

Programs: Respect to Relief and  
Presence of Refugees: Relief Projects

Relief in France (Unitarian Service Committee)

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October 19, 1944

Dear Dr. Joy:

The following message for you from Elisabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of October 14, 1944:

"The message that follows was received from Field on October 13:

'194 October 13 for Dexter from Field. I have ordered our delegate chamberly to replace aid to Nazi victims by aid to French and foreign refugees in view of instructions from Boston. This will involve the elimination of Maurienne but it may make possible partial execution of Vercor's plan. Many genuine refugees have been created as a result of evacuations from regions that were badly hit. Representatives Maurienne authorities are now visiting Geneva for the third time and in urgent plea for assistance will try to raise funds through other organizations. The Committee's efforts to find outside funds are deeply appreciated but would urge greatest haste since winter is approaching. In France among the most hopeful aspects today is the equality within liberation movement of French and foreigner, by whom equal sacrifice and suffering have been endured. It would be incomprehensible for us to discriminate and discrimination would vitiate the spirit of international understanding and cooperation. The importance of this issue in affecting the good will of the French people towards America and its representatives cannot be over-emphasized.

'There is still unspent the \$20,000 received under canceled license. Pending further notice am blocking but please do everything in your power to obtain release. Refusing help to the starving while holding funds cannot long be tolerated.

'The monthly budget authorized for France is manifestly inadequate in comparison with Switzerland budget in the past where aid is a comparative luxury. Attempt to prepare a sound budget for any one country is made hopelessly difficult by the shifting situation. It is suggested that Committee give consideration to a unified budget Geneva office to cover Switzerland and in addition liberated regions within the field of action of Geneva, making it possible for us to allocate funds according to changing needs. Considering prospective migrations from Switzerland, this is the only logical solution to the problem. Refugees must be followed by our office without stopping at the borders.'

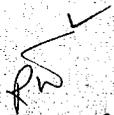
"If it is planned by the Committee to continue aid in Europe, and in particular in France, it is urged that you make every effort to follow Field's suggestion at once."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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



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# INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF  
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DMH-351  
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency. (REGISTRATION)

Lisbon

Dated October 14, 1944

Rec'd 1:59 p.m.

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Pelle*

Secretary of State

Washington

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3148, October 14, 1 p.m.

*Message sent 10/19/44*  
TO ELLI SABETH DEXTER FROM CHARLES JOY UNITARIAN

WRB 220.

Following telegram from Field dated October 13:

"194, October 13, 5 p.m. From field for Dexter.

In view of Boston instructions have ordered our delegate chamberly replace aid to Nazi victims by aid to French and foreign refugees. This involves eliminating Maurienne but may enable partial execution Vercoor's scheme. Evacuation from these badly hit regions has created many genuine refugees. Representatives Maurienne authorities now visiting Geneva third time in desperate plea for help will attempt raise funds through other organizations. Deeply appreciate committee's attempt find outside funds for non-refugees but urge greatest speed in view of approaching winter. Among most hopeful aspects France today is equality French and foreigner within liberation movement who have faced equal sacrifice and suffering

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-2- #3148, October 14, 1 p.m., from Lisbon

and suffering. Discrimination our part would be incomprehensible and vitiate spirit international cooperation and understanding. Cannot over-emphasize importance this issue affecting good will French people towards America and its messengers.

20,000 received under canceled license still unspent. Am blocking pending further notice but please move heaven earth obtain release. Cannot long stomach refusing aid to starving while holding funds.

Authorized monthly budget France manifestly inadequate compared with past budget Switzerland where aid comparative luxury. Shifting situation renders attempt prepare sound budget any one country hopelessly difficult. Suggest committee consider unified budget Geneva office covering Switzerland plus liberated regions within Geneva field of action enabling us allocate funds accordance changing requirements. This only logical solution considering prospective migrations from Switzerland. Our office must follow refugees without stopping at borders."

If committee plans continue work in Europe particularly in France urge every effort your part follow Field's suggestion immediately.

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October 5, 1944

Dear Mr. Cahill:

The following message for you from Elizabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of October 3, 1944:

"I am sending the substance of your September 30 to Field. Inability to utilize funds presently available for suffering French children and women in France surprises me. They were driven from their homes and technically are refugees. It is urged that you do your utmost to bring about a new interpretation. Your approval of Champsaur arrangement pleases me. As yet no date."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fahle

J. W. Fahle  
Executive Director

Mr. Edward Cahill,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Mass.

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TO: [illegible]  
DATE: [illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

# INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

Lisbon *Wm. R. [illegible]*  
Dated October 3, 1944  
Rec'd 9:36 a.m.

MB-699  
Distribution of true reading only by special arrangement. [redacted] (W)

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

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

3046, October 3, 10 a.m.

FOR EDWARD CAHILL BOSTON FROM ELISEBETH DEXTER

Forwarding substance Department's 2640 September 30 to Field Surprised inability use present funds for suffering French women and children in France. These people driven out of Homes and technically refugees. Urge you do utmost obtain new interpretation. This is WRB 208. Glad you approve Champsaur plan. No date yet.

NORWEB

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*Message sent  
10/5/44  
RE*

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

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: October 4, 1944  
NUMBER: 3615

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, from the Unitarian Service Committee:

NOTE The apparent misunderstanding concerning use of our funds abroad should be clarified. All available funds for France are exclusively earmarked for refugees or displaced persons they cannot be used in France for French civilians however needy unless these civilians are actually refugees. Same rule beyond our control applies everywhere else. This is reason why the appealing program outlined in your September 15 cable except for repatriation of foreign refugees is outside the scope of our present authorized responsibility. Unfortunately new Treasury Department ruling prevents any expenditure for France even for refugees and even with funds already in your hands until negotiations with French Government clarified. This due to change from occupied to liberated status of France. This rescinds our cabled authorization to spend in France 20,000 at your discretion. The additional 13,000 mentioned as available for France is temporarily blocked. Our approved budget from October let is 5,000 monthly for all refugee work in France. Applying for Treasury license hope remit soon.

If you

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

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If you can report immediately urgent emergency refugee needs in France we will apply for additional special grant from War fund contingency fund. Also trying to find outside sources of assistance for your recommended nonrefugee program. Deeply regret this confusion. Committee sends grateful appreciation your efforts. UNQUOTE  
THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 192.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, SWITZERLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux  
College, Geneva, from the Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE THE APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING USE OF OUR FUNDS  
ABROAD SHOULD BE CLARIFIED STOP ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FRANCE  
ARE EXCLUSIVELY earmarked FOR REFUGEES OR DISPLACED PERSONS THEY  
CANNOT BE USED IN FRANCE FOR FRENCH CIVILIANS HOWEVER NEEDY UNLESS  
THESE CIVILIANS ARE ACTUALLY REFUGEES STOP SAME RULE BEYOND OUR  
CONTROL APPLIES EVERYWHERE ELSE STOP THIS IS REASON WHY THE  
APPEALING PROGRAM OUTLINED IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 15 CABLE EXCEPT FOR  
REPATRIATION OF FOREIGN REFUGEES IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF OUR  
PRESENT AUTHORIZED RESPONSIBILITY STOP UNFORTUNATELY NEW TREASURY  
DEPARTMENT RULING PREVENTS ANY EXPENDITURE FOR FRANCE EVEN FOR  
REFUGEES AND EVEN WITH FUNDS ALREADY IN YOUR HANDS UNTIL NEGOTIA-  
TIONS WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT CLARIFIED STOP THIS DUE TO CHANGE  
FROM OCCUPIED TO LIBERATED STATUS OF FRANCE STOP THIS RESCINDS  
OUR CABLED AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND IN FRANCE 20,000 AT YOUR DIS-  
CRETION STOP THE ADDITIONAL 13,000 MENTIONED AS AVAILABLE FOR  
FRANCE IS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED STOP OUR APPROVED BUDGET FROM  
OCTOBER 1ST IS 5,000 MONTHLY FOR ALL REFUGEE WORK IN FRANCE STOP  
APPLYING FOR TREASURY LICENSE HOPE REMIT SOON STOP IF YOU CAN  
REPORT IMMEDIATELY URGENT EMERGENCY REFUGEE NEEDS IN FRANCE WE  
WILL APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL GRANT FROM WAR FUND CONTINGENCY  
FUND STOP ALSO TRYING TO FIND OUTSIDE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR  
YOUR RECOMMENDED NONREFUGEE PROGRAM STOP DEEPLY REGRET THIS  
CONFUSION STOP COMMITTEE SENDS GRATEFUL APPRECIATION YOUR  
EFFORTS UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 192

3:30 pm.  
September 30, 1944

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

*copy sent to USC 9/30/44 RB*  
FH:hd 9/30/44 *Cleared with Mr. Peble*

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WILLIAM EMERSON, CHAIRMAN  
SETH T. GANO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

EDWARD B. WITTE, TREASURER  
ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3600

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

September 23, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be good enough to see that the following message  
is transmitted, through Consular code, to

Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, Switzerland

THE APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING USE OF OUR FUNDS ABROAD  
SHOULD BE CLARIFIED STOP ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FRANCE ARE  
EXCLUSIVELY EARMARKED FOR REFUGEES OR DISPLACED PERSONS THEY CANNOT  
BE USED IN FRANCE FOR FRENCH CIVILIANS HOWEVER NEEDY UNLESS THESE  
CIVILIANS ARE ACTUALLY REFUGEES STOP SAME RULE BEYOND OUR CONTROL  
APPLIES EVERYWHERE ELSE STOP THIS IS REASON WHY THE APPEALING PROGRAM  
OUTLINED IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 15 CABLE EXCEPT FOR REPATRIATION OF  
FOREIGN REFUGEES IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF OUR PRESENT AUTHORIZED  
RESPONSIBILITY STOP UNFORTUNATELY NEW TREASURY DEPARTMENT RULING  
PREVENTS ANY EXPENDITURE FOR FRANCE EVEN FOR REFUGEES AND EVEN WITH  
FUNDS ALREADY IN YOUR HANDS UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT  
CLARIFIED STOP THIS DUE TO CHANGE FROM OCCUPIED TO LIBERATED STATUS  
OF FRANCE STOP THIS RESCINDS OUR CABLED AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND IN  
FRANCE 20000 AT YOUR DISCRETION STOP THE ADDITIONAL 13000 MENTIONED  
AS AVAILABLE FOR FRANCE IS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED STOP OUR APPROVED  
BUDGET FROM OCTOBER 1ST IS 5000 MONTHLY FOR ALL REFUGEE WORK IN  
FRANCE STOP APPLYING FOR TREASURY LICENSE HOPE REMIT SOON STOP IF  
YOU CAN REPORT IMMEDIATELY URGENT EMERGENCY REFUGEE NEEDS IN FRANCE  
WE WILL APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL GRANT FROM WAR FUND CONTINGENCY  
FUND STOP ALSO TRYING TO FIND OUTSIDE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR  
RECOMMENDED NONREFUGEE PROGRAM STOP DEEPLY REGRET THIS CONFUSION  
STOP COMMITTEE SENDS GRATEFUL APPRECIATION YOUR EFFORTS.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edward A. Cahill*

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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arrangement to [redacted]

October 4, 1944

8 p.m. *5*

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be closely guarded.

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MEMORANDUM

LISBON  
2668

The cable below is ARB 100.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to  
Elizabeth Carter, 111 rua Marquex de Fronteira, Lisbon, from the  
Unitarian Service Committee:

Subject: 225 Following cable sent directly to field it was  
necessary due to a new treasury department ruling countermanding  
our license for France we hope the channels will be cleared soon:  
[redacted] The apparent misunderstanding concerning use of our  
funds abroad should be clarified. All available funds for France  
are exclusively earmarked for refugees or displaced persons they  
cannot be used in France for French civilians however needy unless  
these civilians are actually refugees. Same rule beyond our con-  
trol applies everywhere else. This is reason why the resettling  
program outlined in your September 15 cable except for repatriation  
of foreign refugees is outside the scope of our present  
authorized responsibility. Unfortunately new treasury department  
ruling prevents any expenditures for France even for refugees and  
even with funds already in your hands until negotiations with  
French government clarified. [redacted] We have to change from occupied  
to liberated status of France. [redacted] This rescinds our cables authorizing

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 19

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-2- #2663, October 4, 8 p.m. to Lisbon

authorization to spend in France 20,000 at your discretion. The additional 1,000 mentioned as available for France is temporarily blocked. Our approved budget from October 1st is 5,000 monthly for all refugee work in France. Applying for Treasury license hope remit soon. If you can report immediately urgent emergency refugee needs in France we will apply for additional special grant from war fund contingency fund. Also trying to find outside sources of assistance for your recommended nonrefugee program. Deeply regret this confusion. Committee sends grateful appreciation your efforts. END INNER NOTE UNJCTB

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10/8/44

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CABLE TO NORWEG, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Elisabeth Dexter, 111 rua  
Marques de Fronteira, Lisbon, from the Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE 225 FOLLOWING CABLE SENT DIRECTLY TO FIELD IT WAS NECESSARY  
DUE TO A NEW TREASURY DEPARTMENT RULING COUNTERMANDING OUR LICENSE  
FOR FRANCE WE HOPE THE CHANNELS WILL BE CLEARED SOON;

SINGLE QUOTE THE APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING USE OF OUR  
FUNDS ABROAD SHOULD BE CLARIFIED STOP ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR  
FRANCE ARE EXCLUSIVELY earmarked FOR REFUGEES OR DISPLACED PERSONS  
THEY CANNOT BE USED IN FRANCE FOR FRENCH CIVILIANS HOWEVER NEEDY  
UNLESS THESE CIVILIANS ARE ACTUALLY REFUGEES STOP SAME RULE BEYOND  
OUR CONTROL APPLIES EVERYWHERE ELSE STOP THIS IS REASON WHY THE  
APPEALING PROGRAM OUTLINED IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 15 CABLE EXCEPT FOR  
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DEPARTMENT RULING PREVENTS ANY EXPENDITURE FOR FRANCE EVEN FOR  
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FROM OCCUPIED TO LIBERATED STATUS OF FRANCE STOP THIS RESCINDS  
OUR CABLED AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND IN FRANCE 20,000 AT YOUR DISCRE-  
TION STOP THE ADDITIONAL 13,000 MENTIONED AS AVAILABLE FOR FRANCE  
IS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED STOP OUR APPROVED BUDGET FROM OCTOBER 1ST  
IS 5,000 MONTHLY FOR ALL REFUGEE WORK IN FRANCE STOP APPLYING FOR  
TREASURY LICENSE HOPE REMIT SOON STOP IF YOU CAN REPORT IMMEDIATELY  
URGENT EMERGENCY REFUGEE NEEDS IN FRANCE WE WILL APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL  
SPECIAL GRANT FROM WAR FUND CONTINGENCY FUND STOP ALSO TRYING TO  
FIND OUTSIDE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR RECOMMENDED NONREFUGEE  
PROGRAM STOP DEEPLY REGRET THIS CONFUSION STOP COMMITTEE SENDS  
GRATEFUL APPRECIATION YOUR EFFORTS UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 100

3:30 p.m.  
September 30, 1944

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

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*RS*  
*JH*  
FH:hd 9/30/44

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*with Mrs. Poble*

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BETH T. GANO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

EDWARD B. WITTE, TREASURER  
ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3660

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

September 28, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be good enough to see that the following message  
is transmitted, through consular code, to

Elisabeth Dexter, 111 rua Marquez de Fronteira, Lisbon, Portugal:

<sup>225</sup>  
FOLLOWING CABLE SENT DIRECTLY TO FIELD IT WAS NECESSARY DUE TO A  
NEW TREASURY DEPARTMENT RULING COUNTERMANDING OUR LICENSE FOR  
FRANCE WE HOPE THE CHANNELS WILL BE CLEARED SOON:

"The apparent misunderstanding concerning use of our funds abroad  
should be clarified stop all available funds for France are  
exclusively earmarked for refugees or displaced persons they cannot  
be used in France for French civilians however needy unless these  
civilians are actually refugees stop same rule beyond our control  
applies everywhere else stop this is reason why the appealing program  
outlined in your September 15 cable except for repatriation of  
foreign refugees is outside the scope of our present authorized  
responsibility stop unfortunately new Treasury Department ruling  
prevents any expenditure for France even for refugees and even with  
funds already in your hands until negotiations with French Govern-  
ment clarified stop this due to change from occupied to liberated  
status of France stop this rescinds our cabled authorization to spend  
in France 20,000 at your discretion stop the additional 13,000  
mentioned as available for France is temporarily blocked stop our  
approved budget from October 1st is 5,000 monthly for all refugee  
work in France stop applying for Treasury license hope remit soon  
stop if you can report immediately urgent emergency refugee needs

Mr. John W. Pehle

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September 28, 1944

in France we will apply for additional special grant from War fund  
contingency fund stop also trying to find outside sources of assist-  
ance for your recommended nonrefugee program stop deeply regret  
this confusion stop committee sends grateful appreciation your  
efforts."

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edward A. Cahill*

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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September 30, 1944  
3 p.m.  
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Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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LISBON  
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The cable below is WRB 99.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to  
Elisabeth Dexter, 111 Rua Marquez de Fronteira, Lisbon, from  
Edward A. Cahill, Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE: Plan for sending Champesaur Paris approved. Please  
coordinate with Fields plan for Paris. September fifteen recom-  
mendation from Field received. We deeply regret recommendation  
number one unacceptable for the present since funds are  
exclusively for refugees will try secure other funds but pro-  
gram must wait therefore with exception of refugees. Resources  
cannot support annual French budget 120000 dollars. Emphasize  
that recommendation number two approved within available  
resources. Recommendation number three possible only if out-  
side funds are found. Emergency money from National War Fund  
possible but doubtful only on basis of urgent refugee needs in  
France ask Field for immediate report and recommendation. UNQUOTE

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9/29/44

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

*Handwritten notes:*  
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CABLE TO NORWEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Elisabeth Dexter, 111 Rua  
Marquez de Fronteira, Lisbon, from Edward A. Cahill, Unitarian Service  
Committee:

QUOTE PLAN FOR SENDING CHAMPSAUR PARIS APPROVED PLEASE  
COORDINATE WITH FIELDS PLAN FOR PARIS STOP SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN  
RECOMMENDATION FROM FIELD RECEIVED STOP WE DEEPLY REGRET  
RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE PRESENT SINCE  
FUNDS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR REFUGEES WILL TRY SECURE OTHER FUNDS  
BUT PROGRAM MUST WAIT THEREFORE WITH EXCEPTION OF REFUGEES STOP  
RESOURCES CANNOT SUPPORT ANNUAL FRENCH BUDGET 120000 DOLLARS STOP  
EMPHASIZE THAT RECOMMENDATION NUMBER TWO APPROVED WITHIN AVAILABLE  
RESOURCES STOP RECOMMENDATION NUMBER THREE POSSIBLE ONLY IF  
OUTSIDE FUNDS ARE FOUND STOP EMERGENCY MONEY FROM NATIONAL  
WAR FUND POSSIBLE BUT DOUBTFUL ONLY ON BASIS OF URGENT REFUGEE  
NEEDS IN FRANCE ASK FIELD FOR IMMEDIATE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 99

10:40 a.m.  
September 27, 1944

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

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John ✓ Cleared with Mrs. Pelis

UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE  
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# Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3660

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

September 23, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be so kind as to see that the following cable,  
No. 222, is transmitted through Consular code to

Elisabeth Dexter  
111 rua Marquez de Fronteira  
Lisbon

222 PLAN FOR SENDING CHAMPSAUR PARIS APPROVED PLEASE  
COORDINATE WITH FIELDS PLAN FOR PARIS STOP SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN  
RECOMMENDATION FROM FIELD RECEIVED STOP WE DEEPLY REGRET  
RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE PRESENT SINCE  
FUNDS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR REFUGEES WILL TRY SECURE OTHER  
FUNDS BUT PROGRAM MUST WAIT THEREFORE WITH EXCEPTION OF  
REFUGEES STOP RESOURCES CANNOT SUPPORT ANNUAL FRENCH BUDGET  
120000 DOLLARS STOP EMPHASIZE THAT RECOMMENDATION NUMBER TWO  
APPROVED WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES STOP RECOMMENDATION  
NUMBER THREE POSSIBLE ONLY IF OUTSIDE FUNDS ARE FOUND STOP  
EMERGENCY MONEY FROM NATIONAL WAR FUND POSSIBLE BUT DOUBTFUL  
ONLY ON BASIS OF URGENT REFUGEE NEEDS IN FRANCE ASK FIELD FOR  
IMMEDIATE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION.

With many thanks for your kindness in taking care of  
this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edward A. Cahill*

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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① Reply in French  
② Reproduction of program  
via French  
(preliminary steps  
③ Recommendation villages



September 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Cahill:

The following message for you from Elisabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of September 16, 1944:

"If opportunity develops, would committee approve Gwennydd Champsaur proceeding Paris as secretary Canadian official who would release her to USC on short notice journey thus greatly facilitated. Champsaur suggests paying own living expenses committee covering transportation. Would be available work with field or otherwise when wanted."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Edward Cahill,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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Lisbon

Dated September 16, 1944

Rec'd. 10:07 p.m.

2 - War Ref Bd (Mr. Dehly)

Secretary of State  
Washington

2897, Sixteenth, 11 a.m.

FOR EDWARD CAHILL, BOSTON

DEXTER, <sup>WRS</sup> 195 UNITARIAN 331.

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SEP 18 1944  
FROM ELISABETH

If opportunity develops, would committee approve Gwennydd Champsaur proceeding Paris as Secretary Canadian official who would release her to USC on short notice journey thus greatly facilitated. Champsaur suggests paying own living expenses committee covering transportation. Would be available work with field or otherwise when wanted.

NORWEB

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Message sent  
9/20/44  
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September 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Cahill:

The following confidential message for you from Elizabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of September 16, 1944:

"There follows text of message from Field, Geneva, to Robert Dexter, which was received from Bern under date of September 15, 1944. It is important that a reply be sent to Lisbon earliest. Regarding first two recommendations, am enthusiastic. Until funds are available, the third can wait. Message follows:

'180. I have returned after a week's journey through Isere, Haute Savoie, and Savoie, three sections which were freed completely by action of French resistance forces. I talked with leaders of the liberation movement which included commanders of resistance forces, local liberation committee presidents, political leaders, and officials. I was deeply moved and impressed with the atmosphere of freedom and the self-discipline. The devotion, idealism and courage displayed by the fighters of the resistance forces, who are now holding the principal positions, could not be adequately described by me. Scarcely a person was met who had not sacrificed some close relative in the fight for liberation, or hourly for months risked his own life in order to erase the shame of the old regime and reestablish the French people's honor. The price they paid was stupendous. In addition to persons killed fighting, there were innumerable verified instances of mutilation, torture, murder and deportation. I personally saw scenes of identification of corpses which were horribly mutilated. I visited villages which were burned and witnessed what remained of peaceful peasants who were burned alive. There is a roll of Gestapo victims in every locality. It is realized that this represents only a small portion of France but I earnestly ask authorization to initiate a special program on behalf of this region which will be the first to be recorded in history as having freed itself through its own suffering and blood. The possibilities and needs have been carefully weighed with French friends and I believe we could help most effectively by assisting families that are destitute and by the Nazi terror have been deprived of their bread winners. Detailed lists of families are being prepared by local authorities at my request, and from these the most deserving would be chosen according to funds available. The cost is estimated at approximately 2,000 French francs a month for each mother and in addition 500 for each child. Food and clothing have been purchased here through Red Cross. In addition, standard household equipment units for 300 Swiss francs, which consist

of furniture, two double beds and other minimum needs for family of four people. Material assistance is but temporary pending reestablishment of normal economic life which is the ultimate aim. There have been tentatively engaged two French welfare workers, including Hess who formerly was our kindergarten director. The monthly budget proposed is \$10,000. Other regions could be included if the budget could be larger. A smaller one means less families. From your 65 and on basis of Treasury license I assume I can start working with funds now on hand, to the extent that these funds are no longer needed for purposes originally intended here or elsewhere in view of the change in the international situation. Unless I receive a veto from you by the 20th, and since haste is essential, I will feel free to start work.

'In addition to the emergency plan above, I recommend a long-term program of repatriation of many foreign refugees who are now serving with the FFI. A day was spent with a battalion, almost all of them foreigners, principally Spaniards, Poles, Italians, who were commanded by one of our former wards in Marseille. Most of them desire eventually to return to their homes. Preparatory measures could be undertaken if the Committee is in agreement, such as instituting lists and questionnaires, searching for members of families and later contacting appropriate authorities.

'Finally, the adoption for reconstruction of one or more destroyed villages is suggested for consideration; for example the tiny village in the mountains called Argentine, consisting of approximately 100 souls. Of course good results would exceed the finances of the Committee, but individual philanthropists might be interested. Please reply soonest.' "

Very truly yours,

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

Mr. Edward Cahill,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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*5 was Ref 10-126*  
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1944 SEP 15 PM 4 00  
Lisbon

This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency. (RESTRICTED)  
Dated September 16, 1944  
Rec'd 3:39 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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2903, September 16, 1 p.m.

Following from Bern "180 September 15, 8 a.m.

From Field Unitarians Geneva for Robert Dexter.

'Have returned from week's trip through Haute Savoie, Savoie and Isere, three departments freed entirely through action local French resistance. Conferred with leading personalities liberation movement including commanders resistance forces, presidents local liberation committees, officials, political leaders. Deeply impressed and moved by atmosphere liberty combined with self-discipline. Cannot adequately express courage, devotion, idealism of former underground fighters now filling all leading positions. Hardly met person not having lost close relative in struggle or himself risked life hourly for months thereby out wiping shame former regime and re-establishing honor French people. But price paid

terrific.

*Memorandum  
sent to [unclear]  
R. H. [unclear]*

-2-//2903, September 16, 1 p.m., from Lisbon

terrific. Besides those killed in battle endless verified cases of torture, assassination, mutilation, deportation. Personally witnessed scenes of identification horribly mutilated corpses. Visited burned villages; saw remains peaceful peasants burned alive. Every locality has its roll of Gestapo victims. While realizing this covers only small corner France, earnestly request authorization undertake special program behalf region which will enter history as first to free self by own blood and suffering. After carefully weighing needs and possibilities with French friends, believe we can most effectively assist by aiding destitute families deprived of bread winner through Nazi terror. At my request local authorities preparing detailed lists such families from which we would select most deserving in accordance with available funds. Estimated cost about 2000 French francs monthly per mother plus 500 each child. Have purchase certain foodstuffs and clothing here through Red Cross. Also standard household compact at 300 Swiss francs, containing two double beds, furniture and other minimum requirements for family of four. Material aid only temporary pending realization

-3-;2903, September 16, 1 p.m., from Lisbon

realization principal aim of reintegration in normal economic life. Two French social workers tentatively engaged including our former kindergarten director Ress. Proposed monthly budget \$10,000. Larger budget would enable inclusion additional regions. Smaller budget would mean fewer families. On basis of your 65 and amended Treasury license, assume we can begin work with funds on hand to extent these no longer required for original purpose here or abroad due changed international situation. Since speed essential, shall consider myself free to begin work unless receive your veto by 20th.

Besides above emergency scheme recommend long term repatriation program large number foreign refugees now serving with FFI. Spent day with one battalion composed almost entirely of foreigners mainly Spaniards, Italians, Poles and commanded by one of our former Marseille wards. Majority ultimately wish return home. If Committee agreeable we could begin preparatory steps such as establishing lists and questionnaires, search for family members and later contacts with pertinent authorities.

Finally

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-4-#2903, September 16, 1 p.m., from Lisbon

Finally suggest for consideration adoption one or more destroyed villages for reconstruction, for instance small mountain village of about 100 souls called Argentine. Good job would of course exceed committee finances but might interest individual philanthropists.

Please answer as soon as possible"

[Official for Lisbon: Please repeat to Department by airgram for its information"]

Please relay above to Edward Cahill Boston from Elizabeth Dexter with following added:

"Unitarian 333 IRB 197, Important send reply Lisbon earliest. Enthusiastic first two recommendations. Third can wait until funds available",

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JLIS MJF

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*I was Ref. B. H. P. H. H.*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: September 13, 1944  
NUMBER: 3162  
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR MCCLELLAND.

Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Noel Field,  
12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, from Edward A. Cahill of the  
Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE Following message has been sent to Elisabeth Dexter,  
Lisbon INNERQUOTE 217 Noel Field Marseille please relay follow-  
ing message. Thrilled news your arrival Marseille. Committee  
urges all energy initiative reestablishing refugee work France  
with Office and Personnel. Pledge full financial support.  
Please report your findings and decisions soonest. Your total  
January through September Refugee Switzerland Budget 64,250.00  
cabled you 10,000 August 31. Balance Swiss Budget 9,317.20  
available cabling soonest. Reference your request Yugoslavia  
Czechoslovakia Hungary additional France cabling Bern as usual  
today 20,000 this account your discretion may use all France.  
Available about 13,000 more for France now. Hoping further  
grant 50,000 all amounts above dollars end INNERQUOTE UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 167.

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, FOR MC CLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Noel Field, 12 Rue du  
Vieux College, Geneva, from Edward A. Cahill of the Unitarian Service  
Committee:

QUOTE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO ELISABETH DEYTER,  
LISBON IMMEDIATE 217 NOEL FIELD MARSEILLE PLEASE RELAY  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE STOP THRILLED NEWS YOUR ARRIVAL MARSEILLE  
STOP COMMITTEE URGES ALL ENERGY INITIATIVE REESTABLISHING  
REFUGEE WORK FRANCE WITH OFFICE AND PERSONNEL STOP PLEDGE  
FULL FINANCIAL SUPPORT STOP PLEASE REPORT YOUR FINDINGS AND  
DECISIONS SOONEST STOP YOUR TOTAL JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
REFUGEE SWITZERLAND BUDGET 64,230.00 CABLED YOU 10,000 AUGUST 21  
STOP BALANCE SWISS BUDGET 9,217.20 AVAILABLE CABLEING SOONEST STOP  
REFERENCE YOUR REQUEST YUGOSLAVIA CZECHOSLOVAKIA HUNGARY ADDITIONAL  
FRANCE CABLEING BEING AS USUAL TODAY 20,000 THIS ACCOUNT YOUR  
DISCRETION MAY USE ALL FRANCE STOP AVAILABLE ABOUT 13,000 MORE  
FOR FRANCE NOW STOP HOPING FURTHER GRANT 50,000 ALL AMOUNTS  
ABOVE DOLLARS END IMMEDIATE UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 167

9:30 a.m.  
September 12, 1944

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

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WILLIAM EMERSON, CHAIRMAN  
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ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3680

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

September 9, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be so kind as to see that the following cable  
No. 217 is transmitted, by Consular code, to

Elisabeth Dexter  
111 rua Marquez de Fronteira  
Lisbon

217 NOEL FIELD MARSEILLE PLEASE RELAY QUOTE THRILLED NEWS YOUR  
ARRIVAL MARSEILLES STOP COMMITTEE URGES ALL ENERGY INITIATIVE  
REESTABLISHING REFUGEE WORK FRANCE WITH OFFICE AND PERSONNEL  
STOP PLEDGE FULL FINANCIAL SUPPORT STOP PLEASE REPORT YOUR FIND-  
INGS AND DECISIONS SOONEST STOP YOUR TOTAL JANUARY THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER REFUGEE SWITZERLAND BUDGET 64.250.00 CABLED YOU 10.000  
AUGUST 31 STOP BALANCE SWISS BUDGET 9.317.20 AVAILABLE CABLING  
SOONEST STOP REFERENCE YOUR REQUEST YUGOSLAVIA CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
HUNGARY ADDITIONAL FRANCE CABLING BERNE AS USUAL TODAY 20.000  
THIS ACCOUNT YOUR DISCRETION MAY USE ALL FRANCE STOP AVAILABLE  
ABOUT 13.000 MORE FOR FRANCE NOW STOP HOPING FURTHER GRANT 50.000  
ALL AMOUNTS ABOVE DOLLARS UNQUOTE.

Will you also have this message relayed to Mrs. Noel  
Field, 12 rue du Vieux College, Geneva, Switzerland.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edward A. Cahill*

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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5 p.m.

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25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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LISBON  
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Cable below is WRB 90.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message

to Elisabeth Dexter, 111 Rua Marquez de Fronteira, Lisbon,  
from Edward A. Cahill of the Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE 217 NOEL FIELD MARSEILLE PLEASE RELAY /QUOTE

THRILLED NEWS YOUR ARRIVAL MARSEILLES STOP COMMITTEE  
URGES ALL ENERGY INITIATIVE REESTABLISHING REFUGEE WORK  
FRANCE WITH OFFICE AND PERSONNEL STOP PLEDGE FULL  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT STOP PLEASE REPORT YOUR FINDINGS AND  
DECISIONS SOONEST STOP YOUR TOTAL JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
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END INNERQUOTE. UNQUOTE

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

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

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CABLE TO NORWEG, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Elisabeth Dexter,  
111 Rua Marques de Fronteira, Lisbon, from Edward A. Cahill of the  
Unitarian Service Committee:

\*27 NOEL FIELD MARSEILLE PLEASE RELAY QUOTE THRILLED  
NEWS YOUR ARRIVAL MARSEILLES STOP COMMITTEE URGES ALL  
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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. 90

9:30 a.m.  
September 12, 1944

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*Hand of J.P.*

## Unitarian Service Committee

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TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3880

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REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD



September 9, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

Here is a message received from France:

"Noel Haviland Field, former director of the Marseilles office of the Unitarian Service Committee, arrived here today en route to Marseilles from Geneva to investigate the situation of Jewish and other refugees who are not French citizens in an effort to reestablish relief activities. Mr. Field who will be the first civilian refugee worker returning to southern France told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Maquis, the French partisans, brought him here through the Swiss frontier through their underground railroad. The passage through provinces still held by the Germans was uneventful he stated."

We would be deeply grateful to you if you could send this message to him by some direct route if possible, but at the same time we would like to have a duplicate sent directly to Mrs. Field in Geneva. This is the most important message that the Service Committee has ever asked you to send for it, and I hope that some way may be open.

"Thrilled by the news of your arrival in Marseilles. The Committee urges that you use all energy and initiative in reestablishing our refugee work for France with an office and proper personnel. We pledge our full financial support. Please report your findings and decisions as quickly as possible. Your total Swiss budget refugee relief from January through September is 64,250 dollars. We cabled you on August 31st 10,000 dollars. The balance available for the Swiss budget is 9,317.20. This we are cabling to you immediately. In reference to your request for additional funds for Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and France we are cabling to Berne as usual 20,000 dollars today. This account is wholly at your discretion and you may use all of it for France if you wish. About 14,000 dollars more are available for France now and we are hoping for a further grant of 50,000 dollars"

Mr. Lawrence Lesse:

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September 9, 1944

We have also asked Mr. Pehle to forward this message to Mrs. Dexter in Lisbon to be relayed to Mrs. Field. We feel we must try every possible method, hoping that at least one of them will get through.

Sincerely yours,



Charles R. Joy  
Acting Executive Director

CRJ:F

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SEP 8 1944

Dear Mr. Bragg:

The following message for you from Elizabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of September 4, 1944:

"A telegram from Field with very encouraging news of progress is being forwarded by me. From here this seems to be the best and perhaps the only immediate opening into France. I suggest that someone from here go to Geneva as soon as possible and that this person or Field should return to Boston thereafter for consultation. The one who goes should receive the fullest instructions possible from the committee and should have considerable latitude for decisions that are urgent. The situation is crucial for working Europe in the future. All possible help should be given Field and also financial backing. It is hoped that you can secure aid for the Yugoslav plans."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Raymond Bragg,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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(Mr. Peck)*

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Lisbon

Dated September 4, 1944

Rec'd 9:32 a.m., 5th

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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2724, September 4, 3 p.m.

THIS WRB 174 USC 3 FOR RAYMOND BRAGG BOSTON  
FROM ELIZABETH DEXTER.

An forwarding telegram from Field with most  
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

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*26 W. Ref. Ad. P. 11*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Lisbon  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: September 4, 1944  
NUMBER: 2727

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ELIZABETH DEXTER, BERN SENDS THE FOLLOWING, WRB 175  
FOR RAYMOND BRAGG, BOSTON.

No. 171 of September 1.

This continues my 170.

*Message sent  
9/8/44  
R.S.*

You are informed that I am departing this week for nearby liberated regions with a view to surveying requirements and recommending action. I have appointed an excellent French collaborator prepared to depart at any time. Madame Andre Phillip, just back from France, advised me that the number of foreign refugees in the Savoie area is about 12,000. French friends representing various tendencies unanimously urge our helping social services of liberation forces and their families. Upon my return I shall wire a full report. I have secured 50,000 Swiss francs from Joint, repayable if and when possible.

I trust that you approve my assistance effort large number of Yugoslav adherents to Tito movement here and France to return home and join the struggle. We have also been requested by representatives of the Tito movement to help some 20 Yugoslav interned high school students complete their education

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Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

*Swiss Ref. Act*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: September 1, 1944  
NUMBER: 3022  
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Reference is made to Department's telegram No. 2367 of July 19, 1944, relative to license No. W-2149 issued to Unitarian Service Committee, Boston. Please advise Mr. Noel Field that Treasury Department has again amended section 1 of license No. W-2149 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. Also, section 2 has been amended 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 licenses to be used under this license."

The Unitarian Service Committee is remitting under a specific license the Swiss franc equivalent of \$30,000 in connection with the amendment to license No. W-2149. These operations are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board and Treasury.

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

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To: Mr. Warren  
From: Mr. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will arrange  
for appropriate clearance and immediate dispatch  
of the attached cable to Minister Harrison in Bern.

2:05 pm  
September 1, 1944

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

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DEPT OF COMMERCE

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2:05 pm  
September 1, 1944

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

AD  
FFurko, Church, jch 8-29-44

SEP 1 1944

Dear Mr. Bragg:

The following message for you from Elisabeth Dexter was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of August 28, 1944:

"Liberation France makes additional refugees from France or eastward unlikely and alters needs here. An airmailing letter describing situation and possibilities progressive liquidation including best utilization staff. Important you send me soonest general indication committee plans and wishes other European centers even if still only tentative. I realize your present difficulties. Your telegram regarding Brooks just received; deeply sympathetic."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Raymond Bragg,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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L. H. ...  
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DEPARTMENT  
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*Was Ref'd*

Dated August 28, 1944

Rec'd 1:08 a.m., 29th

*(Mr  
Gibbs*

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Secretary of State

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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1 29 1944

2643, August 28, 1 p.m.

FOR RAYMOND BRAGG BOSTON FROM ELISABETH DEXTER WRB.

165 ESCJ32E:

Liberation France makes additional refugees from France or eastward unlikely and alters needs here. Am airmailing letter describing situation and possibilities progressive liquidation including best utilization staff. Important you send me soonest general indication committee plans and wishes other European centers even if still only tentative. I realize your present difficulties. Your telegram regarding Brooks just received; deeply sympathetic.

NORWEB

RR

*Message sent  
to ...  
9/1/44  
RS*

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In reply please  
refer to: 73887

Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1944, addressed to Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, and to the telephone conversation on June 27, 1944, between your Mr. Cahill and Mr. Parke of this office, relative to the message you have requested the War Refugee Board to transmit to Mr. Noel Field in Geneva, Switzerland, through official channels.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, and in order to permit you to effect transactions of the type described in the message referred to above, section 1 of license No. W-2149 issued to you under date of March 3, 1944, is hereby amended so as to permit your representative in Switzerland to arrange for relief to displaced persons in France as well as to provide for the support of medical work for refugees in France. The other terms and conditions of such license remain unchanged and are fully applicable to such arrangements as may be made for the relief of displaced persons in France.

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the foregoing amendment and requested to inform your representative in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 6, Massachusetts.

RBParke:jfh 6-29-44

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JUN 29 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 73861

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

For your information and the completion of your records, there is enclosed herewith a copy of letter to the Unitarian Service Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, amending license No. W-2149 issued to them under date of March 8, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Mr. Dana Sawyer,  
Manager,  
Foreign Funds Control Department,  
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Enclosure.

RBParkes:jfh 6-28-44

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In reply please  
refer to: 73852

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To : Chief, S. 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 an amendment of license No. W-2149, issued to  
the Unitarian Service Committee, 28 Beacon Street, Boston,  
Massachusetts, 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.

Attachment.

(Signed) E. W. O'Flaherty

RBParke:jfh 6-25-44

DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Reference is made to Department's telegram No. 828 of March 14, 1944. Please inform Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, that Treasury has amended section 1 of license No. W-2149 so as to permit him to arrange for relief to displaced persons in France as well as to provide for support of medical work in refugee camps in France. Other terms and conditions of such license remain unchanged and are fully applicable to such arrangements as may be made for the relief of displaced persons in France. The operations permitted by such amendment are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and Treasury.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE June 16, 1944

TO : Miss Hodel

FROM : R. B. Parke

Re : Letter dated June 9, 1944, from the Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, requesting that cable to Noel Field be dispatched through government facilities.

In accordance with your suggestion, I telephoned the Unitarian Service Committee and spoke with Mr. Cahill, who explained the text of the cable as follows:

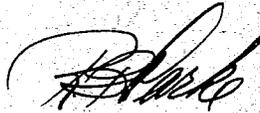
(1) The \$2,000 item represents a contribution made by the Russian Children's Welfare Society to the Unitarian Service Committee for relief to children of Russian extraction in France in the form of food and/or money. The Unitarians propose to effect the remittance to Mr. Field in Geneva under license No. Boston 16843, (expires September 30, 1944) which was issued to them in conjunction with "basic" license No. W-2149 covering expenditures in France by Mr. Field in the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of supporting medical work for refugees in concentration camps and elsewhere in France. Mr. Cahill stated that to date only \$10,000 had been remitted under their Boston remittance license and that the Committee was under the impression that the \$2,000 in question could be utilized for the relief of these children in France under the provisions of W-2149. He stated that if their "basic" license is interpreted as not authorizing this operation, he was in doubt whether the Unitarian Service Committee would wish to carry it out or "go to the trouble of getting a license". He did state, however, that while this activity is not now within the framework of the Committee's present program in France, before the war it figured among the various activities carried out by the Unitarians.

I informed Mr. Cahill that we would determine whether license W-2149 could be construed as covering the activity in question or whether a further Treasury license would be required.

(2) The "60,000 francs monthly" item refers to a cable which the Committee received from Mr. Field in which he pointed out that it would be advisable to regulate remittances to him in amounts not exceeding 60,000 Swiss francs monthly. At such a rate he would be able to receive Swiss francs within a quota which the Swiss authorities have set up, thus obviating the probability that he might be credited with blocked dollars.

(3) The "\$800 Bryan Account" refers to a remittance under a Treasury license representing a contribution by the Anti-fascists League, of which Miss Bryan is the Executive Director, for relief work in Switzerland among anti-fascist refugees.

In view of the statements made by Mr. Cahill with respect to the \$2,000 remittances on behalf of the Russian Children's Welfare Society, would you please inform me whether the WRB recommends any special action in this case. My own feeling is that a specific Treasury license is required. Moreover, to hold that the transaction is covered by W-2149, might open the door for other transactions and activities of which we might not approve.



*Mr. J. Flaherty agrees  
license should be  
amended. RAC.*

JUN 13 1944

Dear Mr. Cahill;

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Field was received under date of June 8, 1944, through the American Legation at Bern:

"We received May 30 sums your cable mentioned. We would like to know what source is and destination of 5137 francs which we received on 17th of May. We interpret concluding phrase of your cable to imply that money is spendable in France only. Should this be correct we urgently request it be extended to other occupied countries where there are equally great opportunities and need."

*Cahill  
6/13/44*

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Edward A. Cahill,  
Assistant Director,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

*EH* / FH:lab 6/13/44

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ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3680

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

June 9, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be so kind as to see that the following cable is transmitted, by Consular code, to Noel Field in Geneva:

Noel Field  
12 rue du Vieux College  
Geneva

CABLING ~~TODAY~~ 2000 DOLLARS GIFT RUSSIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE SOCIETY FOR RELIEF CHILDREN OF RUSSIAN EXTRACTION IN FRANCE PLEASE REMIT EITHER IN FOOD SUPPLIES OR MONEY OR BOTH CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO DOCTOR NICHOLAS DOLGOPOLOFF 2 rue Orphelines Pau Basse Pyrenees STOP IF UNAVAILABLE FIRST CHOICE TO NATALIE NEDOSHIVINE SECOND MRS. DOLGOPOLOFF STOP ALSO CONSULT LOWRIE ESPECIALLY REGARDING MANNER TRANSMITTING RELIEF RUSSIAN CHILDREN SOUTHERN FRANCE IF ALL THREE ABOVE UNAVAILABLE STOP RECEIVED YOUR REQUEST REMIT FUNDS REGULARLY TOTAL ALL SOURCES NOT EXCEEDING 60000 FRANCS MONTHLY STOP CABLED YOU JUNE FIFTH 800 DOLLARS BRYAN ACCOUNT.

Will you please let us know what the charges are.  
With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

*cable prepared 7/4/44  
FN/db*

EAC:F

Sincerely yours,

*Edward A. Cahill*

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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PAR PHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: June 8, 1944  
NUMBER: 3678

RECEIVED  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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McClelland and Field send following for WRB and Cahill.

This is in reference to Department's May 30 telegram No. 1866.

We received May 30 sum your cable mentioned. We would like to know what source is and destination of 5137 francs which we received on 17th of May. We interpret concluding phrase of your cable to imply that money is spendable in France only. Should this be correct we urgently request it be extended to other occupied countries where there are equally great opportunities and need.

HARRISON

6/13/44  
Message sent  
to Cahill  
JH

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

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Agency. (RESTRICTED)

6 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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AMLEGATION

BERN  
1330

The following message from Edward Cahill of Unitarian  
Service Committee and forming WRB cable No. 30 is for de-  
livery to Noel Field, 12 rue de Vieux College, Geneva.

QUOTE Monthly general appropriation June dollars  
5866.60 cabled you May 22, also dollars 10,000 refugee  
medical program in France or your discretion other relief  
there. UNQUOTE

HULL  
(CLW)

WRB:MMV:OMH  
5/30/44

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CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message to Noel Field,  
12 rue de Vieux College, Geneva, from Edward Cahill of the  
Unitarian Service Committee:

"Cabled you May 22 dollars 5666.60 monthly  
general appropriation June also 10,000 refugee medical  
program in France or other relief there your discretion"

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 30.

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May 27, 1944  
12:35 p.m.

*JA*

FH:lab 5/24/44

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WILLIAM EMERSON, CHAIRMAN  
SETH T. GANO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

EDWARD B. WITTE, TREASURER  
ALFRED F. WHITMAN, SECRETARY

## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3660

EDWARD A. CAHILL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

May 22, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Will you be so kind as to see that the following cable is transmitted, by Consular code, to Noel Field in Switzerland:

Noel Field  
12 rue de Vieux College  
Geneva

CABLED YOU MAY 22 DOLLARS 5666.60 MONTHLY  
GENERAL APPROPRIATION JUNE ALSO 10000 REFUGEE  
MEDICAL PROGRAM IN FRANCE OR OTHER RELIEF  
THERE YOUR DISCRETION

(sgd.) Edward Cahill

Will you please let us know what the charges are.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Cahill  
Assistant Director

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*War Refugee Bd  
Mr. Kille*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

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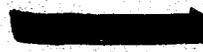
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: AMLEGATION, BERN

DATED: July 10, 1944

NUMBER: 2367

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Reference is made to Department's telegram No. 838 of March 14, 1944. Please inform Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, that Treasury has amended section 1 of license No. W-1249<sup>149</sup> so as to permit him to arrange for relief to displaced persons in France as well as to provide for support of medical work in refugee camps in France. Other terms and conditions of such license remain unchanged and are fully applicable to such arrangements as may be made for the relief of displaced persons in France. The operations permitted by such amendment are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board and Treasury.

HULL

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R. Parks 7/17  
FH/dh*

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

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*as Reference  
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P. AMMENSE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern ✓  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: April 7, 1944  
NUMBER: 2180  
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On March 18 the Department's message of March 14, 1944, no. 838, was delivered to Field. ✓

HARRISON

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

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MAR 28 1944

Dear Mr. Dexter:

The following message to you and Mr. Joy from Field has been received from the American Legation in Bern:

"We have just received a message through the Consulate at Geneva and license No. W-2149, which will enable us to render assistance along the lines of War Refugee Board principles through reliable established contacts. Under the new license activities can start as soon as funds are made available in Swiss francs. Since both needs and possibilities are unlimited, we can use any amounts you may be able to furnish. Now in hiding, Zimmer narrowly escaped arrest. Today I am leaving for a few weeks convalescence in the mountains. In the future, please address messages through the Legation. May I express to the Committee and family my greetings."

As you have already been advised by Miss Hodel, the War Refugee Board has recommended an appropriate amendment to License No. W-2149 in accordance with your recent request.

Very truly yours,

{Signed} J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Robert C. Dexter,  
The Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

*JW*  
FH:lab 3/27/44

*war Refugee Bd  
(Mr. Pelt)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: March 18, 1944  
NUMBER: 1683

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Attention of Dexter and Joyelz from Field.

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We have just received a message through the Consulate at Geneva and license No. W-2149, which will enable us to render assistance along the lines of War Refugee Board principles through reliable established contacts. Under the new license activities can start as soon as funds are made available in Swiss francs. Since both needs and possibilities are unlimited, we can use any amounts you may be able to furnish. Now in hiding, Zimmer narrowly escaped arrest. Today I am leaving for a few weeks convalescence in the mountains. In the future, please address messages through the Legation. May I express to the Committee and family my greetings.

HARRISON

MR. S. J. RAM

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

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: The Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: The American Legation, Bern  
DATE: March 14, 1944  
NUMBER: 638

Please inform Noel Field, 12 Rue du Visux Collage, Geneva that for the purpose of supporting medical work in refugee camps in France the Treasury Department has issued license number W-2149 to the Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, Massachusetts. With the exception that paragraph (A) of license W-2149 provides for medical work among refugees in refugee camps in France, and paragraph (B) provides that the total sums covered thereby shall not exceed 130,000 Swiss francs or the dollar equivalent thereof for the nine months beginning January 1, 1944, in all respects the terms of the license are identical to those issued to the World Jewish Congress, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, and the American Joint Distribution Committee. The Treasury, the War Refugee Board and the Department have approved these operations.

HULL

DCR:MPL  
3/15/44

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 15 1972

*OK  
RHP*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WORLD TRADE DIVISION

March 7, 1944

Mr. R. B. Parke,  
Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer,  
War Refugee Board,  
Treasury Department.

Re: Unitarian Service Committee,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Your reference 59283, March: -

This is to confirm that a cable has been dispatched  
covering license number W-2149 issued to the Unitarian  
Service Committee.

William I. Riegelman

WT:WIR:AMN

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: **February 24, 1944**

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: **Remittance to Switzerland for work among refugees in concentration camps in France.**

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a ~~letter~~ <sup>application</sup> dated **February 21, 1944**

from the **Unitarian Service Committee** dealing with **Remittance for first nine months of 1944 up to aggregate amount of \$30,000 to Noel Field, Director of Unitarian Service Committee, Geneva, to support medical work for refugees in concentration camps and elsewhere in France under direction of Dr. Rene Gimnar of Marseille.** The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate license be issued

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~~ <sup>application</sup> described above.

Remarks:

W. H. H. H.  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2149 issued 3-3-44 x  
Remittance License No. ~~xxxxxx~~ Boston 16843 approved 3-4-44  
Other: Letter No. 59284 (cable through State)  
Letter No. 59283  
Letter No. 59285

W. H. H. H.  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: **MAR 3 1944**

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MAR 4 - 1944

OF BOSTON

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Boston 16843 Approved notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11 for  
transaction only. Stipulation No. 2a. License expires September 30,  
1944.

RECEIVED BY O.A.S.

RRParke:jfh 3-2-44

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In reply please  
refer to: 59283

Sirs:

Reference is made to application Boston 16643 which you filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for a license to remit an aggregate of \$20,000 to your representative in Switzerland for the support of medical work among refugees in camps in France for the first nine months of the current year.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board in connection with the application under reference, there is enclosed herewith License No. W-2149 governing the financing of such activity and permitting you to communicate with your representative in Switzerland with respect thereto. The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the issuance of this license. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has been authorized to issue the remittance license for which you applied under application Boston 16643.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)  
Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Enclosure.

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

License No. W-2149  
MAR 3 1944  
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 Unitarian Service Committee,  
(Name of Addressee)  
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.  
(Address of Licensee)

Sirs:

1. In order to support the medical work for refugees in concentration camps and elsewhere in France, 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 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 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 holders of such French francs may be reimbursed therefor 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 exchange 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 \$30,000 or the Swiss franc equivalent thereof, during the nine months' period beginning January 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. 8389 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 Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(Signed) O. A. Schmidt

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Orris A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

In reply please  
refer to: 59284

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TO: Mr. William Hiegelman,  
Department of State.

FROM: Orvis A. Schmidt

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to the issuance of license No. W-2149 to the Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, Massachusetts, may be despatched immediately 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 cable is dispatched.

Enclosure.

REParke:jfh 2-2-44

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERN

Please advise Mr. Noel Field, 12 Rue du Vieux College, Geneva, that the Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2149 to the Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, Massachusetts, to support medical work among refugees in camps 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 W-2149 provides for medical work among refugees in camps 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 their license shall not exceed 130,000 Swiss francs, or the dollar equivalent thereof, during their six months' period beginning January 1, 1944. The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury.

In reply please  
refer to: 59285

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MAR 3 1944

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

For your information and the completion of  
your records, there is enclosed herewith a copy of  
license No. W-2149, issued to the Unitarian Service  
Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

Dana Sawyer,  
Manager,  
Foreign Funds Control Department,  
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Enclosure.

REParke:jfh 2-2-44

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Application No. Boston 16843

WRE

copy for W.R.B.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN A FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION,  
TRANSFER OF CREDIT, PAYMENT, EXPORT OR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNITED  
STATES, OR THE EARMARKING, OF GOLD OR SILVER COIN OR BULLION OR CURRENCY,  
OR THE TRANSFER, WITHDRAWAL OR EXPORTATION OF, OR DEALING IN, EVIDENCES  
OF INDEBTEDNESS OR EVIDENCES OF OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY.\*  
DUPLICATE

(To be executed and filed in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Federal Reserve Bank for the district or with the Governor or High Commissioner of the territory or possession of the United States in which the applicant resides or has his principal place of business or principal office or agency. If the applicant has no legal residence or principal place of business or principal office or agency in a Federal Reserve district or such territory or possession the application should be filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.)

To the Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C.

Date February 21, 1944

Sir:

I.

In accordance with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, regulating transactions in foreign exchange, etc., and the Regulations and Rulings issued thereunder, the undersigned hereby applies for a license to execute the transaction described below:

- A. (1) The name of the applicant is Unitarian Service Committee
  - (2) Applicant resides at or, in the case of a corporation, partnership, association or other organization, has its principal place of business at:  
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.  
(Street) (City) (State) (Country)
  - (3) Applicant is and has been a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
  - (4) The nationality\*\* of the applicant is United States
  - (5) Since May, 1940 the applicant has been engaged in the business of refugee relief in Portugal, Spain, unoccupied France (until Nov. 1942), Switzerland and England.  
(State nature of business)
- B. The applicant desires a license in order to:  
(State in detail the nature, purpose and amount of the transaction, and the name, address, nationality\*\* and extent of interest of every party, including the applicant, involved or interested in the transaction.)

Remit for the first nine months of 1944 up to an aggregate amount of \$30,000 to Mr. Noel Field, Director of the Unitarian Service Committee in Switzerland, address - 12 rue du Vieux College, Geneva, Switzerland. The Unitarian Service Committee desires to remit funds under this license, if granted, not necessarily in regular monthly amounts, but in as large portions at a time as it may be in a position to do.

This amount of \$30,000 to be used for the purchase of French Francs in Switzerland; the French Francs so obtained to be sent from Switzerland to France to support the medical work for refugees in the concentration camps and elsewhere in France, under the direction of Dr. Rene Zimmer, of Marseilles, French citizen.

This request is in line with our recent conference with Mr. John W. Fehle,

(OVER)

\*All definitions appearing in Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the Regulations and Rulings issued thereunder shall apply to the terms employed herein.  
\*\*In the case of a corporation, partnership, or association, give country in which organized and indicate the approximate percentages of stocks, shares, bonds, debentures, notes, drafts, or other securities or obligations of such organization owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a blocked country or one or more nationals thereof.

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B. (Continued)

Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, Furthermore, also in line with that conference, we request that the license authorize (a) the remittance of funds other than to a blocked account and (b) the purchase of Swiss Francs through the Stabilization Fund, at the official rate.

II.

C. The applicant represents and warrants that no party other than those mentioned in item B above has any interest, direct or indirect, in the transaction or transactions for which a license is applied for herein. If there are any exceptions, note them below.

D. The applicant represents and warrants that all the facts herein stated are correct and true and that he does not have knowledge of any material facts in connection with such application which are not fully and accurately set forth herein. (Attach hereto schedules of any additional material information.)

E. The applicant represents and warrants that he has complied, and agrees that he will comply, in all respects, with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the Regulations and Rulings issued thereunder, and with any and all licenses issued to the applicant pursuant thereto, and that, with respect to the transaction here involved, no other application of the undersigned for a license has been filed or is pending, except as follows:

Unitarian Service Committee  
(Applicant)

By \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF Massachusetts  
COUNTY OF Suffolk

} SS: Applications executed by persons within the United States need not be executed under oath.

I, Edward B. Witte, on oath, depose and say that I am the applicant in the above application for license, or the Treasurer (State relationship to applicant) of the Unitarian Service Committee, who is the applicant in the above (Name of applicant)

application for a license, and that I am duly authorized to make the foregoing application on behalf of the applicant; that I have personal knowledge of the facts as set forth in said application and know the same to be true and accurate; and that I do not have knowledge of any material facts in connection with such application which are not fully and accurately set forth herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of affiant)

25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.  
(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Officer administering oath)

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK**

To the Secretary of the Treasury:

The above application is forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that a license should be (granted in the following amount \_\_\_\_\_), (denied).

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully,

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Cashier

NOTE: If this application covers gold in any form the provisions of the Provisional Regulations issued under the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 must also be complied with.

Copies of this form may be obtained, on request, at any Federal Reserve Bank, mint or assay office, or the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

TO:

Miss Hodel

<input type="checkbox"/> MR. PAUL	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lesser
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Aarons	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Luxford
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. E.M. Bernstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. O'Connell
<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Olsen
<input type="checkbox"/> Files	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Reeves
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Fox	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Schmidt
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Hoffman	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Stewart
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lawler	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Taylor

Please handle promptly.

JWP

J. W. PEHLE  
DIRECTOR, FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

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## Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3660



Feb. 21, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Dept.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am enclosing herewith copies of three applications for licenses to remit money abroad prepared by our treasurer's department with an accompanying letter and submitted through the Federal Reserve Bank. All this, I understand, is in accordance with your suggestions to me directly or by telephone from Washington, and I hope that the licenses may be granted immediately. While it did not seem wise to mention this in the formal application, I want you to know that, if it is possible for our representatives in Switzerland to purchase French francs at the unofficial rate, for remittance to Marseille, we will attempt to do so.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles R. Joy*

Charles R. Joy  
Acting Director

CRJ:DRF