CROSS REFERENCE ON SELFHELP OF EMIGRES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, INC. - LICENSEES

For:

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

For further corres. concerning this license...

SEE: SELFHELP OF EMIGRES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, INC.
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: September 30, 1944
NUMBER: 3391

Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Fanny Hirsch, Comité Réfugiés Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, from Fred S. Weishman, Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe, Inc.

QUOTE RECEIVED MESSAGES SEPTEMBER 1, 5, AND 16.
JAILING FOR DETAILED INFORMATION. TRANSFERRING $2,000 UNDER LICENSE # 213. CONTINUE RESCUE WORK FOR MARIUS HESS-LIEBER, 22 WALLSTRASSE, BASEL. UNQUOTE

THIS IS CABLE TO BERN NO. 107.

HULL

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 13 1979
Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Manny Hirsh, Committee on Refugees and Intellectuals, 7 Rue Courtil, Geneva, Switzerland, from Fred:

Fleiss, Fairchild & Co., Inc.

COPY RECEIVED SEPT. 28, 1944

STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR SOUTHAMPTON
STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR BRUNEL
STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR BLACKBURN
STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR MARCHMONT
STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR ARRIVAL TO LONDON
STOP CONTINUE WORK FOR ARRIVAL TO DUBLIN

THIS IS 5TH Cases. 7) Rush No. 197

2.30 P.M.
September 28, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Jacq.) Abrahamson, Cohn, DaRoza, Friedman, Gross, Laughlin, Lesser, Hanson, McCormack, Files
Selfhelp
OF EMIGRES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, Inc.
139 CENTRE STREET

September 25, 1964

Mr. J. V.,

Executive Director

P.O. Box 77, Canal Street

New York 13, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of September 14th, we hereby respectfully ask you to forward the following

enclosure to the General Office of Selfhelp, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York City:

Received September 15th.

Please find enclosed information pertaining to 3,000 paper licenses C-4337, columbus morm
work for Herman, Logan and Thereston.

Solicit cooperation through "West-Liter,

Baltimore, Maryland.

Thanking you for your assistance,

Sincerely yours,

FRED. F. WEISSMAN

Executive Secretary.

P. O. Box 77, CANAL STREET STATION,
NEW YORK 13, N.Y.

TELEPHONE
CANAL 6-5000.

President:
PAUL TILLICH

Vice-President:
FREDERICK H. WILD

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FRED. F. WEISSMAN

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FRED. F. WEISSMAN

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Executive Secretary:

FRED. F. WEISSMAN

P. O. BOX 77, CANAL STREET STATION,
NEW YORK 13, N.Y.

TELEPHONE
CANAL 6-5000.
TO: 
Lisa Storel

FROM: 
J. S. Parks

DATE: 
August 23, 1944

SUBJECT: Amendment to license No. 3-2107 issued to Selfhelp of Lagares in Central Europe, New York, New York.

In accordance with standing instructions, there is submitted herewith, for transmission through official channels, a draft of a cable to Bern relative to the amendment to the subject license.

This amendment is in connection with the letter dated August 10, 1944, addressed to the War Refugee Board by Selfhelp.

Copies of the letter and the subject license and of the wire authorizing additional assistance to the representative in Switzerland of Selfhelp, will be transmitted to you as soon as they become available.

N. S. Parks

[Signature]
August 10, 1944

My dear Mr. Pahle:

Reference is made to the letters of the Treasury Department of February 16th and March 2nd, 1944, and to your letter of March 29, 1944. According to these letters, a license (No. 5-F-127) was issued permitting us to transfer a total of $25,000 to Fanny Hirsch, Comité pour le Placement de Réfugiés Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, for the purpose of assisting refugees in certain enemy occupied countries who are in danger of starvation or who may be able to find refuge in a neutral country. During the past six months, under this license, we have transferred $25,000 to Mrs. Hirsch, and we are going to transmit another amount of $5,000 within the next few days.

From the reports we have received we have learned that our committee in Switzerland has been successful in the rescue work assigned to it and that it is in urgent need of more funds. We therefore respectfully apply for a license enabling us to continue this work. We should be very grateful, indeed, if you kindly extended the former license for the amount of $5,000 which we cannot use before the end of August for another month, and if, at the same time, another license for $17,000 could be issued authorizing us to transfer that amount to Mrs. Fanny Hirsch, Comité pour le Placement de Réfugiés Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, within the forthcoming six months, and permitting them to use this money for the rescue of refugees in enemy occupied countries.

Thanking you in advance for a favorable consideration of this application, we are,

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated August 10, 1944, from the Salbemp of Emplace from Central Europe, Inc., dealing with remittances to Switzerland for rescue and relief operations in enemy territory.

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: Renewal of basic license.
Remittance license.

Action:

Basic license No. W-2137 issued amended August 26, 1944
Remittance license No. issued NY 611370 extended for one month
Other: Remittance license NY 646438 issued August 25, 1944
Letter No. 75253 dated August 26, 1944

Date: August 26, 1944
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
In reply please refer Lot 75032

Sirs:

The U.S. Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated August 12, 1943, in which you request the extension of your license (No. 611976), authorizing the remittance of $25,000 to your representative in Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Henry Schoelcher-Schaeff, and the issuance of a license permitting you to make an additional remittance of the Swiss francs, equivalent of $17,000, to your representative, over a period of six months.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the U.S. Refugee Board, section 2 and section 6 of license No. 611976, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2: "The total amount of funds paid 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 6: "This license shall expire February 28, 1945, as subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 4359 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder, and 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 by any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury."

You are informed that, in the event the activities contemplated in license No. 611976 are to be continued after the date on which such 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 amendment and requested to inform Mrs. Nancy Schlueter-Fisch. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been authorized to extend your license, No. 611794, for a period of one month and to issue you an additional license to effect the transfer of the Swiss franc equivalent of $17,000 to your representative in Switzerland through the facilities available to this Government.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schlueter
Acting Director

Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc.
139 Centre Street
New York, New York

Schuchert 3-22-44
DRAFT OF CABLE TO FERN

Please advise Mrs. Fanny Schultheiss-Hirsch, Ccrite pour le Placement de Refugies Intellectuals, 7 Rue Centrory, Geneva, representative in Switzerland of the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc., New York, New York, that the Treasury Department has amended section 2 of License No. 6-2137, described in the Department's telegram No. 782, March 9, 1944, to read as follows:

"The total amount of funds paid 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 license to be used under this license."

This amendment is in connection with a specific Treasury license issued to the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc., to remit to Mrs. Schultheiss-Hirsch the Swiss franc equivalent of 117,000 to be used under No. 2137, in addition to remittances previously licensed. It has the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

[Signature]

Schurichten 8-22-44
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby
authorized to issue license to the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe,
Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding
General ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of $17,000 to
Mrs. Finny Semithesus-Hirsch, Comite pour la protection de Refugies Intel-
lectuals, 7 Rue Castoer, Geneva, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance
with the provisions of license No. 3-2137, as amended. The licensee or its
bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the
Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse,
Zurich, for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payment designated herein,
or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of
New York as Fiscal Agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the
Federal Reserve Bank of New York. License period six months. Please send
signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and
advice him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes.

Initialed) O.A.S.  
Orris A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Schurchbn 8-12-44
Reference is made to the letters of the Treasury Department of February 15th and March 2nd, 1944, and to your letter of March 28, 1944. According to these letters, a license (No. W-1377) has been issued permitting us to transfer a total of $23,000 to Fanny Schultheiss-Hirsch, Comité pour le Placement de Refugies Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, for the purpose of assisting refugees in certain enemy occupied countries who are in danger of starvation or who may be able to find refuge in a neutral country.

During the past six months, under this license, we have transferred $17,000 to Mrs. Hirsch, and we are going to transmit another amount of $6,000 within the next few days.

From the reports we have received we have learned that our committee in Switzerland has been successful in the rescue work assigned to it and that it is in urgent need of more funds. We therefore respectfully apply for a license enabling us to continue this work. We should be very grateful, indeed, if you kindly extended the former license for the amount of $6,000—which we cannot use before the end of August for another month, and if, at the same time, another license for $17,000 could be issued authorizing us to transfer this amount to Mrs. Fanny Hirsch, Comité pour le Placement de Refugies Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, within the forthcoming six months, and permitting them to use this money for the rescue of refugees in enemy occupied countries.

Thanking you in advance for a favorable consideration of this application, we are,

Respectfully yours,

Fred S. Weissman
Executive Secretary.
Please advise Mr. Henry Schultheiss—Hirsch, Comité pour le
Rénouveau de la Seconde Intellektuelles, 7 Rue Cautier, Geneva,
representative in Switzerland of the Selfhelp of Refugees from
Central Europe, Inc., New York, New York, that the Treasury
Department has amended section 3 of license no. 7-2137, described
in the Department's telegram No. 7218, March 9, 1944, to read as
follows:

"The total amount of funds paid 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."

This amendment is in connection with a specific Treasury li-
cense issued to the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc.
to remit to Mr. Schultheiss—Hirsch the Swiss franc equivalent of
CHF 7,000 to be used under license no. 7-2137, in addition to remittances
previously licensed. It has the approval of the Department, the
War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

Hull
August 26, 1944

To: Mr. Warren

From: Mr. Pable

It will be appreciated if you will arrange for appropriate clearance and immediate dispatch of the attached cable to Minister Harrison, Bern.
DRAFT OF CABLE TO BERLIN

Please advise Mrs. Sandy Schultheiss-Hirsch, Comité pour le Placement de Refugies Intellectuals, 7 Rue Gautier, Genève, representative in Switzerland of the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc., New York, New York, that the Treasury Department has amended section 2 of license No. 6-2137, described in the Department’s telegram No. 752, March 9, 1944, to read as follows:

"The total amount of funds paid 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."

This amendment is in connection with a specific Treasury license issued to the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc. to remit to Mrs. Schultheiss-Hirsch the Swiss franc equivalent of $17,000 to be used under No. 2137, in addition to remittances previously licensed.

It has the approval of the Department, the War Refugees Board and the Treasury.

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Miss Model

Submitted by Mr.
Duffin, Bm. 219, M. B.
extension 5450.

[Signature]
[Signature]
CONFIDENTIAL

JUNE 13 1944 NEW YORK NY

TO

FANNY HIRSCH
CIRI SE FUGIERS INTELECTUELS
7 RUE GAUTIER GENEVA
(SWITZERLAND)

FROM

MELSSIAN SELFHELP
137 CENTER STREET
NY  CANAL 6-5000 ROOM 520

THANKS FOR FIRST REPORT VIA LEGATION CABLED YOU ANOTHER DOLLARS 5,000
EARNED FOR RESCUE STOP FINANCE HOFFMANN RITZ HELLBRONNER FOR ONE
MONTH CABLE THEIR ARRIVAL FOR FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS STOP ASSIST MOTHER
IN-LAW OF FRITZ ROSENZELLER 3 RUE FERDINAND HOFLER GENEVE STOP ASSIST
WILHELM MAX MELANIE ROSENBERG CONTACT DR. SCHLEI 322 BADENSTR MUNCHEN
STOP ASSIST PHILIPP DORIS MEYERHOFF CONTACT IRIS C. KNAUFF LIEBENTHAL
21 ZURICH STOP ASSIST HENRIETTE MARION WENK CONTACT RUDOLF WENK FRIED-
RICHT STR 12 ZURICH STOP RESCUE ELISABETH KLING CONTACT BERTHE DREIUS
43 RUE DE LA POSTE KREUZlingen

(SEND ATTACHED NOTE TO CENSOR)
Box 77, Canal Street Station
New York 13, New York

Telephone
Canal 6-5000

SELFHELP
of Emigrees from Central Europe, Inc.
139 Centre Street

Note for Reader to curable of June 12, 1944 to
Fanny Birsch, Geriatric Refugees Intellectuals
7 Rue Gautier, Geneva (Switzerland)

Money transferred under License No. 2137.
Moritz Thilde HELBRONNER, German refugee, can be rescued from France if France
700 are available for them in Switzerland.
The mother-in-law of Fritz Rosenfelder, former lawyer in Karlsruhe, Germany, who
escaped from France to Switzerland, is Emma HIRSCH, refugee from
Germany, around 60 years old; her daughter was deported from France
to Poland. Address: Hotel Mirador, All ноч, France.

Wilhema (Max) Melanie ROSENBERG, all about 70 years old, last known address:
Camp de Noe, France, appealed via Red Cross to brother here for
assistance.

Philippe & Dora MEYERHOFF, between 65 and 70 years old, last known address: Hospice
Roquefort, Revel, Ht.G., France, were formerly assisted by Miss Weinberg,
Zurich, who cannot afford to spend any more money for this family.
Henriette WINKER, widow of a stateless refugee from Germany, 38 years old. Family
imigrated in 1940 to France; husband and wife separated, husband immi-
grated into U.S. and died here about half a year ago; wife got a baby,
Marion, now 3 years old, last known address: Camp de Carc, France.

Elisabeth KLING, 14 years old, parents were deported to Poland from France, in
1942. Left behind helpless; Grandmother Mrs. Paula Goldsmith, Philadelphia.

The Swiss contact persons are either friends or relatives of the people
we are concerned about.

(signed) F. S. Weissman
In reply please refer to 224.

MAR 28 1944

Dear Dr. Weissman:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1944.

I am pleased to advise you that we have recommended to the Treasury Department an appropriate amendment to your license No. W-2137 so that the amount paid out or otherwise obligated thereunder may be increased up to the amount of $20,000.

With respect to your second request to submit to your Swiss committee names and circumstances of certain victims of Nazi oppression, the Board is not prepared at this time to recommend approval of your request, unless it can be shown that the sending of these names will actually result in the saving of more lives.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Fred S. Weissman,
Executive Secretary,
Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York, New York.
TO:

Miss Helen

I have doubts about the last paragraph. Will you call me on it?

J.B.

Ms. J. B. Dubois
Dear Dr. Weisman:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1944.

I am pleased to advise you that we have recommended to the Treasury Department an appropriate amendment to your license No. 37-72-37 so that the amount paid out or otherwise obligated thereunder may be increased up to the amount of $20,000.

With respect to your second request to submit to your Ciss committee names and circumstances of certain victims of Nazi oppression, the Board is not prepared at this time to recommend approval of your request, unless it can be shown that the amount of the assistance will actually exceed the other assistance of which you wrote.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Action Executive Director

Dr. Fred S. Weisman,
Executive Secretary,
Selfhelp of Emigres from
Central Europe, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York, N. Y.
In reply please refer to: 224

Dear Dr. Weisman:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1944.

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Very truly yours,

J. H. Pohle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Fred S. Weisman,
Executive Secretary,
Self-Help of Emigres from Central Europe, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York, N. Y.

Phodelshd 2/28/44
Mr. J. J. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
Near Refugees Board,
United States Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Attn. Miss Florence Hodel

February 24, 1944

My dear Mr. Pehle:

Our Executive Committee has asked me to extend to you our sincere gratitude for the favorable consideration you have given to our application of February 7th, by issuing the license No. 2137. This amount of $5,000 will be cabled to our representative in Switzerland, Mrs. Fanny Schulthess-Hirsch, 7 rue Gautier, Geneva, for rescue work in certain enemy-occupied countries, in a few days, with the necessary instructions.

Considering the large number of people waiting for rescue, our Executive Committee has decided to ask you for an amendment to this license so that we may be able to transmit to our Swiss Committee up to an amount of $20,000 within the next six months.

Referring to your circular letter of February 8th, we respectfully ask you to give us an opportunity to submit to our Swiss committee names and circumstances of victims of Nazi oppression who are trapped in occupied countries. Although many such people are known to them, others have contacted us in the last months. We are afraid of cabling such information to our committee because of the possible interference of the enemy. If all the details we have here could be submitted to our committee through diplomatic channels, it would be of considerable importance to the whole rescue work.

Of course, the final decision as to which of the people named by us deserve assistance most, and what steps shall be taken in their behalf, has to be made on the spot, under the supervision of the United States Legation in Bern.

Very respectfully yours,

Fred S. Weissman
Executive Secretary.
MAR 10 1944

Dear Dr. Weissman:

I have your letter of March 6, 1944, requesting an appointment.

I will be very glad to see you and discuss the matters referred to in your letter on Tuesday, March 21st, at 2 p.m.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. Hodel

F. Hodel
Assistant to the Executive Director

Dr. Fred S. Weissman,
Executive Secretary,
Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, N. Y.

F. Hodel 3/9/44 Copy to Mrs. Parks
My dear Miss Hodel:

I have to be in Washington for a hearing on March 21st, early in the morning. I should like very much to take this opportunity of having your advice in some matters which have come up in connection with our rescue work in Switzerland (compare our license # N 2137). So I should be extremely grateful if you could give me an appointment either Monday, March 20th or Tuesday, March 21st, in the afternoon.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Respectfully yours,

Fred S. Weissman
Executive Secretary.
License No. W-2137 has been issued by the Treasury to Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe, New York City, for the purpose of effecting relief and evacuation operations of enemy and enemy-occupied territory. Information regarding this license should be given to Mrs. Fanny Schultheis-Hirsch, Comite Pour le Placement de Refugies Intellectuals, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva. The text of this license is the same as those issued to the World Jewish Congress, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, and the American Joint Distribution Committee (please see our cable of February 21 No. 564) except that in paragraph (b) of the license to the Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe that the total amount authorized for the period ending August 31, 1944 should not exceed Swiss francs 93,618 or the dollar equivalent.

The operations which this license covers are approved by Treasury, the Department, and War Refugee Board.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)
March 8, 1944

Subject: Memorandum dated March 4, 1944, from Mr. Magsamen, Department of State.

The subject memorandum, a copy of which is attached hereeto, referred to the matter of objects referred to in the offices in connection with the issuance of license No. D-2136 to the International Rescue Committee of New York, Inc., and No. D-2137 issued to the Califia of Egypt. Section 2 of such license refers to the amount of money, expressed in terms of dollars, which may be obligated under the terms of the respective licenses.

Mr. Magsamen suggested that in transmitting the cables to the respective states, the amount of money involved be expressed in terms of dollars. Accordingly, the following changes were made in such cables:

License No. D-2136 - International Rescue Committee of New York, Inc. Cables from D-2136 to $99,000 at dollars (9,899)

License No. D-2137 - Califia of Egypt Cables from D-2137 to $9,618 (equal to $220) at dollars (S,618)

[Signature]
March 4, 1944

FPD - Treasury Department

Ret. Selfhelp of Displaced from Central Europe,
New York City,

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, with regard to the International Rescue and Relief Committee license, I have amended the license to the Selfhelp of Displaced from Central Europe to provide for an expenditure of 93,618 Swiss francs, or the dollar equivalent thereof, in lieu of $23,000 or the Swiss franc equivalent thereof.

This telegram to Bern has been prepared for dispatch.

WILLIAM J. HUNGRMAN

[Signature]
In reply please refer to 89990

Sir:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated February 24, 1944 in which you propose that license No. 8-2137, issued to you on February 15, 1944, under Executive Order No. 8999, as amended, be amended so as to permit you to obligate under the terms of such license up to an amount of $50,000 within the next six months in addition to the amount of $3,000 previously contemplated.

Pursuant to the recommendation made to this Department by the War Refugee Board, section 8 of license No. 8-2137 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"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 $23,000 or the Swiss franc equivalent thereof during the period ending August 31, 1944."

The American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, is being notified of the foregoing amendment. 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 $20,000 to your Committee in Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

Owen E. Schmidt
Acting Director

Selma News from
Central Europe, Inc.,
129 Centre Street,
New York, New York.

Ref: res 2/29/44
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to "Selfhelp of Eugene" from Central European Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000 to "Fanny" Schlotheim-Birsh, Comite pour le Placement de Refugis Intellectuels, 7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, over the period ending August 31, 1944, under Regulation No. 2A. License expires August 31, 1944.

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt
Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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RIFark:typ 2-29-44
In reply please refer to 59972

To: Mr. William Riegelman
    Department of State

From: Curtis A. Schmidt

It will be appreciated if the attached cable, relative to the issuance of license No. 22137 to Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe, Inc., New York City, may be despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

In this connection, reference is made to your telephone conversation on February 29, 1944, with Mr. H. A. Parke, the Foreign Funds Control Liaison Officer to the War Refugee Board, regarding my communication of February 16, 1944, transmitting a draft of a cable to Bern relative to the issuance on that date of license No. 22137, which you stated has not been received by you. In accordance with the suggestion made to Mr. Parke, the attached cable refers to the license in its present form and not as originally issued. The license originally contemplated the expenditure of $3,000; it has been amended today to permit the expenditure of $23,000 over the period ending August 31, 1944.

It will be appreciated if you will advise Mr. Parke when such cable has been despatched.

Curtis A. Schmidt

Subject: Selfhelp

[Handwritten note: 3-3-44]
Cable to FGNC

Please advise Mrs. Fanny Schalithaise-Birnch, Comité pour le placement de Refugiés Intellectuels, 7 Rue Geletny, Geneva, that the Treasury Department has issued License No. 11-2137 to Haliford of England from Central Europe, New York City, to carry on relief and evacuation operations in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. The text of the license reads exactly as those issued to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States, the World Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, except that section two of License No. 11-2137 provides that the total amount of dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked accounts, or otherwise obligated under the terms of the license, shall not exceed $22,000 or the Swiss franc equivalent thereof during the period ending August 31, 1944.

The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugees Board, and the Treasury.

Ref: cpf 2/29/44
In reply please refer to 59971

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your information and the completion of your file, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter addressed under even date to the Selfhelp of Europe from Central Europe, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, preceding license No. B-2137 issued under date of February 16, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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

Enclosure

RBParkes rpf 3/1/44
MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

February 29, 1944

Subject: Amendment to License No. W-2157 issued to the Selfhelp of Enigres from Central Europe, Inc.

At Elia Moldel's suggestion, I telephoned Mr. Fred S. Weissman, Executive Secretary of Selfhelp of Enigres from Central Europe, Inc., through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to determine whether this organization required a remittance license at this time as well as the amendment to the subject license proposed in this organization's letter of February 24, 1944; to the War Refugee Board.

Mr. Weissman stated that they would like very much to have a remittance license permitting them to remit $20,000 over a period of 6 months and that they are prepared to remit from $5,000 to $10,000 as soon as the amendment to the subject license is received by them.

R. B. Parke
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

PPG Letter No:

Date: February 26, 1944

Project No:

TO: 

Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: 

War Refugee Board

Subject: Amendment to License No. W-2137

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated February 24, 1944 from the Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe Inc., dealing with amendment of License No. W-2137. In view of the large number of people waiting for rescue, the Executive Committee of Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe desires amendment to license in order that they may transmit to their Swiss committee up to an amount of $20,000 within the next six months. The War Refugee Board recommends that an appropriate amendment be issued.

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:

F. Hodel
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2137 issued February 24, 1944, amended March 2, 1944

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Letter No. 59972 (Cable) March 2, 1944

Letter No. 59971 March 2, 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: [MAR 2 1944]
In reply please refer to 50-06

FROM: Orvis L. Schmidt

Mr. William Lingleman,
Department of State.

It will be appreciated if the attached cable may be despatched immediately to the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, through the facilities available to the Department of State.

Please advise this office when cable is despatched.

Attachment.

EHParks 2-14-44
CLARA TO RHEA

Please advise Mr. Manny Schultheis-Hirsch, Comite pour le Placement de Refuge Intellectuels, Rue Montier, Geneva, that the Treasury Department has issued License No. R-2137 to Selfhelp of Refugees from Central Europe, New York City, to carry on relief and evacuation operations in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. The text of the license reads exactly as those issued to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States, the World Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, except that section two of License No. R-2137 provides that the total amount of dollars or Swiss francs paid out or set up in blocked accounts, or otherwise obligated under the terms of the license, shall not exceed $3,000 or the Swiss franc equivalent thereof.

The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury.

IPKPaper, 4th 2-24-44
TO:      Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM:   War Refugee Board  
SUBJECT: Selfhelp of Emigres from Central Europe, Inc., 139 Centre Street, New York, New York.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated February 7, 1944 from the subject dealing with assistance to refugees in enemy-occupied territory.

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: Basic license and remittance license  
Special facilities through New York Federal Reserve Bank

(signed) Florence Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board.

Action: 2137  
Basic License No. 1  
Remittance License No. 1  
Other Cable & Letter (Letter No. 27974)  
Letter No. 27976  
Letter No. 27978  

dated 2/12/44  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control  

Date: 2/12/44
Selbsthilfe
OF EMIGRES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, INC.
139 CENTRE STREET
NEW YORK 13, N.Y.

To the Acting Executive Director of the U.S. Committee for Refugees
Washington, D.C.

June 14th

I have gathered from various Red Cross sources that a great many refugees are expected to reach Paris in the next few days. Fugitives, mostly in search of safety from Nazi and, in part, (even in this they are not guided directly) in order to make the dangerous trip to neutral countries, to the United States, etc. Our group which has been in Switzerland for several years has always considered it our duty to help fellow Jews to avoid Nazi victims of cruel oppression, regardless of race, creed, or nationality. Until 1939, on the corresponding conditions in France, Belgium, Holland, and other countries, these last years have been able to continue our work in Switzerland through the Selbsthilfe Committee in Zurich and through the Caillifour de Placement de Refugies Intellectuals, in Geneva.

The Committee in Geneva has been very active helping victims of Nazi oppression to escape from France to Switzerland, and has also assisted refugees to cross the Swiss frontier from France, Italy, and even from Holland and Belgium, with funds collected in Switzerland. As a consequence of the Swiss regulations (Treating with the Heavy Act), we had, during the last years, to restrict our relief work to the assistance of refugees already residing in Switzerland.
Selfhelp
OF EMIGRES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, Inc.
139 CENTRE STREET

To the Acting Executive Director
of the 500-page Board
February 7, 1944

Dear Sir:

The facts above explain why we are permitted to transfer funds to our own. In Europe, with the
setup of anti-McCarthy forces, every American-initiated
aid agency, including us, is under the threat of intervention, or the very threat of intervention. In this case, we
are unable to act like the rest of the world. We
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1. to enable us to acquire the equivalent of $5,000 in
   French francs at the official rate of exchange, and

2. to purchase the necessary materials and supplies for
   the Americanisches Institut, to distribute to
   various institutions in Europe.

Respectfully yours,

Fred S. Reisman
Executive Secretary.

[Signed]