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Dated July 9, 1944

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Secretary of State,

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1246, July 9, 1 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM HIRSCHLIAN

Ankara number 90.

The Turkish SS KAZBEK which departed on July 6,
from Constanza for Istanbul with 739 refugees in-
cluding 251 children arrived in Istanbul Saturday
evening July 8. I informed Mr. Kelley in Ankara
of the impending arrival of the vessel and he in
turn informed the Turkish Foreign Office.

When the KAZBEK successfully concludes her
voyage, you will be immediately informed.

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Secretary of State,

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1240, July 8, 6 p.m.

The Turkish SS KAZBEK, bringing 739 Jewish refugees
from Constanza, arrived at the entrance of the Bosphorus
this morning. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already,
at my request, requested the Ministry of Communications
and other interested Turkish Governmental AKA agencies
to take all necessary measures to expedite the landing
and transit of the refugees through Turkey to Palestine.

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1228, July 7, 1 p.m.

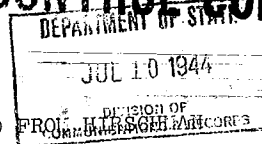
FOR THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Ankara No. 88.

Reference is made to the Embassy's 1216, July
5, transmitting message to Leavitt from Schwartz
and to Embassy's 1218, July 5 for War Refugee
Board. I have discussed with Schwartz the pro-
posed rescue program connected with embarkation
of refugees on the five ships now at Constanza
and I should like to urge the necessity for the
transfer to Switzerland of the funds requested in
Swiss francs.
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Secretary of State,

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2016, July 5, 1 p.m.

FOR THE WRB FROM GHIRSCHMANN ANKARA. No 85.

Please deliver following message to Moses

Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
New York, from Joseph Schwartz.

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/ Your message regarding \$800,000 received. Remit immediately 500,000 Swiss francs to Saly Mayer to be spent upon instructions from Lisbon. Total cost 3000 passengers to be embarked on five ships now Constanza two million Swiss francs plus 260,000 Turk pounds. Therefore prepare remit additional 1500,000 Swiss francs Saly Mayer instructions as above. Will advise latter concerning remittance Turk pounds. No further appropriations necessary at this time except for past voyages MILKA and MARITZA and rail transportation Istanbul Haifa concerning which already advised you and about which will send more detailed figures later. /

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Mr. Joseph Schwartz was received from the American Embassy at Ankara under date of July 5, 1944:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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Please deliver a paraphrase of the following WRB cable
no. 47 to Robert Pilpel, 242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon. It is
from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Dis-
tribution Committee.

QUOTE For your information, following is message I
sent to Schwartz in Ankara concerning program for rescue
of 8,000 persons from Balkans:

INNER QUOTE While our financial situation has become
extremely critical due urgency situation we see no alter-
native and therefore agree underwrite project up to three
million dollars on assumption that \$800,000 appropriation
just approved now included in the larger sum Stop Since
assistance from other quarters necessary we exploring
possibilities and will keep you advised Stop We do not
understand your reference regarding commitment \$600,000
for 1,600 refugees arrived Palestine since we assumed their
transportation already provided for END INNER QUOTE
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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON NO. _____

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11:05 a.m.
July 1, 1944

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*I. War Refugee Bd.
M. Rühle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMEMBASSY, ANKARA
DATED: July 1, 1944
NUMBER: 591

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO STEINHARDT.

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, c/o American Embassy, Ankara, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Regarding proposal finance evacuation from Balkans we arrived following decision after serious consideration. While we appreciate your Magnes Resnik recommendations in view risks involved we believe responsibility for boats operating without safeconduct should be shared by War Refugee Board Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee. In light present situation we ready accept responsibility and War Refugee Board is prepared to assume such responsibility subject to concurrence of Steinhardt and Hirschmann. We approve therefore program up to \$800,000 for 2600 persons and hope amount can be reduced by refugee participation Jewish Agency. We prepared provide 500,000 Swiss francs. Cable to whom francs should be paid in Switzerland. Also cable banking instructions for remittance to Turkey or Palestine as and when sums required. Essential that refugees be warned in advance of risks involved in such voyages and assume Barlas will be instructed accordingly. It is essential that arrangements be worked out whereby Resnik and Hirschmann will be kept continuously advised of all plans of Barlas for such trips and that Hirschmann Resnik approve each project. If possible we would prefer making our remittances directly to Resnik for him to pay out as and when required by Barlas. We cabled Resnik to give Hirschmann his complete wholehearted cooperation."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 66.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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JUN 30 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I have received your letter of June 23, 1944, concerning a projected program to evacuate some 2,600 refugees from the Balkans in small boats which will travel without German safe conduct.

The War Refugee Board, subject to the concurrence of Ambassador Steinhardt and Mr. Hirschmann, is prepared to associate itself with the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee in the responsibility of operating such a rescue program by the use of ships travelling without safe conduct.

The Board is not prepared at this time to agree to financial participation in the program. However, I shall be pleased to discuss this question with you at a later date when the recommendations of Ambassador Steinhardt and Mr. Hirschmann have been received.

Pursuant to your request the Board has forwarded through its facilities your message to Dr. Schwartz on this program with one change in language which I cleared over the telephone with you. A copy of the message as sent is enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure:

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June 23, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, our overseas director, has cabled us that the Jewish Agency has projected a program of evacuation of some 2,600 refugees from the Balkans to be transported on small ships to Turkey and sent from there by railway to Palestine. It is proposed that these ships will travel from Balkan ports without German safe conduct. The Jewish Agency estimates that the cost of such a program would run to about \$800,000, which sum could be reduced if \$125,000 thereof were to be provided in Switzerland in the form of Swiss francs.

The Joint Distribution Committee has given very serious consideration to this proposal and believes, in the light of the situation in Turkey with which you are thoroughly familiar, that the J.D.C. should participate in this project and assume the risks and responsibilities involved in these boats travelling without safe conduct. We hope that the War Refugee Board, on the basis of its knowledge of the situation, will likewise come to the same conclusion, viz.: that, though there is a risk, it is necessary under present circumstances for such a risk to be taken.

We believe that it is also of importance and significance for the War Refugee Board to participate to some extent financially in this project. We do not, of course, make this a condition sine qua non of our participation, but we would deem it to be of great value from the viewpoint of the War Refugee Board, as well as of the Jewish Agency and the J.D.C., if the Board could see its way clear to make a grant toward this project.

As noted above, Dr. Schwartz has advised us that if 500,000 Swiss francs were made available in Switzerland, the overall cost might be reduced. We are of course prepared to provide the approximately \$125,000 required for the purchase of these Swiss francs and hope that a Treasury license will be issued for such a remittance.

In order that we lose no time we wish to send Dr. Schwartz immediate approval of the project. I enclose draft of such a message and would appreciate your good offices in having this cable sent through the facilities

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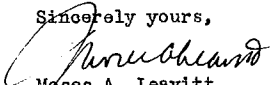
of the Board to the American Legation in Jerusalem, provided you approve the references made to the Board in the cable.

I would be glad to discuss this matter further with you, should you so desire and look forward to hearing from you with respect to the two requests raised, viz.:

1. The association of the War Refugee Board in the responsibility of the boats sailing without safe conduct;
2. In the decision of the War Refugee Board to participate financially.

It goes without saying that the refugees to be transported on these ships would be duly advised of the risks that they run and that such instructions will be given to the Jewish Agency.

Sincerely yours,


Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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June 23, 1944.

Cable to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, c/o American Legation,
Jerusalem, to be sent through State Dept.

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following decision after serious consideration stop While we appreciate
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Leavitt
Joint Distribution Committee

6/26/44
Leavitt called to ask that this be
repeated to Pelpal for the information.

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*5-2000 Refugee Bd.
m. Pehle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMEMBASSY, ANKARA
DATED: June 30
NUMBER: 588
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TO STEINHARDT AND HIRSCHMANN FROM PEHLE.

The following is text of message just received by JDC
from Schwartz who we understand is en route Ankara from
Jerusalem:

QUOTE Discussions here indicate possibility rescue
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bodies.

Advise urgently. UNQUOTE.

Board extremely interested in above proposal and would
appreciate immediate report and recommendations from you.
If available, please include a breakdown by purpose and
amount of contemplated expenditure of large sum being requested
for the program.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 68.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM: 288
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10:45 a.m.
June 30, 1944

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

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: Amconsul, Jerusalem
DATED: June 29, 1944
NUMBER: 119X

Please deliver the following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, c/o American Consulate, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Regarding proposal finance evacuation from Balkans we arrived following decision after serious consideration. While we appreciate your Magnes Resnik recommendations in view risks involved we believe responsibility for boats operating without safe conduct should be shared by War Refugee Board Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee. In light present situation War Refugee Board is prepared to assume such responsibility subject to concurrence of Steinhardt and Hirschmann and we likewise ready to do so. We approve therefore program up to \$800,000 for 2,600 persons and hope amount can be reduced by refugee participation Jewish Agency. We prepared provide 500,000 Swiss francs. Cable to whom francs should be paid in Switzerland. Cable also banking instructions for remittance to Turkey or Palestine as and when sums required. Essential that refugees be warned in advance of

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risks involved in such voyages and assume Barlas will be instructed accordingly. It is essential that arrangements be worked out whereby Resnik and Hirschmann will be kept continuously advised of all plans of Barlas for such trips and that Hirschmann Resnik approve each project. If possible we would prefer making our remittances directly to Resnik for him to pay out as and when required by Barlas. We cabled Resnik to give Hirschmann his complete wholehearted cooperation".

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*I - War Refugee Bd
m. Pehle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: Amembassy, Ankara
DATED: June 29, 1944
NUMBER: 584

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CABLE TO STEINHARDT AND HIRSCHMANN, ANKARA, FROM
J. W. PEHLE, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Schwartz recently cabled JDC as follows from Algiers:

"Magnes Resnik advise Jewish Agency urgently requests immediate decision following proposal transportation to Istanbul. Utilize MILCA MARITZA similar ships without safe conduct which impossible obtain order transport 2600 persons from Balkans. Agency requests we assist finance costs estimated \$800,000 exclusive participation passengers but agency believes possible reduce cost if part payment half million Swiss francs be made Switzerland. If we cannot participate this project agency asks we provide Swiss francs as loan deductible from any other funds payable agency. Magnes committee recommends (1) our immediate agreement principle participation above transportation project for each passenger arriving Istanbul and unable pay subject determination our representative Turkey, (2) we finance fully all transportation projects which may secure safe conduct with possibilities reimbursement by passengers with

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With approval of Board JDB has sent following answer to Schwartz in Jerusalem:

"Regarding proposal finance evacuation from Balkans we arrived following decision after serious consideration. While we appreciate your Magnes Resnik recommendations in view risks involved we believe responsibility for boats operating without safe conduct should be shared by War Refugee Board Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee. In light present situation War Refugee Board is prepared to assume such responsibility subject to concurrence of Steinhardt and Hirschmann and we likewise ready do so. We approve therefore program up to \$800,000 for 2,600 persons and hope amount can be reduced by refugee participation

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We will await report and recommendations from you on this matter.

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CABLE TO STEINHARDT AND HIRSCHMANN, ANKARA, FROM J. W. PEHLK, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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With approval of Board JDC has sent following answer to Schwartz in Jerusalem:

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We will await report and recommendations from you on this matter.

Mr. [redacted] (See Mr. [redacted]) Abrahamson, Cohn, DeBols, Friedman, Hodel, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: Amlegation, Lisbon
DATED: June 29, 1944
NUMBER: 1864

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From War Refugee Board to Norweb.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel,
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"For your information and that of Dobkin following is
text of message I sent Schwartz today:

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arrived following decision after serious consideration.
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be reduced by refugee participation Jewish Agency.

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THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 42.

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CABLE TO LISBON

From War Refugee Board to Norweb

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel,
242 Rua Aurea, Lisbon, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish
Joint Distribution Committee:

"For your information and that of Dobkin following is text
of message I sent Schwartz today:

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his complete wholehearted cooperation' "

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 42.

June 27, 1944
8:26 a.m.

Handwritten: Cleared with [signature] 6/28/44

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This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Governmental
agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Jerusalem

Dated June 26, 1944

Rec'd 7:48 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

JUN 27 1944

87, June 26, 6 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR MOSES LEAVITE JOINT

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Discussions here indicate possibility rescue
additional 8,000 from Balkans at approximate cost
two to two and half million dollars. Obligations
incurred connection approximately sixteen hundred
who already came out approximate \$600,000. View
urgency situation commitment will have to be made
very fast therefore important you indicate immediately
whether you willing underwrite up to three million
dollars for rescue program which otherwise cannot be
undertaken. View present emergency situation
recommend you send blanket authorization with
understanding we naturally shall make every effort
keep costs to minimum. Meanwhile you may wish your
end enlist aid War Refugee Board other American bodies.

Advise urgently ^{1/3}

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JUN 20 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following confidential message for you from Dr. Schwartz was received from Algiers under date of June 15, 1944:

"Section one: Returned here from Italy sooner than expected order try meet Mann accordance your request. Expect proceed Cairo Jerusalem Istanbul soon as discussion completed which hope will not require more than two weeks utmost. Must point out transportation difficulties cause long delays trying to carry out instructions which arrive last moment. Result personal investigation now consider it most important Greenleigh proceed immediately Rome leaving Perlman southern Italy. Allied Control Commission at our request supported by Inter-governmental Committee representative Italy has indicated approval Greenleigh's appointment and transportation. Suggest he apply passport immediately proceed Rome least possible delay as many urgent problems here. Kessler wishes return home in about one month therefore suggest you engage Samuel Pithsohn for service probably Middle East area leaving definite assignment open time being.

"Section two: Magnes Resnik advises Jewish Agency urgently requests immediate decision following proposal transportation to Istanbul. Utilize MILCA MARITZA similar ships without safe conduct which impossible obtain order transport 2600 persons from Balkans. Agency requests we assist finance costs estimated \$800,000 exclusive participation passengers but agency believes possible reduce cost if part payment half million Swiss francs be made Switzerland. If we cannot participate this project agency asks we provide Swiss francs as loan deductible from any other funds payable agency. Magnes committee recommends (1) our immediate agreement principle participation above transportation project for each passenger arriving Istanbul and unable pay subject determination our representative Turkey, (2) we finance fully all transportation projects which may secure safe conduct with possibilities reimbursement by passengers with means. Our own view we cannot assume responsibility any manner placing people on ships sailing without safe

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"Section three: Have set up two central committees Naples and Bari to cover southern Italy with subcommittees outlying districts and Camp Ferramonti and Santa Maria Dibagna. Monthly budget for supplementary relief maintenance schools, workshops, dispensaries, et cetera, \$12,500 plus one time grants \$4800 establish workshops camps and \$2000 equip hostel Naples. Also \$2000 grant for twelve month period Naples Jewish community to reopen religious school synagogue community medical service. Above budget only southern Italy which has approximately 3000 refugees chiefly foreign but does not include Rome where now 8000 to 9000 local Jews 2000 refugees of whom 1400 from France, Yugoslavia, et cetera, 600 from Northern Italy. Have set up emergency grant 2,000,000 lire for immediate relief to maintain Rome through Heath Cote Smith who proceeding there next days. If clearance 9,000,000 lire Palestine immigrants not immediately possible please remit immediately through Chase Bank 3,000,000 lire Banco di Napoli Naples account American Joint Distribution Committee for Joseph Schwartz or Max S. Perlman."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

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Algiers

Dated June 15, 1944.

Rec'd 7:56 a.m., 16th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

2024, June 15, 2 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR LEAVITT JDC FROM
ACKERMANN No. 30 FROM SCHWARTZ.

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than expected order try meet Mann accordance your
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to Kessler
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-3-#2024, June 15, 2 p.m. from Algiers

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Lisbon

Dated May 23, 1944

Rec'd 11:52 p.m.
DIVISION OF

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1560, May 23, 1 p.m.

THIS WRB 46 JDC 4 FROM SCHWARTZ FOR LEAVITT.

Barlas advises fifth boat MERITZ arrived Istanbul
carrying 360 refugees from Rumania leaving by train
for Palestine immediately.

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Dr. Joseph Schwartz was received from Lisbon under date of May 23, 1944:

"Barlas advises fifth boat MARITZA arrived Istanbul carrying 360 refugees from Rumania leaving by train for Palestine immediately."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

*Original signed by
Mr. Friedman*

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: February 26, 1944
NUMBER: 147

The following, for your information and guidance, is the substance of a letter sent to the Secretary of State on September 9, 1943 by the British Embassy in Washington. The British Embassy has recently transmitted a copy of this letter to me.

Recently it was decided by the Government of Great Britain that all Jews, in the future, whether children or adults, who managed to leave Axis dominated territories and entered Turkey since the border between Bulgaria and Turkey was closed last Spring, will be permitted (after a check for security purposes in Turkey) to go to Palestine where camps will be provided for them and where for security reasons, they will be checked further. If found satisfactory, they will be gradually released as legal immigrants and will be permitted to enter Palestine against the half-yearly current immigration quotas. The method of transporting these Jewish persons will be either by sea or rail as may be decided upon by cooperation between the diplomatic mission involved and the Government of Great Britain.

Jews who are able to enter other countries which are neutral will also be in this category, but those persons who escape to territories where they find a refuge of safety will, under normal circumstances, not leave there. Under these arrangements, Jews who are, at the present time, in Spain, Mauritius or Cyprus will not leave there (excepting if, in the case of Spain, plans may be made to transport them to Allied Government

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By R. H. Parks Date

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territory in North Africa, as is hoped, for such time as hostilities shall continue) and onward passage to Palestine would be considered only in cases deserving special consideration and for more particular reasons.

It is not intended that the number of persons, for the period ending March 31, 1944, admitted to Palestine under the proposals outlined above shall increase the total number of immigrants allowable for that period.

It is most essential that secrecy be maintained concerning these proposals and His Majesty's Government contemplates no public announcement of them. However, in strict confidence, the Palestinian Jewish Agency will be advised of the plans.

To Mr. Myron C. Taylor at Washington, D.C., a letter similar to this one is being written.

It is assumed in view of the policy indicated in the letter, that the Turkish Government now has sufficient assurances that refugees entering Turkey will have an ultimate destination open to them and will be willing therefore to lend full cooperation in measures designed to increase the flow of refugees through Turkey. However, if such is not the case you should immediately advise the Board.

In the interest of the refugees themselves, you should respect the British request that this policy be kept confidential.

This message from Pehle for Hirschmann.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

cc: Miss Chauncey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Gaston, Mr. H. D. White, Mr. Pehle,
Mr. Luxford, Mr. DuBois, Mr. E. N. Bernstein, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lesser,
Mr. Friedman, Miss Hodel, Mr. Pollak, Mr. Bundy, Mr. Abrahamson,
Miss Laughlin.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, December 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed photographs which were taken of the vessel Salahattin, which carried refugees from Constanza to Istanbul. The three pictures will give you some idea of the circumstances under which these boats arrive in Istanbul, and the extent to which advantage is taken of all possible space on the boats to carry people here.

The three photographs of the railroad cars were taken at the time one of the children's transports arrived in Istanbul, proceeding to Palestine.

The photograph of the tram was taken outside the Istanbul railroad station, just as a matter of interest to show how the children in a group were transported from the railroad station to the hotels where they were accommodated while awaiting onward transportation from Istanbul to Palestine.

The photographs, especially those of the Salahattin, are strictly for your own use, and strictly for the records of the Board. They are not to be publicized.

With kind regards,

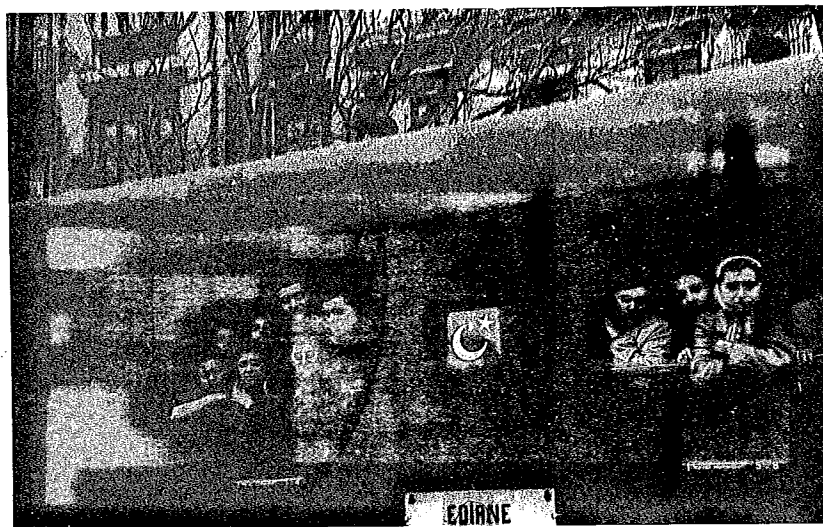
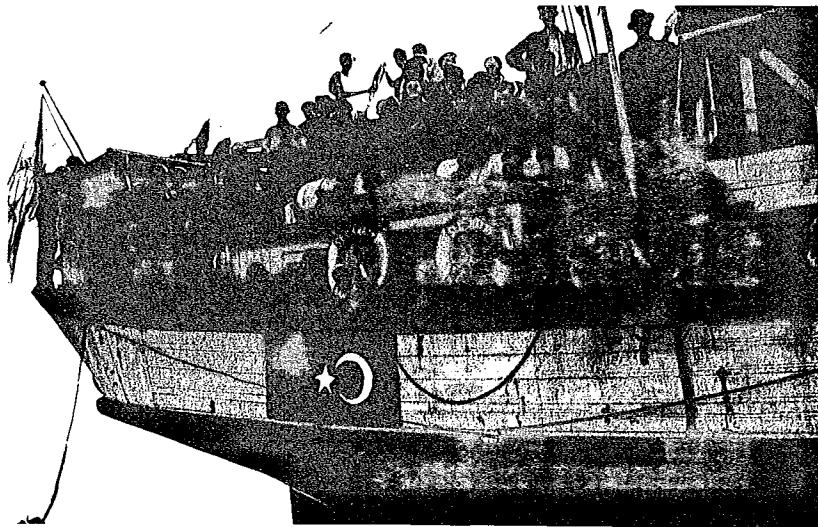
Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki
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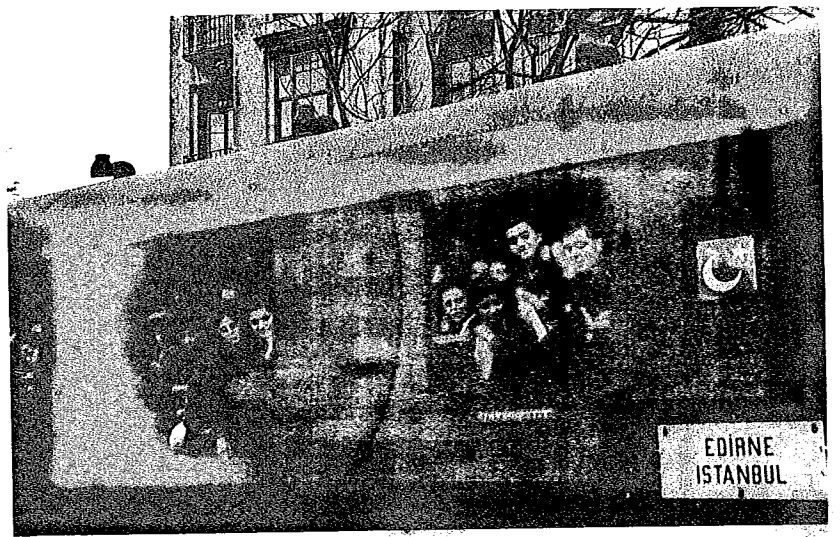
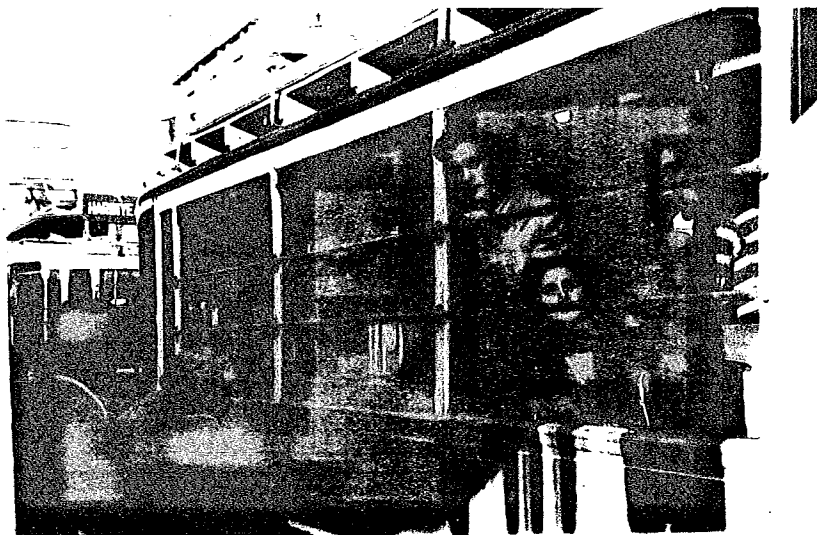
J. W. Pehle, Esquire
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

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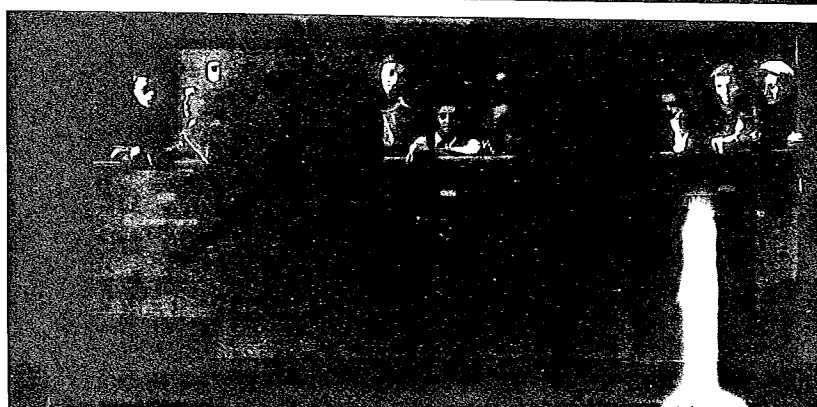
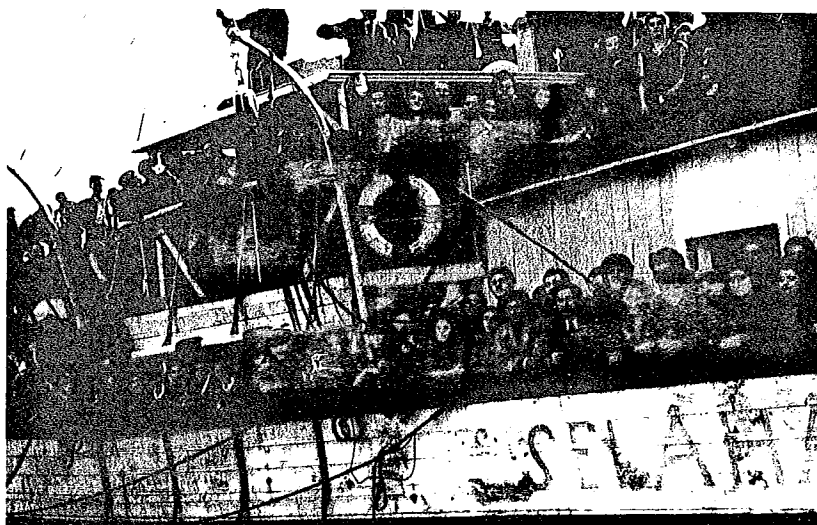
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Dear Ira:

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 25, 1944, suggesting that the War Refugee Board issue a press release on the arrival in Palestine of the refugees who sailed on the S.S. Salahattin.

On reflection, it appears to me that it is now too late for such a release to be of much value.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Hall

Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann,
Vice-President,
Bloomingdale's,
New York 22, N. Y.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

November 25, 1944

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

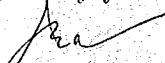
Dear John:

I learned only by accident that the S.S. Salahattin had arrived on the 6th of November. Having spent some months on the job of pressing for the debarkation of this ship I was naturally pleased to hear that it finally had arrived safely in port, and that the refugees had proceeded to Palestine.

Since there is so much gruelling effort, as you know, in getting one of these ships through, and knowing first-hand that this would not be possible without the War Refugee Board I feel strongly that news stories should tell the American people of the success of these efforts. A story now is late, but something still may be done with it. I am enclosing a suggested script.

The real news on this was when the Salahattin arrived in Turkey in October. Since that is dated now the story would have to be built around their subsequent arrival in Palestine, and the expectation that other ships are still to follow.

Cordially yours



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I. A. Hirschmann

Five hundred and forty-seven refugees, the first to be freed by Rumania's break with Germany, have arrived in Palestine, according to an announcement from John W. Pehle, Executive Director of the War Refugee Board in Washington. Among the arrivals were twenty-four young Hungarian Jews who escaped from slave labor in the copper mines at Bor, Yugoslavia, and joined Marshall Tito's forces. After participating in several battles with the Nazis, they left for Rumania when that country broke with the Germans.

The Turkish ship Salaheddin, carrying refugees from Rumania to Turkey, encountered severe storms in the Black Sea, was blown off its course, and nearly capsized. Passengers included refugees from Hungary and Poland who had succeeded in reaching Rumania. Among them was Itzhak Mueller, who left Poland only two months ago, having bribed ~~xxx~~ a German officer his last valuable possession, ~~with this last valuable possession~~ a diamond ring, to carry him out of the Warsaw ghetto in a military truck.

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November 16, 1944

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

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LISBON

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The cable below is WRB 113.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to
Robert Pilpel from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Advise Saly Mayer we authorize payment for
Saladin passengers. UNQUOTE

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(ABT:mg)
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

CABLE TO AMBASSADOR MORRIS, LISBON, FROM EAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel from
M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ADVISE SALY MAYER WE AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR
SALADHIN PASSENGERS UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 113.

2:10 P.M.
November 13, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hedel, Leseer, Marston, McCormack, Files

*copy sent
ADC 11/15/44
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November 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 3, 1944:

"111. Further our 106, SS Saladin carried approximately 275 Hungarians including 24 recently released from prison camp Bor, Yugoslavia, approximately 212 Rumanians, and 60 Czechoslovakians. Group had 5 children, 133 women, 409 men, and entrained for Palestine October 31."

Very truly yours,

~~Warrant~~ J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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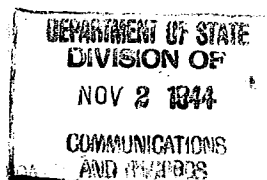
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No. 176.

Pursuant to the understanding between Ambassador
Steinhardt and the Turkish authorities a special
railroad train was made available for the transportation
to the Syrian border of the passengers of the vessel
SILMHATTIN (see Ankara's 175, October 30) and the entire
group departed from Istanbul for Palestine on October 31.

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November 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Filpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of October 30, 1944:

"106. Steamship SALADIN arrived Istanbul from Constanza October 28 carrying 947 of whom half from Hungary. Group proceeding Palestine October 30."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
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FOR LEVITT FROM PILPEL JUC 106 WRB 240.

Steamship SALADHIN arrived Istanbul from Costanza

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the assurances given the Ambassador by the Foreign Office which we refer to here as the general agreement. The foregoing is for your information. Additional material will be sent by pouch.

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November 3, 1944

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RE 2070 from Ankara dated October 30, 2 p.m.

On page one line eleven please delete "fourth" and
insert "forced" making line read "who were liberated
from the forced labor mine at Bor,".

Correction from Embassy, Ankara.

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