VAAD NAHATZALA
Istanbul, March 27, 1945

Dear Mr. Kahtan:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of

February 23, which was received by me on March 26.

I am leaving Istanbul on route to the United States

on or about March 27, and it is therefore quite

unlikely that the report of the Red Kashmir

Appeal Committee will reach me before my departure.

With the closing of the War Refugee Board's

office in Istanbul, the Ambassador has accorded to

certain members of the various relief organizations

and agencies in Istanbul the privilege of sending

diplomatic pouch to Washington reports and statisti-
cal data relating to their activities, similar to

those forwarded in the past through the Istanbul

office of the Board. Therefore, when your current

statement has been approved and returned from Jerusalem

by Mr. Kahtan, I shall appreciate it if you will for-

ward it, as well as any subsequent reports, through

the Resident General in Istanbul to the Embassy in

Istanbul. It should be accompanied by a cover letter

to the Ambassador requesting his approval of the

expenditures shown, and asking him to transmit the

report to Washington by pouch. The report should be

addressed to the War Refugee Board, Treasury Building,

15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia B. Montgomery
War Refugee Board

Sr. Ludwig Seutter
Post Office Box 2226
Istanbul
Dear Mrs Henderson,

Thank you very much for your letter of Feb. 21st. As per our letter to his Excellency Ambassador Steinhardt, we have informed him that we have taken over the matter of the "Vad Hanatzalah", after the departure of Mr. Griffel on Dec. 12th, with the cash situation to this date. We have forwarded the accounts to Jerusalem to Mr. Griffel with the request to send us their approval or directly to your address. We don't think that it will be possible to have same by March 1st. As the amount administered by us is very small, it is unfortunately impossible to complete the account without Mr. Griffel who was in charge of the whole business.

We shall do all our possible to forward the requested.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

War Refugee Board
for Mrs Virginia D. Henderson

c/o American Embassy Istanbul
Istanbul, April 1, 1863

Dear Mr. Thompson,

It is my understanding that before he left Istanbul, Mr. Atzal discussed with you and with Mr. Thompson the question of sending to certain relief organizations in Istanbul the privilege of forwarding to Washington by pouch statistical data and reports of expenditures similar to those which they have from time to time furnished to the internal office of the Foreign Office for translation. If the organizations are to be allowed this privilege, they will in the future present their material at the time to be sent to you for inspection and approval.

According to our records, the local bond (Schutzblatt) company, consular of New York and international issues and relief companies have not to date requested for the expenditure of all funds received by them under Treasury license, which license provides that no expenditures shall be made therefrom without the consent of the consul general or a representative of the Treasury board.

With the exception of the international bond and relief companies, all data is intended for the benefit of the Washington office of the American consuls. The statements of the consular general of New York and the bureau of the Treasury of the United States have been sent to the consul general in consultation with the request that the return be done in the manner described.

For your convenience I have prepared one document, here with a list of the representatives of the relief organizations, now in Istanbul, together with addresses and telephones or here transfer as they are available. I have enclosed herewith a short statement of the balance of Licensed funds remaining in the hands of the two consular officials and the proposed step of this letter, as of your convenience.

Believing yours,

[Signature]

[Note: The text is not readable due to the quality of the image. It seems to be a letter discussing the sending of statistical data and reports of expenditures to certain relief organizations in Istanbul. The letter mentions the consular general of New York and the bureau of the Treasury of the United States. The sender has prepared a document with a list of the representatives of the relief organizations and a short statement of the balance of Licensed funds remaining in the hands of the two consular officials.]
Istanbul, February 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Keaten:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which you sent to Mr. Katzki, together with a note from him explaining why he is not in a position to deliver the letter as you wished.

Mr. Katzki asked that you send to me at the American Consulate, on March 1 or shortly thereafter, a current accounting of the funds of the Veid Mahatzalah Emergency Committee in your possession, which were received under Treasury license, the terms of which provide that any expenditures must be approved by the Ambassador or the War Refugee Board representative. This accounting will be presented to the Ambassador for his approval and thereafter forwarded to Washington, as has been done in the past.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Virginia D. Manzeller
War Refugee Board

Mr. Ludwig Keaten
Istanbul

Yours,
Honorables Monsieur Katzky,

Nous avons été priés par un collaborateur de la "Waadhazalah" (Julius Steinfeld New-York) de constater si le visa U.S.A. pour Mr. Siegfried Richter et sa femme Jolan a été accordé comme refuge politique et si le visa est déjà perçu au consulat de notre ville.

Mr. Richter se trouvait dernièrement à l'adresse suivante: Internato civile di guerra Campo di concentramento oggi di Lucca Italia. Ce camp a été entretenu par les troupes des alliés. Ce Mr. nous prie aussi de nous renseigner si son frère y a été trouvé.

Nous vous adressons donc la prière de nous aider à répondre.

Veillez agréer, très honorable Monsieur Katzky, non salutations distinguées,

Bureau Oufficiel

Mr. Katzky
American Embassy
Istanbul
Istanbul, December 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

You will recall that under date of November 11, 1944 we transmitted to the War Reimbursement Board the accounting of the Istanbul Condition of the Vardshah Emergency Committee. We have just received a letter from Mr. Pehlivan which indicates that both the Board and the Treasury Department agree that none of the items charged against the $20,000 should be disallowed.

We are enclosing a copy of the letter dated November 29, to complete your records.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]

[Address]

[Copy of letter of 11/29]
Istanbul, December 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Mr. Griffol, of the Istanbul Committee of the Vatican Patriarchal Committee, has departed for Bucharest. Mr. Ludwig Falgberg, the third member of the Istanbul committee, Mr. Speron being in charge of the Vatican Patriarchal work here.

Mr. Griffol, prior to his departure, left with me an enclosed statement of the operations of his committee to account for the $20,000 received by them on remittance from the United States. He desires to leave this accounting to cover operations during which he was present in Istanbul. You will note from these statements that of the $20,000 there remains a small balance of $1,499.40. Accurately to Mr. Griffol, no part of the $20,000 or amounts converted therefrom were expended outside Turkey.

If you have no objections, will you please have the enclosed letter and statements forwarded to Mr. Griffol for his records.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Enclosed Letter to Mr. Falgberg

Statements
Istanbul, December 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Toba:

With our letter of November 11, we transmitted to you the accounts of the Istanbul Committee of the 3,600,000 Kazakh relief activity committee in New York, relating to the 92,000, which were transferred to the former by the Yezid Kazakh Committee for relief purposes. Our accounts covered the period from the time the transfer was received to October 15, 1944.

As your letters will disclose, the Istanbul Yezid Kazakh Committee consists of Haure, Griffith, and another Mr. Kleinman. Mr. Kleinman at this time is in Teheran, and Mr. Griffith left Istanbul for Teheran on November 11. We have in possession the remaining committee member in Istanbul.

Mr. Griffith, prior to his departure, furnished us with an accounting of up to November 5, to show expenditure and in the end of his airplane trip, the balance of the funds transferred will be managed by us, as stated above.

As to October 15, accounting, which we cannot yet, except the withdrawal of 13,000,000 out of the total, the transfer, which consists of a final settlement, together with the balance, minor adjustments disclosed, according to a letter, that the amount will soon actually reach 26,000,000. A balance remaining, that is, total, according to a letter, Griffith's report was a balance between 26,000,000 and 28,000,000, which is being accounted for in proper balances due in the account.

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Yazid, according to the above mentioned,

acknowledges this and asks us to give this

inclusion with the above.

Yazid, the

12th of December, 1944.
If there is any further information you require regarding these statements, please advise us and we shall make further inquiry here.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki

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

Enclosures: as described
Istanbul, December 8th 1944

American Embassy
Istanbul

Gentlemen,

Referring to our letter of October 16th we inform you that we changed the remaining amount from 25,000.--- I.o.g. of 156,36 lire into 10,688.--- in order to cover our expenses here. About the expenses we did have from this amount we enclose herewith specification.

Very truly yours,

Ja. Jacob Griffl

Ja. L. Harrow
Received:

We received for 5000.- £
 according our letter 16.10.44 ltqs. 8849.-

Further for 6156.39 £

Expenant:

According our letter 16.10.44 ltqs. 8701.06
Office permanent Staff from
Oct. 1 - Nov. incl. " 400.--
Office Assistant Staff from
Oct. 1 - Nov. incl. " 800.50
Office rent from Oct. 15 - Dec. 12 " 400.77
Porter (servant) " 70.--
Stationery from 11.10 - 6.12 " 161.--
Telephone paid from 11.10 - 7.12 " 306.68
Telegram and postage from
Oct. 11 - Dec. 9. " 1939.64
Journeys " 336.--
Scripment account from
Nov. 9 - Dec. 6 " 1172.77
11erson acc. enclosed receipt " 800.-- " 14,784.66

Ltqs. 4,199.35
Boronkay, Gardas Lokanta, Istanbul

Küldjétok Ilona néni utlevelét sveizi követségre akkor tudom többivel elintézni született 1882 - Tijner -

Istanbul, November 30, 1944

Dear Mr. Pohle:

We refer to our telegram of November 29 with regard to South American passports which were issued for assistance to people threatened with deportation.

The Vehd Mahätzaleh representatives in Istanbul have given us the enclosed five lists of persons to whom they say Pan Salvador passports have been issued in Switzerland. They inform us that these arrangements have been made by Meître Mathieu Miller, rue de Deux Fontes 30, Geneva, representative of the Agudath Israel in Geneva. The Vehd Mahätzaleh representatives in Istanbul have no further information regarding any of these persons, such as their present whereabouts, etc.

It might well be that the names included in the enclosed lists have already come into your possession. I am asking them to you in the event that new names appear herein which are not already known to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Gatzki

J. E. Pohle, Executive Director
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
785 Thirteenth St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Please return lists of persons.
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**Contact Information**

- Address: 123 Main Street, Anytown, USA 12345
- Phone: 555-1234
- Email: info@anycompany.com
Representative of the Vaad Hahazalah

NEW - YORK

ISTANBUL

Istanbul, November 28, 1944

War Refugees Board

ISTANBUL

Referring to the conversation with Mr. Katzky we wish to inform you that the following persons have received Salvadoran passports.

1. WERTZLER Josef born 3.10.1908 in Dunaszegeshely wife: Klara " 30.6.1930 " Bordeaux daughter: Susanna " 6.5.1944 "

2. WERTZLER Regina born 9.5.1897 in Pape

3. SPINNER Miklos born 1912 in Dunaszegeshely wife: Margit " 1936 daughter: Agnes " 1938

4. BUHOSBAUM Therese born 26.6.1910 in Bratislava

The last normal address was Dunaszegeshely in Hungary with the exception of Spinner Miklos who is in Arbeitslager in Stahkaeselvar, the remainder are either in Auschwitz or in a camp near Vienna. The wife and daughter of Spinner are together with the others and only Mr. Spinner is in Stahkaeselvar.

We have also cabled Mr. Miller to give the War Refugees Board in Switzerland all the names known to him.

Thanking you for your immediate intervention.

I remain yours truly
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   son, Elia
   Baia

32. Rabbi Ziegler Salomon
   wife, Recilla

33. Mrs. Gesor

34. Rabbi Margoshai Schoenfeld
   Liliana, wife
   Baia, daughter

35. Rabbi Rubinstein Pinkas
   wife, Schlossy
   daughter, Hana, lar, Yehuda

36. Rabbi Rottenberg Bologna

37. Mr. Feidemann Soltz

38. Mr. Samsonyi, Bona
   Teasa, wife

39. Mr. Feidemann Ignatz

40. Mr. Czetz, Phillip

Appendix

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  Kolozsvar

- Gyogyhaza

- Mrs. Kheley Felvay

- Kolossos-Viso
  Szerecsens

- Moszkázony
  o/o Eszterházy
  Maria, Victorie
  Sztumser

- Papa

- Eczat
  Ingoryezhag

- Papa
From Vaad Hahatzala to Ambassador
Subject: Appeal to Ambassador to intercede with Turkish Government re passports issued by Consul in Budapest to Jews in danger of deportation, rejected by T. Government.
Subject: Appeal of Vaad HaHatzalah to Ambassador. Request to Board to consider requesting Vaad HaHatzalah not to send any more such appeals.

Nov. 24, 1944
GREATLY CHIEVED REPORT TURKISH GOVERNMENT ORGED PASSPORTS
ISUED BY TURKISH CONSUL IN BUDAPEST TO 50000 RINGDOR
FIFTY JENS IN JERUSSALON ON Way DEPORTATION TO GERMANY-STOP
RESPECTFULLY APPEAR TO YOU TO INTERSEDE WITH GOVERNMENT OF
TURKEY IN HON OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY TO CONCEDE AND GIVE
A CHANCE TO THE ENGLISH PASSENGERS STOP AND ARRANGE TO IN
TURKISH GOVERNMENT THESE DOCUMENTS UTILIZED BY OCCUPIERS
TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ONLY AND NOT GIVE PERMISSION BEFORE IN TURKEY
THEM EVER THINKING FOR YOUR CONCERN IN MANNER MOST YOUR TRULY
WISHFULHOPE, WITHOUT HURRAY SAFETY AND HURRAY INTEREST
Yours everlife 138 HASSAN KHAN


Istanbul, November 17, 1944

Dear Dr. Griffin:

In July of this year, Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann, representing the bar refugees here, at your request authorized you to write to your association in Bucharest that, in the event that transports went by these ships to arrive in Istanbul by sea from Constanza, such emigrants would be allowed to land in a way similar to passengers on earlier ships.

Within the next few days, we have been informed by the Danish Embassy representatives in Istanbul that, in accordance with instructions received by them, emigration to Palestine from all countries is to be limited to 1,000 persons per month, and additionally, that a limitation of a total of 5,000 persons has been placed upon the number who will be admitted to Palestine, coming from Bulgaria and Romania, during the six months beginning October 1.

I am sure you will agree that the limitations on immigration to Palestine which have been established substantially alter the situation as it existed last July, and that by reason thereof permission to you by me, Hirschmann cannot be regarded this as a basis for the undertaking of work in order to carry out plans intended to enable refugees from Romania to Istanbul.

I am writing this to you at this time so that you will be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Address]

Istanbul
Istanbul, November 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Pohle:

Earlier this year, the Istanbul committee (Mssrs. Griffel, Kastner and Kliment) of the Veal Hahatzalah Emergency Committee, received a transfer of funds from New York in the amount of $25,000. While we do not have the terms of the Treasury license before us, under which this transfer was made, we requested that the committee provide us with a supplementary accounting for funds expended since July of this year. In July of this year, pursuant to the Department's wire No. 595, WR No. 71, we informed you regarding expenditures made up to that time.

There are enclosed herein:

1) Letter dated October 16, 1944, signed by Mssrs. Griffel and Kastner, reporting that the sum of $28,642.37 had been converted, out of the $25,000 received by them;

2) Detailed supporting statements for each of the items mentioned in the October 16 letter.

With reference to the statements themselves, we wish to make the following observations:

1) The original report submitted to us in July by Mr. Griffel was incorrect, inasmuch as it reported an expenditure of T.L. 12,004.67 to the firm of E. F. Henry Vander Zee instead of the correct amount of T.L. 12,004.67. Mr. Griffel informed us orally that this expenditure was made at the request of Jewish Agency people in Istanbul, who had purchased a ship called the Lily, which had been transferred to Palestinian registry and was to be used for the transport of refugees. I am advised that after one or two voyages, this ship sank.

2) The expenditures in the amounts of 1905.00 and 1901.90 made to Triton Vapor Agency, were contributions made toward the changes of the steamer agency controlling the Bulgarian vessels, Mariana, Wilko and Holkening, for demurrage charges made when these ships were required to remain in...
port beyond contract time for the embarkation of refugees;

3) The withdrawal of the $5,000 to cover office expenses was made pursuant to a cable which Mr. Griffel received direct from his committee in New York, of which a photostat is in our possession, and which states, "Authorize take office expenditures". On the basis of this cable Mr. Griffel withdrew $5,000 from the funds transferred, against which he has thus far expended for office purposes T.L. 7,171.33. He has also charged against these $5,000 the sum of T.L. 1,099.75 for other cash expenditures made for small items purchased in behalf of emigrants in transit through Istanbul, etc.

4) The T.L. 1,392.08 expended for telegrams and postage are covered, according to Mr. Griffel, by postoffice receipts and bills. We did not ask to have these exhibited to us.

Mr. Griffel informs us that none of the monies expended from the $5,000 were disbursed outside of Turkey.

If you require any other information concerning these reports, please advise us. Also, please inform us whether any of the items charged against the transfer are disallowable. As we do not have the terms of the license, we cannot judge that from here.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki

J. J. Fehlo, Director
International Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.
Istanbul, October 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Polak:

One of the activities of the Voad Hachatzolah Committee in Istanbul has been the obtaining of Palestine entry certificates for Jewish people in Hungary, for which names and addresses had been received from various sources, including lists from the Voad Hachatzolah Committee in New York. The addresses supplied to the Committee in Istanbul presumably were the best which were known at the time the lists were submitted. Obviously, the delivery of the certificates—continuations to the ben flotikim in Hungary—depends upon the possession of correct addresses. Without correct addresses, notification becomes more difficult and the persons so to be benefited cannot be reached.

In an effort to improve their lists, in order to ensure correct addresses, the Voad Hachatzolah Committee in Istanbul has produced the enclosed schedules of names and addresses on this box here shown, with a view to obtaining better addresses. It is possible, through the Voad Hachatzolah Committee in New York, which is in touch with the relatives of many of the persons included in the schedules, to see them closer than this list. Also, if you have it available, will you please turn these over to the Voad Hachatzolah Emergency Committee in New York for correction and revision.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Postscript]

[Address]

[Address]

[Signature]

[Address]
Istanbul, October 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Earlier this year, the Istanbul Committee (Caglar, Griffith, Kastor and Ansari) of the Wood MacKenzie Emergency Committee, received a transfer of funds from New York in the amount of $35,000.

While I do not have the terms of the Treasury license, it seems that they are substantially similar to those included in the license issued to their respective committees for the transfer which were made to Lusara, Jomberg and Jabotinsky. The Jomberg and Jabotinsky license provide that excess funds transferred may be used only subject to the approval of Mr. Fincham or yourself.

In July of this year, we received a report from Mr. Griffith, pursuant to the important wire of July 1, No. 599, and No. 71, which gave an accounting for funds previously received by him for the purpose of being wired to the Istanbul Committee, on July 50, as the amount of $12,300,000 had been received by the Committee on July 29, 1944, from the Ambassador in Istanbul, which included a $35,000 transfer of funds and $1,100,000 to be transferred to the Committee in the original amount of $35,000.

The following amounts are to be included in the report of the original amount of $35,000:

1. The original report from Mr. Griffith, dated August 5, 1944, and the amount of $12,300,000 was transferred to the Istanbul Committee, and the amount of $1,100,000 was transferred to the Committee in the original amount of $35,000. The amount $35,000, as included in the original report from Mr. Griffith, was made to cover the expected cost of the Committee's work in Istanbul, including the amount of $35,000 to be in order to cover the expenses of Mr. Griffith's work.
2. The withdrawal of $5000 to cover office expenses is made pursuant to a cable which Mr.
Griffel received directly from his committee in
New York, of which a photostat is in my possession,
and which states: "Authorize these office expendi-
tures." On the basis of this cable, Mr. Griffel
withdraws $5000 from the fund transferred against
which he has thus far expended for office purposes
in Istanbul a total of T. L. 8001, 73.

Obviously, a direct cable from the Word Nebelstain:
committee in New York to Mr. Griffel cannot change the
laws of the items issued by the Treasury Department,
which, if salient to the domino and sabotage
licences, state that the fund can be expended for
revenue activities, without making reference to expendi-
tures for office expenses. If you wish, I can ask
Mr. Griffel to redact the amount drawn from for
administrative charges. All you need write is
that you wish to have done.

Assume as the new refuge at your will, and
make the necessary return from the above a
account and to the fund. Therefore, I suggest
that, according to Mr. Griffel's instructions, all
funds expended by the said account. For he is
unsure about the above reference in Istanbul.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Date]

[Address]

Unknown copy of report
Istanbul, October 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Reference is made to the Department's telegram of October 9, 1944, No. 176, WH No. 12b. I informed Mr. Griffith of the contents of this telegram and, although no further action on our part is necessary, I thought you might be interested in knowing his reaction, since your name was mentioned in the wire.

Mr. Griffith informed me that he is entirely without information as to the purpose for which the $750,000, alleged to have been expended for rescue and relief activities by the Veil Bankazale, mainly in Switzerland, have been employed. Under the circumstances he is not in a position to provide details regarding this program. He told me confidentially that he had received direct wire from the Veil Bankazale in New York requesting him to advise you of their program and to secure your appraisal of it for transmission by him to the committee in New York. Mr. Griffith did nothing of all about this, thinking that he could not approach you for an evaluation of an activity, most of which was undertaken elsewhere, as to which he himself is not informed.

My guess is that the Veil Bankazale wanted to use some statement from you or from Mr. Hirschmann for their own fund-raising campaign. With Mr. Hirschmann now in New York they can approach him directly, if they wish to do so.

The reference to Stenumahrel relates to a wire sent by Griffith to New York concerning the transmission of Swiss funds, when opportunity affords, for the development of relief projects in liberated areas.
I have asked Mr. Griffel to let me have an accounting of expenditures made by him out of funds received from his committee under Treasury license. As soon as I receive it, I shall send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Taylor

Honorable Laurence A. Steinhardt
Ambassador to Turkey
American Embassy
Ankara
American Embassy

Ankara

Gentlemen,

We beg to inform you that from the amount of USA $25000.- transmitted by Vaad Hazala Emergency Rescue Committee, New York, we paid since this date:

1.) to Messrs. W. F. Henry Vander Zee ........ $ 12,064.57
2.) to the Ship Agency "Triton Vapur Acent" .... $ 1,365.90
3.) dito. dito. dito. ................ $ 391.90
for ship transports.

Besides, we have also changed .............. $ 5,000.-- in turkish money to cover our office expenses.

tot........ $ 18,842.37

We remain, Gentlemen,

very truly yours

ss L. Kastner

ss Jacob Griffel

Original sent to Ambassador Steinhardt, 10/20/44
EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE NEW YORK

ISTANBUL, Aug. 2, 1944

[Text continues on the page]
Subject: Message from Vaad Hatzala regarding Griffel's work. Request for Ambassador's and Hirschmann's appraisal of same.
TELGRAF

Address: JACOB GRIFFEL HOTEL CONFIDENTIAL

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NAME AS MOTHER SCHOOL CHILDREN.

DATE: 4/19/1965
Abschrift

Griffel Kontinentqhotel Istanbul

128 Montreux 42 6 1960

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Jacob Griepel 4/8/44
Istanbul, Kontinental Hotel
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Istanbul. Continental Hotel
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U R G E N T

Concernant confirmation authentique que reception Istanbul assurée sans difficulté vous instruire que suis chargé au nom américain
ref. ce courrier étant attaché auprès ambassadeur iran bâtimen représentant
officiel en Turquie à vous informer officiellement que vos transports
arrivant Istanbul occuperont comme passagers ressortissants extérieux stop
authenticité ceci avoir peut-être vérifié auprès ambassadeur roumain

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20-7-1944
Istanbul Hotel Continental
Lake, October 25, 1947

July 20, 1944

L. B.

Subject: Apology on disturbances at the Shatsalal.

L. B.
July 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Griffel:

I have your letter of July 19 and the copy of the
telegram you transmitted to your associates in Bucharest
relating to the proposed chartering of a vessel or vessels
to embark with refugees from Constantinople to Istanbul enroute
to Palestine. I am pleased to have given you this encourag-
ment in your efforts which I trust will culminate success-
fully at the earliest possible date.

If you are in need of any further instructions from me
or my associates in the Free Refuge Council, I trust that you
will not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

I. A. Hirshhohn
Special Attaché

[Signature]

Fri, Jacob Hirshhohn
Intendal, Turkey
Istanbul, Jul. 19, 1944.

Dear Sir:

During our conversation of Monday, 17th inst. we have discussed the matter concerning the confirmations for persons possessing certificates. Taking into consideration the fact that we approached Mr. Barlas, in order to settle this affair, we left aside this theme.

At present we are informed by a letter received from Agudat Israel, Zürih, that the question to provide people in Hungary with documents and not only to issue but to transmit same to the relative persons, is to be treated in a special way and that according to their lines, 'the representatives of President Roosevelt at the American Embassy, Bern' (probably the representatives of War Refugee Board) plays an important part in this connection. The matters there are as well as confirmations of certificates as south-american documents.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy, extract of this letter.

Yesterday night I addressed a cable-demand to Aguda, Zürih, in order to be informed of the result of this action.

We approach you at present, requesting you and Mr. Hirschmann to be good enough to give this matter your kind attention and entire assistance and kindly get in touch with your colleague at Bern, in case you consider it advisable, requesting him to furnish you detailed informations concerning the actions undertaken till now and its result.

Surely it depends on the way how this matter will be submitted to the competent authorities and we rely fully on your great influence to be successful and reach with God's help the maximum.

I consider it superfluous to underline to you the importance and urgency of this matter and I inform you only that the confirmations of certificates are requested directly from Hungary and via Switzerland in a most urgent way, and reports reached us that such confirmations did save people from deportation effectively.

I remark still that actually two kinds of confirmations are to be issued:

1/ confirmations to be issued by the Swiss Government. In this connection it is said that London has given directions to the Government of Jerusalem. The definite settlement of these confirmations causes, at all events, a lose of time.

2/ confirmations to be issued and legalized here by other institutions, which matter is to be discussed, in order to provide people with a document by the quickest way.

p.t.o.
It is out of question that at any time we are entirely at your disposal furnishing you further detailed informations on this subject.

We also deliberated with Mr. Dr. Schweizer to find out the form and the way to realize these confirmations, in the best possible manner.

I remain, dear Sir, with my best compliments,

yours sincerely

[Signature]

[Encl.]
aus dem Brief der Agudat Israel Holud Organization, Zürich vom
26 Juni 1944, gefertigt durch Herrn Dr. Ehrmann, im Namen des
geschäftsführenden Ausschusses:

Anm.: Die Nachrichten, die wir von dort kriegen, sind leider sehr
bedrückend. Briefe und Telegramme werden wieder zurückgelegt, und es
ge- langen nur manchmal auf Umgang Nachrichten von dort zu uns. Jüngst
erhielten wir von authentischer Seite die Nachrichten, dass noch vier
Jüdinnen in Ungarn vorhanden sind, wohin die Provinz-Bewohner
evakuiert worden sind nach Klassenburg haben wir leider sogar feststellen müssen, dass die Zusage

Nun haben wir hier ein spezielles ungarisches Hilfskomitee, in welchem
die Agudat gute Verbindung hat. Wir arbeiten gemeinsam mit diesen und ha-
ben zunehmend die Schwierigkeit zu überwinden gehabt, dass unsere Gemein-
de eine schützende für die ungarischen Juden nicht vorhanden ist, dass der
Begriff der Schutzbehörde für die Bürger eines Kriegsgefechten Staates kei-
ne Anwendung findet, solange sie nicht einer fremden Nationalität an-
gehört. Wir haben ferner die Schwierigkeit der Uebermittlung der Do-
kumente zu überwinden gehabt. Es ist uns noch keine Bezeichnungen folgen-
des gelungen:

In Bern ist ein Vertreter von Präsident Roosevelt bei der Amerikanis-
chen Gesellschaft. Durch ihn gelang es uns, die Geltung der bisher
zweifelhaften Dokumente von San Salvador von Amerika anzu- kennen zu be-
kommen. Diese werden jetzt durch Intervention des amerikanischen Herrn
von der Schweizerischen neutralen Stelle nach Budapest übermittelt
an die dortige Schweizer Gesellschaft gesandt und die Schweiz hat nun den
Schatz aller dieser inhaber von Dauerinteressen. Wir mussten ein
geheimes Namensverzeichnis der Tausende der in Betracht kommen
übermittelt, zuerst die menschlich bekannte und geschützt werden
als. Ich
un im Telegramm des Präsidenten erhielt, warum Sie mir bestätigen, dass
erst ein Falernis-Gattung habe, und gleichzeitig mitteilten, dass
dessen, d.h. die Botschaft der Schweizer Gesellschaft in Budapest, mit
wir ebenfalls auf der Seite nach einem Mittel, wie man ihn betrei-
ben könnte. Wir haben daraufhin wiederum durch Vermittlung
amerikanischer die Schweizer Gesellschaft in Budapest zwecks Bern er-
sucht, dass die einzelnen Gattungsinhaber von der Schweiz, Gesellschaft
in Budapest beschränkt werden, dass sie ein Falernis-Gattung
haben. Wir hoffen, dass diesen Wunsch nachgegeben wird. Ich wur-
die Sie über das Gesamtes informieren.

Generell ist noch zu bemerken, dass die einzigen Botschaft, die wir jetzt
doch haben können, nur durch Vermittlung des der Agudat-Neutral-
behörden Haben, welche in der Lage sind, dieses zu tun, 21. August sind
Auch der H. E. und das unseres Hilfscomitee wenden sich an uns. Ich habe
ihnen bereits in einem früheren Briefe geschrieben, dass sie auf alle persönli-
und Herr L. Müller teilweise hart dabei leisten und man
selbstverständlich sind, die Überschreitung des, Freundschaftliche
ziel nach den Anfragen, die wir von Ihnen haben, die Vermittlung einer
sicherheit des Schutzes aufweisen. Jeder, der Falernis-Gattung
kann haben die in meiner diversen Briefen erhalten und möchte ich Sie
nochmals kurz besondere auf unserer Zusammenarbeit. Herr Dr.
Wolf-Kolbmann gehe, November 1943 in Vor-Formen mit seiner
erlangen sie mehrere zwei-ten Telefonat von Zürich.
Wir haben noch eine Reihe von Tarkiot an eine bestimmte sichere Stelle nach Budapest gesandt, bevor diese obige Regelung zustand. Es kam mit der Botschaft, dass wenn die Schweiz den Schutz übernimmt, erst dann die Tarkiot versandt werden.
Jul 14, 1946

Subject: Negotiations with Edward Kelly and John Hozzgram.
American Embassy
Ankara.

Gentlemen:

We beg to inform you that up to the time of 1st June 1944 we did not make any use of the sum of $25,000 -- assigned to us by Vaadatzala, New York.

The 3rd July we have made payment of the amount of T.L. 12, 064.57 to the firm of W. F. Henry Vander Zoe, Istanbul (Galata) for ship transports.

We are, Gentlemen,

very truly yours

Griffel, Kastner, Klarzen

/s/ /s/ /s/

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith the copy of the cable sent to Bucharest the 16th inst.

I remain, dear Sir, with my best compliments,

very truly yours,

[Signature]

I enccl.

[Address]

Istanbul, July 17th, 1944.
Besaglich verlangter authentischer Bestätigung dass anstandhlose
Uebernehme Istanbul gesichert mitteile folgenden Bin beauftragt im
Namen des Amerikanischen War Refugee Board dessen offizieller Vertreter
in der Tuerkei Botschaftsattaché Im Hirschman ist nach offiziell zu
vorstandigen dass wenn Muse Transporte hier ankommen dieselben landen
wenden gleich Passagieren bisheriger Schiffe Stop Die Authentiwkeit
dieser Vorstandigung kann verifiziert werden durch russenischen Gesandten
in Ankara

Jacob Griffel

Jacob Griffel Istanbul Kontinentelotei 18. VII.
Translation of Telegram sent by Jacob Griffel to Bucarest, July 16, 1944

With reference to the requested authentic confirmation that acceptance in Istanbul is assured without qualification advise you as follows: Am authorized in name of American War Refugee Board whose official representative in Turkey is diplomatic attaché, Mr. Wirschmna to confirm to you officially that should your transport arrive the people will be able to land in the same way as the passengers on earlier ships stop. The authority of this confirmation can be verified through the Hungarian Ambassador in Ankara.
Conversation with Mr. Jacob Griffel, July 14, 1844

Mr. Griffel writes us that he has received a telegram from his representative in Bucharest, Mr. Patrasen, indicating that the latter has spoken with the Bucharest representative of the Turkish authorities, who owns the two ships 'Sigyn' and 'Dardan'. According to Mr. Patrasen, both these ships, which are at present in Istanbul, could be used for bringing refugees from Bucharest to Istanbul in accordance with the offers which have been made by the steamship firm in Bucharest. The ships would carry 400 persons, at a cost of Turkish pounds 30,000, and Turkish pounds 50,000 persons at a cost of 40,000. Receipts are available according to Mr. Griffel, to have both ships go to Constantinople, but he is not actually receiving any information of the results thereof. According to Mr. Griffel, most results could be obtained for passengers to be taken at these two costs, provided confirmation is received in accordance with the ships from the ships owner with the condition that the ships would not be turned back at Istanbul after their arrival. Mr. Griffel writes us, with reference to the above, that Mr. Patrasen has not heard anything from Bucharest yet. Mr. Griffel accompanied this letter by a stamp of the Turkish Post Office.
costs, insurance would have to be paid by the charterer, which in the case of the Terns would cost about 6,000 Turkish Lira, the same amount less. According to the information he had from Batumoi, other costs which must be met in Bucharest could be covered by fene obtained locally.
Sir:

Yesterday morning I phoned to you requesting you to phone to me but up to this moment I could not have a communication by phone with you. Therefore I take the liberty to request you for the following:

1/ You may duly note contents of the enclosed scripture and remit same to Mr. Hirshman,

2/ I beg to inform you that it seems that the ship-affair will not be settled by Messrs. Jarls and colleagues, such as I have the advantage to request the intervention of Mr. Hirshman on this subject, as per his advise kindly given to me on the 4th inst.

Owing to the fact that the matter has reached actually a stage where an immediate and prompt action is indispensable, you may be good enough giving me the opportunity to discuss these matters and some other urgent affairs, as soon as possible, with you and Mr. Hirshman.

-Awaiting your esteemed decision, I am, dear Sir, with my best compliments

very truly yours,

...Joharring

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Mr. Ketsky
Park Hotel
Istanbul,
G.O. 93
July 1, 1944

Lands 71

Subject: Request for report from Griffel.
RE YOUR TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED IN REPORT FOLLOWING
SOCJNUT GIVES ON RUSSIAN SHIPS SIX PERCENT FOR AGUA
AND SIEVE PERCENT FOR MIZRACHI STOP THIS PERCENTAGE IS
BASED ON SIXTY PERCENT GIVEN TO WATIKI CHALAH AND
REVERSING WIN TWO PERCENT FOR CHILDREN
CHINESE PROPERTY STOP SOCJNUT LEADING CHAIRMAN ORDERED RUSSIA
STATE ANNOUNCE PERCENTAGE AND SEIZE AGUA DEMANDS FOR
ADDITIONAL PLACES CONFIRMING BY CABLE AGUA 24/5 ALSO
TO INCLUDE RETRONICAL AS AGUA'S REPRESENTATIVE PALOFFICE
CONFIRMATION BUCURESTI STOP KARIBK BULGARIY TRISTY MIZRA-
CHIOT YOUTH ALSO ACCUSES EXACTLY CHEWING FOLLOWS STOP
OUR REPRESENTATIVE HUNURIA REPORTS INCREDIBLY LARGER
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SHIPS TO STOP SOCJNUT REPRESENTATIVE REJECTS COMPLEMENTATION
MENTIONED THEIR POSITION INRUSSIAN AUTHORITY
REELY IN SOCJNUT COOPERATION BY RONE TRISHA
INFORMATIVE REPORT GIVES THE FACTS THAT THEY
WOULD NOT LIKE MIZRACHI NOT MULTIPLE TIMES COMPARED TO
THAT BUT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE STAY IN ANY COMPLEMENTATION
MENTIONED NEW ACTION ON THEIR DECISIONS OF SHIPS
ALREADY-dePARTED STOP I WOULD NOT THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS
IF AND WHICH OTHER THEY FOUND IN OUR REPRESENTATIVE'S
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LUITELY REJECTED STOP BY OPTIMIS THIS ABSOLUTELY IN-
ADMISSIBLE WITHHOLDING MENTIONED CONFIRMATION OF FACTS
BASIS ON GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT ALL JEWS ARRIVING IN ISTANBUL ARE TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES STOP IF INSISTING OR ABOVE STATEMENTS DO NOT MAINTAIN HIS HABITATION FROM PARENT CONDITIONS OR RESERVATION BUT TO HATE IMPOSSIBLE DENYED WITCHES BY INSISTING TO COMPLY WITH GENERALLY VALID RIGHTS STOP PLEASE INFORM ON THIS AGENDA STOP REQUEST NO NOT TO TAKE UP AT POLITICAL PUBLIC RIGHT AGAINST AGENDA STOP IN INDIAN COALITION FRONT AND SUCH RIGHT TODAY IN IITISUPHIC SPONTANEOUS ONLY NECESSARY STOP TO COMPETENT PLACES TO OBTAIN Elemanted AND INFORMED CONTINUED QUICKLY

Jacob Drafted
Mr. Ira Hirschmann
Bloomingsdale's
E. 59th St.
New York, N.Y.

June 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Hirschmann,

Allow us to thank you for receiving our delegation and for giving your earnest consideration to the matter they presented.

Because of your preoccupation with vital matters, it was not possible to go into the detail which was necessary in this cause.

We are therefore attaching a short memorandum in which we have detailed the need for giving our Committee in Turkey every consideration and cooperation in the signal service it performs. The Committee consists of Messrs. Giffel, Kastner and Klarman.

May we express our blessings on your trip, that it be productive of excellent results in saving the lives of the maximum number of our unfortunate brethren.

We feel certain that you will lend your good offices to our committee; to encourage it in every possible way and to prevent any interference which would disrupt or hinder its attempts to save lives, which is after all, our primary purpose.

With sincere best wishes,

Very respectfully yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Rabbi Abraham Kallmanowitz
Mr Rands to the Honorable Ira H. Gellman
in the matter of the Vaad Hahatsala
and its Committee in Turkey
Meers. Griffel, Eastnor and Klamann

The Vaad Hahatsala is deeply concerned in the problem of the rescue
of European Jewry, especially of Rabbis and scholars, and has endeavored
to give its fullest cooperation to a problem, which is so immense and of
such proportions as to necessitate the assistance of any and all agencies
ready and equipped to do so.

The Committees chosen by the Vaad Hahatsala have long and distin-
guished records of communal service. In several instances these committees
had functioned previously in the field of rescue before their official
designation as such by the Vaad Hahatsala.

The following factors are inherent in, and make the work of our Com-
mmittee in Turkey vitally necessary:

a) Our Committee is known and has contact with the orthodox leaders
in Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Slovakia and is enabled thusly to have
every information vital for any rescue plan. This contact is primarily
available to the Vaad Hahatsala Committee in Turkey and enables them to
a greater rescue effort on behalf of the Orthodox Jews in Roumania,
Bulgaria, Hungary and Slovakia. Others without such contact could not be
as effective.

b) The Vaad Hahatsala comprising orthodox elements, is motivated more
so than other by a strong religious fervor inspired by the Torah, which
makes the saving of human lives imperative, and for which sacrifice is
not too great. Such spirit is instilled in the Committee which is in-
structed to use every method, normal or otherwise, legal or otherwise,
orthodox or otherwise, which could lead to actual rescue. Furthermore,
our Committee, being associated with an unofficial agency, can make use
of methods not readily available to official agencies.

c) The orthodox Jews, because of their religious convictions, are in
greater danger since they cannot make use of certain avenues of escape
available to others. For example, they could not take refuge in a cloister
or similar place. It is imperative then, that they have contact with an
orthodox Committee which should be especially concerned with them.

The rescue of human lives is so vital, that it should be the responsibility of Jewry to mobilize the service of every agency, Committee and individual to any and all measures taken for the rescue of our unfortunate brethren.

VAAD HASZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

132 Nassau Street
New York, 7, N.Y.
American Embassy, Ankara,
April 6, 1916.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. PACAKER

Mr. Jacob Griffol will be calling upon you regarding
the attached lists. Mr. Griffol was recommended to us
through the U.S. Refugee Board. He represents one of the
Jewish organizations in Palestine. Apparently, as you
will note from the attached, 150 political emergency
visas appear to be available for the Biblical Leaders
mentioned therein. You will recall that you saw
Mr. Griffol while here. It was suggested that we take
the matter up in Istanbul with Mr. Birgo. Their suggestion was
that these 150 refugees would have some priority rights if they
were located and that if their names were turned over to
the Turkish Foreign Office either through Mr. Birgo or directly,
they might be asked to give these names preference. We told
they might be asked to give these names preference. We told
that we would try to do that which was suggested above.

I am sorry I could not clear this any further before
leaving and shall be grateful if you can be helpful in
the matter.

I. /s, Hirschman

1. Griffol
Before I shall discuss the concrete affairs I would like to make in a few words some remarks of general nature.

It may be underlined that these remarks do not contain some new ideas. The question is rather simple and well-known things. Owing to the words of the well-known Jewish learned man and practitioner Luzatti special attention must be drawn just to the simple and self-evident matters in order not to neglect or miss them.

What ever will be the reorganization of the work, it means the committees etc., it is mostly important that each collaborator will have the conscience and will be sure that each proposal made by him will be taken into consideration with the necessary maximum of patience, seriousness and objectiveness, independently of the circumstances if such a proposal will be executed or not.

Besides it is necessary that the tempo of the rework must correspond with the tempo of the unfortunate events. With respect to the misfortune of the Polish people, news arrived ex post such as at that time almost nothing could be done anymore. But in Hungary where hope still is existing to save men with the help of God, not only by emigration but by influences on the relations to the Jews in that places, where our work can be designed as a rescue work in proper meaning, literally not an hour ought to be lost.

Besides, if necessarily the repartition of the Agenda between the collaborators must be thus that not all persons can do all work, it is indispensable, in order to create the necessary basis of confidence that all collaborators have knowledge of all what happens. The man who is indiscret is to be eliminated without any regards but this one permitted for collaboration must have full knowledge.

These principles are the presumption for a common, sincere collaboration and only acting strictly in this way, a guarantee can be given that no special action will be undertaken and that the collaborators, who are representatives of certain groups and institutions will not be obliged to alarm their constituents. To proceed in another way would be a rupture of confidence of the representatives here towards the collaborators and would signify still more a grave falling against those who expect actions from us.

**Roumania.** Lately discussions took place with many gentlemen concerning the enlarged number of ships in order to enable the immigration of people without any regards of what party ever etc. Some days ago we received exasperated cry for help and we got also informations regarding the formal side of the possibilities of emigration from Roumania. Hesitations made by some persons that owing to try to enlarge the number of ships, as described above, the emigration could be endangered, seem to be dispersed completely by the informations received by us and other men, especially by the emigrants of the Kasbek.

Furtheron it is mentioned that 500 refugees are in Roumania. Their rescue is extremely urgent taking into consideration the fact that the German have deported firstly the Jews, the foreign Jews from Hungary.
Hungary. A cabled dated 5/7. arrived here from Budapest, stating as follows:

Where are certificates approach Weiler Embassy( Embassy of Switzerland re intervention ). It seems that certificates respectively confirmations of the Embassy of Switzerland are useful for the people, may God help. It is known that Mr. Barlas has undertaken steps in this respect. Actually further steps have to be undertaken concerning the transfer of this matter to the authorities of Jerusalem. It is necessary that an intense discussion on this subject and especially the way how to write and issue the Swiss confirmation has to take place, taking into consideration, as far as possible, the directions respectively the demands, given by Joel.

It is indispensable that the institutions of rescue here are to be in close contact with here living hungarian and slovakian jews.

Mr. Barlas has declined this proposal we have made here after Joel's arrival, as extremely useful. It is advisable to realize it as soon as possible, to furnish to these jews or their representatives the necessary informations ex offio and to pay attention to their proposals. This is important not only by the reason that these persons have very near relations in Hungary etc., but for the reason too, that they are following the events almost uninterrupted by the Hungarian papers and radiodiffused news etc. etc., besides as they better know the situation there and therefore their proposals may have more importance.

Close contact should continue between Joel's people and us, even if a basis for specific discussions of the whole program or a proposal is still lacking by contacting these people it may be possible to find some way out or at least to succeed in getting a delay which would certainly not be the case if we do not discuss the matter with these men.

It may be possible to arrange something for the moment with regard to a small number of jews, and in connection with this an atmosphere would be created which would facilitate the obtaining of a delay. It must be admitted that any opinion in this connection must be very vague, since we cannot even say that we have a clear picture of what the intentions of the other party are. Still, this must not be a reason for our not acting and only reasoning. The jews from over there demand from us that we continue our discussions and, we owe it to them to do this. The success naturally does not depend from us.

In order to lessen the weight of their argument concerning the non-return of the delegates, it will be necessary to declare again that we are ready to delegate to them two competent jews. Also it should be asked whether and where they would be ready to discuss these problems. Everything should be done in order to influence the Hungarian population in every possible manner, respectively to continue such actions still more intensively for it is known from the reports as well as from Hungarian newspapers that Hungarian gentiles helped jews in some instances. Some Hungarian ministers declined that they are antagonists to the anti-jewish actions, which declaration is in contradiction to the fact. In this connection, there should be publicly demanded - by influencing public opinion especially of the Hungarians in American-
that a new neutral commission, perhaps the Red Cross, should be asked to investigate the actual situation in Hungary.

I do not think it necessary to point out to you the urgency of all these questions. To-day, with the help of God, we are near to a victory, a victory which will be that of humanity, and we have to try our very best to save at this culmination of a fight against the evil those who have brought such immeasurable sacrifices in the course of these five years.