

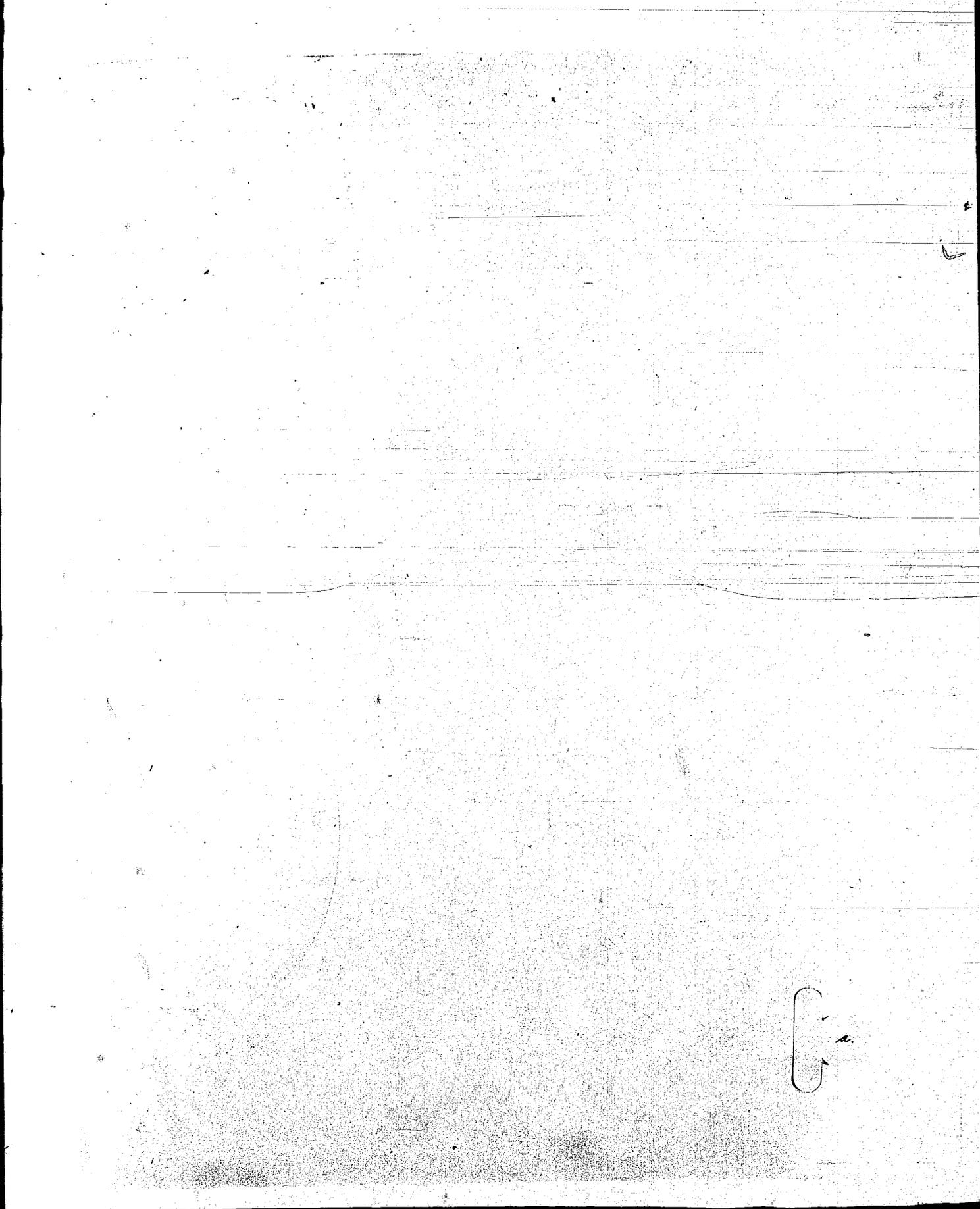
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A LETTER TO MR. DENT FROM MR. HAVENS, OF 6/22/45, RE: TRANSFER
OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT ANKARA AND LISBON.

SEE: PORTUGAL (2)

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Ankara

Dated May 17, 1945

Rec'd 8:10 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

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651, May 17, Noon

All WRE material forwarded to O'Dwyer (DEPTEL
502, May 9) in pouches leaving Ankara Mar 27, Apr 10
and Apr 13, registered on bills 25 29 and 30 res-
pectively under numbers 378 379 380 452 453 and 465.

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The following for Backer from War Refugee

Board is WRB 149.

Stockholm has received 98,500 transferred

from Ankara.

// Have you mailed envelope containing WRB //
papers addressed to Mrs. Henderson?

GREW
(ACTING)
(GLE)

WRB:HEV:lg
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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MEMORANDUM

ANKARA

CC/L, Twenty-first

and following for Mrs. Henderson is WRB 148.

Permission granted for any stops en route this country.

Carryable annual leave.

UNSW
(Acting)
(initials)

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3/21/45

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Permission granted for any stops en route to the country.
Carryable annual leave.

This is HQ Ankara cable no. 148

March 20, 1945
3:00 p.m.

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison,
McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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Ankara via War

Dated March 19, 1945

Rec'd 1:50 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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373, March 19, 4 p.m.

FROM THE AMBASSADOR FOR O'DWYER WAR REFUGEE

BOARD NO. 15.

Mrs. Henderson requests permission to stop off
three days in Palestine en route to the United States
(see Department's 309, WRB 145) chargeable against her
annual leave. Please telegraph reply.

STEINHARDT

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The following to Steinhilberdt for Mrs. Henderson
from War Refugee Board is WRS 145.

Mrs. Henderson is ordered to return to the
United States leaving Turkey by the end of March.

The Embassy is authorized to arrange transpor-
tation by air for Mrs. Henderson from Ankara to the
United States on a reimbursable basis. Please make
necessary ticket arrangements at Cairo Legation to
facilitate return, Cairo also to be reimbursed.

SECRETARIUS
(S.S.)

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

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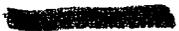
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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Cairo
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: March 1, 1945
NUMBER: 509
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Katzki sends the following for O'Dwyer.

You are informed that I am delayed in Cairo for four days.
On February 28th, I hope to depart.

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Handwritten notes:
Ankara
Dated February 23, 1945
Rec'd 6:14 p.m.

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Dated February 23, 1945

Rec'd 6:14 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

257, February 23, 6 p.m.
FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Katzki departed from Ankara (REDEPTEL 171 February
7 and 202, February 15) yesterday via Cairo.

STEINHARDT

RB

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Exec. to thru Turkey
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February 15, 1945 *Stacy*
9 p.m.

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The following for Katzki from O'Dwyer is URG 143.
We approve your stopover in Palestine for a few days. Important that you arrive in Washington before February 28.

GREW
(Acting)
(GW)

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CABLE TO KATZEL, ANKARA, FROM O'DWYER, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

We approve your stopover in Palestine for a few days.

Important that you arrive in Washington before February 28.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 143

2:30 p.m.
February 15, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston,
Hodel, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

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Ankara
Dated February 14, 1945

Rec'd 5:10 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

MOST IMMEDIATE

228, February 14, Noon.

FROM KATZKI TO ODWYER WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Expect leave Istanbul February 19. (Ankara's 12.)

See Department's 171, Odwyer's personal telegram to
Katzki). Urgent I discuss several matters Jerusalem
relating programs WRB and general relief matters
Balkans before returning Washington. Therefore planning
stopover few days Palestine if you agree. Cable urgently
advising me any special problems you wish investigated
during return trip.

STEINHARDT

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be closely guarded.

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5 p.m. *was Ref. Bot.*

Gen. O'Dwyer

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PERSONAL FOR KATZKI FROM O'DWYER.

URGENT THAT YOU RETURN TO WASHINGTON

IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE ADVISE DATE OF DEPARTURE.

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ACTING
(GHW)

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PERSONAL FOR KATZKI, ANKARA, FROM O'DWYER, WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Urgent that you return to Washington immediately. Please advise
date of departure.

THIS IS WRE ANKARA CABLE NO. 142. ^X

4:00 pm.
February 7, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Hodel, Gaston,
McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

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The following for Ketzki is WRD 141.

Reference your No. 152 of January 30, 1945. In view of your analysis of the situation with respect to the rescue of refugees from enemy or enemy-occupied territory from Turkey, you are requested to close the office of the War Refugee Board in Turkey and to return to the United States immediately for consultation. Andrews concurs.

The files should be sent by pouch to us. We have cleared with State Department here for the Embassy to take over all office equipment as inventoried in your letter of October 2, 1944. Also include the two portable typewriters of our secretaries. The Embassy will use or store equipment until further instructed regarding final disposition. See Department's A-61b of November 6.

The Embassy is authorized to arrange your return trip payable from confidential funds at your disposal.

All unused War Refugee Board funds are to remain in custody of Embassy until further notice. Notify us of approximate amount and postpone detailed accounting of all funds

until your
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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-2- #160, February 3, 11 p.m., to Ankara.

until your return. 3

We agree with your recommendation concerning Mrs.
Henderson.

Please cable board date of departure.

GREW
(Acting)
(GIW)

WHB:NE.V:BM
2/3/46

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CABLE TO STEINHAUPT, ANKARA, FOR KATZKI FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 152 of January 30, 1945. In view of your analysis of the situation with respect to the rescue of refugees from enemy or enemy-occupied territory from Turkey, you are requested to close the office of the War Refugee Board in Turkey and to return to the United States immediately for consultation. Andrews concurs.

The files should be sent by pouch to us. We have cleared with State Department here for the Embassy abroad to take over all office equipment as inventoried in your letter of October 2, 1944. Also include the two portable typewriters of our secretaries. The Embassy will use or store equipment until further instructed regarding final disposition. See Department's A525 of November 6.

The Embassy is authorized to arrange your return trip payable from confidential funds at your disposal.

All unused War Refugee Board funds are to remain in custody of Kelly until further notice. Notify us of approximate amount and postpone detailed accounting of all funds until your return.

We agree with your recommendation concerning Mrs. Henderson.

Please cable Board date of departure.

THIS IS WAR ANKARA CABLE NO. 141.

3:00 p.m.
February 3, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Filos

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*Iran Rep. Fed.
J. H. C.*

EK-1555

Ankara

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REC'd 10:40 p.m.

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(LIAISON)

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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152, January 30, noon.

FROM KATZKI TO PEHLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD. Ankara's

No. 8. SEE Department's 95 WRB 138.

The activities of the War Refugee Board in Turkey in my opinion do not warrant maintaining an office there any longer. Emigration which might take place in the future from Rumania or Bulgaria will be of a normal type and not in the nature of rescue activities. The absence of board representatives in those countries leaves us without independent sources of information in those areas and communications through ordinary channels are irregular and not dependable. This renders impossible the orderly organization or direction from Turkey of whatever rescue activities from enemy or enemy occupied areas might be undertaken with Sofia or Bucharest as centers.

I recommend therefore that unless for policy reasons you deem it desirable to maintain representation in

Turkey

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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-2-#152, January 30, noon, from Ankara.

Turkey you direct me to close the board and return to Washington for consultation. Under those circumstances please advise me: (1) What disposition you wish to have made of our files. Shall they be sent to you by pouch for your records or left in Turkey.

(2) What dispositions shall be made of office inventory (see Department's 980 WRB 123). We understand that the State Department has issued instructions that surplus supplies of governmental agencies abroad be delivered to local FEA representatives and the representative in Istanbul is willing to accept such supplies from us.

Miss Bixler will accept employment from another governmental agency in Turkey and you will be advised in due course of the effective date of her resignation. I recommend that Mrs. Henderson remain in Istanbul for approximately four weeks after my departure for whatever details might remain unfinished. Thereafter she will return to Washington and the American Embassy in Ankara or the Consulate General in Istanbul will be able to follow up whatever remains unfinished at that time.

I have discussed the recommendations in this telegram with Ambassador Steinhardt who is in agreement.

STEINHARDT

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January 19, 1946
6 p.m.

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The following for Krtzki is WRB 139.

With reference to your 29 of January 6 the Board has not
(repeat not) been able to obtain permission for you to proceed to

Rumania and Bulgaria.

In view of this and in view also of the decreased possibility
for rescue in the Balkan area, the Board would appreciate
your recommendations with regard to the closing of the War Refugee
Board office in Turkey and your return to Washington for consulta-
tion. Andrews agrees.

In view of your 51 of January 11, it is assumed that if you
decide to close the War Refugee Board office in Turkey, Miss Bixler
will accept other employment in Turkey whereas Mrs. Henderson will
return to the United States. The Board has no (repeat no) objec-
tion to Miss Bixler's accepting other employment provided that
this is agreeable to you. It is the Board's understanding that
no (repeat no) certificate of availability will be required for
Miss Bixler to accept government employment with other American
agencies in Turkey.

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

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CABLE TO STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FOR KATZKI FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

With reference to your 29 of January 6 the Board has not (repeat not) been able to obtain permission for you to proceed to Rumania and Bulgaria.

In view of this and in view also of the decreased possibilities for rescue in the Balkan area, the Board would appreciate your recommendations with regard to the closing of the War Refugee Board office in Turkey and your return to Washington for consultation. Andrews agrees.

In view of your 51 of January 11, it is assumed that if you decide to close the War Refugee Board office in Turkey, Miss Bixler will accept other employment in Turkey whereas Mrs. Henderson will return to the United States. The Board has no (repeat no) objection to Miss Bixler's accepting other employment provided that this is agreeable to you. It is the Board's understanding that no (repeat no) certificate of availability will be required for Miss Bixler to accept government employment with other American agencies in Turkey.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 138.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

JH. cleared with Proc Andrews. cleared with Mrs. Pehle
sw MS:DW:PH:hd 1/18/45

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Ankara

Dated January 11, 1945

Rec'd 11:15 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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51, January 11, 11 p.m.
FROM KATZKI TO PEHLE, WRB.

Ankara's number 5 (confidential reference is made to the Embassy's telegram number 2323 and 31 Ankara's 202 and 2). At the present time it appears that the activities of the War Refugee Board in Turkey during the immediate future will become more limited in scope. Pending receipt of information regarding the Board's plans it is my opinion that our office will not require the services of two secretaries. Miss Bixler will be in a position to accept offers of employment which have been made to her by other official American agencies in Turkey upon receipt from us of a certificate of availability in accordance with War Manpower Commission regulations. Under these circumstances provided no complications arise in the future with the Comptroller of the Currency resulting from a possible extended stay in Europe by Mrs. Henderson in connection with Board matters and dependent upon the Board's plans and programs

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-2- #51, January 11, 11 p.m., from Ankara.

programs you might wish to consider whether or not Miss Bixler shall be released. As an alternative Mrs. Henderson or Miss Bixler both of whom are of value to the Board in its overseas service might be transferred to another station in Europe. On the other hand the Board might desire to have someone in Turkey to handle details connected with Board affairs which might arise should I proceed to Bulgaria or Rumania with secretarial assistance. I would then recommend stationing Mrs. Henderson in Turkey and I would take Miss Bixler with me.

Please advise telegraphically.

STEINHARDT

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Ankara 31
Dated January 6, 1945
Rec'd 8:11 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

29, January 6, 1 p.m.

FROM KATZKI TO PEHLE WRB ANKARA'S NO. 1.

I would appreciate information (Department's 1115,
November 30 WRB 132) regarding present status of
application for travel permits for me to proceed to
Rumania and Bulgaria.

STEINHARDT

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

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420. 12-28-44 Turkey (2)

TELETYPE OF TURKEY RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN EMBASSY, ANKARA
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 26, 1944
NUMBER: 2407
X

The following message is to Pehle, WRB, Ankara's 206 from Katzka.

The sum of 2,000 gold sovereigns was shipped to Ankara in March 1944 as a fund to be utilized for WRB's rescue projects. The whole amount mentioned above which is intact remains in the custody of the American Embassy in Ankara and the continued safeguarding of these funds is unduly burdensome in the absence of proper facilities. It is desired by the Embassy to be relieved of this responsibility and I have no facilities for keeping it. Since there is at this time no apparent need for this gold in Turkey for WRB or other purposes it is recommended by me that it be returned to America. Wire the disposition you desire to be made of this gold.

In the foregoing Ambassador Steinhardt agrees.

STEINHARDT

DCR:MLG
12-28-44 mlk

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Ankara

Dated November 7, 1944

Rec'd 2:36 a.m., 8th

Secretary of State,
Washington,

2129, November 7, 3 p.m.

FROM KATZKI TO PEHLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD. ANKARA'S

NO. 180.

The inventory requested in your WRB 123 is being
transmitted to you by pouch.

STEINHARDT

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, November 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We refer to your telegram of November 1, WRB
No. 123.

The inventory we took over through purchase
from our lessor at the time we rented our office
included:

2 Standard telephone sets @ T.L. 75.00	T.L. 150.00
2 inter-office telephone sets and wiring	100.00
1 F. Wertheim and Co. safe, with wooden top and wooden pedestal	475.00
2 plate glass desk tops @ T.L. 42.00	84.00
1 electric fan	20.00
Total:	T.L. 829.00 = #459 ⁰³

These items were purchased out of the general
funds in our possession, as outlined in my memoran-
dum to Mr. Hirschmann dated October 2, 1944. @ 1.806-#1-

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki
Herbert Katzki

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

Check for this value plus

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2 Portable Typewriters \$45.29 each.

1 Royal Typewriter
1 Royal Typewriter

No. B-1105023 @ \$45.29 - Miss Bixler
No. B-1103586 @ \$45.29 - Mrs. Henderson

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Herbert Katzki, Representative
War Refugee Board
American Consulate General
Istanbul, Turkey

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Mr. J. W. Penle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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Istanbul, November 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

refer to your telegram of November 1, ARB
No. 123.

The inventory we took over through purchase
from our lessor at the time we rented our office
included:

2 Standard telephone sets	T.L. 75.00	T.L. 150.00
2 inter-office telephone sets and wiring		100.00
1 H. Wertheim and Co. safe, with wooden top and wooden pedestal		475.00
2 plate glass desk tops	T.L. 42.00	84.00
1 electric fan		20.00
Total:		T.L. 829.00

These items were purchased out of the general
funds in our possession, as outlined in my memoran-
dum to Mr. Hirschmann dated October 2, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki

Mr. J. E. Eehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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*Refer to WEB files and
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November 1, 1944

5 p.m.

ANEMBASSY

ANKARA
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The following for Katzki is WRB 123.

Reference your October 2 memorandum to Hirschmann
indicating office equipment expenditure. Please furnish
inventory listing each article and approximate value and
from what funds purchased. At proper time further
instructions will inform you concerning disposal.

For security reasons the
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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CABLE TO ABRAHAMSON, STEINHAARDT, ANKARA, FROM KATZKI, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your October 2 memorandum to Hirschmann indicating office equipment expenditure. Please furnish inventory listing each article and approximate value and from what funds purchased. At proper time further instructions will inform you concerning disposal.

PHI I RE ANKARA CABLE NO. 123

4:45 p.m.
October 31, 1944

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

dw-DWhite:agr 10-30-44 *mm BT*

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 7, 1944.

Dear Mr. Peble:

I believe that Mr. Henderson undoubtedly has told you of our office set-up in Istanbul, he has also informed you, I believe, that either Mrs. Henderson or Miss Bixler will be coming back to Washington. It is in these circumstances that I am writing to you.

When Mr. Henderson left Istanbul, after discussing administrative matters, we decided that, so far as possible, we would try to close the office we have at present and move to the consulate. Up to the present there has been no room in the consulate which we could obtain so that, perforce, we have been obliged to maintain office there. It is now to give them up now, we would find ourselves in a worse situation than we were last July when it was necessary for us to take some rooms in an Istanbul hotel to use as an office.

As a matter of fact, it now appears to me, I think I shall keep Mrs. Henderson with me. I have indicated as much to Miss Bixler who has told me that she has not an offer from other American organizations in Istanbul as much as Mrs. Henderson - to associate herself with them. I have not yet decided to let Mrs. Bixler go for the following reasons:

I do not know what the plans of the Board are. If it should develop that I am to go to Bulgaria and Rumania, I shall have to take one of the secretaries with me as there will be no American available in either of these places to do any work for us. Under these circumstances, unless I have stenographic assistance travel with me wherever I go, it would be necessary to have someone in, say, Bucharest and in Istanbul. For that reason I have not wanted to release Mrs. Bixler. In case I do, it will not be possible to get her back. Also you might want to use her elsewhere as she is now familiar with W.R.P. matters.

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How ever constructive now helpful it would be for me if I knew what
the views of the Board are. I do not want to disturb our set-up here
in the absence of the necessary information I possess. Would you please
kindly let us know, preferably by cable, in order to save time,
and if the information is --

With best wishes to you and everyone in the W.R.B. in the New Year I am

Truly yours,

Herbert Katz

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Ankara

Dated October 4, 1944

Rec'd 9:52 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

1899, October 4, midnight.

x
Hirschmann departed by air for Cairo today
en route to United States. Please inform War
Refugee Board.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann, Special Representative,
War Refugee Board, has in his possession a number of
documents relating to matters connected with the area of
North Africa and Turkey in which the War Refugee Board
is interested. Mr. Hirschmann is authorized to have
possession of these documents and to carry them with him
at all times whether he is traveling within or outside of
the United States.

(Signed) John W. Pehle

John W. Pehle
Executive Director

Traveler

WStewart:dm 6/7/44
dw W.S.

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Dear Mr. McCloy:

Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann, who has been in Turkey as the Board's Special Representative since early this year, is being recalled for important consultation. You will recall that as a result of your assistance last March a priority 2 rating was arranged for Mr. Hirschmann's return from that area. Also, you greatly facilitated his return to the Far East in June.

Mr. Hirschmann is now ready to return to Washington and it is very important that he leave at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, I should greatly appreciate it if a priority 2 rating could be arranged again so that he may leave Cairo promptly by air.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable John J. McCloy,
Assistant Secretary,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle
Copy to Mr. White*

JW
White:dg 10/2/44

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51 Ankara

Dated September 29, 1944

Rec'd 10:20 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1860, September 29, 6 p.m.

FROM HIRSCHMANN FOR WRB.

Ankara's No. 163.

Referring to the Department's 829 of September 28,

I am concluding my work in Turkey and making preparations
to return immediately to the United States for consultation.

I should appreciate it if you could arrangement for a
two (repeat two) priority for me from Cairo in order to
expedite my travel.

STEINHARDT

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arrangement. (SECRET)

September 26, 1944

7 p.m.

EMBASSY

ANKARA

829

The following for Hirschmann is WRB 113.

Please refer to your 1767 of September 19.

In view of your analysis of the situation with respect to the rescue of refugees from Hungary by way of the Balkans and Turkey you are requested to return to the United States immediately for consultation.

With respect to your 1764 of September 19, I concur in your suggestion that no approach be made to the Turkish Government at this time concerning the CE TARI.

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(MMV)

WRB:MMV:KO
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By R. H. Parks Date

SEP 18 1972

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

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Ankara

Dated September 19, 1944

Rec'd 1:10 p.m., 20th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

1767, September 19, 2 p.m.

PERSONAL FOR FEHLE WRB FROM HIRSCHMANN, ANKARA NO. 157.

My most recent survey of the conditions and developments since my telegram of September 5 (Ankara No. 159) particularly with respect to the situation in Transylvania has led to the conclusion that the possibilities for rescue activities from Hungary through Turkey are now remote. All railroad communications and movement by civilians between Hungary and the Balkans not to speak of (*) have come to an end. Since the Rumanian and Bulgarian declaration of war on Germany, the Russian front is now in Transylvania where it would appear a major front is being created. Under these circumstances it appears most unlikely that further rescue activities from Hungary can be effected by way of the Balkans and Turkey. Over and above these considerations there is the added element that it is most unlikely that the Russians would permit us to conduct rescue activities through their field of military operations.

As the policy of the Board as set forth in its No. 106, September 7 makes it clear that my activities are limited to the rescue of refugees as distinguished from their relief, I am of the opinion that the future opportunities for the rescue of refugees from Hungary through Turkey are so limited as to no longer require or justify my continued presence in Ankara particularly as Katzki is prepared to remain here indefinitely. In the light of the most recent developments, I see little advantage to be gained in my proceeding to Bucharest even were the necessary authorization granted. On the other hand, should it be deemed desirable for a representative of the Board to proceed to Bucharest Katzki is qualified to undertake the mission at the appropriate time under Ambassador Steinhardt's general supervision.

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In view of the foregoing and unless for reasons unknown to me you desire my continued presence in Ankara I request your consent to my immediate return to the United States for consultation particularly as there are aspects of the Board's rescue program not necessarily connected with Turkey which I should like to discuss with you. The Ambassador concurs in the foregoing.

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(*) Apparent Omission.

Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Drury, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Cable Control Files.

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W.F.
P.

Istanbul, September 8, 1944

Dear John:

When you see Mr. Irving Sherman, he will tell you about an office which we rented in Istanbul to conduct the activities of the War Refugee Board here. In order not to tie ourselves up with long-term commitments, we have taken up the end of a lease which still has several months to run. We decided, in view of present circumstances, that this procedure was better than to take over premises for an entire year under a fresh lease. Mr. Sherman will explain these details to you.

Naturally, arrangements will have to be made to finance this transaction. The rent will have to be paid in a lump sum now, covering the unexpired term of the lease. In order to meet these requirements we could, of course, have requested an additional transfer of funds from you for these purposes. However, Mr. Sherman was in possession of funds in Istanbul which had been transferred from the United States, and which were unused at the time of his departure. Accordingly, as a matter of expediency, we took over from Mr. Sherman the balances he had, amounting to 3,250 Turkish Lira, on the understanding that settlement would be made in the United States after the necessary formalities had been worked out in Washington. The rate of exchange is the official rate, namely 1.900 Turkish Lira to the dollar.

Cordially yours,

I. A. Hirschmann
Special Attache

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

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*Refer to WEB files
sent in per Turkey*

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Ankara

Dated July 19, 1944

Rec'd 3:56 a.m., 20th

Secretary of State,
Washington.

1315, Nineteenth

FROM HIRSCHMANN FOR UNR REFUGEE BOARD AMK.R.

RC. 98.

Mrs. Henderson and Miss Bixler arrived yesterday. Please inform families.

KELLEY

JJM

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agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

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Dated July 13, 1944

Rec'd 1:56 a.m., 14th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

1271, July 13, 4 p.m.
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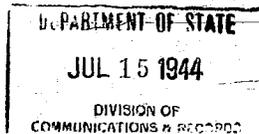
FOR W/R REFUGEE BOARD FROM HIRSCHMANN.

Ankara No. 95.

I should appreciate it if you would take the
necessary steps to arrange for the arrival in Turkey
at the earliest possible moment of the two selected
secretaries Miss Bixler and Mrs. Henderson. Their
assistance is absolutely necessary in view of the
pressure of activity here and further delay in their
arrival will impair our efforts.

KELLEY

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Ankara

Dated June 30, 1944

Rec'd 8:27 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

1187, 30th

WAR REFUGEE BOARD NUMBER 82.

Katzki arrived Ankara yesterday. Please
inform family.

STEINHARDT

MRM
EJH

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Assoc. to + Film Turkey (9a)

Turkey

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11:40 A. M.

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AMEMBASSY,

June 21, 1944

ANKARA

War Refugee Board is sending Mrs. Virginia D. Henderson to Ankara in the near future to serve as secretarial assistant to Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann, War Refugee Board Special Agent in Ankara.

MMH
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FA:EE 5/12/44

WKS KM QFH

cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Kahn, Bernstein, Cohn, Doyle, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lasser, Lufford, Mann, Hanson, Marks, McCormack, Sargoy, Smith, Stendish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Pehle, Filson

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PLAIN

Ankara

Dated June 17, 1944

Rec'd 5:47 p.m. 18th

Secretary of State,
Washington,

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Hirschmann arrived Ankara today. Please inform

War Refugee Board and family.

STEINHARDT

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: June 16, 1944
NUMBER: 539

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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From War Refugee Board to Steinhardt
Please deliver the following message to Reuben Resnik,
Istanbul, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

"Hirschmann returning Ankara Katzki also arriving
Istanbul soon. We hopeful rescue activities can be
expanded and convinced fullest wholehearted cooperation your
part with Hirschmann most essential this purpose."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 55.

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

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CABLE TO ANKARA

From War Refugee Board to Steinhardt

Please deliver the following message to Reuben Resnik, Istanbul, from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Hirschmann returning Ankara Katzki also arriving Istanbul soon Stop We hopeful rescue activities can be expanded and convinced fullest wholehearted cooperation your part with Hirschmann most essential this purpose"

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 55

June 15, 1944
10:15 a.m.

cc:McCoy, Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

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Cairo
Dated June 16, 1944
Rec'd 12:04 p.m., 17th

Secretary of State
Washington

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1642 June 16, 7:00 p.m.

FROM HIRSCHMANN TO PEHLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

En route through Algiers by arrangement Ackerman met me at airport when I informed him of instructions telephoned me for him by Dubois and for your information Ackerman is apparently getting necessary cooperation in his debarkation program. Your strong support last week was inordinately effective.

Regarding Hungary Karakash in Algiers has submitted through Ackerman suggestions which may be helpful. It may be desirable to consider Karakash for practical assistance in that situation in Istanbul.

I am proceeding by first plane. Expect to arrive in Ankara late Monday the 19th where I hope to consult with Ambassador Steinhardt.

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For Secretary Ankara, the
Distribution of text of this message must
reading only by special arrangement. (SECRET W.) Dated June 12, 1944
Rec'd 8:14 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

1053, June 12, 8 p.m.
Department's 522 June 10.

Personal for Fehle War Refugee Board from the

Ambassador.

Ankara No. 73.

You may rest assured that I shall await Hirschmann's
arrival in Ankara before leaving for Washington.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: June 10, 1944
NUMBER: 522

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Pehle sends the following, [redacted] and personal, for the Ambassador.

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You are informed that on Sunday, June 11, Hirschmann is departing for Ankara by quickest route. If possible, we consider it desirable, in view of the nature of the matter referred to in our no. 514, for you to await Hirschmann's return to Ankara in order for you to receive from him a full report of the views of the Government in connection with the procedures which you and he should take and in order that you may have an opportunity to exercise your direction and judgment in this matter before your departure. Please inform.

Following is personal from the Undersecretary.

I leave to your discretion whether or not to delay your departure on this account for I know how anxious you are to return to Washington.

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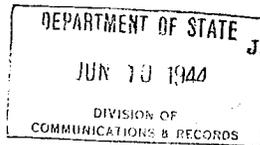
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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June 9, 1944
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EMBASSY,

ANKARA.

War Refugee Board is sending Miss Mary H. Bixler to Ankara in the near future to serve as secretarial assistant to Mr. Herbert Katzki, WRB representative who is proceeding to Ankara to assist Mr. Mirachmann. This is in accord with the request made by the Ambassador in his telegram no. 888 of May 17, 1944, that a secretary accompany Mr. Katzki.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: June 6, 1944
NUMBER: 512

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You are informed that in the near future Mr. Herbert Ketzki is being sent to Ankara by the War Refugee Board to serve as Administrative Assistant to Mr. Ira Hirschmann, WRB Special Attaché, who shortly is returning to Ankara.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Ankara
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: June 5, 1944
NUMBER: 1011
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Following is Ankara No. 70 from the Ambassador for the
War Refugee Board.

Reference is made herewith to Department's cable dated
June 3, No. 506.

I am informed by the Foreign Office that the Turkish
Embassy in Washington has authorized the issuance of a visa
to Hirschmann.

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cc: Sec'y, Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel,
Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Sargoy, Smith,
Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Fehle, Files.

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Ankara

Dated June 5, 1944

Rec'd 2 a.m., 6th.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

1017, June 5, 10 p.m.

FOR STETTINIUS FROM STEINHARDT

Department's 493, June 1, 7 p.m.

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For your strictly confidential information and that of Pehle my 828, May 8 which it appears aroused some doubt in Pehle's mind as to whether I desired Hirschmann's immediate return to Turkey was an attempt on my part to meet the views expressed by Hirschmann in a personal telegram from him to me which passed through the Department as 394 of May 5.

Under all of the circumstances I think Hirschmann should leave for Ankara immediately and not (repeat not) await my arrival in Washington. Obviously his return here will be most welcome not only because of his energy and ability but because he is very congenial to all of us. It is probably unnecessary for me to assure you that Hirschmann will receive on his return to

Ankara

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-2- #1017, June 5, 10 p.m., from Ankara

Ankara the same wholehearted cooperation from the
Embassy staff that he received when he was here before.

Incidentally for your information Hirschmann is
an official member of my staff and as such took part
when in Ankara in the discussions on war refugee
matters with Turkish officials.

STEINHARDT

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATE: June 3, 1944
NUMBER: 506
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War-Refugee Board sends the following for Steinhardt.

Inasmuch as the War Refugee Board is anxious to facilitate Hirschmann's departure, the Board requests that you facilitate, in any way possible, the issuance of a Turkish visa which is being awaited by Hirschmann.

STETTINIUS
Acting

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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War Refugee Bd
Mr. Pable
April 18, 1944

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ANKARA.

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FOR STEINHAUSE FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

WRB No. 28.

Hirschmann arrived Saturday. We are gratified to receive his personal report on the difficult situation in Turkey which you and he faced and which you are now facing. We are convinced that his report in person was indispensable to the Board's continued program in Turkey.

Hirschmann is working here with us on the pending situations and you will hear from us concretely as soon as possible.

The Board desires again to express to you its great appreciation for the unstinting and wholehearted support which Hirschmann has reported that you have given to all of the efforts of this Government to save the lives of victims of Nazi oppression.

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Mr. Wilson

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April 17, 1944

To: Mr. Warren

From: Mr. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the
attached cable dispatched as soon as possible.

Attachment.

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FROM THE WAR
REFUGEE BOARD.

Hirschmann arrived Saturday. We are gratified to receive his personal report on the difficult situation in Turkey which you and he faced and which you are now facing. We are convinced that his report in person was indispensable to the Board's continued program in Turkey.

Hirschmann is working here with us on the pending situations and you will hear from us concretely as soon as possible.

The Board desires again to express to you its great appreciation for the unremitting and wholehearted support which Hirschmann has reported that you have given to all of the efforts of this Government to save the lives of victims of Nazi oppression.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 25

April 17, 1944
5:15 p.m.

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

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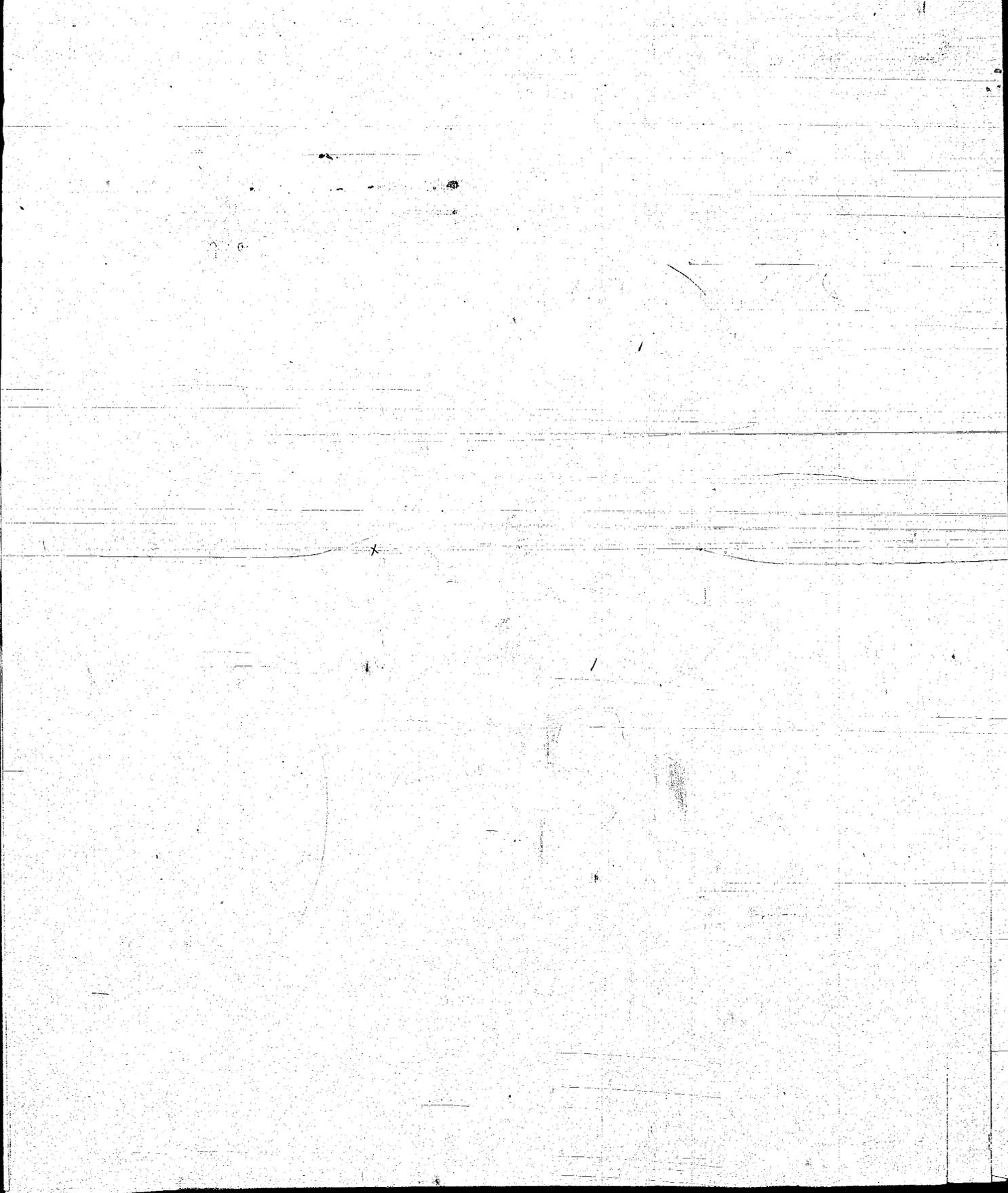
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STANDARD ARMY REGULATIONS FOR THE ARMY ENGINEERING CORPS
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS
SECTION 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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3/25/44

March 25, 1944

Mr. Collado

Mr. White

Please send the following cable to the American Embassy, Ankara, Turkey, for Steinhardt from Treasury:

Two thousand sovereigns were delivered by British Treasury to Legation in Cairo, for delivery to Ambassador, Ankara, for Hirschmann. Please advise Treasury if delivery has been made.

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Dated February 16, 1944

Rec'd 7:05 a.m. 17th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

270, February 16, 10 a.m.

Ira Hirschmann arrived Ankars February 14.

Department's 120, February 12, 8 p.m. I also

delighted with his selection of (*) as the acting
special representative of the War Refugee Board to
be assigned to the Embassy as special Attache in
connection with war refugee matters. I have acquainted
him fully with the Department's instruction under reply.

Mr. Hirschmann is prepared to assume the respon-
sibilities described and is familiarizing himself
with the situation. His only reservation is the time
element as he has a commitment with Bloomingdale
Brothers regarding his return within a limited period
of time. He believes, however, that his leave of
absence can be extended if necessary.

Please inform John Pehle of the foregoing
and Mrs. Hirschmann of his arrival here.

STEINHARDT

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(*) apparent omission

Mr. Pehle	Mr. Luxford	Mr. DuBois	Mr. E. M. Bernstein
Mr. Lesser	Mr. Friedman	Miss Hodel	Mr. Pollak Mr. Stewart

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Copies to:

Secretary (Miss Chauncey)

Mr. Paul

Mr. Gaston

Mr. White

Mr. Pehle

Mr. Luxford

Mr. DuBois

Mr. E. M. Bernstein

Mr. Stewart

Mr. Lesser

Mr. Friedman

Mr. Pellak

Miss Hodel

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J. H. Pehelle FFC
Mr. J. W. Pehelle

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Cairo

Dated February 8, 1944

Rec'd 3:45 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

FEB 10 1944

230, February 8, 6 p.m.

FOR J. H. PEHELLE, DIRECTOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FROM IRA HIRSCHMAN.

Have encountered difficulty and delay in making travel arrangements due to lack documents showing official status. Urgent that you expedite instructions regarding issuance official status. Already fertile field for terrific concrete results now. Will cable specific action needed pronto.

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MRM

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February 9, 1944

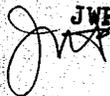
TO: Mr. Stettinius
FROM: J. W. Pehle

In accordance with our conversation there is attached a proposed cable to Steinhardt in Ankara with regard to Ira Hirschmann.

I think it is very important that this action be taken promptly. This has been cleared with Mr. Bundy of the War Department.

(Signed J. W. Pehle)

JWP:mgt 2/9/44



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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT IN TURKEY

Refer to Cable No. 68, concerning the War Refugee Board.

The President's Order provides that the State Department shall appoint special attaches with diplomatic status, on the recommendation of the Board, to be stationed abroad in places where it is likely that assistance can be rendered to war refugees, the duties and responsibilities of such attaches to be defined by the Board in consultation with the State Department.

Ira Hirschmann, a vice president of Bloomingdale Brothers and Company, Inc., departed for Turkey as a private citizen on January 25 to study this whole problem and discuss it with you.

In view of Hirschmann's background and experience, and the urgency of the problem, Hirschmann is hereby designated as Acting Special Representative of the Board; and the State Department, upon recommendation of the War Refugee Board, hereby designates Hirschmann as Special Attache on war refugee matters. Hirschmann is being accorded diplomatic status by the Department.

Hirschmann may, of course, communicate freely with the War Refugee Board through you and through the Department here. Under the President's Order, the Board's Acting Executive Director, John W. Pehle, is responsible for the prompt execution of the Board's programs and is charged with the supervision of the special attaches, including Hirschmann. In carrying out his activities on behalf of the Board in the field, Hirschmann will be directly responsible to you.

The following instructions have been issued by the Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, with the approval of the Department. You are requested to deliver the text of these instructions to Hirschmann.

QUOTE One. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417 of January 22, 1944, you are designated Acting Special Representative of the War Refugee Board in Turkey. You are being given diplomatic status and have been designated Special Attache to Ambassador Steinhardt. Working with and through Ambassador Steinhardt, you are charged with the duty and responsibility of carrying out the policies and programs of the Board in that area. A more detailed statement of your functions will be indicated below and in subsequent communications. You should immediately familiarize yourself with the contents of the various documents relating to the Board which will be furnished to you by the Ambassador.

Two. Within the Embassy, you are responsible to Ambassador Steinhardt. You should work with him, discuss with him problems which arise in the fulfillment of your duties and keep him regularly and fully informed of your activities. You are to have full use of the Embassy's communication facilities in sending and receiving messages related to your official functions.

As provided in Executive Order No. 9417, you are subject to the supervision of John W. Pehle, the Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

Three. Among the duties which you should undertake immediately are the following:

(a) Render all possible assistance to Ambassador Steinhardt in carrying out the instructions contained in Department's Cable No. 68 dated January 25, 1944.

(b) Work with and assist to the greatest extent possible, public and private agencies who are operating in your area in this field whether such organizations be American, foreign, international or intergovernmental.

(c) Develop and assist in the development of programs and aid in the effectuation of measures for the rescue, transportation, maintenance and relief of refugees. This effort should, of course, include all classes of operations for the purposes mentioned whether such operations be open or clandestine.

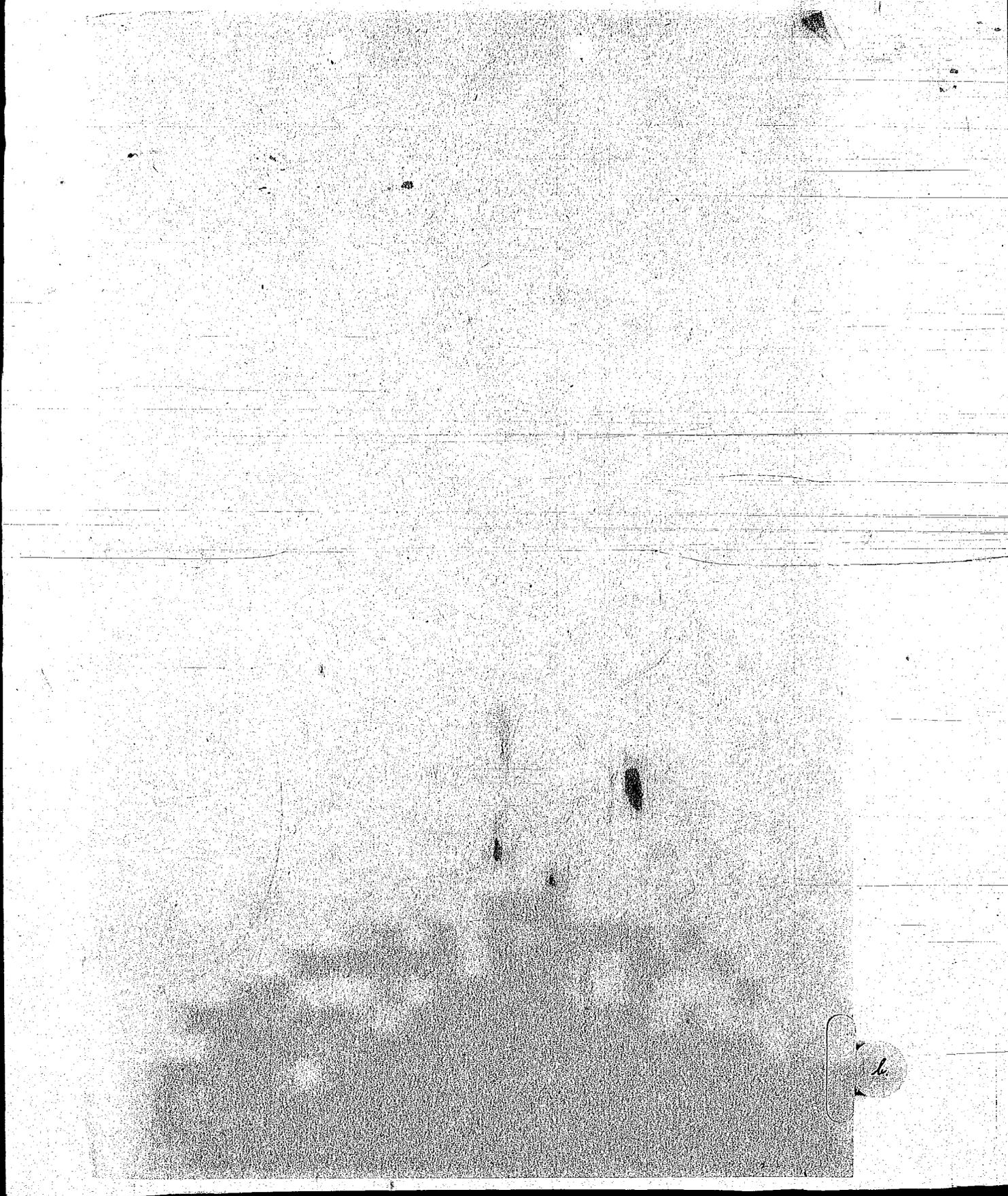
(d) Forward to the Acting Executive Director of the Board suggestions for action, reporting frequently on progress of work, obstacles encountered, etc.

Four. Upon indication of the necessities the Board will make available to you funds for operating expenses. You will also be authorized to employ locally personnel needed by you, including non-American citizens.

Five. In so far as the Trading with the enemy Act is concerned, the Secretary of the Treasury has vested in the War Refugee Board and its representatives in the field full authority to communicate with enemy territory to carry out the purposes of the Order. The Secretary of the Treasury has also delegated to the War Refugee Board and its representatives the power to authorize any public or private agencies, who may be subject to the provisions of our Trading with the enemy Act, to communicate with enemy territory for the purpose of carrying out the Order. You are authorized to act accordingly. UNQUOTE.

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JWP*

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informally with
Bundy 2/9/44
JWP*



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*2 War Ref. Bd.
(Peble)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED



FROM: American Embassy, Ankara
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: January 26, 1945
NUMBER: 136
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Follows for the attention of Peale of WRB and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Consigned to the American Legation Cairo, the 2,000 gold sovereigns are being transported in diplomatic pouch by State Department courier, leaving Ankara by ATC plane on January twenty-seven for Cairo. See Department's cable No. 90 dated January 19 and Embassy's cable No. 2407 dated December 26.

The foregoing message was repeated as No. 22 to Cairo.

STEINHARDT

U.S. [initials]

DC/L:NR 1/27/45

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

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January 16
5 p.m.
DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

*and ref 73af
Pehle*

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AMEMBASSY

ANKARA

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The following for Steinhardt and Katzki from
Secretary of Treasury and Pehle is WRB 137.

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

Reference your No. 2407 of December 26. The
2,000 gold sovereigns you are now holding for the
War Refugee Board should be sent immediately by
State Department pouch to the American Legation,
Cairo, which has been instructed as to their dis-
position.

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(GLW)

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT AND KATZKI, ANKARA, FROM SECRETARY OF THE
TREASURY AND PEHLE, WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 2407 of December 26. The 2,000 gold sovereigns
you are now holding for the War Refugee Board should be sent immediately
by State Department pouch to the American Legation, Cairo, which has been
instructed as to their disposition.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 137.

10:30 a.m.
January 19, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston,
Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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Emps FH:hd 1/18/45

*2 War Ref. Bd.
(Pehle)*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN EMBASSY, ANKARA
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 26, 1944
NUMBER: 2407

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The following message is to Pehle, WRB, Ankara's 206 from Katzki.

The sum of 2,000 gold sovereigns was shipped to Ankara in March 1944 as a fund to be utilized for WRB's rescue projects. The whole amount mentioned above which is intact remains in the custody of the American Embassy in Ankara and the continued safeguarding of these funds is unduly burdensome in the absence of proper facilities. It is desired by the Embassy to be relieved of this responsibility and I have no facilities for keeping it. Since there is at this time no apparent need for this gold in Turkey for WRB or other purposes it is recommended by me that it be returned to America. Wire the disposition you desire to be made of this gold.

In the foregoing Ambassador Steinhardt agrees.

STEINHARDT

DCR:MLG
12-28-44 *MLG*

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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Discovered with
arrange for shipment
to Cairo. Believed if we
would pay costs of about
\$100 I said yes
is wire advise to
JA.*

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arrangement. (██████████)

October 20, 1944

5 p.m.

*War Ref
Board
(Mr. Fehle)*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OCT 22 1944

AMEMBASSY

ANKARA

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The following for Kelley from Fehle is WFB 117.

Please transfer \$6,000 to Herbert Katzki for his use
in connection with War Refugee Board operations. This is
in addition to previous \$10,000 authorized in our No. 621
of July 10. Please confirm transfer by cable.

HULL
(GJW)

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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CABLE FOR AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FOR ROBERT F. KELLEY,
CONSULAR OF EMBASSY, FROM J. W. PEHLE

Please transfer \$5,000 to Herbert Katski for his use in
connection with War Refugee Board operations. This is in
addition to previous \$10,000 authorized in our No. 621 of
July 10. Please confirm transfer by cable.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 117.

9:30 a.m.
October 19, 1944

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

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10/18/44

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CABLE FOR AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT, ANKARA, FOR ROBERT F. KELLEY,
CONSULAR OF EMBASSY, FROM J. W. PEHLE

Please transfer \$5,000 to Herbert Katzki for his use in
connection with War Refugee Board operations. This is in
addition to previous \$10,000 authorized in our No. 621 of
July 10. Please confirm transfer by cable.

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dw: fmd
10/17/44
[Signature]

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For security reasons the
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JT-815 1944 AUG 10 AM 9 24 Ankara
This telegram must be
closely paraphrased before
being communicated to anyone.
(LIAISON) Dated August 8, 1944
Rec'd 11:18 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1453, August 8, 6 p.m.

FOR PEHLE, WRB, FROM KELLEY.

I have transferred today to Hirshmann at his
request the remaining \$5,000 which, as reported
in the Embassy's 1313, July 19, I have been holding
for him in my account.

KELLEY

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WSB

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

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Ankara
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: July 19, 1944
NUMBER: 1313

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Kelley sends the following for Pehls.

With reference to Department's cable of July 10, Number 621, WRE 75, \$50,000 has been transferred to Ivar Golzen, Stockholm by the Central Bank through the Chase National Bank, New York. Only \$5000 has been transferred by me to Hirschmann, as he asked me to hold the balance of \$45000 in my account for the present.

KELLEY

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7-21-44

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

McCormack, Pehls, Sargoy, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Files
Miss Chauncey (for the Secy), Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Borenstein, Cohn,
DuRoi, Evidon, Gordon, Hodel, Laskin, Lippman, Lippman, Mann, M... M...

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JULY 12 1944
6 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
JUL 13 1944

EMBASSY,

ANKARA.

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The WRS cable no. 80 below is for Kelley from Pehle.

In response to your 1233 of July 7, assume you have received by now our 610 and 621 in this connection.

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7/12/44

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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CABLE TO ANKARA

Please deliver the following message to Robert F. Kelley, Foreign Service Officer, from J. W. Poble.

In response to your 1233 of July 7, assume you have received by now our 610 and 621 in this connection.

THIS IS THE CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 80

July 12, 1944
12:25 p.m.

cc: Sec'y. Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann,
W Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.
RStewart; pdk 7/11/44

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July 10, 1944

6 p.m.

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AMEMBASSY,

ANKARA.

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The following War Refugee Board cable 75 from Pehle

is for Robert F. Kelley, Counselor of Embassy.

Of the \$160,000 transferred to your account in the
Banque Centrale de la Republique de Turquie, Ankara, by
cable on April 11, 1944, please transfer \$10,000 to Ira
Hirschmann for his use in connection with War Refugee
Board operations. Also transfer \$50,000 to Mr. Iver G.
Olsen, War Refugee Board Special Attache, United States
Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden. Please confirm both trans-
fers by cable.

For security reasons the
text of this message must
be classified "Secret"

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(GEW)

WRB:MMV:OMH
7/6/44

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

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CABLE TO ANKARA

Please deliver the following message to Ambassador Steinhardt, Ankara, for Robert F. Kelley, Foreign Service Officer, from J. W. Pehle.

Of the \$160,000 transferred to your account in the Banque Centrale de la Republique de Turquie, Ankara, by cable on April 11, 1944, please transfer \$10,000 to Ira A. Hirschmann for his use in connection with War Refugee Board operations. Also transfer \$50,000 to Mr. Iver C. Olsen, War Refugee Board Special Attache, United States Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden. Please confirm both transfers by cable.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 75.

July 5, 1944
3:40 p.m.

WStewart; pdk 7/5/44

W.J.

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paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Government
Agency. ()

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Akara

Dated July 7, 1944

Esc'd 8:09 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

1233, July 7, 1944

Mr. Katuki, representative of the War Refugee

Board, has advised me that he was informed before leaving
Washington that a sum of \$10,000 had been placed to my
credit for reimbursing representatives of the War Refugee
Board for traveling expenditures incurred by them in
Turkey. I have informed him that no funds of any sort
have been placed to my credit for expenditures on be-
half of representatives of the War Refugee Board and
that I have received no instructions with regard to making
any payments on their behalf. Mr. Kirechama has raised
the question of my paying travel expenses connected with
the carrying out of his duties. I would appreciate the
Department's instructions.

KELLEY

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

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AMEMBASSY,

ANKARA.
610

The following WRB cable 73 is for Hirschmann from

Pehle:

We are transferring ten thousand dollars to you for use at your discretion in furthering the program of the War Refugee Board. These funds are not subject to usual government disbursement procedure and you will be responsible to me alone for their expenditure. You should, however, keep careful record of expenditure and obtain receipts where possible.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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CABLE TO ANKARA

Please deliver the following message to Ambassador Steinhardt, Ankara,
for Hirschmann, from J. W. Pehle

We are transferring ten thousand dollars to you for use at your discretion
in furthering the program of the War Refugee Board. These funds are not
subject to usual government disbursement procedure and you will be re-
sponsible to me alone for their expenditure. You should, however, keep
careful record of expenditure and obtain receipts where possible.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ANKARA NO. 73

July 4, 1944
2:15 p.m.

Stewart; pdk7/4/44

W.S.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Ankara
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: May 14, 1944
NUMBER: 852
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Xolley sends the following for Fahle.

Reference is made herewith to the Department's telegram of May 9, 1944
No. 464; No. 53 Ankara.

You are informed that on the twenty-first of April the money in
question was received here.

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BCF:BBW 5/15/44

cc: Miss Chauncey (For the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn,
DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack,
Pehle, Pollak, Rains, Sargoy, Smith, Standish, Weinstein, H. D. White,
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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*War Ref Bd
Mr Pehle
1 copy only*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: May 9, 1944
NUMBER: 408

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Please deliver following message to Robert F. Kelley, Counselor of Embassy, Ankara, from J. W. Pehle.

For our information please advise date you received 160,000 dollar transfer from War Refugee Board.
THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 34

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

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CABLE TO ANKARA

Please deliver following message to Robert F. Kelley, Counselor of Embassy, Ankara, from J. W. Pehle.

For our information please advise date you received 160,000 dollar transfer from War Refugee Board.

THIS IS WFE ANKARA CABLE NO. 34

May 8, 1944
2:45 p.m.

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

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WStewart; pdk 5/5/44

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War Refugee Board
Mr. Pills

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

TO: American Embassy, Ankara
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: April 12, 1944
NO.: 321

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

War Refugee Board sends the following for the Ambassador:
It is suggested that the sovereigns be placed in bank safe deposit box pending discussions with Hirschmann and the issuance of further instructions.
Foregoing is WRB No. 21 and refers to your telegram of March 27, 1944 No. 544.

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

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CABLE TO ANKARA

Please deliver the following message to Ambassador Steinhardt, Ankara,
from J. W. Pehle, War Refugee Board.

QUOTE Re your 544. Suggest sovereigns be placed in bank safe
deposit box pending discussions with Hirschmann and issuance of further
instructions. UNQUOTE

This is WRB Cable to Ankara No. 21

April 12, 1944

11:00 A.M.

WStewart; pdk 4/17/44

W. J. EMB JED

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Miss FFC

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Embassy, Ankara
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: March 27, 1944
NUMBER: 544

[REDACTED]

Department's 260 dated March 25, 1944.

Taylor

I received the 2000 sovereigns and delivered them to Hirschmann who having no immediate use for them placed them in the safe at the Embassy. I would appreciate instructions regarding the disposition of this gold in view of Hirschmann's imminent return to Washington since the Embassy safe is not considered a particularly secure depository for gold.

STEINHARDT

DOR:MPL
3/29/44

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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other than a Government
Agency. (SC-CC)
Treasury

March 25, 1944

6 p.m.

AMBASSY,

ANKARA, TURKEY

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FOR STEINHARDT FROM TREASURY

Two thousand sovereigns were delivered by British Treasury to location
in Cairo, for delivery to Ambassador, Ankara, for Kirchmann. Please advise
Treasury if delivery has been made.

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3/25/44

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3-24-44

Distributed to: Mr. Bell (Mr. Dietrich); Mr. Paul; Mr. White (Mr. Glendinning-Orig.);
Mr. Luxford; Mr. Glendinning; Mr. Stewart; Mr. Bernstein; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Hess.

From Mrs. Fontaine - Room 225

VHT-733

This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency. (SC-00)

Ankara

Dated March 14, 1944

Rec'd 9:27 p.m., 15th

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF

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COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS

Secretary of State,
Washington.

452, March 14, 11 p.m.

Department's 139, March 11.

FROM MIRSCHMANN FOR PEHLE, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

While I appreciate your offer to provide whatever funds may be required for effective operations on behalf of the Board's program here, at the present stage substantial sums are not required in this connection.

Two. Desire to point out that until the transportation of refugees by vessel from Balkan ports to Palestine has begun, substantial funds are not necessary, as we are informed that the Jewish Agency with the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee is adequately provided with funds to finance the movement by rail.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

War Refugee Board
Mr. Pehle

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Ankara
DATED: March 11, 1944
NUMBER: 189

ATTENTION OF HIRSHMANN FROM PEHLE, WAR-REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference is made to our cable of March 2, no. 159.

We are ready to send you whatever funds for effective operation you may require. You should not hesitate to keep us advised of your needs at all times. We will transmit at once to you up to \$50,000 if this would assist in any way. Kindly advise us in regard to this matter.

The foregoing message is Ankara cable no. 4, War Refugee Board.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

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3-14-44

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

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March 7, 1944

10:50 a.m.

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: Mr. Pohle

Will you please transmit as soon as possible
the attached cable from the War Refugee Board to
Hirschmann in Ankara.

(Initialed) J. W. P.

Attachment.

JED:ecr
3/7/44

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AMBASSY

ANKARA

FOR LIA A. ERENCHMANN FROM MR. POULE, ACTING
DIRECTOR, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

This is WRB Cable to Ankara No. 4. Please
refer to our 150 of March 2.

We are prepared to send you whatever funds you
may require for effective operations. Do not hesitate
to keep us advised of your needs at all times.

If it would assist you in any way we will transmit
say fifty thousand dollars to you at once. Please advise.

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JHM:JED:ecr
3/6/44

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UNITED KINGDOM TREASURY DELEGATION

Box 680
Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1944

Mr. S. M. Bernstein
United States Treasury
Washington

My dear Maurice:

As I told you on the 'phone on Saturday, instructions have been given for the despatch of the sovereigns for which you asked to Ankara. The telegram to me is dated March 1, and the instructions had already been given then.

London suggest that repayment should take the form of your setting aside an equivalent amount of gold, ounce for ounce, in New York. If you agree the procedure and the arithmetic, would you please arrange for as near as possible but not less than 470,840 fine ounces to be set aside on Bank of England account with the F.R.B., New York, in replacement. The Bank of England in due course will also ask the F.R.B. to reimburse the costs incurred on your account.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Alex

A.T.K. Grant.

Noted. W.D.S/9

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3/7/44

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Miss Chauncey
Mr. Paul
Mr. Gaston
Mr. H. D. White
Mr. Fehle
Mr. Luxford
Mr. Dubois
Mr. E. N. Bernstein
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Lesser
Mr. Friedman
Miss Hodel
Mr. Pollak

~~Mr. Bundy~~
Mr. Richardson
Mrs. Langdon
Mrs. Lane

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TELEGRAM SENT

March 2, 1944

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency. (SC-60)

2 p.m.

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EMBASSY, ✓

ANKARA.

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FOR IRA H. WIRSCHMANN FROM MR. FELLE, ACTING DIRECTOR, WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

Arrangements are being made to have two thousand gold sovereigns for your use flown to the American Embassy at Ankara from Cairo. Acceptance of the shipment should be made by you as the War Refugee Board's special representative. Your ordinary administrative requirements will be taken care of in a different manner. The gold sovereigns are not repeat not being sent for that purpose. Cash payments therefrom are hereby authorized without receipts where receipts are not obtainable for the purpose of administering the policy set forth in the Executive Order and in carrying out your instructions. Under any circumstances keep careful record of expenditures and where possible obtain receipts therefor. You will be responsible for expenditures from these funds to me alone as they are confidential funds from the Emergency Fund of the President and may be disbursed without following the procedure usually required for Government disbursements. If you encounter any obstacles let me know immediately.

STETTINIUS
ACTING (GLW)

The following initialed the telegram before it was paraphrased. See attached cancelled green copy. (*RB/MCC)

WRB/GLW/KG 3/2/44

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 18 1972

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(Name of Applicant)

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(Application Number)

For Additional Material concerning Administrative Matters
in Turkey

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SEE: EVACUATION TO & THRU TURKEY (25)

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Istanbul, March 22, 1945

American Consulate General
Istanbul

Gentlemen:

Please deliver for shipment to the bearer of this letter, an Export Line Agent, the trunk deposited in the basement of the Consulate by Mr. Herbert Katzki, Representative of the War Refugee Board, and marked with his name.

Very truly yours,

Virginia D. Henderson
War Refugee Board

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Misc

Istanbul, February 15, 1945

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Am sending you herewith three ribbons for the Royal portable that you took with you yesterday. Also am including the pamphlet of instructions which explains the purpose of the various parts.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Virginia D. Henderson

Philip Ernst, Esquire
Vice Consul
American Embassy
Ankara

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. George (Yorgo) Lazarides, whose photograph is attached, was employed from September 1, 1944 to February 14, 1945, as a messenger in the offices being used as the temporary headquarters of the War Refugee Board's representative in Istanbul. As such, Mr. Lazarides performed his duties in a reliable manner and with initiative.

It is because of the closing of our offices that it has been necessary for us to dispense with his services.

Herbert Katzki
Representative
War Refugee Board

Istanbul
February 14, 1945

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U. S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY
AMERICAN EMBASSY
ISTANBUL

February 13, 1945.

Gentlemen:

With further reference to our circular-letter of
February 7, 1945, we beg to advise you now that our telephone
number is : 42348.

Very truly yours,

U.S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY

Emanuel Rosen

ER:lp

Emanuel Rosen

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Istanbul, February 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

With reference to Miss Mary Harriet Bixler's transfer from the War Refugee Board to the Office of War Information, we wish to advise you that according to a telegram which we have received from the War Refugee Board in Washington, it is their understanding that no certificate of availability will be required for Miss Bixler to accept Government employment with another American agency in Turkey.

This information was received by me in response to my inquiry as to whether or not the approval of the War Manpower Commission would be required for Miss Bixler to make a transfer.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki
Representative
War Refugee Board

George Pitcher, Esquire
Business Manager
Office of War Information
Istanbul

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DEPARTMENT
OF
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INCOMING
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

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This telegram must be
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communicated to anyone
other than a Government
Agency. ~~(SECRET)~~

Ankara

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Dated February 10, 1945

Rec'd 9:26 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

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206, February 10, 2 p.m.

FROM KATZKI TO O'DWYER, WRB, ANKARA'S 11.

See Department's 95, WRB 138.

Mary Harriet Bixler has transferred to the Istanbul
Bureau of the OWI. Her transfer is effective as of
February 9, her resignation from the staff of the WRB
is effective as of close of business February 8.
Embassy in Ankara has been advised and her letter of
resignation is being forwarded to you by pouch.

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Istanbul, February 9, 1945

Dear General O'Dwyer:

By this time you will have received our telegram advising you that Miss Mary Harriet Bixler, Secretary in our office in Istanbul, has transferred to the staff of the Istanbul Bureau of the Office of War Information. Miss Bixler took up her new post at the OWI on February 9, 1945, and her resignation from the War Refugee Board is effective as of the close of business on February 8. For your records, I am enclosing herein Miss Bixler's letter of resignation.

I have informed Miss Bixler that her transportation back to the United States is no longer the responsibility of the War Refugee Board. She has been informed by the Office of War Information that they accept responsibility for her return voyage at the appropriate time.

The Embassy in Ankara, through which Miss Bixler has been receiving her salary and other compensation, has been informed of her resignation so that the records might be adjusted.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Ketzki

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Encl: Letter of resignation

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*John P. file sent in
from the library*

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U. S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY
AMERICAN EMBASSY
ISTANBUL

February 7, 1948.

Gentlemen:

We take pleasure in advising you that our new
offices are located at :

Beasurans Apartiman Kat 4 (floor)
Istiklal Caddesi No. 471
(Above Librairie Hachette).

Our provisory telephone number is : 44226, and
we will advise you shortly of our definite one.

Very truly yours,

U.S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY

Emmanuel Rosen

ER:lp

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ankara, October 19, 1944.

Dear Mr. Katzki:

I am pleased to be able to advise you that I am this morning in receipt of a telegram from Washington to the effect that the State Department has acted favorably on my recommendation that Mrs. Virginia D. Henderson be transferred from her present assignment with the War Refugee Board to the Department of State.

The State Department informs me that Mrs. Henderson's release has been cleared through the Civil Service, authorized under Regulation IX, Section 2-A, and that she retains her Civil Service status. According to the telegram, the State Department has also been thoughtful enough to provide that Mrs. Henderson shall retain her reemployment rights. Thus she has everything to gain and nothing to lose by the transfer which has been effected.

The telegram further states that Mrs. Henderson is being employed by the State Department at a basic salary of \$2,750. In addition, she has been granted a regular cost of living allowance of \$1,176 and a special cost of living allowance of \$250 per annum, effective as of the date on which she reports for duty. Please inform Mrs. Henderson that in addition to the foregoing salary, regular cost of living allowance and special cost of living allowance, she will also receive exchange relief which at present amounts to about 13% on the total of the foregoing items. Although the telegram does not so state, I assume that Mrs. Henderson will also receive \$600 per annum rent allowance which is paid by the State Department to all of its clerks in Ankara after they have submitted a statement indicating that their rent is at least equal to this amount. This \$600 also carries the 13% exchange relief. Thus I calculate that Mrs. Henderson's total compensation and allowances will approximate \$5,400 per annum.

If it is agreeable to Mrs. Henderson and yourself, I should very much appreciate her reporting for duty at the Embassy in Ankara by November first.

With every good wish and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Herbert Katzki,
War Refugee Board,
Istanbul.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

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PERSONAL

Ankara, October 16, 1944.

Mr. Herbert Katzki,
care American Consulate General,
Istanbul.

Dear Mr. Katzki:

Reference is made to your letter of October 15, 1944, regarding the transfer to the State Department of Mrs. Virginia D. Henderson.

I appreciate that Mrs. Henderson may be somewhat confused by the situation in which she finds herself at the present time. In our conversations, many of the points which have subsequently occurred to Mrs. Henderson were not discussed, although I believe that my explanation of her possible future status in the State Department was accurate, if incomplete.

The telegram which was sent to the Department suggesting the possibility of employing Mrs. Henderson explained that she was sent to Ankara by the War Refugee Board as a secretary to Mr. Ira Hirschmann who anticipated returning shortly to the United States. Mrs. Henderson was described as an employee of fifteen years in the Office of the Controller of the Currency, ~~whose~~ ^{who} basic annual salary was \$2,800, and that she had been loaned to the Board on a reimbursable basis. It was further stated that Mrs. Henderson entered the Civil Service in 1917 and that she was willing to accept a clerical appointment providing her civil service status was preserved, and ~~that~~ her basic salary and allowances totaled an amount not appreciably under her present income. Mrs. Henderson and I estimated that the salary and allowances requested for her would total about \$6,000 gross.

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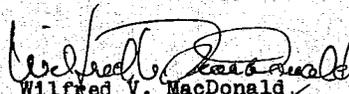
The Department's reply to the Embassy's telegram intimated that some arrangements were being made through the Civil Service Commission to preserve Mrs. Henderson's status. However, until a reply is received containing a definite offer of a position to Mrs. Henderson, it is very difficult to anticipate exactly what arrangements the Department is making.

Ordinarily, an appointment to the Foreign Service would mean employment abroad for long periods of time, with perhaps an occasional tour of duty in the Department of State. It would not mean a very long stay in Washington since the clerical staff of the Department of State is distinct from the clerical staff of the Foreign Service. There is no way of knowing at the present time whether the Department's offer will contain some arrangement for the re-establishment of Mrs. Henderson's civil service status should she decide to resign from the Foreign Service.

We anticipate receiving the Department's reply in the very near future; perhaps in another week. Since the details of employment will be explained to Mrs. Henderson when the offer is made, she will be able to accept or reject the offer. It is certainly not thought that the present action of the Department "in clearing through the Civil Service" means that Mrs. Henderson is being deprived automatically of her civil service status. If she declines to accept the Foreign Service appointment, I have no doubt that she will continue to occupy the position she holds at present -- that of an employee of the Treasury Department on temporary loan to the War Refugee Board.

I would suggest that Mrs. Henderson delay making any decisions until the Department's reply may be communicated to her.

Yours sincerely,


Wilfred V. MacDonald
Third Secretary of Embassy

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DEPARTMENT
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DIVISION OF
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Ankara

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

Dated October 3, 1944

Rec'd 10:48 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1893, October 3, 4 p.m.

Mrs. Virginia D. Henderson, who was sent to Ankara by the War Refugee Board as secretary to Ira Hirschmann, anticipates returning shortly to the United States, upon the completion of Mr. Hirschmann's assignment. Mrs. Henderson has been an employee for 15 years in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, latterly at a basic annual salary of \$2800, and has been loaned to the War Refugee Board on a reimbursable basis; she entered the Civil Service in 1917.

In view of Mary Wright's resignation and the necessity of arranging for her replacement (reference Department's unnumbered undated telegram received September 25 via Istanbul, accepting Wright's resignation) the Department, after consulting the War Refugee Board,

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-2- #1893, October 3, 4 p.m., from Ankara

on October 4 concurs in this suggestion.

Mrs. Henderson is willing to accept a clerical appointment providing her Civil Service status is preserved and her basic salary is approximately equal to her present Civil Service salary, and the allowances equal to those of other clerks, i.e. \$2750 basic salary, 1,176 cost of living 252 special cost of living 600 rental allowance.

An urgent reply requested.

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This is to certify that Mr. George (Yorgo) Lazarides, whose photograph is attached, is employed as a messenger in the offices being used as the temporary headquarters of the War Refugee Board's representative in Istanbul.

I. A. Hirschmann
Special Attache

September 22, 1944

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Memorandum to all United States Government
Representatives Operating in Turkey

The Embassy has been instructed by the Department of State to warn all Government officials traveling in this area not to carry any secret or confidential documents when crossing international frontiers. Such documents, when transmittal is necessary, should be sent by diplomatic pouch. The text of messages which have been sent in confidential or secret code should never be carried either locally or across frontiers.

It is also requested that the utmost discretion be observed in both public and private conversations. In this connection it may be noted that the Department of State has been advised, for instance, that most if not all of the hotel bedrooms in Spain and Portugal have been wired by the Germans with secret listening devices; it is probable that this is true of hotels in other neutral or non-belligerent countries, including Turkey.

It is requested that the sense of the foregoing be communicated orally to the American members of your staffs.

E. L. Packer
E. L. Packer
First Secretary of Embassy
Chief of Chancery

Ankara, Turkey,
May 30, 1944.

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

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May 29, 1944

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Miss Mary H. Bixler, an employee of the War Refugee Board, is being assigned to foreign duty in Ankara, Turkey. It will be appreciated if you will give her a medical examination and the necessary inoculations.

Very truly yours,

David White
Administrative Assistant

Surgeon in Charge
U. S. Public Health Service
4th & D Streets, S. W.
(Railroad Retirement Building)
Washington, D. C.

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Miss Mary H. Bixler
33 College Avenue
Waterville, Maine

Dear Miss Bixler:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 1944. I shall try to answer fully all your questions and give you at this time the additional information you should have.

(1) Baggage: In addition to your fifty-five pounds of plane baggage, you are allowed an additional one hundred seventy-five pounds to be shipped by trunk. You will also be furnished a portable typewriter to carry (weight 17 lbs.) for which excess baggage allowance will be requested from the plane transportation people. In traveling on the plane, you are allowed to carry on your arm a coat, along with a book and magazines. This does not count in your total weight allowance of 55 lbs. The best way to travel by plane is to have an overnight bag in which you can put enough changes, toilet articles, etc., to take care of you until you reach your destination. Your other baggage will be stored in the plane and will not be accessible except when you change planes and that may very well be Cairo. It is likely that there will be a stop-over at Cairo, the length of which is unpredictable. If the plane goes straight through you will be in Cairo in three or four days after leaving here and one day more to Turkey. However, it may well take you two weeks or longer to complete the journey. Unfortunately you yourself will know only when you are on the way.

After you have packed your heavy baggage you must arrange to have it crated and addressed as follows:

Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt
United States Embassy
Ankara, Turkey

Attention: Miss Mary H. Bixler
War Refugee Board

You should arrange with a local express company, preferably the Railway Express Agency, to forward this baggage to Mr. Howard Fyfe, United States Despatch Agent, 45 Broadway, New York 6, New York. Make note of this person for you must call on him when you are in New York; his telephone is Digby 4-2937. I am notifying him from this end to be on the lookout for your shipment. You will pay for the shipment of your baggage, and be reimbursed by us; be sure

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33 COLLEGE AVENUE
KIPPAH, N. Y.

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to obtain receipts for all amounts over one dollar. I am enclosing a form which you will fill out in triplicate and mail to Mr. Fyfe. I would suggest that you add two additional blank pages and complete one for your own records and mail me the other.

(2) Clothes: It appears to me that your parents, having lived in Syria, would be your best advisors in the matter of what to take, what to wear, the changes of season, etc. My suggestions along this line would be general, namely: that you had best stock up on the little necessities - soap (hand and laundry), articles for the care of your hair and skin, etc. You must bear in mind that Turkey is a highly inflationary country at this time and things you will miss most, unless you bring them with you, are the little casual items which we take for granted in this country. I think you will know best what you will need.

(3) Passports: Your passport is ready and is now at the Turkish Embassy for a visa. We expect that it will be complete, with all other necessary visas, early next week. It is possible that your transportation priority will be ready by the third week in June. Consequently you should plan to be in Washington ready to depart by Monday, the nineteenth of June. At that time also you can take your yellow fever and cholera inoculations. Whatever additional time you may have in Washington we can devote to background instruction. Because of the confidential nature of the material we cannot send anything to you through the mail.

(4) Salary: You will be paid \$2,000 per annum basic salary plus a small overtime allowance plus \$7.00 a day for living expenses, effective as of the day you leave Washington. Living costs in Turkey are very high and if experience shows the per diem to be inadequate an appropriate adjustment will be made. Both the salary and per diem payments will be made through the Embassy so you will need some cash to get you there. If you wish, we will be glad to arrange a suitable travel advance when you arrive in Washington.

(5) Income Tax: Your salary only is subject to income tax. Your per diem amounts need not be entered in your income tax report. It is not necessary for you to file a report from abroad; that can wait until your return to America and you will be allowed until the fifteenth day of the third month after your return in which to get up to date. In the meantime write to your Collector of Internal Revenue informing him of your coming absence abroad and that you will handle your income tax report when you return to the United States. We can talk more about this when you get to Washington.

(6) Insurance: This is voluntary. I am enclosing an application for your information.

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(PHOTOGRAPH)

November 10, 1944

Türkiye Kömür Satış ve Tazvi Müessesesi
Istanbul Şubesi Müdürlüğüne.

Bizimuz için verilecek olan kömürlerin aşağıda
fotografî ilişik olan Bay Yorgo Lazaridis'e teslimi
rica olunur.

Herbert Katzki
Representative
War Refugee Board

Translation:

The coal allowed to our office should be given to
Mr. Yorgo Lazaridis, whose photo is attached above.

(Mr. Abdurahmann added to the above the following sentence:
"This order is for two tons of coke.")

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