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SECRET
May 1944
7:30 p.m.

SENT BY [REDACTED] CIRCULAR AIRGRAM
FOR THE PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] INFORMATION OF THE
AMBASSADORS AT SANTIAGO, SAN JOSE, HABANA, QUITO,
SAN SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, PORT-au-PRINCE, TROUCIQUALPA,
MANAGUA, ASUNCION, MONTEVIDEO AND CARACAS.

With reference to previous communications from the Department and the War Refugee Board regarding protection of refugees with Latin American documents in German-held territory, you are informed that pursuant to our instructions the Legation at Bern has advised the Swiss Government with respect to claims to American citizenship by refugees in German-controlled areas as follows:

QUOTE The Department will undertake fully to investigate any claim to United States citizenship, asserted by any person within territory under enemy control, upon receipt from the Swiss Government of all pertinent information available to the Germans relative thereto. The claimant must be presumed to be a United States citizen and must be accorded all the rights, privileges and immunities to which such citizens are entitled while any particular claim to United States citizenship is under investigation by the Department and until the Swiss Government is specifically advised by the Department to the contrary, with the exception that until the Department so authorizes financial assistance, it may not (repeat not) be extended UNQUOTE.

You are authorized to advise the government to which you are accredited of the foregoing if you think it will help to obtain its effective cooperation in rescuing refugees with Latin American documents.

The Legation at Bern has also been instructed to request Swiss authorities to obtain from Germany immediate return to Vittel of previously deported refugees with Latin American documents. The Embassy at Madrid, pursuant to our instructions, has obtained assurance that Spain will endeavor to arrange for return of deported refugees to Vittel.

It is essential that demarche of Madrid Embassy be supported by similar urgent representations of other American Republics in Madrid on various points covered in our circular airgram of April 11 and other relevant communications. Please act accordingly and advise us of results.

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State Dept. Letter 111-72
By R. M. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

Sent to: Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sept. 18, 1944
11:15 am

CIRCULAR AIRMAIL

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SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDING OF LIVES OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS
DOCUMENT HOLDERS
TO CERTAIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICES:

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The following is from War Refugee Board:

Reference is made to our earlier communications on the subject of holders of Latin American documents in enemy territory.

At suggestion of Swiss authorities and in order to safeguard the lives of holders of documents issued in the names of American republics in German-controlled territory, this Government is endeavoring to compile lists of such holders for transmission to the German Government. A portion of a cable dated September 14, 1944, to the Legation at Bern follows:

NOTE with reference to lists of bearers of Latin American documents suggested in ultimate and penultimate paragraphs of your 5689, disturbed war conditions have interfered with communications between Latin American governments and their European missions, resulting in incomplete records which make the compilation of such lists difficult. However, to assist the Swiss in this matter it is believed that the Legation should endeavor to obtain with the aid of McClelland and the local representatives of organizations that have records on the subject, lists which are as complete as possible with a view to transmitting them to the Swiss authorities. The Department will suggest to various Latin American governments the urgency of confirming to Swiss authorities the authenticity of such lists. It is hoped, however, that in view of the humanitarian considerations involved and of this country's status as Power handling exchange of persons whose eligibility would be established by being placed on the list Swiss officials will agree to transmit the lists to Germany even without such confirmation. UNCLAS

Please discuss this matter with the government to which you are accredited with a view of obtaining its confirmation of the authenticity of the list submitted by the Legation at Bern.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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In making this request, you may explain that the assurances previously given on behalf of this Government that the government to which you are accredited will not be expected to grant physical admission to the persons involved and that no objection will be raised to an examination by that government of status of such persons once they are safe from enemy persecution, fully apply to the persons whose names will be included on the lists herein envisaged.

Should the government to which you are accredited, in addition to sending such communication, be in a position itself to compile and submit to Switzerland a list of holders of documents issued in its name or other persons under enemy control to whom it desires to give protection, this Government would be glad to extend to such persons the benefit of its activities intended to safeguard their lives. If desired, this Government will gladly transmit any such list to the Swiss Government.

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	Quito	Ecuador
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CIRCULAR AIRGRAM TO AMEMBASSIES IN BOGOTA, CARACAS, CIUDED TRUJILLO,
GUATEMALA CITY, HABANA, MANAGUA, MONTEVIDEO, PORT-AU-PRINCE, QUITO,
SAN JOSE, SAN SALVADOR, SANTIAGO, TEGUCIGALPA

Reference is made to our earlier communications on the subject of holders of Latin American documents in enemy territory.

At suggestion of Swiss authorities and in order to safeguard the lives of holders of documents issued in the names of American republics in German-controlled territory, this Government is endeavoring to compile lists of such holders for transmission to the German Government. It is requested that you suggest to the government to which you are accredited the importance of immediately notifying the Swiss that such lists as may be handed to the latter by Amlegation, in so far as they relate to holders of documents issued in the name of the government to which you are accredited, may be accepted by Switzerland as authentic evidence that the persons named therein are entitled to treatment as nationals of an American republic and are eligible for exchange.

In making this request, you may explain that the assurances previously given on behalf of this Government that the government to which you are accredited will not (repeat not) be expected to grant physical admission to the persons involved and that no (repeat no) objection will be raised to an examination by that government of status of such persons once they are safe from enemy persecution, fully apply to the persons whose names will be included on the lists herein envisaged.

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5:00 p.m.
September 13, 1944

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

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August 1, 1944

August 3, 1944

CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS
SAFE PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS IN THE HANDS OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS
(LIAISON) 11:00 am

TO CERTAIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS:

Please refer to previous communications regarding persons affiliated with persecuted European groups in enemy controlled areas holding documents issued in the names of American republics and efforts to safeguard their lives. Intense persecution of such groups, including forced deportation and mass extermination has been introduced into Hungary, where persons holding documents issued in the names of American republics are reported to be in danger because of absence of representation in that country. Amlegation Bern cables:

NOTE With regard to general question of Latin American documentation in German controlled countries, the suggestion that such Latin American Governments as have not previously made arrangements for their interests in Hungary to be taken care of urgently ask Switzerland or other neutral country to assume such representation is made by the Legation for the consideration of the Department. All Latin American countries without direct representation in Hungary except Uruguay, Chile, Brazil and possibly El Salvador, would seem to be concerned in this. UN: NOTE

Please consult appropriate officials of the Foreign Office in an endeavor urgently to secure representation in Hungary by Switzerland for the Government to which you are accredited. Although such government's interest in Hungary may be nominal, its representation in Hungary preferably by Switzerland is an essential first step to the humanitarian effort to save the lives of persons there holding documents issued in such government's name, and the approach to the Foreign Office should be on that basis. If the government to which you are accredited agrees to this measure, please request it to instruct the protecting power substantially as follows: (1) Passports and other documents issued in its name to persons in Hungary subject to persecution, are recognized and confirmed; (2) Hungarian Government to so be advised and that it is expected that persons holding such passports and other documents will be accorded the treatment, rights, privileges, and immunities of nationals of the government to which you are accredited, and (3) the United States is authorized to negotiate for the exchange of such persons. You may

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may assure the Foreign Office that in the event of such negotiation every preference will be given by the United States to unquestioned nationals of the government to which you are accredited, and that such government will not be expected physically to receive other persons, who, if exchanged, will be routed to other havens.

If desired this Government would be willing to act as a channel of communication in representation matters between it and the Swiss or other neutral Government to which it wishes to entrust its interests in Hungary.

Please advise the Department promptly of the results of your approaches.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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CIRCULAR AIRMAIL TO AMBASSIERS WASHINGTON, SAN JOSE, QUITO, MANAGUA, FORT-AU-PRINCE, CARACAS, LA PAZ, QUAPMALA CITY, ASUNCION, SAN SALVADOR

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Please advise the Department promptly of the results of your approaches.

July 25, 1944
2:15 p.m.

CC: Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, McCormack (for Mr. Mann), Stewart, Central Files, Cable Control Files.

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CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

FOR THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF THE AMBASSADORS
AT MONTEVIDEO, GUATEMALA CITY AND SANTIAGO.
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The following airgrams have been sent by the Department to the
American Ambassadors in certain South American countries and are
repeated to you for your information:

March 21, 1944, 1:05 p.m. "Information has been received that
there are in enemy-occupied Europe a number of persons holding passports
issued in the names of various Latin American countries including the
country to which you are accredited. Our information is that in a
large number of cases such persons are interned under conditions which
are immeasurably better than the treatment they would receive if they
did not have such passports. It is reported that without such passports,
such persons would be transported to Poland and death.

The plight of these refugees was the subject of a memorandum pre-
sented to the Department by the Polish Ambassador in Washington on
December 24, 1943, in support of the request of his government that this
Government intercede on humanitarian grounds to save the persons con-
cerned from deportation to Poland by interceding to prevent the with-
drawal of these passports in cases in which they may have been improperly
issued.

The following are excerpts from a report of Dr. Kullmann, Vice

Director

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Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, who has recently made an exhaustive investigation of the matter in Switzerland: QUOTE It is estimated that 4,000 (passports) have been issued from Switzerland and it is known that others have been issued from other neutral countries including Sweden. Some informants estimated the total number to be as high as nine to ten thousand but some thought that it did not exceed 5,000. In Switzerland it (the securing of the passports) was organized by private individuals and reached such proportions that the Swiss Federal Government had to intervene. Legal action was taken against several of the organizers and at the same time enquiry was made regarding the authority of some of the representatives of the South American states to carry on these transactions.

There seems little doubt that the German authorities are aware of what has been going on but for reasons of their own they have hitherto not adopted a general policy of withdrawing the passports. While in many cases the possession of these documents has afforded the owners protection against persecution and even special treatment in some of the camps, in other cases they have afforded no protection at all and particularly so where the persons concerned were not interned. Originally the German authorities seem to have cherished the hope that the persons with these South American passports might constitute a basis for the exchange of German nationals in South American countries and it is

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not improbable that they still have vague hopes of this. Other reasons have been suggested for their lack of consistency. Recently however they have been making enquiries through some of the protecting powers of the South American Governments concerned regarding the genuineness of the documents and they have been submitting lists of persons concerned with a view to verification UNQUOTE

Sir Herbert Emerson, Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, on the basis of the foregoing recommends that the Latin American Governments in whose names such passports have been issued, be approached on two points, QUOTE (first) that the Governments should refrain from withdrawing the passports which have been issued and (second) that if and when the protecting power on the request of the German authorities submits lists of persons with such passports they should instruct the protecting power that the passports have been confirmed UNQUOTE

Although the Department does not condone the unauthorized issue of passports, it does not follow that the Department should withhold its intercession in a situation in which the lives of so many persons are at stake. The Department and the War Refugee Board agree with Emerson that where thousands of human lives lie in the balance because of war conditions and enemy persecutions, appropriate steps should be taken to avoid the nonrecognition by the Germans of such passports.

The Department understands that these passports, appearing on
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their face to have been issued by competent officials, are valid until they are cancelled. While Department agrees that the Government to which you are accredited is entirely within its right in cancelling such passports, it urges that the right of cancellation be not exercised until the holders shall have reached a place of safety, so that the act of cancellation shall not be, in essence, condemnation of the holder to a terrible death. All that is here asked is that the Government to which you are accredited deal with the question at a time when it shall occasion the least possible measure of human suffering.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR.

You are instructed to memorize the contents of this airgram, burn the document and discuss the matter orally with the government to which you are accredited. Such report as you submit to the Department on this subject should be by secret courier."

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April 11, 1944, 11:00 a.m. "Minister Harrison at Bern has informed us that the Swiss Foreign Interests Division has advised him informally that the Spanish government had been requested by the Germans to inquire into the bona fides of certain Latin American passports, held by internees in enemy-controlled territory and that the Latin American governments have denied responsibility as well as any claims of the persons holding such passports. Please approach appropriate officials of the government to which you are accredited and inquire whether it has received any such inquiries through the government of Spain or otherwise from the Germans with respect to the validity of passports held by such internees and if such inquiry has been made, please ascertain the nature of the response, if any.

In view of the perilous situation in which these internees find themselves, the conclusion has been reached that perhaps the only way of safeguarding the lives of these unfortunate victims of Nazi persecution is forthwith to initiate through proper channels negotiations for an exchange of nationals for which these people will be eligible. In contemplating such exchange negotiations, it is not expected that the government to which you are accredited will physically admit
any such

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any such persons into its territory even on a temporary or tentative basis. This Government is prepared to take full responsibility for all arrangements necessary to route those persons to places elsewhere.

Proceeding on this basis, please approach the government to which you are accredited with the request that it give its approval to the Government of the United States approaching the German government through appropriate channels with a view to initiating such negotiations. Please also advise appropriate officials of the government to which you are accredited that similar requests are being made of other Latin American countries, it being the hope of this Government that it will be put in a position to initiate exchange discussions on a hemispheric basis. Please also advise such officials that in any exchange negotiations that may be entered into, it is of course understood that unquestioned citizens of the United States and of the Latin American countries will be considered by this Government as being in a category entitled to priority over others.

Please also request the government to which you are accredited, on humanitarian grounds, affirmatively to approach the German government through

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government through the protecting power with a demand that the lives of all persons holding passports issued in its name or claiming its citizenship on the basis of consular documents be safeguarded and that they be given all rights, privileges and immunities accorded to civilian internees of enemy nationality to whom the Geneva Convention regarding the treatment of prisoners of war is currently applied by analogy.

In view of the imminent danger in which the persons concerned find themselves, you are requested to act with the greatest possible dispatch.

Finally, we communicate to you, for communication to the government to which you are accredited, the substance of a cable which the Department has sent to our Minister at Bern as follows: QUOTE Although the motives of the Germans in according better treatment to Jews of Polish origin holding passports and other documents issued in the names of Latin American countries are not too clear, it would appear that they include (1) some hope that they might be considered exchange material against Germans in the Western Hemisphere and (2) some fear that their ill-treatment might afford the Latin American countries a pretext for further limiting the freedom and economic activities of Germans resident in such countries.

The measure reported in your 1959 of March 30 may be an indication that

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that Germany is beginning to doubt whether such Jews are considered exchange material and whether their treatment would affect the treatment of Germans in Latin America. This Government regards it as essential that these doubts be promptly and effectively dispelled.

Accordingly, please request the good offices of the Swiss Government in informing the Germans that this Government is undertaking discussions with Latin American countries for a further exchange of Germans in the western Hemisphere for persons in German-controlled territory and that in this connection, the United States considers that all persons in Vittel and elsewhere holding passports and other documents issued in the names of Latin American countries will be eligible for such exchange.

Simultaneously, please request the appropriate Swiss authorities to advise the Germans that in the meantime this Government expects that these persons will be accorded the same rights, privileges and immunities that the German government expects will be accorded to Germans in the Western Hemisphere. You may add that a considerable number of German civilians interned by various Latin American countries have been placed by such countries in the custody of the United States and are presently in such custody within continental United States.

For your information, the substance of this message is being
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communicated to our Missions in the Latin American countries concerned. We are also making inquiry of such Latin American countries with respect to the authenticity of the information informally conveyed to you by the Swiss Foreign Interests Division which you referred to in your 1994 of March 31 UNQUOTE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR.

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April 22, 1944, 7:30 p.m. "Referring to the Department's circular
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airgrams of April 18, 11:00 a.m., and of March 31, 1:05 p.m., the
following is the substance of a message received from London by Sir
Herbert Emerson, Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, who is
now in Washington: QUOTE According cables Jewish Agency, Jerusalem,
new commander Vittel Camp advised March 20 about 250 to 300 internees
holding South American passports that they were not recognized by
government concerned. It is alleged these persons already isolated
for deportation which caused panic and despair. Agency here has
partial list of people affected, mostly Polish Jews previously put on
list of veteran Zionists, Rabbis, et cetera, for grant of Palestine
certificates. Agency trying to obtain from Colonial Office formal
assurance to Swiss protecting power that these persons placed on
Palestine exchange list in order to stave off deportation UNQUOTE

In view of the imminent danger which faces the persons involved,
and in the light of this Government's deep concern for their welfare,
you should communicate to appropriate officials of the Government to
which you are accredited the urgency with which favorable responses
and active measures along the lines described in our circular airgrams
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of April 18 and March 31 are needed. You may also wish to inform such
officials

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officials that in addition to the approach to Switzerland referred
to in our circular airgram of April 18¹⁷, we have also requested
Ambassador Hayes similarly to approach the Spanish Government.
Please keep the Department promptly advised of all developments
in this matter."

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Sent to: Uruguay, Guatemala and Chile.

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April 23, 1944

CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

FOR THE PERSONAL AND [redacted] INFORMATION OF THE AMBASSADORS
AT TEGUCIGALPA, SAN JOSE, QUITO, SAN SALVADOR, PORT-au-PRINCE,
LIMA, MANAGUA AND CARACAS.

7:30pm

Referring to the Department's circular airgrams of April 10, 11:00 a.m., and of March 31, 1:05 p.m., the following is the substance of a message received from London by Sir Herbert Emerson, Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, who is now in Washington:

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Sent to: Honduras, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Peru, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

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 DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 APR 26 1944
 DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS
 April 11, 1944
 11 a.m. *Control to [redacted]*

[redacted] CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

For the personal and [redacted] attention of the Ambassadors at Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Peru, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

Refer our previous communications regarding War Refugee Board.

Reference is made to Department's 1181 of April 7.

Minister Harrison at Bern has informed us that the Swiss Foreign Interests Division has advised him informally that the Spanish government had been requested by the Germans to inquire into the bona fides of certain Latin American passports, held by internees in enemy-controlled territory and that the Latin American governments have denied responsibility as well as any claims of the persons holding such passports. Please approach appropriate officials of the government to which you are accredited and inquire whether it has received any such inquiries through the government of Spain or otherwise from the Germans with respect to the validity of passports held by such internees and if such inquiry has been made, please ascertain the nature of the response, if any.

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for an exchange of nationals for which these people will be eligible. In contemplating such exchange negotiations, it is not expected that the government to which you are accredited will physically admit any such persons into its territory even on a temporary or tentative basis. This Government is prepared to take full responsibility for all arrangements necessary to route these persons to places elsewhere.

Proceeding on this basis, please approach the government to which you are accredited with the request that it give its approval to the Government of the United States approaching the German government through appropriate channels with a view to initiating such negotiations. Please also advise appropriate officials of the Paraguayan government that similar requests are being made of other Latin American countries, it being the hope of this Government that it will be put in a position to initiate exchange discussions on a hemispheric basis. Please also advise such officials that in any exchange negotiations that may be entered into, it is of course understood that unquestioned citizens of the United States and of the Latin American countries will be considered by this Government as being in a category entitled to priority over others.

Please also request the government to which you are accredited, on humanitarian grounds, affirmatively to approach the German government through the protecting power with a demand that the lives of all persons

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-3- Circular, April 11, 1944.

persons holding passports issued in its name or claiming its citizenship on the basis of consular documents be safeguarded and that they be given all rights, privileges and immunities accorded to civilian internees of enemy nationality to whom the Geneva Convention regarding the treatment of prisoners of war is currently applied by analogy.

In view of the imminent danger in which the persons concerned find themselves, you are requested to act with the greatest possible dispatch.

Finally, we communicate to you, for communication to the government to which you are accredited, the substance of a cable which the Department has sent to our Minister at Bern as follows: **NOTE:** Although the motives of the Germans in according better treatment to Jews of Polish origin holding passports and other documents issued in the names of Latin American countries are not too clear, it would appear that they include (1) some hope that they might be considered exchange material against Germans in the Western Hemisphere and (2) some fear that their ill-treatment might afford the Latin American countries a pretext for further limiting the freedom and economic activities of Germans resident in such countries.

The measure reported in your report of March 30 may be an indication that Germany is beginning to doubt whether such Jews are con-

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considered exchange material and whether their treatment would affect the treatment of Germans in Latin America. This Government regards it as essential that these doubts be promptly and effectively dispelled.

Accordingly, please request the good offices of the Swiss Government in informing the Germans that this Government is undertaking discussions with Latin American countries for a further exchange of Germans in the Western Hemisphere for persons in German-controlled territory and that in this connection, the United States considers that all persons in Vittel and elsewhere holding passports and other documents issued in the names of Latin American countries will be eligible for such exchange.

Simultaneously, please request the appropriate Swiss authorities to advise the Germans that in the meantime this Government expects that these persons will be accorded the same rights, privileges and immunities that the German government expects will be accorded to Germans in the Western Hemisphere. You may add that a considerable number of German civilians interned by various Latin American countries have been placed by such countries in the custody of the United States and are presently in such custody within continental United States.

For your information, the substance of this message is being communicated to our Missions in the Latin American countries concerned.

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-5- Circular, April 11, 11 a.m.

We are also making inquiry of such Latin American countries with respect to the authenticity of the information informally conveyed to you by the Swiss Foreign Interests Division which you referred to in your 1994 of March 31 UNQUOTE.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR.

You are instructed to memorize the contents of this airgram, burn the document and discuss the matter orally with the government to which you are accredited. Such report as you submit to the Department on this subject should be by secret courier.

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Sent to Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Peru, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

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March 31, 1944

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CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

FOR THE PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] ATTENTION OF THE AMBASSADORS
At Tegucigalpa, San Jose, Quito, Managua, Port-au-Prince,
Caracas, San Salvador and Lima.

* Refer our previous communications regarding War Refugee Board. Europe a number of persons holding passports issued in the names of various Latin American countries including the country to which you are accredited. Our information is that in a large number of cases such persons are interned under conditions which are immeasurably better than the treatment they would receive if they did not have such passports. It is reported that without such passports, such persons would be transported to Poland and death.

The plight of these refugees was the subject of a memorandum presented to the Department by the Polish Ambassador in Washington on December 24, 1943, in support of the request of his government that this Government intercede on humanitarian grounds to save the persons concerned from deportation to Poland by interceding to prevent the withdrawal of these passports in cases in which they may have been improperly issued.

The following are excerpts from a report of Dr. Kullmann, Vice Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, who has recently made an exhaustive investigation of the matter in Switzerland: QUOTE
It is estimated that 4,000 (passports) have been issued from Switzerland and it is known that others have been issued from other neutral countries including Sweden. Some informants estimated the total number to be as high as nine to ten thousand but some thought that it did not exceed 5,000. In Switzerland it (the securing of the passports) was organized by private individuals and reached such proportions that the Swiss Federal Government had to intervene. Legal action was taken against several of the organizers and at the same time enquiry was made regarding the authority of some of the representatives of the South American states to carry on these transactions.

There seems little doubt that the German authorities are aware of what has been going on but for reasons of their own they have hitherto not adopted a general policy of withdrawing the passports. While in many cases the possession of these documents has afforded the owners protection against persecution and even special treatment in some of the camps, in other cases they have afforded no protection at all and particularly so where the persons concerned were not interned. Originally the German authorities seem to have cherished the hope that the persons with these South American passports might constitute a basis for the exchange of German nationals in South American countries and it is not improbable that they still have

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lack of consistency. Recently however they have been making enquiries through some of the protecting powers of the South American Governments concerned regarding the genuineness of the documents and they have been submitting lists of persons concerned with a view to verification UNQUOTE.

Sir Herbert Emerson, Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, on the basis of the foregoing recommends that the Latin American Governments in whose names such passports have been issued, be approached on two points, QUOTE (first) that the Governments should refrain from withdrawing the passports which have been issued and (second) that if and when the protecting power on the request of the German authorities submits lists of persons with such passports they should instruct the protecting power that the passports have been confirmed UNQUOTE.

Although the Department does not condone the unauthorized issue of passports, it does not follow that the Department should withhold its intercession in a situation in which the lives of so many persons are at stake. The Department and the War Refugee Board agree with Emerson that where thousands of human lives lie in the balance because of war conditions and enemy persecutions, appropriate steps should be taken to avoid the nonrecognition by the Germans of such passports.

The Department understands that these passports, appearing on their face to have been issued by competent officials, are valid until they are cancelled. While Department agrees that the Government to which you are accredited is entirely within its rights in cancelling such passports, it urges that the right of cancellation be not exercised until the holders shall have reached a place of safety, so that the act of cancellation shall not be, in essence, condemnation of the holder to a terrible death. All that is here asked is that the Government to which you are accredited deal with the question at a time when it shall occasion the least possible measure of human suffering.

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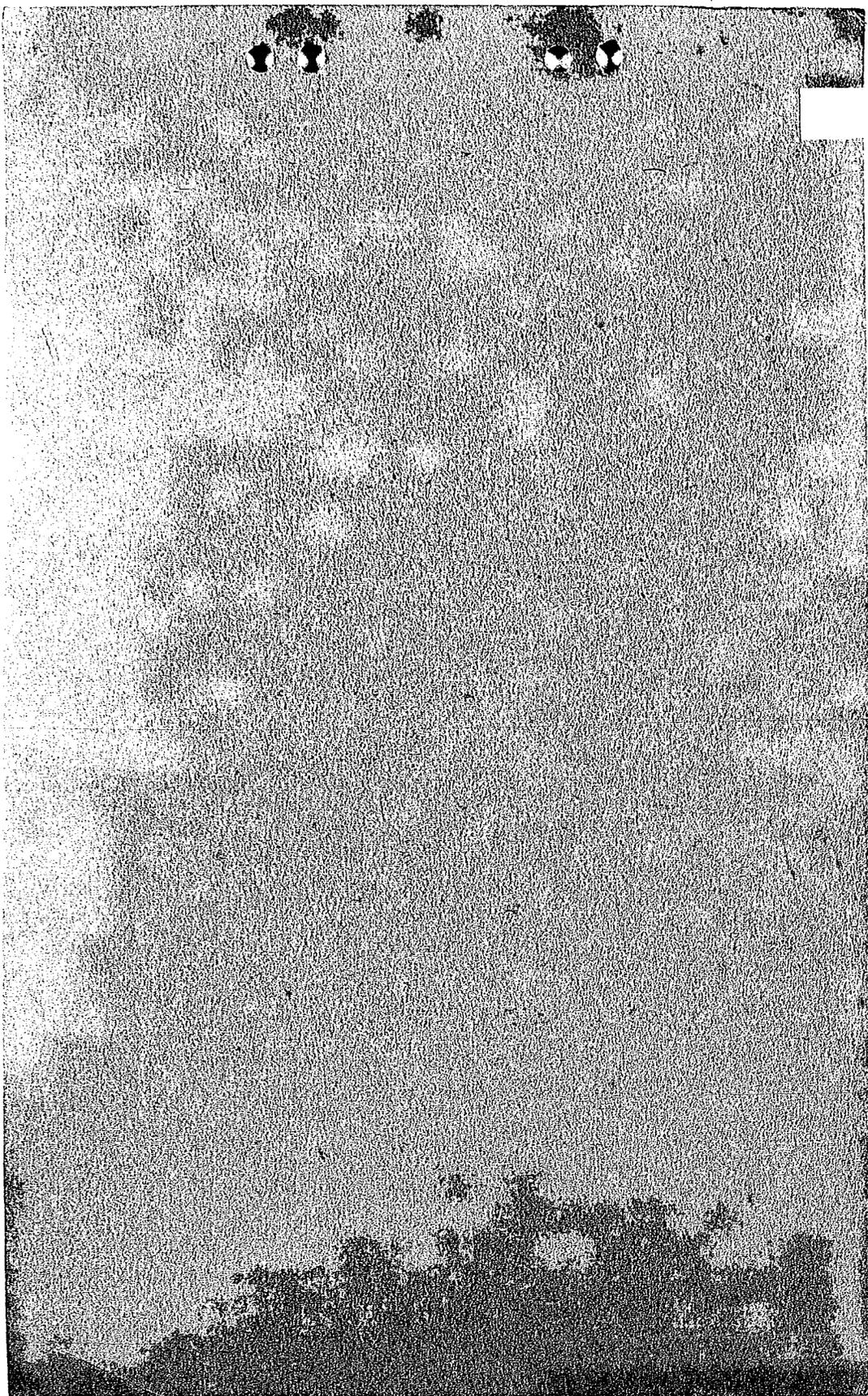
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Each cover contains an unaddressed envelope bearing the stamp of the Haitian Consulate, Assuncion, Paraguay. In each of these enclosed envelopes are letters signed by the Haitian Consul, Raul del Pazo Cano, which state that the accompanying passports will enable the bearers to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for their naturalization. With each letter is a Haitian passport.

(1) Registered letter No. 217609, Serial No. 6500 contains:

(A) Letter undated with Passport No. 116

Issued to	Adela Halpern
Born	1899
Place	Magierow, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946
And her daughters	Chana Malka and Chawa
Born	August 27, 1926 and 1937

(B) Letter undated with Passport No. 125

Issued to	Reich Szlomo
Born	1918
Place	Vienna, Austria
Valid to	May 14, 1946

(C) Letter undated with Passport No. 120

Issued to	Jacob Leib Minberg
Born	July 12, 1884
Place	Radom, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946
and his wife	Rywka
Born	Nov. 13, 1881
Place	Lodz, Poland

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(2) Registered Letter No. 219419, Serial No. 6500 contains

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 151

Issued to	Peter Abeles
Born	April 25, 1924
Place	Vienna, Austria
Valid to	May 14, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 150

Issued to	Rodolphe Abeles
Born	August 29, 1902
Place	Budapest, Hungary
Valid to	May 14, 1946
And his wife	Claire Abeles
Born	1916
Place	Vienna, Austria

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 152

Issued to	Alexander Abeles
Born	March 5, 1901
Place	Budapest, Hungary
Valid to	May 16, 1946
And his wife	Anna Abeles
Born	1901
Place	Budapest, Hungary

(3) Registered Letter No. 217603, Serial 6500, contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 132

Issued to	Arnost Ungar
Born	August 8, 1910
Place	Bratislava, Czechoslovakia
Valid to	May 14, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 128

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Issued to Racka Spira
Born 1903
Place Nowy Sacz, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 129 / 2

Issued to Szma Udel Spira
Born February 16, 1907
Place Gorlice, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946
And her daughter
Born June 23, 1937
Place Nowy Sacz, Poland

(4) Registered Letter No. 215194, Serial 6491, contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 63 /

Issued to Oszer Welkowitz
Born Sept. 21, 1906
Place Wieniec, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 86 // 4

Issued to Leib Friedman
Born June 1, 1885
Place Vevirzenai, Poland (?)
Valid to May 6, 1946
And his wife
Born June 28, 1898
Place Lyda-Nowa, Poland
And his two daughters
Rachel - Born 1926
Sulamith - Sept. 28, 1936

C. Undated letter with Passport No. 55 / 3

Issued to Meier Szersszewaki
Born 1901
Place (over) Mila, Poland

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Valid to	May 6, 1946
And his wife	Pesza Rachel
Born & Place	Not stated
And his son	Abraham Szeroszewski
Born	1940
Place	Not stated

(5) Registered Letter No. 214894, Serial No. 6491, contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 61 / 2

Issued to	Dr. Josef Szwarcman
Born	1878
Place	Suwalki, Poland
Valid to	May 6, 1946
And his wife	Rebecka Szwarcman
Born	1887
Place	Suwalki, Poland

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 64 / 3

Issued to	Chackiel Lewin
Born	Not stated
Place	Wolkowyek, Poland
Valid to	May 6, 1946
And his wife	Luba Lewin
Date & place of birth	Not stated
And his daughter	Zyw Minka
Born	1924
Place	Not stated

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 66 / 1

Issued to	Mary Schneider
Born	September 13, 1868
Place	Heidelberg, Germany
Valid to	May 6, 1946

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(6) Registered Letter No. 241161, Serial No. 6500 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 118

Issued to	Jakob Wolf Klein
Born	1885
Place	Not stated
Valid to	May 14, 1946
And his wife	Rywka Leja Klein
Born	1892
Place	Not stated

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 121

Issued to	Srul Obuchowski
Born	1908
Place	Warsaw, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946
And his wife	Judyt Rywka
Born	1907
Place	Sokolow Podlaski, Poland
And his son	Hotel
Born	1937
Place	Not stated

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 127

Issued to	Berko Szmidt
Born	1885
Place	Bialystok, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946

(7) Registered Letter No. 241160, Serial No. 6500 contains

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 123

Issued to	Lea Reich
Born	1885
Place	Warol, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946

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- B. Letter undated with Passport No. 145 / 3
- Issued to Jankiel Radzynski
 Born 1904
 Place Not stated
 Valid to May 14, 1946
 And his wife and son (No names given)
- C. Letter undated with Passport No. 131 / 3
- Issued to Jankiel Trookenheim
 Born July 20, 1881
 Place Warsaw, Poland
 Valid to May 14, 1946
 And his wife ~~None~~ (No details given)
 And his son Horst Zelig Trookenheim
 Born August 28, 1908
 Place Warsaw, Poland
- (8) Registered Letter No. 215196, Serial No. 6491 contains
- A. Letter dated May, 1942, with Passport No. 40 / 1
- Issued to Mera Bergstein
 Born 1917
 Place Vabolnikas (Lithuania (?))
 Valid to May 2, 1946
- B. Letter undated with Passport No. 71 / #
- Issued to Jacob Borson
 Born February 1889
 Place Warsaw, Poland
 Valid to May 6, 1946
- C. Letter undated with Passport No. 58 / 1
- Issued to Ciril Szlo Kwioz
 Born 1913
 Place Grodek, Poland
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(9) Registered Letter No. 214892, Serial 6491 contains

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 65 / /

Issued to Jacob Kowarski
Born 1908
Place Wilno, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 79 / /

Issued to Brucha Szwedzarski
Born December 3, 1908
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 80 / /

Issued to Lejbis Wolf Zylberg
Born March 26, 1925
Place Sosnowice, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

(10) Registered Letter No. 215195, Serial No. 6491 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 57 / /

Issued to Bathia Szlomowicz
Born 1918
Place Grodek, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 56 / 5

Issued to Israel Szlomowicz
Born 1892
Place Yanavos (?)
Valid to May 6, 1946
And his wife Sheine Szlomowicz
Born 1894
Place Not stated

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And his children
 Chana - 1927
 Nichemiyo - 1925
 Menachem - 1925

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 60 / /
 Issued to L. yor Sztainwaks
 Born October 5, 1930
 Place Grodno, Poland
 Valid to May 6, 1946

(11) Registered Letter No. 214890 Serial 6491 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 75 / 2
 Issued to Paula Lea (Toos) Cejtlin
 Born September 20, 1898
 Place Warsaw, Poland
 Valid to May 6, 1946
 And her son
 Born Owldow Hirsch - Ber Henryk
 Place August, 1931
 Place Warsaw, Poland

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 72 / /
 Issued to Kejla Rywka Upfal
 Born July, 1905
 Place Wengrow Podalski, Poland
 Valid to May 6, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 81 / /
 Issued to Szoszana Lea Zylberberg, daughter of
 Herszil and Chaja Zylberberg
 Born October 14, 1933
 Place Lodz, Poland
 Valid to May 6, 1946

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(12) Registered Letter No. 214888, Serial No. 6491 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 59. / 4

Issued to	Szolom Szereeszewski
Born	1893
Place	Mila, Poland
And his wife	Fru Ma
Born	1896
Place	Not stated
And his son	Israel
Born	1928
Place	Not stated
And his daughter	Freida
Born	1935
Place	Not stated
Valid to	May 6, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 96 / 2

Issued to	Jankiel Epsztejn
Born	March 1870
Place	Dzienciol, Poland
And his wife	Lifaza Epsztejn
Born	March 11, 1883
Place	Not stated
Valid to	May 12, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 94 / 2

Issued to	Chil Major Blumenfeld
Born	1892
Place	Szydlow, Poland
And his wife	(No name given)
Valid to	May 12, 1946

(13) Registered Letter No. 214886, Serial No. 6491 contains:

A. Letter dated May, 1942 with Passport No. 46

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	Issued to	Leizer Kaganski
	Born	1895
	Place	Virbalis, Lithuania
	And his wife	Pesha
	Born	1905
	Place	Kowno, Lithuania
	And son	Ari Kaganski
	Born	1938
	Place	Kaunas, Lithuania
	Valid to	May 2, 1945
	B. Letter undated with Passport No. 103 /	
	Issued to	Szolom Kalmonowic
	Born	1920
	Place	Traby, (?)
	Valid to	May 12, 1946
	C. Letter dated May, 1942, with Passport No. 43 / 9	
	Issued to	Chana Eichenstein
	Date & Place of Birth	Not stated
	and her eight children	1. Freida - 1928
		2. Rachel - 1927
		3. Sara - 1926
		4. Abraham - 1925
		5. Miriam - 1936
		6. Leizer - 1929
		7. Joseph - 1931
		8. Uscher - 1934
	Valid to	May 2, 1945
	(14) Registered Letter No. 214425 Serial 6491 contains	
	(A) Undated letter with passport No. 138 /	
	Issued to	Rubin Jehuda Najfeld
	Born	1870
	Place	Not stated
	Valid to	May 14, 1945

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TO: Dr. A. Silberschein

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(B) Letter undated with passport No. 77 / 3

Issued to	Lajb Poznantjer
Born	Oct. 20, 1903
Place	Bendzin, Poland
Valid to	May 6, 1946
His wife	Margula
Born	Mar. 28, 1903
Place	Bendzin, Poland
Their son	Ignacy
Born	June 6, 1936
Place	Chorzow, Poland

(C) Letter undated with passport No. 140 / /

Issued to	Saly Richter
Born	Oct. 9, 1871
Place	Topolezany, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946

(15) Registered Letter No. 214426 Serial 6491 contains

(A) Letter undated with passport No. 141 / /

Issued to	Abram Kosze Fozner
Born	April 1892
Place	Warsaw, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946

(B) Letter undated with passport No. 139 / /

Issued to	Joseph Leib Nenedyk
Born	1877
Place	Suchowole, Poland
Valid to	May 14, 1946

(C) Letter undated with passport No. 143 / /

Issued to	David Szapiro
Born	1905
Place	Pokrzywnica, Poland

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Valid to His wife
May 14, 1946
Katla, and two daughters, Nechama and Malkaszapiro (No details)

(16) Registered letter No. 214422 Serial 6491 contains

(A) Letter undated with passport No. 76

Issued to Beata Strich
Born April 23, 1920
Place Zolkiew, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

(B) Letter undated with passport No. 93

Issued to Aron Blum
Born 1901
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946
His wife Estera Blum
Born 1903
Place Warsaw, Poland
Their daughter Sewa Guta Blum
Born Oct. 16, 1940
Place Warsaw, Poland

(C) Letter undated with passport No. 95

Issued to Jankiel Czerbuchowski
Born 1891
Place Sluck, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946
His wife Dwejra Czerbuchowski
Born Not stated
Place Not stated
Their daughter Sara
Born 1926
Place Kleck, Poland

(17) Registered Letter No. 214428 Serial 6491 contains

(A) Letter undated with passport No. 137

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Issued to **Chaja Hinda Korgensztern**
Born **1863**
Place **Not stated**
Valid to **May 14, 1946**

(B) Letter undated with passport **144** / /

Issued to **Hermine Laszlo**
Born **Aug. 12, 1878**
Place **Weldziec, Poland**
Valid to **May 14, 1946**

(18) Registered Letter No. **214424** - Serial **6491** contains

(A) Letter undated with passport No. **98** / /

Issued to **Chaim Halpern**
Born **1902**
Place **Not stated**
Valid to **May 12, 1946**

(B) Letter undated with passport No. **142** / 2

Issued to **Aron Szlama Rodzyner**
Born **1885**
Place **Lodz, Poland**
Valid to **May 14, 1946**
His wife **Jeta**
Born **1886**
Place **Not stated**

(C) Letter undated with passport No. **134** / 4 107

Issued to **Ignacy Schipper**
Born **Sept. 9, 1884**
Place **Tarnow, Poland**
Valid to **May 14, 1946**
His wife **Maria Zkla Schipper**
Born **Oct. 1892**
Place **Not stated**
Their daughters **Ruth**

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Born 1920
Place Not stated
and Anna
Born: 1932
Place: Not stated

(19) Registered Letter No. 214423 Serial 6491 contains

(A) Letter undated with passport No. 99 / /

Issued to Ryfka Halpern
Born 1916
Place Not stated
Valid to May 12, 1946

(B) Letter undated with passport No. 136 / 2

Issued to Sara Glika Morgensztern
Born 1906
Place Not stated
Valid to May 12, 1946
Her son Srul Morgensztern
Born 1935
Place Not stated

(C) Undated letter with passport No. 135 / /

Issued to Abram Wajnryb
Born 1876
Place Chmielnik, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946

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While the last six letters originate from the same Sender, the return address on these reads: Herzberg, Maipu 429, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SJ FIN 15096-C, SJ FIN 14423-C and other records report similar sendings - passports issued by Sender for prospective travellers in Poland, Czechoslovakia, etc.

Enclosures: 6 in each letter, except #17.

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FROM: Raul del Pazo Cano Consulat D'Haiti Assomption, Paraguay (Cover) Tucman 463 Buenos Aires, Argentina		TO: Dr. A. Silberechein 37 Quai Wilson Geneve, Switzerland				
LIST: Nons		LIST: G 7000				
Date of communication May 1942 (sic)	Date of postmark May 12, 1944	Kind of mail Air	Mail No. 598 June 17, 1944	Register No. 216819	Serial No. 6422	
Language Spanish, French	Previously censored by None	Station distribution DR FIN-CPC CPNY-INT TRI		DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION H R C RS Sent with comment to—		
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1. Covers

Each cover contains an unaddressed envelope bearing the stamp of the Haitian Consulate, Asuncion, Paraguay. In this envelope are three letters signed by the Haitian Consul, Raul del Pazo Cano, which state that the enclosed passports will enable the bearers to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for their naturalization, and three Haitian passports.

Registered letter No. 216819, Serial No. 6422 contains:

- A. Letter undated with passport No. 45. / 2
- | | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Issued to | Jogiel Gita |
| Born | May, 1901 |
| Place | Horodziej, Poland |
| Valid to | May 2, 1945 |
| And her son | Ber Jogiel |
| Born | January 1934 |
| Place | Horodziej, Poland |
- B. Letter undated with Passport No. 88. / 2
- | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Issued to | Mordka Alperin |
| Born | Nov. 18, 1898 |
| Place | Lodz, Poland |
| Valid to | May 12, 1946 |
| And his wife | Genia Alperin, and his two sons |
- C. Letter undated with Passport No. 53. / 2
- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Issued to | Sura Ryszman |
| Born | June 8, 1907 |
| Valid to | May 2, 1946 |
| Place | Rowno, Poland |
| And her daughter | Chaja Syrna Ryszman |
| Born | Sept. 6, 1936 |

By *RHP*
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(2) Registered letter No. 215620, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter dated May 1942 with Passport No. 48

Issued to Mechama Rosa Baumgold-Maliniak
Born 1912
Place Warszawa, Poland
Valid to May 2, 1945

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 89.

Issued to Moses Weinfeld
Born Nov. 18, 1878
Place Howe Siolo, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946
And his wife Bran Weinfeld
Born April 19, 1879

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 91

Issued to Asz Natan (and his wife)
Born 1911
Place Międzyrzecz, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946

(3) Registered Letter No. 217232, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 85

Issued to Abraham Jacob Friedman
Born April 1884
Place Sadagora, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946
And his wife, Chana Friedman
Born 1883
Place Loyew

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 133

Issued to Saul Weinstein
Born 1886
Place Cracow, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946

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And his wife Ziwja Weinstein
Born 1884
Place Cracow, Poland

C. Letter undated with Passport No 108

Issued to Mariem Laja Cytryhowska
Born 1897
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946
And her son Arie Cytryhowsky
Born Oct. 17, 1926
Place Warsaw, Poland

(4) Registered letter No. 217234, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 51.

Issued to Arie Moische Riff
Born 1909
Place Wilno, Poland
Valid to May 2, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 106.

Issued to Mosche Chaim Lau
Born May, 1891
Place Lwow, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946
And his wife Chaja Lau and their four children

C. Letter dated May, 1942 with Passport No. 39

Issued to Israel Riff
Born 1870
Place Perna, Poland
Valid to May 2, 1946
And his wife Miria Riff
Born 1871
Place Wolczyn, Poland

(5) Registered Letter No. 216821, Serial No. 6422 contains:

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A. Letter undated with Passport No. 54 / 3

Issued to Judel Szereszewski
Born 1888
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946
And his wife Reisel Szereszewski
Born 1891
Place Warsaw, Poland
and their son Hersz
Born 1939

B. Letter dated May, 1942 with Passport No. 47 / /

Issued to Roza Machlis
Born Oct. 12, 1914
Place Derevno, Poland
Valid to May 2, 1945

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 104 / 2

Issued to Guta Gitla Rheingold-Klein
Born 1898
Place ---
And her daughter Frajda Fryda
Born 1926
Valid to May 2, 1946

(6) Registered letter No. 217235, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 100 / 3

Issued to Israel Halperin
Born August 19, 1900
and his wife Chena Luba Halperin
Born Sept. 15, 1894
and their daughter Zelda Halperin
Born Sept. 1930
Valid to May 12, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 97

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Issued to Srul Szaja Grynberg
Born 1875
And his wife Chaja "ojza Grynberg
Born 1876
Valid to May 12, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 101. / 2

Issued to Samuel Hirschfeld
Born 1893
Place Przemysl, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946
And his wife Erna

(7) Registered letter No. 216000, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 69. / 1

Issued to Elieser Bloch Lipa
Born March 1889
Place Lublin, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 68 / 2

Issued to Rucila Weisser
Born April 11, 1902
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1944
And her son Jerry

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 73 / 1

Issued to Chana Polakiewicz
Born April 10, 1911
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

(8) Registered letter No. 215998, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Undated letter with Passport No. 78

Issued to Arnold Weinfeld

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Born Dec. 30, 1902
Place Budzanow, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1944

B. Undated letter with Passport No. 70 / 2

Issued to Wilhelm Heller Wolf
Born March 1888
Place Strezeliska
And his wife Rosa Heller
Born May 1890
Place Zakla, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

C. Undated letter with Passport No. 62 / 1

Issued to Yehuda Lejb Szczeranski
Born 1889
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

(9) Registered Letter No. 218390, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter dated May 1942 with Passport No. 41. / 4 3

Issued to Mause Berstein
Born 1887
Place Kaunas, Lithuania
Valid to May 2, 1944
And his wife Sifre
Born 1888
Place Vabolinikas
And his daughters Mine
Born 1923
And Mivka
Born 1926
Place Vabolinikas

B. Letter undated with Passport No. 113 / 2

Issued to Kalmen Gold
Born 1916
Place Brzesc, Poland

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And to
Born
Valid to
Chaja Gold Werbin
April 1918
May 14, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 107 / 2

Issued to
Born
Place
And his wife
Born
Place
Valid to
Israel Josef Lau
Sept. 1887
Lwow, Poland
Necha Lau
1888
Kolomyja, Poland
May 12, 1946

(10) Registered Letter No. 218392, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Letter undated with Passport No. 119 / 3

Issued to
Born
And his wife
Born
Place
And his son
Valid to
Mordka Judka Krajkoman
March 20, 1894
Ruchla
1895
Wolomin, Poland
Rubin
May 14, 1946

B. Letter undated with Passport No 105. / 2

Issued to
Born
And his wife
Born
Place
Valid to
Mordchaj Nilson Krul
1883
Estera
1889
May 12, 1946

C. Letter undated with Passport No. 110. / 2

Issued to
Born
Place
And his wife
Valid to
Nathan Felsenbug
Nov, 20, 1896
Topolcany, Poland
Betty, and his five children
May 14, 1944

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(11) Registered Letter No. 218391, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Undated letter with Passport No. 114 / 3

Issued to Jacob Gotlib
Born 1910
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946
And his wife Fajga Gotlib
Born 1912
And his son

B. Indated letter with Passport No. 112. / 3

Issued to Tauba Fuks
Born Sept. 29, 1899
Place Glowno, Poland
And her daughters Irena
Born April 12, 1928
And Mania
Born July 15, 1926
Place Lodz, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946

C. Undated letter with Passport No. 130 / /

Issued to Rosalja Schorr
Born --
Place Trembowla, Poland
Valid to May 14, 1946

(12) Registered letter No. 217233, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Undated letter with Passport No. 102 / 7

Issued to Feiweł Jeruchem
Born 1899
Place Limanowa, Poland
And his wife Miriam Jeruchem
Born 1804
Place Nisko, Poland
And his five children
Valid to May 12, 1946

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B. Undated letter with Passport No. 87 / 2

Issued to Szulim Schachna
Pola Kiewicz
Born April 15, 1906
Place Warsaw, Poland
And his wife Anna Polakiewicz
Born 1911
Place Warsaw, Poland
Valid to May 12, 1946

C. Letter dated May, 1942 with Passport No. 50 / 2

Issued to Itzhok Zundel Riff
Born 1904
Place Wolozyn, Poland
And his wife Lea Riff
Born 1910
Valid to May 12, 1946

(13) Registered Letter No. 216002, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Undated letter with Passport No. 74 / 2

Issued to Jankiel Pola Kiewica
Born November 5, 1879
Place Dobriczyn, Poland
And his wife Blima-Ides Polakiewica
Born Sept. 10, 1884
Place Bialapodlaska, Poland
Valid to May 6, 1946

Undated letter with Passport No. 52 / 6

Issued to Race Rubin
Born 1905
Place Wisniez, Poland
Valid to May 2, 1946
And his five children
Johanna Scheidel Rubin
Chaskel Schragi Rubin
Nachmen Rubin
Ruchl Feige Rubin

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Hudes Rubin.

C. Undated letter with Passport No. 67. / /

Issued to Adele Bock
 Born March 22, 1874
 Place Heibelberg, Germany
 Valid to May 6, 1946

(14) Registered Letter No. 215996, Serial No. 6422 contains:

A. Undated letter with Passport No. 92. / 5

Issued to Israel wigdor Goldsztein
 Born 1900
 Place Warsaw, Poland
 And his wife Chana Goldsztein
 Valid to May 12, 1946
 And his three children

B. Undated letter with Passport No. 90. / 2

Issued to Pinchas Caminer
 Born 1906
 Place Warsaw, Poland
 Valid to May 12, 1946
 And his wife

C. Letter dated May, 1942 with Passport No. 44. / 5

Issued to David Osias Halberstam
 Born August 6, 1900
 Place Kopozyce, Poland
 Valid to May 2, 1945
 And his wife Feigel Joehewed
 Born December 15, 1900
 Place Sosnowiec, Poland
 And his children Menjel Halbersztam
 Chil Alter Halbersztam
 Hene Halbersztam

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SJ FIN 14425-C, SJ FIN 9503-C and numerous other records show the Haitian Consul in Paraguay issuing Haitian passports to individuals in Poland.

Enclosures: (each letter) 6

3 Letters
3 Passports

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By RMP Date 4/10/81

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SJ FIN 14425
1 2

Dr. Herzberg,
Tucuman 413
Buenos Aires
Argentina

(1) Dr. A. Silberschein,
(2) c/o "Relico"
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneve,
Suisse

None

(1) G 7000 (2) None

May 5, 1942 (Sic) April 11, 1944 Air 572 206162 6051

Spanish

None

May 23, 1944

DR
TRI
FIN-CPC

Numerous

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SJ FIN 9503-C
TRI-11803/43-R
BER 31471/42-R

NO

S.A. 14 64073 64070 A.D. May 22, 1944 May 32, 1944 irr

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5/27

PASSPORTS ISSUED BY HAITIAN CONSUL IN PARAGUAY FOR INDIVIDUALS
IN POLAND FOR POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO HAITI

Cover contains an unaddressed envelope bearing the stamp of the Haitian Consulate, Asuncion, Paraguay. In this envelope is a letter signed by the Haitian Consul Raul del Pazo Cano which states that the enclosed passport will enable the bearer to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for his naturalization.

2-IC
3-SD
3-OSS
4-E
1-FBI
1-SC
1-IRB
1-IC-M
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Enclosed is passport No. 38
Issued to Rachela Dawidowica
Born Dec. 27, 1894
Place Krakau, Poland
Valid to Feb. 5, 1947
and her daughter Ruth Dawidowicz
Born 1926
Place Krakau, Poland

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Shaw
7/26 KG

In the same mail are four other registered letters having similar enclosures. All are being sent by Sender to addressee.

A. Registered letter No. 206164, Serial No. 6051

FFC-lHueffer
8/8 E.R

Dated Dates May 5, 1942
Enclosed is passport No. 37
Issued to Saul Weinstein
Born 1886-Age 66 (Sic!)
Place Krakau, Poland
Valid until May 2, 1947
and his wife Eijwa Weinstein
Born 1884
Place Krakau, Poland

B. Registered letter No. 206164, Serial No. 6051

mhr
8/9/44

Copy letter dated May 5, 1942
Enclosed is duplicate passport No. 35
Issued to Aron Lewin
Born Oct. 31, 1879
Place Wileliczka, Poland
Valid Until April 4, 1947

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MAY 8 1970
BY SP-10/MS/Date 4/11/83

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Director

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May 23, 1944 irr

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Record No. SJ FIN 14425

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and his wife Doba Lewin
Born Nov. 10, 1882
Place Kieliczka, Poland
and two Paula, born Nov , 26, 1915
daughters Nadassa, born Mar. 10, 1932

C. Registered letter No. 206165, Serial No. 6051

Letter dated May 5, 1942
Enclosed is passport No. 34
Issued to Gizela Balaban
Born Nov. 1882
Place Pioszow, Poland
Valid until Apr. 4, 1947

D. Registered letter No. 206166, Serial No. 6051

Letter dated May 5, 1942
Enclosed is passport No. 36
Issued to Dr. Mojzesz Alter,
Born May 22, 1894
Place Rzeszow, Poland
Valid to Apr. 4, 1947

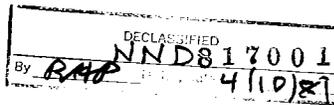
EXAMINER'S NOTE:

SJ FIN 9503 and numerous other records show the Haitian Consul in Paraguay issuing Haitian passports to individuals in Poland.

TRI 11803/43 shows Sender's activities in the traffic of visas for European Jews.

BEH 31471/42 shows addressee writing to the U.S.A. concerning the condition of Polish, Slovakian and Croatian Jews.

Enclosures: (each letter) 1
1 Passport.



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Return to ~~M. J.~~ ^{M. J.} ~~Fill~~
L. J. Keller

The present Dominican representative in Switzerland or if he is not competent, a Dominican representative having a Latin-American name who might be especially named for the purpose would be authorized to receive from any interested person in behalf of any individual in enemy-controlled areas in Europe an application for the issuance of a Dominican passport.

Upon receipt of such an application the designated representative would address a letter to the person in behalf of whom the application was made stating the following: (1) An application for a Dominican passport had been made in the name of the individual addressed, (2) a decision upon the application cannot be made until the applicant appears in person before a Dominican Consular Officer, (3) until such time as the applicant makes personal appearance before a Dominican Consular Officer for the purpose of completing his application he is considered by the Dominican Government to be entitled to the rights and protection normally accorded Dominican nationals residing abroad.

Letters of the foregoing character would be delivered to the addressees through secret channels if they are to perform the protective functions for which they are designed. The Germans might be expected to intercept any such letter sent through postal or diplomatic channels and would be able to eliminate the beneficiaries of the letters before delivery was effected.

In view of the fact that the present Dominican representative in Switzerland has been stripped of all official character except as custodian of archives it might be preferable, provided that secret channels for transmission of confirmatory letters are available, to have all these applications executed before a regularly recognized Dominican representative in Spain or Portugal. The Germans might be better disposed to accept letters from the Dominican Legation at Madrid or Lisbon than from a Dominican representative of questionable authority in Switzerland. The advice of the War Refugee Board on this point seems essential.

It is assumed that a persecuted person arrested in enemy-controlled areas, if able to produce a letter of the type outlined above would be able to obtain a stay of severe measures against his person and might be able to attain a status warranting inclusion in such exchanges as may be made.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ALL
the Treasury
entative

Embassy of the United States
Paris, 16 March 1945

AIR POUCH
NO. 132

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is a memorandum which may be of interest
to the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Theodore H. Ball

T. H. Ball
U. S. Treasury Representative

Mr. Harry D. White
Assistant Secretary
of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

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16 March 1945

TO Mr. Ball
FROM Matthew Marks

In the past twenty-four hours I have met three British subjects who were interned at Vittel for more than a year until their liberation by advancing Allied troops. One of them was a Block Leader in charge of some 500 women internees.

I suggest that this information be passed on to the War Refugee Board which at one time was much interested in certain events which took place at Vittel. If for some reason the Board is still interested in ascertaining the details regarding deportations which took place from Vittel arrangements could probably be made for these former internees to be questioned. Before any such questioning, however, the Board would probably wish to indicate the type of information they would desire to have.

(Initialed) MJM

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS
CONGRES JUIF MONDIAL • CONGRESO JUDIO MUNDIAL

1834 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, 23, N. Y.

CABLES: CONGRESS, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 6-1900

LONDON
55 New Cavendish St, W 1

GENEVA
37 Quai Wilson
BUENOS AIRES
Corrientes 1979

JERUSALEM
Vaad Leumi P. O. B. 471

MONTREAL
1121 St. Catherine St. W

MEXICO CITY
Sonora 1744

In reply refer to:
No. 340

March 2, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

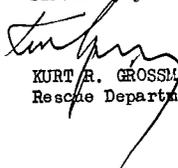
Attention: Dr. Benj. Akzin

Dear General O'Dwyer:

It will be of interest to you to learn that according to information received from Switzerland by one of our friends, it seems that Jews with South American passports or persons who are considered as United States citizens, have been transferred from Bergen Belsen to "an American internment camp in Wurzach, Wuerttemberg".

I will call you on Monday to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely yours,


KURT R. GROSSMAN
Rescue Department

KRG:bm

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Original with [unclear] [unclear]
DATE January 25, 1945

TO : Miss Hodel

FROM : P. Akzin and P. J. McCormack

Subject: Protective documents for beneficiaries in German-held territory.

Jewish organizations, particularly the World Jewish Congress, have recently requested that steps be taken to provide more Jews in German-held territory with protective documents.

For various reasons (because practically all Jews not in hiding are in camps in direct custody of German authorities who would presumably refuse to take seriously a claim of changed citizenship status at this late date, because we would have to deal now with the German Government rather than with less unwieldy satellite officials, and because of the unlikelihood that neutral governments would agree in the circumstances to the issuance of additional protective documents), this suggestion does not appear practicable on a large scale.

On the other hand, U. S. censorship still holds Haitian passports made out to cover 217 persons in German-held territory and originally addressed to Dr. Silberschein, the representative of World Jewish Congress in Geneva. Such passports, if placed at the proper time in the hands of Jews in certain parts of German-held territory might, given the confused conditions which reign or may be expected soon to reign there, contribute to the temporary safety of the passport-holders and to their escape to neutral territory.

Accordingly, if it desired to facilitate the placing of a certain number of additional protective documents in the hands of enemy victims, the Board might ask to release the above-mentioned Haitian passports to the War Refugee Board. The Board could then

- (a) send them by pouch to McClelland for Riegner, the other representative of WJC in Switzerland; or
- (b) hand them over to Dr. Silberschein, the original addressee, now in New York, for transmission to Switzerland through his own channels.

Attached please find copy of our memorandum of August 22, 1944, regarding the Haitian passports.

BA. PJM

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BA:PJM:agr 1-25-45 *BA*

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August 22, 1944

Mr. Feble

B. Akvin and P. J. McCormack

Subject: Haitian passports for beneficiaries in German-held territory.

1. It is understood from Censorship intercepts Nos. SJ. FIN. 15358, SF. FIN. 15096, and SF. FIN. 14425 that a total of 34 registered envelopes containing a total of 103 Haitian passports have been intercepted by U.S. Censorship authorities. The passports have been detained at the San Juan, Puerto Rico station. At Mr. Lesser's request, Mr. McCormack asked Censorship authorities to have the packages brought to Washington, where they are now. Mr. Horrish, of the Allegator's Office in Censorship, informed Mr. McCormack that the Office of Censorship was awaiting a discussion with WRB with respect to a disposition of these passports.

The passports are made out by the Haitian Consul in Asuncion, Paraguay, to various persons born and presumably living in German-controlled territory. Each passport is accompanied by a letter signed by the Haitian Consul which states that the accompanying passport will enable bearer to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for his naturalization. Judging by the names of the bearers, they are all Jews, and, therefore, exposed to the well-known treatment meted out to Jews by Nazi Germany. Most of these passports are issued to entire families, and the total number of persons affected thereby amounts to 317.

The packages are addressed to Dr. A. Silberschein, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Silberschein is known to us as one of the representatives of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland.

2. As you are aware, the protection provided by Latin American passports to Jews and other oppressed people in Nazi controlled territory proved to be one of the main avenues of keeping some of these Nazi victims alive. Even prior to the establishment of the WRB, the Department of State, at the request of the Intergovernmental Committee and of the Polish Government, took certain steps to secure the cooperation of Latin American Republics in giving the maximum possible degree of protection to bearers of their passports in German controlled territory. In the work of the WRB, this matter was given a great deal of attention. The WRB succeeded in getting the consent of several Latin American Republics to notify the Germans that any bearers of such passports, irrespective of the doubts regarding the validity of such documents, are to be accorded the treatment reserved to nationals of such Republics. Furthermore, the Department of State agreed to the United States declaring all the bearers of such passports eligible for exchange against Germans in the Western Hemisphere. The British Government, the Swiss Government, and the Vatican have all taken a hand in support of these activities. Some of the bearers of such passports were actually

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exchanged. The Swiss Government, at the prompting of the WRB, is in constant touch with German authorities regarding the well-being of these people. At present, it is understood that about 4,000 people from various German controlled countries, including Poland, who otherwise would have probably been sent to their death, are in the camp of Bergen-Belsen, Germany, awaiting final determination of their availability as exchange material. It can be said without exaggeration that a large part of these people have been kept alive solely because of the device of Latin American passports.

Because of the humanitarian implications involved, WRB can be said to have always favored the increase of the number of people in German controlled territory who would enjoy the protection of such passports. It is understood, of course, that after the emergency is over there would be no objection whatsoever to the governments involved denying the validity of these documents, this already has been made clear in all of our cables to the American Missions in Latin American countries. We knew informally of the efforts of various relief organizations to persuade consuls and other officials of other Latin American Governments to issue such passports and never objected to this activity. Moreover, at a certain time when the German deportation program was stepped up, the WRB, in repeated discussions with Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, actively sought to obtain the assistance of the Department of State in inducing the government of one Latin American republic to issue such passports in large numbers. Finally, in connection with the recent persecutions in Hungary, the Swedish Government, without making any secret of it, and with the full support of our Government, issued several hundred passports or certificates of citizenship to Hungarian Jews, with a view to saving their lives.

3. Because of the foregoing, the suppression of the packages for Dr. Silberschein by Censorship authorities must be regarded as in conflict with our general objective. Dr. Silberschein and the other representatives of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland are among the more energetic distributors of Latin American passports to Jews in German held territory. Mr. McClelland is fully aware of their activities in this regard. In the interest of saving human lives, it is submitted, therefore, that steps be taken by the Board to insure the forwarding of the above mentioned packages to Dr. Silberschein or to another representative of his organization in Europe with a view to distributing the documents to victims of Nazi oppression.

It would be impractical to request Censorship to release these packages with a view to their being forwarded by ordinary mail as going from one non-belligerent country (Paraguay) to another neutral country (Switzerland), even if this would not conflict with U.S. censorship regulations. Indeed, on the way to Switzerland, the documents would fall in the hands of German censorship authorities who might either confiscate them or use them for purposes of their own. Therefore, it would appear preferable to request Censorship to release these documents to WRB, and for us to forward them to McClelland through such channels as may be open to us (Swiss diplomatic pouch, Vatican diplomatic pouch, underground, or whatever channels this Government uses for communication with its mission in Switzerland) for transmission to Silberschein.

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4. It is more than likely that in addition to the three packages, of which WRB gained accidental knowledge, Censorship, in conformity with General Ruling No. 11, has suppressed a great many other documents of this character destined to afford protection to Nazi victims. It is granted that permitting such documents to go on through enemy held territory by ordinary mail would be contrary to the security of this Government. However, such problems of security would not seem to be involved, and General Ruling No. 11 would not seem to be in the way, if Censorship were requested to release all such documents to WRB so that WRB could arrange for their transmission through diplomatic channels above mentioned in those cases where WRB would find that these documents would serve solely to protect Nazi victims, without endangering the security of this country and its allies and without affording any possible aid to the enemy.

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C O P Y

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 18, 1945

Dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

Enclosed herewith is a letter dated
December 11, 1944 and its enclosure from Rabbi Wolbe
which were received for you through the American
Legation at Stockholm.

Very truly yours,

(signed) J.W. Fehle
Executive Director

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz
Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee
132 Nassau Street
New York 7, New York

Enclosures

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C O P Y

V. E. HARRIS Ltd
LONDON ST. JOHN LANE

Chairman: Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz
540 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

STOCKHOLM

RAIL. INSG. T. N. 50 December 11, 1944

To Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

New York

I beg to send you the list of deportees in Bergen-Belsen, Germany, who are in possession of Ecuador-passports which expire in the beginning of 1945.

Please consult Jacob Rosenheim concerning measures for prologation of passports by the Ecuadorian Government till the end of the war.

(signed) S. Wolbe

Enclosures

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Deportation camp Bergen-Belsen, Kreis Celle,
Germany.

Sara Adler-Sachs	28.1.1906	Block 23	
with 4 children; Karen			
	Elkan		
	Bernhard		
	Rachel		
Fanny Adler-Adler,	6.5.1869	Block 28	
Josef Layb Schachter	19.11.94	" 20	
Henriette	" 11.1.05	" 25	
Frieda	" 9.2.25	" 25	
Salomon Steinberg		" 20	
Erna Steinberg-Adler		" 26	
Annelise Rotlingen, born Friester,	7.1.23	Deported from Holland	
Hermann Lowenberg,	30.4.38 in Amsterdam,	" " "	
Herbert Kivi,	6.2.08 in Schwesens	" " "	
Anete Kivi, born DeVries,	29.12.09	" " "	
Leopold Kivi,	4.4.41 in Amsterdam	" " "	
Isidor Erwin Samson,	21.10.07		
Martha Samson-Rotschild,	5.12.13		
Julius Samson,	27.7.39		
Anni Chiel,	21.4.23 in Przemysl		
Hilmer Heinemann,	11.8.04 in Gunzenhausen		
Max Hirschmann,	1.12.01 in Fiseloch		
Senta Hirschmann, born Rumberger,	7.1.09 in München.		
their Children: Marianna,	24.10.31 in Nurnberg		
	Eva, 30.11.32 " "		
	Bella, 23.2.34 in Scheveningen		
	Julius Jacob Michael 11.6.37 in Scheveningen		
Alexander Rosenboom,	12.10.26 in Amsterdam		
Martha Kahn,	1869 Block 28		
Paul Goldschmidt,	8.8.14		
Irene Goldberg from Berlin-Charlottenburg,	Kaiserdamm 1.		
Renate Liselotte Margrete Goldschmidt,	3.9.19		
Josef Adler	10.1.08		
Ludwig Israel Baruch	6.4.72		
Frida Baruch	23.8.80		
Felix Bing	7.10.10.		
Franziska Bing	15.3.08		
Elek Breitner	22.8.93		
Jeno Deutsch	31.1.99		
Peter Diamant	8.6.13		
Hermann Lehmann Elsass	12.11.77		
Sara Elsass	31.3.82		
Fritz Elsass	17.7.14		
Julius Elsass	8.2.07		
Dina Elsass	13.2 14.5.10		
Fritz Jakob Elsass	1908		
Eily Katharina Falk	18.2.13		
Methilde Fleischmann,	4.11.58		
Gerhard Frank	25.11.12		
Bertha Frank	10.4.10		
Rafael Kind Frank,	22.11.39		
Paul Goldschmidt,	8.8.14.		

Renate Goldschmidt, 3.11.1919
Maurice Isaac Goldschmidt 11.5.1870
Hilmar Heinemann 11.8.1904
Jacob Haendler 1884
Eva Hertzberg 9.5.1924
Hanna Herzberg 25.7.1926
Louis Herzberg 11.4.1894
Lotte Herzberg 26.1.1903
John Hasenberg 8.10.1892
Gertrude Hasenberg 28.10.1903
Irene Hasenberg 11.12.1930
Heinz Werner Hasenberg 20.12.1928
Gerda Hess 1.7.1913
Ernest Kaufman 11.7.1899
Recha Kaufman 19.2.1906
Lea Kaufman (Kind) 25.8.1934
Bernhard Kaufman 16.2.1937
Arbert Knoller 2.1.1885
Gertrude Knoller 12.1.1896
Heinz Koppel 28.9.1908
Henny Koppel 4.6.1914
Walter Landauer 29.12.1914
Kurt Lowenberg 12.8.1915
Anna Lowenberg 15.12.1913
Herman Lowenberg 30.4.1938
Philip Pauw 16.12.1907
Ellen Pauw 21.9.1901
Abraham Roosboom 4.6.1898
Karolina Roosboom 31.7.1900
Alexander Roosboom 12.10.1926
Annelise Rottgen 7.1.1923
Julius Isak Samuel 19.12.1902
Ernest Baruch Levy 3.7.1914
Frieda Bella Levy 21.10.22
Nathan Hesse 15.8.1905
Martha Hesse 23.2.1908
Henrietta Van Loeven 21.10.1924
Siegried Israel Gutmann 28.4.1886
Elsa Sara Gutmann 2.10.1902
Emanuel Lieblein 8.11.1912
Rosa Lieblein-Weingold 7.9.1916
Rachel Slomper 27.5.1911
Witold Zimmet 22.10.1916
Felicia Zimmet 8.3.1923
Arthur Zimmet 2.1.1911
Emil Israel Cohn 4.2.1870
Helene Sara Cohn Schnadig 26.6.1881
Fredrich Kohlman 1.12.1878
Hildegard Kohlmann-Wolf 15.10.1898
Moses Hanemann 14.2.1899
Gertrude Hanemann 2.4.1909
Mira Wretman
Henrik Wretman
Jules Max Samson 27.7.1939
Jules Redner 4.10.1916

Salomon Meyer, 25.4.1885.
 Ester Meyer-Roos, 14.11.1896.
 Rahel Meyer, 18.11.1921.
 Therese Meyer, 15.12.1922.
 Mirjam Mira Meyer, 31.10.1924.
 Isbet Israel Meyer, 20.10.1925.
 Werner Goldschmidt and his wife Jenny Goldschmidt born Goldstein, 1924.
 Lucie Lowenberg, 2.9.1885.
 Werner Simon, 8.12.1905 in Elberfeld
 Helene Simon, born Weissberger, 3.5.1911 in Mannheim.
 Maier Ettlinger, 30.12.1917 in Karlsruhe.
 Werner Goldschmidt, Passport issued from the 19.12.1941.
 Jenny Goldschmidt, " " " " "
 Hermann Diefenbronner, 24.4.1879 in Karlsruhe.
 Elsa Diefenbronner, born Ettlinger, 14.7.1889 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Paul Mokrauer, 15.11.1896 in Braila (Rumanien).
 Marta Mlkrauer, born Oppenheim, 30.7.1897 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Sigismund Mokrauer, 3.7.1924 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Arnold Wreschner, 30.11.1902 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Alice Helene Wreschner, born Ettinghausen, 5.5.1910 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Steffen Wolfgang Wreschner, 2.12.1934 in Amsterdam.
 Robert Emanuel Wreschner, 10.1.1937, in Amsterdam.
 Ida Lucienne Gabriele Wreschner 20.4.1940 in Amsterdam.
 Friedricke Wreschner, born Klaber, 15.8.1886 in Sopron (Odenburg).
 Charlotte Sidonie Wreschner 31.8.1923 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Margrit Mirjam Wreschner, 14.5.1925, in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Anton Rehbock, born in Furth in Bayern 8.8.1878.) Pass Nr.55 and
 Johanna Rehbock,) 56 from 20.1.42
 Rolf Eliel and his wife Ida Eliel, born Rehbock
 Elias Ichenhauser, born 6.7.1878 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Rachel Ichenhauser, born Ascher, 13.8.1886, in Amsterdam.
 Fanny Ischenhauser, born 23.6.1923 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Sigmund Ichenhauser, born 6.7.1924 in Frankfurt a/Main.
 Ada Ichenhauser.
 Erik Haas, 3.7.1917, Offenbach a/Main Pass Nr. 94.
 Marga Haas 5.2.1921, Berlin " " 94.
 Max Schlamm 22.6.1891, Kriesren " " 35.
 Meta Schlamm, 24.4.1894 " " 35.
 Jutta Schlamm, 28.2.1923 Berlin " " 35.

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JAN 18 1945

Dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

Enclosed herewith is a letter dated December 11, 1944,
and its enclosure, from Rabbi Wolbe which were received for you
through the American Legation at Stockholm.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz,
Vaad Habatzala Emergency Committee,
132 Nassau Street,
New York 7, New York.

Enclosures.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

848/MET

AMERICAN LEGATION
Stockholm, Sweden
December 13, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Rabbi Wolbe of the Vaad Hahazalah Emergency Committee, Stockholm, requests that the enclosed letter, be forwarded as promptly as possible to Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, New York. Inasmuch as the Ecuadorian passports of the list of deportees in Bergen Belsen expire the first part of next year, your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Elizabeth Thompson
Mary Elizabeth Thompson
For: Iver C. Olsen
Special Attaché for
War Refugee Board

Enclosure - 1

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VAAD HAHATZALA

(EMERGENCY COMMITTEE)

132 NASSAU STREET

(ROOM 910)

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

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January 19, 1945

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

*See: Draft submitted to State
on Jan. 24, and Cable to
Ecuador of Jan. 1945.
BA*

Honorable Sir:

We are enclosing a copy of the list of Belsen Bergen deportees possessing Ecuadorian passports which expire early in January. This report we received from the War Refugee Board and we are returning it to you with a request that the War Refugee Board take the necessary action.

You understand, and surely appreciate, that the lives of these persons depend entirely on the extension of the passports and as the time is so short we must respectfully urge the immediate intervention of the War Refugee Board with the Government of Ecuador to extend the life of these passports and to assure their validity till the end of the war. In conjunction with this intervention, we are sure the necessary requests will be made to the protecting powers.

May we also respectfully ask you to submit the memorandum which we left with you to our President. We feel that it is vital and will materially aid in securing the lives of the pitiful remnants still left in the European area.

We also wish to express our devoted thanks and appreciation for your warm and cordial letter of December 19th in which you congratulate us on the work we have done for the rescue of the unfortunates in Europe. We only regret that our effort was limited and that tenfold wasn't accomplished. We hope that with the fullest cooperation which the War Refugee Board will continue to give, there will still remain the possibility to assure the

To utilize the possibilities for rescue of European Jewry where the Vaad Hahatzala program is especially needed.

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January 19, 1945

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

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to give their will continue to give, there will still remain
the possibility to assure the lives of thousands remaining.

With our deepest appreciation.

Respectfully yours,

A. Kalmanowitz
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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January 8, 1945

Memorandum for the Files

After discussing the attached letter with Miss Hodel, I phoned Mr. Rosenheim on January 8. I confirmed receipt of the letter, by phone.

I told Mr. Rosenheim that people with Latin-American passports have been declared eligible for exchange, that some of them had already been included in previous exchanges and that others will follow. This ought to be a measure of security to all persons with Latin-American documents in Germany custody. We could not, however, ask the Germans to give priority in the exchanges to people from Vittel as against holders of Latin-American documents from other camps.

I explained to Mr. Rosenheim that this information is strictly confidential and may not be made public.

B. Akzin

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המחברות העולמית, אגודת ישראל
Agudas Israel World Organization
THE UNION OF UNIVERSALLY ORGANIZED ORTHODOX JEWRY
(WORLD-AGUDATH OF ORTHODOX JEWS INC.)

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE: LONDON - BRANCH OFFICES: JERUSALEM AND NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
2521 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

January 2nd, 1945

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
U. S. Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle;

According to recent informations, which we received from Switzerland under date of November 15th, it seems that the two groups of 163, respectively 51 persons, holding South- American documents, deported from Vittel on April 16, respectively May 15th of last year, are still in internment camps somewhere in Germany. A postal card from one of these internees has reached Switzerland.

Our representative urges that the only way to save these people is a very early exchange, as it appears that the Nazis are holding them for exchange purposes.

I therefore again ask you to do your utmost without any loss of time by renewing immediate negotiations for the exchange of these 214 persons. I should be very much obliged to you for an early reply whether such negotiations have been initiated.

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

Jacob Rosenheim
JACOB ROSENHEIM
President

JR: IB

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Memorandum transmitted by letter of 12/16/44 from Apostolic Delegation

MEMORANDUM (1)

On request the Apostolic Delegation brought to the attention of the Holy See the condition of certain Polish Jews in Belsen Bergen possessing South American passports, and asked that permission be sought for them to receive packages of food and clothing. The Secretariate of State, Vatican City, replied that the Apostolic Nuncio in Berlin took up this matter with the German Government authorities and received a reply to the effect that these Jews, as American citizens, were represented by their own proper protecting powers.

Washington, D. C.
December 16, 1944

for original file in ref. C-1
JAN 10 1945
Div. of Int. Affairs
7000 Ave. C-1

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December 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Conversation with Mr. Clattenberg

On Saturday, December 9th, I visited Mr. Clattenberg in the Department of State with the view to establishing friendly contact which might be useful in connection with our Latin American project and similar matters.

In the course of the conversation, the following points were made:

(1) He considers that our efforts to safeguard the position of dubious Latin Americans are not only not harmful, but positively helpful in connection with the State Department's efforts to protect undoubted American citizens. He believes that if we give in an inch to the Germans, they tend to put more and more people into the category of doubtful nationals and to deny them protection. To illustrate this point, he mentioned that among those deported from France to an unknown destination was an undoubted American citizen and a member of the Woolworth family. He understands that Germans are closely studying our 1940 Nationality Act with a view to withdrawing protection from any American citizens who, through some technical provision in the Act, may have lost their nationality through the passage of time.

(2) We discussed the stiffening attitude of the Swiss officials in connection with proof of Latin American nationality required by them prior to the transmission of documents and other forms of representation of interests vis-a-vis Axis authorities. He agreed that the Swiss attitude may lead to serious trouble and may affect the safety of those people in Belsen-Bergen and elsewhere who, until now, escaped deportation and death because of the constant show of interest on our part. I told him of the forthcoming stiff cable which we are sending to McClelland in order to point out to the Swiss this fear of ours, and he suggested that this cable ought perhaps to be further expanded in order to explain to the Swiss the full gravity of the program. We agreed ~~that~~ that he will give me a ring when he gets the cable, and that we will consider how it could be further strengthened. In this connection, he asked me whether, to our knowledge, refugee matters are discussed with the Swiss Foreign Office by McClelland personally or by other members of the Legation. I said that I didn't know the answer to the question, but that it seemed from the cables that McClelland is mainly dealing with private agencies, whereas discussions with Foreign Office officials seem to be conducted mainly by the Minister or other members of the Legation. Clattenberg expressed thereupon his doubt whether either McClelland or the other members of the Legation, isolated from the United States and very much overworked as they are, have themselves a sufficient grasp of the problem, and asked whether it would not be advisable for the War Refugee Board to send Mann on a short mission to Bern in order to acquaint the Legation and McClelland with the situation, as well as in order to have a talk with appropriate officials at the Swiss Foreign Office. I asked whether he thinks that Mann, not being attached to the Legation in Bern, would be able to discuss the matter with Swiss officials. He answered that he had no doubt that Mann would be received at the Swiss Foreign Office for an informal discussion.

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He repeated the suggestion several times that it might be useful to send Mann to Switzerland, and I told him that I would transmit his suggestion to the Board.

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(3) In discussing German objections to accept our representations on behalf of Latin Americans, we agreed that their position is especially illogical since the Germans continue to receive our representations with respect to the eligibility for exchange of such persons, and that establishing their status and according them suitable protection is a necessary preliminary to exchange.

In this connection, I asked him whether any more exchange operations are expected to benefit such people, since this would keep the German interest in the problem alive. He informed me, in strictest confidence, that an exchange operation is being contemplated for next January, in the course of which about 800 civilians are to be exchanged, and that we are notifying the Swiss that about 75 civilians belonging to category F (that is, our clients) be included among them. He further informed me that negotiations are proceeding now with the Germans about the exchange of 300 German civilians from Colombia; since there are almost no genuine Colombians in Axis territory, almost all of the people to be received in exchange for them are expected to belong to category F.

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B. Auer

DEC 8 1944

My dear Archbishop Cicognani:

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 1944,
(581/42) regarding the transfer to Germany of several hundred
Jews holding Latin American documents.

Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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

His Excellency,
The Most Reverend,
Amleto Giovanni Cicognani,
Archbishop of Laodicea di Frigia,
The Apostolic Delegate,
Washington, D. C.

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APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.
November 30, 1944

No. 581/42

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of October 23rd regarding the transfer to Germany of several hundred Jews holding Latin American documents, I despatched to the Vatican a request that the Holy See inquire into the reported transfer through the Apostolic Nunciature in Slovakia.

The Acting Secretary of State of His Holiness has just informed me that, according to information received from the Apostolic Nuncio in Slovakia, the persons in question were actually removed to Germany about the middle of October. The Apostolic Nuncio has made repeated and insistent requests to the Slovak government to be advised as to the place to which these individuals were transferred, but the Slovak authorities declare that they are ignorant of this destination. Nevertheless, the Apostolic Nunciature is continuing its lively interest in the matter and will report later should further news be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. G. Cicognani

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

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OCT 23 1944

My dear Archbishop:

Reference is made to your letter of October 14 (your No. 581/42) and to my letter of September 21, concerning the plight of the Jews in Slovakia.

The following is the substance of a message received by the Board from its representative in Bern under date of October 19:

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Behle

J. W. Behle
Executive Director

His Excellency
A. G. Cicognani
Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate
3339 Massachusetts Ave.
Washington, D. C.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Istanbul, November 30, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We refer to our telegram of November 30 with regard to South American passports which were issued for assistance to people threatened with deportation.

The Vaad Hahatzalah representatives in Istanbul have given us the enclosed five lists of persons to whom they say San Salvador passports have been issued in Switzerland. They inform me that these arrangements have been made by Maitre Mathieu Müller, rue de Deux Ponts 30, Geneva, representative of the Agudath Israel in Geneva. The Vaad Hahatzalah representatives in Istanbul have no further information regarding any of these persons, such as their present whereabouts, etc.

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

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Katzki
Herbert Katzki

J. W. Pehle, Esquire
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Encls: 5 lists of persons.

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| 1. Rabbi Brauner Mor
and family | Beregszasz
Bocksai U. 23 |
| 2. Rabbi Goldberger Farkas
and family | Aisvarda
Deak Ferencz Utca 2 |
| 3. Rabbi Goldman Emil
wife and children | Nagy Varad
Kapucinus ucca 19 |
| 4. Rabbi Goldman Isidor
and wife | Nagy Varad
Kapucinus ucca 19 |
| 5. Rabbi Gross Salomon
and family | Eger
Csiky Sandor ut 20 |
| 6. Rabbi Hagar Mendel
Miriam wife | Felso-Viso
Marmoros |
| 7. Rabbi Hagar Burach
Shaindel, wife
Chanah-Ziporah, daughter
Naftali-Zvi, son | Felso-Viso
Marmoros |
| 8. Rabbi Kohn Herman
and family | Derecski
Biharmegy |
| 9. Rabbi Spitz Maier
Ester, wife
Rabbi Mor Spitz, son
and 5 other children
Gitta, daughter
Chaim Leib, son
Deborah, daughter | Besztercze
Transylvania |

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1. Rabbi Anfeldorfer Lazar Ikona, wife Herman, son Irene, daughter Kata, daughter	Ungvar Korgo 10
2. Mr. Bernfeld Arno Helene, wife & Mickah, Endil Verona, Otto, children	Debreczen, Hatvan Uca
3. Rabbi Braun Deczo and family	Budapest Isabella Utca 86
4. Rabbi Gliklich Joseph & family	Kisvarda Deak Ference U
5. Rabbi Gliklich Samuel & family	Kisvarda
6. Rabbi Goldman Moritz & wife	Nagy Varad Kapucinus ucca 19
7. Forabbi Katz Aron & family	Magyarnsmegye Neszd Besterce Magye
8. Forabbi Katz Joel & family	Magyarded
9. Rabbi Klein Jozsef & family	Nagyszollos
10. Rabbi Kohn Aron & family	Nagyszollos Kiraly U 9
11. Rabbi Kohn Moses Sari, wife	Derecsko Bihar Megye
12. Forabbi Lebovitz Herman & family	Csap
13. Rabbi Lichtenstein Simon & family	Kraszna Szilagy Megye

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<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
15. Rabbi Pollak Elias- & family	Soldvadtort
16. Rabbi Pollak Erno & family Rabbi Pollak Jeno	Szerence
17. Rabbi Pollak S. Lipot & family	Derecsko Bihar Megye
18. Rabbi Reich Bela & family	Kassa Zrinyi U 9
19. Rabbi Rubin Jakob I. & family	Szaszregen Erdely
20. Rabbi Steif Jonathan & family	Budapest
21. Rabbi Steinmetz Sigmund Hanna, wife Bernat, son Richard " Akiba "	Budapest O-ucca 24
22. Rabbi Weiss Gyula Emma, wife Valeria, daughter Nihaly Lipot, son Gloria, daughter & baby	Eger Kaptsfan utca 17
23. Rabbi Wosner Mihaly	Dunaszerdahely
24. Rabbi Yungreiss Abraham & family	Szezed
25. Katz, Izak	Dob uteza 9 Budapest
26. Rabbi Beutsch Inac	Dob uteza 27 Budapest
27. Rabbi Weinberger Mor	Maria Poca, Hungary
28. Rabbi Gottesman Saul Solomon	Volocz, Hungary
29. Rabbi Weiss Josef	Szilagy, Hungary

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HUNGARY

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
30. Mr. Karoly Haber	5 Menhas uteza Gyonjyos
31. Rabbi Malek Abraham wife, Rose Solomon, son Elie Bela	Rudolf U. 3/a Kolozsvar
32. Rabbi Ziegler Salomon wife, Gizella	Nyregyhaza
33. Fisch Geser	Nyregyhaza
34. Rabbi Mordechai Schoenfeld Lernia, wife Beila, daughter	Er. Mihaly falva
35. Rabbiner Rubinstein Pinkas wife, Schlomoy daughter, Ghana Sura Schifra	Felso-Viso Maramaros
36. Rabbi Rottenberg Bela	Mezokazonny
37. Mr. Friedman Moritz	c/o Elemer Weis Hotel Victoria Satumare
38. Mr. Demenenyi, Beno Tessa, wife	Papa
39. Mr. Friedman Ignatz	Tecso Magyarország
40. Mr. Katz, Philip	Papa

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Representative of the Vaad Hahazalah
NEW - YORK

Istanbul, November 28, 1944

War Refugee Board
I S T A N B U L

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

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| 1.- WETZLER | Josef | born 3.10.1908 | in Dunaszerdahely |
| wife: | Klara | " 30.5.1920 | " Bercel |
| daughter: | Susanna | " 5.5.1944 | " Bercel |
| 2.- WETZLER | Regine | born 9.5.1887 | in Papa |
| 3.- SPINNER | Miklos | born | 1912 in Dunaszerdahely |
| wife: | Margit | " | 1916 |
| daughter | Agnes | " | 1938 |
| 4.- BUCHSBAUM | Therese | born 26.8.1910 | in Bratislava |

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

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

Thanking you for your immediate intervention.

I remain yours truly,

(Signed) J. Griffel

L. Kastner

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OCT 23 1944

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*Submitted to
Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy*

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ועד ההצלה

VAAD HAHATZALA

(EMERGENCY COMMITTEE)

132 NASSAU STREET

(ROOM 810)

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

PHONE RECTOR 2-4235

November 14, 1944

Honorable John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

We beg to call to your attention the following report received by us:

"Prochniker with 250 Polish Jews possessing South American passports are in -elsen Bergen."

May we respectfully request the War Refugee Board to take the necessary steps to insure the safety of this group; to advise the International Red Cross of the existence of such group, and to urge the cooperation of Mr. McClelland with Mr. Sternbuch in the rescue.

We would also suggest that a diplomatic intervention be made with the protective power that these persons receive the protection granted them under their South American passports, and to explore the possibilities for their release.

We shall await most anxiously any information you will have for us in this matter.

with deepest appreciation,

Very respectfully yours,

VAAD HAHATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A. Kalimanowitz
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

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P.S. - In a day or so, we expect a copy of a report from Paraguay, the content of which is undoubtedly also known to you. It also touches on the above subject.

*To rescue, save and preserve from war destruction the Torah values
(Yeshivoth, Rabbis, Scholars and Communal Leaders)*

*To utilize the possibilities for rescue of European Jewry where the
Vaad Hahatzala program is especially needed.*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE October 7, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle
FROM Mr. McCormack

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE August 22, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM B. Akzin and P. J. McCormack

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The passports are made out by the Haitian Consul in Asuncion, Paraguay, to various persons born and presumably living in German-controlled territory. Each passport is accompanied by a letter signed by the Haitian Consul which states that the accompanying passport will enable bearer to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for his naturalization. Judging by the names of the bearers, they are all Jews, and, therefore, exposed to the well-known treatment meted out to Jews by Nazi Germany. Most of these passports are issued to entire families, and the total number of persons affected thereby amounts to 217.

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WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
SWP 811.111 Refugees/2214

September 11, 1944

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I refer to your letter of August 17, 1944 which concluded our correspondence regarding certain protection to be afforded the alien families in Europe of American citizens and aliens residing in this country. At the close of your letter you invited my attention to reports indicating the desirability of presenting to the Germans as soon as possible lists of individuals bearing Latin-American passports who are eligible to be exchanged for German nationals.

I agree with your suggestion and am glad to inform you that steps looking toward such action were taken some time ago when the Department drafted instructions to the American Legation at Bern asking that the Swiss draw up lists of persons entitled to inclusion in the exchanges, broken down into various principal categories. With respect to the category into which the numerous bearers of Latin-American passports at Bergen-Belsen would normally fall, the telegrams suggest to the Legation that in as much as the identity of these individuals is probably unknown to the governments whose passports they may hold, it might be possible to compile the requested lists through the cooperation of Mr. McLelland and the various philanthropic organizations in Switzerland who are in possession of the required information.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A.A. Berle, Jr.,

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Assistant Secretary

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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1, 1944, with enclosures.

Regarding the suggestion contained in your letter and in Mrs. Shipwith's report that at least some of the names on the attached list be specifically proposed to the German Government for inclusion in exchange against Germans in the Western Hemisphere, please be advised that a similar suggestion had already been made by the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees and by the Board's representative at Bern. On August 17, this suggestion was submitted by the Board to Mr. A. A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, whose office is handling the actual arrangements for exchange.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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225 West 27th Street,
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*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle*

Confirmed copy to Mr. Berle

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Cabin 541
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Dear Mr. Jacobson,

Please find enclosed a complete list as requested.

Those with the figures 1 and 2 alongside their names, represent those left on the 1st or 2nd transport; those marked x are the remaining members of group at Vittel-35, with an addition of 4 others who also need assistance, 39 in all.

Mrs. Shipwith (a lady who has already demonstrated her keen sympathy for your people) has given a concise report of the whole situation as she knew it, and has already handed same to those mentioned in her notes in list,

Again my grateful appreciation for your cordial interview, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles A. Grant

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to the city of Vittel, which was established in 1940. The people of the following list have since then been granted certificates of citizenship of the various S. American States issued by consulates of the respective states, mainly from Berne. These certificates were generally to cover an entire family without the detail of names.

In December 1943 all Jews in the camp of Vittel had to give up their identity-papers, which were never returned to them. All other British and American internees remained in possession of their documents.

From January 1944 onward certain families received certificates from a Zionist Organization in Geneva saying that they were on a repatriation list for Palestine. But as these had not been ratified by London they were considered worthless by the German Authorities.

In March nearly all these people were moved at 24 hours' notice to an Hotel outside the precincts of the camp and deprived of all communication with the camp for a week until a passage had been constructed. The Commandant assured the Camp Committee that this was purely an internal measure, but added that unless their papers were recognized within a short time these people would be considered as "Staatenlos" and sent back to Poland to share the fate of the other Jews there. Unofficial messages were sent to Switzerland and also to London to acquaint the powers of the situation.

Mrs. Tamara Schorr, widow of a well-known Rabbi in Warsaw, was given the Commandant's word as to the safety of the people and she persuaded them to move without difficulty. When she saw that she had led them into danger, a month later, she took her own life. Four weeks later the gate connecting the hotel to the camp was closed and the people were told that they were being sent to Drancy, a Jewish forcing camp near Paris, from which regular deportations of French & other Jews were made to Poland. There were 17 attempts at suicide of which 3 were officially admitted as fatal. Mrs. Thompson, head of the British Nursing Service, informed me that there were 4 others whose names she did not know, whose deaths were hushed up by the Germans. The other cases were taken to the hospital and one relative allowed to remain behind. The scenes of panic and despair are indescribable, as also the consequent impression on the camp.

The first transport for Drancy took place on the 18th of April and comprised 173 men, women and children. They left in a train with boarded windows. It was subsequently learned that they left Drancy for an unknown destination on the 29th April. Recognition had meanwhile arrived from Chili but as yet there was no news of the subjects.

Four weeks later, on the 16th May, the 2nd transport took place, when all except one or two families and the absolutely untransportable cases in hospital (of which there were ten) were taken. Even people whose both legs were paralyzed owing to attempted poisoning were carried off on stretchers.

A fortnight after this 2nd transport, on the 6th of June, the Commandant informed the Committee that a collective list for repatriation for Palestine had arrived for the whole group and had been accepted by Berlin, which was now only waiting for ratification from London. The No. of this certificate is 438. Up to our departure on 10/7 no such confirmation had been received from London. Shortly after came further news that each S. American State had accepted all the papers as bona fide, thus placing their holders on equal status with any other American internee.

In spite of this the Commandant said that he had an order from Berlin to deport those yet remaining in the camp. He also said that neither the recognition of the papers nor of the certificates for exchange to Palestine would have any validity in the eyes of the German authorities unless an exchange either to Palestine or to the S. American States actually took place. It is therefore essential and most urgent now to find these people who are probably in some Jewish Camp in Upper Silesia (such as Birkenau, Auschwitz, Sosnowitz, Katowitz, Krakow)

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VITTEL IMPRERNESS

1. Persons deported from Vittel on April 18th (Deported from Drancy to unknown destination April 29, 44)

PARAGUAY

Bauminger, Jool, Bluma
(suicide) (dead)
Bauminger, Leon
Loa
Borglas Chaim Leib
Rita Henda
Blumenkopf Aron
Rywka
Rosia
Blumenkopf Wolf
Helena
Krystina
Blumenkopf Juda Leib
Blumenkopf Stella
Frankel Josef
Perla
Mathilde
Doris
Frankel Alexander
Jochswen
Ruth
Perla
Leib
Pinkus
Frankel Mendel
Goldberger Henryk
Malka
Koller Frederick
Halina
Landau Leib Alexander
Jerzy
Poznanski Jacob
Myriem
Rapaport Aron
Rywka
Rapaport Aron
Genia
Rywka
Moses
Rapaport Szapsa
Malka
Rywka
Bela
Perla
David
Rapaport Wolf
Pola
Miriam
Israel
Moses
Rapaport Symcha
Golda
Israel
Moses

Rapaport Israel Rywen
Dworka Malka
Jacob Binom
Rapaport Szapsa
Gitla
Matla
Estera
Rapaport Simon
Rywka
Rapaport Jacob
Rywka
Abr. Nerson
Mayer
Isak
Rapaport Jacob
Annie
Rapaport Rosa
Sabina
Rapaport Saul
Mina
Josef
Rottenberg Marcus
Sara
Naftali
Rottenberg Rosa
Naftali
Lazar
Herman
Wolf
Rottenberg Beila
Estera
Naftali
Natan
Franz
Wingort Abraham
Mathilda
Rosi
Wolf Samil
Rose Ruchla
Zygmunt
Leon
Erna
Wolman Henryk
Chaja Hena
Lieber Josef
Fryneta
Henryk
Fragala

GUATEMALA

Osiek Sara

ECUADOR

Fleischer Estera
Wentland Malka
Judith
Noemi
Adam
Krystina
Tylber Rosalina
Salomon
Micman Estera
Jerzy

CHILI

Frumkin Anna
Herminia Rosa
Gorlin Eugenie

VENEZUELA

Malcowsky Saul
Sara
Maurice

HAITI

Miszynski Leon
Lili

HONDURAS

Horenstein Abraham
Estera Sara
Kacenelson Ichok
Zwi
Brinkman Marlem
Jetty
Elica
Helena
Schonberg Ella
Schonberg Samuel
Estera
Beila
Jerzy

NICARAGUA

Lisowoder Boris
Cypa
Aleksander
Miriam
Frucht Amalia

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Vittel Internees ontd.

PERU

Ajzenstadt Felix
 Romana
 Marceli
Dudelzak Szulim
 Tysla
 Jerzy
Dudelzak Rachmil
 Rachela
 Lta
 Arcadius
Gabrinski Entico
 Helena
Goldstein Nachman
 Sara
 Lea
 Szyja
Zensz Leon
 Cecilia
 Blanca

COSTA RICA

Lichtman Oskar
 Anna Rosalia
 Regina
Lindenbaum Sylvia Helen
Rosshandler Henryk
 Charlotte
Wetstajn Mieczyslaw
 Stella
Schein Izaak

2. Persons deported from Vittel on May 16th, 1944

PARAGUAY

Bauminger Kalman
 Martha
Blumenkopf Nuchim
Eck Natan
 Clara
 Raja
Frankel Rosa
Gehorsam Abraham
Geller Konrad
 Stella
Landau Bronislawa Estera
Poznanski Jenta
Rozanykwiat Thdee
 Gerda
 Richard
Weinstein Lea
Weingort Leo
 Estera

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Vittel Internees contd.

HONDURAS

Kadysz Igou
Rachmil
Aviva
Krystenfrejnd David
Ita
Szajudla
Ruchla
Aron
Zurawin Adam
Skosovski Cecelia
Izydor
Lucina
Jadwiga
Hayman Berek
Cecelia
Sassa
Stefanim
Wladislawa
Lydia

COSTA RICA

Fackler Szyja
Stefania
Henryk
Natanson Wladyslaw
Stefanie
Jadwiga
Schein Salomon
Zucker Salomon
Malka
Regina
Bernard
Schapu Samson

3. Persons still in Vittel on 7/10/44 and 8/23/44

PARAGUAY

Brettenstein Bernard
Eisenzweig Szyja (Hillel Seidmann)
Gina
Gitla Mariem
Gehorsam Helena
Geller Erna & baby
Joskowiak Moszek
Chana
Alma
Kurapatwa Josef
Felioja
Richard
Henryk

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Vittel Internees contd.

Zurawin Lea and baby
Szeinbaum Lion
 Sophie
Szeinbaum Nehemia
 Gina
Szeinbaum Mayre
Szeinbaum Marlam
Szeinbaum Stefan
Rotschild Flora
 and 4 children,
 also has Palestinian
 certificate not yet
 confirmed

NICARAGUA

Kon Felioja (attempted suicide)
 Jacek
 Peter
 Stefan

COSTA RICA

Schein Eleonora & baby
Schapu Bronislawa
Schwarzbard Chiel
 Peria
 Martin

4. Out of danger

U.S.A

Rapaport Aron
 Fejga
 Beila
 Channa
 Benny
Hager Malka
~~Wachtel~~
Wachtel Hersz
 Luba
 Netty

URUGUAY

Schwartzman Zipa

PANAMA

Neuman, Fannie

BOLIVIA

Spinadel, Miriam

5. Dead - Suicide

Schorr Tamara

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REFERRING TODAYS J.T.A. NEWS FROM PARIS, SUGGEST INQUIRIES
AT MR. LANGBERG COMMANDANT OF DRANCY CONCERNING THE
163 VITTEL INTERNEES WHO WERE DEPORTED. STOP. HE WILL
POSSIBLY KNOW THEIR PRESENT STAY

AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION JACOB ROSENHEIM
PRESIDENT.

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HENRY MORGENTHAU JR
SECRETARY OF TREASURY - WASHDC

WE RECEIVED ON FRIDAY NEW ALARMING INFORMATIONS FROM SWITZERLAND THAT GROUP OF 163 JEWS DEPORTED FROM VITTEL BEARING SOUTH AMERICAN DOCUMENTS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER JURISDICTION OF GESTAPO, PROBABLY BROUGHT EXTERMINATION-CAMP IN OSWIOCZIN AND ARE IN MORTAL DANGER. STOP. ALTHOUGH STATE DEPARTMENT HAD INITIATED NUMEROUS MEASURES FOR RESCUE FOR THIS GROUP SUCH AS EXCHANGE PROPOSALS, THESE HAVE NOT RESULTED IN EVEN PROCURING INFORMATION OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. STOP.

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP ARE RECOGNIZED AS SOUTH AMERICA CITIZENS, GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO RIGHT TO DEPORT THEM AND EVEN TO REFUSE TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM. STOP.

END 1.

*arrived by wire 8
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David K. [unclear]*

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SINCE IT WAS ON YOUR INITIATIVE, THAT ON APRIL 6TH STRONG ACTION WAS TAKEN FOR THIS GROUP AFTER A DELEGATION REPRESENTING ORTHODOX JEWRY OF THE UNITED STATES HAD VISITED YOU AND SINCE YOUR ACTION RESULTED IN KEEPING THIS GROUP ALIVE UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME, WE PLEAD AND APPEAL TO YOU TO TAKE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO SAVE THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SCHOLARS WHO ARE A PART OF THE LAST REMNANT OF DESITIUTE JEWRY. STOP.

WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING MEASURES: STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLISH WARNING SIMILAR TO ONE GIVEN TO JAPAN ON ATROCITY CONCERNING AMERICAN FLIERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GERMANS ARE VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW BY DISREGARDING THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THESE SOUTH AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PUTTING THIS GROUP UNDER JURIDICITION OF GESTAPO AND DEPORTING THEM FROM A CIVILIAN CAMP TO AN EXTERMINATION CAMP. THIS STATEMENT SHOULD FURTHER ENERGETICALLY REQUEST THAT THE GROUP RETURNED TO A CAMP FOR CIVILIAN INTERNEES WHERE RED CROSS HAS ACCESS AND FURTHER STRESS THAT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL FOR THIS GROUP HAS BEEN DULY MAD. STOP.

END 2.

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WE APPEAL TO YOU AS GREAT HUMANITARIAN TO RESCUE
THIS GROUP IN ITS LAST HOPLESS HOUR. THE ETERNAL GRATITUDE
OF JEWS AND OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD WILL BE FORTHCOMING
FOR EVERY POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN.
AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION JACOB ROSENHEIM.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
W 811.111 Refugees/2214

September 11, 1944

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I refer to your letter of August 17, 1944 which concluded our correspondence regarding certain protection to be afforded the alien families in Europe of American citizens and aliens residing in this country. At the close of your letter you invited my attention to reports indicating the desirability of presenting to the Germans as soon as possible lists of individuals bearing Latin-American passports who are eligible to be exchanged for German nationals.

I agree with your suggestion and am glad to inform you that steps looking toward such action were taken some time ago when the Department drafted instructions to the American Legation at Bern asking that the Swiss draw up lists of persons entitled to inclusion in the exchange, broken down into various principal categories. With respect to the category into which the numerous bearers of Latin-American passports at Bergen-Belsen would normally fall, the telegrams suggest to the Legation that in as much as the identity of these individuals is probably unknown to the governments whose passports they may hold, it might be possible to compile the requested lists through the cooperation of Mr. McLelland and the various philanthropic organizations in Switzerland who are in possession of the required information.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. A. Berle, Jr.,

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
Executive Office of the President,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

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August 31, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am sending you the enclosed copy
of report which we received through our
office in Lisbon, believing that its contents
will interest you.

Very sincerely yours

Isaac L. Asofsky
Isaac L. Asofsky
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Cabin 541

1.8.44

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

Please find enclosed a complete list as requested.

Those with the figures 1 and 2 alongside their names, represent those who left on the 1st or 2nd transport; those marked x are the remaining members of group at Vittel - 35, with an addition of 4 others who also need assistance, 39 in all.

Mrs. Shipwith (a lady who has already demonstrated her keen sympathy for your people) has given a concise report of the whole situation as she knew it, and has already handed same to those mentioned in her notes in list.

Again my grateful appreciation for your cordial interview, I am

Very sincerely yours

Charles A. Grant

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C O P Y

(July 10, 1944)

The situation existing on 10/7/44 when I left
the Camp of Vittel

The people on the following list arrived in the Camp of Vittel, part in January 1943 and the rest in May 1943. They are all Jews of Polish origin, possessing certificates of citizenship of the various S. American States issued by consulates of the respective states, mainly from Berne. These certificates were generally to cover an entire family without the detail of names.

In December 1943 all Jews in the camp of Vittel had to give up their identity papers, which were never returned to them. All other British & American internees remained in possession of their documents.

From January 1944 onward certain families received certificates from a Zionist Organization in Geneva saying that they were on a repatriation list for Palestine. But as these had not been ratified by London they were considered worthless by the German Authorities.

In March nearly all these people were moved at 24 hours' notice to an hotel outside the precincts of the camp and deprived of all communication with the camp for a week until a passage had been constructed. The Commandant assured the Camp Committee that this was purely an internal measure, but added that unless their papers were recognised within a short time these people would be considered as "Staatenlos" and sent back to Poland to share the fate of the other Jews there. Unofficial messages were sent to Switzerland and also to London to acquaint the powers of the situation.

Mrs. Tamara Schorr, widow of a well-known Rabbi in Warsaw, was given the Commandant's word as to the safety of the people and she persuaded them to move without difficulty. When she saw that she had led them into danger, a month later, she took her own life. Four weeks later the gate connecting the hotel to the camp was closed and the people told that they were being sent to Drancy, a Jewish sorting camp near Paris, from which regular deportations of French & other Jews were made to Poland. There were 17 attempts at suicide of which 3 were officially admitted as fatal. Mrs. Thompson, head of the British Nursing Service, informed me that there were 4 others whose names she did not know, whose deaths were hushed up by the Germans. The other cases were taken to hospital and one relative allowed to remain behind. The scenes of panic and despair are indescribable, as also the consequent impression on the camp.

The first transport for Drancy took place on the 18th April and comprised 173 men, women and children. They left in a train with the windows boarded. It was subsequently learned that they left Drancy for an unknown destination on the 29th April. Recognition had meanwhile arrived from Chili but as yet there has been no news of the subjects.

Four weeks later, on the 16th May, the 2nd transport took place, when all except one or two families and the absolutely untransportable cases in hospital (of which there were ten) were taken. Even people whose both legs were paralyzed owing to attempted poisoning were carried off on stretchers.

A fortnight after this 2nd transport, on the 6th June, the Commandant informed the Committee that a collective list for repatriation for Palestine had arrived for the whole group and had been accepted by Berlin, which was now only waiting for ratification from London. The No of this certificate is 438. Up to our departure on 10/7 no such confirmation had been received from London. Shortly after came further news that each S. American State had accepted all the papers as bona fide, thus placing their holders on an equal status with any other American Internee.

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No 1 deported 1st transport
" 2 " 2nd "

Were at Vittel on 10/7/44 and 23/8/44

PARAGUAY

Bauminger Kalman 2
Martha 2
Bauminger Joel, Bluma
(suicide) (dead)
Bauminger Leon 1
Lea 1
Berglas Chaim Leib 1
Rita Henda 1
Blumenkopf Aron 1
Rywka 1
Rozia 1
Blumenkopf Wolf 1
Helena 1
Krystina 1
Blumenkopf Nuchim 2
Chaya 1
Blumenkopf Juda Leib 1
Stella 1
Brettstein Bernabd x
Eck Natan 2
Clara 2
Raja "2
Eisenzweig Szyja x
Gina x
Gitla Mariem x
Frankel Josef 1
Perla 1
Mathilde 1
Doris 1
Frankel Alexander 1
Jochwen 1
Ruth 1
Perla 1
Leib 1
Pinkus 1
Frankel Mendel 1
Rosa 2
Gehorsam Abraham 2
Helena x
Geller Konrad 2
Erna & baby x
Stella 2
Goldberger Henryk 1
Malka 1
Koller Frederick 1
Halina 1
Landau Leib Alexander 1
Bronislawa Estera 2
Jewzy 1
Joskowicz Moszek x
Chana x
Alma x

Poznanski Jacob 1
Jenta 2
Mariem 1
Rapaport Aron 1
Rywka 1
Rapaport Aron 1
Genia 1
Rywka 1
Moses 1
Rapaport Szapsa 1
Malka 1
Rywka 1
Bela 1
Perla 1
David 1
Rapaport Wolf 1
Pola 1
Mirlem 1
Israel 1
Moses 1
Rapaport Symcha 1
Golda 1
Israel 1
Moses 1
Rapaport Israel Rywen 1
Dworka Malka 1
Jacob Binem 1
Rapaport Szapsa 1
Gitla 1
Matla 1
Estera 1
Rapaport Simon 1
Rywka 1
Rapaport Jacob 1
Rywka 1
Abr. Herson 1
Mayer 1
Icek 1
Rapaport Jacob 1
Annie 1
Rapaport Rosa 1
Sabina 1
Rapaport Saul 1
Mina 1
Joself
Rottenberg Marcus 1
Sara 1
Naftali 1
Rottenberg Rosa 1
Naftali 1
Lazar 1
Herman
Wolf 1
Rottenberg Beila 1

Estera 1
Naftali 1
Natan 1
Franz 1
Rozanykwaat Thdee 2
Gerda 2
Richard 2
Weingort Abraham 1
Mathilda 1
Rosi 1
Weingort Leo 2
Estera 2
Weinstein Lea 2
Kuropatwa Josef x
Josef x
Felicja X
Richard x
Henryk x
Wolf Samil 1
Rose ruchla 1
Zygmunt 1
Leon 1
Erna 1
Wolman Henryk 1
Chaja Hena 1
Lieber Josef 1
Frymeta 1
Henryk 1
Frajala 1

GUATEMALA

Osiek Sara 1

EQUADOR

Fleischer Estera 1
Wentland Malka 1
Judith 1
Noemi 1
Adam 1
Krystina 1
Tylber Rosalin 1
Salomon 1
Micman Estera 1
Jerzy 1

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Rapoport Aron
Fejga
Beila
Chana
Benny
Hager Malka
wachtel Hersz
Luba
Netty

out of danger

URUGUAY

Not in danger
Schwarzman Zipa

CHILI

FRUMKIN ANNA 1
Herminia Rosa 1
Gorlin Eugenie 1

PANAMA

Not in danger
Neuman Fanny

VENEZUELA

Malcowsky Saul 1
Sara 1
Maurice 1

BOLIVIA

Spinadel Miriem
not in danger

HAITI

Muszynski Leon 1
Lili 1

HONDURAS

Horenstein Abraham 1
Estera Sara 1
Kacnelson Ichok 1
Zwi
Kadysz Iccu 2
Brucha x
Rachmil 2
Aviva 2
Krystenfrejnd David 2
Ita 2
Szajudla 2
Ruchla 2
Aron 2

Zurawin Adam 2
Lea & baby x
Brinkman Mariem 1
Jetty 1
Erica 1
Helena 1
Schonberg Ella 1
Schonberg Samuel 1
Estera 1
Bella 1
Jerzy 1
Skosowski Cecylia 2
Izydor 2
Lucina 2
Jadwiga 2
Heyman Berek 2
Cecilia 2
Sasza 2
Stefania 2
Wladyslawa 2
Lydia 2
Szeinbaum Lion x
Sophie x)
Szeinbaum Nehemia x
Gina x
Szeinbaum Mayer x
Szeinbaum Mariam x
Szeinbaum Stefan x
Rotschild Flora x
and 4 children
also has Palestinian
certificate not yet
confirmed.

NICARAGUA

Kon Felicja x (attempted
suicide)
Jacek x
Peter x
Stefan x
Lisowoder Boris 1
Cypa 1
Aleksander 1
Miriem 1
Frucht Amalia 1

PERU

Ajzenstadt Felix 1
Romana 1
Marceli 1
Dudelzak Szulim 1
Eyszla 1
Jerzy 1
Dudelzak Rachmil 1
Rachela 1
Ita 1
Arcadius 1

Garbinski Entico 1
Helena 1
Goldstein Nachman
Sara 1
Lea 1
Szyja 1
Zemsz Leon 1
Cecilia 1
Blanca 1

COSTA RICA

Packler Szyja 2
Stefania 2
Henryk 2
Lichtman Oskar 1
Anna Rosalia 1
Regina 1
Lindenbaum Sonia 1
Mandelbaum Sylvia Helen 1
Natanson Wladyslaw 2
Stefanie 2
Jadwiga 2
Rosshandler Henryk 1
Charlotte 1
Wetstajn Mieczyslaw 1
Stella 1
Schein Izaak 1
Schein Salomon 2
Eleonora x
baby x
Schorr Tamara (dead)
(suicide)
Zucker Salomon 2
Malka 2
Regina 2
Bernard 2
Schapu Samson 2
Bronislawa x
Schwarzbard Chiel x
Pera x
Martin x

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August 22, 1944

Mr. Fehle

B. Aksin and F. J. McCormack

Subject: Haitian passports for beneficiaries in German-held territory.

1. It is understood from Censorship intercepts Nos. SJ. FIN. 15356, SF. FIN. 15096, and SF. FIN. 14425 that a total of 34 registered envelopes containing a total of 103 Haitian passports have been intercepted by U.S. Censorship authorities. The passports have been detained at the San Juan, Puerto Rico station. At Mr. Lesser's request, Mr. McCormack asked Censorship authorities to have the packages brought to Washington, where they are now. Mr. Morris, of the Allocator's Office in Censorship, informed Mr. McCormack that the Office of Censorship was awaiting a discussion with WRB with respect to a disposition of these passports.

The passports are made out by the Haitian Consul in Asuncion, Paraguay, to various persons born and presumably living in German-controlled territory. Each passport is accompanied by a letter signed by the Haitian Consul which states that the accompanying passport will enable bearer to travel to Haiti in order to complete the requirements for his naturalization. Judging by the names of the bearers, they are all Jews, and, therefore, exposed to the well-known treatment meted out to Jews by Nazi Germany. Most of these passports are issued to entire families, and the total number of persons affected thereby amounts to 217.

The packages are addressed to Dr. A. Silberschein, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Silberschein is known to us as one of the representatives of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland.

2. As you are aware, the protection provided by Latin American passports to Jews and other oppressed people in Nazi controlled territory proved to be one of the main avenues of keeping some of these Nazi victims alive. Even prior to the establishment of the WRB, the Department of State, at the request of the Intergovernmental Committee and of the Polish Government, took certain steps to secure the cooperation of Latin American Republics in giving the maximum possible degree of protection to bearers of their passports in German controlled territory. In the work of the WRB, this matter was given a great deal of attention. The WRB succeeded in getting the consent of several Latin American Republics to notify the Germans that any bearers of such passports, irrespective of the doubts regarding the validity of such documents, are to be accorded the treatment reserved to nationals of such Republics. Furthermore, the Department of State agreed to the United States declaring all the bearers of such passports eligible for exchange against Germans in the Western Hemisphere. The British Government, the Swiss Government, and the Vatican have all taken a hand in support of these activities. Some of the bearers of such passports were actually

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exchanged. The Swiss Government, at the prompting of the WRB, is in constant touch with German authorities regarding the well-being of these people. At present, it is understood that about 4,000 people from various German controlled countries, including Poland, who otherwise would have probably been sent to their death, are in the camp of Bergen-Belsen, Germany, awaiting final determination of their availability as exchange material. It can be said without exaggeration that a large part of these people have been kept alive solely because of the device of Latin American passports.

Because of the humanitarian implications involved, WRB can be said to have always favored the increase of the number of people in German controlled territory who would enjoy the protection of such passports. It is understood, of course, that after the emergency is over there would be no objection whatsoever to the governments involved denying the validity of these documents, this already has been made clear in all of our cables to the American Missions in Latin American countries. We knew informally of the efforts of various relief organizations to persuade consuls and other officials of other Latin American Governments to issue such passports and never objected to this activity. Moreover, at a certain time when the German deportation program was stepped up, the WRB, in repeated discussions with Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, actively sought to obtain the assistance of the Department of State in inducing the government of one Latin American republic to issue such passports in large numbers. Finally, in connection with the recent persecutions in Hungary, the Swedish Government, without making any secret of it, and with the full support of our Government, issued several hundred passports or certificates of citizenship to Hungarian Jews, with a view to saving their lives.

3. Because of the foregoing, the suppression of the packages for Dr. Silberschein by Censorship authorities must be regarded as in conflict with our general objective. Dr. Silberschein and the other representatives of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland are among the more energetic distributors of Latin American passports to Jews in German held territory. Mr. McClelland is fully aware of their activities in this regard. In the interest of saving human lives, it is submitted, therefore, that steps be taken by the Board to insure the forwarding of the above mentioned packages to Dr. Silberschein or to another representative of his organization in Europe with a view to distributing the documents to victims of Nazi oppression.

It would be impractical to request Censorship to release these packages with a view to their being forwarded by ordinary mail as going from one non-belligerent country (Paraguay) to another neutral country (Switzerland), even if this would not conflict with U.S. censorship regulations. Indeed, on the way to Switzerland, the documents would fall in the hands of German censorship authorities who might either confiscate them or use them for purposes of their own. Therefore, it would appear preferable to request Censorship to release these documents to WRB, and for us to forward them to McClelland through such channels as may be open to us (Swiss diplomatic pouch, Vatican diplomatic pouch, underground, or whatever channels this Government uses for communication with its mission in Switzerland) for transmission to Silberschein.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jiles
1944 August, 1944.

TO: Mr. John W. Fehle

FROM: F. L. Belin

The attached material, which has been
obtained from reliable sources, is
being forwarded to you in the belief
that it may be of interest.

F. L. Belin
F. L. Belin

Attachment

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CIA 006687
By SR Date MAR 8 1975

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The communication below, smuggled out of Germany, copies of which to be delivered to people in New York, London, Geneva and Jerusalem by Maurice Fleurbaey, was addressed to Chief Rabbi Stephen Wise, New York City:

"All Jews with South American certificates have been taken from Vittel camp to Drancy (Jewish sorting camp near Paris) for deportation to unknown destination. First transportation 18/IV, second transportation 17/V. Terrible heartrending scenes, suicides. German authorities have announced since that they may be accepted for exchange for Palestine subject to agreement from London.

"We implore you to use all influence that all Jews with S.A. certificates be so protected as apart from 270 from Vittel, there were 2000 in the camp in Germany. Every minute is precious to save these lives.....the last remnants of the Jews of Europe. Their lives are in your hands. S.O.S. S.O.S.

"Meanwhile letters protest for all. Call A. T. Frankel, N.Y., 112 Wilson St. and A. Fink, Brooklyn #5601, 14th Ave.; Arthur Miller, N.Y., #36 West 59th St.; Willy Fakler, N.Y., #200 Pinchurst Ave."

A similar message was sent addressed to Mr. M. Schartok, Sochnouth, Jerusalem, Palestine, saying please inform Abram Skosowsky 55 Ben Yehudi St., Telaviv that his brother Nathan & wife under name of Abram Horenstein was sent with first transportation, his nephew Isidor with mother, sister & daughter went with second transportation. Honduras 4.30.43 or 430/93. Kaceuvalson & son went with first group please inform his cousin Berl; please inform I. M. Lewin, Jerusalem, Jona #18.

Three of these letters are written in English and the fourth, addressed to Dr. Silberschein, #7 rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, is written in French.

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By SR

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1944

Dear Mr. Berle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5, 1944 (VD 811.111 Refugees/2207) in response to mine of July 7, 1944.

The procedure you outline is fully acceptable to us and I am hopeful that in operation it will afford a measure of protection against enemy persecution to the families of American citizens and aliens resident in this country.

Referring to persons in enemy territory holding documents issued in the names of American Republics, I call your attention to No. 5168 from Bern, dated August 10th. In this telegram, Minister Harrison states that there are approximately 4,000 such persons interned in Bergen-Belsen whose fate would seem to depend upon the taking place of an actual exchange of at least some of them. In a message from the Intergovernmental Committee transmitted from London by Minister Backwell, under date of August 2, 1944 (No. 17252), the Commandant of the internment camp at Vittal is reported to have said that the recognition of Latin American documents would have no validity in the eyes of German authorities unless an exchange of persons holding such documents actually took place. In the light of the foregoing, I would appreciate your early advice as to whether it would be possible in the very near future to include in a list of persons whose exchange was desired, the names of some holders of documents issued in the names of Latin American Republics. For your information, a number of such names is appended to the message from the Intergovernmental Committee above referred to.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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