

Programs with Respect to Relief  
and Rescue of Refugees: Cooperation  
with Other Agencies; Private Organizations

Cable Facilities

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MAY 9 - 1945

Dear Dr. Joy:

I have your letter of May 1, 1945, regarding the difficulties being encountered in connection with the transmission of communications to and from your representatives abroad.

It is regretted that the Board is not in a position to be of assistance to you with this problem because of the limited types of communications which it may facilitate for private groups. It is my understanding that arrangements for the use of Army or pouch mail facilities must be made with the War Department or the Department of State, and I suggest that you take the question up with either of those departments.

Very truly yours,

(Signature of Florence Hodel)

Florence Hodel  
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Charles R. Joy,  
Executive Director,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

May 1, 1945

Miss Florence Model  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Model:

Without any question the most serious difficulty that the Unitarian/Service Committee faces in the efficient administration of its relief program abroad continues to be the problem of communication. Our most recent letter from Lisbon took exactly two months to reach us here in Boston. The latest letter from Mr. Field in Geneva took another two months. Communications from Paris have sometimes arrived in a slightly shorter time, but not much. The result of all this is that we are completely dependent upon cable communications which are also very tardy in arriving, often taking a week or more to travel in one direction. Cable communications on so extensive and varied a program as that which we are attempting to direct are exceedingly expensive.

Is it not possible for us to get some special privilege in connection with the Army post office or the pouch. We are informed that the Quakers have this privilege in connection with all their work in France. We are glad that they have it, but we should like to point out that the program of the Unitarian Service Committee is likely to exceed in magnitude during the current year the program of the American Friends Service Committee.

My Committee would be deeply indebted to you if you could find some solution to this problem for us.

I am bringing this matter to the attention of Mr. Brunot, Mr. Silverstein of UNHRA, and Miss Owen of the American Council.

Cordially yours,

Charles R. Joy  
Executive Director

CRJ:F

FEB 14 1945

Dear Dr. Joy:

Reference is made to your letter of February 7, 1945, concerning the difficulty which your Committee has experienced in the transmission of a cable from Switzerland relating to relief activities abroad.

The question of expediting the transmission of such messages through commercial channels has again been discussed with the Office of Censorship. The Board has been advised that special efforts are being made by the Office of Censorship to facilitate the sending of messages of this nature, that such messages are in most instances released within a period of 48 hours, and that delays of longer periods occur only under the most unusual circumstances.

As we advised you in our letter of January 15, 1945, the War Refugee Board will continue to transmit promptly through its facilities any messages relating to the rescue and relief of persons in enemy territory who are victims of enemy oppression.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Charles R. Joy,  
Executive Director,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

*original signed  
by Mrs. Hodel*

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WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD  
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND  
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF  
TRUSTEES, INC.

February 7, 1945

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

Dear Miss Hodel:

To illustrate the difficulty we still have *with* communications I am sending you an exact copy of a cable which was delivered in our office on February the 6th. You will note that it was sent from Geneva on January the 22nd. That means fifteen days for a cable to travel from Switzerland to America. If it takes the same length of time to travel in the reverse direction, you can see how difficult our communications are.

In view of the fact that you have told me that special arrangements have been made for sending our cables quickly through the censorship, I think you should know of this latest instance. It seems to us all that the government should make some better arrangement to expedite the work of the private agencies concerned with the relief and rescue of refugees abroad.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles R. Joy*

CRJ:F

Charles R. Joy  
Executive Director

*Handwritten note:*  
H. H. ...  
...  
March 277

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(19) 1945 FEB 5 PM 6 28

CDU 859 INTL-CD GENEVE VIA RCA 79/78 JAN 22 NFT  
NLT CHARLES JOY  
25 BEACON STREET BSN

4 ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED PROREPATRIATION YUGOSLAV REFUGEES HERE  
DESIRING ASSIST RECONSTRUCTION THEIR COUNTRY BUT EXECUTION PREVENTED  
PARLACK TRANSPORTATION COSTS GENEVA MARSEILLE TEN SWISS FRANCS  
PROPERSON STOP 450 REFUGEES JUST LEFT ON BORROWED MONEY 1050 MORE  
READY LEAVE SOON AS THIS MONEY REPAID ETNEW FUNDS RAISED STOP  
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY YUGOSLAVS AMERICAN ASSIST COMPATRIOTS PLEASE  
DO BEST QUICKEST STOP LEAVING FRIDAY PROPARIS HERTA ENCHARGE  
EXPECT RETURN WITHIN TWO FOUR WEEKS DEPENDING TRANSPORTATION

NOEL FIELD

25 4 450 1050

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RECEIVED  
JAN 15 1945  
CDR 920 11-11-45

JAN 15 1945

Dear Dr. Joy:

Reference is made to your letters of January 10, 1945, requesting the War Refugee Board to arrange for the dispatch of cables to Noel Field in Geneva and Louise Payson in Lisbon.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the cables which the Board has asked the State Department to transmit for the Unitarian Service Committee. I wish to call your attention to the fact that these messages do not relate to activities within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board. Accordingly, in the future messages of this kind should be sent through commercial channels and not through the facilities of the Board. For your information, the Office of Censorship has advised the Board that it is prepared to facilitate the sending of messages of this kind through commercial channels.

The War Refugee Board will be pleased, of course, to send through its facilities any messages which relate to the rescue and relief of persons in enemy territory who are victims of enemy oppression.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

See Lisbon 128  
Cable RB 333

Dr. Charles R. Joy,  
Executive Director,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Mass.

Enclosures.

PH:hd 1/15/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MC CLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Noel Field, Geneva, from

Dr. Charles R. Joy of Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE 2 SILBERSCHNIN MATERIAL JUST RECEIVED MUCH PLEASED BY  
LETTER NOVEMBER 16 AND FINE SPIRIT ALL DIFFERENCES AND  
✓ MISUNDERSTANDINGS WILL BE QUICKLY REMOVED BY CONFERENCE STILL  
AWAITING MY PASSPORT VALIDATION THANK GOD FOR YOUR ESCAPE AT  
LYONS INFORM US LENGTH OF STAY AT PARIS AND OTHER TRAVEL PLANS  
ORRINE LEFT LISBON FOR FRANCE CONTRARY TO COMMITTEES INSTRUCTIONS  
NEVERTHELESS HE SHOULD PROVE TO BE ADMIRABLE LIAISON OFFICER YOU  
ARE ALWAYS FREE TO USE PERSONNEL AS YOU PLEASE AND TO RETURN THEM  
TO AMERICA IF UNSATISFACTORY IT IS URGENTLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU  
CONFEE SOONEST WITH COMMITTEE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AT TOULOUSE  
15 RUE TOURNAUT DE LUPPE TO AID SPANISH REFUGEES IN FRANCE  
CHAIRMAN MANUEL ALGARATE REGARDING POSSIBILITY ASSOCIATION WITH  
US AS ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORM THEM THAT BARSKY COMMITTEE INSISTS  
ON NEW NONCOMMUNIST CHAIRMAN AND COMPLETELY NONPARTISAN COMMITTEE  
PROBABLY WISE TO ADD PICASSO TO THIS COMMITTEE IF YOU ADVISE THIS  
ASSOCIATION LARGE SUMS PROBABLY AVAILABLE TO BE SPENT UNDER YOUR  
DIRECTION ALSO IMPORTANT YOU GO OR SEND SOMEONE TO EXPLORE  
POSSIBILITIES COLONY FOR 200 CHILDREN NEAR MANOIR DE LAHARRAGA  
QUETHARY BASSES PYRENEES WHICH IS OFFERED TO US CONSULT MME. GONI  
LARRIGRAND IN CHARGE ALSO COMMISSIONER FERDINAND MIRIGUYEN AT  
BIARRITZ ALSO DR. LEREMBOURE SABLE BASSES PYRENEES ALSO MME.  
LEONIE LEREMBOURE PRESIDENT FRENCH RED CROSS RUE MAZARIN ST. JEAN  
DE LUZ STUDY PROBLEM HOUSING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NEARLAHARRAGA  
SUGGEST SEND FOR STUDY MR. FISERA FORMER HEAL VENCE SCHOOL AND WIFE  
NEE DR. MINOR NOW AT VALENCE SUR BAISE GERE CONSIDER POSSIBILITY  
EMPLOYING THEM FOR SUCH COLONY SEPARATE EARMARKED FUNDS AVAILABLE  
PLEASE PUSH TO UTMOST DELEGATION TO POLAND IT MIGHT OPEN ENORMOUS  
POSSIBILITIES TO US DO NOT HESITATE SHOW YOUR CHARACTERISTIC  
INITIATIVE IN GETTING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED SOONEST BY SENDING  
PERSONNEL CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR HUNGARY BUT BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT LARGE  
COMMITMENTS AT OUTSET WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU HERTA AND ALL YOUR  
ASSOCIATES. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 3631

9:00 A.M.

January 13, 1945

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

RDrury 1/12/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION IN LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Louise Payson from Dr.

Charles R. Joy of Unitarian Service Committee:

QUOTE [248 REUTEL THROUGH WAR REFUGEE BOARD JANUARY  
ONE REGRET INVOLVEMENTS HERE PREVENT OUR UNITARIAN MONEY  
FOR BRYAN CASES FUNDS FOR RELIEF WORK IN SPAIN CAN BE  
USED ONLY TO PAY PRESENT DEFICIT THIS ACCOUNT PLEASE  
REDUCE COSTS IMMEDIATELY REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCES TO  
AMOUNT SENT MONTHLY BY BRYAN FOR THESE CASES AND MAINTAIN  
AT THIS LEVEL (REUTEL 405 DISTRESSED BY GREENE'S DEPARTURE  
DID HE HAVE PROPER PASSPORT VALIDATION DID CABLE DIRECTING  
HIM TO REMAIN IN LISBON ARRIVE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE NO ANSWER  
RECEIVED FROM YOU REGARDING POSSIBLE RESUMPTION AND COST  
PACKAGE SERVICE CAN YOU SHIP CARLOAD SARDINES TO NONMILITARY  
ZONES IN FRANCE WHAT IS PURCHASE COST AND QUANTITY PER CARLOAD.  
UNQUOTE

THIS IS LISBON CABLE NO. 128.

9:00 a.m.  
January 13, 1945

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

RDrury 1/12/45

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OF  
STATE

OUTGOING  
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

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Identification of true  
reading only by special  
arrangement. (W)

December 14, 1944

7 p.m.



AMLEGATION

BERN

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The following for McClelland is WRB 326.

Reference your No. 8036 of December 8, 1944. It is Board's view that private messages which do not relate to the rescue and relief of oppressed people in enemy territory should be sent through normal commercial channels rather than through the special facilities of this Government. We are making exceptions to this only in rare instances.

STETTINIUS  
(GIW)

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

WRB:MMV:KG  
12/14/44

WE

DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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CABLE TO HUDDLE, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 8036 of December 8, 1944. It is Board's view that private messages which do not relate to the rescue and relief of oppressed people in enemy territory should be sent through normal commercial channels rather than through the special facilities of this Government. We are making exceptions to this only in rare instances.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 326.

11:30 a.m.  
December 14, 1944

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

*JA BT*  
PH:hd 12/13/44

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*was Rf. 130.  
Pelle*

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communicated to anyone  
other than a Government  
Agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

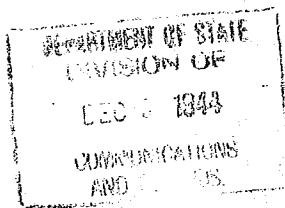
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Dated December 8, 1944

Rec'd 9:20 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

8036, December 8, 9 p.m.  
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.



With respect to Sternbuch's recent cable (Legation's  
7995, December 7) to Union of Orthodox Rabbis, I should  
appreciate advice as to whether it is board's desire  
that we continue to transmit such messages which  
concern purely internal relief questions and could quite  
satisfactorily and safely be sent by normal commercial  
channels via the Legation's services.

HUDDLE

WRB

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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OUTGOING  
TELEGRAM

*War Ref. Bd.*  
DIVISION OF  
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AND RECORDS

August 19, 1944

Midnight

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COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS  
(LIAISON)

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For security reasons  
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be closely guarded

The following cable for Saxon is WRB 45.

Please refer to your 2583 of August 4 requesting instructions whether you are authorized to accept, chargeable to the War Refugee Board, messages from private relief organizations for transmission to the United States and other destinations.

Since the Executive Order establishing the War Refugee Board authorized cooperation with private relief organizations, our practice has been and is to make our wire facilities available to them when for some compelling reason they cannot send their messages through private cable companies or it is not feasible to do so. However, the private relief agencies and not (repeat not) the War Refugee Board are expected to pay the cable charges for such messages. Accordingly, you are instructed to follow our practice.

HULL  
(GIW)

WRB:MMV:KQ  
8/19/44

WE

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DECLASSIFIED  
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks, Date SEP 21 1972

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CABLE FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO CHAPIN FOR SAXON IN ALGIERS

Please refer to your 2583 of August 4 requesting instructions whether you are authorized to accept, chargeable to the War Refugee Board, messages from private relief organizations for transmission to the United States and other destinations.

Since the Executive Order establishing the War Refugee Board authorized cooperation with private relief organizations, our practice has been and is to make our wire facilities available to them when for some compelling reason they cannot send their messages through private cable companies or it is not feasible to do so. However, the private relief agencies and not (repeat not) the War Refugee Board are expected to pay the cable charges for such messages. Accordingly, you are instructed to follow our practice.

THIS IS WRB CABLE TO ALGIERS NO. 45

August 18, 1944  
3:40 p.m.

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

ms *JK* X.S.I.  
MSargoy:dh 8/18/44

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AUG 5 1944

Dear Rabbi Eichenstein:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 31, 1944, enclosing a cablegram which you have asked the Board to send to Ambassador Harriman through Government facilities.

I should like to advise you that the Board has already cabled the Ambassador, asking him for a report on the numbers and condition of Jews found in areas liberated by Soviet armies. As soon as any information on this matter is received, the Board will be pleased to advise you. In the meanwhile, I regret that the Board cannot recommend the sending of your message through its channels.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Rabbi S. Eichenstein,  
Agudas Israel of America,  
1123 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

JWA 807 FH:lab 8/5/44

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CABLES "AGUDOH" NEW YORK

TELEPHONE WATKINS 9-0841

July 31, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The enclosed cablegram was returned to me as  
the censor would not let it pass through.

I would greatly appreciate, if possible for the  
War Refugee Board to please forward the cable to  
Moscow.

Any courtesy extended to me will be immensely  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*S. Eichenstein*  
S. Eichenstein

*No action taken  
referred in file*

Agudas Israel aims to solve all problems confronting Jewry in the spirit of Torah and Tradition

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paraphrased before being  
communicated to anyone  
other than a Government  
agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Algiers

Dated August 4, 1944

Rec'd 4:51 p.m., 5th

COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS  
(LIAISON)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF

Secretary of State

Washington

2583, August 4, 10 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM SAXON

Are we authorized to accept, chargeable to War  
Refugee Board, messages from private relief organizations  
such as American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
American Friends Service Committee, and the Unitarian  
Service Committee for transmission to United States and  
other destinations? Indications are that Ackerman gave  
some such commitment to these private organizations.  
Would appreciate prompt instructions this matter.

RNK

CHAPIN

*See algiers 4-18-44*

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**Date** **8/7/44**

August 3, 1944

*File*  
*JH*

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Your letter of August 2nd to Edward Cahill suggesting to us a somewhat more restricted use of WRB cable facilities has been turned over to me for reply.

We can quite appreciate the strain placed upon your facilities and we will, you may be sure, do our best to channel as many messages as possible through commercial cable facilities. By no means do we misunderstand the situation prompting your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

*Raymond B. Bragg*  
Raymond B. Bragg  
Coordinator

RBB:F

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AUG 10 1944  
UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

Secretary Harold L. Ickes, in a message of January 26th to the Emergency Committee, stated: "... Now that the War Refugee Board is in existence the Committee will doubtless direct its efforts to assist the Government in every way possible in the accomplishment of the task and to keep alive the hope of rescue in the hearts of Jewish people of Europe."

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August 3, 1944.

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am very grateful to you for having transmitted our message to Count Sforza and I thoroughly appreciate the situation you find yourself in in regards to the use of your services for private messages. We made our request in connection with Count Sforza after the R.C.A. Communications, Inc. informed us that we could not send that cable through private channels. Perhaps I misunderstood them, but my impression was that they would not take any private message whatsoever. I shall check with them again and have this clarified.

Sincerely yours,

*Johan J. Smertenko*  
Johan J. Smertenko,  
Executive Vice-Chairman

JJS:EP

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AUG 2 1944

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have recently been informed that the volume of private agency messages being transmitted through the War Refugee Board cable facilities has been so great that the cable facilities in at least one overseas mission are being seriously overtaxed. Since this matter has been called to our attention, we have reviewed the general situation and examined the number and content of some of the private messages that have recently been sent through our facilities. It is apparent that in some instances, these messages could have been transmitted through commercial channels with at least equally satisfactory results.

In an effort to improve the situation we are now suggesting that private agencies review all their messages carefully and limit their use of War Refugee Board facilities to the transmission of those which, for some compelling reason, cannot be sent through private cable companies. In this connection it is worth pointing out that there are many occasions when private facilities are yielding quicker results than WRB facilities.

I feel sure that you will understand the purpose of this letter and that you will, through the exercise of self-restraint, make every effort to reduce the load now being carried by War Refugee Board channels. On the other hand, I want you to know that we are perfectly willing to continue to offer the use of our facilities for those messages which can most effectively be sent through us.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson,  
American Committee for Christian  
Refugees,  
139 Centre Street,  
New York, New York.

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

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd which explains the over-  
burdening of your cable facilities.

We very much appreciate the privilege of sending messages from  
time to time, through your good offices and those of the American  
Embassy in Berne. Certain of these messages can best be conveyed  
in this way but we shall make every effort to reduce our own small  
demand upon your facilities to the smallest amount consistent with  
the efficiency of transmission.

Sincerely yours,

*Leland Rex Robinson*  
Leland Rex Robinson

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הסתדרות העולמית, אגודת ישראל  
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August 2nd, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We beg to enclose the copy of a cable, which we addressed on July 31st to our representative, Mr. Jacob Griffel in Ankara. The censorship has cancelled this cable, contending that it represented an indirect communication with enemy-territory.

We do not believe that this decision of the censorship is in accordance with the existing regulations. The cable was dispatched at the direct instigation of the Red Cross and it is inconceivable why American organisations should not be allowed to appeal to the Red Cross for the purpose of rescuing as many Hungarian Jews as possible from annihilation.

Perhaps it would be possible for the War Refugee Board to intervene in this special case.

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

Yours faithfully,  
 AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

JACOB ROSENHEIM  
 President

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July 31, 1944

Jacob Griffel  
Hotel Continental  
Beyoglou, Turkey

Contact Mr. Gilbert Simmond delegate International Redcross in matter of sending copies Palestine Certificates to Hungarian Jews through Red Cross Budapest. Stop. Redcross Washington desires immediate report from Mr. Simmond.

Jacob Rosenheim

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Very truly yours,  
(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Israel Mereminski,  
General Federation of  
Jewish Labor in Palestine,  
510 West 112th Street,  
New York, New York.

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*Israel Mereminski* American Representative of the *Histadrut*  
General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine

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August 3, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Fehle:

I wish to thank you for your kind assistance  
to me, and state at the same time, that I  
have never sent any cables through you, with-  
out consulting with you first as to the  
necessity of using your help and the help of  
the State Department in the matter.

May I express my sincere thanks for your kind  
suggestion that I benefit of your assistance  
in urgent matters also in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*I. Mereminski*  
ISRAEL MEREMINSKI  
American Representative  
of the HISTADRUT.

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ישראל מרמינסקי נציג אמריקאי להסתדרות הכללית  
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AUG 2 1944

Dear Miss Strunsky:

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J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Sheba Strunsky,  
International Rescue and  
Relief Committee,  
Suite 902,  
103 Park Avenue,  
New York 17, New York.

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Executive Director

Mr. Isaac L. Asofsky,  
Executive Director,  
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant  
Aid Society,  
425 Lafayette Street,  
New York, New York.

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Executive Director

Mr. Clarence Pickett,  
American Friends Service Committee,  
20 South 12th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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(signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
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Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

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Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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AUG 2 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

I have your letter of July 25, 1944, requesting the transmission of a message to Mr. Romy Goldmuntz in London through the facilities of the War Refugee Board.

As I have explained in another letter, dated August 1, 1944, we are endeavoring to have private agencies avail themselves of other communication facilities whenever possible, in order to relieve the greatly overtaxed facilities of the Board. Accordingly, it is suggested that the message under reference be dispatched through a commercial cable company.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki,  
Head, Rescue Department,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York 23, New York.

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July 25, 1944

In reply refer  
to No. 182

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I would be grateful to you for forwarding, through  
the facilities of the State Department, the following  
message to Mr. Romy Goldmuntz, of the Belgian Jewish  
Committee in London:

"To: Mr. Romy Goldmuntz, c/o CORDI, 18 Holborn Viaduct,  
London E.1, England  
From: Dr. Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway,  
New York

Received your request for funds to rescue Belgian  
Jews. Our Belgian Committee is starting drive to  
this effect. Kindly send through American Embassy  
and War Refugee Board latest report on Jewish  
situation in Belgium, as well as list of Jews  
detained in Belgian concentration camps and prisons.  
Make also available to us all information you have  
on present whereabouts of deported Belgian Jews."

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Kubowitzki*  
A. Leon Kubowitzki  
Head, Rescue Department

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Mr. Edward Cahill,  
Unitarian Service Committee,  
25 Beacon Street,  
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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Executive Director

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

Re: *Handwritten initials*  
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JUL 28 1944

Dear Laurence:

I have your letter of July 26 concerning the overburdened code room facilities at the Embassy in Ankara.

I appreciate the difficulties under which you are operating and your desire to limit the use of the code room facilities to cases of demonstrated need.

Accordingly, I am delighted to support the position which you are taking and propose to take the same position in Washington, i.e., that representatives of rescue and relief organizations should be permitted to use the code room facilities only for messages which in our opinion could not be sent through the customary commercial channels.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle.

Honorable Laurence A. Steinhardt,  
Room 136,  
Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1944

Dear John:

This morning I intended--but forgot--to mention to you a serious problem we are confronted with in Ankara as a result of more and more frequent requests by the representatives of various relief and rescue organizations to avail themselves of the code room facilities of the Embassy to transmit and receive telegraphic communications. As you are doubtless aware, such facilities were originally extended to the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee on one or two occasions to meet a situation where the transmission of the particular message in English by commercial channels might have embarrassed his work. Subsequently, the representative of the Jewish agency and later Mr. Griffel requested similar facilities to meet similar situations. As a result word appears to have been passed around in relief circles that any individual engaged in rescue or relief work might transmit or receive telegrams in code through the Embassy. During the three months prior to my departure from Ankara, we were deluged with requests to transmit telegraphic messages and a considerable number were received by the Embassy from the United States for these individuals. In several cases, as appears from the contents, the messages could and should have been transmitted in English through the customary commercial channels instead of burdening the code room in the State Department and in the Embassy. As the number of these individuals in Turkey has steadily increased and as the volume of their messages transmitted through the Department and the Embassy continues to increase, our code room facilities in Ankara are being increasingly strained.

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

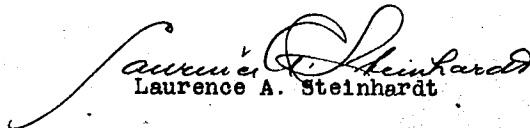
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If for any reason you are not in accord with my suggestion, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

  
Laurence A. Steinhardt

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WASHINGTON

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/s/ Laurence A. Steinhardt

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(Proposed letter to private agencies)

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Private Messages

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(Proposed letter to private agencies)

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