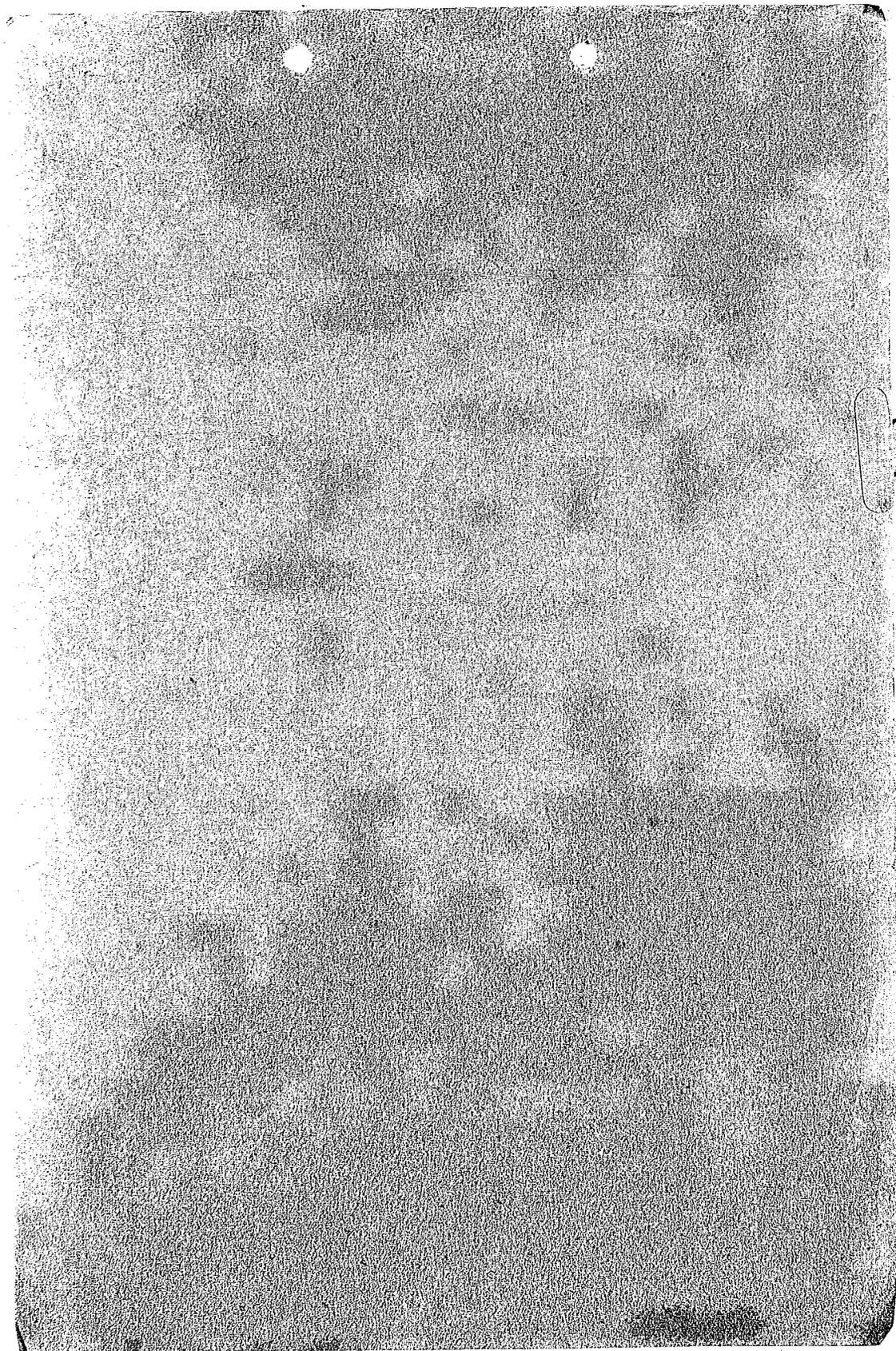


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The cable below for Mann is WRB 69.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to  
Hughes, Treasurer, Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, London,  
from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We desire confirm to you that all francs mentioned in  
our message of March 18th and auditors certificate March and are  
Swiss francs. Regarding commitments for France we confirmed to  
you only Swiss franc expenditures for France but not total expendi-  
tures in France during relevant period since such data not presently  
available to us. As soon as we receive such data we shall advise  
you. We agree accept second 600,000 in sterling on assumption there  
will be no difficulty in transferring this sterling credit to  
Palestine to be used in Palestine for our current activities.

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(GLW) WRB 69 31

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 20 1972**

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, FOR MANN, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Hughes, Treasurer, Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees, London, from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE WE DESIRE CONFIRM TO YOU THAT ALL FRANCS MENTIONED IN OUR MESSAGE OF MARCH 12th AND AUDITORS CERTIFICATE MARCH 2nd ARE SWISS FRANCS. REGARDING COMMITMENTS FOR FRANCE WE CONFIRMED TO YOU ONLY SWISS FRANC EXPENDITURES FOR FRANCE BUT NOT TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN FRANCE DURING RELEVANT PERIOD SINCE SUCH DATA NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO US. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE SUCH DATA WE SHALL ADVISE YOU, WE AGREE ACCEPT SECOND \$600,000 IN STERLING ON ASSUMPTION THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY IN TRANSFERRING THIS STERLING CREDIT TO PALESTINE TO BE USED IN PALESTINE FOR OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES.  
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 69

*copy sent to Jase 4/17/45*

10:50 a.m.

April 17, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, (O'Dwyer, Files.

AMH:RBH: 4/16/45

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MOSES A. LEAVITT  
AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

000612

See - 3/22

March 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the United States Embassy in Rome under date of March 19, 1945:

"Regarding your message to Emerson. We assume that you are aware that the full amount for the last quarter 1944 and the first quarter 1945 has already been expended by Salymayer. Regarding second quarter 1945 after discussions with Emerson have requested same amount as for previous quarter because under their mandate inter-governmental committee can make funds available only for refugees these countries and not for native populations. Therefore no basis on which to make request for larger allotments."

Very truly yours,

*Florence Hodel*

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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Rome

Dated March 19, 1945

Rec'd 8:55 a.m., 20th.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

745, March 19, 6 p.m.

FOR MOSES LEAVITT JLC FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ. 11

Regarding your message to Emerson. We assume that you are aware that the full amount for the last quarter 1944 and the first quarter 1945 has already been expended by Salymayer. Regarding second quarter 1945 after discussions with Emerson have requested same amount as for previous quarter because under their mandate inter-governmental committee can make funds available only for refugees these countries and not for native populations. Therefore no basis on which to make request for larger allotments.

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MAR 20 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of March 16, 1945:

"Referring your 145. Saly Mayer requests immediate remittance of funds appropriated by IGC."

Very truly yours,

*14/ Florence Hadel*

Florence Hadel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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RBH: 3/19/45

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Dated March 16, 1948

Rec'd 1:43 p.m.

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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577, March 16, 11 a.m.

THIS IS WRB 359 JDC 199 FOR LEAVITT FROM HAROLD  
TROBE.

Referring your 145, Remittance funds appropri-  
ated by IGC requested immediately by Saly Mayer.

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

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Fain's Date **SEP 20 1972**

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Please deliver the following message (MAR 104)  
to Harold Grobe from H.A. Lervitt of American Jewish  
Joint Distribution Committee:

COPIES advise Schwartz Linder re cable air  
Herbert Emerson regarding reimbursement. Letter  
follows. UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS  
(GLS)

3/16/45

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000617

CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trobe from  
M. A. Leavitt, of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE ADVISE SCHWARTZ LINDER WE CABLED SIR ROBERT EMERSON  
REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT. LETTER FOLLOWS. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 154

*Copy sent to Jxc 3/8/45*

11:30 a.m.  
March 8, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akvin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,  
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

*RB* RBHutchison: 3/7/45

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March 5th, 1945.

(continued) Cables thru WRE for F. A. Leavitt, J.D.C.

4. TO HAROLD TROBE, LISBON

ADVISE SCHWARTZ LINDER WE CALLED SIR HERBERT EMERSON REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT.

LETTER FOLLOWS.

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March 9, 1944  
5 p.m.

*Ames Red Seal  
C. Dwyer*

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LONDON  
1828

The cable below is WRB 55.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Morrison  
from H. A. Levitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

For Special Security: The  
text of this message is  
classified "Secret".

NOTE: We herewith quote verbatim certificate submitted to  
us by our auditors Messrs. Loeb & Troper. NOTE: We hereby  
certify that we have examined books and records of Joint Dis-  
tribution Committee that during period July through December 1944  
Joint Distribution Committee transmitted a total of \$3,650,000  
through official banking channels in the United States under U.S.  
Treasury license to Saly Mayer its representative in Switzerland  
to be used by him for programs under his jurisdiction primarily  
in Rumania Hungary France Italy. We further certify that we have  
examined cable statement received by Joint Distribution Committee  
from Joseph Schwartz Chairman of its European Executive Council  
via office of War Refugee Board reporting total expenditures made  
by Saly Mayer in Switzerland for Hungary \$3,399,000 Swiss francs  
period May through December, 1944 Rumania 4,000,000 Swiss francs  
period July through December, France 965,520 Swiss francs period

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-71  
By R. H. Parks Date, SEP. 20 1972

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-1-#1828, March 9, 5 p.m. to London

July through September signed Loeb & Troper certified public accountants of the State of New York March 2, 1946 END MESSAGE. Only Meyer has not yet advised us with respect to expenditures for Italy. Would be deeply grateful reimbursement extent your commitment these programs namely \$1,500,000. MESSAGE

GREY  
(acting)  
(L)

RRB:BNV:kg  
3/8/46

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000621

CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, FOR MANN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson  
from H. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE WE HEREWITH QUOTE VERBATIM CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED  
TO US BY OUR AUDITORS MESSRS. LOEB & TROPER INNERQUOTE  
WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE EXAMINED BOOKS AND RECORDS  
OF JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE THAT DURING PERIOD JULY  
THROUGH DECEMBER 1944 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE TRANS-  
MITTED A TOTAL OF \$3,650,000 THROUGH OFFICIAL BANKING  
CHANNELS IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER U.S. TREASURY LICENSES  
TO SALLY MAYER ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN SWITZERLAND TO BE USED BY  
HIM FOR PROGRAMS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION PRIMARILY IN ROMANIA  
HUNGARY FRANCE ITALY STOP WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE  
EXAMINED CABLE STATEMENT RECEIVED BY JOINT DISTRIBUTION  
COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ CHAIRMAN OF ITS EUROPEAN  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VIA OFFICE OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD REPORTING  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE BY SALLY MAYER IN SWITZERLAND FOR  
HUNGARY 8,399,000 SWISS FRANCS PERIOD MAY THROUGH DECEMBER,  
1944 ROMANIA 4,000,000 SWISS FRANCS PERIOD JULY THROUGH  
DECEMBER, FRANCE 965,520 SWISS FRANCS PERIOD JULY THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER SIGNED LOEB & TROPER CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK MARCH 2, 1945 END INNERQUOTE  
SALLY MAYER HAS NOT YET ADVISED US WITH RESPECT TO EXPENDITURES  
FOR ITALY STOP WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL REIMBURSEMENT EXTENT  
YOUR COMMITMENT THESE PROGRAMS NAMELY \$1,580,000. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 55

*copy sent to JDC 3/7/45*

11:15 a.m.  
March 7, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,  
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

*RH* RBHutchison: 3/6/45

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March 2nd, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Florence:

Would you kindly send the enclosed cablegram to Sir Herbert Emerson in London through the channels of the War Refugee Board and forward a confirmation copy to us in due course.

Sincerely yours,

  
Moses A. Leavitt

MAL:JC  
enc.

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Cable to Sir Robert Rossen, London, E.M.P.  
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March 5, 1945

4 p.m.

*Dear Mr. [unclear]*  
*O. Sawyer*

1945 MAR 5

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AMEMBASSY

LONDON  
1622X

The cable below is WRB 52.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to  
Sir Herbert Emerson, London, from Paul Baerwald of American  
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE Deeply grateful your cable authorizing \$300,000  
Rumania, \$300,000 Hungary, \$50,000 Northern Italy repre-  
senting allotments last quarter 1944 and first quarter 1945.  
We have notified Saly Mayer accordingly and advised him of  
conditions concerning methods whereby these funds should be  
expended. In due course we shall notify you of expenditures  
and request reimbursement. UNQUOTE

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

GREW  
(Acting)  
(GAW)

WRB:MMV:KG  
2/28/45

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON, FOR WARR. FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Morrison,  
London, from Paul Baerwald of American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee:

QUOTE DEEPLY GRATEFUL YOUR CABLE AUTHORIZING \$300,000  
ROMANIA, \$100,000 HUNGARY, \$50,000 NORTHERN ITALY  
REPRESENTING ALLOTMENTS LAST QUARTER 1944 AND FIRST  
QUARTER 1945. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SALLY MAYER ACCORDINGLY  
AND ADVISED HIM OF CONDITIONS CONCERNING METHODS WHEREBY  
THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED. IN DUE COURSE WE SHALL  
NOTIFY YOU OF EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT.  
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 52

*Copy sent to JDC 2/27/45*

11:45 a.m.  
February 27, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,  
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files

*RBH*  
RBHutchison: 2/26/45

000627

FEBURARY 23, 1945.

Cable to Sir Herbert Emerson, London, thru WRB

DEEPLY GRATEFUL YOUR CABLE AUTHORIZING \$300,000 RUMANIA, \$300,000 HUNGARY,  
\$50,000 NORTHERN ITALY REPRESENTING ALLOTMENTS LAST QUARTER 1944 AND FIRST  
QUARTER 1945. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SALY MAYER ACCORDINGLY AND ADVISED HIM OF  
CONDITIONS CONCERNING METHODS WHEREBY THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED. IN  
DUE COURSE WE SHALL NOTIFY YOU OF EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT

PAUL BAERWALD  
J D C

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*John R. ...*  
March 5, 1946

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The cable below is WRB 53.

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

QUOTE We cabled Emerson INNERQUOTE Deeply grateful  
your cable authorizing \$300,000 Rumania, \$300,000 Hungary,  
\$50,000 Northern Italy representing allotments last quarter  
1944 and first quarter 1945. We have notified Saly Mayer  
accordingly and advised him of conditions concerning methods  
whereby these funds should be expended. In due course we  
shall notify you of expenditures and request reimbursement  
END INNERQUOTE Assume you making appeal for substantially  
larger allotment second quarter 1945 view greatly expanded  
needs and our difficult financial situation. UNQUOTE

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

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(GHW)

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON, FOR MANN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE WE CABLED EMERSON INNERQUOTE VERY GRATEFUL YOUR  
CABLE AUTHORIZING \$300,000 ROMANIA, \$300,000 HUNGARY,  
\$50,000 NORTHERN ITALY REPRESENTING ALLOTMENTS LAST QUARTER  
1944 AND FIRST QUARTER 1945. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SALY WATER  
ACCORDINGLY AND ADVISED HIM OF CONDITIONS CONCERNING  
METHODS WHEREBY THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED. IN DUE  
COURSE WE SHALL NOTIFY YOU OF EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST  
REIMBURSEMENT END INNERQUOTE ASKING YOU MAKING APPEAL  
FOR SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER ALLOTMENT SECOND QUARTER 1945  
VIEW GREATLY EXPANDED NEEDS AND OUR DIFFICULT FINANCIAL  
SITUATION. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 59.

*Copy sent to J.C. 2/27/45*

11:45 a.m.  
February 27, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,  
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files  
RBHutchison: 2/26/45

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Cable to Dr. Schwartz, London, thru WRE  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~quote foregoing cable and add:~~ UNQUOTE

WE CABLED EMERSON QUOTE (quote foregoing cable) UNQUOTE ASSUME YOU MAKING  
APPEAL FOR SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER ALLOTMENT SECOND QUARTER 1945 VIEW GREATLY  
EXPANDED NEEDS AND OUR DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION

LEAVITT  
J D C

*See WRB 52-71 for details*

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February 27, 1945

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EMBASSY

LISBON

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The cable below is WNS 143.



Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Harold  
Fiske from N. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee:

NOTE Advise Schwartz Galy Hayer Intergovernmental Committee  
approved \$300,000 Rumania \$300,000 Hungary \$50,000 Northern Italy  
for last quarter 1944 and first quarter 1945. Allotments for  
Hungary and Rumania available for relief as well as other purposes  
previously specified and as emergency measure may be used for  
Hungarian and Hungarian Jews as well as refugees those countries.  
Approval given for purchase Rumanian currency and Italian currency  
Switzerland on similar condition as previously approved for pur-  
chase Hungarian currency in Switzerland. IGC gave assurance to  
Rumanian Government that we acting as agent will not transfer any  
foreign currency to Rumania but will arrange credits in Rumania  
on promise repayment after war or exchange foreign currency for  
funds held in Rumania by persons residing outside and in latter  
case will be taken that transaction does not assist enemy. Advise

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE ADVISE SCHWARTZ SALLY MAYER INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COMMITTEE APPROVED \$300,000 RUMANIA \$300,000 HUNGARY  
\$50,000 NORTHERN ITALY FOR LAST QUARTER 1944 AND  
FIRST QUARTER 1945. ALLOTMENTS FOR HUNGARY AND  
RUMANIA AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF AS WELL AS OTHER PUR-  
POSES PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED AND AS EMERGENCY MEASURE  
MAY BE USED FOR RUMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS AS WELL  
AS REFUGEES THOSE COUNTRIES. APPROVAL GIVEN FOR  
PURCHASE RUMANIAN CURRENCY AND ITALIAN CURRENCY  
SWITZERLAND ON SIMILAR CONDITION AS PREVIOUSLY AP-  
PROVED FOR PURCHASE HUNGARIAN CURRENCY IN SWITZERLAND.  
IGC GAVE ASSURANCE TO RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE  
ACTING AS AGENT WILL NOT TRANSFER ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY  
TO RUMANIA BUT WILL ARRANGE CREDITS IN RUMANIA ON  
PROMISE REPAYMENT AFTER WAR OR EXCHANGE FOREIGN  
CURRENCY FOR FUNDS HELD IN RUMANIA BY PERSONS RESIDING  
OUTSIDE AND IN LATTER CASE CARE WILL BE TAKEN THAT  
TRANSACTION DOES NOT ASSIST ENEMY. ADVISE WHEN SALLY  
MAYER REQUIRES REMITTANCE ABOVE AMOUNTS. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 145

*Copy sent to Leavitt 2/21/45*

2: 30 p.m.  
February 21, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Akzin, Cohn, DuBois, Gaston,  
Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files  
RBHutchison: 2/20/45

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February 18, 1945.

Cable to Harold Trobe, Lisbon, thru WRP

ADVISE SCHWARTZ SALLY MAYER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE APPROVED \$300,000 RUMANIA \$300,000 HUNGARY \$50,000 NORTHERN ITALY FOR LAST QUARTER 1944 AND FIRST QUARTER 1945. ALLOCMENTS FOR HUNGARY AND RUMANIA AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF AS WELL AS OTHER PURPOSES PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED AND AS EMERGENCY MEASURE MAY BE USED FOR RUMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS AS WELL AS REFUGEES THOSE COUNTRIES. APPROVAL GIVEN FOR PURCHASE RUMANIAN CURRENCY AND ITALIAN CURRENCY SWITZERLAND ON SIMILAR CONDITION AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR PURCHASE HUNGARIAN CURRENCY IN SWITZERLAND. IGC GAVE ASSURANCE TO RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE ACTING AS AGENT WILL NOT TRANSFER ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY TO RUMANIA BUT WILL ARRANGE CREDITS IN RUMANIA ON PROMISE REPAYMENT AFTER WAR OR EXCHANGE FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FUNDS HELD IN RUMANIA BY PERSONS RESIDING OUTSIDE AND IN LATTER CASE CARE WILL BE TAKEN THAT TRANSACTION DOES NOT ASSIST ENEMY. ADVISE WHEN SALLY MAYER REQUIRES REMITTANCE ABOVE AMOUNTS.

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J D C

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1072  
London  
2/26

February 27, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of February 26, 1945:

"We have discussed with Intergovernmental Committee problem repayments of amounts advanced for them in Hungary, Rumania and France. Intergovernmental sees no objection in principle considering their reimbursements as 1945 income to us since we made expenditures without any definite knowledge amounts would be repaid. In submitting your accounts to Intergovernmental Committee would strongly urge you include statement certified accountant that he has examined our remittances and has also examined statements which you have received concerning expenditures by Saly Mayer so that best possible record may be available to IGC thus facilitating prompt reimbursement."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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RBHutchison: 2/27/45

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*War Ref. Sec.  
E. Sawyer*

MRK-1706

PLAIN

London

Dated February 26, 1945

Rec'd. 11:53 a.m.

Secretary of State  
Washington.

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1972, Twenty-sixth

FOLLOWING FOR MOSES LEVITT JDC NEW YORK (THROUGH WRB)  
FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

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February 27, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of February 26, 1945:

"Have discussed with Intergovernmental Committee possibility their taking over major portion relief activities Iberian Peninsula. Intergovernmental Committee has submitted recommendations to British and American Governments for expenditure 200,000 pounds in Spain and Portugal for period beginning May 1st to end 1945. Harold Trobe advises 1460 stateless refugees Spain and approximately 461 Portugal require expenditure \$100,000 monthly which practically covered by IGO budgetary proposal. Number in Portugal relatively small because Sephardics and arrivals before 1933 excluded since they do not come in mandate. Meantime wish advise Intergovernmental Committee recommendations for France and Belgium have not yet been approved which will seriously effect our ability reduce own expenditures these countries next month."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York

RBH  
RBHutchison: 2/27/45

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London

Dated February 26, 1945

Rec'd 11:55 a.m.

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Secretary of State.

Washington.

1945, Twenty-sixth

FOLLOWING FOR MOSES LEAVITT JDC NEW YORK (THROUGH WRB)  
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-2-#1973, Twenty-sixth, from London.

effect our ability reduce own expenditures these countries  
next month."

WINANT

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February 16, 1945

Dear Sirs:

The following message for you from Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee was received for you through the United States Embassy in London under date of February 15, 1945:

"Please refer to proposals made by Schwartz in his letter of November 24 last relating to assistance for Roumania, Hungary and Northern Italy. I am glad to inform you that the following sums have been sanctioned. For Roumania \$300,000, for Hungary \$300,000, for Northern Italy \$50,000. These represent allotments for the last quarter of 1944 and first quarter of 1945.

"2. Allotments for Hungary and Roumania are available for relief as well as other purposes previously specified and as emergency measure may be used for Roumanian and Hungarian Jews as well as refugees in those countries.

"3. Sanction already exists on conditions previously specified for purchase of Hungarian currency in Switzerland. Sanction is now given for purchase of Roumanian currency and Italian currency in Switzerland on similar conditions. We have given assurance to Roumanian Government through Allied Commission of Control that the joint acting as our agent will not transfer any foreign currency to Roumania but will either arrange credits in Roumania on promise of repayment after the war or exchange foreign currency for funds held in Roumania by persons residing outside and that in latter case every care will be taken that transaction does not assist the enemy or collaborationists.

"4. You will presumably arrange for necessary remittance of funds and will present claims to us in due course for recoupment of money spent on our behalf."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodal

Florence Hodal

Assistant Executive Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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London

Dated February 15, 1945

Rec'd 1:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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FOLLOWING FROM EMERSON IGC FOR JDG

"Please refer to proposals made by Schwartz in his letter of November 24 last relating to assistance for Roumania, Hungary and Northern Italy. I am glad to inform you that the following sums have been sanctioned. For Roumania \$300,000, for Hungary \$300,000, for Northern Italy \$50,000. These represent allotments for the last quarter of 1944 and first quarter of 1945.

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Roumanian currency and Italian currency in Switzerland on similar conditions. We have given assurance to Roumanian Government through Allied Commission of Control that the joint acting as our agent will not transfer any foreign currency to Roumania but will either arrange credits in Roumania on promise of repayment after the war or exchange foreign currency for funds held in Roumania by persons residing outside and that in latter case every care will be taken that transaction does not assist the enemy or collaborationists.

"4. You will presumably arrange for necessary remittance of funds and will present claims to us in due course for recoupment of money spent on our behalf."

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*message sent 7/6/45*

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January 29, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in Paris under date of January 23, 1945:

"Our records indicate Intergovernmental Committee made agreement to provide for 1944 third quarter \$300,000 for work in Hungary, \$300,000 for France, \$300,000 for Rumania, \$30,000 for Northern Italy. Intergovernmental Committee made recommendation to American and British authorities, for last quarter 1944, but also running over into first of 1945, for \$300,000 appropriation for Hungary, \$50,000 for Northern Italy, \$300,000 for Rumania, and we were informed that American and British authorities have approved these recommendations. Concerning Saly Mayer expenditure these countries we now are able to give you information which follows. We spent in Hungary from July through September 1944 Swiss francs 3,500,000 and Swiss francs 4,400,000 from October through December. We spent in addition to this, during the last part of May and June, Swiss francs 500,000, which makes a total of Swiss francs 8,400,000. 2,731,000 francs of this amount we refused for purchasing in Switzerland pengoes to be sent for relief purposes into Hungary. Through International Red Cross 1,000,000 francs was spent for forwarding food to Hungary and 3,765,000 francs was utilized solely for rescue operations. Our contributions, in Hungarian currency, aggregated approximately pengoes 70 million, excluding the value of the food supplies which were sent in. We spent in Rumania for the July through September period Swiss francs 1,600,000 and October to December Swiss francs 2,400,000, which makes a total of 4,000,000 francs, yielding about 3,000,000,000 lei. We spent in France, through Switzerland, Swiss francs 965,520 during period July through September. As yet we do not have detailed information with regard to amounts expended in northern Italy but I am endeavoring to obtain this information. It is suggested on above basis you submit to Intergovernmental Committee account for reimbursement, since it has already been indicated to Sir Herbert by me that formal request of this nature will be made soon by you."

Very truly yours,

(s) Florence Model

Florence Model  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.  
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Paris  
Dated January 26, 1945  
*war Ref 3d file*

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COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS SECTION

Secretary of State  
Washington  
320, January 23, 4 p.m.

*Sent 1/29/45*  
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FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

FOR MOSES LEAVITT AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FROM JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.

"According our records Inter-governmental Committee agreed provide for third quarter 1944 the sum of \$300,000 for work in Hungary, \$300,000 for Rumania, \$300,000 for France and \$30,000 for Northern Italy. For final quarter 1944 but running also into beginning 1945 Inter-governmental Committee recommended to British and American authorities appropriation of \$300,000 for Hungary, \$300,000 for Rumania, \$50,000 for Northern Italy and we have been advised that British and American authorities have approved these recommendations. We can now give you following information concerning expenditure Saly Mayer these countries. In Hungary we spent from July through September 1944 3,500,000 Swiss francs and from October through December 4,400,000

Swiss francs.

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Swiss francs. In addition we spent during the latter part of May and June 500,000 Swiss francs making a total of 8,400,000 Swiss francs. Of this amount 2,734,000 francs we refused for the purchase of pengoes in Switzerland to be sent into Hungary for relief purposes. The sum of 1,900,000 francs was spent through international Red Cross for sending food into Hungary and the sum of 3,765,000 francs was used for purely rescue purposes. In Hungarian currency our contributions amounted to approximately 70 million pengoes exclusive of the value of the food which was sent in. In Rumania we expended for the period July through September 1,600,000 Swiss francs and October to December 2,400,000 Swiss francs making a total of 4 million francs which yielded approximately 3 billion lei. In France we expended through Switzerland from July through September the sum of 965,520 Swiss francs. We don't yet have detailed information regarding expenditure in northern Italy but I am trying procure same. Suggest on basis above you submit account to Inter-governmental Committee for reimbursement as I have already indicated to Sir Herbert that you will be making formal request this nature soon."

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January 1945

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PARIS  
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The cable below is through War Refugee Board.

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

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

NOTE View our acute cash stringency anxious secure reimbursement from Intergovernmental Committee for advances Saly Mayer made. Would be desirable if you could itemize countries and amounts to end December 1944. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE VITUM ACUTE CASH STRINGENCY ANXIOUS SECURE  
REIMBURSEMENT FROM INT' GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCES  
EALY MAYFR MADE. WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF YOU COULD ITEMIZE  
COUNTRIES AND AMOUNTS TO END DECEMBER 1944. UNQUOTE

10:30 a.m.  
January 15, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sect'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston,  
Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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LONDON

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The following for Mann is WRB 36.

Reference your 11481 of December 27. Department,  
War Refugee Board and Treasury all approve proposed  
methods of transfer for I.G.C. expenditures for Rumania,  
North Italy and Hungary in view of the urgency of relief  
needs in those areas.

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text of this message must  
be closely guarded.

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(Acting)  
(GHW)

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CABLE TO STREET, LONDON, FOR BANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 11461 of December 27. Department, War Refugee Board and Treasury all approve proposed methods of transfer for I.G.C. expenditures for Rumania, North Italy and Hungary in view of the urgency of relief needs in those areas.

THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 36.

11:00 a.m.  
January 11, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Files

*704. General  
with Pehle*

*Flaherty*

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London  
Dated January 10, 1945  
Rec'd 4:50 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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323, January 10, 6 p.m.

FOR DEPARTMENT AND PEHLE FROM MANN

Intergovernmental Committee advised by Foreign  
Office on January 1 (REF: 11461, December 27)  
that British Government has no objection to IGC  
plans for expenditures in Hungary, Italy and Rumania  
and in case of latter two no objection to the  
acquisition of lira and lei in Switzerland. IGC  
was told to use all precautions to see that neither  
ENEMY nor ENEMY collaborators benefitted.

Regarding Rumanian project Foreign Office  
suggested that if it were possible in order to avoid  
misunderstanding "the project should be taken note  
of in some appropriate manner by the Allied Control  
Commission in Rumania". If so, willingness expressed  
to send suitable instructions to British representatives  
on Commission. It was also indicated to Sir Herbert  
Emerson that since he intended to discuss Rumanian

matters

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matters generally with the Soviet representatives of the IGC at an early date he might care to give some indication of proposed operation in order to remove in advance "any difficulties which the Soviet Government might feel disposed to make".

I have discussed matter with Joseph Schwartz who says JDC has outstanding licenses which would permit it to effect for IGC transactions in question. IGC will give no instructions to JDC until it has received United States Government's approval. Sir Herbert Emerson in view urgency situation again requests an expression of United States Government's views concerning IGC proposal.

WINANT

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January 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of January 6, 1945:

"IGC has approved \$650,000 for 1944 last quarter, and of this \$300,000 is for Roumania, \$300,000 for Hungary, and \$50,000 for northern Italy. Have also had discussions regarding scope of French relief problems also Belgium, and Sir Herbert is prepared to recommend that IGC participate substantially in rehabilitation and relief projects as they affect stateless persons and others within mandate of the Committee. For the first period of six months recommendations for France are to include relief for entire period 50 million francs; 12 to 15 million francs for child care; 5 million francs for constructive loan; 5 million for vocational training. For Belgium lesser sums but for the same purposes generally are to be recommended. The bulk of these funds will be expended through our committees who must present recommendations which show amounts expended for groups that are within mandate of Committee. The period which these recommendations will cover is the six month period beginning January 1."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
275 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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*marked by Pehle*

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3 19 31 London

Dated January 6, 1945

Rec'd 10 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

218, January 6, 6 p.m.

FOR PEHLE FROM MANN

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message

to Mr. Moses R. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution  
Committee from Joseph Schwarz.

For last quarter 1944 intergovernmental committee  
has approved \$650,000 of which 50,000 is for northern  
Italy and \$300,000 each for Rumania and Hungary. Have

also been discussing scope relief problems France and  
Belgium and Sir Herbert ready recommend subatantial  
participation intergovernmental committee in relief  
and rehabilitation projects as they concern stateless  
and other persons within committee's mandate. Re-  
commendations for France for first six month period will  
include relief 50 million francs for entire period  
child care 12 to 15 million francs constructive loan  
5 million francs vocational training 5 million. Smaller  
sums for Belgium but for same general purposes will be

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-2- #218, January 6, 6 p.m. from London

recommended. Most of these funds will be spent through our committees which will have to present accounts showing amounts spent for groups within committee's mandate these recommendations will cover six month period which starts first of January.

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London

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Dated December 27, 1944

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Secretary of State

Washington

11461, December 27, 6 p.m.

FOR PEHLE FROM MANN

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Intergovernmental Committee Refugees proposes to send equivalents \$300,000 to Rumania, \$50,000 to North Italy and by credit to raise equivalent \$300,000 in Hungary for refugee relief. Transfers will be accomplished in case Rumania and North Italy by buying currencies of those countries in Switzerland while taking precautions to see that no assistance is given the enemy. It is understood IGC intends to use Joint Distribution Committee as agent in making proposed transfers but we do not know whether JDC has yet been fully informed by IGC or whether license application filed. Matter taken up by IGC with British Treasury which approved. IGC now asks approval of United States authorities before giving instructions to JDC.

While it appears proposals regard Hungary and North Italy within policies approved and followed by our Government there appears to be some question concerning proposed

method of

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method of transfer to Rumania which is liberated. We asked IGC and British Treasury whether Russians had been consulted and if they were likely to object to transaction as proposed. Both said Russians not consulted and neither seemed concerned about their attitude to proposed transfer. Refugee section British Foreign Office has given tentative approval pending further clearance with political sections. We have no objections to any of proposed transactions (regard Rumania see Embassy's No. 11434 of December 25) but it seems consideration should be given to making Rumanian transfers through occupying forces unless that would entail too great delay. Please consult with Treasury and cable urgently reply to be made to IGC.

WINANT

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November 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Joseph Schwartz was received through the American Embassy in London under date of November 24, 1944:

"The proposals that follow were made to Inter-Governmental Committee for 1944 final quarter: Northern Italy \$100,000; Hungary \$500,000; Rumania \$300,000."

Very truly yours,

~~Joseph J. W. Pehle~~

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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Secretary of State

Washington

10352, November 24, 9 p.m.

FOR PEHLE FROM MANN

The following message is for Moses Leavitt of  
the JDC from Joseph Schwartz.

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Committee for final quarter 1944: Hungary \$500,000;  
Rumania \$300,000; Northern Italy \$100,000."

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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Consulate General, Istanbul  
DATED: July 15, 1944  
NUMBER: 328

*Turkey  
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Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz,  
from Moses A. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee:

"Understand twelve hundred Jewish internees in Camp Jassenovac Croatia to whom food parcels could be sent by International Red Cross from Turkey advise whether this camp included in Simond's program. Can you ascertain discreetly and cable through Consulate whether in what amounts and in what form refugees from Rumania and Balkans are bringing currency or other liquid resources to Turkey. We cabled Herbet Emerson view heavy demands being made on us for rescue operations we request Intergovernmental Committee to consider taking over for last six months this year our credit authorizations as follows \$40,000 monthly Rumania \$25,000 Hungary, \$100,000 France and \$10,000 Italy total one million fifty thousand. Also asked that Rumania and Hungary authorisation be increased for account Intergovernmental Committee. We will keep you advised. Regarding export of shoes from Palestine question of blockade involved and we exploring possibilities. Please send soonest if possible through pouch list of people arrived Turkey through exchange happy Van Tijn among them."

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Borenstein, Cohn, DiBcis, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Standish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Files

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*Turkey  
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The cable below is WRB 14.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert  
Emerson from Mr. Paul Baerwald of the American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We are very happy that Intergovernmental Committee  
and British authorities agree to modify our understanding  
full use of your funds behalf Hungarian Jews. We have  
immediately authorized Saly Mayer to take necessary action  
and requested him to keep separate accounting this operation.  
Schwartz expects to come London as soon as British visa  
received. Will discuss with you proposals for last quarter.  
Warmest greetings. UNQUOTE

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(GLW)

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR HINCH, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson  
from Mr. Paul Baerwald of the American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee:

QUOTE WE ARE VERY HAPPY THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE  
AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES AGREE TO MODIFY OUR UNDERSTANDING  
FULL USE OF YOUR FUNDS BEHALF HUNGARIAN JEWS. WE HAVE  
IMMEDIATELY AUTHORIZED SALY BAKER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION  
AND REQUESTED HIM TO KEEP SEPARATE ACCOUNTING THIS OPERATION.  
SCHWARTZ EXPECTS TO COME LONDON AS SOON AS BRITISH VISA RECEIVED.  
WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU PROPOSALS FOR LAST QUARTER. WARMEST GREETINGS.  
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 14.

9 a.m.  
October 14, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Secty) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,  
Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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OCT 11 1944

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

The following message for you from Sir Herbert Emerson of the Intergovernmental Committee has been received through the American Embassy, London, under date of October 6, 1944:

"Intergovernmental agrees that Saly Mayer should be authorized by Joint to purchase in Switzerland for relief in Hungary pengoes up to amount of \$300,000 for account Intergovernmental, provided that Saly Mayer will satisfy himself that currency given in Switzerland for pengoes is not used to aid enemy or enemy collaborators. It is presumed Joint will obtain necessary licences from the United States Treasury to transmit funds to Saly Mayer. Joint will then be repaid from our dollar account. We desire if possible that a portion of the money be used to assist persons in escape from Hungary. If necessity is likely to extend beyond the sum of \$300,000 we should appreciate adequate notice especially as there might be a possibility of making pengoes available from here. IGO would like early proposals for the last quarter of the year for all concerned."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald, Chairman,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, N. Y.

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Dated October 6, 1944

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to Baerwald  
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Secretary of State

Washington

8405, October 6, 8 p.m.

In conversation today with Sir Herbert Emerson

I gave him the substance of Department's 7984 September 30 WRB. Sir Herbert was surprised that his reply had not been received. He transmitted his reply in a letter of September 14 addressed to Mr. Howard Bucknell but since the address did not give me Mr. Bucknell's position as Minister Counselor of Embassy it is possible that such was forwarded to him in the United States as personal mail. Accordingly there follows Sir Herbert's reply:

"With regard to Baerwald's message concerning proposed purchase in Switzerland of pangoes by Saly Mayer for Hungarian relief. The proposal modifies the original scheme approved by Britain and United States governments. Support of WRB means I assume that United States Government agrees to proposed modification. My slight delay is due to fact that I had to obtain

similar agreement

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similar agreement of British Government. Such has now been obtained and I would appreciate your transmitting following to Baerwald:

"Intergovernmental ~~it~~ agrees that Saly Mayer should be authorized by Joint to purchase in Switzerland for relief in Hungary pengoes up to amount \$300,000 for account intergovernmental, provided that Saly Mayer will satisfy himself that currency given in Switzerland for pengoes is not used to aid enemy or enemy collaborationists. It is presumed Joint will obtain necessary licences from United States Treasury to transmit funds to Saly Mayer. Joint will then be repaid from our dollar account. We desire if possible that portion of the money be used to assist persons in escape from Hungary. If necessity is likely to extend beyond the sum of \$300,000 we should appreciate adequate notice especially as there might be a possibility of making pengoes available from here. Will Joint please see paragraph three my message July 20, in this connection IGC would like early proposals for last quarter of the year for all concerned. 1/3

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September 30, 1944

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LONDON  
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The following for Mann is WRB 6.

Reference Department's No. 6904 of August 28, 1944,  
transmitting message from Paul Baerwald of JDC to  
Sir Herbert Emerson. JDC advises no reply has been  
received to date. Will you please discuss with  
Sir Herbert indicating that WRB strongly supports JDC  
request.

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CABLE TO WINANT, LONDON, FOR MANN FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference Department's No. 6904 of August 28, 1944, transmitting message from Paul Baerwald of JDC to Sir Herbert Emerson. JDC advises no reply has been received to date. Will you please discuss with Sir Herbert indicating that WRB strongly supports JDC request.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LONDON NO. 6

10:30 a.m.  
September 29, 1944

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

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9/28/44  
Leath called - JDC  
has never rec'd repl. Helen  
advises that as of Sept 24  
(date he left Eng.) cable  
had not been received by  
Sir Herbert. JDC would  
appreciate follow up from  
us.

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
DATED: August 28, 1944  
NUMBER: 6904 X

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson of the Inter-Governmental Committee from Paul Baerwald of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE REPORTS HAVE COME TO US THAT CREDIT OPERATIONS IN HUNGARY NOT POSSIBLE DUE APPARENTLY COMPLETE EXPROPRIATION PROPERTY OF JEWS. SALY MAYER ABLE PURCHASE PENGOES IN SWITZERLAND WHICH HE SEND INTO HUNGARY. VIEW GREAT NEED BRING RELIEF MANY THOUSANDS JEWS CONCENTRATION CAMPS, GHETTOS, WE URGENTLY SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER FAVORABLY OUR AUTHORIZING SALY MAYER PURCHASE PENGOES SWITZERLAND UP TO 300,000 DOLLARS FOR AID IN HUNGARY FOR ACCOUNT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE. HOPE YOU WILL DISCUSS THIS SUGGESTION WITH JOSEPH SCHWARTZ. UNQUOTE

Following for Sir Herbert Emberon from War Refugee Board:

QUOTE WAR REFUGEE BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORTS FOREGOING REQUEST OF JDC. UNQUOTE

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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Following for Sir Herbert Emerson from War Refugee Board:

QUOTE WAR REFUGEE BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORTS FOREGOING REQUEST OF JDC UNQUOTE

12:10 p.m.  
August 25, 1944

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

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*JH*  
Cleared with Mrs. Pehle

*Telephoned by Leavitt 8/24/44  
copy sent to IDC 8/25/44*

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:

FFC Letter No:

Date: August 18, 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control  
FROM: War Refugee Board  
Subject: Negotiations of JDC with Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees,  
London.

There is transmitted herewith a ~~copy of a letter~~ memorandum from Miss Hodel dated July 26, 1944

~~transmitting~~ dealing with license to  
JDC permitting it to negotiate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees,  
London, for the underwriting by Inter-Governmental Committee of the JDC  
local borrowing programs for relief purposes in Rumania, Hungary, France and  
Northern Italy.

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

Remarks:

F. Hodel  
For the War Refugee Board

Action:

Basic license No. W-2273 issued August 24, 1944 (Letter No. 75529)  
Remittance license No. issued  
Other: License No. W-2273 issued

  
Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: AUG 24 1944

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In reply please  
refer to: 75529

W-2273

Dear Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has requested, on your behalf, the issuance of a license permitting you to negotiate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, for the underwriting by the Inter-Governmental Committee of the local borrowing programs of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for relief purposes in Rumania, Hungary, France, and Northern Italy. It is understood that the borrowing programs referred to above were arranged for prior to December 9, 1941.

This letter shall serve to license retroactively, so far as Executive Order No. 8839, as amended, is concerned, and notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, the negotiations referred to above, and shall also be deemed to authorize you to communicate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, England, and with your representatives in Switzerland and Portugal, in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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MEMORANDUM

negotiations with IGC

For attachment to:

EFC Letter No:

Date: August 18, 1944

Project No.:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Negotiations of JDC with Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London.

memorandum from Miss Hodel

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F. Hodel

For the War Refugee Board

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Other: license No. W-2273 issued

Liaison Officer  
Foreign Funds Control

Date: AUG 24 1944

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In reply please  
refer to: 75529

W-2275

Dear Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has requested, on your behalf, the issuance of a license permitting you to negotiate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, for the underwriting by the Inter-Governmental Committee of the local borrowing program of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for relief purposes in Rumania, Hungary, France, and Northern Italy. It is understood that the borrowing programs referred to above were arranged for prior to December 8, 1941.

This letter shall serve to license retroactively, so far as Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, is concerned, and notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, the negotiations referred to above, and shall also be deemed to authorize you to communicate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, England, and with your representatives in Switzerland and Portugal, in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt  
Acting Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Mr. Parke

Miss Hodel

The War Refugee Board recommends the immediate issuance of a Washington License to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, New York, permitting it to negotiate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, for the under writing by the Inter-Governmental Committee of the JDC local borrowing programs for relief purposes in Rumania, Hungary, France and Northern Italy. The JDC should also be authorized to send appropriate communications to the Inter-Governmental Committee and to its Representatives in Switzerland and Portugal.

The JDC borrowing programs referred to above were arranged for prior to the entrance of the United States into the war. The license should, of course, refer to General Ruling No. 11 and should be dated as of July 8, 1944.

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*5 - War Refugees  
Mr. Pille*

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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert  
Emberson of the Inter-Governmental Committee from Boerwald,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Deeply grateful for generous action and for holding  
out prospects for future. We cabled necessary instructions  
to Saly Mayer according your authorization. Also notified  
our Lisbon office and asked that separate accounts and  
documentation be kept for these transactions. Naturally  
you can rest assured that to the extent of our ability  
in future we will allot funds for these operations. Grate-  
ful your recognition our commitments other quarters this  
time. We will keep you informed of progress made."

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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Joint Distribution Committee:

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We will keep you informed of progress made."

9:00 a.m.  
July 26, 1944

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

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By Miss Hodel  
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LISBON

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The cable below from M. A. Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee is WRB 61. Please deliver a paraphrase to Robert Filpel, care of Embassy.

QUOTE We cabled Bern Legation through Bern Legation.  
INNERQUOTE For three months period, July 1 to September 30, you are authorized to arrange local borrowing for relief purposes as follows: Rumania \$300,000, Hungary \$300,000, France \$300,000, Northern Italy \$30,000, total for three months \$930,000. STOP Please arrange to keep separate accounts of transactions undertaken under these authorizations which represent total authorizations for these countries and supersede previous authorizations given you. STOP Transactions already entered into in July should be included in the overall total. STOP From time to time we suggest you advise us through Bern Legation amounts for which transactions consummated and countries concerned. STOP Please note these authorizations relate exclusively to local borrowing against eventual repayment by us in sterling or dollars and we would appreciate being kept advised extent sterling and dollar obligations made. STOP In addition

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addition we have available for time grant for local borrowing in Hungary sum of \$20,000. STOP If transaction made for this special sum please keep separate account this item. STOP Assume International Red Cross will continue their cooperation in arranging details of local borrowing. STOP Please advise us by September 1 whether you believe foregoing rate of authorizations should be continued for last quarter of year, or whether they should be increased or decreased, if possible giving us some supporting data for your recommendation. STOP Copy this cable being repeated to Joint Distribution Committee, Lisbon. END  
INNERQUOTE For your confidential information we cabled Herbert Emerson that in view heavy demands on us for rescue requirements we requested consideration by Intergovernmental Committee to assume our borrowing obligations for last six months this year as follows: Rumania \$40,000 monthly, Hungary \$25,000, France \$100,000, Northern Italy \$10,000, total for six months \$1,060,000. STOP We also suggested view of conditions Rumania Hungary, this authorization be substantially increased. STOP In reply Intergovernmental Committee generously approved authorizations given in our cable Saly Mayer. STOP Important you do not (repeat not) disclose to Saly Mayer these authorizations are for account Intergovernmental Committee. STOP Urgent however that you stress necessity Saly keep separate accounting and documentation,

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documentation, copies of which we hope Saly can send through  
pouch to us. STOP Advise Saly that as heretofore we assume  
same measure of aid will be given to all persons regardless  
of religion who suffer as result of religious or political  
discrimination. STOP No (repeat no) publicity whatever  
should be issued regarding these increased authorizations.  
UNQUOTE

STETTINIUS  
(ACTING)  
(GLW)

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7/27/44

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Saly Mayer  
- 6/17/44  
Stewart

CABLE TO NORWEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Robert Pilpel, c/o American Embassy, from M. A. Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE We cabled Saly Mayer through Bern Legations: INNERQUOTE For three months period, July 1 to September 30, you are authorized to arrange local borrowing for relief purposes as follows: Rumania \$300,000, Hungary \$300,000, France \$300,000, Northern Italy \$30,000, total for three months \$930,000. STOP Please arrange to keep separate accounts of transactions undertaken under these authorizations which represent total authorizations for these countries and supersede previous authorizations given you. STOP Transactions already entered into in July should be included in the overall total. STOP From time to time we suggest you advise us through Bern Legation amounts for which transactions consummated and countries concerned. STOP Please note these authorizations relate exclusively to local borrowing against eventual repayment by us in sterling or dollars and we would appreciate being kept advised extent sterling and dollar obligations made. STOP In addition we have available for time grant for local borrowing in Hungary sum of \$20,000. STOP If transaction made for this special sum please keep separate account this item. STOP Assume International Red Cross will continue their cooperation in arranging details of local borrowing. STOP Please advise us by September 1 whether you believe foregoing rate of authorizations should be continued for last quarter of year, or whether they should be increased or decreased, if possible giving us some supporting data for your recommendation. STOP Copy this cable being repeated to Joint Distribution Committee, Lisbon. END INNERQUOTE. For your confidential information we cabled Herbert Emerson that in view heavy demands on us for rescue requirements we requested consideration by Intergovernmental Committee to assume our borrowing obligations for last six months this year as follows: Rumania \$40,000 monthly, Hungary \$25,000, France \$100,000, Northern Italy \$10,000, total for six months \$1,050,000. STOP We also suggested view of conditions Rumania Hungary, this authorization be substantially increased. STOP In reply Intergovernmental Committee generously approved authorizations given in our cable Saly Mayer. STOP Important you do not (repeat not) disclose to Saly Mayer these authorizations are for account Intergovernmental Committee. STOP Urgent however that you stress necessity Saly keep separate accounting and documentation, copies of which we hope Saly can send through pouch to us. STOP Advise Saly that as heretofore we assume same measure of aid will be given to all persons regardless of religion who suffer as result of religious or political discrimination. STOP No (repeat no) publicity whatever should be issued regarding these increased authorizations. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO LISBON, No. 61.

5:00 p.m.  
July 24, 1944

F. Hodel:css 7/24/44

*Handwritten note:*  
Message dictated by Havel  
JCH

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

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*MW Keller*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT  
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Legation, Bern  
DATED: July 27, 1944  
NUMBER: 2582<sup>x</sup>

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FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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THIS IS WRB CABLE TO BERN NO. 90

5:00 p.m.  
July 24, 1944

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

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dictated by  
Havel JAH

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7/25/44

Mr. Parke

Miss Hodel

The War Refugee Board recommends the immediate issuance of a Washington License to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, New York, permitting it to negotiate with the Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees, London, for the under writing by the Inter-Governmental Committee of the JDC local borrowing programs for relief purposes in Rumania, Hungary, France and Northern Italy. The JDC should also be authorized to send appropriate communications to the Inter-Governmental Committee and to its Representatives in Switzerland and Portugal.

The JDC borrowing programs referred to above were arranged for prior to the entrance of the United States into the war. The License should, of course, refer to General Ruling No. 11 and should be dated as of July 8, 1944.

JH

Discussed with W.P. & Hodel

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*I was Refused  
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington  
TO: American Embassy, London  
DATED: July 25, 1944  
NUMBER: 5813

TO AMBASSADOR WINANT, LONDON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson:

QUOTE Refer to your message of July 20. War Refugee Board is delighted with promptness and nature of IGC's decision. In both its direct and indirect results, the operation will make a significant contribution to the alleviation of distress and to the saving of lives. We are particularly appreciative of the generosity shown in scope and flexibility of the plan. UNQUOTE

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July 24, 1944

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FROM: AMEMBASSY, London

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: July 20, 1944

NUMBER: 5734

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Will you send to Penle, WRB, a paraphrase of the following message from Emerson:

By way of the US Embassy your message has been received by us. Due to the fact that only yesterday we at last concluded our arrangements with the British officials, our response was delayed. The following communication which today was cabled to Baerwald we hope will be satisfactory to you.

Your communication which was received through the US Embassy is reference. We are able only now to expedite credit plan. We are in a position under arrangements made with JDC acting as our agent to allot for the quarter ending September 30, 1944, the following sums: Northern Italy \$30,000, France \$300,000, Hungary \$300,000, Roumania \$300,000 making total for three months of \$930,000. Plus the above allocations which are out of public funds, from private funds which have been put at our disposal we can allocate \$20,000 in a lump sum. This last sum we should like to be utilized for Hungary although it is not essential. There should be kept a separate account of the allocation from private moneys.

Prior to the end of the quarter if a good case were established, we would be ready to give consideration to some increase for the current quarter in these allocations.

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If the necessity for allocations is established, you can assume that like allocations will be available for the quarter commencing the first of October. We would, in fact, give consideration to an increase in the allocations if a good case is made. Prior to the sixteenth of September let us have proposals for that quarter.

With JDC we have made arrangement that our allocations were not to replace but supplement those which were made out of funds of JDC. For such time as there is a gentlemen's agreement that JDC will keep on allotting funds to the extent of their ability and having a regard for their very urgent commitments in other parts we do not desire to press this understanding too urgently. JDC, no doubt, will keep us confidentially advised concerning this matter. Until we see Schwartz our opinion is that implementation of the plan should not be delayed. If you are able to get the necessary data to him, you may proceed. We do not contemplate the immediate necessity of transmitting the complete details of our arrangements to Schwartz unless you can do this. These can be discussed with him when he comes to London which will presumably be in early August. From our viewpoint, a vital instruction to Schwartz is that accounts be kept separate from allocations of JDC but the question of other immediate instructions we leave to you. It does not appear to be necessary for Malin to pay a visit at Lisbon at the present time in view of the arrival of Schwartz before long and as it would be inconvenient for Malin to make such a visit.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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FROM: American Embassy, London  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATE: July 20, 1944  
NUMBER: 5733  
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*7/2/44  
Message sent to  
Baerwald JH*

Please transmit to Paul Baerwald of the JDC substance of message from Emerson of ICG given below:

Your message which was received through U.S. Embassy is referred to herewith. We are only now able to implement credit scheme. We are in a position, under arrangements concluded with JDC acting as our agent, to allocate for the quarter ending September 30, 1944 the following sums: France \$300,000, Rumania \$300,000, northern Italy \$30,000, and Hungary \$300,000, making for the three months a total of \$930,000. We can allocate \$20,000 in a lump sum from private funds which have been placed at our disposal, in addition to allocations given above which are out of public funds. We should like to have this latter sum used for Hungary although it is not essential. Allocation from private funds should be kept in a separate account.

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We would be willing to consider some increase in these allocations for the current quarter in event that a good case were established prior to quarter's end.

It can be assumed by you that for the quarter beginning October 1 similar allocations will be available if it is established that they are necessary. We would, in fact, consider an increase in allocations if good case is made.

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We would appreciate having proposals for that quarter prior to the 16th of September.

Arrangement with JDC was that our allocations were to supplement those made out of JDC funds and not to replace them. We do not wish to push this understanding to extremes so long as there is a gentlemen's agreement that to extent of their ability JDC will continue allotting funds and we have regard for their very urgent commitments in other quarters. JDC will no doubt keep us informed confidentially concerning this matter. In our opinion implementation of scheme should not be postponed until Schwartz has been interviewed by us. If you can get the necessary information through to him you may go straight ahead. We do not contemplate immediate need of giving Schwartz information as to full details of our arrangements, unless you are able to do so. We can discuss these with him when he comes to London, early in August presumably. From our point of view the vital instruction to Schwarz is that accounts be kept separate from JDC allocations and we leave question of other immediate instructions up to you. It does not seem necessary for Malin to visit Lisbon at this time in view of Schwarz's arrival in near future, and it would not be convenient for Malin to make the trip. *LB*

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Dear Mr. Baerwald:

The following message for you from Sir Herbert Emerson has been received through the American Embassy in London under date of July 20, 1944:

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Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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CABLE TO WINANT FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

# 55-03  
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Please deliver the following message to Sir Herbert Emerson from Paul Baerwald, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Joseph Schwartz now Turkey recently advised us possibility exists rescue substantial number refugees from Balkans and requested \$3,000,000 for transportation costs which we immediately authorized. In addition Joint Distribution Committee forced meet heavy demands other areas. In our discussions with you and Malin you generously indicated that if our funds were urgently needed for rescue purposes and we lacked resources to continue our credit operations the IGC would consider sympathetically specific proposals to assume part of our current credit operations. We believe this time has come and we would therefore respectfully request IGC to consider assuming obligations as from July first to end of 1944 following credit authorizations which we have organized: Rumania \$40,000 monthly, Hungary \$25,000 monthly, France \$100,000 monthly, North Italy \$10,000 monthly. Total for six months \$1,050,000. Reports from Saly Meyer confirm that Rumania is utilizing fully \$40,000 credit and he states additional sums required and that large loans are possible. IGC may wish to consider increasing total authorization for Rumania from \$40,000 to perhaps \$80,000 to \$100,000 monthly for its account. Similarly an increase for Hungary is urgent in light tragic situation there and IGC may wish authorize an increase. Should these proposals meet with approval of IGC we respectfully suggest Malin proceed Lisbon and work out with our office there appropriate measures for notifying Saly Meyer."

4:35 p.m.  
July 10, 1944

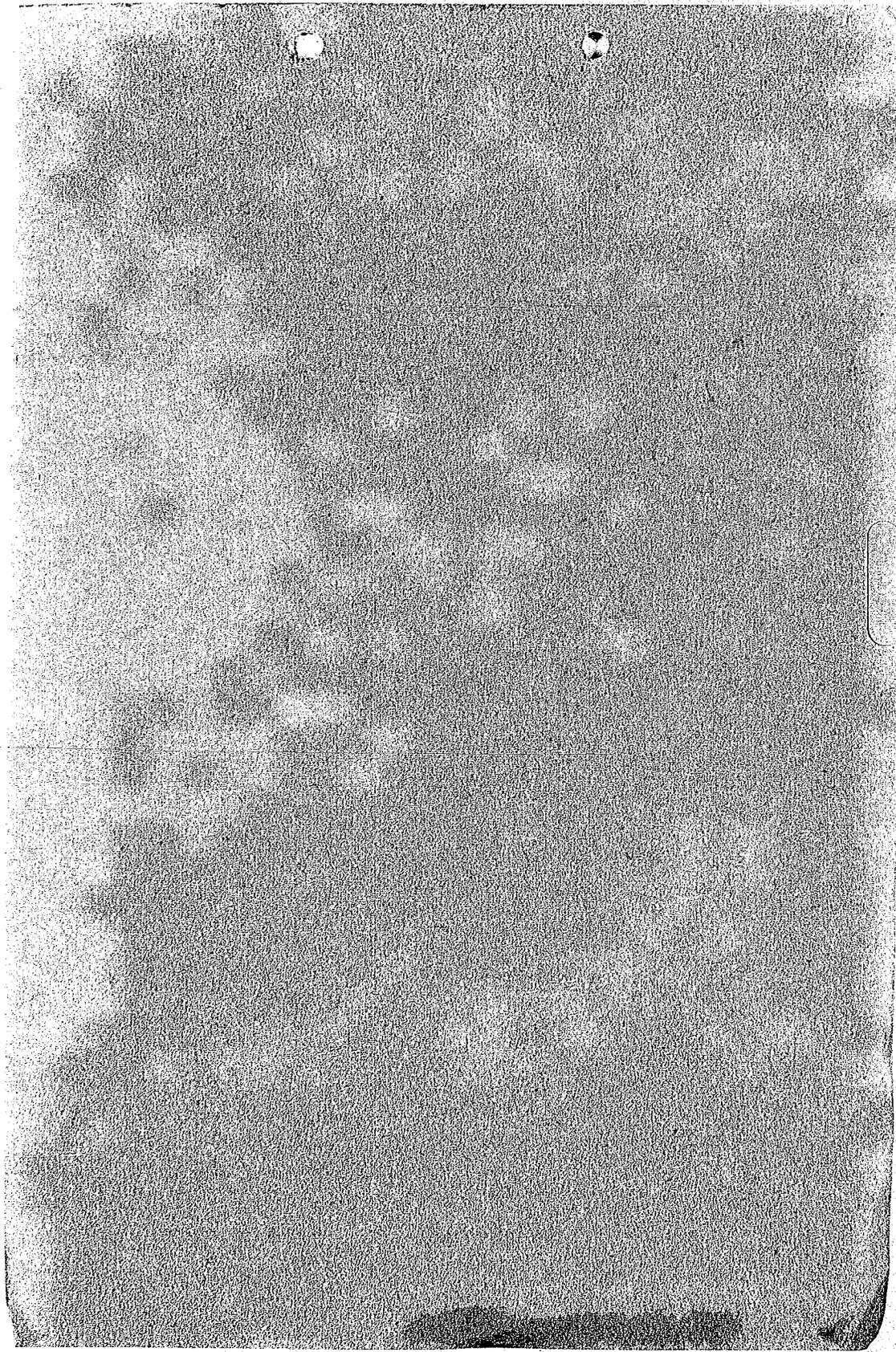
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DRAFT OF A LETTER TO THE BRITISH FROM STATE ON THE SUBJECT OF LICENSES

*Policy matters  
concerning credit operations*

This is a reply to the letter of March 29, 1944 from Guy F. Thorold to Mr. John W. Pehle on the subject of licenses, in connection with the transfer of funds in aid of operations for helping refugees in enemy-occupied Europe. Enclosed with Mr. Thorold's letter was a copy of an Aide Memoire left by His Majesty's Ambassador with Mr. Hull on March 28. The recent completion of arrangements with the IGC on its proposal for credit operations enables us to present a response to the entire Aide Memoire, which, in our opinion, raises two distinct questions which should be discussed separately.

I. THE CREDIT SCHEME SUBMITTED BY IGC TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S.A.

In a memorandum signed by Sir Herbert Emerson dated April 18, 1944, a copy of which is attached, there was submitted to the governments of the United Kingdom and U.S.A. a specific proposal looking toward the assistance through credit operations of certain activities in occupied territory. This was a further development of a proposal submitted on March 10, 1944 to the governments, and both are intended to enable the IGC to assist and expand operations now being carried on by private agencies. The particular form of help proposed to be given is the financing of operations based on credit designed to assist persons inside certain enemy-occupied territories.

The Government of the United Kingdom had indicated its readiness to place at the disposal of the IGC the sum of £1,500,000 for such operations, provided that the Government of the U.S.A. is prepared to provide the same

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amount. However, the memorandum states that in terms of the immediate proportions of these operations, the sum of £900,000, namely \$3,600,000 would be adequate for these purposes in 1944. This is the sum still owing to the IGC by the two governments in fulfillment of commitments for 1944. The sum of £100,000, in equal parts, from the two governments had previously been advanced. The IGC proposes that it shall receive ~~the further sum of £100,000 in equal parts, from the two governments had previously been advanced. The IGC proposes that it shall receive the~~ further sum of £250,000 in equal shares for the quarter beginning the first of April, 1944 and ending the 30th of June, 1944, the demand for specific further amounts, to a maximum total of \$1,800,000 from each government, to be made at later dates, in accordance with approved procedures.

The U.S. Government has now made available in a special fund in the U.S. Treasury the sum of \$1,800,000, of which \$500,000 is available for the current quarter and the balance to be made available as requested by the IGC.

On the assumption that His Majesty's Government is matching this sum both for the <sup>quarter</sup> ~~year~~ and for the balance of the year, the IGC is now in a position to proceed with the operations outlined in Sir Herbert Emerson's memorandum of April 18. The total available is \$3,600,000. When this sum is exhausted, this government is prepared to give sympathetic consideration to the proposal that further funds to match the \$6,000,000 proffered by His Majesty's Government be made available.

II. THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ISSUING LICENSES FOR RELIEF AND RESCUE OF PERSONS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH AS THE RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION.

In Paragraph 3 on Page 2 of Sir Herbert's memorandum, the following point is made:

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"It is proposed that (1) financial assistance by the IGC should be limited to credit operations; (2) that cash operations should continue to be financed by the voluntary organizations through licenses issued by the governments of the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. respectively, according as the organizations are British or American, and that any question of policy which may arise between the two governments regarding the issue of such licenses should be discussed between the two governments, independent of the IGC."

In this connection, this government wishes to emphasize that it too regards the arrangements with IGC as completely independent of policies being pursued by this government and by His Majesty's Government in licensing private agencies for relief and rescue activities. This government's policy has been that humanitarian considerations are paramount and that it will continue to approve and sponsor projects designed to save lives, provided that these projects do not interfere with the successful prosecution of the war.

In this direction, licenses have been issued to private organizations in the United States which give permission to their representatives in Switzerland to engage in the required communication and financing transactions in order to carry on relief and evacuation operations in enemy territory. His Majesty's Government has been kept informed of these licenses as they have been issued. It has been pointed out that these licenses permit the acquisition, if necessary, of local funds against payment in free exchange of free currency notes from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. This government has

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concluded in issuing these licenses that any danger involved in permitting the enemy to acquire such relatively insubstantial quantities of foreign exchange was far out-weighed by the saving of lives.

Our experience has convinced us of the effectiveness of our licensing policy and of the need of operations of this character in addition to those to be undertaken by IGC in extension of credit operations hitherto conducted by private agencies.

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AIRGRAM

London  
Dated April 27, 1945  
Rec'd 5 p.m., May 3

Secretary of State,

Washington

A-473, April 27, 1945

For Department and Earl G. Harrison, United States representative on Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

Department's telegram No. 2308, March 24, 6 p.m.

Sir Herbert Emerson, Director of ICG replied in a letter dated April 26, 1945, as follows to the Embassy's suggestion that the ICG press other Government members for voluntary contributions:

"Dear Warner:

I am writing to acknowledge with thanks your letter of April 10, 1945, relating to contributions by Member Governments towards operational expenditure. As you know, the same point has been raised by the British Government. In the ordinary course, we should have pressed Member Governments, other than those of the United Kingdom and the United States or America, to contribute towards operational expenditure when we circulated to them the operational budget for the current year. We have, however, been unable to circulate that budget because we have not heard that your Government has agreed to the provision of funds.

I now propose to include the matter in the agenda of the next Executive Committee on the basis of the views expressed by the two Governments, and to seek the express authority of the Committee to press the invitation in strong terms on Member Governments. This will be more effective than if I, as Director, issued a circular to Member Governments in the ordinary course of business, since it will direct the attention of Member Governments of the Executive Committee to the importance of the question, and it will enable me to send a Circular to all Member Governments under the specific direction of the Executive Committee."

No indication has been given as to the date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Any comments which the Department may care to make should be sent by telegraph as soon as possible.

MR. CARLOS WARNER  
CJW:pg

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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*O Sawyer*  
London

Dated March 28, 1945

Rec'd 1:21 a.m., 29th

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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3231, Twenty-eighth  
FROM EARL G. HARRISON

Meeting Executive Committee Inter-governmental  
Committee on Refugees March 27 and subsequent  
conferences have made clear great urgency of prompt  
favorable decision on United States share 1945 IGC  
administrative and operational expenditures. Several  
action programs in readiness and sorely needed are  
and must be held in abeyance pending receipt such  
decision. I am conferring again with Chairman  
Winterton April 5 primarily to discuss finances  
and another executive committee meeting scheduled  
for April 11. Irrespective of method of getting  
funds for future I strongly recommend and urge that  
promptest possible action be taken as to 1945  
commitment. Situation will be most awkward if I  
have no favorable word by April 5.

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Harrison is expected to arrive London evening of  
March 26 and earnestly hopes you may be able to attend  
meeting IGC March 27 with him (reference Embassy's 2936  
March 21).

Department in full accord with British suggestion  
contained your 2732 March 18 and agrees that IGC should  
press other government members for contributions this  
year.

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(Acting)  
(GHW)

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 20 1972

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DRAFT OF STATEMENT FOR J.W. PHELPS'S BUDGET BOOK ON RELATIONS WITH IGC.

The IGC was formed at Evian in July, 1938 on the initiative of President Roosevelt. Approximately 40 nations belong to the Committee which has a broad mandate. On the basis of its actual performance, it is concerned with two types of problems: - (1) to help persons in occupied territory through a "credit scheme" and (2) to take post-armistice measures for the non-repatriable refugees.

When WRB was formed, there was a suggestion that Congress be approached for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the operational and administrative expenses of IGC. After some discussion between WRB and State Department, it was decided in the interest of speed that WRB should advance to IGC the sum of \$200,000 for operational expenses and the sum of \$9,811.93 as an installment on administrative expenses. A recent request has been received for a second installment of \$1,998 for administrative expenses for the period ending December 31, 1944.

In the Spring of 1944, Sir Herbert Emerson and Mr. Patrick Malin, Director and Vice-Director of IGC, visited this country and an amicable agreement was worked out as to the spheres of operation of the two agencies. At the discussions between representatives of the two agencies, it seemed apparent that IGC could afford considerable assistance to persons in occupied territories if funds were available for credit operations. On May 15, 1944, the sum of \$2,000,000 was allotted to the WRB by the President, and the WRB transferred \$1,800,000 of this sum to the IGC, retaining \$200,000 as repayment for the advance that had been made some months earlier.

All sums advanced by the U.S. for operations have been matched by grants from the British Government. Administrative expenses are met by the member nations in accordance with a formula, which takes account of the size and income of the several countries. IGC's principal post-armistice job will be in the area of finding havens for the persons who are not re-settled by UNRRA.

At the moment, IGC is operating with a small staff from operating funds that derive exclusively from the U.S. and British Governments. It is hoped that, in the future, this budget will be augmented by funds from other member nations.

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Embassy, London

DATE: June 24, 1944

NUMBER: 4094

TELEGRAM SENT TO AMBASSADOR WINANT IN LONDON

Reference is made to Sir Herbert Emerson's message captioned in para 4332, sixteenth. This Government's reply to British Government's Aide Memoire of March 27, 1944 has been delivered, and \$1,800,000 operational fund for credit scheme has already been made available to I. G. C. Will you please inform Emerson and express our concern that the credit scheme be started as soon as possible.

Text of U-S Aide Memoire follows:

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 20 1972**

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Akzin, Bernstein, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Gaston, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Luxford, Mann, Mannon, Marks, McCormack, Pehle, Sargoy, Stendish, Stewart, Weinstein, H. D. White, Files.

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London

Dated June 16, 1944

Rec'd 3:15 a.m., 17th

Secretary of State

Washington

4832, Sixteenth

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Reference is made to request from Mr. Pehle of War Refugee Board to Sir Herbert Emerson of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees for information as to present status of credit scheme forwarded by Department's 4744, fifteenth. Prior to delivery to Sir Herbert of this message I received a letter from him dated June sixteenth referring to a previous letter of his dated March 10th which enclosed three memoranda containing information and proposals of great importance with regard to rescue and preservation activities inside enemy controlled territory. Sir Herbert states that identical material was supplied at the same time to the British Foreign Office and that the British Government communicated with the United States Government on this subject in the form of an aide memoire. He adds that during his visit to Washington in April the matter was thoroughly discussed with representatives of the

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Department of State and the War Refugee Board and that he made certain suggestions along the line of which it was understood by him the American Government would reply to the British Government as soon as the President's approval had been obtained for the War Refugee Board's recommendation that operational funds of \$1,800,000 be allocated to the board for the Inter-Governmental Committee in addition to the \$200,000 already paid by the American Government to the Committee early this year.

Sir Herbert states he understands the President's approval was notified to the State Department May 15th and that when vice Director Malin left Washington late in May the American Government's reply to the British Government was being drafted.

Sir Herbert concludes:

"Since, however, no word has yet been received by our office or the British Foreign Office and since the matter is of the greatest importance and urgency May I take the liberty of asking Your Excellency's advice as to the proper way of expediting the reply?"

The three memoranda referred to by Sir Herbert were forwarded to the Department in Embassy's despatch 14413, March 11th.

Under the circumstances outlined the

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Inter-Governmental Committee is not able at present to reply to Mr. Pehle's inquiry. Instructions of the Department would therefore be appreciated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

At the suggestion of Myron Taylor, Sir Herbert Emerson and Patrick Malin of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees came to Washington in early April for discussions with the War Refugee Board. These discussions were most cordial and complete agreement has been reached on working relations between the Committee and the Board.

The question of financing the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee was discussed and the following recommendations are submitted for your approval:

(1) Some time ago this Government committed \$2,000,000 to the operational budget of the Intergovernmental Committee, and the British Government made a like commitment. The War Refugee Board has already advanced \$200,000 to the Committee against this commitment - this advance came out of the funds made available to the Board from the President's Emergency Fund. It is proposed that the balance due the Intergovernmental Committee be set aside now, to be paid over to the Committee as its programs require (the Committee needs \$500,000 at once).

Accordingly, we request that there be made available immediately to the War Refugee Board \$2,000,000 out of the President's Emergency Fund. \$500,000 of this sum will be paid over to the Intergovernmental Committee at once; \$200,000 will be used to reimburse the War Refugee Board for the advance previously made; and the remainder will be paid to the Committee as requested by it.

There is attached a proposed allocation letter transferring the \$2,000,000 to the War Refugee Board.

(2) In addition, the British Government has indicated that it proposes to ask Parliament to vote further sums, up to a total of \$6,000,000, as may be necessary to carry out a proposed credit operation by the Intergovernmental Committee, provided the United States Government will contribute like amounts.

Until the \$2,000,000 referred to in paragraph (1) is substantially exhausted, we do not feel that it is necessary to set aside any further funds at this time for the operations of the Intergovernmental Committee. If you approve, we propose to advise the British Government that if the needs of the Committee require such further sums in the future, sympathetic consideration will be given at that time to making the necessary funds available.

Attachment.

*Cordell Hull*  
Secretary of State.

*Henry M. Smith*  
Secretary of the Treasury

*Henry H. Stimson*  
Secretary of War.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

APPROVED: *May 25* 1944

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Allocation No. 44-80

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1944

My dear Mr. Secretary:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by law I hereby allocate from the appropriation entitled "Emergency Fund for the President, National Defense, 1942-1944,"

<u>TO</u>	<u>Amount</u>
War Refugee Board	\$2,000,000

to be expended by said Board in connection with emergencies affecting the national security and defense for carrying out the functions of the Board as prescribed by Executive Order 9417 of January 22, 1944.

This allocation is additional to the allocation made by letter of January 29, 1944 (44-58) for the same purpose and shall be consolidated with said allocation and be available for the same objects of expenditure and under the same conditions.

Please arrange for the necessary transfer of funds and advise the War Refugee Board accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

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WASHINGTON

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War Refugee Board	\$2,000,000

to be expended by said Board in connection with emergencies affecting the national security and defense for carrying out the functions of the Board as prescribed by Executive Order 9417 of January 22, 1944.

This allocation is in addition to Allocation No. 44-58 made January 29, 1944. The funds hereby allocated shall be available, without regard to Section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5), for all necessary expenses of the War Refugee Board in carrying out Executive Order 9417, under the terms described in Allocation No. 44-58 dated January 29, 1944.

Please arrange for the necessary transfer of funds and advise the War Refugee Board accordingly.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

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WASHINGTON

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Please arrange for the necessary transfer of funds and advise the War Refugee Board accordingly.

Sincerely yours,



The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

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Memorandum to Mr. Patrick Hallin

The \$1,800,000 which was made available to the War Refugee Board by allocation from President Roosevelt on May 15, 1944, for the purposes of the Intergovernmental Committee is being handled as follows:

1. Paid by check to Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.	25,000
2. To be paid by check to Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees as soon as convenient (but not later than May 31, 1944).	1,775,000
Total	\$ 1,800,000

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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May 24, 1944

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Ward Stewart

In the absence of Mr. Abrahamson and Mr. Pehle, I met with Mr. Patrick Malin and Miss Martha Biehle today in connection with the transfer to the Intergovernmental Committee of \$1,800,000 from the \$2,000,000 recently allocated to the War Refugee Board from the President's Emergency Fund. I handed personally to Mr. Malin a check for \$25,000 payable to the Intergovernmental Committee and informed him that we would be able to give the Committee a similar check for the remaining \$1,775,000 sometime before the end of May. I then went to the Riggs National Bank with Mr. Malin and Miss Biehle to arrange for the deposit of the \$25,000 check.

Mr. Malin is leaving tomorrow for London. In his absence Miss Biehle will be the American resident representative of the Intergovernmental Committee. Her full name is Miss Martha H. Biehle and until June 20 she can be reached at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. After June 20 she will be available c/o Mr. Fred Hoehler, Division of Displaced Persons, UNRRA, Dupont Circle Building, Washington, D.C. Miss Biehle will be available to come to Washington to receive the check for the remainder of the \$1,800,000 and I will notify her when it is available.

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Assistant Executive Director  
(Management)

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Telegram No. 4584

of May 23, 1944

Following from Emerson for Malin.

Begins.

Have today received your 66 of May 17th. With regard to credit scheme, Foreign Office sent communication to the British Embassy at Washington within the past week asking that it should request the American Government to give early reply to British proposal re credit scheme and intimating that there is not likely to be any difficulty regarding the question of licences. Message was sent with the concurrence of M.E.W.

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Telegram No. 4584  
of May 23, 1944.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE May 20, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle  
FROM Mr. Abrahamson

Mr. Malin informed me by telephone this afternoon that the Bureau of the Budget had just advised him that the President has signed the letter making funds available to the War Refugee Board for IGC purposes.

Mr. Malin is coming to my office at 3 o'clock on Monday, May 22 to discuss a financial set-up, as well as the procedure for making a portion of the funds available in an American account. I have asked Mr. Stewart to attend the meeting.

Do you wish to join us? If not, do you have any suggestions?

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cc: Mr. DuBois

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NOTE ON IGC PROPOSAL

*For  
American  
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use*

The IGC minimum operational budget for 1944 is four million dollars, one-half to come from the American Government and one-half from the British Government. It has already received from the American Government \$200,000. Of the \$1,800,000 still coming to it from America, IGC would like to receive, as a first installment on the balance, \$500,000 for the quarter beginning the first of April 1944. This sum will be combined with an equivalent amount from the British Government. IGC would have a million dollars with which to start its credit operations to help refugees in enemy countries. This amount would be placed in a suspense account which would be held for the purpose of defraying, after the war, liabilities incurred on its behalf during the war. It is proposed that the first operations will be carried out from Switzerland as a base, and that a private agency act for IGC in operations. All operations will be of a credit nature.

April 20, 1944.

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MEMORANDUM

1. The object of this note is to supply a basis of discussion between the War Refugee Board and the Inter-governmental Committee regarding the offer made by the British government to finance certain credit operations in German, occupied, and satellite territory. It should be read in connection with the memorandum dated 1st March, 1944 by the Director of the IGC entitled "Rescue, Concealment and Preservation of Refugees in the Occupied and Satellite Countries of Europe" and his memorandum dated 10th March, 1944 which submitted certain proposals to the governments of the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. In pursuance of the latter memorandum the government of the United Kingdom has communicated to the government of the U.S.A. its readiness to place at the disposal of the IGC the sum of one and one half million pounds for the purpose of credit operations, provided that the government of the U.S.A. is prepared to provide the same amount.

2. The operations to be promoted might be defined as follows:

*or may have to leave* a. They would extend to persons who have had to leave their countries or residence on account of race, or religion, or political beliefs, and who are in danger of life or liberty.

b. They would have as their objects the escape of persons to neutral countries or other countries of comparative safety, the rescue of persons from internment or concentration camps, ~~and~~ concealment inside German, occupied, and satellite territory, and all measures necessary thereto, and the preservation of such persons in concealment.

*and possibly* 3. Operations with these objects in view are now being carried out by organizations or individuals, partly on a cash basis, ~~but mainly~~ on a credit basis. It is proposed that (1) financial assistance by the IGC should be limited to credit operations; (2) that cash operations should continue to be financed by the voluntary organizations through licenses issued by the governments of the U.K. and U.S.A. respectively, according as the organizations are British or American, and that any question of policy which may arise between the two governments regarding the issue of such licenses should be discussed between the two governments, independent of the IGC.

4. With regard to the financial scope of the operations it is understood that the following arrangements might be more convenient to the U.S. government than the proposal made

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by the British government:

a. The IGC has provided in its estimate of operational expenditure for 1944, the sum of one million pounds, of which one half will be furnished by the American government and one half by the British government. It has been agreed by the two governments that if this expenditure is exceeded, the IGC, under the agreed procedure, may submit proposals for supplementary grants. At present the IGC has not in prospect operational expenditure of any considerable amount. It could therefore allocate £900,000, namely \$3,600,000 for the purpose of credit operations provided it were clearly understood that if and when the necessity of undertaking other projects arises it will be free in accordance with the approved procedure to submit applications to the two governments for further grants. Such applications might include requests for further grants towards credit operations if they exceeded £900,000 from the budget grant and could be usefully extended beyond this figure.

It is therefore proposed that, on the above understanding, the credit operations should be financed in the first place to the extent of £900,000 out of the budget grant of £1,000,000.

b. The IGC would be placed in funds out of these grants according to its requirements. It has already received the sum of £100,000 in equal parts from the two governments for operational expenditures generally. It is proposed that it should receive the further sum of £250,000 in equal shares for the quarter beginning the 1st April, 1944 and ending the 30th June, 1944, the demand for subsequent quarters being made in accordance with the procedure already approved by the two governments.

c. The IGC would place the <sup>above-mentioned</sup> payment of £250,000 and similar payments made on account of credit operations in a suspense account which would be held for the purpose of defraying, after the war, liabilities incurred on its behalf.

d. If these liabilities were incurred in terms of dollars it would be necessary to convert sterling payments into dollars. If part of the liabilities were incurred in sterling it would be necessary to hold a corresponding part of the account in sterling. This would be kept in view, according to the nature of the liabilities incurred.

*It might prove desirable not to convert into pounds, for example, State's Government's share of the above-mentioned*

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*in a dollar suspense account of \$12,500,000 (\$500,000)*

5. The Joint Distribution Committee, through its agent in Switzerland, has been mainly concerned hitherto with both cash and credit organizations. It is unquestionably the agency most capable of carrying them out by the cause of its experience and of its long established connections in all countries of Europe. It is therefore proposed to ask the JDC to act as the agent of the IGC for the credit operations which the latter will finance, and if it is agreeable to this proposal to come to an arrangement with the JDC which will insure that a separate and accurate account of all liabilities which it incurs on behalf of the IGC. Such an arrangement might take several forms. For instance, the IGC might accept complete liability up to a maximum amount for operations in a specified country during a stated period, or it might agree to provide a specified sum for credit operations generally within a stated period. It would be necessary to have an agreement with the JDC that the assistance given by the IGC should not curtail the expenditure which it would otherwise have incurred. In other words the object of the IGC grant should be to stimulate or at least to supplement voluntary effort rather than to replace it.

6. The operations would in the first place relate to those carried out from Switzerland as a base, but they might be extended to other bases as opportunity and necessity arose. For this and for other purposes it would be necessary for the WRB and the IGC to work in close and active cooperation with each other so that duplication is avoided. In particular, cooperation will be necessary in order to get the best results out of cash and credit operations viewed as a whole. If for instance there appears reason to believe, ~~and~~ tending to undermine credit operations in a particular country or at a particular time so as to affect the total result, then the two bodies should consult together with the sole object of obtaining the best results.

H. W. Emerson

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April 17, 1944

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MEMORANDUM

1. Early in January last, Dr. G. G. Kullmann, Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees under the League of Nations and Assistant Director of the Intergovernmental Committee, visited Switzerland on the invitation of the Swiss government, returning to London at the end of February. During his visit he obtained much information regarding the assistance, both open and secret, which was being given, from Switzerland as a base, to the victims of persecution inside the territory of Germany, and of her allies, and of countries occupied or controlled by her. Dr. Kullman satisfied himself by a very thorough investigation that there was a wide and efficient network of underground agents who had done and were doing work of great value in saving and assisting the victims of persecution. His conclusion was that their efforts had succeeded not only in effecting the escape of many persons from areas in which they were in extreme danger, but also in concealing and preserving many times more persons inside the territories above mentioned. His information, in short, showed that in addition to the rescue of persons by getting them outside the danger areas there were great opportunities for the preservation of persons who could not be brought out. The Director of the IGC at once took up the matter with the Chairman, Lord Winterton. Meanwhile, Dr. Schwartz, executive head of the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, visited London, and full discussions took place between him and the officers of the IGC. He confirmed the information given by Dr. Kullmann, and gave his opinion based on close knowledge of the operation, that there was wide scope for expansion of the operation if more financial backing were available. The Director of the IGC, on the instructions of the Chairman, therefore submitted to the governments of the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. a memorandum dated March 10, 1944, containing proposals by which the IGC might assist the operations. The particular form of help proposed to be given by the IGC was the financing of operations based on credit, designed to assist persons inside the territories above mentioned. The government of the United Kingdom, in pursuance of the proposals made by the IGC, has communicated to the government of the U.S.A. its readiness to place at the disposal of the IGC the sum of £1,500,000 for the purpose of credit operations, provided that the government of the U.S.A. is prepared to provide the same amount. As a result of preliminary discussions by the representatives of the WRB and the IGC, the Director of the latter body now submits the following proposals:

2. The operations to be promoted should be defined as follows:

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b. They would have as their objects the escape of persons to neutral countries or other countries of comparative safety, the rescue of persons from internment or concentration camps, concealment inside Germany, occupied, and satellite territory, and all measures necessary thereto, and the preservation of such persons in concealment.

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4. With regard to the financial scope of the operations it is understood that the following arrangements might be more convenient to the U.S. government than the proposal made by the British government.

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d. If these liabilities were incurred in terms of dollars it would be necessary to convert sterling payments into dollars. If part of the liabilities were incurred in sterling it would be necessary to hold a corresponding part of the account in sterling. This would be kept in view, according to the nature of the liabilities incurred. It might prove desirable not to convert into pounds, for example, the U.S. government's share of the above-mentioned £250,000, but to hold that £125,000 (\$500,000) in a dollar suspense account in the name of the IGC.

5. The Joint Distribution Committee, through its agent in Switzerland, has been mainly concerned hitherto with both the cash and credit operations. It is unquestionably the agency most capable of carrying them out because of its experience and of its long established connections in all countries of Europe. It is therefore proposed to ask the JDC to act as the agent of the IGC for the credit operations which the latter will finance, and if it is agreeable to this proposal to come to an arrangement with the JDC which will insure that a separate and accurate account is kept of all liabilities which it incurs on behalf of the IGC. Such an arrangement might take several forms. For instance, the IGC might accept complete liability up to a maximum amount for operations in a specified country during a stated period, or it might agree to provide a specified sum for credit operations generally within a stated period. It would be necessary to have an agreement with the JDC that the assistance given by the IGC should not curtail the expenditure which it would otherwise have incurred. In other words the object of the IGC grant should be to stimulate, or at least to supplement, voluntary effort rather than to replace it.

6. The operations would in the first place relate to those carried out from Switzerland as a base, but they might be extended to other bases as opportunity and necessity arose. For this and for other

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H. W. EMERSON

April 18, 1944

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