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PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF & RESCUE OF REFUGEES: RELIEF PROJECTS
RELIEF THROUGH SWITZERLAND

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July 17, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel, Asst. Exec. Dir.,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thanks very much for your letter of July 9 advising us that
Mr. Elter has received the balance of the labor funds and
that he will leave shortly for Luxembourg.

We deeply appreciate the help your office has given to us
in expediting these and other projects.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Pierce, Director
Foreign Relief Division

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COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL WAR FUND AND AMERICAN RED CROSS
REGISTRATION NO. D-9, PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

JUL 9 1945

Dear Mr. Pierce:

The War Refugee Board representative in Bern, Switzerland, has advised us that he has paid out the unspent balance of 72,889.45 Swiss francs of the Friends of Luxembourg funds to Jules Elter, Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne. In advising us of this transfer, Mr. McClelland informed us that Mr. Elter will leave shortly for Luxembourg where he will discuss the most appropriate use of this money with Messrs. Krier and Clément.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. John C. Pierce,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, N. Y.

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EBT:hd 7/9/45

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10 East 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

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Bern

Dated July 7, 1945

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Secretary of State

Washington

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3453, July 7, 11 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

DEPT'S 2182, June 29, WRB 539.

In accordance with authorization contained your
539, I paid out unspent balance of 72,889.45 Swiss francs
to Jules Elter Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne. Elter is
leaving shortly for Luxembourg where he will discuss most
appropriate use this money with Krier and Clement.

This final transaction now liquidates all Belgium,
Dutch and Luxembourg funds I have handled for WRB. Will
forward complete files next week.

HARRISON

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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The following for McClelland is WRB 539.

Reference your 3287 of June 22.

You are hereby authorized to turn over to Jules Alter
unspent balance of 72,889.46 Swiss francs you are now
holding for Friends of Luxembourg.

GREW
(Acting)
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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 3287 of June 22.

You are hereby authorized to turn over to Jules Elter unpaid balance of 72,889.45 Swiss francs you are now holding for Friends of Luxembourg.

THIS IS WEB BERN CABLE NO. 539

10:15 a.m.
June 29, 1945

Miss Ripple (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, Files.

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CORRECTION

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June 25, 1945

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In cable from Bern 3287, June 22, 2 p.m. for WRB
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Bern

Dated June 22, 1945

Rec'd 5:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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3287⁶, June 22, 2 p.m.

O'DWYER OF WRB FROM McCLELLAND

LEG 2670, May 9 and 2863, May 23.

In interest of Discharging Board responsibilities
in Switzerland and in absence of instructions from donors
of unspent balance of 72,889.45 Friends of Luxembourg
Swiss francs which I am still holding advise as to
what should be done with this money would be appreciated.

*turn over to
Seeger*

JT

HARRISON

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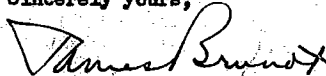
June 11, 1945

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you for your letter of May 22 enclosing
copies of correspondence with Mr. Krier and of Mr.
McClelland's report on expenditures as of May 10 under
the Labor-sponsored program for Luxembourg.

I am glad to know that this information has been
furnished to Miss LaFollette and Mr. Pierce.

Sincerely yours,



James Brunot
Executive Director

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

*Belgian War Relief
Friends of Europe
Suzanne Willems*

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June 4, 1945

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
United Nations Relief, APL,
Nine East 46th Street,
New York 17, New York.

Mr. John C. Pierce,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, New York.

Dear Miss LaFollette and Mr. Pierce:

We have your letter of May 24 concerning the disposition of some 70,000 francs remaining in Mr. McClelland's hands for labor-sponsored relief in Luxembourg. Miss Hodel has informed us of the suggestions forwarded through Mr. McClelland.

Subject to clearance with the National War Fund the President's War Relief Control Board has no objection to the release of these funds to Mr. Jules Elter for remittance to the approved trustees or for purchase of supplies in Switzerland as the trustees may direct.

Very truly yours,

James Brunot
Executive Director

JB:EC

cc: Mr. Jensen - Mr. Woll - Miss Hodel

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June 4, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel, Asst. Exec. Dir.,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you very much for your recent communications regarding
Luxembourg and Norway.

We were especially happy to receive the data on Norway as it
will be invaluable in helping us to prepare our budgets for
the National War Fund for the coming fiscal year.

Inasmuch as the War Refugee Board is winding up its affairs
and will soon become non-existent, I think it is proper for
me at this time to express the sincere gratitude of our Com-
mittee for the excellent working relationship we have had
with your office and especially our deep appreciation to you,
personally, for the way in which you have expedited the
handling of our projects.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Pierce, Director
War Relief Division

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REGISTRATION NO. D-9, PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

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MAY 30 1945

Dear Mr. Brunot:

Since my letter of May 22, 1945, concerning funds held by Mr. McClelland, our representative in Bern, in connection with the American Labor program of relief to Luxembourgers, Mr. McClelland has advised us that the amount which the International Red Cross was able to utilize to aid Luxembourg deportees and detainees in Germany was 5,445 Swiss francs. These funds were used to purchase and ship medical supplies, principally neocid insect powder to combat typhus lice. The International Red Cross has returned to him the unspent balance of 54,555 Swiss francs, so that he is now holding a total of 72,889.45 francs.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. James Brunot,
Executive Director,
President's War Relief Control Board,
Washington Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

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The transfer of the balance of the fund under reference to Mr. Jules Elter for relief in Luxembourg, as proposed in your letter of May 24, 1945, has the approval of the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

[(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. James Pierce,
National C.I.O. War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York, New York.

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Bern

Dated May 23, 1945

Rec'd 5:22 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

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2863, May 23, 1 p.m.

O'DWYER OF WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

My 2670 May 9 and my letter May 11 ICRC SDSA now reports that of 60,000 Swiss francs placed their disposal for aid to Luxembourg deportees and detainees Germany they were able spend 5445 francs for purchase and shipment medical supplies principally neocid insect powder to combat typhus lice. Unspent balance 54,555 francs now returned to me. I therefore still have on hand in all 72,889.45 francs belonging Friends of Luxembourg Inc.

I should appreciate early advice of Donors as to disposition this money.

HARRISON

JMS

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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May 24, 1945.

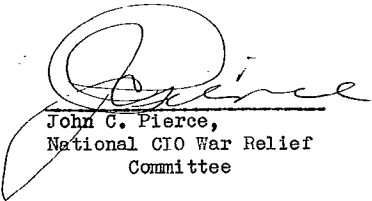
Miss Florence Hodel, Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board,
Old Treasury Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

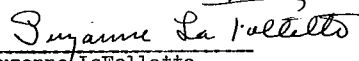
Dear Miss Hodel:

Having received your letter of May 22nd enclosing photo-
stats of Mr. McClelland's report and the letters of Antoine Krier
and Messrs. Woll and Abramson, we have written to the President's
War Relief Control Board and the National War Fund requesting them
to approve Mr. McClelland's turning over to Mr. Elter the full
amount of money remaining on hand for Luxembourg relief.

May we have a letter from you affirming approval of this
action by the War Refugee Board.

Sincerely yours,


John C. Pierce,
National CIO War Relief
Committee


Suzanne LaFollette,
United Nations Relief, AFL.

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LEO PERLIS, National Director

May 23, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

In Mr. Pierce's absence from the city,
permit me to thank you for your letter of May 22nd
with respect to the funds sent to Switzerland in
connection with the American Labor-sponsored project
for Luxembourg.

✓ I will bring it to the attention of Mr.
Pierce immediately upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Robbins
Jean Robbins,
(Sec. to Mr. Pierce)

JR:gl

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REGISTRATION NO. D-9, PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

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MAY 22 1945

Dear Mr. Pierce:

There are enclosed copies of two letters and a statement of accounts with respect to funds sent to Switzerland in connection with the American Labor program of relief to Luxembourgers.

These documents were forwarded to us by our representative in Bern, Mr. Roswell D. McClelland, who states that the International Committee of the Red Cross was able to spend about 6,000 francs for relief to Luxembourg deportees in Germany out of the 60,000 Swiss francs which he deposited with them on March 26, 1945, as authorized. These 60,000 francs were advanced from the balance of 83,334.25 Swiss francs then on hand, and 5,000 francs were advanced to Messrs. Krier and Clement on April 26.

Mr. McClelland advised us that Messrs. Krier and Clement visited him on April 25 and 26 after arriving in Switzerland from Luxembourg where, they informed him, there exists a great need for these funds to assist labor families whose bread-winners have died in German concentration camps or have been executed by the Nazis, to care for the education and health of their children, and to help returning deportees reestablish their homes. It was stated that this relief work began in April and that the demand for it increases daily as the deportees return.

A similar letter is being written to Miss LaFollette and Mr. Brunot.

Very truly yours,

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Florence Hodel
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Mr. John Pierce,
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Enclosures.

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Bern

Dated May 9, 1945

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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2670, May 9, 2 p.m.

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LIAISON OFFICE

O'DWYER OF WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 1108 WRB's 461 March 17.

Concerning Friends of Luxemburg funds still in
Switzerland, Antoine Krier and Herbert Clement original
trustees visited me on April 25 and 26 having just arrived
from Luxemburg. They described great need existing there
for these funds to assist labor families, whose bread
winners have died in German concentration camps or been
executed by Nazis, to care for education and health of
children of same and help returning deportees reestablish
homes. This relief work began in April and demand for it
increases daily as deportees return.

In view of changed situation in Germany as regards
aid to Luxemburg deportees there both Krier and Clement
urge that permission be obtained in agreement with donors
to have original license amended so that unspent balance
of funds may be used for relief program in Luxemburg
itself

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

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WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

May 16, 1945

Dear Miss Hodel:

The Department of State has called to our attention a paraphrase of telegram No. 2670 from Bern containing a message for the War Refugee Board regarding the disposition of funds provided for relief among Luxembourg citizens in Germany. We believe this refers to the subject of the attached letter, copy of which we apparently failed to furnish the War Refugee Board.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot
E.C.

James Brunot
Executive Director

Enclosure

Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant Executive Director,

War Refugee Board,

Executive Office of the President,

Washington 25, D.C.

(Dictated but not read)

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1945

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Under date of April 12, 1945 we have a request from Labor's War Relief Program for clearance of a release of 23,000 Swiss francs, now in Switzerland in the hands of the War Refugee Board's representative. It is proposed that these funds, transmitted last year under a special license for relief behind Axis lines, be released to Mr. Jules Elter at the Luxembourg Consulate in Lausanne for purchase of supplies to be sent from there to the Labor relief trustees in Luxembourg for distribution.

The War Refugee Board has approved the proposed release of these funds.

The President's War Relief Control Board has no objection to the project as outlined.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES BRUNOT
Executive Director

Mr. Elliot J. Jensen, Secretary,
Budget Committee,
National War Fund,
46 Cedar Street,
New York 5, New York.

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May 15, 1945.

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer, Exec. Dir.,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

We have now received the approval of the War Refugee Board, the President's War Relief Control Board and the National War Fund for the transfer of the remaining 23,000 francs of the Labor relief funds for Luxembourg which your representative is holding in Switzerland.

Would you please instruct your representative to release these funds to Mr. Jules Elter at the Luxembourg Consulate in Lausanne for purchase of supplies to be sent from there to the Labor relief trustees in Luxembourg?

We are cabling today to Mr. Elter informing him that the funds will now be made available.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne La Follette
SUZANNE LA FOLLETTE
United Nations Relief, AFL

John C. Pierce
JOHN C. PIERCE
National CIO War Relief Committee

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*Discussed with
Miss La Follette
in light of cable
from Mr. C. C. C. and
to larger balance -*

REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH COMMITTEES



LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Bern, May 11th. 1945.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

I am pleased to refer to my wire of May 9th., Legation's 2670, concerning funds sent to me by the Friends of Luxemburg, Inc. and originally intended for relief to Luxemburgers in enemy occupied territory.

As stated in my wire I now enclose a short statement of accounts covering this money as well as two letters: one from Antoine Krier and Herbert Clement describing the urgent need for these funds for work in Luxemburg, and one outlining the original intentions of the donors of this money addressed in July 1944 to Pierre Krier, brother of Antoine, and Luxemburg Minister of Labor.

With regard to the accounts I checked this morning with the International Committee of the Red Cross and find that fortunately the Committee was able to spend about 6,000 francs for relief to Luxemburg deportees in Germany out of the 60,000 which I deposited with them on March 26th. of this year. The ICRC should therefore still have in hand around 54,000 frs. which they are returning to me for the Luxemburg account.

I think this matter could be most satisfactorily cleared up if the license governing this money could now be amended to permit its expenditure for labor relief in Luxemburg. Judging from the tone of Mr. Woll and Mr. Abramson's letter of July 1944 the donors would approve this. I therefore hope that this authorization will be forthcoming shortly so that the unspent balance can be turned over to Krier and Clement.

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

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland

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Enclosures: As stated.
Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.

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C O P Y

Bern, le 26 avril 1945

Monsieur McClelland
Thunstrasse, 78
Berne

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July 26, 1944

Mr. Pierre Krier
240 West 73rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

The relief program of American Labor for Luxembourg has been approved by the National War Fund and licensed by the United States Treasury Department. The license has been cabled to the representative of the United States Treasury Department in Bern, Switzerland. He is attached to the American Embassy.

This project, for which you have nominated Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier as trustees, amounts to \$20,000 for the year 1944. The funds will be transmitted to them by the Friends of Luxembourg the recognized American relief agency for your country. It is understood that these funds are for the relief of victims of Nazi persecution, without regard to labor affiliation.

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MATTHEW WOLL, President Labor League for Human Rights, AFL
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(signed)


A. Krier.

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Walter Dill Scott, Chairman, Committee for Human Rights, ARL
Executive Committee, National War Relief Committee.

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Dear Mr. Pierce:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

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Executive Director

Mr. John C. Pierce,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, New York.

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April 12, 1945

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

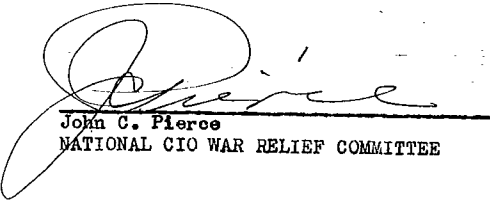
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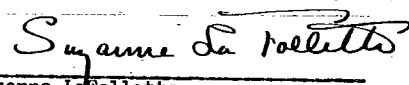
It is our understanding that there still remains in the hands of Mr. McClelland in Berne, 23,000 Swiss francs of the fund sent last year for relief behind Axis lines. We are asking the President's War Relief Control Board and the National War Fund to approve the transfer of this fund to Mr. Jules Elter, Luxembourg Consulate, Lausanne, who, according to your letter of March 10, was designated by our trustees for Luxembourg to represent them in Switzerland after their return to their own country.

We propose to instruct Mr. Elter to use this fund for the purchase of materials in Switzerland to be sent to the trustees in Luxembourg and there distributed for relief purposes.

May we have your Board's approval of this proposal? Thanking you, we are

Sincerely yours,


John C. Pierce
NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE


Suzanne La Follette
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF, AFL

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The following for McClelland is WRB 561.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 561

10:45 a.m.
March 17, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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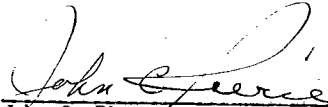
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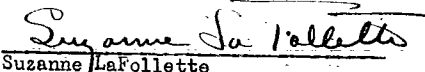
This letter refers to information received from your office that the International Red Cross can use for relief of Luxembourg citizens deported to Germany 60,000 Swiss francs of the balance of 83,000 still held by Mr. McClelland for Labor-sponsored relief behind Axis lines. May we ask that you authorize Mr. McClelland to turn over 60,000 francs to the International Red Cross to be used in this way.

We leave it to Mr. McClelland's discretion whether or not he shall first consult Mr. Jules Elter, as the appointed agent of Messrs. Krier and Clement. It seems to us that the important thing is that this money is needed by Luxembourg citizens now in Germany and that it should therefore be made available at the earliest possible moment.

Thanking you, we are

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John C. Pierce
NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE


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Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you for your letter of March 10 which I have just received. Mr. Pierce has not yet returned from Chicago, but as soon as he does we shall probably send you a joint letter requesting you to authorize Mr. McClelland to turn over 60,000 francs to the International Red Cross upon receipt of Mr. Elter's approval, if Mr. McClelland thinks that necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

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MAR 10 1945

Dear Miss LaFollette:

At our recent meeting on March 8, 1945, you inquired as to the name of the person who had been designated by Messrs. Krier and Clement as their agent in Switzerland.

Under date of January 19, 1945, we were advised by Mr. McClelland that Jules Elter, Luxembourg Consulate Lausanne, is the appointed agent of Messrs. Krier and Clement.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, N. Y.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1181, February 23, 9 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

In matter of ICRC using Luxembourg funds at my disposal in Switzerland for relief program behalf Luxembourg deportees in Germany, following is substance of ICRC's answer: (Department's 642, February 10; WRB's 397 and Legation's 588, January 27)

*Referenced to
Mr. La Follette
2/28/45, who
believes transfer
possible but
will discuss
with CAC
and write us.
Gibb*

"Given relatively small number Luxembourg deportees in Germany accessible for relief supplies and mounting difficulties of transport situation a sum of 60000 francs would be more than adequate cover cost of relief program for them."

It might be of interest to donors to know that ICRC stated Belgian Government guaranteed several months ago to cover any ICRC expenditures involved in sending relief to Luxembourgers in Germany.

Kindly inform me if donors desire that I remit 60000 francs from 83334 I hold to ICRC.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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February 13, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

I have been out of the city for several weeks and
I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter
of January 29.

Of course, I am pleased to learn of the one hundred
sixty five thousand dollar (\$165,000.00) transaction
for the Netherlands project.

Very truly yours,

Leo Perlis
National Director

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cc: John C. Pierce

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The following for McClelland is WRB 397.X

Please advise urgently if Intereross is in position
to handle relief program for Luxembourg citizens in
Germany as outlined in Department's No. 288 of January 18,
1945.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please advise urgently, if Intercross is in position to handle relief program for Luxembourg citizens in Germany as outlined in Department's No. 288 of January 18, 1945.

THIS IS WRD BERN CABLE NO. 397.

10:00 a.m.
February 10, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

*Per request of
Miss Chauncey
Filed 2/9/45*

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February 3, 1945

Dear Miss LaFollette:

The following message for you from Jef Rens was received through the American Embassy in London under date of February 2, 1945:

"Minister van Acker having left before receiving your cable, I have taken advice Heri Fuss, Director General Labor Department and Joseph Bondas, General Secretary Belgian Federation Labor now in London for ILO. Both urge financial aid now being more important than anything else. Inflation in Belgium not to be feared. I had already informed Belgian friends about your promise of \$150,000. Non-fulfillment this promise would mean great disappointment to them."

Very truly yours,

(s) Florence Model

Florence Model
Assistant Executive Director

Miss Susanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, New York.

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London

Dated February 2, 1945

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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FOR WRB FROM MANN.

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Please deliver the following message to Susanne

LaFollette from Jef Rens:

MESSAGE BEGINS: Minister van Acker having left before
receiving your cable, I have taken advice Heri Fuss,
Director General Labor Department and Joseph Bondas, General
Secretary Belgian Federation Labor now in London for ILO.
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had already informed Belgian friends about your promise
of \$150,000. Non-fulfillment this promise would mean
great disappointment to them. MESSAGE ENDS.

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BOARD, D. C.

January 31, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you for your letter of January 29. We are very much pleased to know that the full amount of the money being held for the labor-sponsored project for Holland has been turned over to the Netherlands Government to be transmitted to the Netherlands Labor movement for use behind Axis lines.

Mr. Abramson of the CIO, in a conference with me the other day, raised the question of the Belgian fund. I assured him it had been turned over to the Belgian Charge in Berne for transmission to Mr. Major in Belgium, and I quoted him a letter from Mr. Rens confirming its receipt. He still seemed unconvinced, and you may hear from his office asking for a formal statement that the money has been turned over by Mr. McClelland.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
Suzanne LaFollette

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Bern

Dated January 27, 1945

Rec'd 8:19 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

588, January 27, Noon

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 288, January 18, WRB's 367

About ten days ago ICRC received a list con-
taining names of roughly 3200 deported Luxemburgers.
After preliminary examination ICRC estimates about
800 persons on this list to be geographically acces-
sible to relief parcel shipments. ICRC relief to
this number of Luxemburgers is however not particu-
larly a financial question but rather one of trans-
portation as we have for moment at least more WRB
parcels than can be satisfactorily distributed.
We are already addressing WRB parcels to about 200
Luxembourg deportees.

Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne Jules Elter in-
formed me week ago he holding 40,000 Swiss francs
recently sent him by his government to purchase

relief

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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-2-, #588, January 27, Noon, from Bern

relief for Luxembourg deportees which he has not
(repeat not) yet begun to be able to spend.

It is ICRC's opinion that a fund of 60,000
Swiss francs would be more than enough to organize
relief program for accessible Luxembourg deportees:
(800?)
Eight from recent lists and 200 previously known.

I accordingly return to my original recommendation
(Legation's 6837, October 13) that equivalent of
\$15,000 be licensed for relief in (repeat in)
Luxembourg through Krier and Clement and that \$5000
be reserved in combination with Elter's funds for
relief program through ICRC for Luxembourg deportees.

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The following for McGlelland is WRB 323.

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Reference your No. 389 of January 19, 1948. The \$19,633.80 which you are now holding for Friends of Luxembourg can not (repeat not) be expended in Luxembourg because these funds were appropriated by National War Fund for relief and rescue in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. Accordingly, interested groups here hope that you will be able to arrange with Intercross for relief program suggested in Department's No. 288 (WRB No. 367) of January 18, 1948.

For your information, Friends of Luxembourg and labor groups expect to send \$12,500 very shortly to labor trustees in Luxembourg for relief in Luxembourg.

Donors wish to assure you of their complete satisfaction with your handling of the funds which have been remitted to you for various relief projects.

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be closely guarded.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

Reference your No. 339 of January 19, 1948. The \$19,538.60 which you are now holding for Friends of Luxembourg can not (repeat not) be expended in Luxembourg because these funds were appropriated by National War Fund for relief and rescue in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. Accordingly, interested groups here hope that you will be able to arrange with Interarea for relief program suggested in Department's No. 288 (WRB No. 337) of January 18, 1948.

Donors wish to assure you of their complete satisfaction with your handling of the funds which have been remitted to you for various relief projects.

4 p.m.
January 25, 1945.

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- (d) $n=40$: The distribution is centered around 40 non-zero elements.
- (e) $n=50$: The distribution is centered around 50 non-zero elements.

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JAN 29 1945

Dear Mr. Perlis:

I am pleased to advise you that Roswell D. McClelland, the Board's representative in Bern, Switzerland, has just advised us by cable that he paid on January 26, 1945, to the Dutch Minister at Bern, Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal, the Swiss franc equivalent of \$165,000 minus the customary one-half percent commission charged by the Swiss National Bank. Mr. McClelland has asked Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal to confirm receipt of this money to the Netherlands Government in London. Mr. McClelland now holds no funds for the Queen Wilhelmina project.

Very truly yours,

1/1 Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Leo Perlis,
National Director,
National GIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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FH:hd 1/23/45

JAN 29 1945

Dear Miss LaFollette:

I am pleased to advise you that Roswell D. McClelland, the Board's representative in Bern, Switzerland, has just advised us by cable that he paid on January 26, 1945, to the Dutch Minister at Bern, Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal, the Swiss franc equivalent of \$165,000 minus the customary one-half percent commission charged by the Swiss National Bank. Mr. McClelland has asked Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal to confirm receipt of this money to the Netherlands Government in London. Mr. McClelland now holds no funds for the Queen Wilhelmina project.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

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10 East 40th Street,
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Washington.

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547, January 26, 2 p.m.

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As authorized in your 317 (January 19 WRB's

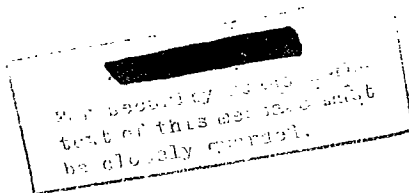
370), I paid Dutch Minister at Bern, Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal, sum of 704,009.45 Swiss francs, equivalent of \$165,000 minus customary one-half percent Swiss National Bank Commission, on January 26.

I asked Mr. de Rosenthal to kindly confirm receipt immediately to Netherlands Government in London.

This therefore exhausts all Queen Wilhelmina funds I have been holding.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 377, January 11, with respect to Dutch labor project.

McClelland is being authorized to transfer Swiss franc equivalent of \$165,000 to Dutch Minister in Bern. This sum is total of all remittances to Switzerland made to date by Queen Wilhelmina Fund for this specific project. Adequate assurances have now been given by the Netherlands Government through Netherlands Embassy in Washington that local currency equivalent of \$90,000 has been made available to labor groups in Holland and that local currency equivalent of \$75,000 will be made available to labor groups in Holland as soon as the transfer of \$165,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern has taken place.

Labor groups here are in full agreement and request that you advise Oldenbruck.

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 39.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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Dated January 19, 1945

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Secretary of State

Washington

389, January 19, 5 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

As stated in Legation's 7347 November 4 and 7877

December 1, 1944 I have been attempting for many weeks
clear up question contained in your 3729 October 31,
WRB 251, to effect that donors these Luxembourg funds
"are unable ask for clearance of request use funds in
Luxembourg unless informed what specific purposes
trustees have in mind". In light of recent and first
message from Krier and Clement and of correspondence
between Oldenbroek (who is in close touch with donors),
National CIO War Relief Committee and Labor League for
human rights and OSS in London which has come to my
attention it becomes clear that trustees still propose,
in keeping with donors original instructions and in-
tentions, use this money for support and reorganizations
labor unions and relief to labor victims (and their

families) of

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families) of Nazi oppression in Luxembourg. Krier and Clement accordingly urge Luxembourg funds I am still holding (83334.45 Swiss francs) be made available to them for above mentioned purpose as promptly as possible. I fully share and sympathize with their viewpoint and therefore recommend that original license W 2232 issued to Friends of Luxembourg Inc. be promptly amended to permit remittance this money to Krier and Clement or to their appointed agent in Switzerland Jules Elter Luxembourg Consulate Lausanne.

I gather that there is growing feeling on part of donors that American Legation at Bern has obstructed proper disbursement these funds by excessive red tape, et cetera, an impression I am anxious to dissipate as I have since really regretted continued lack of clear or coordinated instructions regarding disposition to be made of this money which should have been put to practical use long ago. Kindly attempt therefore expedite amendment this license to permit expenditure funds in (repeat in) Luxembourg and inform me as soon as obtained.

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The following for McClelland is WRB 370.

Reference paragraph 1 your No. 7877 of December 1, 1944,
concerning Queen Wilhelmina Fund project.

You are hereby authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent
of the \$165,000 you have on hand (total of four remittances made
to you by Queen Wilhelmina Fund) to the Dutch Minister at Bern.
Adequate assurances have now been given by the Netherlands Govern-
ment through Netherlands Embassy in Washington that local currency
equivalent of \$90,000 has been made available to labor groups in
Holland and that local currency equivalent of \$75,000 will be
made available to labor groups in Holland as soon as the transfer
of \$165,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern has taken place.

Interested groups here approve of foregoing authorization to
you. Oldenbruck and Mann in London are being advised.

Please inform Board when payment has been made to Dutch
Minister.

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CABLE TO AMLEGATION, BERN, FOR MCGLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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Interested groups here approve of foregoing authorization to you. Oldenbruck and Mann in London are being advised.

Please inform Board when payment has been made to Dutch Minister.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 370.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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Mr. Pehle
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January 15, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel, Special Assistant
to the Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

I enclose for your files a copy of the letter which I have just
read to you over the telephone, from the Netherlands Minister,
Baron van Boetzelaer.

It is a great relief to have the question of the 1944 Labor sponsored
relief fund for the Netherlands at last cleared up through this letter.
We are grateful for your assurance that you will notify Mr. McClelland
of its receipt and authorize transfer of the funds.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
Suzanne LaFollette

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Enc.

No. 233

January 11, 1945

Dear Miss La Follette:-

After our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am very glad to inform you that I received today cabled information from London which will go a long way towards answering your various questions. The contents of this cable which emanated from the Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs reads as follows:-

"After being notified by Mr. Oldenbroek that the sum of 90,000.- had been made available for labor relief in the Netherlands behind Axis lines a credit has been opened in Holland of 200,000.- guilders by the Netherlands Government. However no transfer of 90,000.- to the Netherlands Minister in Berne has taken place notwithstanding the fact that the credit of 200,000.- guilders to the charge of the Netherlands Government has been effectively made available to the Netherlands workers through the intermediary of a most reliable person known to the Minister for Home Affairs and Mr. Oldenbroek.

It will be understood by the generous American donors that a final accounting of the amounts spent can only take place after the liberation of the northern part of the Netherlands which at present is still under German occupation. From reports received in London from a person who arrived recently from the northern still-occupied part of Holland, it has been established beyond a doubt that the money has been transferred to the person designated by the Minister for Home Affairs and Mr. Oldenbroek. Mr. Oldenbroek wishes to go on record that it is advisable to spend an amount of 75,000 in the same way behind Axis lines. A corresponding amount in Netherlands currency will be made available to a reliable person in the occupied territory as soon as transfer of the dollar account to the Netherlands Minister in Berne has taken place.

The intention of the National War Fund to make available a new sum of 150,000 for labor relief in the liberated part of the Netherlands is greatly appreciated by the Netherlands Government. This relief can now effectively be distributed because there is a commission of labor representatives in liberated territory which can take charge of the matter.

Miss S. LaFollette
Labor League for Human Rights
United Nations Relief
10 E. 40th St.
New York 18, NY

"As soon as the 150,000.- mentioned above are made available either to the Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs or to Mr. Oidenbroek, the money can be spent through the intermediary of the commission of labor representatives in liberated territory which contains representatives of all labor groups"

I very much hope that the above information will be considered sufficient to enable responsible organizations in the United States

1. to pay out to the Netherlands Minister in Bern the 90,000.-, counter value of which has already been spent in occupied Holland.
2. to pay to the Netherlands Minister in Bern 75,000.- for the same purpose.
3. to make available to the Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs or Mr. Oidenbroek either directly or by placing this sum at the disposal of the Netherlands Embassy in Washington the amount of 150,000 which the National War Fund may wish to make available for labor relief in the liberated part of Holland. I would be most glad to make such additional inquiries concerning this matter as either the National War Fund or yourself may deem necessary, but I feel I should point out that it is in the nature of these transactions that detailed information concerning the way in which the distribution of the money has taken place can only be given at a later date.

The high moral character of Mr. Oidenbroek who is known to your organization and the fact that responsible officials of the Netherlands Government are supervising this matter should for the present be considered as sufficient proof that the money generously made available by the National War Fund for this purpose is indeed spent for the purpose for which it was intended.

Sincerely yours,

W. van Boetzelaer (sgd)

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Minister Plenipotentiary

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New York 16, N. Y.



Miss Florence Hodel, Special Assistant
to the Executive Director
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The following for McClelland is URB #67.

Reference your No. 7877 of December 1, paragraph 3.

Board has been advised that Andre Wolff, Commissioner of
Information, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, has just learned that

ICRC has addresses of some 8,000 Luxembourg citizens in
Germany who are in urgent need of relief. Friends of Luxem-
bourg and labor groups sponsoring program have requested
Board to inquire whether ICRC is in a position to use in
behalf of these Luxembourg citizens in Germany the unused
12,533.60 now in your hands. Please raise question with
ICRC and advise Board urgently if ICRC is in a position to
handle such a relief program in a manner satisfactory to you.

You may assume that authorization will be forthcoming for use
of funds for such a program.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO AMLEGATION, BERN, FOR MCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 7877 of December 1, paragraph 3.

Board has been advised that Andre Wolff, Commissioner of Information, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, has just learned that ICRG has addresses of some 6,000 Luxembourg citizens in Germany who are in urgent need of relief. Friends of Luxembourg and labor groups sponsoring program have requested Board to inquire whether ICRG is in a position to use in behalf of these Luxembourg citizens in Germany the unused \$19,533.60 now in your hands. Please raise question with ICRG and advise Board urgently if ICRG is in a position to handle such a relief program in a manner satisfactory to you. You may assume that authorization will be forthcoming for use of funds for such a program.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 367.

4:00 p.m.
January 17, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Hodel, Gaston, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

Approved
Miss M. Dollette
FHnd 1/17/45



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January 17, 1945

Mr. J.W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 15, conveying Mr. Oldenbroek's message. It is most timely and will prove helpful, I think, at the budget meeting next week of the National War Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

Suzanne LaFollette

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January 15, 1945

Dear Miss LaFollette:

The following message for you from Jacobus Oldenbroek was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 11, 1945:

"Your letter of 6th of December just received. Have provided full information to War Refugee Board representative Mann in London and to McClelland in Bern. Also during his stay in London spoke to Irving Abramson. All necessary assurances have been given by me and am awaiting 90 or 165,000 transfer to Netherlands Minister in Bern. It will be understood by you that following liberation of their country Krier and Clement would no longer stay in Switzerland. When they departed on 13th of October funds had not arrived Switzerland yet. We were and are without trustees in Switzerland because of length of delay in transferring funds. Therefore ask that you give agreement to our using Netherlands Government intervention for transferring to occupied area Netherlands \$75,000, as previously done in October with respect to \$90,000. Very much appreciated is your generous offer of 150,000 for liberated territory projects. Matter is being raised with trade union people in liberated areas and shortly projects and trustees' names will be submitted to you."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, New York.

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Secretary of State

Washington

377, January 11, 7 P.m.

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be closely guarded.

Please deliver a paraphrase of the following message
to Susanne LaFollette Labor League Human Rights from
Jacobus Oldenbrock.

"Just received your letter December 6. Full in-
formation has been supplied to Mann, War Refugee Board
representative London and to McClelland, Bern. Have
spoken also to Irving Abramson during his stay London.
I have given all necessary assurances and awaiting trans-
fer 90 or 165,000 to Netherlands Minister Bern. You will
understand that Clement and Krier would not stay Switzer-
land after liberation their country. Money had not yet
reached Switzerland when they left on October 13. Because
of long delay in transferring money we were and are with-
out trustees in Switzerland. Request therefore you agree
our using intervention Netherlands Government for trans-
fer to Netherlands occupied territory \$75,000 as already
done in respect \$90,000 in October. Your generous offer

for 150,000

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

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for 150,000 for projects in liberated territory very much appreciated. The matter is being taken up with trade unionists in liberated parts and projects and names trustees will be submitted to you shortly. ~~End~~ Message.

Assurances referred to are those mentioned in my 11471, December 27. I have never told Oldenbroek outright that I considered his assurances insufficient but have told him that I would transmit to Washington such assurances as he had been able to give me and pointed out that such might not be considered sufficient. He has promised to put me in touch with Burgher, Dutch Minister for Home Affairs who is still in liberated part Holland but expected back any day now. Abramson when here agreed with me that assurances received from Oldenbroek were not sufficient. Board may care to discuss matter with Abramson who left London January 1.

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The cable below for Mann is WRB 34.

Please deliver following message to Jef Rens,
International Labour Office, Parliament Street,
London, from Suzanne LaFollette of Labor League:

QUOTE After conference with Dekock are asking
American Government authorities and National War Fund
to authorize Finet as trustee Labor Fund for Belgium
to use money behind Axis lines if necessary please
ask Mr. Spaak to secure Belgian Government approval
of this also of alternative use in Belgium as proposed
originally by Dekock. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, FOR MANN, FROM WAP REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Jef Rens, International Labour
Office, Parliament Street, London, from Suzanne LaFollette of Labor League:

QUOTE AFTER CONFERENCE WITH DEKOCK ARE ASKING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES AND NATIONAL WAR FUND TO AUTHORIZE FINET AS TRUSTEE
LABOR FUND FOR BELGIUM TO USE MONEY BEHIND AXIS LINES IF NECESSARY
PLEASE ASK MR. SPAK TO SECURE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF
THIS ALSO OF ALTERNATIVE USE IN BELGIUM AS PROPOSED ORIGINALLY
BY DEKOCK. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 34.

2:15 p.m.
January 5, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,
Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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January 2, 1946

Cable to be sent to:

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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE
PARLIAMENT STREET
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AFTER CONFERENCE WITH DEEROCK AND ASKING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES AND NATIONAL WAR FUND TO AUTHORIZE FIRST AS TRUSTEE
LABOUR FUND FOR BELGIUM TO USE MONEY BEHIND AXIS LINES IF NECESSARY
STOP PLEASE ASK MR. SPAAR TO SECURE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
OF THIS ALSO OF ALTERNATIVE USE IN BELGIUM AS PROPOSED ORIGINALLY
BY DEEROCK.

Suzanna LaFollette

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LONDON
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The following for Mann is WRB 31.

Reference your 11365 of December 22 concerning funds for
Belgian War Relief project.

Please advise Abramson that on December 13 McClelland
paid Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 (total of all Belgian
funds remitted to Switzerland) to Decaritat, Belgian Charge
d'Affaires in Bern. This payment was made by McClelland in
accordance with instructions sent by the Board on behalf of
Abramson's group and A.F.L. and only after Ministry of
Interior at Brussels had wired Decaritat authorizing him to
accept these funds stating they were in contact with Major
in Belgium and would make available to him in Belgium the
local currency equivalent. Labor groups here request that
you ask Abramson to get in touch with Jef Rens in London
immediately who has all background on this transaction.

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CABLE TO WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 11395 of December 22 concerning funds for Belgian War Relief project.

Please advise Abramson that on December 13 McClelland paid Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 (total of all Belgian funds remitted to Switzerland) to Decaritat, Belgian Charge d'Affaires in Bern. This payment was made by McClelland in accordance with instructions sent by the Board on behalf of Abramson's group and A.F.L. and only after Ministry of Interior at Brussels had wired Decaritat authorizing him to accept these funds stating they were in contact with Major in Belgium and would make available to him in Belgium the local currency equivalent. Labor groups here request that you ask Abramson to get in touch with Jef Rens in London immediately who has all background on this transaction.

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 31.

5:15 p.m.
December 29, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sect'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Hodel, McCormack, Files

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Dated December 27, 1944

Rec'd 7:50 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

11471, December 27, 7 p.m.

FOR PENLE FROM MANN

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

I have had several conversations and conducted written correspondence with Oldenbroek concerning funds mentioned in WRB 29. Oldenbroek states equivalent of \$90,000 was made available in Holland in August or September by Dutch Minister for Home Affairs Mr. J.A.W. Burger. Burger has been in unoccupied Holland for some time but is expected back shortly. Oldenbroek's statements do not appear to be based upon actual knowledge but rather upon circumstances such as fact that Minister gave instructions and reports of a friend that the labor movement in Holland has received a large sum of money. Oldenbroek's written statements could not be called "assurances that Dutch Government has turned over equivalent amount for relief in occupied Holland". While he is said by all to be honest and dependable it seems to me

that he does

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-2- #11471, December 27, 7 p.m., from London

that he does not have sufficient knowledge at this time to give assurances. I shall attempt to reach Burger upon his return here and obtain more satisfactory information. If as Oldenbroek states funds have been made available relief in Holland is not being held up by delay in reimbursing.

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12/28/44

December 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Perlis:

The following message for you from Irving Abramson was received through the American Embassy in London under date of December 22, 1944:

"On grounds that Belgium has been liberated Belgian funds for relief operations behind enemy lines tied up American Legation in Bern. Recent military developments and rescue possibility for Belgian laborers in Germany necessitate immediate renewed attention. Trustees are unavailable. It is recommended by Omer Becu, Belgian trade unions representative, and Oldenbroek, International Transport Workers representative, that you designate as new trustees secretaries of Belgian Confederation of Labor, Louis Major and Paul Finet. This I approve. You should change license at once and instruct that funds be made available to these new trustees in care of Belgian Legation, Switzerland. Representative of WRB here is sending cable regarding this matter. Approval of American Federation of Labor should be obtained by you immediately. Should my recommendation be put into effect please advise representative in London of WRB who can contact trustees and advise that funds are available in Switzerland and their duties licensed. Please immediately contact interested agencies and WRB."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Leo Perlis, Director,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, New York.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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11395, December 22, 8 p.m.

FOR PEHLE FROM MANN.

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Please deliver a paraphrase of the following
message from Irving Abramson to Leo Perlis National
Director CIO War Relief Committee 1776 Broadway,
New York:

11 Belgian funds for relief behind Axis lines tied
up American Legation Bern, Switzerland, on grounds
that Belgium has been liberated. New military action
and possibility of rescue Belgian workers in Germany
requires renewed attention immediately. Present
trustees not available. Omer Becu representative
Belgian trade unions and Oldenbroek representative
International Transport Workers recommend
you change trustees to Louis Major and Paul Pinet,
secretaries Belgian Confederation of Labor. I approve.
Have license changed immediately and request funds be
made available:

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-2- #11395, December 22, 8 p.m., from London.

made available to new trustees care of Belgian Legation Switzerland. WRB representative here cabling re this matter. Secure immediate approval American Federation Labor. If my recommendation can be carried out, notify WRB representative London who can get message to trustees that funds available Switzerland and their duties under license. Please contact WRB and other interested agencies immediately. End message. W

Following for Board. Abramson and I have discussed various projects joint labor committee. He is very disappointed that Belgian funds have not been released for rescue and relief projects in occupied territory. I am advised of this project only by Abramson and Becu. They believe it possible to rescue some of 400,000 Belgian workers deported to Germany and to do relief in occupied territory. Abramson strongly requests his recommendation in above message be carried out and states that unless funds made available for project, he proposes to withdraw them immediately and use for other purposes. On basis my information I cannot give possibilities of projects

-3- #11395, December 22, 2 p.m., from London.

projects being carried out effectively but have no reason to disagree with Abramson's belief. Please communicate with appropriate parties and advise me what is to be done as soon as possible.

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Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
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December 22, 1944

Miss Florence Fodel, Special Assistant
to the Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Fodel:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 19 informing us
that the Belgian Charge in Switzerland has accepted payment of
the \$90,000 which Mr. McClelland was holding on account of the
Labor Fund for Belgium. We are very much pleased to know that
the transaction has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

Suzanne LaFollette

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MR. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Old Treasury Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Attention of Miss Florence Hodel

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We have just learned from Mr. Andre Wolff, Commissioner of Information of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, that the International Red Cross in Geneva has the addresses of some six thousand Luxembourg citizens in Germany who are in need of relief.

We should very much appreciate your asking Mr. McClelland to inquire whether the International Red Cross is in a position to use, in behalf of these Luxembourg citizens, the unexpended portion of the labor fund now in his hands. If the Red Cross can do so, we shall deeply appreciate your authorizing Mr. McClelland to turn over the funds.

By authorization of Mr. Leo Perlis of the National CIO War Relief Committee, I am speaking here for that organization as well as for the Labor League for Human Rights.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
Suzanne LaFollette

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LaFollette to forward
that was all our cable
as this - Situation in Luxembourg
has changed they will let us know
to further use of funds etc

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Dear Miss LaFollette:

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1944, in which you advise that Mr. Jef Rens of the Belgian CGT has cabled his government authorizing the Belgian Charge in Switzerland to accept the \$90,000 which was remitted to Mr. McClelland for your Belgian project.

The Board has just been advised by Mr. McClelland that on December 13, 1944, he paid the Swiss franc equivalent of this amount to Decaritat, Belgian Charge at Bern. Mr. McClelland reported that the Ministry of Interior at Brussels had wired Decaritat to accept these funds and stated that he was in contact with Mr. Major and would make available to him the equivalent of the aforementioned amount in Belgium. Mr. McClelland is holding no other funds for the Belgian War Relief program.

Very truly yours,

W/ Florence Model

Florence Model
Special Assistant to the
Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
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FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Department's 3929, November 18 WRB'S 283 and

Legation's 7715 November 24.

On December 13 I paid to Decaritat Belgian Charge
d'Affaires at Bern sum of 384005.15 Swiss francs
equivalent to \$19,000 minus customary Swiss banking charges
of one half percent on franc amount which grossed
585934.82.

Ministry of Interior at Brussels had wired Decaritat
authorizing him accept these funds stating they were in
contact with Major and would make available to him
equivalent of this amount in Belgium.

This exhausts all Belgian war relief funds I have
been holding.

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Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
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December 15, 1944

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

Dear Miss Model:

Thank you for your letter of December 11 enclosing copy of the cable you have requested the State Department to send to Mr. Oldenbroek. We deeply appreciate the cooperation of the War Refugee Board in this matter.

Thank you also for copy of Mr. Guigui's cable. Before we ask you to send an answer, we are querying the representative here of the CGT concerning the new trustees who have been designated. You will hear from us as soon as we have had an answer from him.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
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Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
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December 13, 1944

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

Dear Miss Hodell:

This is to confirm what I told you during our telephone conversation today that I plan to go to Washington on Tuesday, December 19. I shall be arriving in town at about 10 o'clock and will telephone you immediately. If you will arrange an appointment with Mr. Olsen, as you suggested, I shall be very grateful.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
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December 11, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Miss Florence Hodel

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 5 stating the balances which Mr. McClelland now has on hand of Labor relief funds for Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The Netherlands Embassy has been kind enough to forward for us a letter to Mr. Oldenbroek requesting that he confirm at once to the Netherlands Legation in Switzerland the expenditure in Holland of \$90,000 on account of the Labor fund. We have also told Mr. Oldenbroek that we have requested your Board to approve the same kind of transaction in order that the balance of the money in Switzerland can be made available immediately for relief behind Axis lines in Holland.

Mr. Jef Rens of the Belgian CGT has cabled his government requesting that it authorize the Charge in Switzerland to accept the \$90,000 which Mr. McClelland is holding on that account. Thus, it is to be hoped that all the money being held on these accounts will be shortly paid out for the purposes stated in the licenses, except the Luxembourg fund. Since Mr. McClelland has been unable to get in touch with the trustees for Luxembourg, it seems probable that the balance held for Luxembourg will have to be returned to the National War Fund. However, we shall appreciate Mr. McClelland's holding it for awhile yet until this matter can be canvassed further.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

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Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to
Jacobus H. Oldenbroek, International Transportworkers'
Federation, 25 Euston Road, London, N.W. 1, from Suzanne
LaFollette, United Nations Relief, AFL:

QUOTE Balance of \$75,000 now held in Switzerland for
Dutch Labor Fund. Trustees in Luxembourg therefore cannot
make Payment of \$75,000 to Dutch Legation in Switzerland will
be authorized upon your notification to War Refugee Board
representative in London that Dutch Government has turned
over equivalent amount for relief in occupied Holland.
Please advise as soon as possible. UNQUOTE

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Jacobus H. Oldenbroek,
International Transportworkers' Federation, 25 Euston Road, London, N.W. 1,
from Susanne LaFollette, United Nations Relief, AFL:

QUOTE BALANCE OF \$75,000 NOW HELD IN SWITZERLAND FOR DUTCH
LABOR FUND TRUSTEES IN LUXEMBOURG THEREFORE CANNOT USE PAY-
MENT OF \$75,000 TO DUTCH LEGATION IN SWITZERLAND WILL BE
AUTHORIZED UPON YOUR NOTIFICATION TO WAR REFUGEE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED OVER
EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR RELIEF IN OCCUPIED HOLLAND PLEASE
ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 29.

11:30 a.m.
December 5, 1944

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November 17, 1944

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

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In accordance with Mr. McClelland's request conveyed to us on November 9, that no further remittances on account of the Labor fund be made to Berne by the relief societies for Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, we have requested the Queen Wilhelmina Fund to hold until further notice \$50,000 which they were about to cable to Switzerland.

Since the Queen Wilhelmina Fund had already cabled the first \$50,000 authorized by the National War Fund for this quarter before Mr. McClelland's request came through, and since they were authorized to cable a supplementary amount of \$25,000 for 1944, there should be a balance now in Switzerland for the Dutch Labor fund of \$75,000. Since the need in Holland is very great and since that country is not yet entirely free from Nazi occupation, we request that your Board authorize the transfer of this balance to the Dutch Legation in Switzerland and that in case the Board is willing to authorize this transaction, you send to Mr. Oldenbroek in London the enclosed cable requesting him to ask the Dutch Government to make this amount available in Holland for the purposes stated in the license. In view of your previous authorization to Mr. McClelland to turn over to the Dutch Legation \$90,000 in compensation for a like amount provided to Mr. Oldenbroek by the Dutch Government, we very much hope that similar transaction will be authorized.

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board

November 17, 1944

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

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We naturally assume that before authorizing the specific amount of \$75,000 you will query Mr. McClelland concerning the exact amount which he now holds on account of the Dutch Labor fund. We should also, for our own information, appreciate a statement from Mr. McClelland of the amounts held in Holland on account of the Luxembourg and Belgian Labor funds.

We shall deeply appreciate it if you will inform us as soon as practicable whether or not your Board approves the above request.

In the absence of the executives of the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee, who are attending the C.I.O. convention in Chicago, I am authorized by Mr. Perlis to act in this matter for both organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

Suzanne LaFollette

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Draft of Cable to:

JACOBUS H. OLDEMBROEK
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTWORKERS' FEDERATION
25 EUSTON ROAD
LONDON, N.W. 1, ENGLAND

BALANCE OF ~~(Miss Hedell)~~ ^{# 15,000} Please fill in amount) NOW HELD IN

SWITZERLAND FOR DUTCH LABOR FUND TRUSTEES IN LUXEMBOURG

THEREFORE CANNOT USE WAR REFUGEE BOARD AUTHORIZES PAYMENT ^{of \$15,000}

TO DUTCH LEGATION IN SWITZERLAND UPON YOUR NOTIFICATION TO ^{will be authorized}

THEIR LONDON REPRESENTATIVE THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED ^{acknowledges}

OVER EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR RELIEF IN OCCUPIED HOLLAND PLEASE

ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Suzanne LaFollette
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF, A.F. of L.

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December 9, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

This will acknowledge receipt of
your letter of December 5, concerning the
Dutch, Belgium, and Luxembourg projects.

I thought you might be interested
to know that Chairman Abramson of our Com-
mittee is leaving for London next week, and
while there will attempt to discuss our pro-
jects with representative trade union lead-
ers and others.

Sincerely,

Leo Perlis,
National Director

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DEC 5 1944

Dear Mr. Perlis:

The following information has been received from the War Refugee Board Representative in Bern, Switzerland, concerning the Dutch, Belgium and Luxembourg projects.

Pending receipt of confirmation from Oldenbruck in London that the equivalent of \$90,000 has been made available to the labor groups in Holland, Mr. McClelland is making no payment of this amount to the Dutch Minister at Bern. Accordingly, he reports that he has on hand \$165,000, the total of four remittances received from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

Pending receipt by the Belgian Charge d'Affaires at Bern of information from Brussels of Major and Lapaille, no money from Belgian War Relief funds has been paid to him. Mr. McClelland has on hand a balance of \$90,000.

The balance on hand for the Friends of Luxembourg is \$19,533.60. Two thousand Swiss francs were advanced on November 19th to Jean Gallion, Treasurer of the Luxembourg Miners and Metallurgists Federation, who recently returned to Luxembourg. Mr. Gallion has been asked to urge Krier and Clement to send a plan of relief expenditures they propose for Luxembourg.

A similar letter is being written to Miss LaFollette.

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Leo Perlis,
National Director,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

See Cable No. 7877 from Bern Dec 1
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DEC 5 1944

Dear Miss LaFollette:

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, N. Y.

See Cable to 9877, Dec 1 from Bern
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Bern

Dated December 1, 1944

Rec'd 8:46 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

7877, December 1, 1 p.m.

WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 4012, November 27, WRB's 288.

Your paragraph one (SEE third paragraph Le-
gation's 7347; November 4). No confirmation has yet
been received from Oldenbruck in London whether
equivalent of \$90,000 was ever made available to
labor groups in Holland. Pending receipt such
confirmation no (repeat no) payment has been made to
Dutch Minister at Bern. I therefore still have on
hand \$165,000 the total of four remittances (August
23, \$60,000; September 27, \$30,000; October 3,
\$25,000; and November 1, \$50,000) received from Queen
Wilhelmina fund. The net Swiss franc equivalent
this total is 704009.45.

Pending receipt by Belgian Charge d'Affaires at
Bern of information from Brussels concerning Major

and Lapaille

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date

SEP 15 1972

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Letter sent to
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-2- #7877, December 1, 1 p.m. from Bern

and Lapaille (Legation's 7716, November 24) no money from Belgian War Relief funds has been paid to him. Balance on hand there 4384005.10 Swiss francs equivalent of \$90,000.

Balance on hand Friends of Luxembourg funds 83334.45 Swiss francs equivalent of \$19,533.60, 2,000 Swiss francs having been advanced on November 19 to Jean Gallion, Treasurer of Luxembourg Miners and Metallurgists Federation, who recently returned to Luxembourg. I asked Gallion to urge Krier and Clement to send me plan of relief expenditures they propose for Luxembourg so that I may answer Department's 3729, October 31, WRBS 251.

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Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
Community Activities

November 29, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Miss Florence
Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Upon my return to New York this morning, I found awaiting me your letter of November 28 conveying Mr. McClelland's message about the Labor fund for Belgium. I have just telephoned Mr. Jef Rens in Montreal and he assures me he will cable immediately to the Belgian Government explaining the situation and requesting them to authorize the Charge in Berne to accept the money.

With my thanks to you for conveying this information to us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
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The following for McClelland is WRB 288.

Reference your 7347 of November 4.

(1) Three remittances effected on behalf of Queen
Wilhelmina Fund aggregate \$165,000. After effecting payment
of \$90,000 to Dutch Minister in Bern, authorized in our
WRB 239 of October 26, there should remain a balance of
\$75,000. Please advise Board exact amount of balance on
hand of funds remitted for this program. Interested groups
here have requested Board to authorize transfer of this
balance to the Dutch Minister in Bern in order that equivalent
amount may be made available by him for work in enemy-controlled
areas of Holland.

(2) Please advise Board amount of balances still on hand
of funds remitted for Belgian War Relief and Friends of
Luxembourg programs.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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Dear Miss LaFollette:

I am sure you will be interested in the following paraphrase of a message received from our Representative in Bern, Switzerland:

"Messrs. Krier and Clement have gone to Luxembourg for an indefinite period and I have no reliable regular or irregular means of communicating with them. However, I shall try to obtain details from them regarding specific relief needs in Luxembourg from which these funds could be profitably used. I shall also try to ascertain possible channels of relief, if any, for Luxembourg deportees, labor and otherwise, in Germany.

"To my knowledge, no plans for using either Dutch or Belgian funds at present here in enemy territory have been developed by either Krier or Clement. Primarily, they are interested in relief for their own country.

"We are trying to secure information from Oldenbruck in London as to whether the equivalent of \$90,000 was ever made available to labor groups in Holland. If so, the Dutch Minister here will be paid as instructed.

"Through the Swiss National Bank, I received on November 1, 1944, 213,336 Swiss francs net from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

"Since it is extremely difficult, if not almost impossible, to spend the money already in hand in accordance with the terms of the original license, and in the absence of other instructions, I strongly recommend that no further

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remittances from any of these three organizations be made to Bern since the money is merely accumulating in the bank and, in my view, serving no useful purpose."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, New York.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Siegmund Jeremias,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, N. Y.

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

Bern

Dated November 4, 1944

Rec'd 9:42 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

7347, November 4, 8 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Department's 3657, October 26 and 3729, October 31

As stated in Legation's 6837 October 13, Krier
and Clement have gone to Luxemburg for indefinite
period and I have no reliable irregular or regular
means of communicating with them. I shall attempt however
to receive details from them as to specific relief
needs in Luxemburg from which these funds could be
profitably used also possible channels of relief if
any for Luxemburg deportees labor and otherwise in
Germany.

To my knowledge neither Krier nor Clement have de-
veloped any plans for using either Dutch or Belgian funds
at present here in enemy territory. They are primarily
interested in relief for their own country.

We are attempting to secure information from Oldenbruck

in London

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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-2- #7347, November 4, 8 p.m. from Bern

in London whether equivalent of \$90,000 was ever made available to labor groups in Holland (Department's 3655, October 26). If so will pay Dutch Minister here as instructed.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: October 31, 1944
NUMBER: 3729

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For McClelland from War Refugee Board.

(1) Reference your No. 6837 of October 13.

Groups interested in Friends of Luxembourg program have advised Board as follows concerning suggestion that \$15,000 be used for relief in Luxembourg:

"Impossible to ask clearance of request to use relief funds in Luxembourg unless we know specific purposes trustees have in mind. Not knowing situation, cannot suggest categories of relief. Await further information."

(2) Queen Wilhelmina Fund is remitting additional \$50,000 this week under recent Treasury license authorizing remittance of \$100,000 for operations permitted by license No. W-2229.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 251.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MOGELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 251.

12:15 p.m.
October 31, 1944

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

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LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF

October 31, 1944

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

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Confirming my oral statement yesterday to Miss Hodell, this is to inform you that the Queen Wilhelmina Fund has just sent to Switzerland for the use of the Labor trustees the sum of \$50,000.

We have just received word from American Relief for Czechoslovakia that their first remittance of \$50,000 for the budget year 1944-1945 has been sent to London.

We shall be grateful if you will inform us whether or not a license in the amount of \$150,000 has been issued to the Polish War Relief for our 1944-1945 Labor project. A letter from that Society dated October 11 informed us that license had been applied for and that we would be notified as soon as it was granted. Since then, we have had no further word from Polish War Relief.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Suzanne LaFollette

Suzanne LaFollette

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LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF - A. F. L.

MATTHEW WOLL - PRESIDENT
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WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

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1776 BROADWAY - NEW YORK 19, N. Y. - CO. 5-2372

October 27, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 26 conveying the request of Messrs. Krier and Clement for permission to use in Luxembourg \$15,000 of the \$20,000 received by them for relief of Luxembourg citizens behind enemy lines.

We shall deeply appreciate your querying Mr. McClelland as follows:

4/ "Impossible to ask clearance of request to use relief funds in Luxembourg unless we know specific purposes trustees have in mind. Not knowing situation, cannot suggest categories of relief. Await further information."

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, we are

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF, A.F. of L.

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NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

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REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH COMMITTEES

OCT 26 1944

Dear Mr. Jeremias:

In connection with the program of the Friends of Luxembourg, the Board's representative in Switzerland has advised us that the trustees, Krier and Clement, left for Luxembourg on October 9th. They have asked Mr. McClelland whether permission could be obtained to spend \$15,000 in Luxembourg of the \$20,000 which has been sent to Switzerland for this particular program. Messrs. Krier and Clement also desire to know if the donors of these funds wish to favor special categories of beneficiaries, assuming that permission is obtained for the use of the funds in Luxembourg.

In connection with the foregoing, I should like to advise you that the Treasury Department, War Department, and the War Refugee Board all approve the proposed expenditure of \$15,000 for relief in Luxembourg.

If the Friends of Luxembourg and the interested labor groups desire to grant the permission requested by Krier and Clement, will you please advise the Board so that appropriate instructions may be sent to Mr. McClelland in Bern.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Siegmund Jeremias,
National OIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, N. Y.

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NATIONAL CIO
WAR RELIEF
COMMITTEE

1776 Broadway
New York 19, N.Y.
October 12th, 1944.

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

Dear Florence:

The attached is an excerpt from the letter I received from Oldenbroek. It proves that he has given the instructions to Clement and Krier in Switzerland.

However, rereading the letter, I'm not sure if the Dutch Government advanced the money to Oldenbroek and now wants the refund or if this is the manner of transmission to Holland on which Oldenbroek has agreed with Dutch Government officials. I am sure it will be easy for McClelland in Switzerland and Mann in London to get the exact information. In the meantime, I think it advisable that you amend the license so that this transaction can be put into effect.

I hope that Mann in London will get in touch with Oldenbroek (25, Euston Road, London, N.W.1) to discuss with him the procedure of the \$25,000 that we sent in addition to the \$90,000, and to make arrangements regarding the \$100,000 which we have available for the last quarter of the present calendar year which is the first quarter of the new budget year of the National War Fund.

Will you please keep me informed about further developments?

Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

Siegmund Jeremias, Director
Foreign Relief & International Relations

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25th September 1944

".....On my return to this country from the U.S.A., I immediately got in touch with the Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs, who is a member of the Dutch Labour Party and succeeded in escaping from Holland to England only a year ago, and arranged with him for the transfer of the funds through underground channels to the Dutch resistance movement. Seeing the present situation, your contribution must have arrived at a very opportune moment indeed. Many lives will be saved and active resistance intensified.

"You will appreciate that for the present it is not possible to let you have a report on the way the funds are employed, but you can rest assured that as soon as I have been able to pay a visit to Holland, which I hope is now only a matter of weeks, I will prepare and forward to you a full statement on this subject."

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The above is an excerpt from a letter addressed to the National CIO War Relief Committee from Mr. Jacobus H. Oldenbroek, Dutch trade union representative in London with whom we negotiated our Dutch project when he was in the United States during April and May of this year as Dutch labor representative at the I.L.O. conference. At that time he nominated Messrs. Krier and Clement as trustees in Switzerland.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: October 26, 1944
NUMBER: 3657

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FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

1. Interested groups here have requested that you inform Clement and Krier that during the last quarter of 1944 there probably (repeat probably) will be available \$75,000 for the Belgium project, \$100,000 for the Dutch and \$12,500 for the Luxembourg program. These amounts are in addition to sums already remitted or authorized by Treasury licenses. The funds will be available only for work in enemy-occupied territory. The foregoing information may be of assistance to Clement and Krier in developing their projects and if they feel that the additional amounts will be of assistance, please advise the Board at once so that necessary arrangements for allocation of the above-mentioned funds from the National War Fund can be made.

2. You will be advised later concerning question raised in your No. 6837 of October 13.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 238.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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2. You will be advised later concerning question raised in your No. 6837 of October 13.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 236.

4:37 p.m.
October 24, 1944

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

*Requested
by Chauncey*

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: October 26, 1944
NUMBER: 3655

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FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference your No. 6512 of September 30, 1944.

(1) \$25,000 mentioned in Department's 3314 of September 26th is in addition to \$90,000 for which original license was issued and which you report having received in installments by September 27th.

(2) WRB and interested groups here have just been informed that Oldenbruck (who had discussed this project with Labor groups at time of his visits to United States) had arranged for transfer through Dutch Government of equivalent of \$90,000 to Holland, with understanding that Dutch Government would be reimbursed by Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

(3) Accordingly, you and Clement and Krier are authorized to pay Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Dutch Minister in Bern, provided you received adequate assurances that the equivalent has been made available in Holland as stated by Oldenbruck. For your information, Oldenbruck is being advised that in the future transactions of foregoing type should be cleared with interested American groups before effectuation.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 239.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 6512 of September 30, 1944.

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4:37 p.m.
October 24, 1944

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

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FH:hd (10/23/44)

L.S.L.

000127

October 20, 1944

Mr. O'Flaherty

Miss Hodel

Re: License No. W-2232

Attached hereto is a copy of a cable the War Refugee Board has received from its representative in Bern, Switzerland, recommending that \$15,000 of the \$20,000 which has been remitted by the Friends of Luxembourg under the above-mentioned license be used for relief work in Luxembourg.

Mr. McClelland's cable has been discussed with Mr. Pehle who suggests that the question be raised with the Treasury and Army prior to any discussion with the President's War Relief Control Board. Accordingly, the matter is referred to you for clearance with Treasury and Army. In view of the urgency of the matter, it will be appreciated if you will expedite this and let us know as soon as possible whether or not Treasury and Army will permit the use of the \$15,000 for relief work in Luxembourg.

10/26/44
J. J. Roberts
This is in the
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE

TO Miss Hodel
FROM E. W. O'Flaherty
Re: License No. W-2232

October 26, 1944

Reference is made to your memorandum of October 20, 1944, concerning the desire of the Friends of Luxembourg to use for relief in Luxembourg \$15,000 of the \$20,000 which has been remitted to Switzerland under the subject license.

Neither Foreign Funds Control, Monetary Research Division nor the War Department would have any objection to the transfer of such amount to Luxembourg for relief work.

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paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Government
agency. ()

Bern

Dated October 13, 1944

Rec'd 4:30 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

6837, October 13, 5 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 326, September 22.

Received 85,334.45 Swiss francs net on October
3, through Swiss National Bank from friends of
Luxemburg.

Krier and Clement both left for Luxemburg on
orders of their Government on October 9. They were
very anxious know whether these funds could not now
be spent in Luxemburg. Since possibility use this
money effectively in enemy territory very limited I
therefore recommend license be amended authorize
expenditure equivalent \$15,000 in Luxemburg, \$5,000
being reserved for expenditure enemy territory (Germany)
pending elaboration acceptable plans.

If permission use funds in Luxemburg forthcoming
Krier and Clement desire know if donors wish favor
special categories beneficiaries.

HARRISON

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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text of this message must
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LEO PERLIS, National Director

October 12th, 1944.

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

Dear Florence:

The attached is an excerpt from the letter I received from Oldenbroek. It proves that he has given the instructions to Clement and Krier in Switzerland.

However, rereading the letter, I'm not sure if the Dutch Government advanced the money to Oldenbroek and now wants the refund or if this is the manner of transmission to Holland on which Oldenbroek has agreed with Dutch Government officials. I am ~~sure~~ sure it will be easy for McClelland in Switzerland and Mann in London to get the exact information. In the meantime, I think it advisable that you amend the license so that this transaction can be put into effect.

I hope that Mann in London will get in touch with Oldenbroek (25, Euston Road, London, N.W.1) to discuss with him the procedure of the \$25,000 that we sent in addition to the \$90,000, and to make arrangements regarding the \$100,000 which we have available for the last quarter of the present calendar year which is the first quarter of the new budget year of the National War Fund.

Will you please keep me informed about further developments?

Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Jerry
Siegmond Jeremias, Director
Foreign Relief & International Relations

AT LEAST ONE HOUR'S PAY EACH MONTH

COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL WAR FUND AND AMERICAN RED CROSS
REGISTRATION NO. D-9, PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

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25th September 1944

".....On my return to this country from the U.S.A., I immediately got in touch with the Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs, who is a member of the Dutch Labour Party and succeeded in escaping from Holland to England only a year ago, and arranged with him for the transfer of the funds through underground channels to the Dutch resistance movement. Seeing the present situation, your contribution must have arrived at a very opportune moment indeed. Many lives will be saved and active resistance intensified.

"You will appreciate that for the present it is not possible to let you have a report on the way the funds are employed, but you can rest assured that as soon as I have been able to pay a visit to Holland, which I hope is now only a matter of weeks, I will prepare and forward to you a full statement on this subject."

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The above is an excerpt from a letter addressed to the National CIO War Relief Committee from Mr. Jacobus H. Oldenbroek, Dutch trade union representative in London with whom we negotiated our Dutch project when he was in the United States during April and May of this year as Dutch labor representative at the I.L.O. conference. At that time he nominated Messrs. Krier and Clement as trustees in Switzerland.

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Belle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: October 2, 1944
NUMBER: 3391

Cable to Harrison, Bern, for McClalland from War Refugee Board.

It is understanding of interested groups here that expenditure of funds for Queen Wilhelmina Fund and Belgian War Relief Society programs is closely supervised by you. We assume from your recent cables with respect to these projects that such is the case.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 194.

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

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 194

11:15 a.m.
October 2, 1944

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

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE September 29, 1944

TO Miss Hodel

FROM Lawrence S. Lesser

Jim Brunot called me on the telephone yesterday and said that he was able to get the President's War Relief Control Board to approve the continuation of the Dutch and Belgian projects on the representation that the expenditures of the funds would be under the close supervision of War Refugee Board representatives. I do not know off-hand what the terms of the licenses are, but I think we should get up cables to McClelland and Mann referring to the Belgian and Dutch licenses respectively and requesting their close supervision over expenditures. As a matter of fact, if we haven't done so already, we really should send such messages.

*These
messages
are handled
in City*

*These
messages
to be sent
to the
President's
War Relief
Control Board
for their
supervision
over
expenditures*

*Just
show
S. Brunot
reference
to Mann
in error
LSL*

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Jenson:

At its meeting on September 27 the Board considered proposals for additional amounts of \$25,000 each for the labor relief projects sponsored by the Labor League for Human Rights A.F.L. and the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee, and operated through Queen Wilhelmina Fund and Belgian War Relief Society.

The Board, on the basis of information available to it through the War Refugee Board, approved both proposals.

In considering these requests the Board gave special attention to the situation involved in the administration of this type of assistance through Belgian War Relief. In view of the fact that Belgium for all practical purposes is now controlled by United Nations forces rather than by the enemy it is obvious that this additional allocation is not justified by need for continuation of this program within Belgium itself. The Board is informed, however, that the same channels which formerly were used to aid Belgians in their own country during its occupation by the enemy are effective and available for aiding Belgians in other areas under enemy control. It is the Board's understanding furthermore that close supervision of the activities undertaken with these funds will be maintained by representatives of the War Refugee Board who are in close touch with the trustees to whom the funds are to be transmitted.

In the case of the project operated through the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, it is expected that the funds will continue to be available for aiding persons in portions of the Netherlands still under enemy control but in this case too some of the resources might be used to aid Dutch people in other areas under enemy control.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot
Executive Director

Mr. Elliot J. Jenson, Secretary,
Budget Committee,
National War Fund,
46 Cedar Street,
New York 2, New York

cc: Mr. Pehle - Miss Flamhaft -
Mr. Mansfield -
Miss La Follette -
Mr. Jeremias

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1944

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Sincerely yours,

James Brunot
Executive Director

Mr. Elliot J. Jensen, Secretary,
Budget Committee,
National War Fund,
46 Cedar Street,
New York, New York.

cc: Mr. Pehle
Miss Flamhaft
Mr. Mansfield
Miss La Follette
Mr. Jeremias

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DEPARTMENT
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other than a Government
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Bern

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Dated September 30, 1944

Rec'd 1:48 p.m.

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

Secretary of State,

Washington.

6512, September 30, 11 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Department's 3314 September 26 and 3268 September 22.

On September 27 I received through Swiss National
Bank gross sum of 128,644.95 Swiss francs on order of
Queen Wilhelmina fund which I assume is \$30,000 although
your 3314 spoke only of additional sum of \$25,000.
This remittance however makes up \$90,000 originally announced
in Department's 2438 July 17 and 2631 July 31.

With reference paragraph Legation's 5925, September 8,
I must call your attention to fact that none of
Wilhelmina funds now here have been spent yet as Krier
and Clement withheld any transmission to Netherlands in
August awaiting further clarification of contradictory
instructions received through Dulles from Oldenbruck in
London and through Luxembourg Consulate at Bern according
to which this money was to be paid over to Dutch Minister
in Bern who was apparently to have made equivalent

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

-2- #6512, September 30, 11 a.m. from Bern

available in Holland to J.A. Burger, of Dutch Labor Party.

It is highly doubtful that this money can now be sent into Holland before country is liberated.

In case Belgian War Relief and Friends of Luxembourg funds both countries are now liberated which restricts expenditure this money to "enemy territory" that is Germany.

Practical possibilities bringing relief to Belgians, Dutch and Luxemburgers in Germany are very limited. Most obvious use would be financing sending food parcels to political prisoners these three countries in German concentration camps within ICRC--WRB program. Amounts however which could be utilized this program are relatively small. Consequently do not feel it necessary forward additional Belgian funds mentioned your 3314.

Krier and Clement are investigating other possibilities.

I will report any further useful outlets in keeping terms original licenses which may develop.

HARRISON

WSB

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Legation, Bern

DATE: September 26, 1944

NUMBER: 3314

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For McClelland from War Refugee Board.

Queen Wilhelmina Fund remitting additional \$25,000 for operations under license No. W-2229 and Belgian War Relief Society remitting additional \$25,000 for operations under license No. W-2231. Remittances are being made through same channels as previous remittances.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 185.

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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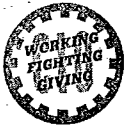
2:30 p.m.
September 25, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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JH L.S.L.

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National Director

September 26th, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Main Treasury Bldg.,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd informing us that your Board has recommended to the Treasury Department the issuance of the licenses for additional remittances to Switzerland by The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc. and the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.

We will take the necessary steps to get the money transmitted as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Jeremias
Siegmond Jeremias, Director,
Foreign Relief & International Relations

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SJ:jr

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Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
Community Activities

September 25, 1944

Mr. J.W. Fehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd signifying approval by the War Refugee Board of additional remittances of Labor-sponsored relief funds to our trustees in Switzerland. We are naturally very much gratified that the Board has approved these remittances, and we are asking the societies for Belgium and Holland to apply immediately to the National War Fund for the money.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne La Follette

SUZANNE LAFOLLETTE

SL:EB
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9/30

Miss Model-

FFC Dept. at the NY Federal advised
me this morning that the \$20,000 remittance to
Switzerland was effected thru the Federal yesterday-
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W. H. R. B.
P. M.

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 23, 1944
NUMBER: 6301

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McClolland sends the following message for WEB.

Clement and Krier would particularly appreciate (*)ive
September 8.

Recently Krier received an incomplete message from his brother, the Luxembourg Minister of Labor, who is in London at the present time. Message stated that fund announced by the Friends of Luxembourg has been "forwarded" although where is not clear. In view of the fact that up to September 22 no such sum has reached me here, I would welcome any clarification on this whole question.

HARRISON

(*) Apparent omission. Request for verification has been made.

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*9/30/44.
Devel advised
that \$20,000 remittance
was effected by the 24th 9/29/44
RT*

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

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CORRECTION OF

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 23, 1944
NUMBER: 6301

In line two of paraphrase of this message, please delete "(*)ive" and insert words "an early reply to our cable No. 5925 of". Sentence should then read: "Clement and Krier would particularly appreciate an early reply to our cable No. 5925 of September 8". A copy of this paraphrase was sent to you on September 23, 1944.

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

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: September 22, 1944
NUMBER: 3268

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FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference your No. 5925, September 8.

(1) Funds from Queen Wilhelmina Fund to Clement and Krier, under terms of the license issued Queen Wilhelmina Fund are to be spent in manner to be determined by Clement and Krier for purposes specified in license. Dutch Government here was advised of terms of license. It should be borne in mind, however, that under the terms of the license these funds may be used only for operations in enemy-controlled areas.

(2) In view of liberation of Belgium and Luxembourg please advise Clement and Krier that, under terms of licenses, funds of Belgian War Relief Society and Friends of Luxembourg may not be used for rescue and relief activities in Belgium and Luxembourg. It is, however, suggested that you ascertain from Clement and Krier if funds from these two organizations can be used in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for the purposes specified in the respective licenses. Friends of Luxembourg remitting \$20,000 this week.

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

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 182

4:25 p.m.
September 21, 1944

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

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with: Mr. Nichols
9/23/44*

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SEP 22 1944

Dear Mr. Jeremias:

Reference is made to your letter of September 1, 1944, concerning additional remittances to Switzerland by The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., and The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., to finance relief and rescue operations.

I am pleased to advise you that the Board has recommended to the Treasury Department the issuance of the requested licenses permitting these remittances for rescue and relief operations in enemy controlled areas.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Siegmund Jeremias,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1776 Broadway,
New York 19, New York.

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SEP 22 1944

Dear Miss LaFollette:

Reference is made to your letter of September 1, 1944, concerning additional remittances to Switzerland by The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., and The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., to finance relief and rescue operations.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Suzanne LaFollette,
Labor League for Human Rights -
United Nations Relief - AFL,
10 East 40th Street,
New York 16, New York.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To: *Miss Hood*
(1) (Room) (Bldg.)
(2) (Room) (Bldg.)
(3) (Room) (Bldg.)

*Do you have
the request
referred to?*

From: *Levin*
(Room) (Bldg.)
(Date)

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LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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September 1, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We have requested the official relief societies for Holland and Belgium to apply to you for approval of supplementary Labor-sponsored funds for those countries, in the amount of \$25,000 each. The total of \$50,000 represents the amount still remaining unallocated from the \$1,000,000 set aside by the National War Fund for Labor-sponsored relief projects behind Axis lines.

We shall be grateful if you will approve the supplementary allocations and request the Treasury Department to expedite the licenses. We shall also appreciate your informing the President's War Relief Control Board and the National War Fund of your action in the matter.

S. Jeremias
SIEGMUND JEREMIAS
NATIONAL CIO WAR/RELIEF COMMITTEE

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne La Follette
SUZANNE LAFOLLETTE
LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AFL

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AFOE-23076

REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH COMMITTEES

JUN 28 1944

Dear Mr. Brunot:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21, 1944, with respect to the \$20,000 Luxembourg relief project sponsored by the Labor League for Human Rights, A.P. of L., and the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee.

Please be advised that under date of June 21, 1944, we wrote the Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., that such project had our approval and that we were requesting the Treasury Department to issue the necessary license. We have since been informed that the Treasury is in course of issuing an appropriate license under the Trading with the enemy Act and Executive Order 8389, as amended.

In our opinion, the proposed program is in accord with the policy of this Government as announced by the President in Executive Order 9417, and in conformity with foreign policies determined by the Secretary of State, as evidenced by the approval by the Department of State of similar projects.

For your information, we have also signified to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund and the Belgian War Relief Society, respectively, our approval of a Dutch project and a Belgian project, each involving \$90,000, and sponsored by the labor groups above mentioned. We understand that appropriate Treasury licenses to effect these transactions are in course of being issued. In our opinion, these projects are also in accord with the policy of this Government as announced by the President in Executive Order 9417, and in conformity with foreign policies determined by the Secretary of State, as evidenced by the approval by the Department of State of similar projects.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director
The President's War Relief Control Board
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June 27th, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Main Treasury Bldg., Rm. 164
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your two letters of June 21st with which you approved of our Labor-sponsored projects in Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and France.

We hope that you will advise the President's War Relief Control Board of your approval as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

S. Jeremias
Siegmun Jeremias, Director,
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Director, War Relief Program and
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September 11, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Lesser
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

Returning this morning from ten days out of town I find that the confidential report which was to be sent to Mr. Jeremias and myself has not been received in this office. Mr. Jeremias's secretary says that his copy has been received; therefore, I am writing to ask whether mine has gone out and whether in case it has been lost in the mails you can send me a duplicate.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

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*Miss LaFollette called
on Sept. 11th & said
she had received
letter above referred
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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 8, 1944
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The following message from McClellan for WEB.

Reference is made to message of August 19 from the Legation, Number 5391, and to message dated July 31 from the Department, Number 2631.

From the Queen Wilhelmina Fund I received on the 23rd of August Swiss francs in the amount of 257,290, less half of one per cent commission (presumably the equivalent of \$60,000), through the Swiss National Bank. A message stating that the "Dutch quota of ninety thousand dollars" should be deposited at Bern with the Dutch Minister was received from Oldenbrück in London about the same date -- August 23. Clement and Krier in the meantime had made arrangements independently for the transfer of this money to the Dutch Labor Party underground in Holland, and for this reason a clearing up of the directions would be welcomed as to disbursing these funds.

A second amount of Swiss francs, 257,290 of them, was received by me on the 28th of August, from the Belgian War Relief Society through the identical channels. Clement and Krier would appreciate being informed if it is still the wish of those who make the donation that they act as the disbursing agents of these funds, in view of alterations in the political and military situation in Belgium. Should this be the case, a trip to Belgium at as early a time as possible for the purpose of making arrangements and to estimate the needs on the spot, is advisable, in the opinion of Krier. Your advice in this matter is desired.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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Money in the amount of \$20,000 which was made known by friends of Luxembourg has never been received, and Clement and Krier, being Luxemburgers, would appreciate being informed as to whether those who gave this fund still have the intention of transferring it to them here, as they are particularly interested in this money.

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June 22, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Bldg., Room #164
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for your letter of June 21st. We are very glad to know that the Labor-sponsored relief projects for Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg have been approved by the War Refugee Board.

For your information, we sent Mr. Brunot on June 16th copies of the letters signifying approval of these projects by representatives of the governments of the countries involved. We also suggested to the relief societies for those countries that they apply to the President's War Relief Control Board for approval of the projects. We hope therefore that these projects will shortly have the approval of both the President's War Relief Control Board and the National War Fund.

With many thanks for your prompt action in the matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette

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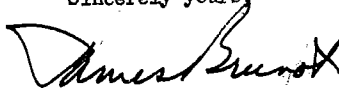
June 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Mr. Matthew Woll, Chairman of Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., has forwarded to us a copy of his letter to you dated June 16 requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in connection with a \$20,000 Luxembourg relief program sponsored by the Labor League for Human Rights, AFL and the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee.

As in the case of previous projects of this character, we will be grateful if you will notify us of the action taken by the War Refugee Board. We are prepared to clear this proposal upon receiving notice of your action in regard to it. We hope that this will cover the points raised in connection with the similar proposals for Norway and Czechoslovakia.

Sincerely yours,



James Brunot
Executive Director

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Room 164 Treasury Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

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JUN 21 1944

Attention: Miss Suzanne LaFollette

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29, 1944.

We have now received the requests from the Friends of Luxembourg, the Belgian War Relief Society and the Queen Wilhelmina Fund referred to in such letter. We have this day written to each of such organizations advising it that its project under reference has our approval and that we have requested the Treasury Department to issue the necessary licenses. We have also advised such organizations that we are prepared to so inform the President's War Relief Control Board upon request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

United Nations Relief - A.F.L.
10 East 40th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

*Original signed
by Mr. Baker*

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JUN 21 1944

Attention: Mr. Siegmund Jeremias

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29, 1944.

We have now received the requests from the Friends of Luxembourg, the Belgian War Relief Society and the Queen Wilhelmina Fund referred to in such letter. We have this day written to each of such organizations advising it that its project under reference has our approval and that we have requested the Treasury Department to issue the necessary licenses. We have also advised such organizations that we are prepared to so inform the President's War Relief Control Board upon request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

National CIO War Relief Committee
1776 Broadway
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MR LAWRENCE LESSER

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June 13, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Bldg., Room #164
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I enclose herewith photostats of letters from the
Ambassadors of Holland and Belgium expressing approval
of the Labor-sponsored projects for relief in their
respective countries.

We hope to send you within a few days a letter of
approval from the Government of Luxembourg.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne LaFollette
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AMBASSADE DE BELGE JUE
630 FIFTH AVENUE
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New York, June 1, 1944.

No. 1069.

Mr. Sigmund Jeremias, Director,
Div. Foreign Relief & Intl. Relations,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
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New York 19.

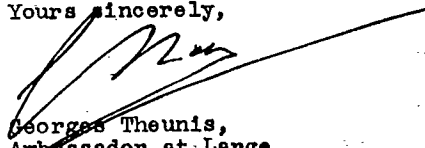
Dear Sir,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 27.

I have just received a reply from the Belgian Government (in London), to whom I had wired on behalf of Mr. Jef Rens regarding the generous contribution decided by the National CIO War Relief Committee and the United Nations Relief of the A.F. of L.

This reply, which the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs wants me to communicate to you, states that the Belgian Government guarantees the honorability and political reliability of Mr. Hubert Clément and Mr. Antoine Krier, who are both responsible Luxemburg trade union leaders at present in exile in Switzerland.

Yours sincerely,


Georges Theunis,
Ambassador at Large.

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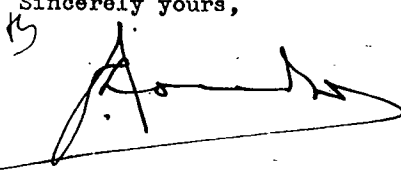
Dear Mr. Jeremias:-

I learned with great satisfaction that the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee and the United Nations Relief of the A.F. of L. have decided to contribute \$90,000 for relief purposes in the Netherlands to be administered by the trade union movement of the Netherlands for persons who are in need as a result of Nazi persecution.

This most generous proposal about which I was already informed by Mr. Jacobus H. Oldenbroek is certainly one of the most effective projects which has so far come to my attention for the relief of the underground workers who fight night and day against Nazi oppression.

I have cabled the Netherlands Government in London about this project to which I will be most glad to give all assistance and encouragement which may be required.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. S. Jeremias, Director,
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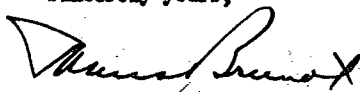
June 4, 1945

Dear Miss Hodel:

We are very grateful for the report from Mr. Olsen as reported in your letter of May 31.

We are informing the Labor Relief organizations, American Relief for Norway, and the National War Fund of the recommendations and advising them that the President's War Relief Control Board approves using funds remaining for labor-sponsored projects in Norway for the suggested purposes.

Sincerely yours,



James Brunot
Executive Director

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

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May 29th, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Main Treasury Bldg., Room 164,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We understand that the Friends of Luxembourg, the Belgian War Relief Society and the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc. have written to you with respect to the Special Labor Relief Programs which we have requested them to submit to the National War Fund.

We would very much appreciate it if the War Refugee Board would approve of the programs submitted and expedite the licenses as requested by these war relief organizations as follows:

\$20,000 for Friends of Luxembourg ✓
90,000 for Belgian War Relief Society ✓
90,000 for Queen Wilhelmina Fund ✓

We would like to call your attention to the fact that all three projects will be administered by the same two gentlemen - Mr. Hubert Clement formerly Secretary of the Luxembourg Teachers Federation and Vice-President of the Federation of Trade Unions and Mr. Antoine Krier, formerly General Secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation. For quite some time now they have handled from Switzerland, the contacts with the trade union underground movement of all three countries. We understand that Mr. Antoine Krier is very well known to officials of the American Legation at Berne.

We have already requested the approval of the respective governments in question. We have been promised a response by return cable and we will submit to you the information issued by the respective governments upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne La Follette
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