with respect to Relief and
Refugees: Relief Projects

Relief in France (American Committee for
Christian Refugees)
1. GENERAL

2. LICENSES ISSUED WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF IN FRANCE

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES
   a. Basic Lic. W-2150
      Remit. Lic. NY 699866
   b. W-2150 Amended
      NY 800692
   c. W-2150 Renewal
      NY 662980 (Remit. Lic.)
OUTGOING TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 13, 13:41 PM 1945

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RECESSION

The following for McClelland in WBU 395.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Dr. Adolf
Freudenberg, 12 avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex
Robinson of American Christian Committee for Refugees:

"UCC has just received permits purchases only in
Switzerland of American Minster Bern food medicine
clothing for shipment France. Use 3000 cables today purchase American
French Chaplaincy Service relief program refugees France non-French nationality.
Please notify Harro Hoegner directly. Hoping continue support
their work through you also possibly other representatives France
using both church non-church funds. We request you continue
clearing all refugee work supported from America with ACON which
collaborates closely American World Council Service Commission.

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[Signatures]

International Migration Service - Consultant

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter 11/12
By R.H. Parker Date
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR SC O'LELLAND, FROM FRR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Dr. Adolf Freundenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson of American Christian Committee for Refugees:

QUOTE LICENSE JUST RECEIVED PERMITS PURCHASES ONLY IN SWITZERLAND AFTER APPROVAL AMERICAN MINISTER HELD FOOD MEDICINE CLOTHING FOR SHIPMENT FRANCE. USE $3000 CABLED YOU TODAY SUCH PURCHASES ACTING AGENT SUPPORTING CHANCE FRENCH CHAPLAINCE SERVICE RELIEF PROGRAM REFUGEES IN FRANCE NON-FRENCH NATIONALITY. PLEASE NOTIFY ROBERT HUBNER DIRECTLY, HOPING CONTINUE SUPPORT THEIR WORK THROUGH YOU ALSO POSSIBLE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FRANCE USING BOTH CHURCH NON-CHURCH FUNDS. WE REQUEST YOU CONTINUE CLEARING ALL REFUGEE WORK SUPPORTED FROM AMERICA WITH AGENT WHICH COLLABORATES CLOSELY AMERICAN WORLD COUNCIL SERVICE COMMISSION. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WBB BERN CABLE NO. 395.

11:30 a.m.
February 9, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Seer'), Akzin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

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The American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.
(Registered in 1934)

139 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK 13, N. Y.
Telephone: Canal 6-5000
Cable Address: AMREFUG

February 6, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland:

LICENSE JUST RECEIVED PERMITS PURCHASES ONLY IN SWITZERLAND AFTER APPROVAL AMERICAN MINISTER HAS FOOD MEDICINE CLOTHING FOR SETTLEMENT FRANCE STOP USE $5,000, CALLED YOU TODAY SUCH PURCHASES ACTING ACCR AGENT SUPPORTING CIMADE FRENCH CHAPLAINSHIP SERVICE RELIEF PROGRAM REFUGEES IN FRANCE NON-FRENCH NATIONALITY STOP PLEASE NOTIFY BARBIE ROUSHER DIRECTLY STOP HOPE CONTINUE SUPPORT THEIR WORK THROUGH YOU ALSO POSSIBLY OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FRANCE USING BOTH CHURCH NON-CHURCH FUNDS STOP WE REQUEST YOU CONTINUE CLEARING ALL REFUGEE WORK SUPPORTED FROM AMERICA WITH ACCR COLLABORATING CLOSELY AMERICAN FIELD COUNCIL SERVICE COMMISSION STOP (SIGNED) LEELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

LRR:LO

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The cable below for MacKelland is HEB 385.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to

Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland

Rex Robinson, American Christian Committee for Refugees:

NOTE answering your cable received today $5,000 remitted

your regular Switzerland budget also such contingencies as work

Hungary Rumania. Please cable your average anticipated monthly

needs for purchasing in Switzerland for refugee work Oimazed and

French chaplaincy service. Remittance funds to France via

Switzerland prohibited under existing U.S. regulations but applying

permission use dollars for purchases food medicine clothing

in Switzerland for shipment France. Provided latter permission

obtained ACCR hopes regularly supply additional needed funds for

latter purposes beyond your basic operating requirements. Will

inform you results our application. Necessity ACCR directly

dealing Oimazed other French refugee agencies through anticipated

representation France because support of such work partly from

nonchurch funds but would assure constant coordination with

Ecumenical Refugee Commission which might act directly as ACCR's

Swiss--

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

SEP 15 1972
Swiss agent in purchases for France financed from secular sources. You are authorized to communicate Boegner and Barot requesting use 200,000 French francs from our $10,000 remittance for work of Pastor Tourville. We are so cabling Mlle. Barot.

UNQUOTE

GREG
(Acting)
(S.R.)

WRB:NV:KG
2/1/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERNE, FOR MC CLELLAND, FROM War Refugees Board.

Please deliver following message to Adolf Freudenberg,
41 Avenue de Champs-Élysées, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,

American Christian Committee for Refugees:

QUOTE Answering your cable received today $5,000 remitted your regular Switzerland budget also such contingencies as work Hungary and Romania. Please cable your average anticipated monthly needs for purchasing in Switzerland for refugee work climate and French chaplaincy service. Remittance funds to France via Switzerland prohibited under existing U.S. regulations but applying permission use dollars for purchases food medicine clothing in Switzerland for shipment France. Provided latter permission obtained ACHR hopes regularly supply additional needed funds for latter purposes beyond your basic operating requirements. Will inform you results our application. Necessity ACHR directly dealing climate other French refugee agencies through anticipated representation France because support of such work partly from nonchurch funds but would assure constant coordination with Ecumenical refugees commission which might act directly as ACHR's Swiss agent in purchases for France financed from secular sources. You are authorized communicate-bohrer and harry requesting use 200,000 French francs from our $10,000 remittance for work Pastor Tourville. We are so calling mills. D'Acourt. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERNE CABLE NO. 385.

1:00 p.m.
January 26, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y Acker, Aak, Cohn, Drury, Duclos, Gaston, Holod, Marks, McCormick, Pohle, Ploch

Feb 25 1945
The following is from War Refugee Board.

Referring to our No. 887 of December 30 transmitting message from American Christian Committee for Refugees, address of Dr. Marc Boegner is 47 Rue de Clichy, Paris.

STETTINIUS

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Park, Date, SEP 5, 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Referring to our No. 967 of December 30 transmitting message from American Christian Committee for Refugees, address of Dr. Marc Boegner is 47 Rue de Clechy, Paris.

10:30 a.m.
January 5, 1945

Miss Chauncy (for the Sect'y) Ackermann, Akin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

January 6, 1945
9 p.m.

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THE CABLE BELOW FOR McCLELLAND IS WRB 363.

This refers to our No. 4403 of December 30
(WRB 341), transmitting message from American
Christian Committee for Refugees for Adolf Freudenberg,
Geneva. First sentence of quoted message should read:

"QUOTE Remitting $10,000 from non-church sources
directly to Cimade Paris owing exchange regulations
preventing transfer via Switzerland. UNQUOTE"

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR M.C. CLEVELAND, FROM PAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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QUOTE REMITTING $10,000 FROM NON-CHURCH SOURCES DIRECTLY TO CIMAHE PARIS OWING EXCHANGE REGULATIONS PREVENTING TRANSFER VIA SWITZERLAND UNQUOTE

THIS IS WIB BERN CABLE NO. 353.

10:30 a.m.
January 5, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Aksin, Cohn, Drury, DaBords, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pahle, Files

February 1/4/45
The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

Please deliver following message to Dr. Marc Boegner, Chairman, Sponsoring Committee, Comite Inter-Mouvements Aupres des Evacues, 47 Rue de Clechy, Paris Nimes, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees:

"Following conference with Livingston Warnshuis cabling you $10,000 for Cimade use as our representatives for service refugees from other countries. This replaces similar amounts otherwise receivable via Geneva but which now unable remit through Switzerland. Please keep us also Freudenberg informed. Freudenberg confirming directly.

UNQUOTE"
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Dr. Marc Hoegner, Chairman, Sponsorling Committee, Comité Inter-Mouvements Aupres des Fuyues, 47 Rue o Clochy,

Paris Nine, from Dr. Leland Ray Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees:

QUOTE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WITH LIVINGSTON KAPPENBIRG CABLED
YOU [NO.145] FOR CLIMATE USE AS OUR REPRESENTATIONS FOR SERVICE REFUGEES
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS REPLACES SIMILAR AMOUNTS OTHERWISE
RECEIVABLE VIA GENEVA BUT WHICH NOW UNABLE TO HIT THROUGH SWITZERLAND.
PLEASE KEEP US ALSO INFORMED, FREDERIC CONFIRMING DIRECTLY, UNQUOTE

4:30 p.m.
December 28, 1944

Miss Chauncy (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Hodel,
Hoffman, McCormack, Files

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February 12/35/44
The American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.
(Organized in 1934)

139 Centre Street, New York 13, N. Y.

December 26, 1944

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Dr. Marc Boegner, Chairman, Sponsoring Committee Comité Inter-Mouvements Aupres des Evacués, 47 Rue de Clechy, Paris, France.

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WITH LIVINGSTON WARNSHUIS, CABLED YOU $10,000 FOR CIMADE USE AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR SERVICE REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES STOP THIS REPLACES SIMILAR AMOUNTS OTHERWISE RECEIVABLE VIA GENEVA BUT WHICH NOW UNABLE REMIT THROUGH SWITZERLAND STOP PLEASE KEEP US ALSO FREUDENBERG INFORMED STOP FREUDENBERG CONFIRMING DIRECTLY STOP (SIGNED) LELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours

Leland Rex Robinson
President

International Migration Service ... Consultants
The cable below for McClelland is VRB 341.

Please deliver following message to Adolf Freudenberg, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, Incorporated:

"QUOTE Remitting $10,000 from non-church sources directly to Cimade Misses owing exchange regulations preventing transfer via Switzerland. Cabling Cimade authorizing use refugees from other countries. Church collections slow until January therefore you must consider this supplants your remittances France equivalent amount. Please communicate immediately Cimade confirming explaining these instructions. Cables gratefully received. Received from Hustler $204 this year. UNQUOTE"

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VRB: MNV: KO
12/30/44

State Dept Letter 11-12
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1-5 1972
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CABLE TO AMERICAN LIBRIT, BERN, FOR MC CLOLLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Adolf Freudenberg, Geneva, from

Sr. Leaman Fox Robinson of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, Inc.: 

QUOTE WITHDRAW $10,000 FROM NON-CHURCH CASHIER DIRECTLY TO

CHURCH AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE REGULATIONS PREVENTING TRANSFER VIA

SWITZERLAND. CABLE AUTHORIZING THE REFUGEES FROM OTHER

COUNTRIES, CHURCH COLLECTIONS SLOW UNTIL JANUARY THEREFORE YOU MUST

CONSIDER THIS SUPPLIANT YOUR REMITTANCES FRANCE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT

PLEASE CONVEY IMMEDIATELY CONFIRMING EXPLAINING THESE

INSTRUCTIONS, CABLES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, RECEIVED FROM SWITZER

TWO HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS THIS YEAR. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERLIN CABLE NO. 341.

4:30 p.m.
December 28, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Hodel,

Mannon, McCormack, Files

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Henry 12/28/44
December 26, 1944

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

Dear Miss Rodell:

It will be much appreciated if you will transmit the following cablegram to Pastor Freudenberg in Geneva:

REMITTING $10,000 FROM NON-CHURCH SOURCES DIRECTLY TO CIMADE OWING EXCHANGE REGULATIONS PREVENTING TRANSFER VIA SWITZERLAND STOP CABLE SIMADE AUTHORIZING USE REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES STOP CHURCH COLLECTIONS SLOW UNTIL JANUARY THEREFORE YOU MUST CONSIDER THIS SUPPLANTS YOUR REMITTANCES FRANCE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT STOP PLEASE COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY CABLES IMMDLY CONFIRMING EXPLAINING THESE INSTRUCTIONS STOP (SIGNED) LELAND REX ROBINSON

Sincerely yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

LRR:JC:rg

International Migration Service . . . Consultant
ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: October 10, 1944
NUMBER: 3481

FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference Legation's 6460, September 28, 7 p.m.

Proposal of American Friends Service Committee, Geneva, to purchase foodstuffs for refugees France outlined in your 5718, September 1, 2 p.m., approved by interested government agencies as well as the military. Accordingly, authorization to make purchases may be granted.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 205.

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, T-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 5 1972
CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MOLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

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THIS IS WAB CABLE TO BERN NO. 205

1:45 p.m.
October 7, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DaBols, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: June 8, 1944
NUMBER: 3659

McClelland sends the following for WRB

From Freudenberg Clan for Robinson, Committee Christian
Refugees, 159 Center Street, New York.

Your March 22 letter was greatly appreciated. We have
reached full agreement with Ferriere for use of gift camp
and survey and systematic inquiries are being conducted. I
have met Gedergren. Receipt of $25,000 for France is
gratefully acknowledged as it strengthens the hands of
friends for action in saving the lives of thousands of
refugees of different nationalities threatened with
starvation or deportation. Leaving France is most difficult
and work is being handicapped by the arrest of several
French helpers. Lives are endangered by any publicity of
your interest in French work. During the last six weeks total
arrivals in Switzerland have averaged 60 per day. Considering
numerous difficulties, the Swiss attitude is understandable.
Have spent 62,000 francs for France since March license. We
wish to know if license No. W2160 could be extended to
support Hungarian Reformed Church Committee which is helping
non-Aryan Protestants. Attempts to assure reliable communication

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Paris

SEP 15 1972
communication are being made. There are about 30,000
Hebrew Christians in Budapest. Expenditures in Switzerland
since January are shown by the following figures: 15,000
francs Zentral Stelle Fluchtlingshilfe for professional
training, medical treatment, clothing; Committee Intellectuals,
8,100 francs; 5,000 francs Arbeiter Hilfswerk; 50,000 francs
construction Ecumenical Refugee Home Walzenhausen; 38,130
francs other Swiss organizations; 6,000 francs subsidy Zurich
course postwar relief workers; 29,180 francs individual
cases; 11,233 francs administration. Former difficulties
unblocking dollars are delaying clothing accounts. We
will cable auditors report which is now being prepared.

HARRISON

GOR:IDB:HL
6/12/44
Dear Dr. Robinson:

The following confidential message for you from Adolph Freudenberg was received through the American Legation, Bern, under date of June 8, 1944:

"Your March 22 letter was greatly appreciated. We have reached full agreement with Ferriere for use of gift camp and survey and systematic inquiries are being conducted. I have met Cedergren. Receipt of $25,000 for France is gratefully acknowledged as it strengthens the hands of friends for action in saving the lives of thousands of refugees of different nationalities threatened with starvation or deportation. Leaving France is most difficult and work is being handicapped by the arrest of several French helpers. Lives are endangered by any publicity of your interest in French work. During the last weeks total arrivals in Switzerland have averaged 60 per day. Considering numerous difficulties, the Swiss attitude is understandable. Have spent 62,800 francs for France since March license. We wish to know if license No. W-2150 could be extended to support Hungarian Reformed Church Committee which is helping non-Aryan Protestants. Attempts to assure reliable communication are being made. There are about 30,000 Hebrew Christians in Budapest. Expenditures in Switzerland since January are shown by the following figures: 15,000 francs Zentrall Stelle Fur Fluchtlingshilfe for professional training, medical treatment, clothing; Committee Intellectuals, 8,100 francs; 5,000 francs Arbeiter Hilfswerk; 50,000 francs construction Reunenlical Refugees Home Walsenhausen; 35,130 francs other Swiss organizations; 5,000 francs subsidy Zurich course postwar relief workers; 29,180 francs individual cases; 11,233 francs administration. Former difficulties unblocking dollars are delaying clothing accounts. We will cable auditors report which is now being prepared."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,
American Committee for Christian Refugees,
139 Center Street,
New York, New York.

Phila 6/13/44
PARAGRAPHS OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: April 25, 1944
NO. 662

It is requested by Freudenberg that the following information be given to the Committee:

At French Protestant associations have aided 127 women, 263 men and 30 children to escape to Switzerland since the summer of 1940. It is believed by F that 100 or 200 more similarly assisted but not registered. The number of persons, especially younger men, assisted to escape, to F is unknown but F believes at least several hundreds. Several thousands have been hidden and cared for.

It is emphasized by F that to avoid endangering the organization, above information must be kept strictly secret.

HARRISON

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972
MAY 1 1944

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Mr. Freudenberg has requested through the American Legation in Bern that the following information be given you:

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Very truly yours,

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. Leland Rex Robinson
President,
The American Committee for Christian Refugees,
139 Centre Street,
New York, New York.

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PARAPHERAL OF TELEGRAM SENT

TO: American Legation, Bery

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

DATE: July 6, 1944

SUBJECT: 9270

Reference is made herein to the Department's letters in telegrams No. 912 and June 9 No. 1005.

You are requested to transmit the following information to Preussenberg:

License No. N-2100 which was issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York, described in first reference telegram and annexed to the same, has been amended by the Treasury Department. The license as now amended permits the effecting of arrangements by Preussenberg to carry on the operations contemplated therein throughout enemy or occupied territory, and the language confining such operations to France is thus deleted.

License No. 2100, as now amended, is substantially the same as License No. 2100 issued to the Joint Distribution Committee. This letter was also mentioned in second reference cable.

Dated: 7/7/44

[your signature]
MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES  

June 23, 1944  

Subject: License No. 2150 issued to American Committee for Christian Refugees relative to relief and evacuation operations in France.

Miss Hodel of the War Refugee Board telephoned this office and requested that the subject license be amended so as to permit relief and evacuation operations in "enemy or enemy-occupied territory" as the American Committee for Christian Refugees proposes to extend its operations also to include Hungary. In its present form, the subject license provides for such operations in France only.

R. S. Parke
In reply please refer to 78766

To: Chief, T. I. Division, Department of State.
From: E. N. O'Flaherty, Acting Special Assistant to the Director
Attention: Mr. William L. Riegelman

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to a further amendment to license No. 5-2110 issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York, New York, may be despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

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

Attachment.

JUN 26 1944

RBParks: 6-26-44
Reference is made to Department's telegram No. 261 of March 15, 1944 and No. 1906 of June 3, 1944, relative to license No. W-2180 issued to American Committee for Christian Refugees, New York.

Please advise Mr. Freundenberg that Treasury Department has amended license No. W-2180 so as to permit him to arrange for operations contemplated therein in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. In view of such amendment, such operations are no longer limited solely to France. In its present form, license No. W-2180 is now substantially identical to license No. W-2108 as amended, issued to JBD which was also subject of Department's cable No. 1906 of June 3, 1944, cited above.
In reply please refer to 72212

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion of your files, there is enclosed herewith a copy of license No. 6-2150 as amended under even date, issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., 150 Centre Street, New York 13, New York.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. 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.
To The American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.

150 Centre Street, New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

LICENSE No. E-2160 AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 1944, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1. In order to arrange for the relief and evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by your representative, 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, your representative in Switzerland (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner he deems 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 assisted from persons in Switzerland whose representative, after consulting with the United States Legation in Bern when feasible, is 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 or exchange 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 territories for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to assure 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.
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. Your represen-
tative 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 other-
wise obligated under the terms of this license, shall not exceed the amount of dollars
(or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses
to be used under this license.

3. Your representative should keep the American Legation in Bern, Switzerland,
fully informed with respect to the financial transactions affected under this license.
Insofar as feasible, your representative should make certain that the persons from whom
the local currencies or exchange are purchased are acceptable to the Legation. Your
representative should satisfy himself 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 your representative 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. 8808 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. 8808 of April 10, 1940, as amended,
and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void
at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through
the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the
Secretary of the Treasury.

This amended license supersedes all previous licenses issued under this number.

Cyril A. Schmidt
Acting Director
In reply please refer to 72220

Sirs:

Pursuant to the request made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith license No. R-2160 as amended under even date, relative to relief and evacuation operations to be conducted in enemy or enemy-occupied territory through your representative in Switzerland, Dr. A. Freundenberg.

You will note that this license expires six months from date hereof. 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 foregoing amendment and requested to inform Dr. Freundenberg.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Acting Director

American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.,
159 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

Enclosure.

Ref: R-2160 6-21-44
NY 599956. Please send license dated March 9, 1944, so as to authorize the licensee, or its bank of account, to effect the remittances licensed therein by paying 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 francs equivalent to the payee designated therein, or by purchasing the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Bushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him the remittances licensed therein are for humanitarian purposes.

APR 28 1944

Refers to 4/27/44
MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

April 27, 1944

Re: NY 599056

In view of the difficulties encountered by the American Committee for Christian Refugees, New York City, in attempting to effect remittances to Switzerland under the subject license, the War Refugee Board has recommended that it be amended so as to authorize the use of the "special facilities" with respect to such remittances.

Case has been cleared with Mr. Flanagin of Monastery Research, and Mr. O'Flaherty.
Dear Mr. Leiper:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Thoof Freudenberg was received through the American Legation, Bern, under date of April 2, 1944:

"Licenses 2150 from the Legation have been received and for this new arrangement I am very grateful. Because of urgency situation for where work as described in licenses more necessary than ever and impending events and also urgent commitments in Switzerland it is my suggestion that you send at once the usual distributions April to June plus an additional contribution if possible. Since much time is necessary for the unblocking of our fifteen thousand dollar credit please send free francs taking advantage of the present favorable rate of exchange." Number 3156.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Henry Leiper,
American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: The American Minister, Bern
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: April 2, 1944
NUMBER: 2039

The substance of a paraphrased message for Henry Leiper of the American Committee for Christian Refugees (please refer to my number 1856 dated March 28) from Freudenbert follows:

Licenses 2150 from the Legation have been received and for this new arrangement I am very grateful. Because of urgency situation where work described in license necessary than ever and impending events and also urgent commitments in Switzerland it is my suggestion that you send at once the usual distributions April to June plus an additional contribution if possible. Since much time is necessary for the unblocking of our fifteen thousand dollar credit please send free francs taking advantage of the present favorable rate of exchange.

The original message of which the foregoing is a paraphrase was signed by Thoof Freudenbert and 3156 is the number given.

HARRISON

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEp 15 1972
April 12, 1944

Mr. Birth

R. B. Parke

Subject: Remittance in connection with license No. 2-2130 issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees.

In view of a cable from Switzerland dated April 2, 1944 to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, it is possible that this committee will file an application for a license to remit funds to its representative in Switzerland, Mr. A. Freudenberg, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. 2-2130.

If and when such an application is received, it will be appreciated if you will inform me so that the case may be submitted to the War Refugee Board for its recommendation.

R. B. Parke
WRB - Mr. Parke:

We are in receipt of Bern's 1836 of March 25, which refers to Treasury license W-2150 issued to the American Committee for Refugees, which was transmitted to Bern in Department's 851, March 15.

Mr. Freudenberg inquires whether the 21,200 francs per month for relief in France is intended to be in addition to the monthly remittance received from the Committee for Relief in Switzerland, which averages about $8,000 a month.

I have no knowledge myself either as to what Treasury's intentions were in this matter, or as to the monthly remittances received from the Committee for Relief in Switzerland. I will be pleased to transmit any reply which may be deemed appropriate, or to take such other action as you may request.

You will, I presume, be receiving a paraphrase of the message referred to in the normal course.

William I. Riegelman
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of World Trade Intelligence

March 28, 1944

WRB - Mr. Parke:

Ret: License No. W-2150,
American Committee for
Christian Refugees, Inc.

In compliance with your recent request, this will confirm the
dispatch to Bern of the above license on March 15, under telegram
number 851.

We have been advised by our Paraphrasing Division that
paraphrases were sent to you under date of March 23.

(Initialled) W.I.R.
William I. Riegelman

WT:WIR:AMM
War Refugee Board sends the following message from
Leland Rex Robinson and Henry Lieper, The American Committee for Christian Refugees for Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Champel, Geneva:

During the six months beginning March 1 you are authorized to use 21,200 Swiss francs or dollar equivalent monthly for work in France according to the outline and assurances contained in your communications of November 18 and November 29. You should establish contact with the American Legation at Bern regarding our license no. W-2150 which Treasury issued March 8. You should keep us informed through the Legation whenever possible.
March 10, 1944

TO: Mr. Warren
FROM: J. W. Pohle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached message dispatched to Adolph Freudenberg, 41 Champel, Geneva, Switzerland, from The American Committee for Christian Refugees, and bill The American Committee for Christian Refugees, 139 Centre Street, New York, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

FH:hd 3/10/44
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO UTILIZE MAXIMUM 21,200 SWISS FRANCS MONTHLY OR DOLLAR EQUIVALENT DURING SIX MONTHS BEGINNING MARCH 1.

FOR WORK PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED AND UNDER ASSURANCE OF YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

NOVEMBER 18 AND 29. STOP MAINTAIN CONTACT UNITED STATES EMBASSY HERE.

REQUERING OUR TREASURY LICENSE W-2350 DATED MARCH 6. STOP REPORT TO

US VIA EMBASSY WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

LELAND H. ROBINSON AND HENRY L. LIEPER

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES
License number A-2150 has been issued by the Treasury Department to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York City, for the purpose of carrying out in France relief and evacuation operations. Information of this license should be given to Dr. A. Preusseberg, of the World Council of Churches, 58 Avenue de Champel, Geneva. The text of this license is substantially the same as those issued to the World Jewish Congress, Union of Orthodox Rabbis, and the American Joint Distribution Committee (see our telegram of February 21, 1944, no. 534), except that it is specified in paragraph (b) of license A-2150 that the total amount authorized during the half-year period beginning March 1, 1944, shall not exceed Swiss francs 21,200 per month, or the dollar equivalent, and except further that the operations envisaged are confined to France.

Moreover, in paragraph (a) of license A-2150 the language is somewhat more specific in permitting relief as opposed to evacuation operations. This change is for the purpose of clarity only and does not make any substantive alteration in the terms of the license or in the type of the relief operations which previous licenses authorized. Please see the second paragraph of the Department's cable of January 5, 1944, no. 40, in this connection. The licenses mentioned above, together with all others identified with them, are to be construed as specifically allowing operations looking only towards effecting the relief of persecuted persons in territory occupied by the enemy.

The operations covered by this license are approved by the Treasury, the Department and War Refugee Board.
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For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: 3/4/44

Project No:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief and rescue of refugees in France,

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated February 29, 1944,

from the American Committee for Christian Refugees, dealing with relief in France. Committee desires permission to cable Dr. Freudenberg that amounts up to $5,000 monthly beginning March 1, 1944, can be used for the relief and rescue of persecuted refugees in France. The War Refugee Board recommends that an appropriate license be issued at once.

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

Remarks:

F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic License No. 2159 issued March 8, 1944
Remittance License No. XX2888 NY 599566 issued March 8, 1944
Other: Letter No. 59287 (cable through State)
Letter No. 59286
Letter No. 59288

Date: MAR 8 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
In reply please refer to 52286

Sir:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department copies of your letters of February 28, 1944, relative to the relief program which you desire to carry on in France through your representative in Switzerland, Dr. A. Freudenberg, on behalf of persecuted refugees.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, there is enclosed herewith License No. V-2150 covering the financing of such activities and permitting you to communicate with your representative in Switzerland with respect thereto. The license also permits your representative in Switzerland to communicate with persons in France. The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland is being notified of the issuance of this license. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to amend License No. NY 59956—19, under which you are now remitting $6,000 monthly to Dr. Freudenberg, so as to permit the utilization of such funds in accordance with the provisions set forth in License No. V-2150.

Very truly yours,

Orville A. Schmidt
Acting Director

American Committee for Christian
Refugees, Inc.
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.

Enclosure.

ABParkesh 3/6/44
To American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.,

(Name of Licensee)

139 Centre Street, New York, N.Y., New York

(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

In order to provide relief for persecuted refugees in France and to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by your representative, of persons in France whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, your representative in Switzerland (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in France in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods or services from persons in France against payments 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 French francs from persons in Switzerland who your representative, after consulting with the United States Legation in Bern when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such French francs since prior to the freezing of France by the United States, or have since acquired such French francs in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such French francs may be reimbursed therefore in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.

(b) The second method is the acquisition of French francs from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territories for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currency, 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 accounts 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 France against payment in free ex-
change or free currency notes. Your representative 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 dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked
accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed
21,200 Swiss francs monthly or the dollar equivalent thereof, during the six months'
period beginning March 1, 1944.

3. Your representative should keep the American Legation in Switzerland
fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license.
In so far as feasible your representative should make certain that the persons with
whom the local currencies or exchange are purchased are acceptable to the Legation.
Your representative should satisfy himself 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 your representative through
the United States Legation in Bern.

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. 8269 of April 10, 1940,
as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Execu-
tive Order No. 8269 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued there-
under and may be revoked, annulled, 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.

(Handwritten signature)

Orville A. Schmidt
Acting Director
FY 59/56 - Please send license dated January 27, 1944, to include the following provisions: "This license shall authorize the beneficiary designated herein to disburse, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, in France in accordance with the provisions of License No. 2153, an amount not exceeding the equivalent of 35,000 monthly." License expires August 31, 1944.
In reply please
refer to: 59267

TO: Chief, Y. I. Division,
Department of State.

FROM: Orvis L. Childs

Attention: Mr. William McPheeters

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to the issuance of License No. 2-250 to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York City, may be dispatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

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

(Signed) Orvis L. Childs

Attachment.

RParker:Jfh 3-4-44
Please advise Dr. A. Freudenberg of the World Council of Churches, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, that the Treasury Department has issued License No. W-2150 to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York City, to carry on relief and evacuation operations in France. The text of the license reads exactly as those issued to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, the World Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, except that section one of License No. W-2150 also provides for relief for persecuted refugees in France and section two provides that the total amount of dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked accounts, or otherwise obligated under the terms of the license, shall not exceed 21,200 Swiss francs monthly, or the dollar equivalent thereof, during the six months' period beginning March 1, 1944. Advise Dr. Freudenberg that the American Committee for Christian Refugees authorizes him to use 21,200 Swiss francs monthly for purposes licensed in W-2150 from regular monthly remittance he now receives from the Committee.

The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugees Board, and the Treasury.

RBParkesd 3/6/44
In reply please refer to 39288

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion of your file, there is enclosed herewith a copy of License No. 3-2150, issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York 13, New York.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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

Enclosure.
June 1, 1944

To: Mr. Parke

Your references 59323 and 72204, May 22 and May 26 respectively.

Please be advised that the messages enclosed with the two memoranda under reference have been prepared for dispatch. In view of the fact that the amendments to the two licenses were in all respects identical other than for the amount of the additional remittances to be mentioned as having been approved by special Treasury licenses, I have incorporated the two amendments into one telegram.

A paraphrase of the telegram will reach you in due course through the usual channels.

(Initialled) W.I.R.

William I. Riegelman
FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO HARRISON

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenber, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of the American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"License W-2150 amended permitting operations any enemy territory therefore use own judgment support Hungarian reformed church committee per your cabled request June eighth".

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 63.

HULL
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg,
41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Leland Rex Robinson of the
American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"License W-2150 amended permitting operations
any enemy territory therefore use own judgment support
Hungarian reformed church committee per your cabled
request June eighth."

THIS IS WRR BERN CABLE NO. 63.

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June 30, 1944
12:06 p.m.
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FRC Letter No: 

Date: 

Project No: 

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief and rescue of refugees in France

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated May 19, 1944 from the American Committee for Christian Refugees dealing with relief in France. Committee desires permission to cable Dr. Freundenberg $25,000.

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

Remarks:

Amendment of basic license W-2150
Remittance license for $25,000
Special facilities

Action: 

Basic license No. W- 

Resittance License No. 628532 issued May 20, 1944
Other: Letter No. 59325 dated May 22, 1944
   Letter No. 59323 dated May 22, 1944 (cable)
   Letter No. 72201 dated May 22, 1944

Date: MAY 22 1944
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: May 23, 1944
NUMBER: 1793

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Adolph Freudenberg:

41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland Rex Robinson and Mr. Henry Leiper of The American Committee for Christian Refugees:

"Cabling $25,000 immediate use refugees France under Treasury license. Contact Cedergren upon arrival also Henri Johano."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 22.

HILL
CABLES TO BE SENT

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Adolph
Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, from Dr. Leland
Rex Robinson and Mr. Henry Leipor of The American Committee for
Christian Refugees:

"Cabling $25,000 immediate use refugees France
under Treasury license Stop Contact Cedergren upon
arrival also Henri Johan"*

THIS IS WAR CABLE NO. 22...

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May 20, 1944
1145 P.M.
NY 628532

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of $25,000 to Mr. A. Freudenberg, Geneva, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2150, as amended. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent of the United States.

Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him that this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

[Initials] 0.A.S.

Date: May 20, 1944

Acting Director

B. F. Parks, Jr. 5-20-44
In reply please refer to 59325

Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated May 19, 1944, in which you request it to recommend the issuance of a license permitting you to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of $25,000 to your representative in Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, to be used by him in connection with the activities contemplated in license No. H-2150 issued to you under date of March 5, 1944.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, Section 2 and Section 6 of license No. H-2150 are hereby amended, to read, respectively, as follows:

Section 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 amount of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license."

Section 6 "This license shall expire on November 30, 1944; it is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8387 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and to 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 by any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury."

You are informed that in the event the activities contemplated in license No. H-2150 are to be continued after the date on which such license expires, this Department will be pleased to consider renewing the license for a further period of six months.

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being informed of the foregoing amendment and requested to inform Dr. Freudenberg. The
Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to issue to you a license to effect the transfer of the Swiss franc equivalent of $25,000 to your representative in Switzerland through the facilities available to this Government.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

The American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York, New York.
In reply please refer to 57383

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

From: Orvil A. Schmidt

Attention: Mr. William J. Siegelman

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to an explosion to license No. E-2150 issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York, New York, may be despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

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

Attachment.

Ref: Parkes 5-20-44
Please advise Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Ave de Champel, Genoa, representative in Switzerland of the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., New York City, that the Treasury Department has amended Section 2 of license No. V-2150, described in the Department's telegram No. 351, March 15, 1944, to read as follows:

"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 amount of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licensees to be used under this license."

This amendment is in connection with a specific Treasury license issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees to remit to Dr. Freudenberg the Swiss francs equivalent of $25,000 to be used under license No. V-2150, in addition to remittances previously licensed. It has the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

RBParkeifh 5-20-44
Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion of your files, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter addressed under even date, to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, amending license No. W-2730.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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

Enclosure.

 neparkslb 5-20-44
May 19, 1944

Miss Florence Hodel
War Refugee Board
U. S. Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversations I have been conferring with my associates concerning the implications of the cable which you received from your Stockholm representative and which conveys the plea from the Cedergrens that $25,000 be made available immediately for the maintenance of certain refugee groups who are in hiding in Southern France.

A meeting was held this morning of the American representatives of those agencies which comprise the Emergency Committee of Christian Organizations (E.C.C.O.) in Geneva. They are heartily in accord that action should be promptly taken on the recommendation of the Cedergrens and have asked the American Committee as the refugee agency of the American churches to take the necessary action.

Accordingly I am asking whether you can arrange at the earliest possible moment to send the American Committee to send $25,000 to our representative, Dr. Adolf Freudenberg in Geneva to be used in France for this work. Promptly upon receiving notification that the license has been issued the American Committee will place $25,000 for this purpose at the disposal of our Swiss representatives who are in close touch with Mr. and Mrs. Cedergren and Mr. Henri Johano.

Thanking you for the enormous help in this emergency work of saving the lives of refugees in France and assuring you of our desire always to cooperate with you toward these ends, I am

Cordially yours,

Leland Rex Robinson
President

The American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.

139 Centre Street, New York, N. Y.

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Miss Florence Hodel
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American Legation, Stockholm
Secretary of State, Washington
May 11, 1944

Message below is for WRB’s attention.

No. Ten.

Prior to Mr. and Mrs. Ceder gren’s departure for Germany and Switzerland, we had a discussion with them, and at this time they had following specific proposal.

The maintenance of certain refugee groups who are hiding in southern France has been financed by Refugee Relief Branch of Emergency Relief Committee in Geneva. Transmission of French francs to France through reliable channels has been successful. Geneva feels that in view of war uncertainty channels may be closed and considers it urgent that additional funds be sent now. Recently Swedish affiliated organization was asked to make substantial contribution but because of lack of funds it was unable to do so. Strong recommendation of Ceder gren is that £3000 representative, Henri Johan not in Geneva, be cabled $25,000 from America at least.

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

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No: 79176
Date: Nov. 21, 1944

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Renewal of W-2150

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated Nov. 30, 1944 from the American Christian Committee for Refugees, regarding renewal for six months of W-2150 relative to relief and evacuation operations in enemy or enemy-occupied territory thru representative in Switzerland, Dr. A. Freidenberg.

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

Remarks:

F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. issued
Other: Letter No. 79176 dated Nov. 30, 1944

Date:
Nov. 30, 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No: 79176
Date: Nov. 21, 1944

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Renewal of W-2150

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated Nov. 21, 1944 from the American Christian Committee for Refugees, dealing with renewal of license No. W-2150 which expires Dec. 25, 1944 for six months, relative to relief and evacuation operations conducted in enemy or enemy-occupied territory thru representative in Switzerland, Dr. A. Freundberg.

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:

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. MV 663580 issued Dec. 1, 1944
Other: Letter No. 79176 dated Nov. 30, 1944

Date: December 1, 1944
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 662880 Approved for $8,000 in December and $8,000 per month thereafter for
six months, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, for disbursement in accordance
with provisions of license No. W-1160, as amended. 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 francs equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase
the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent
of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New
York. License to expire June 30, 1945. Please send signed copy of license to
Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance
is for humanitarian purposes.

O.A.S.

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Churchill 11-29-44
November 30, 1944

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of November 21, 1944, in which you request the renewal for a period of six months of license No. W-2150, which expires December 26, 1944, relative to relief and evacuation operations conducted in enemy or enemy-occupied territory through your representative in Switzerland, Dr. A. Freudenberg.

In accordance with your request, license No. W-2150, as amended June 26, 1944, is hereby amended to expire on June 30, 1945.

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Very truly yours,
(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

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Controller and Assistant Treasurer

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