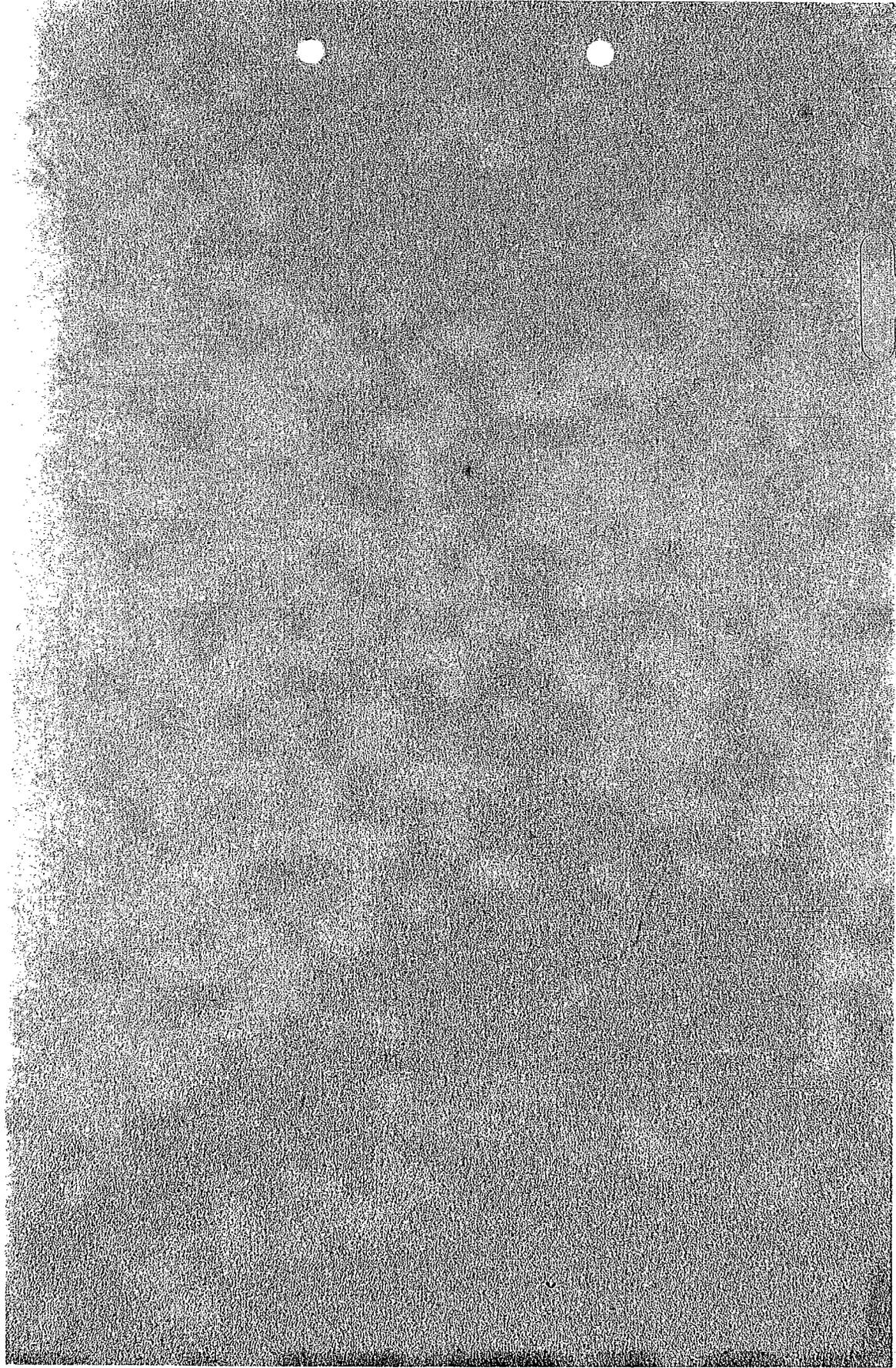


grams with respect to Relief and
Rescue of Refugees: Relief Projects

Relief Through Switzerland, Folder 2

000169



000170

QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND, INC.

LICENSES

Basic Lic.
Remit. Lic.

W-2229
NY 651530

**THE MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
MUST NOT BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM** 440 S. 11

000171

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.

of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

MRS. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE LACKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANGY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
MRS. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLFF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIG, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DORUS VAN ITALIA
TH. E. VAN STAYELEN
A. PHILIPPE VON HEMERT

September 7th, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$25,000. to the American Minister, Berne, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, to be made available by him for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

We expect that the \$25,000. to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.

of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

MRS. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE LACKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANGOY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
MRS. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIG, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DOBUS VAN ITALLIE
TH. E. VAN STAVEREN
A. PHILIPPE VON HEMERT

-2-

of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,


Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

RHM-MF

P. S. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of our previous application dated June 1st, 1944. This new application has been revised to conform with the amended license #NY636253-X-R issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on behalf of the Treasury Department, dated July 28, 1944.

R. H. M.

Encl.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To: Miss F. Hodal (Room) (Bldg.)
(1) (Room) (Bldg.)
(2) (Room) (Bldg.)
(3) (Room) (Bldg.)

Don't you think
it's a little late
for this?

From: L. Lesser (Room) (Bldg.)
Date: 9/18/44

to follow
up on cap work
for military
situation

000174

COPY

June 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000. to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxemburg Consulate, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Mr. Clement, before the occupation, was secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation in Luxemburg.

Mr. Jacobus Oldenbroek, the chairman of the foreign trade union representation of The Netherlands, has assured us that the above named are personally known to him and that they serve in liason between The Netherlands trade union representation in-exile and the labor underground movement in The Netherlands. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American Legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$90,000. to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: **September 19, 1944**

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: **Rescue and relief operations in Holland.**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated **September 7, 1944**,
from the **Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.**, and a copy of ^{our reply thereto} dealing with remittance
of **\$25,000** to the American Minister in Bern, for payment to **Borwell McCallum**,
War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided
in license No. **W-2237**.

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

Remarks:

W. Model

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-~~2237~~ issued
Remittance license No. issued
Other:

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

NY 651530

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., 300 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$25,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2222. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

(Initialed) O.A.S.
XXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXX
Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND INC. OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

300 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York

September 7 1944

Mr. John Fehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Building Room 164
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$25,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, to be made available by him for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

We expect that the \$25,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National GIC War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard through the American Legation at Bern.

PS: Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of our previous applications dated June 1, 1944. This new application has been revised to conform with the amended license #1 636253-L-2 issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on behalf of the Treasury Department, dated July 28, 1944.

Very truly yours,
Richard H. Mansfield,
Treasurer

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.
of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

MRS. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE LACKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANOY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
MRS. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIG, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DORUS VAN ITALLIE
TH. E. VAN STAVEREN
A. PHILIPPE VON HERMENT

September 25, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your letter of
September 22 concerning the remittance of an ad-
ditional \$25,000. to Switzerland to finance re-
lief and rescue operations pursuant to the terms
of License No. W-2229.

Yours very truly,


Treasurer.

SEP 22 1944

Dear Mr. Mansfield:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1944, concerning the remittance of an additional \$25,000 to Switzerland to finance relief and rescue operations pursuant to the terms of License No. W-2229.

I am pleased to advise you that the Board has recommended to the Treasury Department the issuance of the requested license permitting this additional remittance for rescue and relief operations in enemy controlled areas.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Richard H. Mansfield,
Treasurer,
The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.,
500 Fifth Avenue,
New York 18, New York.

J.W.F.

Model:rd 9/20/44

000181

ELMINA FUND, INC. - LICENSES

Basic License W-2229
Remittance License NY 636253

**MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
NOT BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM 3807A**

000180

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

October 26, 1944
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

CONTROL COPY

AMEMBASSY

LONDON
8948 X

The following for Mann from Pehle is WRB 16.

Reference is made to program of Queen Wilhelmina Fund (similar to Czechoslovak, French and Polish projects being operated from London). Queen Wilhelmina Fund remitted \$90,000 for its project to McClelland and for disbursing by trustees, Clement and Krier, in Switzerland. We and interested groups here have just been advised that Oldenbruck, Dutch Trade Union representative in London, with whom labor relief organizations discussed project at time Oldenbruck was in United States, negotiated (without prior notice to interested groups here) with Dutch Government which arranged for the equivalent of \$90,000 to be made available in Holland. Dutch Government now desires to be reimbursed by payment to Dutch Minister in Bern. We are authorizing McClelland, Clement and Krier to make such payment to the Dutch Minister, provided assurances are received that equivalent has been made available in Holland.

Interested groups here request that you advise Oldenbruck that any future transactions of the foregoing type should be cleared by him with the interested groups in this country before effectuation. Since license requires reports, please obtain report from Oldenbruck concerning use of the \$90,000 in question.

WRB:AMV:KC
10/26/44

BC

NOE

WT

WASHINGTON: DEPT. OF STATE
RECEIVED BY (UNITED STATES)
RECEIVED (UNITED STATES)
RECEIVED (UNITED STATES)
RECEIVED (UNITED STATES)

00018

8948-70/26

CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM PEHLE

Reference is made to program of Queen Wilhelmina Fund (similar to Czechoslovak, French and Polish projects being operated from London). Queen Wilhelmina Fund remitted \$90,000 for its project to McClelland and for disbursing by trustees, Clement and Krier, in Switzerland. We and interested groups here have just been advised that Oldenbruck, Dutch Trade Union representative in London, with whom labor relief organizations discussed project at time Oldenbruck was in United States, negotiated (without prior notice to interested groups here) with Dutch Government which arranged for the equivalent of \$90,000 to be made available in Holland. Dutch Government now desires to be reimbursed by payment to Dutch Minister in Bern. We are authorizing McClelland, Clement and Krier to make such payment to the Dutch Minister, provided assurances are received that equivalent has been made available in Holland.

Interested groups here request that you advise Oldenbruck that any future transactions of the foregoing type should be cleared by him with the interested groups in this country before effectuation. Since license requires reports, please obtain report from Oldenbruck concerning use of the \$90,000 in question.

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 16.

4:37 p.m.
October 24, 1944

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

Cleared with [unclear] Files 10/23/44 Jot H.S.L.

11 11 11

J. C. [unclear]
[unclear]

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: July 31, 1944
NUMBER: 2631

CONTROL COPY
FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference Legation's 4692 of July 22. For Minister's and McClelland's personal consideration.

On recommendation of WRB, Treasury has authorized remittances of Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 by Wilhelmina Fund, \$20,000 by Friends of Luxembourg and \$90,000 by Belgian War Relief Society to Minister Harrison for payment to McClelland.

With respect to Belgian remittance, by means now being investigated, objectives of Belgian project and names of Clement and Krier as disbursing agents of \$90,000 were disclosed to New York Times and formed subject of news item on July 22.

Please discuss with Clement and Krier and advise Board whether under circumstances it is felt they should nominate other disbursing agents. If so, please transmit names and otherwise identify nominees.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 104.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

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

7/27

JUL 27 1944

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK CITY

NY 626233 Please amend license issued pursuant to airtel June 30, 1944, to read: "Notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, remit the Swiss franc equivalent of 300,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell Eo Clolland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2229. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York." Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

(Initialed) O.A.S.

XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Orvin A. Schmidt
Acting Director

402

RBParke:mjs 7/27/44

10018

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

2 - via Refugee Ref. m. cable

FROM: AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: July 22, 1944,
NUMBER: 4692

CONTROL COPY

See messages 2440 and 2438 from the Department of the seventeenth of July.

It is made possible by the refugee status both Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement in Switzerland for them to receive openly and officially Swiss franc equal to \$20,000 from friends of Luxembourg and \$90,000 from Wilhelmina fund. For remittance to Krier and Clement, who seem to be recommendable and capable disbursing agents, these funds can be transmitted confidentially through Legation.

This message is from McClelland for WRB.

HARRISON

DCR:MLG
7-24-44

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

*I was referred
m. Peble*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.
TO: American Legation, Bern.
DATED: July 17, 1944.
NUMBER: 2438.

CONTROL COPY

License Number W-2229 has been issued to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Incorporated, New York City, by the Treasury Department. This license permits the disbursing agents of the above-named organization, Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement, to make arrangements for rescue and relief operations in enemy-occupied and enemy territory, and it is requested that you, through the Luxembourg Consulate in Bern, inform Krier and Clement. The above license is practically identical in its terms with license Number W-2106, as amended, issued to the Joint Distribution Committee. In this connection, please refer to cable from the Department dated June 3, Number 1906. The operations contemplated in License No. W-2229 are approved by the Treasury, the War Refugee Board, and the Department. The Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 will be remitted to Krier and Clement by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Incorporated, under specific license.

HULL.

DCR:LCW 7/21/44

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

100188

*Cable 24 38
To Bern*

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

SUBJECT: Relief in Netherlands

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated June 1, 1944 from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc. dealing with remittance of \$80,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, in care of the Luxembourg Consulate, for relief in the Netherlands.

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

Remarks:

Basic license for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.
Remittance license.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2229 issued June 30, 1944
Remittance license No. ~~68253~~ issued ~~68253~~ dated June 30, 1944
Other: Letter No. 75958 dated June 30, 1944
Letter No. 69318 dated June 30, 1944 (Cable)
Letter No. 69318 dated June 30, 1944

[Signature]
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: June 30, 1944

11018

JUN 30 1944

NY 636253

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., 300 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11 to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$50,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2229. License period six months. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

~~UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY~~
~~INTERNAL SECURITY~~
Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

408

RBParke:jth 6-24-44

In reply please
refer to: 73856

25

Sir:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated June 1, 1944, in which you request its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for the purpose of carrying out certain relief and rescue activities in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith license No. W-2229 governing the financing of the operations contemplated therein and permitting you to communicate with Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier with respect thereto. The license also permits these gentlemen to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for the purposes contemplated therein.

You will note that this license expires six months from date thereof. You are informed, however, that in the event the activities contemplated in such license are to be continued after the date on which it expires, this Department will be pleased to consider renewing such license for a further period of six months.

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the issuance of this license and requested to approach Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier in connection therewith. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to issue to you a license to effect the remittance of the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to these gentlemen for the purpose of financing the operations contemplated in your letter under reference.

Very truly yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.,
800 Fifth Avenue,
New York 18, New York.

Enclosure.

RBParke:jfh 6-24-44

7 0 0 1 9

FORM TFEI-1 (Special)
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

License No. W-2229

Date

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8899
OF APRIL 10, 1949, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.
(Name of Licensee)

500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. In order to provide relief to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, the disbursing trustees for the licensees, (hereinafter referred to as the trustees), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustees (including such agents as they may appoint) are hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner they deem necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who the trustees, after consulting with the American Legation in Bern when feasible, are reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

(c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustees should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.

3. The trustees should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustees should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. The trustees should satisfy themselves that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustees through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 6369 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license shall expire six months from date hereof; it is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 6369, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Orvin A. Schmidt
Acting Director

In reply please
refer to: 59316

To : Chief, W. T. I. Division,
Department of State.

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

Attention: Mr. William I. Riegelman

It will be appreciated if the attached cable relative to the issuance of license No. W-2229 to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, may be despatched promptly to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

Please advise Mr. R. B. Parke, the Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer with the War Refugee Board when such cable is despatched.

(SIGNED) W. T. I. DIVISION

Attachment.

RBParke:jfh 6-24-44

DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Please inform Mr. Robert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, care of Luxemburg Consulate, Bern, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2229 to Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., New York City, permitting them as its disbursing trustees to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are substantially identical to license No. W-2106, as amended, issued to JDC. In this connection reference is made to Department's telegram No. 1906 of June 3, 1944. Under specific Treasury license, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., will remit Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier for financing operations contemplated in subject license. The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury.

RBParks:jfh 6-27-44

700195

In reply please
refer to: 59318

25

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the comple-
tion of your files, there is enclosed herewith
a copy of license No. #2220 issued to the Queen
Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., 900 Fifth Avenue, New York,
New York.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Mr. Norman P. Davis,
Manager,
Foreign Funds Control Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

RRParke:jfh 6-24-44

000190

JUN 21 1944

Attention: Mr. Richard H. Mansfield

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1, 1944.

The project therein outlined has our approval and we are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the necessary license. We are prepared to convey this information to the President's War Relief Control Board upon inquiry.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.
500 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, N. Y.

*Original signed
by Mr. Pehle.*

R.S.L. JST

LSLesserials 6/19/44

000197

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.

of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

MRS. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE LACKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANOY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
MRS. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIG, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DORUS VAN ITALLIE
TH. E. VAN STAVEREN
A. PHILIPPE VON HEMERT

June 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxemburg Consulate, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Mr. Clement, before the occupation, was secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation in Luxemburg.

Mr. Jacobus Oldenbroek, the chairman of the foreign trade

June 1, 1944

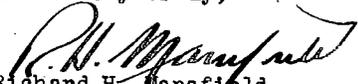
union representation of The Netherlands, has assured us that the above-named are personally known to him and that they serve in liason between The Netherlands trade union representation in-exile and the labor underground movement in The Netherlands. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American Legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$90,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditures of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,


Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

cc: Mr. Jeremias
Mr. van der Woude
Mr. Jensen

1944

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND, INC.

June 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxemburg Consulate, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory.

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Mr. Clement, before the occupation, was secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation in Luxemburg.

Mr. Jacobus Oldenbroek, the chairman of the foreign trade union representation of The Netherlands, has assured us that the above-named are personally known to him and that they serve in liason between The Netherlands trade union representation in-exile and the labor underground movement in The Netherlands. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American Legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$90,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested

by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CID War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,

Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

cc: Mr. Jeremias
Mr. van der Woude
Mr. Jensen

10020

BELEMIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INC.

LICENSES

Basic Lic. W-2231
Remitl Lic. NY 651532

**THE MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
MUST NOT BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM** 445-A

000202

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICERS
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, VICE-PRESIDENT
FREDERICK W. GEHLE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-0539

DIRECTORS
WINTHROP W. ALDRICH
JOHN FOSTER DULLES
FREDERICK W. GEHLE
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN
ROBERT F. LOREE
CLARENCE G. MICHALIS
A. PERRY OSBORN
ROBERT C. STANLEY
JOHN C. TRAPHAGEN
THOMAS J. WATSON
MATTHEW WOLL

September 25, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 22nd referring to the remittance of an additional \$25,000. for rescue operations pertaining to Belgium.

This Society is very appreciative of the Board's interest in the matter and the position which it has taken.

The confidential nature of the matter will be deeply respected.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,


W. W. Hoffman
President.

MEMBER AGENCY OF
NATIONAL WAR FUND



FOR OUR OWN - FOR OUR ALLIES

SEP 22 1944

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1944, concerning the remittance of an additional \$25,000 to Switzerland to finance relief and rescue operations pursuant to the terms of License No. W-231.

I am pleased to advise you that the Board has recommended to the Treasury Department the issuance of an appropriate license permitting this remittance for rescue and relief operations in enemy controlled areas.

You will realize, of course, the confidential nature of this letter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. W. W. Hoffman, President,
The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York.

207-4.58
Model: 9/20/44

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

*Too late, don't you
think*

From: *R. S. L.* (Date)
..... (Room) (Bldg.)

000203

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICERS
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, VICE-PRESIDENT
FREDERICK W. GEHLE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-0539

DIRECTORS
WINTHROP W. ALDRICH
JOHN FOSTER DULLES
FREDERICK W. GEHLE
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN
ROBERT F. LOREE
CLARENCE C. MICHALIS
A. PERRY OSBORN
ROBERT C. STANLEY
JOHN C. TRAPHAGEN
THOMAS J. WATSON
MATTHEW WOLL

September 7, 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 am in receipt of a letter from Labor's War Relief Program, copy of which I enclose.

As appears from the above letter there would be available for transmission to the trustees in Switzerland a further allocation of \$25,000. for Belgium.

The same procedure would be applicable to the distribution of these funds as obtained in the distribution of the \$90,000. previously transmitted abroad in accordance with approval by you and the Treasury Department.

I am enclosing a copy of our original letter request, photostats of licenses granted by the Treasury Department in accordance with such request.

We would be very grateful if you would be good enough to request the Treasury Department to issue a further license.

Very truly yours,


W. W. Hoffman
President.

CC: Mr. Brunot
Mr. Jensen

MEMBER AGENCY OF
NATIONAL WAR FUND



FOR OUR OWN - FOR OUR ALLIES

LABOR'S WAR RELIEF PROGRAM

10 East 40th St. New York 16, N.Y.

September 1, 1944

Major William W. Hoffman, Executive Director
Belgian War Relief Society
420 Lexington Ave.
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Major Hoffman:

There is still \$50,000 unallocated of the \$1,000,000 fund set aside by the National War Fund for Labor-sponsored projects behind Axis lines. We have decided that we should like to divide this amount equally between Belgium and Holland.

May we therefore request that you apply to Mr. J. W. Pehle of the President's War Relief Control Board (attention of Mr. Lawrence Lesser) requesting that he approve the allocation of a further \$25,000 for Belgium, to be sent to our trustees in Switzerland, and that he ask the Treasury Department to expedite the license therefore. We suggest that you enclose, for his convenience, a copy of your original application.

We very much hope that your Society will consent to handle this further contribution to the Labor relief project for Belgium. May we ask that you send the application at the earliest possible moment?

With all good wishes, we are,

Sincerely yours,

SIEGMUND JEREMIAS
NATIONAL CIO WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

SUZANNE LAFOLLETTE
LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AFL

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICERS

MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, VICE-PRESIDENT
FREDERICK W. GEHLE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-0539

DIRECTORS

WINTHROP W. ALDRICH
JOHN FOSTER DULLES
FREDERICK W. GEHLE
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN
ROBERT F. LOREE
CLARENCE G. MICHALIS
A. PERRY OSBORN
ROBERT C. STANLEY
JOHN C. TRAPHAGEN
THOMAS J. WATSON
MATTHEW WOLL

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Belgian War Relief Society would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland in care of the Luxemburg Consulate to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy occupied territory.

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in Belgium and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Belgian citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Before the occupation, Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxemburg.

Mr. Jef Rens, acting general secretary of the Belgian Federation of Labour, assured us that the above named gentlemen are personally known to him and that they serve as liaison between the Belgian trade union representation in exile and the labor underground movement in Belgium. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$90,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

MEMBER AGENCY OF
NATIONAL WAR FUND



THREE FRONTS - ONE CAUSE

2)

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to the Belgian War Relief Society for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will, of course, be impossible for the Belgian War Relief Society to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Very truly yours,

00020

License No. N. Y. 636252-R

Date: July 1, 1944

LICENSE

(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389 OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS AND RULINGS ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.

Name of Licensee

420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York

Address of Licensee

Sirs: filed directly with the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Pursuant to ~~your~~ application ~~is~~, the following transaction is hereby licensed:

Notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, remit the Swiss Franc equivalent of \$90,000.00 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of License No. W-2231.

You or your bank of account are authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss Franc equivalent to the payees designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss Francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

* * * * *

2. This license is granted upon the statements and representations made in ~~your~~ application, or otherwise filed with or made to the Treasury Department as a supplement to ~~your~~ application, and is subject to the conditions, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, the Regulations and Rulings issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

3. The licensee shall furnish and make available for inspection any relevant information, records or reports requested by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Federal Reserve Bank through which the license was issued, the Postmaster at the place of mailing or the Collector of Customs at the port of exportation.

4. This license expires January 1, 1945 is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the Regulations and Rulings issued thereunder and may be revoked or modified at any time in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury. If this license was issued as a result of willful misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or his duly authorized agent, it may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be declared void from the date of its issuance, or from any other date.

Issued by direction and on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

By [Signature]

The Act of October 6, 1917, as amended, provides in part as follows:

“Whoever willfully violates any of the provisions of this subdivision or of any license, order, rule or regulation issued thereunder, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000, or, if a natural person, may be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both; and any officer, director, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation may be punished by a like fine, imprisonment or both.”
NOTE: If this license covers gold in any form the provisions of the Provisional Regulations issued under the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 must also be complied with.

ORIGINAL

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

License No. W-2231
Date: JUN 30 1944

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389
OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.
(Name of Licensee)

420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. In order to provide relief to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, the disbursing trustees for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustees), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustees (including such agents as they may appoint) are hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner they deem necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who the trustees, after consulting with the American Legation in Bern when feasible, are reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

- (c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustees should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.
2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.
3. The trustees should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustees should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. The trustees should satisfy themselves that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.
4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustees through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.
5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.
6. This license shall expire six months from date hereof; it is not transferable; is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.


Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

000212

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: September 19, 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated September 7, 1944,
from the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., and a copy of our reply thereto,
dealing with remittance
of \$25,000 to the American Minister, Bern, for payment to Roswell MacLellan,
War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided
in license No. W-2291.

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

Remarks:

R. Hadel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2291 issued

Remittance license No. 651532 issued 9/22/44

Other:

(2) R B Parke

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: Sept 22 1944

SEP 22 1944

NY 651532

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$25,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McLelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. 4-2251. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque National Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be proscribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

(Initialed) O.A.S.

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

402

BBParke:jfh 9-21-44

000214

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY INC
420 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

September 7, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Fehle:

I am in receipt of a letter from Labor's War Relief Program,
a copy of which I enclose.

As appears from the above letter there would be available
for transmission to the trustees in Switzerland a further
allocation of \$25,000 for Belgium.

The same procedure would be applicable to the distribution
of these funds as obtained in the distribution of the
\$90,000 previously transmitted abroad in accordance
with approval by you and the Treasury Department.

I am enclosing a copy of our original letter request,
photostats of licenses granted by the Treasury Department
in accordance with such request.

We would be very grateful if you would be good enough
to request the Treasury Department to issue a further
license.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Hoffman
President

CC: Mr. Brunot
Mr. Jensen

Copy

000215

BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INC. - LICENSES

Basic License W-2231
Remittance License NY 636252

**THE MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
MUST NOT BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM 3807A**

000210

NOV 23 1944

Dear Miss LaFollette:

In connection with the request to have \$90,000 of the amount sent to Switzerland by Belgian War Relief turned over to the Belgian Legation in Switzerland for transfer to Mr. Major in repayment for the amount he borrowed in Belgium, I wish to advise you that our Representative in Bern has just cabled the Board that the Belgian Charge in Bern desires certain clarification before accepting the funds. He is writing Brussels for identification and location of Mr. Major.

Very truly yours,

[Faint signature]

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 Paris No. 7715 of Nov 24.
FH:hd 11/28/44

701 -

000217

DEPARTMENT
OF
STATE

INCOMING
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS

*was Ref Bd
(Mr Rehle)*

DCG-73
Distribution of true
reading only by special
arrangement. (SECRET W)

Bern
Dated November 24, 1944
Rec'd 8:30 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

7715, November 24, 8 a.m.
FROM MCCLELLAND FOR WRB.

Saw Belgian Charge, De Caritat, in Bern
November 22. (Department's 3926, November 18).
He is writing Brussels for identification and
location Messrs. Major and Lapaille. He desires
this clarification before accepting funds.

HUDDLE

RB

CONTROL COPY

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

11/25

RECEIVED
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS
DIVISION

DECLASSIFIED
By R.H.P. Date **SEP 15 1972**
SEP 15 1972

COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS
(LIAISON)

1944 NOV 25 AM 10 49

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

000211

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

STAGE
Distribution of type reading only by special arrangement. ()

November 18, 1944
STATE
10 p.m.

*2-Way Ref
B...*

10 NOV 21 11 47

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

AMBASSY

BERN

3926

The following for McClelland refers to project of Belgian War Relief authorized by license No. W-2231 and is WRS 293.

Interested labor groups here have just informed Board that two Belgian Labor Movement leaders, Messrs. Major and Lapaille, in anticipation of aid under this program, borrowed funds in Belgium to aid families of men deported to Germany and persons hiding or escaping from the Germans. Please turn over \$90,000 of the amount you hold in Switzerland for Belgian War Relief Project to the Belgian Legation in Switzerland for transfer to Mr. Major in repayment of part of the amount Lapaille and he borrowed in Belgium. You are authorized to pay, against appropriate receipt, the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Belgian Minister in Bern. When payment has been made please so inform Board.

STETTINIUS
(acting)
(RM)

WRB:MMV:KO
11/18/44

WE

SWP

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

CONTROL COPY

000210

despatched as
3926
11/18

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

Reference is made to project of Belgian War Relief authorized by license No. W-2231.

Board has just been informed through interested labor groups here that two leaders of the Belgian Labor movement, Messrs. Major and Lapaille, in anticipation of aid under this program, borrowed funds in Belgium to aid persons hiding or escaping from the Germans and families of men deported to Germany. It is desired that \$90,000 of the amount held by you in Switzerland for Belgian War Relief project be turned over to the Belgium Legation in Switzerland for transfer to Mr. Major in repayment of part of the amount he and Mr. Lapaille borrowed in Belgium. You are authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Belgian Minister in Bern against appropriate receipt. Please advise Board when payment has been made.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 283.

2:00 p.m.
November 17, 1944

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

L.S.L.
FH:hd 11/15/44

FILE
3087
PA JTC:spas
Register
OFFICE 10 FIVE



LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS UNITED NATIONS RELIEF

WILLIAM GREEN
HONORARY CHAIRMAN

MATTHEW WOLL
PRESIDENT

GEORGE MEANY
HONORARY SECRETARY

ABRAHAM BLUESTEIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

9 EAST 46th STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • EL-5-2590

EXECUTIVE BOARD

VICE PRESIDENT:

- J. C. CASHEN
- DAVID DUBNEY
- NICHOLAS J. GRAY
- APOLIN FIELD
- VICTOR OLANDER
- J. M. ORNBURN
- OSCAR ROBERTSON
- HUGH A. MURRAY

JOHN SULLIVAN
REGISTRAR

REGISTERED WITH
PRESIDENTS WAR
RELIEF CONTROL
BOARD - 1943

Suzanne LaFollette
Director, War Relief Program and
Community Activities

November 14, 1944

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

Attention of Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We are very glad to inform you that we have received information from Mr. Jef Rens, Secretary of the Belgian Confederation du Travail, who has recently been in Belgium, as follows:

The Belgian Labor movement, anticipating aid from the American Labor fund for relief behind Axis lines, which as you know was authorized by the National War Fund in July, 1943, and being in desperate need of relief funds, borrowed a large sum of money to aid people hiding or escaping from the Gestapo, and families of men deported to Germany. This money was distributed by two leaders of Belgian Labor, Messrs. Major and Lapaille. For this activity Mr. Lapaille was arrested by the Gestapo two days before the German evacuation of Belgium and removed to Germany.

Mr. Rens was unaware of this arrangement until he went to Belgium in September. He at once attempted to get in touch with Krier and Element, but was unable to do so because of the disruption of communications.

He now requests that we ask you to authorize Mr. Mc Clelland to turn over the \$90,000 held in Switzerland on the Belgian account to the Belgian legation in that country. We trust that your favorable decision in the similar case of the Dutch Labor fund will be regarded as a precedent warranting this action.

We shall be grateful if you will inform us as soon as your board has approved this transaction and you have so instructed Mr. Mc Clelland, in order that we may inform Mr. Rens,

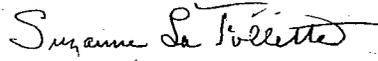
77022

Board Council
Association of Musicians
Avenue
07116

who will thereupon arrange with his government the transfer of an equivalent amount to Mr. Major, to be applied to repayment of the loan.

Trusting that this application will meet with the approval of the Board, I am

Sincerely yours,



Director, War Relief Program,
United Nations Relief, AFL.

000222

NATIONAL WAR FUND

INCORPORATED

46 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y. • BOWLING GREEN 9-1380



WINTHROP W. ALDRICH, *President* • JEAN B. ADOUE, JR., *Texas*; ROBERT M. HANES, *North Carolina*; FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS, *Nebraska*; WALTER ROTHSCHILD, *New York*; EDWARD L. RYERSON, *Illinois*; ROBERT G. SPROUL, *California*; HENRY M. WRISTON, *Rhode Island*, *Vice-Presidents* • RALPH HAYES, *Secretary*
GORDON S. RENTSCHLER, *Treasurer* • GERARD SWOPE, *Chairman Budget Committee* • PRESCOTT S. BUSH, *National Campaign Chairman*
HARRY P. WAREHAM, ROBERT O. LOOSLEY, *Executive Vice-Presidents*

August 21, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

It has come to my attention that Belgian War Relief made an ill-advised press release on its Labor-sponsored project which named the trustees delegated to execute the program; and that Major Hoffman has said I approved that release.

I should like to be on record that I did not approve such a release. Knowing as I do the absolute necessity for secrecy, I should be the last to permit such an unfortunate story to get out, had I been informed of it in advance.

Yours very truly,


Elliot J. Jensen, Secretary
Budget Committee

EJJ
ef

cc: Messrs. Brunot, Hoffman

Member Agencies of the National War Fund:

U.S.O. • United Seamen's Service • War Prisoners Aid • The Belgian War Relief Society • The British War Relief Society • French Relief Fund • Greek War Relief Association • Friends of Luxembourg • Norwegian Relief • Polish War Relief • The Queen Wilhelmina Fund • Russian War Relief • United China Relief • United Czechoslovak Relief • The United Yugoslav Relief Fund • Refugee Relief Trustees • United States Committee for the Care of European Children

THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

WASHINGTON BUILDING

WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

August 19, 1944

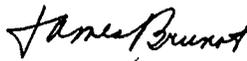
Dear Mr. Pehle:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 16 with enclosures relating to publicity which the Belgian War Relief Society issued about the labor sponsored project to be financed by that agency and carried out under arrangements made through the War Refugee Board.

I talked with Mr. Jensen, of the National War Fund, about this. He informed me that the person who telephoned him from the Belgian War Relief Society appears to have an incorrect understanding of the extent to which he expressed an opinion on the appropriateness of such a release. He assumed that the publicity would relate only to the general purpose of the project and the source and amount of the money allocated. He assured me that he understands the importance of handling such projects on a confidential basis and will make a point of that question in dealing with any further inquiries of this character.

On the part of the President's War Relief Control Board, we also will point out this fact to any additional agencies undertaking such projects. I have already done so in the case of Polish War Relief.

Sincerely yours,



James Brunot
Executive Director

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

*2 War Ref Board
Mrs Pihle*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern ✓
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 19, 1944 *
NUMBER: 5391
X

CONTROL COPY

McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

In spite of information in Department's cable of August 16, no. 2816, I recommend remittance of part of funds through Minister Harrison as soon as possible. Clement and Krier are anxious to proceed.

Foregoing has reference to Department's 2631.

*Review
50 pages*

HARRISON

*8/20
Remittance
see memo
of [unclear]
[unclear] 7/1*

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

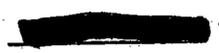
00022

I was Rel. Bk - Mr. Eddy

CONTROL COPY

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 16, 1944
NUMBER: 2816
x



Reference your 5004 of August 4, and Department's 2631 of July 31, WRB'S 104.

Times article based on formal news release issued by Belgian War Relief Society as result of confusion. Release states clearly Krier and Clement are in Bern. Article indicates Krier in Bern, but is not clear as to Clement. It reports, however, that the \$90,000 is to be sent to Bern QUOTE to aid Belgians in hiding from Gestapo or imprisoned by the Nazis UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRE .ERN WABLE NO. 124
x

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

700220

RECEIVED
JUL 10 1944
BY: [unclear]

CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AT BERN FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 5004 of August 4, and Department's 2631 of July 31, WRB's 104.

Times article based on formal news release issued by Belgian War Relief Society as result of confusion. Release states clearly Krier and Clement are in Bern. Article indicates Krier in Bern, but is not (repeat not) clear as to Clement. It reports, however, that the \$50,000 is to be sent to Bern QUOTE to aid Belgians in hiding from the Gestapo or imprisoned by the Nazis UNQUOTE.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. _____
124

10:00 a.m.
August 16, 1944

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

LSLesser:tmh 8-16-44

Z.S.Y.

10022

16 1944

AUG 16 1944

Dear Mr. Brunot: ✓

Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of an article that appeared in the New York Times on July 22, 1944, and copies of correspondence between this Board and the Belgian War Relief Society, dated July 29 and August 1, 1944. I am sure that you will appreciate the Board's position in this matter.

The Board's representative at Bern has been advised of publication of this article and both he and Mr. Krier have expressed considerable concern. They are expected shortly to consult with Mr. Clement as to whether substitute disbursing agents should be named. I will keep you advised.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle,
Executive Director.

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

Enclosures.

L.S.L.
LH:essertmh 8-15-44

*I was Ref Board
J.W. Pable*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: August 4, 1944
NUMBER: 5004^X

CONTROL COPY

McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.
Reference is made herewith to Department's cable of July 31,
no. 2631.

The appearance of Krier and Clement's names in the NEW YORK TIMES is regretted. Was the fact of their presence in Switzerland stated? Kindly let us know when you find out where and how this information leaked out. Discussed the matter with Krier on August 3. Both of us feel they should go ahead with their project, although Krier will first talk with Clement, other members of our Legation and with certain Swiss political friends. You will be kept advised.

HARRISON

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

00022

This morning Miss Flanhaft of the Belgian War Relief called me and I tried to have the call transferred to you but you were out, so I am leaving the following message:

Miss Flanhaft said that their publicity director, Miss Griswold saw the letter about the labor project and thought it was a good news story. She asked Miss Flanhaft, who was then acting head of the Belgian War Relief in the absence of Major Hoffman, whether it would be all right to put out a press release about it. Miss Flanhaft asked her to call ~~James~~ ~~James~~ of the National War Fund in New York. The press release was read to ~~James~~ over the telephone and ~~James~~ told them that it was all right, but not to release the story until the following Tuesday after the War Fund had formally met and approved the appropriation of funds. After the meeting was held on Tuesday, Miss Griswold called the National War Fund and learned from ~~James~~'s secretary that the meeting had been held and the money appropriated. She then released the story. Miss Flanhaft is quite disturbed about our letter and would like you to call her at Murrayhill 8-0539.

Aug. 24/44

3

Friedman

Some official

File with letter to
Belgian War Relief

10023

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-0539

OFFICERS

DAVE HENNEN MORRIS, PRESIDENT
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, VICE-PRESIDENT
FREDERICK W. GEHLE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DIRECTORS

WINTHROP W. ALDRICH
JOHN FOSTER DULLES
FREDERICK W. GEHLE
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN
DAVE HENNEN MORRIS
ROBERT C. STANLEY

August 1, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Lesser,
Executive Office of the President,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

I acknowledge receipt of Mr. Pehle's letter of July 28th with respect to the article appearing in the New York Times relating to transfer of certain funds to Switzerland for use in Belgium.

The publicity director of this Society, Miss Berneice Griswold, suggested that in view of the forthcoming national campaign of the National War Fund, such a story would have great publicity value. She was informed that in view of the nature of the subject, we would not release such information under any circumstances without a clearance from the National War Fund. Indeed, because of the matter involved, she was told not to contact the usual publicity personnel at the National War Fund but to clear the matter with Mr. Elliot Jensen. She thereupon prepared the article which was called to your attention and telephoned Mr. Jensen, acquainting him of its contents. The only objection raised was that the funds had not yet been transmitted to The Belgian War Relief Society from the National War Fund and Miss Griswold was given the date of an Executive Committee meeting which would approve such transmission. She thereupon called again following that date and was told that approval had been given and she accordingly released the enclosed statement.

We regret very much if such clearance should not have been given. Without it, of course, we would under no conditions have given publicity to this project, but in all matters involving policy we have looked to the National War Fund for guidance and abided by its rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,



W. W. Hoffman
W. W. Hoffman.

FROM: BERNEICE GRISWOLD
205 East Forty-second Street
New York 17, N. Y.

FOR : THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY

RELEASE SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1944

NEW YORK, JULY 22: The Belgian War Relief Society Incorporated of the United States of America has been granted permission by the War Refugee Board to send \$90,000 into Belgium for the relief of persecuted people in hiding and so far unable to escape, of citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo and other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities, and of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

A special appropriation of \$90,000 was voted to The Belgian War Relief Society for this purpose by the National War Fund, of which the Society is a member agency, at the request of the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee. The United States Treasury Department has issued a license to the Society for the remittance of the fund to Hubert Clement, former secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions, and Antoine Krier, former general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxemburg, both of whom are in Berne, Switzerland.

Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier will expend the funds from Berne to provide relief to Belgians in enemy or enemy-occupied territory according to Major William Wickham Hoffman, executive director of The Belgian War Relief Society, 420 Lexington Avenue.

#####

000231

CCPX

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Graybar Building

420 Lexington Avenue, New York, 17, N.Y.

August 1, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Lesser,
Executive Office of the President,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

I acknowledge receipt of Mr. Fehle's letter of July 28th with respect to the article appearing in the New York Times relating to transfer of certain funds to Switzerland for use in Belgium.

The publicity director of this Society, Miss Berniece Griswold, suggested that in view of the forthcoming national campaign of the National War Fund, such a story would have great publicity value. She was informed that in view of the nature of the subject, we would not release such information under any circumstances without a clearance from the National War Fund. Indeed, because of the matter involved, she was told not to contact the usual publicity personnel at the National War Fund but to clear the matter with Mr. Elliot Jensen. She thereupon prepared the article which was called to your attention and telephoned Mr. Jensen, acquainting him of its contents. The only objection raised was that the funds had not yet been transmitted to The Belgian War Relief Society from the National War Fund and Miss Griswold was given the date of an Executive Committee meeting which would approve such transmission. She thereupon called again following that date and was told that approval had been given and she accordingly released the enclosed statement.

We regret very much if such clearance should not have been given. Without it, of course, we would under no conditions have given publicity to this project, but in all matters involving policy we have looked to the National War Fund for guidance and abided by its rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. W. Hoffman.

W. W. Hoffman

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: July 31, 1944
NUMBER: 2631^{*} SECRET

FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference Legation's 4692 of July 22. For Minister's and McClelland's personal consideration.

On recommendation of WRB, Treasury has authorized remittances of Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 by Wilhelmina Fund, \$20,000 by Friends of Luxembourg and \$90,000 by Belgian War Relief Society to Minister Harrison for payment to McClelland.

With respect to Belgian remittance, by means now being investigated, objectives of Belgian project and names of Clement and Krier as disbursing agents of \$90,000 were disclosed to New York Times and formed subject of news item on July 22.

Please discuss with Clement and Krier and advise Board whether under circumstances it is felt they should nominate other disbursing agents. If so, please transmit names and otherwise identify nominees.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 104.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

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

JUL 28 1944

Dear Sir:

The Board's attention has been called to an article in the New York Times of July 23, 1944, stating that you revealed to the press the project which formed the subject matter of your letter of May 31 to us and of our reply dated June 21.

The Board has always assumed that any person having an interest in the successful consummation of projects of this kind recognizes the necessity of treating them most confidentially and is aware of the very real dangers inherent in giving them any publicity whatsoever. These dangers involve not only the success of the project, but the lives of the persons who have undertaken to carry them out. For this reason, the public release of any information concerning any such project is of the gravest concern to the Board.

Please forward to us promptly the text of any written statement you may have released to the press in connection with the project referred to, together with a complete description of the circumstances under which, and a list of the persons to whom, the information concerning such project was released, as well as a list of all persons who knew that such information was going to be released.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mr. W. W. Hoffman,
The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.,
Grayson Building,
New York, 17, New York.

Copy to: Mr. Lasser

LSL:ess:ish 7-28-44

E. S. R. 1944

Files

JUL 27 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE CONTROL DEPARTMENT
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK CITY

NY 63638 Please amend license issued pursuant to order June 30, 1944, to read: "Notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to the American Consulate, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Rowell Mc Clelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2231. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Richards, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

Charles A. Schmidt
Acting Director

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

[Initialed] O.A.S.

402

RRParko:mjs 7/27/44

10023

EX

FROM: BERNICE GRISWOLD
205 East Forty-second Street
New York 17, N. Y.

FOR: THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY

RELEASE SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1944

NEW YORK, JULY 22: The Belgian War Relief Society Incorporated of the United States of America has been granted permission by the War Refugee Board to send \$90,000 into Belgium for the relief of persecuted people in hiding and so far unable to escape, of citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo and other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities, and of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

A special appropriation of \$90,000 was voted to The Belgian War Relief Society for this purpose by the National War Fund, of which the Society is a member agency, at the request of the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee. The United States Treasury Department has issued a license to the Society for the remittance of the fund to Hubert Clement, former secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions, and Antoine Krier, former general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxemburg, both of whom are in Berne, Switzerland.

Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier will expend the funds from Berne to provide relief to Belgians in enemy or enemy-occupied territory according to Major William Wickham Hoffman, executive director of The Belgian War Relief Society, 420 Lexington Avenue.

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: July 22, 1944
NUMBER: 4692

See messages 2440 and 2438 from the Department of the seventeenth of July.

It is made possible by the refugee status both Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement in Switzerland for them to receive openly and officially Swiss franc equal to \$20,000 from friends of Luxembourg and \$90,000 from Wilhelmina fund. For remittance to Krier and Clement, who seem to be recommendable and capable disbursing agents, these funds can be transmitted confidentially through Legation.

This message is from McClelland for WEB.

HARRISON

DOR:MLG

7-24-44

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

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

N y Times

7-22-44

\$90,000 TO HELP BELGIANS

Appropriation to Be Forwarded
by Relief Society Here

An appropriation of \$90,000, designed to aid Belgians abroad in hiding from the Gestapo or imprisoned by the Nazis, will be sent to Berne, Switzerland, Maj. William Wickham Hoffman, executive director of the Belgian War Relief Society of the U. S. A., disclosed yesterday at its headquarters, 320 Lexington Avenue. Permission has been granted by the War Refugee Board, Major Hoffman said, to distribute these funds to the victims and their families.

These funds were provided through the National War Fund, of which the Belgian War Relief Society is a member agency, Major Hoffman said.

A special license has been issued by the Treasury Department to the Belgian War Relief Society to send the fund to Hubert Clement, former secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice president of the Federation of Trade Unions; and Antoine Krier, former general secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxemburg in Berne.

*2 war Refugee Ref.
m. public*

RECEIVED
DEPT. OF STATE
TELEGRAM SENT
ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMLEGATION, BERN
DATED: July 10, 1944
NUMBER: 2366

CONTROL COPY

Please inform Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, care of Luxembourg Consulate, Bern, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2231 to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., New York City, permitting them, as its disbursing trustees, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are substantially identical to license No. W-1206, as amended, issued to JDC. In this connection, reference is made to Department's telegram No. 1906 of June 3, 1944. Under specific license, Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., will remit Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Mr. Clement and Mr. Prier for operations contemplated in license No. W-2231, which are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

HULL

*copy sent to
Mr. Parks
FH/klh*

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

SEP 15 1972

00024

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

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

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated May 31, 1944 from the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc. dealing with remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Bern, in care of Luxembourg Consulate, for relief in Belgium.

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

Remarks:
Basic license for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.
Remittance license.

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2281 issued June 30, 1944
Remittance license No. 73858 issued June 30, 1944
Other: Letter No. 73859 June 30, 1944
Letter No. 73860 June 30, 1944
Letter No. 73859 June 30, 1944 (Cable)


Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: June 30, 1944

77024

JUN 30 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 636252

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2251. License period six months. The licensee, or its bank of account, is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payees designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise via this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

MAILED 6 27 1944
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

408

RBFarko:jfh 6-27-44

In reply please
refer to: 73868

Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated May 31, 1944, in which you request its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for the purpose of carrying out certain relief and rescue activities in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith license No. W-2231 governing the financing of the operations contemplated therein and permitting you to communicate with Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier with respect thereto. The license also permits these gentlemen to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for the purposes contemplated therein.

You will note that this license expires six months from date thereof. You are informed, however, that in the event the activities contemplated in such license are to be continued after the date on which it expires, this Department will be pleased to consider renewing such license for a further period of six months.

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the issuance of this license and requested to approach Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier in connection therewith. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to issue to you a license to effect the remittance of the Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to these gentlemen for the purpose of financing the operations contemplated in your letter under reference.

Very truly yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York 17, New York.

Enclosure. RBParke:jfh 6-28-44

000244

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

License No. W-2231

Date:

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389
OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.
(Name of Licensee)

420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. In order to provide relief to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, the disbursing trustees for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustees), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustees (including such agents as they may appoint) are hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner they deem necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who the trustees, after consulting with the American Legation in Bern when feasible, are reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

(c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustees should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.

3. The trustees should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustees should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. The trustees should satisfy themselves that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustees through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license shall expire six months from date hereof; it is not transferable; is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Orvid A. Schmidt
Acting Director

In reply please
refer to: 73859

To : Chief, W. T. I. Division,
Department of State.

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

Attention: Mr. William I. Higgins

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to the issuance of license No. W-2231 to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, may be despatched promptly to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

Please advise Mr. Robert B. Parke, the Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer with the War Refugee Board when such cable is despatched.

Attachment.

RBParko:jfh 6-27-44

DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Please inform Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, care of Luxembourg Consulate, Bern, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2231 to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., New York City, permitting them, as its disbursing trustees, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are substantially identical to license No. W-2106, as amended, issued to JDC. In this connection, reference is made to Department's telegram No. 1906 of June 3, 1944. Under specific license, Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., will remit Swiss franc equivalent of \$90,000 to Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier for operations contemplated in license No. W-2231, which are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

RBParke:jfh 6-28-44

000246

In reply please
refer to: 73060

20

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion of your files, there is enclosed herewith a copy of license No. B-2231, issued to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E.W. O'Flaherty

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

Mr. Norman P. Davis,
Manager,
Foreign Funds Control Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

RDParko:jfh 6-27-44

00024

JUN 21 1944

Attention: Mr. W. W. Hoffman

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 31, 1944.

The project therein outlined has our approval and we are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the necessary license. We are prepared to convey this information to the President's War Relief Control Board upon inquiry.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.
Graybar Building
420 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

LSLesserials 6/19/44

000250

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICERS
DAVE HENNER MORRIS, PRESIDENT
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, VICE-PRESIDENT
FREDERICK W. GEHLE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-0539

DIRECTORS
WINTHROP W. ALDRICH
JOHN FOSTER DULLES
FREDERICK W. GEHLE
MAJOR WM. WICKHAM HOFFMAN
DAVE HENNER MORRIS
ROBERT C. STANLEY

May 31, 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:

The Belgian War Relief Society would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$90,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxemburg Consulate to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy occupied territory.

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in Belgium and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Belgian citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Before the occupation, Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxemburg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxemburg.

Mr. Jef Rens, acting general secretary of the Belgian Federation of Labour, assured us that the above named gentlemen are personally known to him and that they serve as liaison between the Belgian trade union representation in exile and the labor underground movement in Belgium. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$90,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending Sept. 30, 1944.

PARTICIPANT IN
NATIONAL WAR FUND



THREE FRONTS-ONE CAUSE

700251

Mr. John W. Pehle,

-2-

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to the Belgian War Relief Society for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will, of course, be impossible for the Belgian War Relief Society to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,

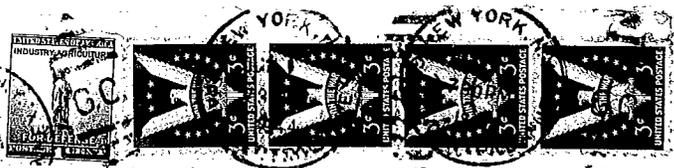

W.W. Hoffman,
Executive Director

1944 JUN 2 AM 6 46

125
11

THE BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY
INCORPORATED
GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Special Delivery



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

ATTEN. Mr. Lawrence Lesser

SPECIAL DELIVERY

700250

F LUXEMBOURG, INC. - LICENSES

Basic License W-2232
Remittance License NY 636251

**MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
IS NOT TO BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM 3107**

7 0 0 2 5 4

CROSS-REFERENCE

..... PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO BELIEF & RESCUE OF REFUGEES:RELIEF PROJECTS BELIEF
(Name of Applicant) THROUGH SWITZERLAND (BELGIAN WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, INC.
..... FRIENDS OF LUXEMBOURG, INC.
..... QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND, INC.) (2-e)
(Application Number)

1. FOR RELATIVE MATERIAL RE: THIS BREAKDOWN,

SEE: 1. BREAKDOWN (1)

DEPARTMENT
OF
STATE

INCOMING
TELEGRAM
DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

1945 JUN 23 AM 9 21

MS-1288
Distribution of true DC/L Bern
reading only by special LIAISON Dated June 22, 1945
arrangement. [redacted] (7) Rec'd 5:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

328⁶, June 22, 2 p.m.
X
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.

HARRISON

JT

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

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-79
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To: ~~Mr. Tolson~~
(1) (Room) (Bldg.)
(2) *Files* (Room) (Bldg.)
(3) (Room) (Bldg.)

*Friends of Harvemburg
file*

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

000257

C
O
P
Y

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.
MEMBER AGENCY OF NATIONAL WAR FUND

June 18, 1945.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. L. G. Aarons, Acting Director,
Foreign Funds Control,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Aarons:

The National War Fund, with the approval of the President's War Relief Control Board, has authorized the transmission of 72,869.45 francs to Mr. Jules Elier in the Luxembourg Legation at Lausanne, Switzerland. These funds are now in the hands of Mr. Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board representative, American Legation, Bern, Switzerland.

The original transfer of these funds from the bank account of Friends of Luxembourg at the Chase National Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York, N. Y. to Mr. McClelland, for war relief purposes, was made under United States Treasury License W-3282 and License No. 636851A, as amended by License No. 636851A-R.

We would greatly appreciate the issuance of the appropriate license covering the transfer of these funds to Mr. Elier. It is hoped that early action will be possible in view of the urgent need for these funds.

Sincerely yours,

Vivian Flanshaft,
Managing Director

See also ①

65208

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 18, 1948, relative to the sum of Swiss francs 78,889.48 remitted under license No. NY 634261X-R to Mr. Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board representative in Bern, Switzerland, for war relief purposes, which you now desire be turned over to Mr. Julien Hiler, care of the Luxembourg Legation in Switzerland. It is understood that the National War Fund, with the approval of the President's War Relief Control Board, has authorized the transfer of such funds to Mr. Hiler.

This is to advise you that this Office has informed the War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C., that it will interpose no objection, so far as Executive Order No. 6589 as amended, is concerned, to the transfer of these funds from Mr. McClelland to Mr. Hiler. It is understood that the War Refugee Board is so advising Mr. McClelland.

Sincerely yours,

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

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.,
62 William Street,
New York 8, New York

EBParks:mha:6/23/48

23
DEPARTMENT
OF
STATE

INCOMING
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

RC-283
Distribution of true
reading only by special
arrangement. (██████████)

Bern
Dated May 23, 1945
Rec'd 5:22 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

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 Luxonbourg Inc.

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

HARRISON

JMS

██████████
For security reasons the
text of this message must
be classified as secret.

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

214

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

From Luxembourg etc

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

SG-1836
Distribution of true reading only by special arrangement. ([redacted] W)

Bern
Dated May 9, 1945
Rec'd 8:28 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

2670, May 9, 2 p.m.
O'DWYER OF WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MAY 17 1945
DC/L
LIAISON OFFICE

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.

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

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

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1977

10025

-2- # 2670, May 9, 2 p.m., from Bern.

itself outlined above. I personally strongly recommend this move and would appreciate any steps Board could undertake secure license amendment and send me authorization pay out balance funds to Krier or Clement or their appointed agent for purpose specified.

I am forwarding by pouch copy of K. and C. letter to me of April 26 containing their recent request and their reasons therefor, a copy of letter from donors this money : AF of L Labor League for Human Rights and National CIO War Relief Committee addressed to Pierre Krier brother of Antoine and present Luxemburg Minister of Labor outlining purposes for which this money was originally made available to Friends of Luxemburg INC and a statement of my acts of movement of such Luxemburg funds entrusted to me.

Including 60,000 Swiss francs sent to ICRC on March 26 according to instructions WRB's 461 and still unspent since ICRC had ample supplies and funds for Luxemburgers from other sources (the Belgians). As explained in my 1188 February 23 I still have on hand 78,334.45 Swiss Francs.

5,000 Swiss Francs were advanced to Krier and Clement on April 26.

HARRISON

JMS

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.

FHshd 10/20/44

*no attachment with
see if in file*

10026

Files

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK CITY

JUL 27 1944

NY 636251 Please amend license issued pursuant to order June 30, 1944, to read: "Notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$20,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell Mc Clelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2232. The licensee, or its bank of account, is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York." Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes".

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

(Initialed) O.A.S.

XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

402
RBParkmanjs 7/27/44

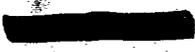
1 1 1 1 1

*I - War Refugee Ad.
m. Rehle*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.
TO: American Legation, Bern.
DATED: July 17, 1944.
NUMBER: 2440.

CONTROL COPY



License Number W-2232 has been issued to the Friends of Luxembourg, Incorporated, New York City, by the Treasury Department. This license permits the disbursing agents of the above-named organization, Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement, to make arrangements for rescue and relief operations in enemy-occupied and enemy territory, and it is requested that you, through the Luxembourg Consulate, Bern, inform Clement and Krier. The above license is practically identical in its terms with license Number W-2106, as amended, issue to the Joint Distribution Committee. In this connection, please refer to cable from the Department, dated June 3, Number 1906. The operations contemplated in License Number W-2232 are approved by the Treasury, the War Refugee Board, and the Department. The Swiss franc equivalent of \$20,000 will be remitted to Clement and Krier by the Friends of Luxembourg, Incorporated, under specific license.

HULL

DCR:LCW 7/21/44

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-78
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 15 1972**

10026

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No.:

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

There is transmitted herewith ~~attached~~ a letter dated June 8, 1944 from the **Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.** dealing with remittance of \$20,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Bern, c/o Luxembourg Consulate for relief work in Luxembourg.

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

Remarks:

**Basic license for rescue and relief activities in enemy territory.
Remittance license.**

R. Hotal

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2252 issued June 30, 1944
Remittance license No. ~~73885~~ **73885** dated June 30, 1944
Other: Letter No. 73885 dated June 30, 1944
Letter No. 74085 dated June 30, 1944 (Cable)
Letter No. 73885 dated June 30, 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

JUN 30 1944

JUN 30 1944

In reply please
refer to: 73853

Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department copies of your duplicate letters dated June 8 and June 16, 1944, in which you request its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$20,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for the purpose of carrying out certain relief and rescue activities in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith license No. W-2292 governing the financing of the operations contemplated therein and permitting you to communicate with Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier with respect thereto. The license also permits these gentlemen to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for the purposes contemplated therein.

You will note that this license expires six months from date thereof. You are informed, however, that in the event the activities contemplated in such license are to be continued after the date on which it expires, this Department will be pleased to consider renewing such license for a further period of six months.

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the issuance of this license and requested to approach Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier in connection therewith. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to issue to you a license to affect the remittance of the Swiss franc equivalent of \$20,000 to these gentlemen for the purpose of financing the operations contemplated in your letter under reference.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.,
570 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York

Enclosure.
RBPark@temj 6/28/44

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8488
OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.,
(Name of Licensee)
570 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. In order to provide relief to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, the disbursing trustees for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustees), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustees (including such agents as they may appoint) are hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner they deem necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who the trustees, after consulting with the American Legation in Bern when feasible, are reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

(c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustees should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.

3. The trustees should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustees should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. The trustees should satisfy themselves that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustees through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license shall expire six months from date hereof, it is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Orvin A. Schmidt
Acting Director

In reply please
refer to: 39375

7465

To : Chief, W. F. I. Division,
Department of State.

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

Attention: Mr. William I. Riegelman

It will be appreciated if the attached cable,
relative to the issuance of license No. W-2232 to the
Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., 570 Lexington Avenue, New
York, New York, may be dispatched promptly to the Ameri-
can Legation, Berne, Switzerland, through the facilities av-
ailable to the Department of State.

Please advise Mr. Robert B. Parks, the Foreign
Funds Control Liaison Officer with the War Refugee Board,
when such cable is dispatched.

(Signed) Davis A. ...

Attachment,

RRParks:amj 6/28/44

DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Please inform Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier, care of Luxembourg Consulate, Bern, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2232 to Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., New York City, permitting them, as its disbursing trustees, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are substantially identical to license No. W-2106, as amended, issued to JDC. In this connection, reference is made to Department's telegram No. 1506 of June 3, 1944. Under specific license, Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., will remit Swiss franc equivalent of \$20,000 to Mr. Clement and Mr. Krier for operations contemplated in license No. W-2232, which are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

BBParks:smj 6/28/44

In reply please
refer to: 73865

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion
of your records, there is enclosed herewith a copy
of license No. W-2232, issued to the Friends of
Luzembourg, Inc., 570 Lexington Avenue, New York,
New York.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Mr. Norman P. Davis,
Manager,
Foreign Funds Control Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

REParkstonj 6/28/44



File

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

June 23, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

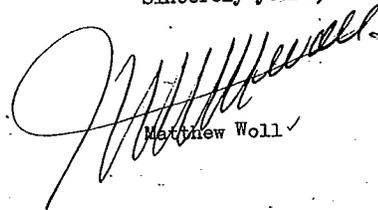
Thank you very much for your letter of June 21st in which you advise me that the project outlined in my letter of June 8th has your approval.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. James Brunot, Director of the President's War Relief Control Board, in which he advises me that he will notify the National War Fund of the Board's position upon receiving advice from the War Refugee Board that you have cleared the project.

Therefore, we will deeply appreciate your informing Mr. Brunot that The Presidents' War Relief Control Board has approved this project.

Thanking you, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Matthew Woll

W:H:M

GROVER A. WHALEN, Vice-President
EDWARD H. BECK, Secretary

MATTHEW WOLL, President
JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY, General Counsel

FRED A. GILSON, Vice-President
JOSEPH J. LARKIN, Treasurer



Sponsors

MR. JAMES W. GERARD
HON. LEWIS D. THILL
MRS. C. B. GOODSPEED
MR. HERBERT HOOVER
MR. WILLIAM GREEN
MR. WINTHROP ALDRICH
MR. WILLIAM A. BARBER
MRS. SIDNEY BORG
DR. WILLIAM S. BAINBRIDGE
MR. J. CHEEVER COWDIN
HON. AND MRS. JOSEPH E. DAVIES
HON. JOHN W. DAVIS
MR. GEORGE L. HARRISON
HON. WILL HAYES

HON. FIORELLO H. LaGUARDIA
MR. THOMAS WATSON
MISS DOROTHY THOMPSON
MR. HARRY WOODBURN CHASE
MR. JAMES E. ANGELL
MR. EDWARD J. STEICHEN
MR. THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN
HON. JOHN MARSCH

CLAIRE BOOTHE LUCE (M.C.)
MRS. CLARK MINOR
HON. DAVE H. MORRIS
MR. PHILIP MURRAY
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
MR. ARTHUR HAYES SULZBERGER
HON. GEORGE P. WALLER
MR. JAMES J. DAVIS
MR. OWEN D. YOUNG
MR. JAMES G. BLAINE
MRS. JOHN A. CARPENTER
MR. DAVE H. MORRIS
MR. B. N. ZIMMER
MR. JOHN B. GADE

JUN 21 1944

Attention: Mr. Matthew Woll

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your duplicate letters of June 8 and June 16, 1944.

The project therein outlined has our approval and we are requesting the Treasury Department to issue the necessary license. We are prepared to convey this information to the President's War Relief Control Board upon inquiry.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

*Original signed
by Mr. Pehle*

LSL JWA
LSLesserials 6/19/44



Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

June 16, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Friends of Luxembourg would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$20,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxembourg Consulate, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy occupied territory.

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in Luxembourg and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Luxembourg citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Before the occupation Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxembourg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxembourg.

Mrs. Lily Krier-Becker, American Representative of the Luxembourg trade unions movement, assured us that the above

GROVER A. WHALEN, Vice-President
EDWARD H. BECK, Secretary

MATTHEW WOLL, President
JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY, General Counsel

FRED A. GILSON, Vice-President
JOSEPH J. LARKIN, Treasurer



Mr. Pehle

- 2 -

June 16, 1944

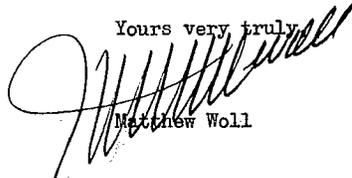
named gentlemen are personally known to her and that they serve as liaison between the Luxembourg trade union representation in exile and the labor underground movement in Luxembourg. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American Legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$20,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to the Friends of Luxembourg for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will, of course, be impossible for the Friends of Luxembourg to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,



Matthew Woll

W:H:C

Copy of original dated June 8, 1944



GOUVERNEMENT DU
GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

June 14, 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 am informed that Friends of Luxembourg, Inc. has applied to the War Refugee Board for approval of a relief project for Luxembourg in the sum of \$ 20,000, sponsored by the Labor League for Human Rights, AFL, and the National CIO War Relief Committee.

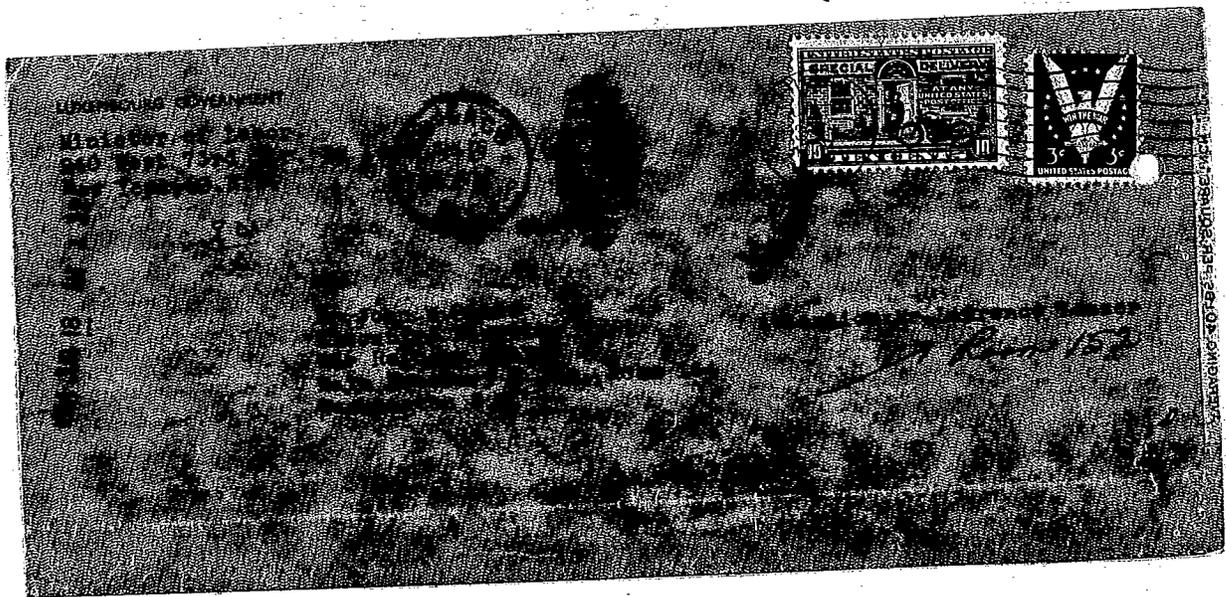
This project has already been discussed with me, as Minister of Labor in the Government of Luxembourg, by the two Labor War Relief Committees. I desire to express my entire approval of the program and to pledge all possible assistance that may be required in carrying it out.

The two Luxembourg citizens, Mr. Antoine Krier and Mr. Hubert Clement, who have been designated to act as trustees of the proposed fund for Luxembourg, as well as the proposed funds for Belgium and Holland, are well known to me personally. They are at present refugees in Switzerland, where they maintain close contact with the labor movement of the three countries. I may add that Mr. Antoine Krier is known to the United States Legation in Switzerland.

In closing, may I assure you that I shall deeply appreciate the action of the War Refugee Board in expediting this fund for relief of the victims of Nazi persecution in Luxembourg.

Sincerely yours,

P. Krier
Minister of Labor



1028



Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

June 8, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Friends of Luxembourg would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for the remittance of \$20,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland, in care of the Luxembourg Consulate, to be made available by them for the following purposes in enemy occupied territory.

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in Luxembourg and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Luxembourg citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

Before the occupation Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxembourg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxembourg.

Mrs. Lily Krier-Becker, American Representative of the Luxembourg trade unions movement, assured us that the above

GROVER A. WHALEN, Vice-President
EDWARD H. BECK, Secretary

MATTHEW WOLL, President
JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY, General Counsel

FRED A. GILSON, Vice-President
JOSEPH J. LARKIN, Treasurer



70028

Mr. Pehl

- 2 -

Jun 3, 1944

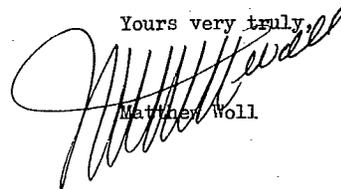
named gentlemen are personally known to her and that they serve as liaison between the Luxembourg trade union representation in exile and the labor underground movement in Luxembourg. Mr. Krier is personally known to the American Legation in Berne.

We expect that the \$20,000 to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending September 30th, 1944.

It is our understanding that this special appropriation will in no way interfere with or reduce the amount allocated to the Friends of Luxembourg for its regular budget purposes.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations, it will, of course, be impossible for the Friends of Luxembourg to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard from Messrs. Clement and Krier through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,



Matthew Woll

W:H:C

QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND, INC.



NY 656743

7 1 1 2 8

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

OCT 21 1944

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$100,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2229. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

(Initialed) G.A.S.

402

RDParkes:jfh 10-20-44

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND INC.
500 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, N. Y.

October 11, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$100,000. to the American Minister, Berne, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, to be made available by him for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

We expect that the \$100,000. to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending March 31st, 1945.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board can receive adequate information in this regard through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

RHM-MF

P.S. This new application has been revised as compared with our first application dated June 1, 1944, to conform with the amended license #NY 636253-X-R issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on behalf of the Treasury Department, dated July 28, 1944.

RHM

Copy

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.

of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

MRS. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE LACKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANGY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
MRS. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIE, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DORUS VAN ITALLIE
TH. E. VAN STAVEREN
A. PHILIPPE VON HEMERT

October 11th, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle: Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund would appreciate the approval of the War Refugee Board and its assistance in obtaining a Treasury license for the remittance of \$100,000. to the American Minister, Berne, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, to be made available by him for the following purposes in enemy-occupied territory:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in the Netherlands and so far unable to escape.
2. The relief of Netherlands citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities, for anti-Nazi activities.
3. Relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

We expect that the \$100,000. to be used in this operation will be made available to us by a special appropriation from the National War Fund which has already been requested by the United Nations Relief of the American Federation of Labor and the National CIO War Relief Committee, and will cover requirements for the period ending March 31st, 1945.

In view of the nature of the contemplated operations it will, of course, be impossible for The Queen Wilhelmina Fund to submit reports of the expenditure of the funds transmitted. We expect, however, that the Treasury and the War Refugee Board

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.

of the United States of America

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. LYTLE HULL
THOMAS S. LAMONT
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
HON. RICHARD M. TOBIN
Mrs. CORNELIUS VANDERSILT



500 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
TELEPHONE LAGKAWANNA 4-1862

WILLEM VAN DOORN, *President*
J. F. VAN HENGEL, *Secretary*
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD, *Treasurer*

Registered With War Control Board, License No. 319
Member Agency of the National War Fund

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. G. A. VAN DER WOUDE, *Chairman*
J. A. DE LANGY, *Vice-Chairman*
HERMAN JACOBSON, *Vice-Chairman*
Mrs. EDGAR LEONARD, *Ch. Women's Comm.*
A. H. DE GOEDE
J. THEODOOR CREMER
HAROLD DE WOLF FULLER
SHEPARD MORGAN
LEWIS E. PIERSON
EDGAR FRANKLIN ROMIG, D.D.
P. VAN DEN TOORN
DORUS VAN ITALLIE
TH. E. VAN STAVEREN
A. PHILIPPE VON HEMERT

-2-

October 11th, 1944

can receive adequate information in this regard through the American Legation at Berne.

Yours very truly,


Richard H. Mansfield
Treasurer

RHM-MF

P. S. This new application has been revised as compared with our first application dated June 1, 1944, to conform with the amended license #NY636253-X-R issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on behalf of the Treasury Department, dated July 28, 1944.

R. H. M.

FRIENDS OF LUXEMBOURG, INC.

LICENSES

Remit. Lic. NY 659611

**THE MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
MUST NOT BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD
ROOM**

000000

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: November 4, 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated November 1, 1944, from the Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., dealing with remittance of \$25,000 to Hubert Clement and Antoine Krier, Bern, Switzerland, for disbursement pursuant to the terms of License No. W-2232.

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

Remarks: Same type of license as NY 636251 of July 27, 1944

T. H. Godel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. issued NY 659611 issued November 8, 1944
Other:

R. P. Parke
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: November 8, 1944

NOV 8 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 659611

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$25,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in license No. W-2232. The licensee, or its bank of account, is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

(Initialed) O.A.S.

402

RBPark: jfh 11-8-44

Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

November 1, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Friends of Luxembourg would appreciate approval of the War Refugee Board of their remitting \$25,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland, and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for this amount. This money has already been appropriated by the National War Fund to continue the Labor-sponsored project for Luxembourg as follows:

- 1: The relief and evacuation from enemy territory of Luxembourg citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities.
- 2: The relief and evacuation from enemy territory of Luxembourg citizens sent to Germany by the Nazis for forced labor.

Since the trustees designated to receive this money have already served in that capacity during 1944, they have already been identified in previous communications to your office. However, for your convenience, I repeat:

Before the occupation, Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxembourg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxembourg.

Thanking you in advance for your action in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Matthew Woll
President

23076 mbl

Copy



Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

November 1, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Lawrence Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The Friends of Luxembourg would appreciate approval by the War Refugee Board of their remitting \$25,000 to Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier at Berne, Switzerland, and its assistance in securing a Treasury license for this amount. This money has already been appropriated by the National War Fund to continue the Labor-sponsored project for Luxembourg as follows:

- 1: The relief and evacuation from enemy territory of Luxembourg citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities.
- 2: The relief and evacuation from enemy territory of Luxembourg citizens sent to Germany by the Nazis for forced labor.

Since the trustees designated to receive this money have already served in that capacity during 1944, they have already been identified in previous communications to your office. However, for your convenience, I repeat:

Before the occupation, Mr. Hubert Clement was secretary of the Luxembourg Teachers Federation and vice-president of the Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Antoine Krier was formerly the general-secretary of the Mine and Metal Workers Federation of Luxembourg.

Thanking you in advance for your action in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

MATTHEW WOLL
President

mbl
23076

GROVER A. WHALEN, Vice-President
EDWARD H. BECK, Secretary

MATTHEW WOLL, President
JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY, General Counsel

FRED A. GILSON, Vice-President
JOSEPH J. LARKIN, Treasurer

Sponsors

MR. JAMES W. GERARD
HON. LEWIS D. THILL
MRS. C. B. GOODSPEED
MR. HERBERT HOOVER
MR. WILLIAM GREEN
MR. WINTHROP ALDRICH
MR. WILLIAM A. BARBER
MRS. SIDNEY BORG
DR. WILLIAM S. BAINBRIDGE
MR. J. CHEEVER COWDIN
HON. AND MRS. JOSEPH E. DAVIES
HON. JOHN W. DAVIS
MR. GEORGE L. HARRISON
HON. WILL HAYES

HON. FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA
MR. THOMAS WATSON
MISS DOROTHY THOMPSON
MR. HARRY WOODBURN CHASE
MR. JAMES R. ANGELL
MR. EDWARD J. STEICHEN
MR. THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN
HON. JOHN MARSCH

CLAIRE BOOTHE LUCE (M.C.)
MRS. CLARK MINOR
HON. DAVE H. MORRIS
MR. PHILIP MURRAY
HON. ALFRED E. SMITH
MR. ARTHUR HAYES SULLZBERGER
HON. GEORGE F. WALLER
MR. JAMES J. DAVIS
MR. OWEN D. YOUNG
MR. JAMES G. BLAINE
MRS. JOHN A. CARPENTER
MR. DAVE H. MORRIS
MR. B. N. ZIMMER
MR. JOHN B. GADE

HELMINA FUND, INC. -- LICENSES

Remit. Lic. NY 660658

**MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
NOT TO BE REMOVED**

**PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM**

NOV 20 1944

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 6606:EB ^X Approved. Please advise Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

C.A.S.

402

80wvoh:jfh 11-18-44

COPY OF APPLICATION FILED BY CHASE
NATIONAL BANK, NY

NY 660658

Extend for an additional thirty days the expiration date of License No. NY 656743-R issued October 23, 1944, pursuant to an application filed directly with the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

We are applying on behalf of our depositor The Queen Wilhelmina Fund Inc., in whose name the original license was issued. For your information, \$50,000 was remitted on October 28, 1944 but our principal advises us that the remaining \$50,000 will not be remitted until after November 22, 1944.

For your further information, License No. NY 656743-R reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$100,000 to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, for payment to Roswell McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative in Switzerland, for utilization as provided in License No. W-2229. You or your bank of account are authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York"

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND INC. - AMERICAN CORPORATION - NOT BLOCKED

NOV 13 1944

19 656743 (Extension)

MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: December 27, 1944

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated
from the dealing with

Letter of December 19 from The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., is returned herewith. The War Refugee Board recommends extension for six months of basic license No. W-2229 and remittance license No. NY 656743, as requested in applicant's letter of December 19.

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

Remarks:

F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. NY 656743 ~~issued~~ despatched Jan. 8, 1945
Other:

R. B. Parke
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: January 8, 1945

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

JAN 8 1945

NY 686743 Please reinstate license and extend expiration date to June 30,
1945. Please advise Mr. Muscare, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

(Initialed) O.A.S.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Director

XXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

401

8Churchnew 1/8/45

C O P Y

In reply please
refer to: 79926

JAN 9, 1945

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of December 19, 1944, requesting that licenses No. W-2229 and NY-656743 be extended for an additional six months in order to enable your representative in Switzerland to continue the relief and rescue activities contemplated in license No. W-2229.

In accordance with your request, license No. W-2229 is hereby reinstated and amended to expire on June 30, 1945.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to amend license No. NY 656743 to expire on June 30, 1945, to enable you to complete the transaction licensed therein.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt
Director

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.,
500 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

830385
Telex No. 16088
Telex No. 16088

Y B O O

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA FUND, INC.

500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18

December 19, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

We refer to your letter dated June 30th with which you enclosed license No. W-2229 in our name for the purpose of carrying out certain relief and rescue activities in enemy and enemy occupied countries.

Pursuant to your authorizations, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued on July 1st license No. NY-636253-P permitting the remittance of \$90,000. to be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2229, on September 23rd license No. NY-651530-R permitting a \$25,000. remittance and on October 23rd, they issued their license No. NY-656743-R permitting the remittance of an additional \$100,000. The full amounts indicated in licenses No. NY-636253-R and No. NY-651530-R have been transferred abroad while only \$50,000. of the amount authorized in license No. NY-656743-R has been utilized. The latter license expires December 22nd and license No. W-2229 expires December 30th. As it is our intention to continue, if possible, the activities referred to in license No. W-2229 during the first half of 1945, we shall appreciate it very much if you will arrange to have the expiration date of that license, also license No. NY-656743-R, extended for an additional six months.

Please accept our thanks for your help and cooperation in connection with these transactions.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Richard H. Mansfield

Treasurer

Copy