MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date:

Project No:

TO:    Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM:  War Refugee Board

Subject: Purchase of Swedish kroner equivalent of $50,000 from Goodyear
         Gummi Fabriks, Sweden

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated June 19, 1944
from Miss Hodel dealing with request for

a license by Goodyear Fire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, permitting it to
receive check for $50,000 from WRF for the account of its Swedish company.

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:

Schedule license No. W-222 issued June 24, 1944
Remittance license No. Issued
Other: Letter No. 7802 dated June 24, 1944 (Letter license, above)

Liaison Officer

Foreign Funds Control

Date:    June 24, 1944
in reply please refer to 7/1012

Sir:

The War Refugee Board has transmitted to this Department a copy of your letter dated June 13, 1944, in which you request it to arrange for the issuance of a Treasury license permitting you to credit the blocked account of your Swedish company, the Goodyear Gummi Fabriken, in the amount of $54,000 paid to you for its account by the War Refugee Board. It is understood that such sum represents the dollar equivalent of Swedish Kronor received from the Goodyear Gummi Fabriken by the representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden.

So far as Executive Order 88, 859, as amended, is concerned, this letter will serve to authorize the transaction described above.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

Dr. E. C. Vialenti, Treasurer
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company,
Akron, Ohio.

[Note: NB: Paperhand, 6/20/44]
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Parks
FROM: Miss Hodel

There is forwarded to you herewith a copy of a letter dated June 13, 1944, received from the Treasurer of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The representative of the War Refugee Board in Stockholm recently acquired the Swedish kronor equivalent of $50,000 from Goodyear Gummi Fabriker, Sweden. Payment was made by the War Refugee Board to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. In connection with the receipt of the Swedish kronor equivalent by our representative in Stockholm, you are advised that under date of June 7, 1944, he cabled as follows to the Board:

"You are informed that today Goodyear funds were delivered in cash against appropriate receipts. We made inquiry as to whether local concern was in a position to enter into further transactions of this nature and were advised that it would be possible to make one additional transfer of the same amount. This arrangement worked well and although not foolproof, it is desirable from security point of view. At this time we do not recommend bank transfers as receipt of cable transfers of such size by individuals involved in operations unavoidably attract notice and suspicion."

It will be appreciated if you will arrange for the issuance of a special Washington license to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, permitting it to receive the check for $50,000 from the War Refugee Board for the account of its Swedish company.

[Signature]

[Note]: 6/19/44
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio (19)

June 30, 1942

TREASURER

Mr. E. E. Rhine, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
Farwest Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rhine,

I want to thank you very much for your letter of June 15th, enclosing check for $15,000 in payment for the Swedish Preuss equivalent, which our Swedish company paid for the account of your representative in Stockholm.

In order for us to properly credit this sum to the blocked account of our Swedish company, on our books, it is necessary that we have a Treasurer, Department License in order to legally effect this credit. Since this transaction was arranged with you through official channels, could you be good enough to contact the proper officials in the Treasury department and have them send us such license?

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Treasurer
MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

June 13, 1944

By his cables of July 16 and May 22 (Nos. 1718 and 1820) Olsen advised the Board that prospects seemed fair to affect the rescue of 600 or 700 intellectual, racial and political refugees each from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Olsen stated that these operations were known to and were being facilitated by the Swedish Foreign Office. He stated that $50,000 was necessary for each project.

After canvassing the situation, it became clear that private Jewish organizations were not prepared at this time to put up substantial sums for these projects for the reason that they did not feel justified in putting up money for work in untried field in the light of the heavy demands arising from the situation in Hungary. Furthermore, it appeared that no organization of Lithuanians, Latvians or Estonians exists in this country able to finance these projects. Consequently, it became necessary for the War Refugee Board to make funds available to Olsen for these projects if a test was to be made of their workability. In view of Olsen's appraisal of the worth of these projects, it was decided to put $50,000 at his disposal to try them out. The JDC has agreed to make an additional $15,000 available and the Vaad Hahatsala is making arrangements to supply a further $15,000.
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Albion, Ohio (16)

June 10, 1944

Dear Mr. [Name]

Office of Treasurer

Attention: [Name]

This will confirm that you are sending through official channels the following cables for our accounts:

Goodyear Fabrics Aktiebolag
Karlstad, Sweden

Your 20 Lander. Have any payments been made, if so to whom and in what amounts stop if not make no payments except under our instructions. Cable urgent.

Z. H. Osland, Treasurer
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co

Yours truly,

Z. H. Osland

[Handwritten signature]
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Stockholm
DATE: June 8, 1944
NUMBER: 1150

Following from War Refugee Board to Johnson for Olsen

1. Reference paragraph 1 of Department's No. 1000, May 24, 1944 (WRB No. 18). Goodyear Akron advises transaction effected with approval of foreign exchange office and is asking for payment here of countervalue. Please confirm.

2. Reference Stockholm's 1820, May 22, 1944 (your WRB No. 20). We expect to have funds available shortly for the Lithuanian and Latvian projects. In the meantime you are authorized to use as you see fit a part of the funds referred to in paragraph 1 above for these projects.

3. The Treasury has licensed Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee to remit, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, the equivalent of $10,000 to Rabbi Wolbe and/or Hans Lehman provided that such funds may be utilized by the payee only as authorized by you, as representative of the War Refugee Board. For your guidance, the Vaad Hahatzala desires that the major portion of these funds be used for the Lithuanian program outlined in cable No. 1820 of May 22 from Stockholm (your WRB No. 20). The necessary funds, goods or services may be acquired from persons in enemy territory against payment by

State Dept. Letter 1-11-42
By E. H. Parks Date SEP 1972
payment by any of the three methods which are prescribed
under Section 4(a) of License No. W-2152 issued to the
American Relief for Norway, Inc., and set forth in Department's
cable No. 619 of April 8, 1944. Periodic reports on
operations engaged in under this license should be filed
with Treasury through Legation.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 25.
CABLE TO STOCKHOLM

From War Refugee Board to Johnson for Olsen

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THIS IS WSB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 20

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June 7, 1944
2:30 p.m.
cc: Miss Chauney (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, Epstein, Friedman, Hodel, Laughin, Lesser, McCormick, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.
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To: Secretary of State, Washington

D: June 9, 1944

Re: Department No. 111

We understand that the Secretary of State's

department has received a request from the

Department of State, No. 111, for

information as to whether local concerns are in a position to

enter into further transactions of this nature. We were

informed by the Secretary of State that it would be possible to make a

financial transaction by means of the such amount. This arrangement worked

well and although not fool-proof, it is desirable from

security point of view. At this time we do not recommend

such transfer or receipt of such a transfer of such size by

individuals involved in operations unsecrectly directed

notice one another.

We have taken initial steps to "vet" the Lithuanian

and noting with instructions that full accounting of

transactions is required and when possible we expect

receipts. We also strongly emphasize the objectives and

programs of the Inter-Refugee Board in rescuing victims of

enemy persecution. We advised the groups that additional

funds would

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State Dept., 1-11-72

By: R. M. Davies

SEP 19 1972
funds would be supplied against established results and
on the completion of these you are to carry out
your work - note in clives. weekly reports are to
be sent to operators and list of people involved and
complete personal data concerning them were requested from
the group.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE
June 16, 1944

TO

FROM

Dr. Colman, Treasurer of Goodyear Rubber, telephone today to advise us that they had received a cable from London to the effect that the Swedish foreign exchange authorities approve the sale of $50,000 worth of Swedish kronor to the War Refugee Board. Dr. Colman added that the wording of the cable was such that it appears that the payment has already been made. He requested that we send our check for $50,000 at once, together with the name of our representative in Sweden who is to receive the payment for the War Refugee Board.

The foregoing refers to cable no. 1006 of May 24th toSweden (WRS No. 18).

JH
SECRET

FOR MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM FOR OSLER FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Reference your 1.20 of May 22 to the Department, your 20 to the War Refugee Board.

Arrangements are being made to make $10,000 available to you as first installment for Lithuanian and Latvian projects. Please advise whether remittance through bank's practicable or whether Goodyear channel suggested in response to your 1738 of May 16 to the Department, your 14 to War Refugee Board is preferable. If the latter, please advise whether Goodyear channel is available, and if not, we will undertake to find another.

TRANS STHVR STOCKHOLM CARGO NO. 21

STEWARD (Acting).

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State Dept. Letter, 1.11.72
By R. W. Fischer Dec. SEP 19 1972

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM FOR OSLER FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 1820 of May 22 to the Department, your 20 to the War Refugee Board.

Arrangements are being made to make dollars 50,000 available to PAA for Lithuanian and Latvian projects. Please advise whether remittance through banks practicable or whether Goodyear channel suggested in response to your 1720 of May 16 to the Department, your 14 to War Refugee Board is preferable. If the latter, please advise whether Goodyear channel is available, and if not, we will undertake to find another.

This is New Stockholm Cable No. 21

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May 31, 1944
4:38 p.m.

Secty., Abrahamson, Cohn, Ellsby, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, McCormack, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

LSEserrals 5/30/44
HAVE HAD NO REPLY OUR CABLE REGARDING KRONER TRANSACTION WILL YOU PLEASE INVESTIGATE

Z C OSELAND TREASURER GOODYEAR

L S LESSER
WAR. REFUGEE BOARD U. S. TREASURY DEPT

1129A
ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Stockholm
DATE: May 24, 1944
NUMBER: 1000

1. Reference your 1738 to Department, your 14 to War Refugee Board,

May 16, 1944.

Program Estonian rescue and similar Lithuanian and Latvian projects excellent, provided it is borne in mind that Board is concerned with rescuing victims of enemy persecution in imminent danger of death, regardless of race or creed. With respect to funds there follows a message to H. Lindroth, Goodyear Gummi Fabriks, Norrkoping, Sweden:

"War Refugee Board desires purchases 209,600 kroner for local use Sweden - consult foreign exchange office and cable if they approve your effecting sale this amount from your surplus funds. Equivalent $60,000 being credited your account our books Akron. Signed, Thure Helander."

If this message unsatisfactory to you do not deliver and cable Board your suggestions. If you deliver it, advise Lindroth he may reply through you.

2. Reference your 1688 to Department, your 13 to War Refugee Board,

May 13, 1944.

American relief for Norway has remitted via banks equivalent of dollars 20,000. Additional funds to follow promptly if Goodyear channel effective.

THIS IS WED STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 18

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HULL State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Fuchs Date SEP 19 1972
CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON FOR OLSJON FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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QUOTE War Refugee Board desires purchases 209,600 kronor for local use Sweden - consult foreign exchange office and cable if they approve your affecting sale this amount from your surplus funds equivalent $50,000 being credited your account our books Akron.

Signed Thure Melander. UNQUOTE.

If this message unsatisfactory to you do not deliver and cable Board your suggestions. If you deliver it, advise Lindroth, he may reply through you.

2. Reference your 1688 to Department, your 12 to War Refugee Board, May 14, 1944.

American relief for Norway has remitted via bank, equivalent of dollars 50,000. Additional funds to follow promptly if Goodyear channel effective.

THIS IS WAR STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 18

May 22, 1944
3:45 p.m.

Miss Ohlson, (for the Sec'y) Arrehansson, Cohn, Delbois, Fridwegen, Hoefel, Laflin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files

(Signed) S. C. Cable

USNesspals 5/22/44
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio (i)

Office of Treasurer

May 27, 1914


to Refrager Board:

1 S Treasury Department
2 S Treasury Building

Attention: L S Lesser


Sincerely,

This will confirm the cable which we asked you to send through official channels to our people in Sweden, in connection with your desire to purchase the equivalent of 200,000.00 in Krooner for local use in Sweden, as follows:

\textit{J. Lindroth}

Goodyear Cord Fabrics & S

Refra Board Washington, desirous purchasing

200,000 Krooner for local use Sweden. Consult

Foreign Exchange Office and cable if they approve

your offering sale, understand, free your surplus funds. Equivalent 65,000 Dollars being credited

your account for books already exacted.

Thereunder:

In converting the Dollars to Swedish Kroner we have used the rate of 4.19 as agreed.

Please send receipt of Cable advising from Sweden that the

English authorities have no objection to this sale we will get

in touch with you.

Yours truly,

J. MCELHAN

Treasurer
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: May 22, 1944
NUMBER: 1620

Following is Stockholm's No. 20 for the War Refugee Board.

We have completed discussions with the Lithuanian and Latvian groups mentioned in our SRE No. 14 (Legation's message of May 16, No. 1728) regarding evacuating certain groups from these two countries. Prospects seem fair for rescuing six or seven hundred intellectual, racial and political refugees from each country, although operations are dangerous and complicated. An important factor is the time element of initiating such operations in the immediate future. The plans have been checked as carefully as possible and Olsen has discussed them on a highly secret basis with the appropriate official in the Swedish Foreign Office, who was sympathetic and cooperative and believes that the programs have good prospects of success.

The funds to carry out these operations will approximate same as Estonian plan. As it is urgent that the preparations get under way, please advise as soon as possible of the likelihood of financial support being made available for these operations.

JOHNSON

DORVAD: 5/24/44
A program for accomplishing evacuation of Estonian political and intellectual refugees has been discussed with a group comprising the former Estonian Minister here, Military Attaché and Attaché. The group as a whole is in danger and during the past two weeks over 700 such leaders have been arrested by German occupying authorities.

Through excellent underground organization the above three persons are currently operating a limited evacuation program. Having only extremely limited funds, the group at present has facilities to make not more than two trips a month. Requiring the equivalent of $50,000 and covering a period of the next three months, a program has been developed to accomplish the evacuation of perhaps 1000 Estonian political, intellectual and other refugees. It will be necessary to purchase suitable boats which will require approximately half of the aforementioned amount.
Can guarantee close financial control and accounting of expenditures and I believe arrangements can be made to advance funds on a piecemeal basis against established results, provided the Board can find financial support for the above program. Gasoline requirements in this program is one of the important complications; however, if the Board approves of the program this will be... further explored. If sent, the funds must not be transmitted through banking channels and it is obvious that we must keep strictly confidential the entire operations.

Although it is extremely complicated and will be sensitive to changed developments in the Baltic, the success of this operation seems favorable. Although this problem has been explored carefully, it is also not possible to precisely control the types of refugees which will be evacuated. A gamble appears justifiable because of humanitarian considerations which are extremely urgent. We have also had discussions with an identical type of group representing Latvians and Lithuanians who, even though more limited, also operate a similar underground work.

In the next few days we will forward the final proposal for these two groups. On the foregoing underground operations it appears that the three former Baltic Ministers in Stockholm work together very closely. Perhaps all three...
groups can jointly use some of the facilities required to operate the program, particularly scouting vessels.

The aforementioned operations are known to and facilitated by the Swedish Foreign Office which, through its general staff, is actually supplying the group with German identification cards and gasoline and this information has been conveyed individually to Olsen by these three former ministers.

On a preliminary and confidential basis, the above three operations have been discussed with an appropriate official of the Foreign Office by Olsen. This official is sympathetic and, on a very secret basis, will cooperate.
Dear Miss Strunsky:

Since the dispatch of the message which you recently requested that we send to Stockholm, we have received a cable advising us that Mrs. Elise Ottesen Jensen has delivered to our Legation there a detailed report of her activities.

The report is being forwarded by pouch at the earliest possible date and will be transmitted to you as soon as it is received here.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel
Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Miss Shaba Strunsky
Executive Secretary
International Rescue and
Relief Committee
103 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York
Secretary of State, Washington,

1305, April 16, 3 p.m.

Re: WRB 349

We have been actively pressing Elsie Ottesen Jensen for detailed report of her activities and during past week UC report delivered to us. This our 135 for WRB. Report will be forwarded in early pouch.

JOHNSON

RLO

[For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded]
OUTGOING
TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF
STATE

DIVISION OF
CENTRAL SERVICES

TELEGRAPH SECTION

STOCKHOLM

6/6, Twelfth

Please request Olsen deliver the following message
(CRH 849) to Mrs. Elise Ottesen-Jensen John Arisosen 8,
Stockholm, Sweden from United States of International
Red Cross Relief Committee:

Urgent. Must discontinue transmission of funds
unless we receive reports on expenditures and activities.
Cannot understand why Blechtein cannot send regular
monthly letter and statement. Writing your cabled reply.

ULRICH

STROMHUS

(OHM)

4/11/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN, WHOSE NAME IN ENSO

Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Gline Olsen-Jensen
John Ericsson G, Stockholm, Sweden from Shona Stronsky of International
Rescue and Relief Committee:

NOTE: MUST DISCONTINUE TRANSMISSION OF FUNDS UNLESS AN RECEIPT
REPORTS ON EXPENDITURES AND ACTIVITIES STOP CANNOT UNDERSTAND
WHY CHARITIES CANNOT SEND REGULAR MONTHLY LETTER AND STATEMENT
STOP ANNOYING YOUR CABLE SEIZE UNQUOTE

[Signature]

Copy sent to H.R.C. 7/4/43

[Signature]

A.R. Olsen, April 5, 1943

List Channels (for the secret), John, Baily, Galto, Hult, Hanakin, McDermoud, Cloyer, Allen.
April 5, 1945

Mrs. Elise Ottesen-Jensen
John Gripsenag 6
Stockholm
Sweden

MUST DISCONTINUE TRANSMISSION OF FUNDS
UNLESS I RECEIVE REPORTS ON EXPENDITURES
AND ACTIVITIES STOP CANNOT UNDERSTAND HIM
ST. OUSTIN CANNOT SEND REGULAR JOURNAL
LETTERS AND STATEMENTS STOP ATTACHING YOUR
CABLED REPLY.

SHEA. STRONSKY
The cable below for Olsen is MB 241.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to Mrs. Alice Ottersen-Jensen, John Ericsson 6, Stockholm, from Sheba Jirinsky of the International Rescue and Relief Committee:

"UNICEF cabled you six thousand dollars one thousand for regular monthly remittance five thousand to be turned over to Mr. Olsen for Stockholm Committee for Stateless Refugees. Still received no letters or reports. UNICEF"

STETTINIUS
(Acting)
(CI))
CASIO TO "HIST", JOHNNY, STOCKHOLM, FOR OIL. FROM MSE. REFUGEE BOARD.

Please convey the following message to Mrs. Elise Ottesen-Jenson,

John Ericson, Stockholm, from Sheba Strunsky of the International

Cancer and Relief Committee.

NOTE: CARES FOR SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THURSDAY. IF

SUCCESSFUL, I INCREASE FIVE THOUSAND TO BE TURKE

OCT. TO 8. OIL FOR STOCKHOLM COMMITTEE FOR PePPEL.

I FINGER. YOU STILL RECEIVED NO LETTER OR REPORTS. KNOW

THIS IS OUR STOCKHOLM CASE NO. 224.

Miss Chauncey (formerly Spells) Abrahamson, Ackerman, Bone, Dobbs, Friedman,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To: Miss Denny

(3)

From:

Miss Denny
International Rescue and Relief Committee
Incorporated

103 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Lexington 2-7916

George L. Kean
Assistant to the Executive Director of the Russian Bureau

Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kean:

Would you kindly transmit this cable as a request to Mr. Eliza Ciesian-
son, our representative in Sweden.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheba Strinsky
Executive Secretary

Sheba Strinsky

Registered with President's War Relief Control Board
Member Agency of the National War Fund through affiliation with Refuge Relief Trustee
November 6, 1944

KLM
MRS. ELISE OTTESEN-JENSEN
JOHN ERICSSON 6
STOCKHOLM
SWEDEN

CABLED YOU SIXTHOUSAND DOLLARS ONETHOUSAND FOR REGULAR
MONTHLY RESIDENCE FIVEHUNDRED TO BE TURNED OVER TO
MR. OLSEN FOR STOCKHOLM COMMITTEE FOR STATELESS REFUGEES
STOP STILL RECEIVED NO LETTERS OR REPORTS

SHERB, STRUSSKY
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE AND RELIEF COMMITTEE

Main Office: 66 Broad Street, New York, N. Y. (Always Open)

Phons: HAnaover 3-1

If not to be transmitted.

Full-Rate Message unless marked otherwise.
R.C.A. Communications, Inc., normally provides Direct Radiotelegraph Service with the countries listed below. Under wartime conditions, however, communication companies in the United States are prohibited from accepting messages for transmission to enemy countries or to enemy occupied territories.

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FPC Letter No:

Date:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Amendment to NY 643931

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated October 18, 1944 from the International Rescue and Relief Committee dealing with an amendment to license No. NY 643931 issued August 11, 1944, so as to permit remittance of $6000 monthly to the Olofsson-Jensen, Stockholm, Sweden, instead of $2,000 monthly as originally licensed.

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:

P. Boyle
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. 643931 issued
Remittance license No. NY 643931 amended October 23, 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date:

October 23, 1944
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK
PENSION FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

NY 045381

Bourneto October 24, 1944, requested amendment approved. Other
terms and conditions unchanged
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE AND RELIEF COMMITTEE
Incorporated
103 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

October 18, 1944

Federal Reserve Bank
Foreign Funds Control Dept.
70 Pine Street
New York 6, N.Y.

Re: License No. NY 643831.

Dear Sir:

We have been requested and authorized by the War Refugees Board to support a program of relief and rehabilitation for stateless refugees in Sweden. A reallocation for this purpose has been approved by the National War Fund.

May we ask you to amend and to increase our

License No. NY 643831-R
issued August 11, 1944
Expiring January 31, 1945
in the amount of $2,000.00 per month to $6,000.00 per month to Mme. Elise Ottesen-Jensen, Stockholm, Sweden.

These funds will be utilized only as authorized by Mr. Ivar Olsen, the War Refugee Board's representative in Stockholm, Sweden.

Would you kindly expedite the amendment of this license, so that we may send the increased amount as soon as possible?

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Sheba Strunsky
Sheba Strunsky
Executive Secretary
Dear Miss Strunsky:

In connection with our recent conversations concerning stateless refugees in Sweden, you will be interested in the following information which has been submitted by our representative in Stockholm.

The organization of a committee for relief of stateless refugees, made up of a group prominently identified with civic and humanitarian activities, has been sponsored by the city of Stockholm. For the purpose of assisting this group of refugees with their variety of personal problems, of supplying guidance in obtaining employment and of providing direct relief in seriously distressed cases, a central office will be established. Programs of a concrete nature have also been developed. These programs will supply educational facilities to the groups, not only to the children, but to others who are in danger of becoming social problems and who have had specialized educational pursuits completely interrupted.

The action taken by the city of Stockholm in connection with the foregoing program is very gratifying and meets a very urgent problem with respect to this group of refugees in Sweden. An unusual opportunity is presented to demonstrate the American concern with problems of this nature and its wish to support and encourage these activities as part and parcel of a rescue and relief program. In reporting to the Board, our representative stated: "It is, therefore, urged that American groups be located, for example, the International Rescue and Relief Committee, who, together, will make a contribution of $10,000 to aid the activities of this committee. Action of this kind will not only reflect the sincerity of the American concern with refugee problems in a most beneficial way, but will also contribute substantially to the effectiveness of their program."

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Miss Sheba Strunsky,
International Rescue and Relief Committee,
103 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

PHld 10/12/44
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGE BOARD

To: [Signature]

(1) [Name]

(2) [Name]

(3) [Name]

Can you take up matter

via [Name] with [Name]

Strumsky or other

non-military agencies?

From: [Signature]

(Done) (Date)
Stockholm
Dated September 11, 1944
Read 3:44 a.m., 12th.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington.

3564, September 11, 10 p.m.

FOR WRB

Our no. 79.

Please advise whether it is likely that funds will be made available for program outlined in no. 35 (legation's 2224 of June 20, 8 p.m.): Funds are needed particularly to commence educational program for refugees here.

Also would appreciate advice whether assistance will be supplied to Czech group here as outlined in our no. 36 (Legation's 2239, July 21, 9 p.m.). The Czech group is seriously handicapped by lack of funds and if Board agrees Olsen is prepared to make available the small amount involved out of funds he has at his discretion.

Also would appreciate early advice as to whether anything is contemplated with respect to Polish.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Barks Date September 19, 1972
#3564, September 11, 10 p.m., from Stockholm

Polish relief as outlined in our no. 48 and 55 (Legation's 2569 of July 11, 9 a.m. and 2668 of July 18, 9 p.m.) we are being pressed for decision of these matters particularly in view of the country wide drive on in Sweden this week in behalf of Polish relief which is receiving extensive publicity.

JOHNSON

RR
STOCKHOLM
1944
The cable below for Olean is WRB 88.
Reference your no. 3664, September 11.

(1) International Rescue and Relief Committee now remitting $2,000 monthly for six months to Madame Ottesen-Jensen with understanding that part of the funds will be used for program outlined in your no. 2224 of June 20. See Department's 1637, WRB 64, of August 1, and Department's 1609, WRB 73 of August 12.

(2) Board has been unable as yet to arrange for private remittance from here for Czech group outlined in your no. 2239, June 21.

(3) Program outlined in your no. 2669 of July 11 has been covered by remittance of $25,000 by Polish War Relief to "Polska Socjalna Ajdalpen for Flyktningen" as reported to you in our WRB no. 86 of September 12.

Hull
(HEW)
War Refugee Board

August 12, 1944
6 p.m.

STOCKHOLM,
1944

The following for Olsen is WRG 75.

On recommendation of Board, Treasury has issued license to International Rescue and Relief Committee, permitting monthly remittance of 2,000 dollars for a period of 6 months to Nanae Olsen-Ottesen-Jensen, Stockhom, provided such funds will be utilized only as authorized by Olsen.

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(A.T.W.)

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

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Dec.

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CABLE TO JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, VIA OLSEN FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

On recommendation of Board Treasury has issued license to International Rescue and Relief Committee, permitting monthly remittance of 2,000 dollars for a period of 6 months to Madame Elise Otteosen-Jensen, Stockholm, provided such funds will be utilized only as authorized by Olsen.

This is War Cable No. 72.

11:15 a.m.
August 11, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamsen, Cohn, DaBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

FR: fth 8/11/44 V.
Please refer to Legation's despatch No. 3223 of April 24, 1944, providing certain material regarding the difficult circumstances of the seven or eight thousand stateless refugees in Sweden. This is our No. 35 for War Refugee Board. Largely as a result of our efforts, the city of Stockholm has sponsored the organization of a committee for relief of stateless refugees, comprising a group prominently identified with civic and humanitarian activities. A central office will be established for the purpose of assisting this group of refugees with their variety of personal problems, of supplying guidance in obtaining employment and of providing direct relief in seriously distressed cases. Concrete programs have also been developed to supply educational facilities to those groups not only the children but others who have had specialized educational pursuits completely interrupted and

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By H. H. Fiske Date Sep 1972
June 20, 8 p.m. from Stockholm who are in danger of coming social problems.

The foregoing program meets a most urgent problem with respect to this group of refugees in Sweden, and the action taken by the city of Stockholm is very gratifying. It presents an unusual opportunity to demonstrate the American concern with this general type of problem and its desire to encourage and support this sort of thing as part and parcel of a rescue and relief program. Consequently it is strongly recommended that American groups be found, as for example the International Rescue and Relief Committee who will together make a contribution of $10,000 to further the activities of this committee formed by the city of Stockholm (Stockholms stad).

Such an action not only will contribute materially to the effectiveness of their program but will reflect in a most beneficial way the sincerity of the American concern with refugee problems.

JOHNSON
(COPY)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO Miss Hodel
FROM R. B. Parke

Date August 10, 1944

Subject: Licenses to the International Rescue and Relief Committee, New York City, permitting it to remit $5000 per month for a period of six months to its representative in Ankara, Turkey, and $2,000 per month for a period of six months to its representative in Stockholm, Sweden.

In accordance with your request there are transmitted herewith copies of this Department's wires authorizing the issuance of the subject licenses. You have indicated that you require such copies in order that the War Refugee Board may advise its representatives in Turkey and Sweden, respectively, of the issuance of the subject licenses. Conformed copies of the subject wires will be transmitted to you for your records as soon as they become available.

/s/ R. B. Parke

R. B. Parke
Aug. 11, 1944

NY 643831

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the International Rescue and Relief Committee, Inc., 103 Park Avenue, New York City, permitting it to remit $2,000 monthly for a period of six months to Mme. Elise Ottosen-Jensen, Stockholm, Sweden, provided such funds will be utilized only as authorized by Ivor Olsen, War Refugee Board Representative, Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2. License period six months.
ANNEXATION,

STOCKHOLM.

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The cable below is BRG 54.

Please deliver a paraphrase of the following message to Mrs. Elise Ottosen-Jensen, John Ericsson 9, Stockholm, from the International Rescue and Relief Committee:

QUOTE ADVISED BY WAR REFUGEES BOARD OF ESTABLISHMENT

STOCKHOLM COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF OF STATELESS REFUGEES

PROPOSE THAT YOU ACCOMPANYED BY BLAUPUNKT FRITZ NEUFEILD

AND ALBERT EMMERLING CONFEE WITH MR. OBERH ON OUR BROADENING

RELIEF PROGRAM FOR POLITICAL STATELESS REFUGEES AND

PARTICIPATING IN ABOVE NAMED COMMITTEE STOP REPORT TO US

ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEEDS UNQUOTE.

PRETTINIUS

ACCORDING

(GLV)

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State Dept. Letter 11147

SEP 19 1972

By R. H. Parks Date
CABLE TO STOCKHOLM
From War Refugee Board to Johnson

Please deliver the following message to Mrs. Niise
Ottoesen-Jensen, John Eriksenweg 6, Stockholm, from the
International Rescue and Relief Committee:

"ADVISED BY WAR REFUGEE BOARD ON ESTABLISHMENT
STOCKHOLM COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF OF STATELESS REFUGEES
PROPOSE THAT YOU ACCOMPANIED BY BLACKSTEIN FRITZ
MEETED THE AUGUST EBBENDE CONFER WITH MR. OLSEN ON
OUR BROADENING RELIEF PROGRAM FOR POLITICAL STATELESS
REFUGEES AND PARTICIPATING IN ABOVE MENTIONED COMMITTEE
STOP REPORT TO US IN RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEEDS"

THIS IS YCIE STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 66.

July 31, 1944
10:30 a.m.

Miss Chauncey (For the Society), Abrahamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedmsm,
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannes, McComb, Cable, Control, Files.
July 28, 1944

Miss Florence Hodel
Assistant to the Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Room 190
Main Treasury Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

We enclose a proposed cable to be transmitted to Mme. Ottesen-Jensen via Mr. Olsen. We would appreciate your transmitting this message for us.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheba Strunsky
Executive Secretary

Enc.
Send the following Radiogram "via RCA" subject to terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

July 28, 1944

NLT
Mrs. Elise Ottesen-Jansen
John Ericssonsg. 6,
Stockholm
Sweden

ADvised by War Refugee Board of Establishment Stockholm Committee for Relief of Stateless Refugees propose that you accompanied by Blachstein, Fritz Neufeld and August Enderle confer with Mr. Olsen on our broadening Relief Program for Political Stateless Refugees and participating in above named Committee stop report to us on recommendations and needs.

International Rescue and Relief Committee
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Radiograms of this company may be sent to any R.C.A. Communications office.

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CONCLUSIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF RADIOGRAMS

R.C.A. Communications, Inc.
370 Park Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

To:

From: H. B. Gage

Subject: Acceptance of Radiograms

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H. B. Gage

Western Union Telegraph Company

The Company's acceptance shall be deemed to be a full acceptance of all radiograms for delivery on the date and time stated in the radiograms, and the Company shall be entitled to deliver the radiograms as sent.

Any dispute arising out of the acceptance of radiograms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York.
The War Refugee Board cable 39 below, referring to
Stockholm's 2234 of June 20, is for Olsen.

Your efforts in organizing committee deeply appreciated
by Board. Please advise with respect to former nationalities
of stateless refugees in question and the extent to which
group includes Jews in order to facilitate procurement of
funds. Also kindly advise to what extent Mosaleska
Prensaugen or other organizations receiving support from
American voluntary agencies have granted aid to persons in
this group. Please inform why aid is inadequate or has
been terminated if any persons in the group receive or
have received such aid.

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM AND OLSSEN

Reference your 2224 to Department, 35 to WBP, of June 20.

Board deeply appreciates your efforts in organizing committee. In order to facilitate procurement of funds please advise with respect to former nationalities of stateless refugees in question and the extent to which group includes Jews. Please also advise to what extent persons in this group are or have been receiving aid from Maaliskra Forsamlingen or other organizations receiving support from American voluntary agencies. If any persons in group receive or have received such aid, please advise why aid is inadequate or has been terminated.

THIS IS WBP CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 39

3:00 p.m.
June 30, 1944

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

L.S. Lesserman 6/29/44
Following information concerning stateless refugees in Sweden supplements our No. 35 for War Refugee Board, (Legation's 2224, of June 20, 8 p.m.) and is our No. 49 for War Refugee Board in response to WRB 39 (Department's 1310 of July 1, 7 p.m.). Former nationality of stateless refugees was largely German and Austrian although several other European countries are represented. It is estimated that approximately 75% of stateless refugees here are Jews although no exact figures are available since no distinction is made in official figures. Only group assisting these refugees which regularly receives funds from USA is the Mosaic community which apparently receives $1,000 monthly from joint [s]. The assistance of the Mosaic community together with the assistance of several other Swedish organizations has been sufficient to provide only minimum living requirements with the result
result that this stateless group is existing under circumstances considerably more difficult than other groups which have Legations here responsible for them. Stateless refugees experience more difficulties and delays in finding employment than other groups. Finally a major problem arises from the fact that a fairly large number of the stateless refugees are children, either orphans or separated from their parents, who are seriously lacking educational opportunities. Consequently it is not a question of any organization withdrawing financial support from the stateless refugees but rather the generally recognized fact that such support has never been sufficient to meet the requirements of this group in a constructive manner, It is because of the special nature of this stateless refugee group and its special problems and requirements that it has been considered highly desirable that some organization be formed to concern itself exclusively with the interests of this group to the same extent, for example, that the Norwegian and Danish Legations assume responsibility for their refugee nationals in Sweden.
3-#2563, July 11, 5 p.m., from Stockholm, Sweden.

Your preliminary reaction to this suggested program is greatly appreciated and it is hoped that support can be found since the problem is important.

JOHNSON

WBS

(?) Apparent omission
SECRETARY OF STATE
Washington
JUN 22, 1944

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JUN 22, 1944

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS

Stockholm
Dated June 20, 1944
Read 7:45 p.m.

2224, June 20, 3 p.m.

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the difficult circumstances of the seven or eight thousand stateless refugees in Sweden. This is our
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date 09-19-72.
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JOHNSON

WBB RR
No. 3223

Stockholm, April 24, 1944

Subject: Transmission of Original and Copy of a Communication to the War Refugee Board.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the original and copy of a communication to the War Refugee Board, enclosing certain general information regarding the situation of Jews in Sweden and the position of stateless refugees in Sweden. It is requested that the original be transmitted to the War Refugee Board.

Respectfully yours,

HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON

Herschel V. Johnson

Enclosure:
Original and copy of a communication to the War Refugee Board

File 848/010/ba
Original and hectograph to Department
Stockholm, Sweden,
April 24, 1944

Mr. John V. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugees Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

As of possible interest to the Board, I attach a copy of a summary of the situation of Jews in Sweden, prepared by a member of one of the Hasmic organizations here.

Recently I asked Miss Filseth of the Socialstyrelsen to give me a summary of the position of stateless refugees in Sweden, a copy of which is also attached.

Sincerely yours,

Iver C. Olsen,
Special Attache for War Refugees Board.

Enclosures:
1 - Copy of a summary of the situation of Jews in Sweden.

2 - Copy of a summary of the position of stateless refugees in Sweden.
South African Jewish War Appeal
F.O. Box 6991
Johannesburg

Dear Sirs,

Through the Royal Foreign Office the Jewish Congregation of Sweden has been informed that you have asked the Swedish Consulate General in Pretoria for a report on the situation of Jews in Sweden. Since it is taken for granted that you are chiefly interested in getting information about the situation of the different groups of refugees in this country, the undersigned, who is secretary of the committee appointed by the Jewish Congregation for the relief of the refugees in Sweden has been instructed to inform you as follows.

Before the outbreak of the war, approximately 3,000 refugees of Jewish descent were staying in Sweden. Among these emigrants, mostly hailing from Germany and Austria, a comparatively speaking - great number were depending entirely or in part - on our assistance. In August 1939 those assisted by us could be classified in three groups:

a) Completely destitute persons, whose number amounted to about 230. The main part of this group consisted of persons without labour permit, or, because of illness, advanced age or other circumstances unfit for work.

b) About 300 Chaluzim.

c) About 460 Jewish children. These children had been taken to this country as transmigrants in order to enable their parents left in Germany to effect their own emigration overseas or to Palestine and have the children join them later on.

Thus, in the early autumn of 1939, the Swedish-Jewish aid Organization had to take care of all together 1,000 persons.

The first refugees who were forced here by the war conditions were Poles and among them a comparatively great amount of Jews. Many of them wanted to continue via Sweden to other European or Overseas countries. However, quite a considerable group of these potentially transmigrant Jews remained in this country and many of them became dependent on our assistance. In due course, though, the Polish Legation has taken charge of these refugees.

The situation for those refugees in Sweden who intended to continue migrate underwent a fundamental change, when, as a result of the events in the spring of 1940, going from Scandinavia to non-European countries became almost impossible. As a consequence, from that time on the refugees wanting to leave for the United States or other American countries...
countries were forced to travel the eastern route (via Finland, Russia, Japan) which, of course, meant an extremely great strain on our financial resources. Before the outbreak of the German-Russian war we had also been able to start a contingency of Chaluzim and Aliyah-children on their way to Palestine via Russia, Turkey and Syria (Iraq).

When at a further result of the war the route via Russia was stopped further emigration from Sweden was made impossible and similarly, of course, the transmigration. Therefore, from that time on our work has been chiefly limited to different forms of direct relief.

Since the end of 1941, it has not been at all possible for Jews still living in Germany or German occupied countries to immigrate to this country in a legal way.

In the autumn of 1942 a new influx began, caused by the persecution of Jews in Norway. These Jewish refugees crossed the frontier illegally mostly with the assistance of Norwegian patriots. The number of Jews from Norway who took refuge in Sweden amounted to 600, while the remainder of Norwegian Jews - about 500 - was deported to Germany. Those Jews, escaped from Norway to this country, who were Norwegian citizens were given financial and social aid by the Refugee Office of the Royal Norwegian Legation to Sweden; the stateless refugees were assisted by the proper Swedish authorities. At the time we contributed a lump sum for providing the last mentioned category with clothes and other necessities.

When about a year later the persecution of Jews in Denmark began, Jewish relief work in Sweden was set a new great and difficult task. Within a single month about 10,000 Jews managed - also in the case with the help of native patriots - to escape across the sea from Denmark to Sweden. It may be supposed that of Denmark's Jews about one thousand have been deported. Immediately on the arrival of the Danish Jews in Swedish provisional accommodation in camps was found for the majority of refugees; some of the refugees with special connections to people in this country were to a certain extent allowed to choose their domicile freely. For some months aid to Jews from Denmark was supplied from both public and Jewish sources; afterwards the Danish Legation in Stockholm has undertaken the burden of the assistance of these Jews as well as of stateless Jews migrated from Denmark. However, the resources of the Danish Refugee Office are limited and have to be administered carefully. We, therefore, have undertaken to grant additional aid to these Jewish refugees. Thus, we have established three homes for aged people, given scholarships and to a very large extent given clothing help and provided for lodging. Besides, we have appropriated money for Jewish religious purposes, especially for religious instruction and for the extra expenses arising from the orthodox manner of living. This extensive refugee aid exceeds very substantially the sum set aside in our general budget for such purposes so that at the end of last year we were forced to make an appeal to all Swedish Jews for contributions which met great response. We may mention that in addition we have received considerable contributions from Jewish organizations in England, the U.S.A. and Palestine.
To give you an idea of the approximate economic extent of our activities, we submit some figures pertaining to 1943.

Our total income amounted to ca. Kr. 1,225,000:-. The Swedish government allocates a certain amount for aid to refugees; a state contribution of Kr. 150,000:- is included in this sum. The remaining income is derived from congregational taxes, voluntary contributions, and donations from abroad. Of the debt-sides current relief constitutes the by far largest item. At present we are keeping 7 homes for children. Though the Chasidim are earning most of their living themselves, we are forced to give them current financial assistance for social (e.g. maternity help) and Jewish-cultural purposes. Our total expenses during 1943 amounted to ca. Kr. 850,000:-, so that in the beginning of 1944 there remained a balance of Kr. 375,000:-. However, we cannot regard this sum as an asset in the proper sense, because we have already pledged ourselves to the Danish "Refugee Office to pay a sum of Kr. 350,000:- for different purposes in 1944. Because of the extremely increased expenses we have been forced to raise the already comparatively high congregation taxes by 25%.

Our survey of the Swedish-Jewish relief-work could not be complete without mentioning something about our efforts in favour of distressed Jews outside Sweden.

In the autumn of 1941 the German authorities, as mentioned above, proceeded to prohibit Jews in general from leaving Germany or the occupied territories. Simultaneously - as is well known - deportations began in a large measure. Though there was minimal chance to succeed, we tried to save individual Jews by obtaining entrance permits from the Swedish authorities. Beyond that, in exceptional cases, Jews who had especially close connections with Sweden have been granted Swedish citizenship. However, all these efforts to get the Jews into this country met with very little success.

Within our limited means, we endeavored to help utterly destitute Jews outside Sweden by sending them money and food. Money was sent, among other places, to Palestine, France, Romania, the Government General (Ukraine), the Protectorate Bohmen-Mähren (Theresienstadt), Shanghai. The total expenses for this non-Swedish help amounted to about Kr. 390,000:- last year. This sum was raised partly by private voluntary contributions, partly by the Swedish branch of the organization "Save the children" which placed funds to the amount of Kr. 165,000:- at our disposal.

Generally speaking, the situation of the Jewish refugees in Sweden may be described as being good. The economic situation of the refugees is improved because the general conditions have given increased opportunities for work so that quite a number of formerly unemployed refugees can now earn their own living.

Of course the Jewish immigration of these last years - having added some 10 - 12,000 Jewish refugees to our congregations which normally consisted of together 6 - 7,000 Jews - has given rise to antisemitic propaganda in certain quarters.
However, antisemitism can not be said to be deeply rooted in Sweden.

The Swedish authorities have constantly shown great understanding and given extensive cooperation to our efforts. One outstanding instance is the way the Danish refugees were received and assisted. Many non-Jewish private groups have also been of great assistance.

We hope that the outline of our work which we have tried to give you in this letter is the information you desire and are glad to supply any additional information you may wish. The information contained in this letter is for your private use only and not intended for publicity. You would greatly oblige by enclosing acknowledgement of receipt.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

Secretary.
The position of stateless refugees in Sweden.

The stateless refugees in Sweden can be divided into the following groups:

1. The stateless refugees who arrived in Sweden from the middle of Europe after 1933.

2. The stateless refugees who escaped from Norway after the ninth of April 1940, and found asylum in Sweden, and those who have escaped in 1942 and later on, chiefly Jews, on account of programs.

3. The stateless refugees from Denmark, arrived in Sweden after the first of October 1943, chiefly Jews on account of the programs.

4. Stateless refugees from other countries who during the war have been "washed ashore" in Sweden.

A rough estimate shows that the total number of refugees of all nationalities staying at present in Sweden amounts to between 40-50,000 of which some thousands, probably between 7-8,000 are stateless. Most of these have by and bye found themselves jobs and work. The last statistical review shows that of all refugees staying in this country only about 3,000 are permanently public charges.

Of group 1, it is considered that the most have been given work, or have got their means granted by the Swedish authorities and other organizations.

Of group 2, arrived about 600 refugees from the ninth of April 1940 to the end of 1943 in Sweden. Of these about 50 have gone overseas, which leaves 550, including 250 Jews.

Of these stateless refugees, the Royal Norwegian Legation Refugee Department in Stockholm has consented to help those who have stayed in Norway continuously for at least twenty-five years before their escape to Sweden, when they feel like Norwegians, and it is not on purpose that they haven't applied for Norwegian citizenship before. The other stateless refugees, however, are referred to The Swedish Kungl. Societetstallene.

Of group 3. It is difficult to give exact numbers, as the Royal Danish Legation Refugee Department in Stockholm does not distinguish between Danish and stateless Refugees. One can however, with certainty estimate that about 2,000 stateless refugees have arrived in Sweden from Denmark.

Of group 4. there are several minor groups of refugees who in the course of events have arrived here from many different countries, and the number of whom it is difficult to give. Some must still be regarded as citizens of foreign countries, but under the present conditions they have no Legations of their own to address to. E. inst. the refugees from the Baltic States have here in Sweden been given aliens passports.

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An exceptional position have the checz refugees who, both in Norway and in Denmark for some years have been regarded as "stateless". In Sweden however, these refugees have been granted Checz citizenship by the Czech Legation in London. The Polish Legation in Stockholm has also supplied the Polish refugees with passports.

All the other stateless refugees have become Swedish aliens passports.

Ad. Financial support.

All matters concerning financial support are dealt with by the Swedish authorities through the Kungl. Socialstyrelsen, and this support is given following approximately the same rules as for the usual unemployed. The amount in question is much lower than the rates held by the refugee departments of the Royal Danish and Norwegian Legations respectively.

Alterations have been suggested in this respect, and has been attempted from different sources to affectuate a rise in the financial support already granted. This action has, however, yielded no results, as it has officially been pointed out that refugees can not expect better conditions than the Swedish unemployed.

Ad. Juridical rights.

The refugees have no authority to which they can address for juridical aid. In most cases they are referred to the goodwill and help of civilians, and they are often prevented from the full maintenance of their legal rights as the necessary connections are missing. For instance, the refugees who are kept in prison or held by the authorities for political or other reasons, could become free if they had some place to live, or if some authority was present which could undertake their interests as to get them work, or give them any possibility to become independent.

Ad. Moral support.

Usually it is not the financial support which is most decisive, or of the greatest importance for the refugees. As often it is important that they have some institution or persons with whom they can discuss their difficulties and position as a whole. Their problems can seem mere trifles for others, but for themselves these often appear large and even insurmountable. They need someone who can advise them, settle their difficulties and make things easier for them. They have thus usually no one to tell them what they can do, or what they ought to do, so that they in most cases have no clear conception of their legal claims on the civil authorities. According to international law, owing to their inability to master all regulations in languages foreign to them. In short they need someone who can take all such matters in hand for them. As a result they feel isolated and put aside.

Ad. Schools.
Ad. Schools and education.

While the refugees who are members of a community and who have their legation and their citizenship in full order, have certain advantages as to the continuation of their studies and education in general which have been interrupted by the present conditions, the stateless refugees are at a grave disadvantage in this regard, certain few exceptions not considered. The same applies to registration work in the civil service, which is practically closed to stateless refugees, in spite of their eventual full competence.

Ad. Working possibilities.

According to the new Swedish regulations dating from the end of 1942, Danish and Norwegian refugees can accept every kind of work, temporary or of a more permanent nature, without working certificates. This does not, however, apply to the stateless refugees. These must in each and every case claim for such a certificate through the Kungl. Socialstyrelsen, for which they often have to wait quite a long time, and which can be difficult to obtain.

To summarize: There is urgent need for some central institution which can deal with all problems concerning the stateless refugees, an institution which for instance can effectuate better living circumstances for them, establish contacts between them and the organizations and associations which can be of any help to them, establish contacts which can be helpful for them, settle all complications and questions towards the civil authorities, etc.

Another question which now merits its solution is the problem of the return of the stateless refugees to their native countries or to other countries after the war.

This problem, which is of first rate importance, must be tackled before the war is over, as it otherwise will become completely overlooked in the flood of all other tremendous problems rising then, exactly as was the case after the last war.

One can erect three main groups of these stateless refugees:

1. The stateless refugees who in spite of many years stay in the country haven't obtained citizenship. These stateless refugees should now already get some assurance, that they have somewhere to go after the war.

2. Refugees from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and other countries who have arrived in Sweden, often through many other countries, and who now mostly are declared stateless. This applies to the largest part of them, not considered the Czech refugees as mentioned above. Many of them, however, have no wish whatever, to return to Czechoslovakia, but want to remain in Sweden, Denmark or Norway. These refugees are equally circumstanced as the
the refugees in group 1. Consequently all possibilities for their return to the countries they want to stay in, must be investigated immediately and eventual guarantees for their rights and their juridical position in these countries as to working possibilities and all other advantages corresponding to those held by the citizens of the countries in question, must be secured.

One must also try to secure an opportunity for the previous- ly German and Austrian citizens to retain their original citizenship, if they so want. Many of them, however, will not wish to return to their native countries. They have settled, got friends, and have built up a new existence which they won't give up.

Beside the problems treated above there are other urgent tasks of post-war relief work. For instance all those suffering mentally and physically from deportations. Those who will survive all inhuman treatment will naturally be to consider as stateless. These persons cannot be considered in full yet, but it is of vital importance to prepare everything for their definitive solution as soon as possible.

(Signed) Tove Filseth
POLISH WAR RELIEF - LICENSES
AMLEGATION

STOCKHOLM
1936

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Reference your no. 884, September 11.

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reported to you in our WRB no. 88 of September 12.

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR RELEASE FROM WAR RECORDS BOARD

Reference your No. 3564, September 12.

(1) International Rescue and Relief Committee now remitting $2,000 monthly for six months to Nadia Otto-uss-Jensen with understanding that part of the funds will be used for program outlined in your No. 2234 of June 20. See our WBB No. 64, of August 1, and our WBB No. 73 of August 12.

(2) Board has been unable as yet to arrange for private remittance from here for Czech group outlined in your No. 2239, June 21.

(3) Program outlined in your No. 2568 of July 15 has been covered by remittance of $25,000 by Polish War Relief to "PolskaSOCIAL AJJEPAN FOR REFUGEES" as reported to you in our WBB No. 85 of September 12.

This IS NEW CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 86

2:30 p.m.
September 25, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedman, Hoch, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, McCormack, Cable Control Files

[Signature]

Kendall, 9/25/44
War Refuge board

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the cable below for Chen in 88 85.

Reference your No. 2869 of July 11 and 2868 of July 18.

On recommendation of Board, Treasury has issued license to Colonial War Relief permitting remittance of 425,000 to A.N.T. to care social welfare for

For security reasons text of this message must be cleared

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By H. H. Packer Date SEP 19, 1972
CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLESEN FROM WAR RELIEF BOARD.

Reference your Nos. 2568 of July 11 and 2668 of July 18.

On recommendation of Board, Treasury has issued license to

Polish War Relief permitting remittance of $25,000 to "Polska

Social Abhalpen for Flyttinger," care of Olesen.

THIS IS WOB CAN... T, STOCKHOLM NO. 86

11:30 a.m.
September 12, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrachman, Cohn, DuBois,
Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Manning, McCormack, Piles.

Nodelund 9/12/44
SEP 11 1944

Dear Sire:

Reference is made to your telegram of August 30 and September 11, 1944, relating to the transfer of funds to Poless-Kjalpen, Sweden, for the relief of Polish refugees in Sweden.

We are informed that pursuant to the recommendation of the War Refugee Board an appropriate license has been issued by the Treasury Department.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director


[Handwritten note: 9/11/44]
JOHN W. PEHLE, EXEC. DIR. WAR REFUGEE BOARD
MAIN TREASURY BLDG ROOM 164 WASHDC=

WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANSWER TO OUR TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 30TH TO YOU=

POLISH WAR RELIEF.
WUX CHICAGO ILL AUG 30 1944 1106A

JOHN W PEHLE
WAR REFUGEE BOARD ROOM 164 TREASURY

HAVE APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO POLEN-HJALPEN SOCIETY
IN SWEDEN. WILL WAR REFUGEE BOARD OBTAIN LICENSE FOR TRANSMITTAL
OF THESE FUNDS FROM THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OR SHOULD POLISH
WAR RELIEF? IF LATTER, SEND NAMES OF PERSONS TO WHOM FUNDS
SHOULD BE SENT
POLISH WAR RELIEF
1230P
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:
FFC Letter No:

Date: September 6, 1944

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

Subject: Relief of Polish refugees.

There is transmitted herewith copies of cables from Owen and communications from the Polish War Relief and the President's War

Board dealing with remittance of $25,000 to "Polish Social Aid for Flighting," for the relief of Polish

refugees in Sweden.

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:

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- issued.
Remittance license No. Chicago 23580 issued Sept. 12, 1944.

Other:

S. Church
Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: September 12, 1944
P. DEWEY & SAVVE BANK
P. CHICAGO
FOR 100 POUNDS CURRENCY. I.R.T. L. N.Y.

C.HICAGO 22330

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to the Polish War Relief, Inc., 1200 North Asland Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois, permitting it, notwithstanding General order No. 41, to receive $25,000 to Polish Social Relief for Piloting, care of Iver O. Olsen, War Refugee Board Representative, Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2

[Initialed] O.A.H.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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Churchill 3-11-43
August 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Jensen:

On August 5 we wrote to Polish War Relief to transmit the paraphrase of a message by the War Refugee Board from the American Legation in Stockholm in regard to the work of Polen-Hilfen in Sweden. A copy of our letter is enclosed.

Under date of August 8 we received from Polish War Relief a letter stating that, on the basis of the information contained in the message referred to, they decided to transmit to Polen-Hilfen in Sweden the sum of $25,000 to be obtained by reducing by that amount the sum allocated for their East Africa account in their currently approved budget.

I am glad to inform you that the Board has no objection to this transfer.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot
Executive Director

Enclosure

Mr. Elliot J. Jones, Secretary
Budget Committee
National War Fund
Forty-six Cedar Street
New York 7, New York

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Mr. Peil's
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POLISH WAR RELIEF

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We have explored extensively with Polen-Hjalpen of Malmo the nature of their relief activities in Poland and its facilities for extending its scope of operations. This organization is working very closely with the Polish and Swedish Red Cross and appears to have been effective in carrying out its operations. It is regularly sending food parcels, stamped Swedish Red Cross, to Poland and clear confirmation of delivery of these parcels to ultimate beneficiaries has been obtained. It has also been very active in sending relief supplies to Polish orphanages, nurseries and children's hospitals, in Warsaw and elsewhere, and due to good connections with appropriate persons inside Poland, it is understood to be obtaining remarkable results. These supplies have included paper clothing, condensed milk, vitamins.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 19, 1972
vitamins, egg powder, other dried foodstuffs and nursery equipment. On several occasions, even recently, an entire railroad car of supplies has been sent to these children's homes, and it is stated proof of delivery has always been obtained.

While it is difficult to foresee to what extent the changing war outlook will alter current methods of Polish relief operations, it is clear that at the moment, at least, Polen-Hjalpen is operating actively with an established record of effectiveness. At the present moment it has received urgent requests from Poland for substantial amounts of paper clothing for children as well as for basic foodstuffs and vitamins. It does not have the funds to meet requirements in full and could make immediate use of $25,000 to carry out its program. We have discussed Polen-Hjalpen with the Polish Legation here, which speaks most highly of its effectiveness and expresses the strong hope that American financial assistance can be obtained to enable the organization to carry out its current program.

JOHNSON

JT:RB
Dear Mr. Brunot:

In accordance with your conversation with Mr. Lesser yesterday, there follows the substance of a message recently received from the American Legation at Stockholm:

"The nature of their relief work in Poland and their facilities for expanding their operations have been thoroughly discussed with the Polem-Kjalpen of Malmo. Working very closely with the Swedish and Polish Red Cross, this group's operations have apparently been effective. This organization sends regularly to Poland food parcels bearing stamp of Swedish Red Cross and has received definite confirmation of delivery of the parcels to ultimate beneficiaries. The Polem-Kjalpen has been very active also in despatching relief supplies to Polish children's hospitals, nurseries and orphanages in Warsaw and elsewhere, and because of favorable connections with appropriate people inside Poland, it is understood that remarkable results are being obtained. Vitamins, condensed milk, egg powder and other dried food-stuffs, paper clothing and nursery equipment have been included in these supplies. An entire railroad car of these supplies has been sent on several occasions, even recently, to the children's homes and proof of delivery has always been obtained, it is stated.

"Although the extent to which the changing war outlook will alter present methods of relief operations in Poland can be foreseen only with difficulty, it is evident at least at the moment, that it is with an established record of effectiveness that Polem-Kjalpen actively operates. Urgent requests from Poland for vitamins and basic food-stuffs, as well as substantial amounts of paper clothing for children, have been received at the present moment by Polem-Kjalpen. This organization could use immediately $25,000 to carry out its program, as it does not have the funds to meet requirements in full. Polem-Kjalpen has been
discussed with the local Polish Legation which has spoken most highly of such organization's effectiveness and expressed the strong hope that it can obtain American financial assistance to permit its current program being carried out.

There is also enclosed a photographic copy of a report dealing with the plight of children in German-occupied Poland. Such report is for the information of your Board only and I would appreciate it if you would return the same at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle,
Executive Director.

Mr. James Brunet, Executive Director,
The President's War Relief Control Board,
Washington Building,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure.
Distribution:

Dated July 11, 1944
Secretory of State,
Washington.

July 11, 9 p.m.

This is Over (48) for VMB.

We have had several discussions with Polish Minister here, and his staff, regarding the difficulties being experienced in providing suitable assistance to Polish refugees here, who approximate 500. Due to their limited vocational training, most of the employes have found work only on road construction or in the forests, at very low wages. Consequently, their income must be supplemented to provide them with even minimum living standards. The Polish Legation has established a Polish Social Welfare Bureau, but financial support from the Exile Government in London is so limited that even now only half the necessary funds are supplied and the balance is borrowed locally with the hope that London will cover. Swedish charitable organizations are helping, but this assistance is somewhat limited.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that several additional Polish refugees, with the help of certain Norwegian organizations, are coming in to Sweden from Norway weekly. The Polish Legation states that there are still approximately 6000 Poles in Norway as compulsory workers or war prisoners, fairly large numbers of whom could be brought to Sweden if funds were available to finance the evacuation and to maintain them after arrival. Apparently the Polish Legation has made only limited efforts in that direction because of lack of funds.

On the basis of the foregoing discussions and a study of the financial requirements involved, the VMB may wish to investigate whether an organization can be found which is in a position to contribute $45,000 roughly for the next few months, to a general program of assisting Polish refugees here and to further the rescue of additional Poles from neighboring enemy-occupied territory. It should be added in this connection, that there are also approximately 300 in Finland who are stated to be in immediate danger. Any funds should be transmitted to Polish Social Aid for Flyingtiers (Polish Society for Refuge Help), which has an account at Bankgiadiska Banken.
THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
WASHINGTON BUILDING
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

August 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

On July 19 we transmitted to the President of Polish War Relief the contents of the telegram concerning Polish refugees in Sweden as paraphrased in your letter of July 17.

I regret to inform you that we have just received from the Secretary of the agency a letter dated August 9 stating that the matter was considered by their Board of Directors at its last meeting with the following result:

"It is the consensus of the Board that because of the uncertainty of the present situation in Europe and in Norway, it would be advisable at this time to withhold any appropriation for such intangible projects.

If in the future more concrete evidence and information as to the final results of such efforts is had, the Board will be willing to reconsider this project."

As yet we have had no reply concerning their attitude toward the situation reported in your letter of July 21 which was also submitted to Mr. Switlik.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunot
Executive Director

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Brunot:

The following is the substance of the telegram from the American Legation at Stockholm which Mr. Lesser discussed with you on the telephone last Saturday:

"The difficulties in providing suitable assistance to the 500 or so Polish refugees in Sweden have been the subject of several discussions with the Polish Minister. Because of such refugees' limited training, the majority of employable Poles have been able to find work only on the highways and in the forests which nets them very little. Accordingly, if they are to be provided with even minimum living requirements, their income from such work must be augmented. A Social Welfare Bureau has been established by the Polish Legation, but financial support from the Government-in-Exile is so limited that only half of the necessary funds come from that source, the rest being borrowed locally against the hope that the Government-in-Exile will eventually be able to make reimbursements. Help is also received from Swedish charities but, of course, such aid is available only within narrow bounds.

"The arrival in Sweden of additional Polish refugees from Norway, a weekly occurrence thanks to the assistance of certain Norwegian groups, further increases the complexity of the problem. It is said by the Legation of Poland that there are about 6,000 Polish conscripted workers and war prisoners in Norway and that a fair proportion of these could be evacuated to Sweden if money could be procured to finance such rescue operations and to provide for the maintenance in Sweden of those who are rescued. It would seem that only limited rescue efforts have been made by the Polish Legation because the funds required are more than it can command.

"In the light of the above and an investigation into the extent of the finances needed, the War Refugees Board may wish to inquire whether there is any organization able and willing to contribute $15,000 monthly for the next few months."

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general program to assist Polish refugees here and to
finance the evacuation from neighboring enemy occupied
areas of additional Poles. In this regard, it should be
noted that there are said to be in immediate danger approxi-
mately 300 Poles who are now in Finland. "Polaka Social
Aktionen for Flyktningar" (Polish Society for Refugees Help)
which has an account at the Skandinaviska Banken should be
the recipient of any funds transmitted for these purposes".

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director,
The President's War Relief Control Board,
Washington Building,
Washington 4, D. C.

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Stockholm
Dated July 11, 1944
Rec'd 10:50 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington,

2569, July 11, 9 p.m.

THIS IS OUR NO. 48 FOR WRB.

We have had several discussions with Polish Minister here, and his staff, regarding the difficulties being experienced in providing suitable assistance to Polish refugees here, who approximate 500. Due to their limited vocational training, most of the employables have found work only on road construction or in the forests, at very low wages. Consequently, their income must be supplemented to provide them with even minimum living standards. The Polish Legation has established a Polish Social Welfare Bureau, but financial support from the Exile Government in London is so limited that even now only half the necessary funds are supplied and the balance is borrowed locally with the hope that London will cover. Swedish charitable organizations are helping but this assistance is somewhat limited.

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By R. H. Burke Date SEP 19, 1972
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3. #2669, July 11, 9 p.m., from Stockholm.

To "Folkska Social Ajvalpen for Flyktingar" (Polish Society for Refugee Help), which has an account at Skandinaviska Banken.

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The following for Olsen is WRB No. 44.

Treasury has issued license to World Jewish Congress permitting remittance of $10,000 to Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis provided that such funds will be utilized by Ehrenpreis only as authorized by you as WRB representative.

For your guidance, the World Jewish Congress desires that these funds be used for rescue and relief work for Jews in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania referred to in Stockholm’s WRB No. 25, Legation’s No. 1966 of June 2. The necessary funds, goods and services may be acquired from persons in enemy territory against payment by any of the three methods prescribed in Section A of License No. W-2152 issued to American Relief for Norway, Inc. set forth in Department’s No. 619 of April 8, 1944. Periodic reports on operations engaged in under this license should be filed with Treasury through Legation.

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By: H. H. Parke Date: SEP 9 1972

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CABLE TO JOHNSON FOR OLSHEN FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

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THIS IS WBB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 44

3:05 p.m.
July 5, 1944

Miss Hauntzey [for the Sec'y] Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Rahn, Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control
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FIndb 7/5/44
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Embassy, Stockholm
DATED: June 29, 1944
NUMBER: 1273

From War Refuge Board to Johnson.

Please deliver the following message to Chief Rabbi
Marcus Ehrenpreis, Stockholm, from Dr. A. Leon Kubowitski,
of the World Jewish Congress, 350 West 42nd Street, New
York 18, N. Y.:

"Pursuant to your message June 2 are applying
for license to send you $10,000. Are supporting
with the War Refugee Board your request to
receive the needed balance. Are anxious receive
through American Legation and War Refugee Board
your various rescue programs. Understand Wilhelm
Boehm Uppfortovagen 6/4 Stockholm-Rasunda has
valuable Hungarian contacts. Reached agreement
with YMCA's War Prisoners Aid which will try extend
activities to Hungarian segregation centers. Understand you cooperating Birger Pernow. Anxious
receive full report situation and rescue possibilities
Rumania."

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 25

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(GLW)

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 19, 1972

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CABLE TO STOCKHOLM

From War Refugee Board to Johnson

Please deliver the following message to Chief Rabbi
Norton Brenner, Stockholm, from Dr. A. Leo Oppenheim, of the
World Jewish Congress, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Pursuant your message June 9 are applying for license to send you $10,000. Are supporting with the War Refugee Board your request to receive the needed balance. Are anxious receive through American Legation and War Refugee Board your various rescue program. Understand Wilhelm Koch, Upfortovagen, 6/4 Stockholm-Asmund has valuable Hungarian contacts. Reached agreement with UNRRA War Prisoners Aid which will try extend assistance to Hungarian segregation centers. Understand you cooperating Hirsig Pernow. Anxious receive full report situation and rescue possibilities Hungary.

THIS IS WAR CABLE TO STOCKHOLM NO. 35

0004917
June 19, 1944

In reply refer to No. 93

Hon. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

May I ask you to kindly forward to Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis the following message through the State Department:

"To: Chief Rabbi Marcus Ehrenpreis, Stockholm, Sweden
From: Dr. A. Leon Rubowitski, World Jewish Congress

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Please let me know whether this message has been forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dr. A. Leon Rubowitski
Head, Rescue Department
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:
FPC Letter No:
Date:
Project No:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Relief in Baltic States

There is transmitted herewith a letter dated June 19, 1944 from the World Jewish Congress dealing with resistance activities in the Baltic States.

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:
Resistance licenses - Expenditures only on authorized by J.C. Glass, WRC representative, Stockholm

For the War Refugee Board

Action:
Basic license No. W, issued
Remittance license No. Y, issued June 26, 1944

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control

Date: Jun 26, 1944

(Handwritten notes)

June 19, 1944

In reply refer to No. 97

Hon. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence Hodell

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Pursuant to your letter of June 7, by which you were so kind as to transmit to us a message from our Stockholm Committee, I herewith request you to expedite the necessary license for an amount of $10,000, which we intend to send to Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis for work outlined in the above-mentioned message.

My organization is confident that the War Refugee Board will find ways and means of providing the Stockholm Committee for Relief of Jews in Europe with the balance of the amount of $50,000 requested by this Committee, as we know it is the Board's policy that no relief program should fail because of lack of funds.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Drl A. Leon Kubowitzki
Head, Relief Department
Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to World Jewish Congress, 635 East 42nd Street, New York City, permitting it, notwithstanding General ruling No. 11, to remit the Swedish kronor equivalent of $10,000 to Chief Rabbi Eurenpols, Stockholm, Sweden, provided, however, that such funds will be utilized by the payee designated herein only as authorized by Mr. Ivor C. Elson, representative of the War Refugee Board at Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2, periodic reports should be filed with Treasury Department by the payee designated herein through American Legation, Stockholm.

[Initialed] C. A. E.

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

[Details]
Dear Dr. Wise:

The following confidential message for you from the Congress Committee was received through the American Legation, Stockholm, under date of June 2, 1944:

"Have been successful in arranging good organization for carrying out various kinds of helpful work for Jews of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania. Since it is impossible to collect sufficient funds here, have applied for $50,000, WJCS, Washington, through its representative here for Executive Committee for relief of Jews in Europe which Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreiss directs. In view of the fact that these funds are needed immediately, it would be appreciated if you would support and hasten this application. Please cable your reply."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway,
New York, New York.
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: June 2, 1944
NUMBR: 1966

This is Message No. 25 For WRB
From Congress Committee, Stockholm for War Jewish Congress,
New York.

Have been successful in arranging good organization
for carrying out various kinds of help work for Jews of
Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania. Since it is impossible
to collect sufficient funds here, have applied for
$50,000, WRB, Washington through its representative, here
for Executive Committee for relief of Jews in Europe which
Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis directs. In view of the fact that
these funds are needed immediately, it would be appreciated
if you would support and hasten this application. Please
cable your reply.

JOHNSON
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FPC Letter No:

Date:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Rescue and Relief in Baltic States

There is transmitted herewith an application dated February 17, 1945 from the World Jewish Congress dealing with remittance of

$3,000 to Hillel Storah, Stockholm, for rescue and relief of Baltic Jews.

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:

[Signature]

For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W- 1396 issued
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Other:

Date: 3/7/45

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
Approved provided that funds will be utilized by payee only as authorized by Mr. Iven C. Olsen, representative of the War Refugee Board, Stockholm, Sweden. Stipulation No. 2: Monthly reports should be filed with Treasury Department by payee through American Legation, Stockholm. License period six months.