acceptance" to children from Hungary, since no formal acceptance has as yet been received from the Foreign Office.

As reported in my agram No. 4-390 of June 16, 10 a.m., the discussions on this subject were between the Embassy and the head of a semi-official welfare agency. It was indicated at that time that, if the Costa Rican Government could be given assurances as to the permanency of stay of any refugee children to be accepted, it would formally agree to accept them. No such assurances have been received, however, and it is felt that the Foreign Office would not care to commit itself until this point has been clarified.

Further instructions are requested.

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August 14, 1944

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FOR THE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INFORMATION OF THE
AMBASSADOR.

Refer to your A-1551 July 17 and previous communications regarding refugee children.

The American Joint Distribution Committee would make all required funds for maintenance of 1,000 children available to Habana Joint Relief Committee with the approval and authorization of the Treasury Department. The transfer would be effected through established commercial banking facilities.

In view of the Hungarian situation 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 in your conversations with appropriate Cuban officials endeavor to obtain the acceptance in principle by the Cuban Government of 1000 refugee children from either France or Hungary.

You may assure those officials that no detailed plans have as yet been developed for actual immigration of refugee children

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children into Cuba. Should such plans become necessary at a later date, they will not (repeat not) be developed without previous consultation with the Cuban Government.

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CABLE TO HABANA

Refer to your A-1881 July 17 and previous communications regarding refugee children.

The American Joint Distribution Committee would make all required funds for maintenance of 1,000 children available to Habana Joint Relief Committee with the approval and authorization of the Treasury Department. The transfer would be effected through established commercial banking facilities.

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FROM

HABANA

DATED: July 17, 1944

REC'D: July 19, 8 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

A-1551, July 17, 2:55 p.m.

Reference Department's circular airgram, April 15, 7 p.m.

Please give me detailed information as to the procedure which would be followed by the War Refugee Board in making funds available for the support of some 1000 refugee children if the Cuban Government should agree to their entry. I need this information in connection with my discussions of the matter with Cabinet officials and the President. Despite continuing efforts I have not yet been able to get a definite acceptance of the proposal.

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Mr. Pilet*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 12, 1944
NUMBER: 5248

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Reference is made herewith to my message of August 5, no. 5042.

I was told yesterday by Mr. Pilet that he was advising the Swiss Minister in Budapest that Switzerland would be prepared to give temporary refuge to 8,000 individuals holders of Palestinian certificates in the event that they could not proceed eastward.

He had considerable doubt, however, whether these individuals would be able to secure permission to proceed westward as his most recent information from Budapest indicated that it did not lie with Hungarians or with the Wehrmacht but with the Gestapo as to whether the necessary permission would be granted. His willingness to receive holders of the Palestinian certificates was in addition to the proposed asylum for expectant mothers and children.

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Dated August 12, 1944

Rec'd 10:36 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

251, August 12, 2 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference my 220, July 11, 11 a.m.

Mrs. Reichman states that she has just inter-
viewed General Orgaz on the question of substantially
increasing the number of Hungarian Jewish refugee
children for whom a temporary haven in Tangier and
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August 10, 1944

9 p.m.

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Refer your 762 July 28 and previous communications regard-
ing refugee children from Europe.

War Refugee Board is gratified to learn of the acceptance
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to children from Hungary as well as from France.

You may assure appropriate officials of Ecuador that no
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of refugee children into it. Should such plans become necessary
at a later date, they will not (repeat not) be developed without
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Because of the urgent need of replying to Hungarian offer
in such a way as to suspend deportations from Hungary, it would
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indicate to you the number of children it is prepared to accept
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12:20 p.m.
August 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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August 10, 1944

5 p.m.

SAN JOSE.

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Refer your A-460 July 23 and previous communications
regarding refugee children.

War Refugee Board is gratified to learn of the
acceptance in principle by the Costa Rican Government of
proposal 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 Costa Rican Government to extend its accept-
ance to children from Hungary as well as from France.

You may assure appropriate officials of Costa Rica
that no detailed plans have as yet been developed for
actual immigration of refugee children into it. Should
such plans become necessary at a later date, they will
not (repeat not) be developed without previous consultation
with the Costa Rican Government.

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CABLE TO AMEMBASSY, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

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12:20 p.m.
August 9, 1944

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mammen, McCormack, Cable Central Files.

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AIRGRAM

AMERICAN EMBASSY

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

JULY , 1944

REC'D: JULY 25, 8 am

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WASHINGTON

A-460 July 22 1944

Reference Embassy's Airgram A-390, June 18, 1944 concerning the possibility of Costa Rica's receiving refugee children.

The Embassy and the Costa Rican Government have received several requests for information as to whether or not children would be coming to Costa Rica and it would be appreciated if an answer to the airgram under reference could be expedited.

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Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, Du Bois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

AIRGRAM

AMERICAN LEGAST
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
DATED: June 16, 1944
Repd. June 20, 20 m

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SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

A-390 of June 16, 1944 20 a.m.

The Embassy has discussed the question reported in my confidential Airgram no. 375 of June 10, of Costa Rica's receiving refugee children with Senor MENDOZA, head of the Patronato Nacional de la Infancia, a semi-official agency charged with the care of orphaned children.

Senor Mendez stated that his organization would be able under certain conditions, to place one thousand children in private homes in Costa Rica and might itself be able to take a smaller quota. He wished to know, however, before the Costa Rican Government makes a formal commitment, whether assurances could be given that the children would remain permanently in Costa Rica, for he said that many private families would be reluctant to accept children who might be returned to Europe after the war.

He stated that the expenses of any children so accepted would be taken care of by the families concerned, but that the War Refugee Board would have to undertake transportation expenses. Should the Patronato take some children, all expenses would have to be paid, for the budget is not large.

If the Department can assure the children's permanency in Costa Rica, it is believed that the Costa Rican Government will be agreeable to receiving as many children as Senor Mendez recommends.

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cc: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y.), Abrahamson, Aksin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Sargoy, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H.D. White, Fehle, Files.

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 5, 1944
NUMBER: 5042

Reference is made herewith to your message of July 28, no. 2605. *no such number of July 28*

Since my British colleague is without instructions, I have informed M. Pilet Gdaz of your hope that the Swiss Government will receive Jews from Hungary and he has been assured by me that they will be evacuated as soon as possible and that arrangements will be made for their maintenance in Switzerland in the meantime.

It is understood by me that M. Pilet is to take this matter up with his colleagues on the Federal Council. Developments will be reported.

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

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Madrid

Dated August 2, 1944

Rec'd 3:36 a.m., 4th

Secretary of State

Washington

2670, August 2, Noon

Department's 2142, July 29, 9 p.m. crossed the
Embassy's 112, July 28, 8 p.m. to Tangier, repeated
to Department for War Refugee Board as 2624, which
answers it.

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July 29, 1944

9 p.m.

EMBASSY,
MADRID

2142

Reference your 2479 to Department of July 15.

Childs Tangier cables that telegram from Jewish
Community Budapest indicates Spanish Minister there
not (repeat not) instructed to issue visas. Childs
advises that Tangier Jewish Community requests American
assistance in accelerating issuance of such instructions.
You are authorized and requested to take all
appropriate steps in this regard.

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

Quito

Dated July 28, 1944

Rec'd 1:35 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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762, July 28, noon

Ecuadoran Government has accepted in principle
proposal regarding refugee children (Embassy's telegram
471 of May 13, 5 p.m.). Further details concerning
practical application of plan will be necessary before
Embassy can obtain indication of number of children
Ecuador is prepared to accept. Copy of aide-memoire
received being sent by air mail pouch.

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SFO 746
This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Government
agency (BR)

Quito

Dated May 13, 1944

Rec'd 9:23 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

471 May 13 5 p.m

Proposal regarding refugee children (Department's
circular airgram April 20) has been referred by
Foreign Minister to the President and is under con-
sideration by the latter. Embassy expects decision
soon and will cable promptly

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Madrid.
TO: Secretary of State, Washington.
DATED: July 28, 1944.
NUMBER: 2624.

The following, for the War Refugee Board, is submitted.

Message, as follows, has been sent as Number 112 to Tangier, and is repeated to the Department, herewith.

We refer to your message of July 25 to the Department, Number 220, for the War Refugee Board, and to your Number A-12 to the Embassy, dated July 25.

It is stated by the Foreign Office that on July 15 a telegram was drawn up which authorized the issuance of visas to 500 Jewish children in Hungary (see Embassy's message of July 15, Number 2479); however, it was the 20th of July before the telegram left the Foreign Office.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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Tangier

Dated July 25, 1944

Rec'd 12:56 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

220, July 25, 11 a.m.

My 157, June 2 for War Refugee Board.

Tangier Jewish Community has followed up in Madrid with Spanish Red Cross matter of evacuating 500 Jewish refugee children from Hungary. Mrs. Reichmann who proceeded to Madrid 10 days ago for this purpose states that Spanish Foreign Office informed her that instructions would be sent to Spanish Minister, Budapest to issue visas to this group. She adds that Spanish Red Cross agreed to communicate with International Red Cross, Geneva, requesting that body to assist transit of children. Mrs. Reichmann has now shown me (One) copy of telegram from Jewish Community, Budapest stating that Spanish Minister has received no instructions; (Two) telegram from Blickenstaff of American Relief Organization, Madrid, stating that cannot request Geneva, organization to assist until (*) to issue visas are sent to Budapest; (Three) telegram in similar sense from Spanish Red Cross and (Fourth) telegram from Geneva indicating willingness International Red Cross to assist if requested. Tangier Jewish Community requests assistance our Government in securing transmission authority to issue visas to Spanish Minister, Budapest. Copy to Madrid.

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(*) apparent omission

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Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Borenstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Fehle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein, Files.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consul, Naples
DATED: July 20, 1944
NUMBER: 392

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FOR ACKERMANN IN BARI FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Following is text of message received by Board from
McClelland in Bern:

QUOTE McClelland sends the following message for
WRB for the attention of Representative of Yugoslav Com-
mittee National Liberation Bari, Mr. Smoldaka.

Katcha and Ribar are acquainted with the courier named
Mala, who left with detailed report recently.

Contact has been established with OSE, Jewish children's
relief and rescue committee, which offers funds necessary
to save abandoned children of all nationalities and reli-
gions. Work with Hungarian resistance is also desired by
OSE in effort to save Jewish children of Hungary. Please
contact Max Perelmann, representative of the American
Joint Care Intergovernmental Committee, Naples, in con-
nection with this child rescue work. The next courier will
carry detailed instruction. Important medical supplies for
Slovenia have been furnished by OSE. Your assistance with
their transportation on LATINOVITCH from Trieste is requested.

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Provided you have no objection, please deliver foregoing to
Mr. Smoldaka.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, NAPLES FOR ACKERMANN IN BARI
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Provided you have no objection, please deliver foregoing to
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5:20 p.m.
July 19, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: July 21, 1944
NUMBER: 2486

The suggestion has been made to the Board from several sources that the issuance to Hungarian Jews, particularly children and families with children, of Palestine certificates, American and neutral visas in quantity might result in the saving of lives. The Board is considering the practicability of such a program in terms of the remaining balance of available Palestine certificates, 5,000 United States visitors visas, additional United States immigration visas to persons entitled to non-quota or preference status and to persons to whom United States immigration visas now expired were issued after July 1, 1941, and a comparable number of visas of the other American Republics, British dominions and neutrals. The suggested program has not (repeat not) as yet been cleared with the State Department. The Board would appreciate receiving as soon as possible your views and recommendations as to the practicability of the suggested program based upon such information as is available to you. The Board would also appreciate the informal views of informed persons in the Swiss Foreign Office if you consider it appropriate to discuss this matter with them.

In the meantime, and as an experiment to ascertain whether the availability of American visas will facilitate the egress from

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from enemy-occupied areas of members of persecuted groups, American consular officers in Turkey have been authorized to issue visas to the following children now in Rumania upon their arrival in Turkey and application therefor: Alexander Schleifer, age 15; Otto Schleifer, age 13; Judith Schleifer, age 11; and Noemi Schleifer, age 7. The children are under the guardianship of Avrum Schleifer, age 29, their father's brother, and Margarete Neulander, age 28, their mother's sister. Last known address of group is No. 11 Strada Tribunal Dobrea, Arad, Rumania. Advisory review procedure has been waived in cases of these children and since their parents, David and Ida Schleifer, are in the United States, the public charge provisions of Section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917 do not apply to them. Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the four children and two adults numbers M/438/43 () 1/204, M/438/43 () 1/150.

Please request the appropriate department of the Swiss Government to approach on behalf of the United States competent Romanian and Bulgarian authorities and to request, in the case of Rumania, that exit permits be issued to the four children and two adults, and in the case of Bulgaria that transit visas be issued to them. In support of such request, the Swiss should advise both the Romanians and the Bulgarians that the issuance of American visas to the four children has been authorized upon their arrival in Turkey and that the Palestine Government has issued immigration certificates to the two adults who act as their

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their guardians.

It is not clear whether the group has Turkish transit visas, but Amembassy Ankara has been requested to investigate and to request the issuance of such visas to the group if currently valid visas for them are not now outstanding. You will be kept advised. Please keep the Department and Board informed of all developments promptly.

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ABLE TO REVERSE HARRISON AT RISK AND RECALLED FROM THE DEPARTMENT? AND
THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB DREW CABLE NO. 84

5:15 p.m.
July 14, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, SuBois, Friedman, Hodel,
Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Tangiers
DATED: July 19, 1944
NUMBER: 96

The War Refugee Board requests that you deliver the following message to Samuel Reichman, 25 Rue Moliere, Tangiers, from Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, Rabbis Aron Kotler, Abraham Kalmanowitz:

QUOTE Referring your message to Stephen Klein our organization ready support any project rescue children from Hungary. Please advise us all details through American Legation. UNQUOTE

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Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akain, Borenstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hedel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Fohle, Sargoy, Standish, Weinstein, Files

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By R. H. Parks Date

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Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein,
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*I am Refugee Rep.
m. Kibbe*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: July 11, 1944
NUMBER: 4394 x

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McClelland sends the following message for WRB for the attention of Representative of Yugoslav Committee National Liberation Bari, Mr. Smoldaka.

Katcha and Libar are acquainted with the courier named Mala, who left with detailed report recently.

Contact has been established with OSE, Jewish children's relief and rescue committee, which offers funds necessary to save abandoned children of all nationalities and religions. Work with Hungarian resistance is also desired by OSE in effort to save Jewish children of Hungary. Please contact Max Perelmann, representative of the American Joint Care Inter-governmental Committee, Naples, in connection with this child rescue work. The next courier will carry detailed instruction. Important medical supplies for Slovenia have been furnished by OSE. Your assistance with their transportation on LATINOVITCH from Trieste is requested.

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It was stated by Unger that Madrid would have to make the final decision and that request had been forwarded with favorable recommendation by him. The important question was not so much a financial one as finding for the children necessary supplies in Tangier. It was stated by Unger that because of this it would facilitate matters in the departure of the refugees to Tangier at the present time, with which Madrid is now occupying himself, could be facilitated before the 500 children arrive but this could not necessarily have been made contingent upon the other by him. It was stated by him that he could count on Madrid's cooperation and by one and that the United States would welcome Cuban interest.

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The foregoing message was repeated as No. 76 to Madrid for the information of our Embassy there.

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

acknowledged, Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Ganten, Hadol, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mauron, Marks, McCormack, Eargay, Baldu, Standish, Stewart, Weinsohn, R. D. White, Pehle, Files.

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1. The first part of the report is a general
description of the project and its objectives.
2. The second part is a detailed description of the
methodology used in the study.
3. The third part is a description of the results
of the study.

Although the local Jewish community is powerful and wealthy, its members have manifested slight willingness to assume the responsibility of assisting the less fortunate among their co-religionaries who have sought refuge here.

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cc: (Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Messrs. Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein
Mrs. Cohn, Messrs. DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Miss Hodel,
Miss Laughlin, Messrs. Lesser, Luxford, Mann, McCormack, Paul,
Pollak, Raines, Smith, Standish, Stewart, H.D. White

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LISBON
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The following for Dexter is WEB 109.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Hilpel
from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE For your information following message was sent
to Saly Mayer on October 11:

INNERQUOTE Remitting to you \$178,000 under special
license A-2106 to be utilized in connection Hungarian and
Slovakian situation. END INNERQUOTE

We also sent Mayer \$45,000 for Shanghai. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS
(Acting)
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For security reasons the
text of this message must
be closely guarded.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

CABLE TO NORWEG, LISBON, FOR DEXTER FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel from the
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO SALY
MAYER ON OCTOBER 21:

SINGLE QUOTE REMITTING TO YOU \$178,000 UNDER SPECIAL
LICENSE W-2106 TO BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION HUNGARIAN
AND SLOVAKIAN SITUATION. SINGLE QUOTE

WE ALSO SENT MAYER \$45,000 FOR SHANGHAI UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 109.

*Copy sent
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RS*

1:05 p.m.
October 23, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser,
Mannon, McCormack, Files

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: October 11, 1944
NUMBER: 3486

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For McClelland from War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Sally Mayer from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

345,000 of Slovakian
QUOTE Remitting to you \$178,000 under special license W-2106 to be utilized in connection Hungarian and Slovakian situation. Understand that Rabbi Ungar of Neutra has been deported and that you and Sternbuch are cooperating in every possible assistance to him. We would authorize any expenditure which you would find necessary to bring help to him and anything which could possibly save him. UNQUOTE

This is WEB cable to Bern No. 206.

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Lassar, Marks, Mannon, McCormack, Perle, Piles

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

CABLE TO MINISTER GERALD N. BERN, FOR EC CLEVELAND FROM JAP REFUGEE BOARD.

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YOU AND STERNBUCH ARE COOPERATING IN EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
TO HIM. WE WOULD AUTHORIZE ANY EXPENDITURE WHICH YOU WOULD FIND
NECESSARY TO BRING HELP TO HIM AND ANYTHING WHICH COULD POSSIBLY
SAVE HIM. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRS CABLE TO BERN NO. 206

1:05 p.m.
October 9, 1944

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: **October 4, 1944**

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: **Relief for Jews in Hungary.**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **October 3, 1944**, from the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee** dealing with remittance of the Swiss franc equivalent of \$175,000 to Sally Meyer, JDC representative in Switzerland, for relief purposes in behalf of Jews in Hungary. *S/01-K12*

To be handled as remittance under basic (W-2106) - special instructions & Mayer from JDC - closed with Permit.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

Remittance to be made through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Special facilities with respect to the Swiss francs involved.

F. Hadel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No, W- issued
Remittance license No. ~~issued~~ NY 653908 issued October 6, 1944
Other:

[Signature]
E. B. Parks

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: **October 6, 1944**

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NY 553908

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$178,000 to Mr. Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with provisions of license No. #2103. The licensee, or its bank of account, is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes".

XXXXXXXX (Initialed) O.N.S.
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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War Refugee Board,
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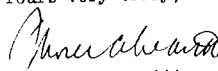
Atten. Miss Florence Model.

Gentlemen:

We herewith apply for a license from the Treasury Department to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$178,000. to Saly Mayer, our representative in Switzerland, for relief purposes in behalf of Hungarian Jews.

We trust this application will receive your expeditious handling.

Yours very truly,


Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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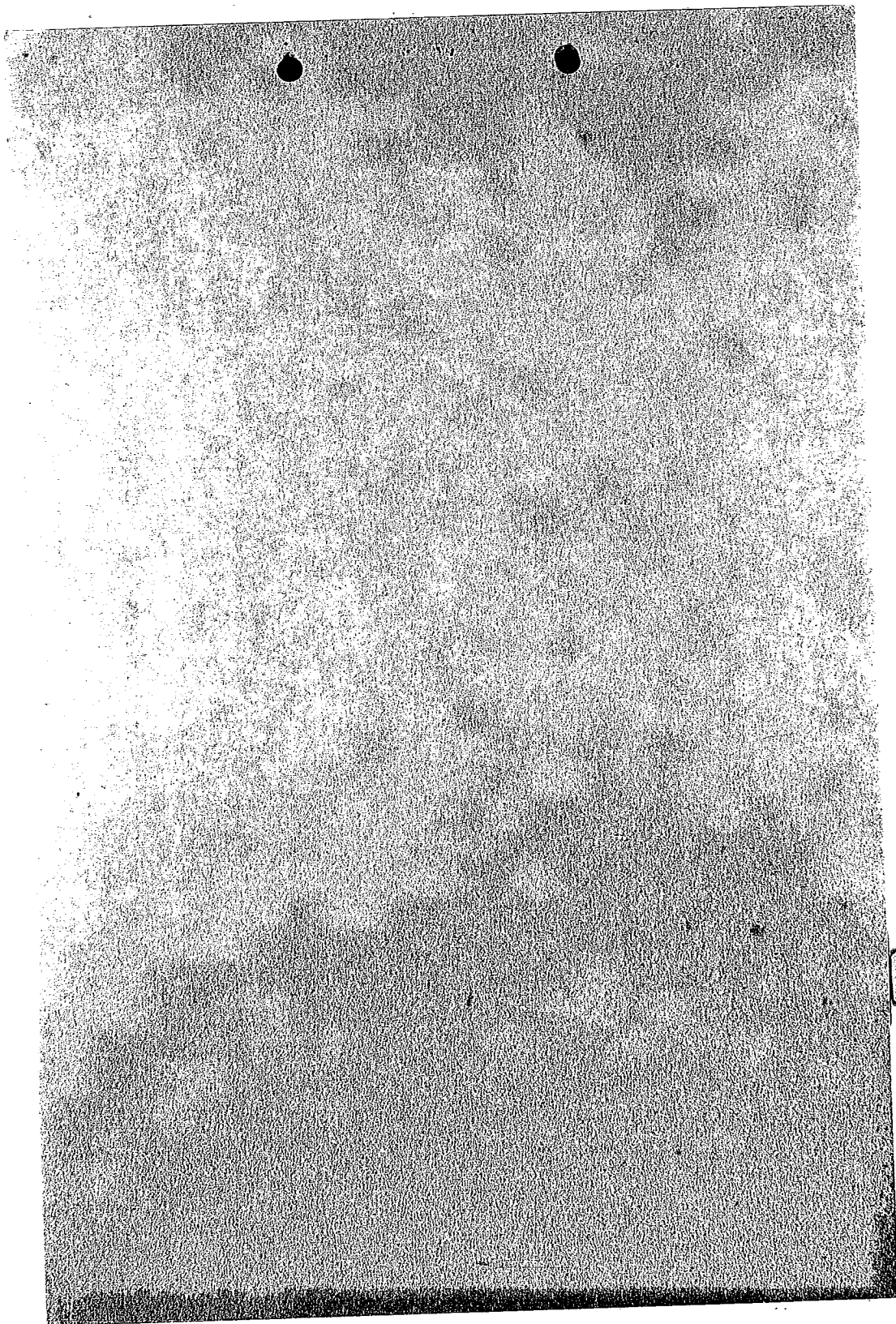
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Dated September 26, 1944

Rec'd 3:54 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

3884, September 26, 5 p.m.

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This is our No. 85 for the WRB.

A supplemental report just received by the Swedish
Foreign Office from its Legation in Budapest indicates
that Wallenberg has made extensive arrangements to
accumulate food supplies for needy Jewish groups,
particularly children. On the basis of Wallenberg's
request for funds, Olsen is transferring to him, under
appropriate arrangements, 200,000 Swedish kroner out
of the funds transferred under WRB cable No. 83 of
September 8 (Department's 1795).

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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EASURY DEPARTMENT
INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

September 9, 1944

TO : Miss Hodel
FROM : E. W. O'Flaherty

For your information and the completion of your files there are enclosed herewith, two copies of license No. NY 648481, originally issued by telephone and confirmed by wire permitting, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, to remit \$100,000 to Iver C. Olsen, War Refugee Board Representative in Stockholm, for use in connection with the rescue of the endangered Jews of Hungary.

E. W. O'Flaherty
E. W. O'Flaherty

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NY 648481 This will confirm the authorization given to you orally by Mr. O'Flaherty, authorizing, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee or its bank of account to remit \$100,000 to Iver Olsen, War Refugee Board representative, Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

WEO'Flaherty:gr 9-7-44

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FTC Letter No:

Date: September 7, 1944

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject:

There is transmitted herewith a ~~copy of a letter dated~~ ^{memo from Hies Model} requesting the issuance of a license to the J.S. permitting the remittance of \$100,000 to ~~from the~~ ^{dealing with} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{XXXXXXXXXX} Ivar G. Glan, ~~was~~ representative in Stockholm for work in connection with rescue of endangered Jews of Hungary.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

F. Model
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. **NY 648451** issued **9-8-44**
Other:

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: September 8, 1944

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OUTGOING
TELEGRAM

September 8, 1944

DIVISION OF
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AND RECORDS

4 p.m.

War Refugee Board

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AMLEGATION

STOCKHOLM

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The message below for Cleen is WRB 83.

JDC is remitting \$100,000 to you under Treasury
license for use in Hungary under Wallenberg's super-
vision and at his discretion.

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be closely guarded.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

CABLE TO JOHNSON FOR OLSEN, STOCKHOLM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

JDC is remitting \$100,000 to you under Treasury license for use in Hungary under Wallenberg's supervision and at his discretion.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 83

4:10 p.m.
September 7, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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