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Dear Governor Lehman:

Thank you for your letter of March 3 and attachment of copy of cable No. 66 from Caserta, dated February 27.

We have forwarded the text of this telegram to our representative, Mr. McClelland, in Bern, and have at the same time requested him to furnish the Board with information regarding the composition of the groups to be evacuated from Switzerland with respect to nationality (declared or otherwise), and if stateless, what their nationality was before, age, sex, physical condition, and any other information with respect to documentation. As soon as this information is received, it will be forwarded immediately to your office.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Director General
United Nations Relief
and Rehabilitation Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.
March 3, 1943

General William O'Byrne
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Room 2626, Treasury Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General O'Byrne:

The attached copy of Cable No. 66 from Asera is believed self-explanatory. We have instructed our military liaison officers and our representative in Bern to attempt to improve the notification procedures in such cases.

It would be appreciated if you would similarly undertake to have your representatives work out procedures which will permit satisfactory advance notification and consideration of problems of this type both here and in the field.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Herbert Lehman

Herbert Lehman
Director General
LONDON TELEGRAM

Received in UNRRA
11.15 p.m., 27 February 1945
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FR-14 Caserta (Repeated to London 25)

SUBJECT 66

DATE 22 February 1945

1. We informed Philippeville of Washington's 106 to Rome and asked make essential preparations possible additional refugees.

2. Bad recent experience outlines in paragraph three below, however, indicates clear need improvement exchange of information if heavy is to function effectively. Strongly recommend, therefore, action outlined in paragraph four below.

3. Less than 24 hours notice given of recent arrival of 150 Hungarian Jews at Philippeville. 22 stretcher cases, remainder in bad condition. SNAY handled across France and embarked there at Marseilles.

4. Have asked APHN, concentrate COE and SNAY personnel for following information. In order that proper liaison can follow through with SNAY, this repeated 2ND. Washington requested to get full understanding of this with COE and our Refugees Board.

(a) Sending of refugees into this area from north not desirable, as a general rule, but if other opportunities nonexistent heavy, Rome in cooperation APHN; and with prior notice in ready to receive up to ceiling indicated in (b) below.

(b) APHN and heavy should be signalled as far in advance as possible number, physical condition, sex, types of illness, family composition. Also prospective embarkation and disembarkation points, date of arrival in order to allow heavy to signal preferred destination in light of ability to receive and handle in accordance with his limited resources.

(c) There follows present ceiling capacity: 7,000 southern Italy, 2,000 Philippeville. Use of Italy camps subject to approval of APHN. Heavy will discuss APHN possibility raising ceilings with competent military supply stations, accommodation stores, additional people, will notify you of results.

All military should be requested not to initiate movement to UNRRA installations without first clearing eligibility refugees UNRRA care.
5. It is recommended that ECHN, Washington fix responsibility for clearance paragraph four (d) at point nearest depots. For instance, DBRA personnel at PF for movements originating Indian theater.

6. Regarding paragraph four (f) recommend effort keep refugees out of land offering supplies and expenses if necessary persuade Government of Switzerland.

7. Deputy, Sandrickson, Sarina, Plantagen, Kentucky agree with the foregoing.

RECOMMENDATION

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#To note the information or take necessary steps with respect thereto.

#Responsibility for initiating appropriate reply.
30 January 1945

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Reference is made to your letter of January 12th regarding some fifty to seventy-five refugees from the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp who are holding ad hoc Latin American passports, and who are expected in Marseilles on or about January 27th.

We have informed the Chief of UNRRA's Italian Mission of their arrival, and he will consult with the Military authorities regarding their final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert H. Lehman
Director General
Dear Governor Lehman:

Reference is made to my letter to you of November 16, 1944, describing a possible movement of 8,000 refugees through Switzerland. Reference is also made to MAT 435 of December 4, 1944, indicating that AFHQ and UNRRA have agreed to hold the Philippeville Camp in Algeria in reserve for emergencies that may arise as a result of the arrival of this group of refugees in Switzerland.

The War Refugee Board has been advised by the State Department that there is included in a group of approximately 841 persons who are to be exchanged in Switzerland for German nationals, approximately 50 to 75 refugees from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp who are holding ad hoc Latin American passports which do not authorize the holders to enter countries in the Western Hemisphere. Accordingly, arrangements will have to be made for their reception elsewhere upon their arrival in Marseilles on or about January 27th.

It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made to receive this group of refugees at Philippeville. The War Department has been advised in order that arrangements may be made by SHAEF for the transportation of these refugees to Philippeville.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
Director General,
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Dr. McIlroy:

Reference is made to my letter to you of November 10, 1944, describing a possible movement of 8,000 refugees through Switzerland. Reference is also made to MT 432 of December 4, 1944, and to Major General Hildring's letter to me of December 5, 1944, indicating that AFRQ and UNRRA have agreed to hold the Philippeville camp in Algeria in reserve for emergencies that may arise as a result of the arrival of this group of refugees in Switzerland and also that SHAEF will cooperate in arranging for their transportation across France and into Algeria.

The War Refugee Board has just been advised by the State Department that there is included in a group of approximately 601 persons who are to be exchanged in Switzerland for German nationals, approximately 50 to 75 refugees from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp who are holding ad hoc Latin American passports which do not authorize the holders to enter countries in the Eastern Hemisphere. Accordingly, arrangements will have to be made for their reception elsewhere upon their arrival in Marseilles or about January 27th.

Inasmuch as the War Refugee Board does not yet have exact information concerning these 50 to 75 refugees, it is impossible at this time to determine their ultimate destination from Marseilles. However, it is felt desirable to advise the War Department of this small movement of refugees in order that, if it should prove necessary, arrangements could be made for transportation to and reception in Philippeville.

It is our understanding that Mr. Dana Hodgdon of the American Embassy in Paris is handling this exchange for the Department of State and that Dr. Joseph Schwaritz and Mr. Arthur Greenleigh of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee who are now in France are prepared to lend financial and technical assistance in arranging for the care and maintenance of this group of refugees upon their arrival in Marseilles.
You will be kept advised of any significant developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable John J. McCloy,
Assistant Secretary of War.
In preparing the enclosed draft of the cable, I took the liberty of departing somewhat from your instructions, as follows:

(1) I put in a reference to "private agencies". Without such reference, I don't see that our cable would have any meaning at all. Hodgdon has already been instructed to take care of them for the time being, simply repeating the same instruction on our behalf makes sense only if we give him the money to do so, or if we informed him to be receptive of suggestions from other quarters which will offer him the necessary funds. Since we cannot apparently do the former, I suggest that we do the latter.

(2) The old cable to Grifery, copy of which I enclose herewith, makes it clear that these people will be sent to Péchela, there being "no other destination available", the transportation to be arranged "under the auspices of the War Refugee Board". In view thereof, you may consider it advisable to indicate that Péchela is not necessarily the only destination. If we don't do so, Hodgdon may start discussing transportation to Péchela with the military, the French, and the exchangees themselves, thereby making it more difficult to make other arrangements in the future.

The January cable referred to in the draft is meant to indicate Glatensburg's cable to Hodgdon, of which he spoke to me over the telephone last night.
CABLE TO EMBASSY PARIS, FRANCE, FOR HODGDON

Reference to Department's 438 of November 16, 1944 and _____ of January _____, 1945.

Department and War Refugee Board would appreciate your continuing to ensure the stay and maintenance of the 75 exchanged and Latin American passport-holders, pending future arrangements. You may entertain suggestions from Joint Distribution Committee and other relief agencies which may desire to assume the financial responsibility for and technical assistance in both immediate maintenance and eventual transportation elsewhere.

In connection with eventual transportation, Philippville rather than Fedhala may be the temporary destination for some of these passport-holders, and arrangements may be made for others among them for rapid repatriation or emigration or for temporary extension of stay in France. Your report concerning attitude of Allied military authorities, French Government, and passport-holders themselves on this point would be appreciated.
REPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Madrid
DATED: May 16, 1944 10:00 p.m.
NUMBER: 1384

SECRET (SNIAT)

Contrary to the recommendations of the United States Government and
the other American Republics associated with it, there are included, (a)
aliens relatives of American citizens and (b) persons bearing Latin American
passports whose nationality has not yet been established, in the list of
nationals of the United States and the other American Republics approved
by the Germans for exchange against a group of 60 Germans from the United
States being repatriated on the GRIFFON.

In respect to (a) and persons under (b) for whose embarkation
authorization is contained in this telegram, you are informed that upon
arrival in Barcelona the Department is waiving non-immigrant visa requirements
for all alien passengers not in possession of appropriate visas. After their
admission on a temporary basis, those persons coming to the United States
as immigrants will be admitted as non-immigrants and will be able to
arrange for the procurement of immigration visas. Admission will be
granted only in transit to those aliens in transit to Western Hemisphere
destinations.

With respect to (b), Pedro and Lydia Chupine and Jules and Anna
Grumel, bearers of Costa Rican passports, the Costa Rican Government has
authorized entrance into that country. Embarkation on the GRIFFON will
therefore be accorded to them.

Authorization has not as yet been granted for admission to their
respective countries of the following individuals:

Mexico
1. Alexander Schellting

Columbia
1. Ramon Morano
2. Alvarez Morano

Peru
1. Clementine Navarre
2. Isidore Pfeifer
3. Isidore de Valdes
4. Mario Baroz

El Salvador
1. Bruno Recht-Sendal

Nicaragua
1. Norman Zwillenberg
2. Zwillenberg - wife
3. Zwillenberg - child
4. Zwillenberg - child

Dominican Republic
1. Sinia Maria Castillo
2. Jacques Castillo
3. Robert Castillo

The names as given last in the foregoing list

DECLASSIFIED
State Dep't Letter 11172
by R. H. Price Date SEP 18 1972
Authorization is granted by the Department for evacuation on the
condition that each of the foregoing individuals have been filed
by some of the American Republics and whose status has been clearly
established upon the arrival at Barcelona. You should telegraph most
urgently from Barcelona passport or other identifying data regarding
them. The Department will inform you urgently if it is subsequently
informed by the
Republics noted that any of the above individuals, who may be unable
to qualify for evacuation on basis of examination at Barcelona, are
admissible to their
territory.

Information has already reached the Department that admittance to the
countries whose documentation they bear will be denied to the following
individuals:

Nicaragua
1. Otto William Strauss
2. Regina Strauss von Water

Bolivian Republic
1. Jacques Strauss von Water

Accordingly, authorization for evacuation of the foregoing individuals
on the SHIPBOARD cannot be granted.

Until they can be included in a transfer of refugees to the Medlcan
Camp, North Africa, arrange through Blankenstein to provide at the expense
of the War Relief Board for care of those of the foregoing individuals
who are not embarked on the SHIPBOARD.

The foregoing message was repeated to Barcelona for attention of Smith.

HULL

BOKHARA 5/17/44

Miss Chauncey (for the Societies): Abramson, Alling, Bernstein, Cohen, Dubois, Friedman,
Gaston, Hobel, Laughlin, Leeser, Luford, Mann, Menach, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Rair,
Sargecy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinshel, H. D. White, Files
SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington

1946, April 6, 2 p.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS GERMANY.

Department's 1061, March 14, 1127, March 19.

McClelland will endeavor include in Philippoville convoys all six civilians thus far certified fit for travel (Freund, Gertrud and Reinhard Hasenberg, Rachel Fuldner and two children). In event three remaining sick civilians, Berthold Knoller (Haitian), Jacob Levy (Honduran) and Rudolph Freuden (alleged American) are physically able undertake journey before two refugee groups leave Switzerland, Location assumes Department would be agreeable their transfer to Philippoville.

HARRISON

JMB
It is not (repeat not) considered expedient to have persons in reference to liberty within Switzerland.

Therefore pending completion of arrangements for their departure, suggestion is made that they not (repeat not) be given medical discharges until their inclusion can be effected by McClelland in the evacuation of the refugee groups now in Switzerland and for whose transportation to UNRRA camps in being arranged with UNRRA; unless McClelland through private agency facilities in Switzerland can arrange for their immediate departure to Philippeville.

(OIS)

W. R. COOZ
5/15/45
The attached is a draft of the cable which I cleared with Mr. Klattenberg over the telephone this morning. He feels that it satisfies any objection that he might have had to other proposals. Mr. Warren now has a copy of this draft and will set it up as a State Department cable, as opposed to a private cable, after which he will send us a confirming copy upon its dispatch.

From: P. J. McCormack

3/15/46
503
Sloane (side)
DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERK

Re: Your 497 of March 8.

In view of circumstances surrounding the presence of subjects in Switzerland, it is not (repeat not) considered expedient to have these persons officially at liberty within Switzerland.

Therefore, pending completion of arrangements for their departure, suggestion is made that they not (repeat not) be officially given medical discharges until their inclusion can be affected by WFB's McClelland in the evacuation of two refugee groups now in Switzerland and for whom transportation to UNRRA camps is now being arranged with SHAPE.

However, if McClelland through private agency facilities in Switzerland can arrange their immediate departure to Philippeville we request that McClelland so perform.
AMBASSADOR

SERAL
10G

The following for McClelland 11 (RD 446).

As your L/P, March 2. U.S. M.A. informs us that correspondents in this country are addressing their mail to the category F (repeat F) group exchanges at Philippeville as follows:

/o Jean d'Arc Refugee Camp
Philippeville
Algeria

List of those exchanges who actually arrived at Philippeville will reach you via Algiers.
CABLE TO HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

Re your 1334, March 2. UNRRA here informs us that correspondents in this country are addressing their mail to the category F (repeat F) group exchanges at Philippeville as follows:

C/o Jean d'Arc Refugee Camp
Philippeville
Algiers, Algeria

List of those exchangees who actually arrived at Philippeville will reach you via airgram.

THIS IS WAR SECRECY CABLE NO. 446

5:00 p.m.
March 10, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Aknin, Cohn, Dubois, Gastow, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Malley, Files

F/M McCormack 3/9/45
Secretary of State,
Washington,

1407, Eight
AMERICAN INTERESTS SWITZERLAND CIVILIAN EXCHANGE

Swiss Foreign Office official telephones this morning
that Jan Freund, Gertrud Hasenberg and Heini Hasenberg
hospitalized at St. Gall have recovered sufficiently to
travel.

Urgent instructions as to their travel are requested.
Pending arrangements onward voyage, Swiss Foreign Office
official inquires whether they may be released from
surveillance under which they are now held and whether
they may be transferred to Swiss home for refugees and
contact friends or relatives here.

Harrison
I have received considerable number of anxious requests from persons in Switzerland having relatives among recent Category F (repeat F) exchanges asking how they can correspond with and receive news of latters welfare. Would accordingly appreciate any suggestions you might have to offer. As yet I have received no confirmation how many of this group were actually sent to Philippeville. Perhaps you could eventually send me list of those who arrived safe and sound in North Africa.

Harrison

New
February 10, 1945

The cable below for McClelland is WBU 393.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to Sally Mayer, St. Gall, from H. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"QUOTE Please contact McClelland regarding arranging maintenance for Rachel Fuldauer children. Advise whether children have close relatives and where resident. UNQUOTE"

GREW (Acting)

For security reasons, text of this message will be censored.
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BENG., FOR HOLLAND, FROM J. A. LEAVITT, FROM AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:

Please deliver the following message to Sali Mayer, St. Gall, from E. J. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Please contact Miss Chauncey, (for the Society) Aknin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, McCormack, O’Leary, Files.

This is now been cable no. 99."

3:30 p.m.,
February 7, 1945
February 13, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Arthur Greenleigh was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of February 9, 1945:

"For your own confidential information not to be released under any circumstances until authorized by State Department. Of those exchanged 111 on route Philippeville eleven hospitalized Switzerland. You can obtain full information from Sidney LeFebre, State Department representative when he arrives GRINDENWALD."

Very truly yours,

Florence Nodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. W. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
SECRETARY OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

EK-988

No paraphrase necessary.

Dated February 9, 1945
Rec'd 8:35 a.m., 10th.

Secretary of State,
Washington,

588, February 9, 3 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM ARTHUR GREELING,

"For your own confidential information not to be released under any circumstances until authorized by State Department. Of those exchanged 141 returned Philippeville eleven hospitalized Switzerland. You can obtain full information from Sidney Lafoon State Department representative when he arrives SWIPPEM.

CAPITAL

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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

White House
Washington, D.C.

February 9, 1945

M. Leavitt
American Joint Distribution Committee

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

This is a confidential message. Do not release it under any circumstances. It concerns the situation in Switzerland with respect to the exchange of prisoners. Of 141 prisoners exchanged, 11 were hospitalized in Philippeville and 3 in Switzerland.

Please let me know if you need further information. I will arrange for Sidney Lafoon to provide it when he returns.

Sincerely,

Arthur Greeling

President
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES
TELEGRAPH SECTION

1255 HUDSON ST., NEW YORK 21
FEBRUARY 5, 1948

AMERICAN CONSUL (LONDON)

118 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

THE LAW REFUGEE BOARD AND OTHERS ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY INFORMED.

MICHAEL D. BROWN,
(Acting)

CHATTENBURG:

2/5/48

Cleared with Mr. Warren
Secretary of State,
Washington.

URGENT
52, Fourth
FROM L'ILUREUX

There will be between 150 and 160 persons for
Philippeville. It is assumed that the appropriate
authorities are informed and will be in condition
to take care of this group upon arrival.

L'ILUREUX

DU
The following for McClelland is HMB 391.


Board is discussing with American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee problem of maintenance of Fuldauer children in Switzerland. Appropriate instructions will follow.

OPEN

(AGT: G)

(CIH)
CABIN TO BUDDLE AND MOORELAND, BERN, FROM DEPARTMENT AND WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 661 of January 30, 1945. Board is discussing with
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee problem of maintenance of
Falsauer children in Switzerland. Appropriate instructions will follow.

THIS IS WITH THEIR CABIN NO. 391.

At 10 a.m.
February 3, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Society): Ackermann, Alkin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston,
Hodel, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Pills

Received 2/3/45
CONTROL COPY

AMERICAN CONSUL,
Marseille, (France)

This telegram is for Lafon and Kodson and in response to your telegram Number 86, January 31, 9 p.m., 20 unedited.

35 February 1. 26 February 1, 4 p.m.

A telegram will follow dealing with question of accounting for overland transportation charges for category F refugees bound for Phillipville.

There are at least two persons who should go to Phillipville among the category A and B Americans received in the exchange instructions regarding them will be sent separately.

As indicated in the numerous telegrams so far sent authorizing embarkation of individuals on the Gdynia, the category F group included a number of American citizens and alien relatives entitled to accompany them to the United States. Such American citizens and accompanying relatives should not (repeat not) go to Phillipville.

Department unable identify Otoor (repeat Otoor) mentioned in your 36. Please give full data including reference to Bern's telegrams mentioning this individual.
February 2, 1945, to Marseille

Regarding British Department is cabling Bern requesting that Legation take up problem with Swiss Government and endeavor to find solution. Does she possess British nationality and could British consul take charge of her.

Department considering problem presented by men of doubtful loyalty who wish to remain in Europe and in hope that helpful instructions on the subject may be sent you before Grisheim leaves Marseille.

In view of all problems involved, Department hopes that departure of Grisheim from Marseille will not (repeat not) be unduly hastened.

[Signature]

[CAP]
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES

TELEGRAPH SECTION

This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than Government officials.

U.S. URGENT

ADDRESS:

Bonn

540-5

AMERICAN INTERESTS - GERMANY - EXCHANGE.

Children of Rachel Paulmayer may remain in Switzerland if that is desirable. (Your 661, January 30, 6 p.m.). Case is being brought to attention of War Refugee Board and Department is willing to concur in whatever arrangements you may make for further care of the children.

SHEW

(AActing)

(AEC)

740-00115 2/1-5045

U.S. Glattenburg:Fig 2/1/45 5268
SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington,

164, February 1, 2 p.m.

FROM KATZKI TO PELLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD. ANKARA'S NO. 10.

The following message from Chaim Barlas Istanbul is for Doctor Nahum Goldman, 542 Madison Avenue, New York City:

"According message Palestine office Geneva about 700 refugees Belsen Bergen arrived Switzerland among them 170 Jews of whom 100 Dutch and 70 other origin. All refugees holders South America documents, Group leaving next (*) days for South America via Spain. Number Jewish internees remaining Belsen Bergen 3500. Inform Hellmann accordingly."

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(*) Appearant omission when we deliver to whom.

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STATE DEPARTMENT

By F. H. Post, Opra.
Secretary of State,
Washington,

31, January 31, 9 p.m.

FROM HODGSON FOR PLITTEC WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Please instruct me urgently whether I am to take any receipts or promissory notes for transportation charges from Geneva to Marseille, costs at Marseille and transportation charges Marseille to Philippville by ship. Reference Department's and War Refugees Board Cable No. 33 or 89 to Hodgdon January 3, 8 p.m.

Arthur Greenleigh states joint distribution Committee will stand behind all expenses but is not prepared to pay expenses in cash.

Army states that it is the understanding that State Department will bear transportation costs of civilian repatriates between Geneva and Marseille and that headquarters EOC has confirmed this. Per capita cost is stated to be 592 French francs.

Lafson
2-#34, January 31, 9 p.m., from Marseille

Lefoon reports that there are 167 persons classified ad hoc as category F. From the preliminary lists received from him here it appears that a substantial number of these, roughly 60, are not (repeat not) bearers of ad hoc Latin American documents. Please instruct urgently whether this group may be sent to Philippville excluding those in ad hoc lists authorized for repatriation on GRIPSOLM by Department in its cable to Bern January 29 referring to Bern's 533, January 25 which was repeated to Marseille by Department ge 46, January 28.

Ship to transport Philippville group expected hourly.

L'HEUREUX.

BB
Correction

ALH
No paraphrase necessary.

February 3, 1945

Cable from Harstille numbered 34, dated January
31, 9 p.m. page 1, line 2, delete "Plittend" insert
"Plitt and" as to read "From Hodgson for Plitt
and War Refugee Board".

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES

JMB

DECLASSIFIED

State Dept. Letter, T-11-73
By R. H. SEP 18 1972
US URGENT
661, January 30, 6 p.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS, GERMANY. CIVILIAN EXCHANGE.
Legation's 662, January 30.

Swiss Foreign Office official states orally that
commandant of train carrying civilians from St Gallen
to Geneva authorized the removal at Baden of Rachel
Fuldauf (number 33 of Legation's 533, January 25) be-
cause she was in dying condition and that her two
children (numbers 34 and 35 of the same telegram) were
removed with her.

In agreement with Legation Swiss Foreign Office was
informed on inquiry that in view of age of children,
the manifest humanitarian consideration involved and
the desire to avoid delay in departure of civilian trains
from Geneva for Basle, these persons may remain in
Switzerland pending Department's decision provided they
are considered as being in Swiss custody and not per-
mitted to reside with possible relatives in Switzerland.

Please
2-3/61, January 30, 6 a.m., from Bern

Please instruct whether Department will insist on delivery of Fuldeuer children in the event their mother dies. In the event that the Department does not so insist it may possibly wish to discuss with JRB their maintenance in Switzerland.

Repeated to Paris for transmission to Marshall for Lefoon.

HUMBLE

JT
EJJ-1507

Bern
Dated January 30, 1945
Rec'd 8:28 p.m.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington,

US URGENT
659, Thirty
AMINTERESTS GERMANY CIVILIAN EXCHANGE:
Legation's 537, January 25 (London 257, Paris 92, Caserta 56).

Civilian group left St. Gallen at 9:15 a.m. January 30 and is scheduled arrive Geneva 4:06 p.m. same date. Civilians are expected leave Geneva for Marseille evening January 30. Lafoen will be aboard.

In addition two deaths reported Legation's 537, January 25 two more persons died at St. Gallen, Hedwig Wolnberg No. 158 of Legation's 533, January 25 and Alfred B. Spanjaard, No. 479 of Legation's 533, January 25.

Of the group billeted at St. Gallen eight listed below were declared nontransportable by Swiss and remain hospitalized in Switzerland. Chronological numbers are those
-2-2559, Thirty from Bern

those contained Legation's 533, January 25 unless otherwise indicated. No. 31 Freund 41 Hasenberg No. 42 Hasenberg 70 Knoller 90 Lessinger 92 Levy 151 Weinberg 350 of Legation's 531, January 25 Friedmann.

Repeated to London to Paris for SHAFF and SOLOC to Caserta and to Marseille for Hugdon.

HUDDLE

HMW
INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

LFR-1303

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COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS (liaison)

P.LIN

Paris

Dated January 29, 1945

Rec'd 10:45 a.m., 30th

Secretary of State
Washington.

412, Twenty-ninth

FOR ROSES ELVIETE AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION

COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHLESZ.

"Leaving for Brussels tonight. Arthur Greenleigh still in Marseille to deal with problem exchange group which not yet arrived from Switzerland. Meanwhile have been informed that number civilians arriving will be 160 instead of 75 originally estimated. View lack facilities Marseille it is hoped to embark them immediately for Philippeville where all plans for their further possible emigration will have to be made."

GAPPERY
January 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwarts was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 27, 1945:

"Arthur Greenleigh leaving for Marseille tomorrow order supervise exchange approximately 75 civilian internees and arrange plans for their maintenance and possible transshipment. He has been in contact Hodgson and is fully informed entire project. Would appreciate knowing status Max Perlman and whether he plans return overseas. Am thinking of him in terms possibility either France or Switzerland if you have no other suggestions for latter country."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. M. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
PLAIN
Paris
Dated January 23, 1945
Recl'd 8:41 a.m., 25th

Secretary of State,
Washington!

310, Twenty-third
FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR ROSES LEAVITT AMERICAN
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

"Arthur Greenleaf leaving for Marseille tomorrow
order supervise exchange approximately 75 civilian
intrants and arrange plans for their maintenance and
possible transshipment. He has been in contact Hodgdon
and is fully informed entire project. Would appreciate
knowing status Max Perlman and whether he plans return
overseas. Am thinking of him in terms possibility either
France or Switzerland if you have no other suggestions
for latter country."

CAPPERY

RK
The following for Hodgdon is from Department and War Refugee Board.

Reference Department's 42S of November 15, 1944 and 15 of January 2, 1946.

The Department and War Refugee Board would appreciate your arranging for the care and custody of the 50 to 75 ad hoc Latin American passport holders upon their arrival in Marseilles on or about January 18 and until such time as arrangements for their onward movement can be completed. Philippeville rather than Fedhala will probably be the temporary destination for some of this group.

It is suggested that you immediately contact Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Arthur Greenleigh of the Joint Distribution Committee who are now in Paris and who are prepared to lend financial and technical assistance in connection with the immediate maintenance and onward transportation of these passport holders. Since it would seem to be desirable to have Schwartz and/or Greenleigh in Marseilles for this purpose, you should give them all possible assistance in arranging travel to Marseilles.

As soon as possible after the arrival of these people in Marseilles.
Marseilles, Department and War Refugee Board should be furnished
with a complete list of this group of ad-hoc passport holders,
giving their names, ages, true nationality, number of family
units, etc. In addition, Department and Board would appreciate
report from you as to the number holding Palestine certificates
and as to the attitude of the individuals themselves with respect
to ultimate destination.

STETTINIUS
(MAY)
Reference Department's No. 438 of November 15, 1944, and No. of January 1945.

The Department and War Refugees Board would appreciate your arranging for the care and custody of the 50 to 75 ad hoc Latin American passport holders upon their arrival in Marseilles on or about January 27 and until such time as arrangements for their onward movement can be completed. Philippeville rather than Fedhala will probably be the temporary destination for some of this group.

It is suggested that you immediately contact Dr. Joseph Schwart and Arthur Greenleigh of the Joint Distribution Committee who are now in Paris and who are prepared to lend financial and technical assistance in connection with the immediate maintenance and onward transportation of these passport holders. Since it would seem desirable to have Schwart and/or Greenleigh in Marseilles for this purpose, you should give them all possible assistance in arranging travel to Marseilles.

As soon as possible after the arrival of these people in Marseilles, the Department and War Refugees Board should be furnished with a complete list of this group of ad hoc passport holders, giving their names, ages, true nationality, number of family units, etc. In addition, the Department and Board would appreciate reports from you as to the number holding Palestine certificates and as to the attitude of the individuals themselves with respect to ultimate destination.

10:30 a.m.
January 3, 1945

Miss O'Harey (for the Sec'y) Akersmann, Aknin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Nodel, Marks, McCorrinn, Parisy, Piles

With best regards

[Signature]

[Date: 1/3/45]
The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Quote Please contact Dana Hodgson American Embassy Paris regarding group fifty to seventyfive people being exchanged from Germany due Marseille end January. Number probably hold Palestine certificates others South American passports. Will be necessary that maintenance be provided and further arrangements made their transportation onward. Assume you can have representative Marseille handle situation there. Unquote"

By R. H. Parks
Date 8-1-72
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Joseph Schearc of M. A.

Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

May 4, 1943. Please contact 2221 American Embassy Palace regarding group fifty to seventy-five people being exchanged from St. Nazaire. June and July.

Group comprised of Czech, French, Hungarian, Polish, and Yugoslavian Jews..settlement in Paris, etc. You will provide quick assistance.

HODDEN

January 2, 1943.

Miss Steinberg (for the Sec'y) Aukerman, Asin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Hodel, Irsen, Krik, McDonald, Reiss.

February 1/2/43.
of more urgency at the present time than it was in
recent is the matter which is taken up in instruction from
the important to Schuman dated August 34, No. 218.
Should it become possible to rescue any of the persons
from Germany in whom reference is made in Resolution 1487,
the facilities of the Fedbale camps are urgently needed for
me. There is no other destination available for these
people at the present time. It is estimated that these
individuals will be released into Switzerland and from
there will travel, either directly from France or by way of
France and France, to the Fedbale camp, be transportation
be arranged, under the auspices of the for Refugee Board,
if an exchange involving these people can be arranged,
we would appreciate it, therefore, if you would urgently
take up this matter with the Provisional Government of
France and secure its consent in principle to the admittance
into French territory from Switzerland of any persons
included in such movement, to their travel to a point of
exit on the frontier of Spain, or to Barcelone, or to
any other port which may be designated, and to their
entrance into Morocco for accommodation at Fedbale camp
subsequently.

If Roer would take up the question with SHAF and
secure agreement in principle to this kind of movement,
along with a statement of requirements of SHAF, it would
likewise be appreciated. Screen of these people, it
should be pointed out, cannot take place until they reach
French territory, also that authorities in Germany who
have the custody of the camps where they are held will
apparently select the individuals for exchange, Jewish
intellectuals from Poland comprise the majority of the
individuals concerned, who can, it is presumed, be
identified promptly as they are relatively well known in
such circles.

The Federation of the United States and the British
Government have stated that they are opposed to the closing
of the Fedbale camp, which still has definite purposes to
serve; this for the information of Roer and the Embassy.

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Paraphrased

11/17/44

Miss Chauncy (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Abrahamsen, Acquin, John, Brian,
Buhler, Sydman, Gaten, Hals, Lesser, Horne, Hosh, McCracken,
Hale, Fiske.
FROM Secretary of State, Washington
TO: J. E. MUSK, Algiers
DATE: May 27, 1944
SUBJECT: 2669

For J. E. Musk, Algiers

Our information indicates that refugees have been arriving from Yugoslavia to Italy at the average rate of over 1000 per week and that this flow is expected to continue and may well increase. It also appears that unless these refugees can be removed rapidly to other areas, the military authorities are fearful that the facilities in southern Italy for refugees may become seriously overtaxed.

The whole matter has been discussed with the President who has made it clear that under no circumstances should the escape of refugees to Italy from the Balkan countries be discouraged. The flow of refugees from Yugoslavia to Italy is important not only from the standpoint of saving the lives of Yugoslavs but also in order that as many refugees as possible from other Balkan countries may be able to escape through Yugoslavia. In this connection, Cable No. Dance 105 from Cairo, dated April 30, indicates that support in rescuing Hungarian Jews has been promised by Fico. In view of the plight of Jews today in Hungary, it is essential that we do what we can to facilitate their escape.

We recognize that the crux of this matter is finding suitable places to which these refugees can be moved. In this connection, the following should be borne in mind:

(1) As many as possible of these refugees should be moved to camps in the Middle East. UNRRA is making every effort to supply sufficient medical and other personnel.

(2) In so far as Jewish refugees are concerned, present plans to move as many as possible to Palestine should be carried out without delay. In this connection it should be borne in mind that in the case of Turkey, the British have adopted the policy that all Jews escaping into Turkey from the Balkan countries will be permitted to go to Palestine. These refugees are then placed in camps in Palestine where they are checked for security purposes.

(S) For Info:

Mr. Abrahamson, Mr. Akin, Mr. Bernstein, Miss Chamney (for the Sec'y Mrs. Cohen), Mr. Dodds, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Gorton, Miss Howell, Miss Laughlin, Mr. Lesser, Mr. McChesney, Mr. Mann, Mrs. Mann, Messrs. Marks, McCormack, Murphy, Paul, Pohn, Poland, Murphy, Smith, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, N. O. White.
(3) For some time we have been pressing the British to establish with our cooperation havens of refuge for these people in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, but without any results to date.

(4) The President suggested the possibility that some of these refugees might be taken to Sicily. This should be carefully explored together with the possibility of a substantial expansion of facilities on the Italian mainland.

(5) While we do not consider it desirable to bring refugees from Italy to Camp Locarno at Fedala since all of the accommodations of that camp must be kept available for refugees from Spain, the possibility of establishing other camps in French North Africa for refugees from Italy should, of course, be borne in mind.

Bearing in mind that the flow of refugees into Italy from the Balkan countries must not not be interfered with, you are requested to submit as soon as possible your views and recommendations as to all possible havens of refuge in which these people might be temporarily placed.

Please convey the contents of this cable to representatives of UNRA and Administrator of the War Refugees Board, as well as the appropriate military authorities. You should discuss this whole matter with them and cooperate with them in solving this most urgent problem.

Forning repeated to Cairo for MacVeagh with the opening sentence:

"For your information the following has been sent to Murphy;" and repeated to Naples for Kirk as No. 118.
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: Embassy, Madrid
DATED: May 20, 1944
NUMBER: 1405

Nothing contained in Department's 1394 of May 18, particularly the first sentence thereof, is to be construed as modifying in any way the policy expressed in Department's 922 of April 10. 1394 was intended to apply, as the Department believes you understood, only to the current GRIPSHOLM exchange.

Use of GRIPSHOLM for exchange of other than repatriated nationals of the participating country is precluded by terms of the charter. Therefore, the Department is exploring other means of effecting the exchange against Germans in the other American Republics of all persecuted persons whom the Government is willing to release. Bearers of passports of the other American Republics or other foreign travel documents will have first consideration.

Following is from Murphy and Smith.

We received the Department's confidential cable to Barcelona dated May 16, No. 33, in badly garbled condition, and it was not decoded and delivered to us until one hour before the GRIPHON sailed on the 19th from Barcelona. The Embassy informed me at the same time that the necessary assurances had been given by the government of Spain that 23 Germans would be held in Spain.

In view of the cable from Ambassador Hayes in Madrid stating that he was strongly opposed to any refugees remaining in Barcelona, and in view of the Department's instructions for the GRIPHON to sail on the 19th upon receipt of appropriate assurances from Spanish Government, no refugees were disembarked from the GRIPHON. The Zwilling (Zwilling) family and Otto William Straus and his wife appear to be genuine refugee cases and an attempt is being made through the New York Refugee Board representative to have them disembarked at Algiers. We would like to know if the Department approves their disembarkation here. We request an urgent urgent reply.

We are sending separately information concerning doubtful cases.

Note: This letter is filed.

Sincerely,

State Dept.

By R. J. Perkins Date SEP 18 1972
SECRET

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consul, Barcelona
DATE: May 17, 1944

SUBJECT: 

Following is for Smith and Consulate on the GRIPSHOLM. With reference to the Department's instructions concerning embarkation of civilians on GRIPSHOLM (Department's cable of May 16, no. 18 A), the following persons are bona fide Peruvian nationals:

Henchaco y Castro
Maria Teresa Menchaco y Castro

They may embark on the GRIPSHOLM and advance of funds to them for use on the vessel is authorized by the Government of Peru.

The entrance into Peru of Discordia Polio, former Honorary Consul of Peru at Brussels and presumably a Belgian national, whom the Peruvian Government has named for exchange as a Peruvian national, is authorized by the Peruvian Government.

The Government of Peru is instructing its Consul at Barcelona to investigate the status of Carlos Bertola, Clemente Daller and Almudina Valenzuela as there is no information concerning them.

The Department should advise you in determining whether they will be admitted into Peru and their ability to embark on the GRIPSHOLM.

Please arrange through Diplomatic staff to provide for the care of these individuals who are not embarked on the GRIPSHOLM.

Foregoing reported to Madrid as no. 1396.

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[Signature]

When Cremarag (for the Swiss), Abrahamson, Akia, Bernstein, Cohn, Dobbs, Elfstrom, Ganzer, Handler, Laughlin, Lenser, Hurd, Stein, Muscat, Privett, Levin, White, Faible, Faible, [1296]
January 31, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 29, 1945:

"Leaving for Brussels tonight. Arthur Greenleigh still in Marseille to deal with problem exchange group which has not yet arrived from Switzerland. Meanwhile have been informed that that number civilians arriving will be 150 instead of 75 originally estimated. View lack facilities Marseille it is hoped to embark them immediately for Philippeville where all plans for their further possible emigration will have to be made."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hood
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
Dear Dr. Goldmann:

The following message for you from Cham Barlas, Istanbul, has been received through the American Embassy, Ankara, under date of February 1, 1945:

"According to a message received from the Palestine office in Geneva, there arrived in Switzerland approximately 700 Belsen Bergen refugees, including 170 Jews of whom 100 are Dutch and 70 of other origin. All of these refugees hold South American documents. Within next few days, this group will leave for South America via Spain. There are 3,500 Jewish internees remaining in Belsen Bergen. Please inform Hollmann accordingly."

You are advised that the foregoing message appears to be nothing more than a garbled report of the current exchange taking place in Switzerland. The Board has been advised by the State Department that this exchange involves about 150 Jewish refugees holding Latin American passports.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

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