Programs with respect to relief and
rescue of refugees: Relief Projects

Food Parcels to Camp Bergen-Bø
(Joint Distribution Committee)
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:
FTC Letter No:
Date: APR 22 1944
Project No.: 

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Shipment of food packages from Portugal to interned in Germany

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated April 17, 1944, from the J.D.C., dealing with request to remit up to $5,000 to Lisbon for purpose of sending food packages to internees in a camp at Celle near Hannover, Germany.

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- other:
Remittance License No. issued 6/23/44 dated 6/23/44

Date: APR 26 1944
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 623182

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby
authorised to issue a licence to American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General
Ruling No. 11, to remit up to the escudo equivalent of $5,000 to Dr. Joseph
Schwartz, Lisbon, Portugal for the purchase in Portugal of food for individual
food parcels to be distributed to internees in enemy territory. Stipulation No. 2
April 22, 1911

This case was discussed with Mr. P. I. He's from the standpoint of appearance with P.M.A. Mr. P. I. He's decided that, since this is just a trial on E.D.C.'s part, we should not raise the case with P.M.A. and that the license contain none of the usual food package stipulations.

[Signature]

P. Hodel
April 17, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We have received a cablegram from Dr. Schwartz, of which a copy is enclosed, in which he requests that we secure a license to permit the sending of food packages to internees in a camp at Celle near Hannover, Germany. As you know, the licenses we hold for such food parcels are confined to Theresienstadt, Poland and the Netherlands. Insomuch as many of the internees from Holland have now been concentrated at Celle and presumably Dr. Schwartz has the names of such internees, we would like to experiment in the sending of food parcels to these people and only after we have received confirmation that they actually received the parcels, will the program be continued.

We suggest a license covering a remitted amount of $4,000 to $5,000 to liebom for this purpose and we shall keep you informed of the progress of the program should it be necessary to increase this amount.

Sincerely yours,

Moses A. Leavitt

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Handwritten notes:

This is just a trial operation on their part. The packages were to be wired from Portugal to Celle, and Schwartz's list. They would then be distributed by the Red Cross.
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270 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK

April 11, 1944

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We are fully aware possibility forwarding packages Theresienstadt
BIRKENAU from TANGIER at present time we sending 2 packages monthly

to all non-Czech nationals Theresienstadt whose names known to us and Czech

Government sending similar packages to all known Czech nationals stop

packages and bulk shipment through International Red Cross also being sent

from Switzerland and expect substantial shipment individual packages from

Istanbul therefore can see no advantage utilizing TANGIER for this purpose stop

we are in possession all names which are available TANGIER stop however

would be most desirable obtain license package service to BIRKENAU where

many thousands Czech Dutch other refugees concentrated stop would urge you

make effort this direction and advise also many of former internees

WESTERBOOK now in camp at CELLE near HANNOVER stop could license be made

include them also

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ