

Programs with Respect to Relief of  
Rescue of Refugees, Relief Projects

Relief in Shanghai, Folder 3

LICENSES ISSUED FOR RELIEF IN SHANGHAI

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JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

LICENSES

Remittance Lic. NY 629993

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**PLEASE RETURN TO  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
ROOM 114**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

May 24, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle  
FROM Miss Hodel

Re: Relief in Shanghai

The Jewish Labor Committee has arranged for the Polish Government to send \$5,000 to Shanghai (through Switzerland) for the relief of certain destitute political leaders in Shanghai who are Polish nationals.

Zoltowski is filing an application with Foreign Funds and I intend to approve it on the basis of our approval of a similar transaction for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: ~~Relief in Shanghai~~

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a ~~letter~~ <sup>memo</sup> dated ~~May 24, 1944~~ <sup>May 24, 1944</sup> from ~~the Miss Sidel~~ <sup>Miss Sidel</sup> dealing with ~~request from~~ <sup>request from</sup> Polish Government to send \$5,000 to Shanghai for Jewish Labor Committee for relief of certain destitute political leaders in Shanghai who are Polish nationals.

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: ~~Special facilities with respect to remittance to Switzerland~~

~~S. Sidel~~

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance License No. ~~issued~~ <sup>issued</sup> ~~NY 43200~~ <sup>NY 43200</sup> issued May 29, 1944  
Other: Letter No. ~~48770~~ <sup>48770</sup> May 29, 1944

  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: MAY 29 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 72770

Dear Mr. Zoltowski:

Reference is made to your letter of May 23, 1944 (P. 46/44) in which you request the issuance of a license permitting you to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$5,000 to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, on behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee. It is this Department's understanding that such sum is ultimately destined for the relief of certain Polish nationals in Shanghai, China.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was today authorized to issue to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York, New York, a license permitting it to effect the above-described remittance, to the debit of the account on its books in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)  
Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Mr. Janusz Zoltowski,  
Financial Counselor,  
Embassy of Poland,  
New York, New York.

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MAY 29 1944

NY 629993

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to debit the account on its books in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" in the amount of \$5,000 and remit the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland. The licensee is authorized to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him that this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

(Initialed) C.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

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Mr. Pehle

Miss Hodel

May 24, 1944

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Embassy of Poland  
in the United States

Financial Counselor

72770

New York 14 Wall Street

P.4b/44  
May 23, 1944

Hon. Orvis A. Schmidt, Acting Director  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Foreign Funds Control  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I have been advised by Mr. Jacob Pat, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, that he has had a conversation with Mr. Lesser, of the War Refugee Board, as a result of which it was suggested that the Jewish Labor Committee forward funds to Bern, Switzerland, through the intermediary of this office.

In this connection, I should appreciate your granting a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, to permit the remittance by cable - from the account: MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND - of \$5,000 - (Five Thousand Dollars) in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange, to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

Since this matter is of extreme urgency - as I have been informed by Mr. Jacob Pat - it would be appreciated if you issued the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company, without delay.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Janusz Zoltowski

Janusz Zoltowski  
Financial Counselor

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Miss Hodel

March 4, 1944

Lawrence S. Lesser

The Jewish Labor Committee (Leon Dennen) asked me the other day whether we would permit them to send funds through Switzerland to Shanghai to take care of sixty of "their people" at \$20 per month a head. Dennen says that he is advised that the JDC is not taking care of these people. What do you think?

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VAAD HAHATZALA - LICENSES

Communication License W-2148

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DIVISION OF  
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Distribution of this  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

September 28  
5 p.m.

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AMLEGATION

STOCKHOLM

1:45  
The cable below is WRB 90.

COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS  
(LIAISON)

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

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to Rabbi Wilhelm Wolbe, 11 Olofsgottn Strasse, Stockholm, from the Vaad Mahatzala Emergency Committee:

QUOTE Greatly disturbed growing danger to group of 500 rabbis and rabbinical scholars (with almost complete Mirer Rabbinical College) in Shanghai. Have directed several pleas to Vatican to intervene with Japanese Government for unilateral release of entire group. Negotiations in progress. Respectfully urge you contact Swedish Government that presentations be made by Swedish Government and king to Japanese Government for release of group. Necessary also consult Swedish Government and request make available ship for transport of group and permit temporary entry into Sweden. Almost entire group possess final entry visas to Palestine, Canada, United States and other lands. We guarantee cost of transport and maintenance while in Sweden. Contact Dr. Ehrenpreis. Urge his participation in this vital matter. UNQUOTE

WRB:MMV:KG  
9/28/44

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DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

**CABLE TO MINISTER JONSSON, STOCKHOLM, FROM THE DEPT OF STATE**

**Please deliver the following message to Hjalmar Wilander, 11 Claafogtts  
Strasse, Stockholm, from the Wood Shorthand Shorthand Committee**

**YOUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AS ONE OF THE MAIN  
AND RADICAL GROUPS (WITH ALREADY SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS)  
TO IMPROVE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF THE PEOPLE. INFORMATION IS BEING OBTAINED THROUGH  
YOUR FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THROUGH THE  
BY OTHERS CONCERNING THE WAY TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR THE  
OF GROUP. INFORMATION ALSO CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT AND  
WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE AND THROUGH  
WENT INTO THE GOVERNMENT. ALREADY SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS HAVE  
TO FURNISH, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES. TO  
OF THE PEOPLE AND THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH  
MR. WILANDER. THAT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS WILL BE THE**

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 90

10:30 a.m.  
September 26, 1944

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

*Copy sent  
Jed Hutzfeldt  
9/29/44*

*cleared with Mrs. Peble*

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ועד ההצלה  
**VAAD HAHATZALA**

(EMERGENCY COMMITTEE)

132 NASSAU STREET  
(ROOM 810)  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.  
PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

September 20, 1944

Cable to Rabbi Wilhelm Wolbe  
11 Oiefsgottn Strasse  
Stockholm, Sweden  
Through American Embassy in Stockholm

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VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

*Rabbi A. Kohnmanowitz*

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

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

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: **August 26, 1944**

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: **Relief of Rabbinical Group in Shanghai.**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **August 29 and 25 1944** from the **Yisid Hahatzala Emergency Committee** dealing with the transfer of **\$20,000 from the account of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland to the Legation of Poland, Bern, for Isaac Sternbach, St. Gall, Switzerland, for transmission to Shanghai.**

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: **Special facilities with respect to remittance to Switzerland.**

**F. Hodel**

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. **NY 646936** issued **August 29, 1944**  
Other:

  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: **AUG 29 1944**

EMBASSY OF POLAND  
in the United States

FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

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NEW YORK 14 WALL STREET

P.4b/44  
August 21, 1944

Hon. Orvis A. Schmidt, Acting Director  
U. S. Treasury Department  
Foreign Funds Control  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt;

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz has advised me again that he has recently had several conferences with Hon. J. W. Pehle, as a result of which Mr. Pehle suggested that the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee for Refugee Scholars send funds for Mr. Sternbuch in Switzerland, through this office. He informed me also that he had spoken with you on the same subject.

In connection therewith, I should appreciate your granting a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, to permit the remittance by cable - from the account: MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND - of \$20,000.- in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange (as stated in a letter of the Department of State to Rabbi Kalmanowitz, dated January 27, 1944) to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

Because, as Rabbi Kalmanowitz advised me, this matter is of the utmost urgency, I should appreciate your kind cooperation in granting the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company, without delay.

Thank you in anticipation of your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

s/ JANUSZ ZOLTOWSKI  
Financial Counselor

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**VAAD HAHATZALA**

(EMERGENCY COMMITTEE)

132 NASSAU STREET  
(ROOM 819)  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.  
PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

August 25, 1944

War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

ATT: Miss F. Hodell

Dear Miss Hodell,

Referring to your conversation with Mr. Schoen, we find that after our commitment with the Government of Poland, it would be advisable to go through with their license for the \$20,000 and to reserve the second method requested for a later date.

May we ask you therefore, to please expedite the license for the Polish Government, and to postpone the second transfer arrangement for a later date.

With sincerest appreciation,

Very truly yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

*A. Kalmanowitz*  
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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Vaad Hahatzala program is especially needed.*

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V. H. E. C.  
132 NASSAU STREET  
Suite 819-820  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

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War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

ATT: Miss F. Hodell

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(ROOM 819)  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.  
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August 23, 1944

War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss F. Hodell

Dear Miss Hodell,

We refer to your telephone conversation with Mr. Schoen in which was touched the matter of making funds available to the Rabbis and scholars in Shanghai.

May we present the matter for consideration by the War Refugee Board and its advices that we may authorize our Mr. Isaac Sternbuch in Switzerland that he may on occasions, specifically designated by the Board, transmit certain fixed sums to Rabbi Chaim Szmulewicz 21/3 Baikal Road, China for distribution among the Rabbis and students there.

We trust you will give this matter your early consideration and advise us of the decision reached.

With deepest appreciation,

Very respectfully yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

*Abraham Kalmanowitz*  
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

~~War Refugee Board~~

Treasury Building

Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss F. Hodell - 2410

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*War Ref. Board  
and Pohl*

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: May 23, 1944  
NUMBER: 1787  
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From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Isaac Sternbuch,  
3 Teufener Strasse, St. Gallen, from Rabbi A. Kalmanowitz of the  
Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee:

"Remitted 64,350 Swiss francs to you through Polish  
Ministry of Finance for transfer to Rabbi Shmulewicz with  
instructions for distribution among Rabbis and scholars.  
Please reply when arranged and also if previous remittance  
of 85,800 Swiss francs arranged."  
THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 21.

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

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May 19, 1944  
3:05 p.m.

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**VAAD HAHATZALA**

(Emergency Committee for Refugee Scholars,  
Yeshivoth, Rabbis and Communal Leaders)

132 NASSAU STREET  
(ROOM 819)

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

May 14, 1944.

HON. JOHN W. PEHLE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
TREASURY BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ATT. MISS F. HODELL:-

Dear Sir:-

We enclose copy of a message which we would respectfully request the Board to transmit as stated.

Under terms of license granted for \$ 30,000.00, we have turned over initial sum of \$ 15,000, and will turn over a second such sum within several days.

With our sincere thanks for the continued cooperation the members of the Board have extended to us,

Very respectfully yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

*A. Kalmanowitz*  
RABBI A. KALMANOWITZ

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**VAAD HAHATZALA**

(Emergency Committee for Refugee Scholars,  
Yeshivoth, Rabbis and Communal Leaders)

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(ROOM 812)  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.  
PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

May 14, 1944.

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO ISAAC STERNBUCH  
THROUGH THE AMERICAN LEGATION IN BERN.

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VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

RABBI A. KALMANOWITZ.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: **Relief in Shanghai**

There is transmitted herewith a ~~copy of~~ letter dated **April 25, 1944** from the **Financial Counselor, Embassy of Poland** dealing with the transfer of \$30,100 from the account **MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND, Bankers Trust Company, to the Legation of Poland, Bern, for Isaac Sternbuch in Switzerland.**

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: **Special facilities**

F. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance License No. issued NY 624875 issued May 3, 1944  
Other: Letter No. 71793 issued May 4, 1944

*F. Hodel*  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

MAY 4 1944  
Date: MAY 4 1944

NY 624875

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, permitting it to debit the account on its books in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" in the amount of \$30,100 and to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland. The licensee is authorized 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 Polish Legation, Bern, or to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

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In reply please  
refer to: 71793

My dear Mr. Zoltowski:

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1944, (P.4b/44) in which you request a license permitting you to remit on behalf of the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, New York, New York, the Swiss franc equivalent of \$30,100 to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Mr. Isaac Sternbuch, the representative in Switzerland of the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee.

Pursuant to the recommendation made by the War Refugee Board, this Department has today authorized the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to issue License No. NY 624875 to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York, New York, permitting it to debit the account on its books in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" in the amount of \$30,100 and to remit the Swiss franc equivalent thereof to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Mr. James Zoltowski,  
Financial Counselor,  
Embassy of Poland,  
14 Wall Street,  
New York, New York.

RBParks:jfh 5-2-44

EMBASSY OF POLAND  
in the United States  
FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

New York 14 Wall Street

P. 46/44  
April 25th, 1944.

*4/29/44  
Discussed with JPP - who  
agrees to recommendation for  
license. No suggestion for  
to check up with Union O. R.  
re number of refugees  
being helped.  
JZ.*

Hon. Orris W. Schmidt, Acting Director  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Foreign Funds Control  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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In connection therewith, I should appreciate your granting a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, to permit the remittance by cable - from the account: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland - of 30,100. - in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange, (as stated in a letter of the Department of State to Rabbi Kalmanowitz, dated January 27th) to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

Because, as Rabbi Kalmanowitz has informed me, this matter is of the utmost urgency, I should appreciate your kind cooperation in granting the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company, without delay.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Janusz Zoltowski

Janusz Zoltowski  
Financial Counselor

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P.S. This letter is in connection with my letter No. P. 46/44, of March 31st, 1944.

EMBASSY OF POLAND  
in the United States  
FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

New York 14 Wall Street

P.4b/44  
April 25th, 1944.

Hon. Orvils A. Schmidt, Acting Director  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Foreign Funds Control  
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Yours very truly,

(signed) Janusz Zoltowski

Janusz Zoltowski  
Financial Counselor

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P.S. This letter is in connection with my letter No. P.4b/44, of March 31st, 1944.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: May 3, 1944  
NUMBER: 2799

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Reference my cable of April 19 No. 2467.

It is stated by Sternbuch that he has received from Shanghai a telegram signed by Szmulwicz, as follows:  
Arrangement fifty Rabbis temporarily very difficult Rosenheim's support urgent advance two months save request is made by Sternbuch that the Union of Orthodox Rabbis be advised of the foregoing.

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MAY 10 1944  
STATE DEPT.  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

HARRISON

*5/8/44*  
*Message sent to*  
*Falmanowitz*  
*for Rabbis*  
*J.H.*

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

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MAY 8 1944

Dear Rabbi Kalmanowits:

Through the U. S. Legation in Berne, Switzerland, Mr. Sternbuch has requested that you be advised that he has received the following message from Shanghai signed by Szmulowicz:

"Arrangement fifty Rabbis temporarily very difficult  
Rosenheim's support urgent advance two months save."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowits,  
Union of Orthodox Rabbis of  
the United States and Canada,  
132 Nassau Street,  
New York 7, New York.

 FH:lab 5/8/44

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APR 26 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

The following confidential message to you from Samulewicz in Shanghai, has been received from Mr. Sternbush through the American Legation in Bern:

"The support of Rosenheim is advisable in the weekly amount of five thousand Swiss francs. We are wondering why no reply has been received. It is a matter of time with reference to the fifty rabbi. Olef Podlaskuk married Telsi-sochor and Kletaker."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Jacob Rosenheim,  
President,  
Agudas Israel World Organization,  
226 West 97th Street,  
New York 25, New York.

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RBH Hutchison:agr 4-24-44

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*Wm R. Inge Bd  
(Mr. Beble)  
Copy only*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Minister, Bern  
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: April 19, 1944  
NUMBER: 2467 ✓

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According to Sternbuch the following telegram from Szmulewicz in Shanghai has been received in substance:

(Number 2117 dated April 5 from the Legation)

The support of Rosenheim is advisable in the weekly amount of five thousand Swiss francs. We are wondering why no reply has been received. It is a matter of time with reference to the fifty rabbis. Olef Podlaskuk married Telsisochor and Kletzker. *10*

It is requested by Sternbuch that this information be sent to Rosenheim and also to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis.

HARRISON

*4/25/44*  
*Message sent to Rosenheim and to Union of Orth. Rabbis*  
*[Signature]*

APR 25 1944  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
RECEIVED

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

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*Wa Refugee Bd  
(Mr. Behl)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Minister, Bern  
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: 2212 April 8, 1944  
NUMBER: 2117

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According to Sternbuch, the following paraphrased sentence is the substance of a reply from Shanghai: For approximately 600 Beneth or 20,000 Swiss francs monthly budget. It is his belief that Szmulowicz did not understand the reference to "fifty" to mean \$50,000 and asks whether he should be more definite. (This refers to number 1088 dated March 31 and number 784 dated March 9, both from the Department.) It is also stated by Sternbuch that he is working on a plan which has good prospects for the evacuation of these people.

HARRISON

*4/11/44  
Has message to  
Schwarz of  
Hussell call as being  
if they want to send  
another message*

DOR:MPL  
4/7/44

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

*Wanted fuzee Bd  
(Mr. Beble)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON  
TO: AMLEGATION, BERN  
DATED: MARCH 31, 1944  
NUMBER: 1088

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You are requested to contact Sternbuch and report the present status of the matter. This refers to Treasury license no. W-2148 discussed in the Department's telegram of March 9, 1944, no. 784.

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

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

March 23, 1944

TO : Miss Hodel

FROM : R. B. Parke

Subject: Cable No. 784 dated March 9, 1944, to Bern, relative to issuance of License No. W-2148 to Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee; \$50,000 Shanghai borrowing authority.

In accordance with your suggestion, I telephoned Mr. Riegelman's office this morning and learned that the significant part of the message to be relayed to Shanghai by Sternbuch reads as follows: "Support fifty additional Rabbis available from Kalmanowitz....".

As the draft of the message submitted by the Vaad Hahatzala reads: "Kalmanowitz willing support additional fifty Rabbis....", it seems safe to assume that the text transmitted by the Department of State will be as intelligible to the ultimate recipient as the one submitted by the Vaad Hahatzala.

  
R. B. Parke

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

TO: AMERICAN LEGATION, Bern  
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: March 9, 1944.  
NUMBER: 764

*W. H. Reiser*  
*HC copy only*  
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License W-214B covering the following transaction has been issued by Treasury to the Vaad Mahatzala Emergency Committee, New York (hereinafter referred to as "Vaad").

There is desire on the part of Vaad to communicate with Rabbi Chaim Szmulewicz, 21/3 Baikal Road, Shanghai, China, but it is eager that such communication not be regarded by the authorities as having originated in the United States. Consequently, there should be delivered to Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gallen, Switzerland, the following message with request that it be transmitted at once to Rabbi Chaim Szmulewicz as having originated from him. While you should of course deliver a paraphrase of the message, you should take special care in this connection so that Rabbi Szmulewicz will be able to understand the full implication of the message received by him. Rabbi Szmulewicz will understand the reference to "50 rabbis" to mean \$50,000.00. The following is the substance of the message:

There is available from Kalmanowitz support fifty additional rabbis. Therefore you should arrange distribution to be among all scholars of rabbinical colleges, together with rabbis, post-graduate students, and their families. You are requested to make suitable arrangements. A reply is requested.

Isaac

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-78

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

Isaac Sternbuch is to sign the foregoing message and the Legation should immediately forward to the Department his reply.

STETTINIUS  
(Acting)

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In reply please  
refer to: 59282

MAR 3 - 1944

To: Mr. William Riegelman,  
Department of State.

From: Orvis A. Schmidt

There is enclosed herewith a copy of license No. W-2148 issued today to the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, 122 Nassau Street, New York, New York, relative to a message it desires to transmit through the facilities available to the Department of State to its representative in Switzerland for further transmittal to Rabbi Chaim Szmulowicz, 21/3 Baikal Road, Shanghai, China.

It will be appreciated if the message licensed therein may be dispatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, for transmittal to Isaac Sternbuch, Teufener Strasse 3, St. Gallen, Switzerland, with an indication to the Legation that the operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury. Please advise Mr. R. B. Parke, the Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer with the War Refugee Board when cable is dispatched.

Enclosure

*(signed) Orvis A. Schmidt*

REParke: rpf 3/1/44

In reply please  
refer to: 59221

Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter of February 21, 1944, enclosing a draft of a cable which you desire to transmit through the facilities available to the Department of State to your representative in Switzerland for further transmittal to Rabbi Chaim Szmalowicz, 21/3 Baikal Road, Shanghai, China.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith license No. W-2148 permitting you to send the cable under reference to your representative in Switzerland.

Arrangements are being made with the Department of State for its transmission through the facilities available to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

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

REParke: rpf 3/1/44

FORM TFE-1 (Special)  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Foreign Funds Control

License No. F-2148

Date: MAR 8 1944

L I C E N S E  
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8589  
OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS  
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Yaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,  
(Name of Licensee)

182 Nassau Street, New York, New York  
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, you are hereby licensed to send the following cable to Isaac Sternbuch, Teufener Strasse 8, St. Gallen, Switzerland:

"PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CABLE TO RABBI CHAIM SZMULEWICZ  
21/8 BAIKAL ROAD SHANGHAI CHINA QUOTE KALMANOWITZ WILLING SUPPORT  
ADDITIONAL FIFTY RABBIS ARRANGE AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG ALL SCHOLARS  
OF ALL RABBINICAL COLLEGES ALSO POST GRADUATE STUDENTS RABBIS AND  
FAMILIES ARRANGE AND REPLY UNQUOTE SIGN YOUR OWN NAME GIVING COM-  
PLETE ADDRESS FORWARD ME IMMEDIATELY SZMULEWICZ'S COMPLETE REPLY  
THROUGH AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE RABBI KALMANOWITZ"

2. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8589 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

3. This license shall expire on March 31, 1944, is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8589 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: **March 2, 1944**

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: **Transfer to Rabbinical refugee group in Shanghai**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **February 21, 1944,** from the **Vaad Habtsala** dealing with **cable transfer of \$50,000 to the Rabbinical refugee group in Shanghai. The War Refugee Board recommends that an appropriate license be issued at once.**

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. Hodel**

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance License No. issued  
Other: **Communication License No. W-2148 - 3/3/44**  
Letter No. 59281  
Letter No. 59282

  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: **MAR 3 - 1944**

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**VAAD HAHATZALA**

(Emergency Committee for Refugee Scholars,  
Yeshivoh, Rabbis and Communal Leaders)

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

February 21, 1944

John W. Pehle, Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Miss Hodell,

We refer to our several conversations with Mr. Parke of your office, in which we endeavored to work out the best possible method to arrange for the license of a cable effecting the credit transaction of \$50,000 to the Rabbinical refugee group in Shanghai. We were presented with this difficulty; that our message might endanger our Dean Rabbi Ch. Szmulewicz and the entire group.

We are indeed thankful for your having discussed the matter with the State Department which sees no objection to having the message go and the reply received, through the American Legation in Bern.

A copy of the message is enclosed, and we are certain that you will give it your early consideration that it may be dispatched without delay.

With our sincerest appreciation,

Very respectfully yours,  
VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

*A. Kalmanowitz*  
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO  
ISAAC STERNBUCH  
TEUFENER STRASSE 3  
ST. GALLEN SWITZERLAND  
THROUGH AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE

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PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CABLE TO RABBI  
CHAIM SZMULEWICZ 21/3 BAIKAL ROAD SHANGHAI CHINA  
QUOTE KALMANOWITZ WILLING SUPPORT ADDITIONAL  
FIFTY RABBIS ARRANGE AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG ALL  
SCHOLARS OF ALL RABBINICAL COLLEGES ALSO POST  
GRADUATE STUDENTS RABBIS AND FAMILIES ARRANGE AND  
REPLY UNQUOTE SIGN YOUR OWN NAME GIVING COMPLETE  
ADDRESS FORWARD ME IMMEDIATELY SZMULEWICZ'S COMPLETE  
REPLY THROUGH AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE

RABBI KALMANOWITZ<sup>11</sup>

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E. C. W. T. Y.  
132 NASSAU STREET  
Suite 819-820  
New York City

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**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

FEB 22 1944



**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

John W. Pehle, Director

War Refugee Board

Treasury Bldg.

Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss Florence Hodell

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D R A F T

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Vaad Mahatzela, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to send the following cable to the International Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland:

"PLEASE ADVISE YOUR DELEGATE IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, TO NOTIFY RABBI CHAIM SZMULEWICZ, 21/3 BAIKAL ROAD, SHANGHAI, CHINA, THAT KALMANOWITZ EMPOWERS HIM TO BORROW LOCALLY THE LOCAL CURRENCY EQUIVALENT OF TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SWISS FRANCS\* AND TO DISTRIBUTE SUCH SUM AMONG ALL SCHOLARS OF ALL RABBINICAL COLLEGES ALSO POST GRADUATE STUDENTS RABBIS AND FAMILIES AND THAT SZMULEWICZ IS TO CABLE YOU THROUGH YOUR DELEGATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BORROWINGS STOP PLEASE TRANSMIT YOUR DELEGATE'S REPLY TO ME 132 NASSAU, NEW YORK CITY RABBI KALMANOWITZ".

*Mr. Peble recommended  
that a license be issued  
with respect to the  
Committee's "partial code"  
message as submitted  
by the Committee with  
its letter dated Feb. 21, 1944.  
R. Peble  
2/29/44*

\* Swiss francs 210,000 equal \$49,350 at the rate of \$0.235

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1944

To: Miss Hodel

From: R. B. Parks

Subject: Vaad Habrains Emergency Committee, New York City --  
License to send message to the committee's representative  
in Shanghai through the International Red Cross at Geneva.

As a result of a two hour conference with Rabbi Schoen which was arranged yesterday by Mr. O'Flaherty, the Treasury was asked to withhold the issuance of the license requested in the committee's letter of February 11, 1944, relative to a payment of \$50,000 to Anatol Ponsvojski, New York City, against the payment of local currency equivalent to the committee's representative in Shanghai by David Ponsvojski.

Rabbi Schoen stated that after the committee's letter of February 11, 1944, cited above, had been mailed to the Treasury, the committee held a meeting in the course of which it was decided that it might jeopardize the personal safety of the parties mentioned in the message which was to be transmitted to Shanghai through the International Red Cross. The purpose of Rabbi Schoen's visit was to determine whether the Treasury would issue the committee a license permitting it to send such a message in code. It was pointed out to him that the committee might request the International Red Cross in Geneva to forward the message to Shanghai in code, but for practical purposes there seemed to be no need for a message to the International Red Cross in Geneva to be dispatched in code. After a telephone conversation with Mr. Peter Wehli of the International Red Cross delegation in Washington, Rabbi Schoen seemed doubtful whether a message in code from Geneva to Shanghai would be delivered to the International Red Cross delegates there.

Rabbi Schoen stated that since the committee was very concerned over the danger which might befall its representative in Shanghai, he expressed the hope that the Treasury might wish to consider extending the facilities available to this Government to the committee for the remittance of the Swiss franc equivalent of \$50,000 to Switzerland, such sum to be transferred from there to Shanghai. After consulting with Miss Hodel, Rabbi Schoen was informed such a remittance at this time is impracticable.

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Rabbi Schoon stated that he would discuss the problem with the Committee in New York and advise this office by telegram or phone whether or not the license requested in the committee's letter of February 11, 1944, should be issued.

H. E. Farke

REFarke: rpf 2/15/44

Langdon

- (1) Work on message  
& incorporate in license.
- (2) Tell Hooker - Slot  
2567 that license  
is being issued.

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February 11, 1944

War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss Hodell

Dear Miss Hodell,

In the name of the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, the duly authorized agency of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, may we express our deepest appreciation for the courtesies you extended our delegation during the conference held with you and Mr. O'Flaherty of the Treasury Department, on Tuesday, February 8th, 1944.

Our Committee was deeply moved by the concern which you manifested in the problems they presented. The various memoranda in the matters discussed with you, are in preparation and will be forwarded to you at the earliest possible moment. We have included in our memorandum concerning Shanghai, the three methods of sending relief, since we feel a possibility may arise for the grant of permission to use one, or another, of the methods proposed.

The Committee also conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Adolph A. Berle, who gave every indication that the cooperation of the State Department in the matters discussed, could be expected.

At your suggestion, the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee has made formal application to the Treasury Department for the Federal License necessary to give relief to the sorely pressed Rabbinical group in Shanghai. A copy of the application is attached hereto.

We are greatly encouraged by your great sympathetic interest and we are certain that being cognizant of the vital issues involved, we can expect your fullest cooperation.

With our best wishes and blessings,

Very respectfully yours,  
VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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February 11, 1944

Mr. Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director of Foreign Funds Control  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Mr. E. W. O'Flaherty

Dear Sir:

We refer to the conference which our delegation had with you and Miss Hodell on Tuesday, February 8, 1944 and we wish to express our sincerest appreciation for the courtesies extended to the delegation.

In accordance with the conversations, we are herewith making application to the Treasury Department for a Federal License to pay the sum of \$50,000 to Anatol Ponevejski, whose address is c/o Toper Bros., 121 W. 27th St. in the City of New York; that together with said license, permission issue for cable advices to be sent via International Red Cross to Rabbi Chaim Szmulewicz, Dean of the Rabbis and Rabbinical Scholars in Shanghai whose address is 21/3 Baikal Road, Shanghai, China, informing him that said sum was paid here and that he is to receive or make arrangements to receive a similar sum from David Ponevejski in Shanghai, the designated representative of said Anatol Ponevejski; that a similar cable advice via International Red Cross be sent to David Ponevejski; and that said sum be used specifically and only for the relief and rescue of the 465 Rabbis and scholars of the group under supervision of Rabbi Shmulewitz.

In view of the most earnest and extreme conditions in which this group finds itself, may we respectfully request you to please endeavor to expedite the relief requested in this application.

Very respectfully yours,  
VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

RABBI ABRAHAM KALMANOWITZ

RABBI ARON KOTLER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

February 9, 1944.

Re: Meeting with representatives of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Rabbis.

The meeting was held in the office of Miss Hodel of the War Refugee Board on Tuesday, February 8, 1944. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Rabbis was represented by Rabbis Goldstein, Kalmanowitz, Cutler, Bunis and Metz.

Among the problems which they raised was the question of remitting funds to a group of rabbis and theological students who fled from Poland across Siberia and finally reached Shanghai. There are several hundred of these refugees who are completely destitute and to whom the Union of Rabbis wishes to send \$50,000. They were advised that direct remittances to Shanghai cannot be effected under present circumstances, and they then proposed to set up a credit in this country, against which their representatives might borrow in Shanghai. It was pointed out to the Rabbis that, although no remittance of funds was involved, the communication effecting such an arrangement would have to be licensed by the Treasury. While it was made clear to the group that Treasury could make no commitment that it would approve, they were told that careful consideration would be given to an application in this regard.

  
E. W. O'Flaherty

cc: Miss Hodel  
EWO:Flaherty:gr 2/9/44

February 9, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Desire of Union of Orthodox Rabbis to Extend Relief to Rabbinical Group in Shanghai.

Mr. Schmidt asked me to call Mr. Hooker of the State Department (extension 2567) who had called him on the proposal of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis to arrange to send a borrowing authorization to its representative in Shanghai. Mr. Hooker explained to me that someone in the State Department recalled that the JDC had made arrangements for a fairly substantial borrowing authorization and that the JDC in all probability was taking care of this specific group.

I checked with Mr. Leavitt who advised me that the Rabbinical group in Shanghai involved about 450 people and that for some time the JDC did grant this group special relief. However, Mr. Leavitt was recently advised by Miss Margolis who returned on the Cripsholm that the Rabbinical group was well taken care of from funds from other sources and, in view of this, the JDC stopped making special grants to the group. Mr. Leavitt stated that there was no over-lapping in the relief being granted, but there was over-lapping in the raising of funds in this country for this purpose. It is his opinion, probably based on a statement from Miss Margolis, that the group is presently receiving adequate help.

F. Hodel

*2/11/44 discussed matter further with  
Hooker of State - & advised him we would  
get in touch with him when applic. is  
recd. JH*

February 9, 1944

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F. Hodel

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Solana H. Metz  
600 St. NW  
36 Channing St. NW  
NB 1730

John Stein  
Kellerman  
Cutler  
Benin

\$50,000 to Shanghai

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Vatican proposal for exchange for Shanghai

Special status for clerics - approaches to metals.

~~John Stein~~

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Remit. Lic. NY 660331

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

EFC Letter No:

Date: **November 8, 1944**

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: **Remittance of \$10,000 to Switzerland**

*Shawyer*

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **November 6, 1944** from the Embassy of Poland dealing with remittance of \$10,000 to Switzerland for Mr. Sternbuch, by the Vaad Hahatzala for relief purposes. Money is to be remitted from the account "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland".

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:

E. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. NY 660311 issued **November 10, 1944**  
Other:

B. B. Parks  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: **November 10, 1944**

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NOV 10 1944

NY 660311  
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to BankersTrust Company, 15 Wall Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to receive from the Vaad Mahatzala Emergency Committee, New York City, the sum of \$10,000 for credit to the account of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" and thereupon remit the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the debit of such account, to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, to be placed at the disposal of Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gall, Switzerland. The licensee 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

(Initialed) O.A.S.

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BBParke,jfh 11-8-44

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Embassy of Poland  
in the United States  
Financial Counselor

No. 78650

New York 14 Wall Street  
P.4b/44  
November 6, 1944

Hon. Orvis A. Schmidt, Acting Director  
Foreign Funds Control  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I wish to refer to my letters regarding the remittance of funds for Mr. Sternbuch, in Switzerland, by the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee and advise you that I have again been requested by Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, to communicate with you for the purpose of obtaining a license for the remittance of \$10,000 to Switzerland for the same purpose, as in the previous cases. I understand that Rabbi Kalmanowitz will confer with you in this matter during this week.

Would you kindly grant a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, to permit them to remit by cable - from the account of MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND - the amount of \$10,000 in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange (as stated in a letter of the Department of State to Rabbi Kalmanowitz, dated January 27th, 1944) to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

Rabbi Kalmanowitz has stressed the importance of remitting these funds without delay, and I should, therefore, be obliged to you for issuing the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Janusz Zoltowski

Janusz Zoltowski  
Financial Counselor

TK:GBW

VAAD MAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Remit. Lic. NY65548

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Remittance of \$25,000 to Switzerland

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated Oct. 4, 1944 from the Embassy of Poland dealing with remittance of \$25,000 to Switzerland for Mr. Sternbuch, by the Vaad Hahatzala for relief purposes. Money is to be remitted from the account "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland".

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. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. NY 655482 issued Oct. 16, 1944  
Other: Letter No. 77530 dated Oct. 17, 1944

Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

OCT 16 1944

NY 655482  
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to receive from the Vaad Mahatzala Emergency Committee, New York City, the sum of \$25,000 for credit to the account of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" and thereupon remit the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the debit of such account, to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, to be placed at the disposal of Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gall, Switzerland. The licensee 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

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Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him this remittance  
is for humanitarian purposes

(Initialed) C.A.S.

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RBParke:jfh 10-11-44

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In reply please  
refer to: 77880

Dear Mr. Zoltowski:

Reference is made to your letter of October 4, 1944, (P. 44/44) in which you request the issuance of a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York, New York, permitting it to effect through the account on its books in the name of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland", a remittance on behalf of the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, New York, New York, of \$25,000 to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, to be held at the disposal of Mr. Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gall, Switzerland.

This is to advise you that this Department has authorized the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to issue license No. NY 655482 to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York, New York, permitting it, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to receive from the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, the sum of \$25,000 for credit to the account of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" and thereupon remit through the special facilities available to this Government with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the debit of such account, to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, to be placed at the disposal of Mr. Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gall, Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E.W. O'Flaherty

E. W. O'Flaherty  
Acting Special Assistant to the Director

Mr. Janusz Zoltowski,  
Financial Counselor,  
Embassy of Poland,  
16 Wall Street,  
New York, New York.

RBParke:jfn 10-11-44

EMBASSY OF POLAND  
FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

New York 14 Wall Street

P.4b/44  
October 4th, 1944

Mr. Orvis A. Schmidt, Acting Director  
Foreign Funds Control  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I wish to refer to my letters regarding the remittance of funds for Mr. Sternbuch, in Switzerland, by the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee and advise you that I have again been requested by Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, to communicate with you for the purpose of obtaining a license for the remittance of \$25,000, - to Switzerland for the same purpose, as in the previous cases. I understand that Rabbi Kalmanowitz will confer with you in this matter during the coming week.

Would you kindly grant a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 18 Wall Street, New York City, to permit them to remit by cable - from the account: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland - the amount of \$25,000. - in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange (as stated in a letter of the Department of State to Rabbi Kalmanowitz, dated January 27th, 1944) to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

Rabbi Kalmanowitz has stressed the importance of remitting these funds without delay and I should, therefore, be obliged to you for issuing the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Janusz Zoltowski

Janusz Zoltowski  
Financial Counselor

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The following for McGlelland is WRB:308.

Will you please explore with Saly Mayer the possibilities of securing Shanghai dollars for refugee relief through Swedish kroner, particularly whether same equivalent Chinese dollars can be secured through Swedish kroner as with Swiss francs and whether such transactions from Sweden are permissible.

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CABLE TO ANLEGATION, BERN, FOR MCGILLIAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Will you please explore with Galy Mayer the possibilities of securing Shanghai dollars for refugee relief through Swedish kroner, particularly whether same equivalent Chinese dollars can be secured through Swedish kroner as with Swiss francs and whether such transactions from Sweden are permissible.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 369.

10:30 a.m.  
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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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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: **Remittances through Switzerland for relief of refugees in Shanghai.**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **September 30, 1944** from the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee**, dealing with **an increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000 in the amount of the monthly remittances authorized by NY 634794, for the period September through November 1944.**

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:

**Amendment of NY 634794.**

**F. Hotal**

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. issued  
Other:

*ny 634794 - Oct 5, 1944*

*(L) R. B. Parice*

Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: *Oct 5 1944*

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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NY 654794 Please amend license issued pursuant to airtel June 22, 1944, so as to permit remittance of \$45,000 in October and \$35,000 in November, 1944. Other terms and conditions unchanged. Please send signed copy of amended license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

[(Initialed) C.A.S.]

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September 30th, 1944.

War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Atten. Miss Florence Hodel.

Gentlemen:

Further to our letter of June 15th for which we received Treasury Department License No. N.Y. 634794-R to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$25,000.00 per month to Mr. Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, for transmission to the Refugee Committee, Shanghai, China, for relief of refugees, may we ask you to be good enough to increase the aforementioned amount of \$25,000. to \$35,000. per month for the period September through November.

We would appreciate your expeditious handling of this request for an amendment to the license.

Yours very truly,

Moses A. Leavitt  
Secretary

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon, as WRB 176, under date of September 4, 1944:

"Saly Mayer advises Shanghai Committee assisting almost 10,000 persons and requires \$50,000 September."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
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Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message as WRB 84 to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE PLEASE REPEAT LAST PARAGRAPH YOUR 42 AUGUST 3, 1944, REFERENCE SHANGHAI RELIEF. UNQUOTE

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

CABLE TO NORWEG FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

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1944, REFERENCE SHANGHAI RELIEF UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 84

10:20 a.m.  
August 25, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,  
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1944 AUG 23 AM 11 08 The message below for Dexter is WRB 77.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS (LIAISON)

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph

Schwartz, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Mr. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Remitted \$25,000 Saly Mayer for Shanghai.

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

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

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz,  
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Mr. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee:

"Remitted \$25,000 Saly Mayer for Shanghai."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 77

4:30 p.m.  
August 16, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel,  
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*Message dictated by Miss Mannon*  
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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: Relief of refugees in Shanghai

There is transmitted herewith ~~xxxxxxx~~ a letter dated June 15, 1944 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee dealing with monthly remittance of \$25,000 over a period of six months to Saly Mayer, Switzerland, for transmission to Refugee Committee in Shanghai for relief of refugees there.

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. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. ~~xxxxxx~~ NY 634794 issued June 22, 1944  
Others: x

Date: JUN 22 1944  
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Liaison Officer  
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MOSES A. LEAVITT, *Secretary*

June 15th, 1944.

War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Atten. Miss Florence Hodel

Gentlemen:

We herewith apply for a license from the Treasury Department to remit monthly payments, over a period of six months, of the sum of \$25,000. to Saly Mayer, our representative in Switzerland, for transmission to the Refugee Committee in Shanghai for the relief of refugees there.

We have had reports that the situation of some 20,000 refugees is desperate. Over 7,000 are now receiving one meal a day and many more thousands should receive this one meal a day but there is no financial resources available to the local committee. Although we authorized borrowings regularly, the cable advices just received are that the possibility of such borrowings have become non-existent at the moment.

We would greatly appreciate your expeditious handling of this license.

Yours very truly,

*Moses A. Leavitt*  
Moses A. Leavitt  
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Lisbon  
Dated June 10, 1944  
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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

1786, June 10, noon.

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Please remit \$25,000 to Saly Mayer for Shanghai.

This is replying to your telegram June 3. Will advise you whether Shanghai Inter-cross able to receive and supervise funds. Manuel Siegel and Laura Margolis appointed Functioning Committee, Shanghai. Members Brahn Schiffrin, Bitzer, Gluezsmann and Langwachsner.

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Pilpel was received from Lisbon under date of June 10, 1944:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: 1/1/45

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief program in Shanghai.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated December 29, 1944 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee dealing with amendment of NY 660905-R to permit Saly Mayer to send up to \$100,000 monthly to Shanghai for next five months.

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. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. 660905 issued Jan. 3  
Other: X

R. A. Parke

Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: Jan. 3, 1945

THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.  
270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

December 29, 1944

The War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

Gentlemen:

May we request an amendment to our license No. NY 660905-R which expires May 31, 1945, and permits us to transmit \$35,000 monthly to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, for the relief program in Shanghai. We would like to have this license amended to enable Mr. Mayer to send up to \$100,000 monthly to Shanghai for the next five months.

We plan to make a remittance of \$100,000 around January 4th or 5th, and would appreciate your expeditious handling of this application.

Yours very truly,

/s/ M. A. Leavitt

Moses A. Leavitt  
Secretary

JAN 3 1945

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 660905 Please amend license dated December 1, 1944 to authorize remittance  
of \$100,000 per month, effective January 1, 1945, to Saly Mayer, St. Gall,  
Switzerland. Other terms and conditions to remain unchanged.

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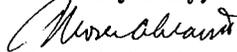
Gentlemen:

Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

May we request an amendment to our license No. NY 660805-R which expires May 31, 1945, and permits us to transmit \$35,000 monthly to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, for the relief program in Shanghai. We would like to have this license amended to enable Mr. Mayer to send up to \$100,000 monthly to Shanghai for the next five months.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: Remittance of \$35,000 per month to Saly Mayer.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of ~~letter~~ an application No. NY 660905<sup>X</sup> dated Nov. 14, 1944 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee dealing with remittance in Swiss francs of \$35,000 per month for a period of six months to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, thru FRB NY as fiscal agent of the U.S. thru Chase Nat'l Bank of New York for transmission to the Refugee Committee in Shanghai for the relief of refugees there.

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: Thru special facilities.  
License to expire May 31, 1945

F. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued  
Remittance license No. NY 660905<sup>X</sup> issued Nov. 27, 1944  
Other:

R. B. Farke  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: November 27, 1944

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NY 660905 Approved notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11. 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. License to expire May 31, 1945. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

**O.A.S.**

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Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

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Application No. NY 660905

Date November 14, 1944

Applicant: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., New York

Remit the equivalent in Swiss francs of \$35,000 per month for a period of six months, to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States; through the Chase National Bank of New York, for transmission to the Refugee Committee in Shanghai for the relief of refugees there.

In explanation, may we refer you to License No. NY 634794-R issued October 6, 1944, pursuant to instructions you received from the Treasury Department in Washington.

We would appreciate receiving a new license for a further period of six months, effective December 1, 1944, through May 1945.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NY LICENSES

Remit. Lic. NY 667892

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No: 79771

Date: 12-8-44

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: Remittance of \$13,000 to Switzerland

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated 12-8-44 from the Embassy of Poland, NY dealing with license issued to Bankers Trust Co. NY, to permit them to remit from the account of MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND the amount of \$13,000 in Swiss francs. Money is to be transmitted to Legation of Poland, Bern, and placed at the disposal of Isaac Sternbuch.

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 thru special facilities

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued   
Remittance license No. NY 667892 issued December 19, 1944  
Other:

R. B. Parke

Liaison Officer,  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: Dec. 19, 1944

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 667892  
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to receive from the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee, New York City, the sum of \$13,000 for credit to the account of "Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland" and thereupon remit the Swiss franc equivalent of such sum to the debit of such account to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland, to be placed at the disposal of Isaac Sternbuch, St. Gall, Switzerland. The licensee 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

[Initialed] C.A.S.

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EMBASSY OF POLAND  
IN THE UNITED STATES

FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

C O P Y

FFC No. 79771

New York 14 Wall Street

P.4b/44  
December 8, 1944

Hon. Orvis A. Schmidt, Acting Director,  
Foreign Funds Control,  
U.S. Treasury Department,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I wish to refer to my letters regarding the remittance of funds for Mr. Sternbuch, in Switzerland, by the Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee and advise you that I have again been requested by Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, to communicate with you for the purpose of obtaining a license for the remittance of \$13,000 - to Switzerland for the same purpose, as in the previous cases. I understand that Rabbi Kalmanowitz will confer with you in this matter.

Would you kindly grant a license to the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, to permit them to remit by cable - from the account of MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND - the amount of \$13,000. - in Swiss francs, at the reduced rate of exchange (as stated in a letter of the Department of State to Rabbi Kalmanowitz, dated January 27th, 1944) to the Legation of Poland, Bern, Switzerland.

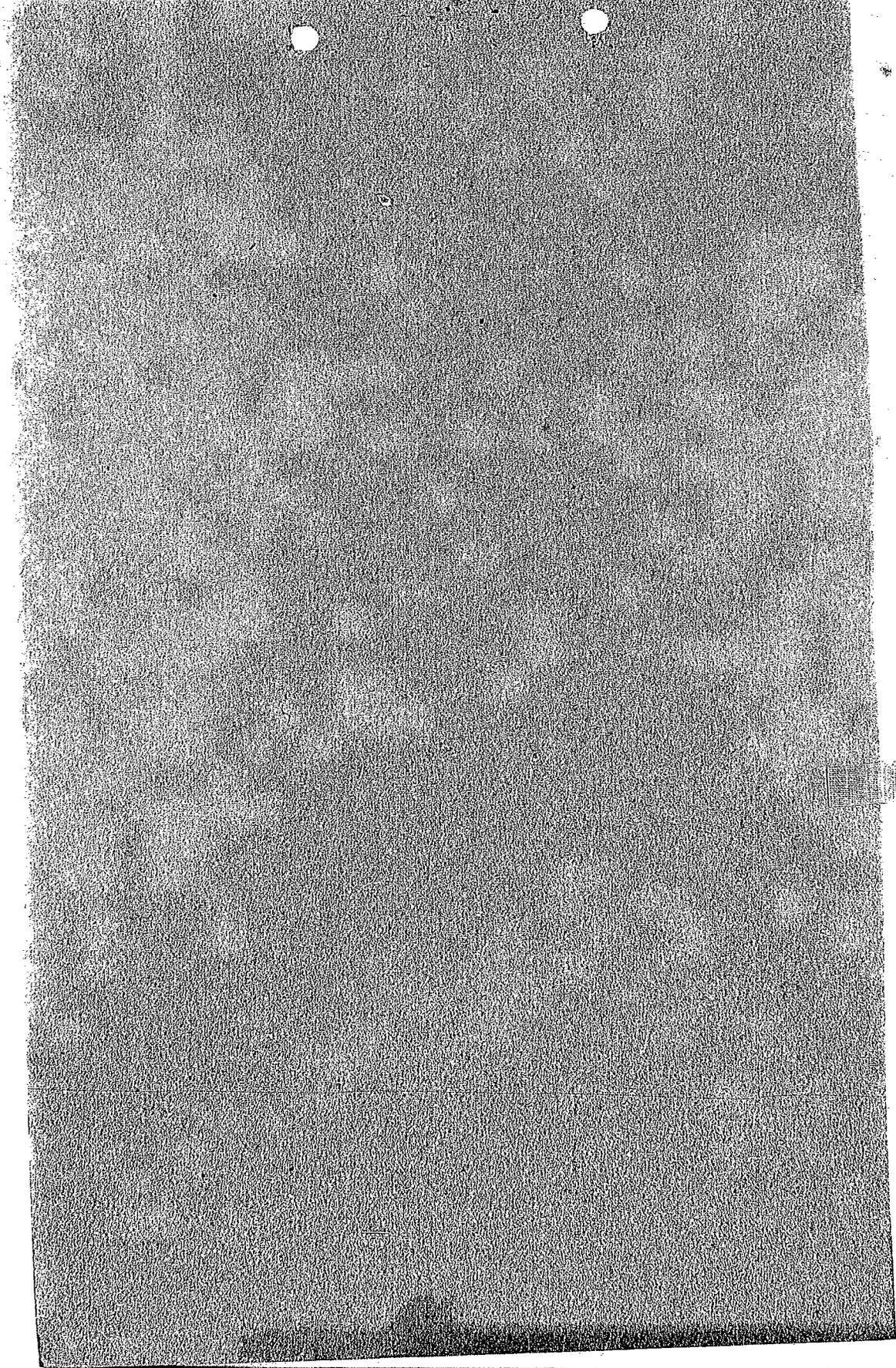
Rabbi Kalmanowitz has stressed the importance of remitting these funds without delay, and I should, therefore, be obliged to you for issuing the necessary license to the Bankers Trust Company immediately.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Janusz Zoltowski

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Financial Counselor

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: April 10, 1945

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief parcels to refugees in Shanghai

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated April 6, 1945, from the American Jewish Joint Dis. Comm. dealing with remittance of \$1,000 to Stockholm for purchase of test parcels of relief to be sent via Russia to refugees in Shanghai.

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. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued X  
Remittance license No. NY 691475 issued April 13, 1945  
Other: NY

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Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

April 13, 1945

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.

April 6th, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

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We would appreciate your cooperation in securing a Treasury license to enable us to send \$1,000 to Stockholm for the above purpose.

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/s/ M. A. Leavitt

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Secretary

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK  
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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NY 691475  
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$1,000 to its representative in Stockholm, for the purchase of relief supplies, to be packaged in individual parcels to be shipped to Shanghai. Stipulate that the nature of the supplies and the firms through which they are to be purchased shall have the approval of the American Minister, Stockholm. Stipulation No. B-1 and so.

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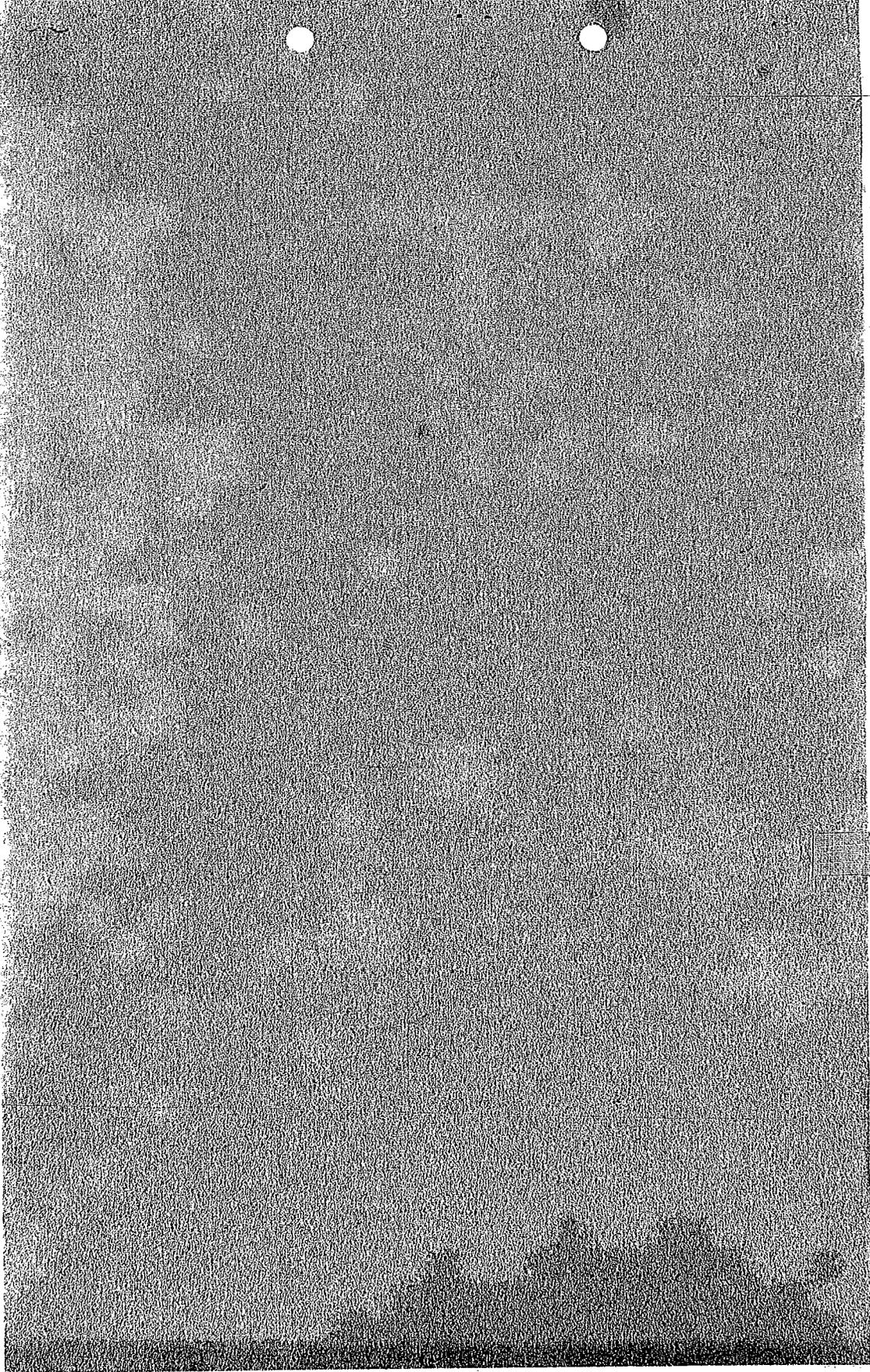
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