JFO OPERATIONS IN FRANCE

A. Remittance License # NY 618631
   Ref. B-2006

B. Basic License #2106
   Remittance License # NY 55556

C. General

WAR REFUGEE BOARD RECORDS
CROSS REFERENCE ON PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF & RESCUE OF REFUGEES: EVACUATION TO SWITZERLAND (JDC OPERATIONS IN FRANCE)

FOR:

- Amendment to this License
- Extension of this License
- Renewal of this License
- Correspondence concerning this application
- Other (Specify)

1. FOR FURTHER EVACUATION DETAILS

2. FOR MATERIAL RE AMENDED LICENSE ISSUED TO JDC TO CONFORM WITH THAT ISSUED TO UOR, PERMITTING THE PURCHASE OF LOCAL CURRENCY AGAINST FREE EXCHANGE WHERE SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE LOCAL CURRENCY.

3. FOR OTHER MATERIAL RE PROJECTS FOR WHICH JDC HAS REMITTED FUNDS

SEE:
1. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF & RESCUE OF REFUGEES: EVACUATION TO SWITZERLAND (EVACUATION OF ABANDONED CHILDREN FROM FRANCE)
2. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES: OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (TREASURY DEPARTMENT)
3. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: RELIEF PROJECTS (RELIEF THROUGH VATICAN TO JEWS IN ITALY)
   PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: OTHER EVACUATION PROJECTS (EVACUATION OF REFUGEES FROM ISLAND OF RAB)
THE MATERIAL IN THIS FOLDER
MUST NOT BE REMOVED

PLEASE RETURN TO
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
ROOM 194
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FCC Letter No:

Date:

Project No:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief and evacuation of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of application No. NY 615631 dated March 23, 1944 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee dealing with remittance of equivalent in Swiss francs of $200,000 to Sally Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland for evacuation of Jews from Rumania and France. Such sum to be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of W-206.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the application described above.

Remarks: Remittance through Federal Reserve Bank of New York

F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-615631 issued March 28, 1944
Remittance License No. NY 615631 issued March 28, 1944

Date: MAR 28 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

MT 61503. Approved, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, for disbursment in accordance with provisions of License No. W-2106, as amended. The licensee, or its bank of account, is authorized to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich, for payment to the payee designated herein, or to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

(For memo, call 698-3088 in unit 402 RFB)
CROSS-REFERENCE

(Name of Applicant)

(Application Number)
AUG 5 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I wish to advise you that the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Bern, Switzerland, has reported that for the period ending June 30, 1944, the following amounts of free currency have been sent into enemy territory under the third method of financing specified in License 5-2106:

- $33,000, Poland
- $105,000, Slovakia
- $89,600, Italy
- $115,000, Hungary
- $177,000, Romania

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J. V. Pehle

J. V. Pehle
Executive Director

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

Philab 8/3/44
Section (B) of license number L-2160 issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which was described in Department's Number 39 of June 5 has been amended by the Treasury Department. The amended section referred to is paraphrased below:

Individual licenses will be issued by the Treasury authorizing the use of specific amounts following issuance of this license. The aggregate of the amounts expended or otherwise obligated pursuant to this license, plus the total amounts of claims against any blocked account established pursuant hereto, shall not be in excess of the total sum in dollars (or the equivalent thereof in foreign currency) so specified in Treasury's authorization.

In line with the above, this license has been amended by the Treasury in connection with a specific license issued to the Joint Distribution Committee authorizing the payment, in addition to amounts formerly authorized, of the equivalent of $75,000 in Swiss francs.
Swiss francs to Sal Mayer, with the understanding that this amount is to be used under license W-2160 to which we refer above.

We request that the foregoing information be transmitted to Sal Mayer, St. Gall, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Switzerland.

License W-2150, issued to the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc., which was described in Department's Number 891 of March 15, has also been amended by Treasury. This amendment is identical in every way to the amendment applying to the license of the Joint Distribution Committee described above. License W-2150 is amended in order to enable the American Committee for Christian Refugees to make payment to Dr. Freudenberg of the equivalent of $25,000 in Swiss Francs. This sum is in addition to sums authorized prior to this time, and is to be used pursuant to said license.

We request that notification of the above-mentioned amendment be sent the representative of the American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc. in Switzerland, Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, 41 Avenue de Champs, Geneva.

The War Refugee Board, the Treasury and the Department concur in the foregoing.

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Acting
Please be advised that the messages enclosed with the two memoranda under reference have been prepared for dispatch. In view of the fact that the amendments to the two licenses were in all respects identical other than for the amount of the additional remittances to be mentioned as having been approved by special Treasury licenses, I have incorporated the two amendments into one telegram.

A paraphrase of the telegram will reach you in due course through the usual channels.

(Initialled) W.I.R.

William I. Regeleman
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFO Letter No:

Date:

Project No:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Amendment of W-3196 permitting JDS to send $50,000 to Switzerland

There is transmitted herewith a memo dated 5-26-44 dealing with relief operations from Switzerland

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

Action: For the War Refugee Board

Basic license No. W-3196 amended May 26, 1944

Letter No. 72206, S-26-44 (cable)

Letter No. 72206, S-26-44

Date: MAY 26 1944
In reply, please refer to 7:106.

Article 1

In accordance with the recommendations made to this Depart-ment by the subcommittee of the Committee on Exports, you are authorized to issue licenses, in the form, to all persons and firms that are subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 58, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder, to issue licenses in an amount not exceeding the amount authorized by the foreign currency equivalent thereof, as determined by Treasury, to be used for the transactions specified in Section 1 of this license, as amended, and to issue licenses to all persons and firms subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this license, as amended, to an amount not exceeding the amount authorized by the foreign currency equivalent thereof, as determined by Treasury, to be used for the transactions specified in Section 2 of this license, as amended.

Section 2. "The total amount of funds sold out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amount of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license."

Section 3. "This license shall expire on November 30, 1944, and shall be subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 58, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder, as may be revised, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Treasury, the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary of the Treasury, as the case may be." You are informed that, in the event the activities contemplated in license No. 7:106 are to be continued after the date on which this license expires, this Department will be pleased to consider renewing the license for a further period of six months. The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland is
being notified of the foregoing arrangement and requested to inform your representative in Switzerland, Mr. only accepting
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to issue to you a license to effect the transfer of the Swiss
franc equivalent of 100,000 to your representative in Switzerland through the special facilities available to this government, as recommended by the war refugee board.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Acting Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.
In reply please refer to 7:20A.

To: OPA, A. E., Division
    Department of State.

From: Orie S. Schmidt

Attention: Mr. William L. McGovern

It is appreciated if the attached cable relative to an amendment to license No. A-2186 issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., may be dispatched immediately to the American Legation, Cairo, authorized, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

Please advise Mr. H. H. Parker, the Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer with the EUR Refugees Board when such cable is dispatched.

attachment.

Ref: Parker, Jf. 4-25-44
Please advise only Mayor, A. Bell, representative in Switzerland of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, New York City, that the Treasury Department has amended Section 2 of license No. 5-2156 as amended, to read as follows:

"The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked amounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amount of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license."

This amendment is in connection with a specific Treasury license issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to revert to Mr. Mayor, the usual franc equivalent of 30,000 to be used under license No. 5-2106, in addition to remittances previously licensed. It has the approval of the Department, the War Refugees Board and the Treasury.

Ri!Kerma 5-25-44
In reply please refer to 72295

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the convenience of your office, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the letter addressed under even date to the various Jewish Joint Distribution Committees, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, containing I-30-14. The same was received February 6, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis F. Schindel
Vice President

Mr. Edward F. Davis,
Manager,
Foreign Funds Control Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

H. Furman 5-25-44
Regarding the application filed directly with this department, you are hereby
authorized to issue license to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General
Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000 to the only
agency at Yale, entitled, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions
of license No. 4-2306, as amended. The license or its bank of account is
authorized to remit the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank
of New York as fiscal agent of the United States. Please send signed copy
of license to Mr. Husser, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and advise him
this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

Unit 402

Schoolhouse 5-25-44

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To: American Red Cross, Switzerland Committee (Name of license)
270 Beacon Street, Boston, U.S.A. (Address of license)

Sir:

In order to arrange for the evacuation of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territories, your representative is hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

(a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who your representative, after consulting with the United States Legation in Bern when feasible, has reason to believe have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency or exchange may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.

(b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territories for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Switzerland. No payment may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

(c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. Your representative should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.
2. The total amount of dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed 2,500,000 Swiss francs, or the dollar equivalent thereof, during the six months' period beginning January 1, 1944.

3. Your representative should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. In so far as feasible your representative should make certain that the persons from whom the local currencies or exchange are purchased are acceptable to the Legation. Your representative should satisfy himself that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operation engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by your representative through the United States Legation in Bern.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder. It may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(Signed) J. N. Pohle

J. N. Pohle
Assistant to the Secretary