Programs with Respect to Relief and Rescue of Refugees: Food Packages for Unassimilated Persons, Vol. 2

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Mr. Paul J. McCormack

War Rations Board

Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

Through your good efforts and those of Mr. Sargoy we have finally resolved the question of the deficit in ration points for the cheese included in the 15,000 packages. Enclosed are copies for your files of the letters which we sent today to the Wallace, Burton & Davis Company and Prince Company.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Executive Assistant

[Handwritten note: B. Finman]
Sept. 21, 1944

Wallace, Burton & Davis Co.
420–506 Greenwich St.
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Gronner

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to several conversations with your office, we are glad to enclose herein food ration certificate No. AE 288553 for an additional 21,200 points. This, in addition to the 28,780 points we forwarded to you under date of August 16, covers the total quantity of cheese included in the 10,000 packages which we purchased from your firm.

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta F. Buchanan
Executive Assistant

HKB/FS
exp.
Sept. 21, 1944

Prince Company
888 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Haymour Prince

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to our letter of August 16, you will find enclosed food ration certificates No. AB 288888 for 8,000 additional points which we find were due you according to OPA regulations to cover the total quantity of cheese included in the 8,000 packages we ordered under date of August 14, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Buchanan
Executive Assistant

Enc.
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 21, 1944

McClelland signs the following to WHB:

Reference is made herewith to Legation’s telegram of September 9, 1944, No. 5971 and Department’s telegram of September 7, 1944, No. 3691.

In answer to proposals by World Jewish Congress as to "camps" which might be included in the parcel program of ICRC, there has now been obtained from ICRC a full report, the substance of which is given below:

One. No longer necessary in Belgium.

Two. With respect to Netherlands, repeated attempts had been made by us to get parcels through to Westerbork and Vught. News was also received by us to the effect that no parcels were admitted to Vught and negative results were also obtained in the case of Westerbork although in that information collective shipments could be sent there was recently received by us through German Red Cross. This possibility is being closely examined by JHC Joint Relief Commission and it is planned to use funds left over from JHC $100,000 sent to ICRC if it is feasible to do so. Also

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we were not successful in attempting to contact Westerbork through Protestant circles in Netherlands.

Three. Parcels are being sent to number A internees in Bergen-Belsen Germany and receipts are regularly received.

Four. In Poland, Oswiecim and Birkenau as well as other camps in Silesia have been ruled out because delivery guarantees were not sufficient. We do not know the other camps mentioned. It may be that the spelling is partly incorrect. More precise data from WAC would be appreciated.

Five. With respect to Austria, Mauthausen proper is a pontificaly where parcels are not received by beneficiaries although receipts have been received from camps attached to Mauthausen. It has not been possible for us to secure permission for one of our delegates to visit that establishment. As long as we have no satisfactory possibility of checking distribution, we are reluctant to include this camp in the parcel scheme.

Six. We have no delegate in Slovakia. It was recently reported that Czech resistance occupied camp of Sered and the internees were freed.

Seven. With respect to Protectorate, we have never heard of an "Altersheim Prague" and it is believed that some
some mistake must have been made. Our parcels are regularly received by the Reschindorf.

Eighth. All camps in Northern Italy containing Jews are under the control of the Gestapo and all of our attempts—either to make visits or to send in relief have been without result thus far. Our efforts are being continued and a new “demarche” is now being planned.

With respect to paragraph five, we have recently confidentially delegated a man returning to Austria, who possesses the necessary contacts to provide us with as full report as possible on concentration camps and to feel out various commanders of making camps with a view to at least it possible for prisoners to obtain parcels.

With respect to Jews imprisoned in Northern Italy, constant attempts to organize rescue operations are being made by me both independently and in conjunction with Hiegnor of World Jewish Congress. However, the majority of the camps where Jews are imprisoned prior to deportation are situated in areas where Italian resistance rescue operations are geographically exceedingly difficult and dangerous. It is stated by resistance representatives here that they are too ill-equipped in arms, truck fuel, etc., to undertake operations such as these. Therefore it has been necessary to limit aid to sending funds to finance people in hiding, under cover travel, acquiescence of local officials, false papers and other similar activity.

HARRISON

DCR#381:415LM 9-23-44
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
Dated: September 20, 1944
Number: 7784

Reference Department's 7605, September 18, your recommendation concerning supplies for Fruszkow is agreeable to MW. On September 19 Legation Stockholm was informed by Embassy.

WINANT

DCH for
12-2-44

CONTROL COPY
MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

September 20, 1944

Re: Additional red ration points in connection with Intergross parcel program.

I spoke to Miss Kusharow, Miss Bushman's secretary, this morning and she advised me that 21,280 additional red ration points were obtained from the New York GPA office for Wallace Burton & Davis Company and that 5,000 additional red ration points were obtained for the Prince Company. I asked Miss Kusharow to send us a letter advising us of the facts or copies of the letters to the above two concerns, which she promised to do.

Milton Barger
MEMORANDUM FOR THE Files

September 20, 1944

Re: Additional red ration points in connection with Intercoast parcel program.

I spoke to Miss Kusharev, Miss Bushman's secretary, this morning and she advised me that 21,250 additional red ration points were obtained from the New York OPA office for Wallace Burton & Davis Company and that 5,000 additional red ration points were obtained for the Prince Company. I asked Miss Kusharev to send us a letter advising us of the facts or copies of the letters to the above two concerns, which she promised to do.
In reply please refer to our letter #2256

Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Att: Mr. J. J. Pehle
Executive Director

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your check in the amount of $26,497.50, representing balance due us against expenditure incurred for 16,000 food packages consigned to the International Red Cross Committee.

We are enclosing herewith our receipt #3104 to cover.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Name]
Secretary

[Address]
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Attention: Mr. George Smith

My dear Mr. O'Connor:

Attached please find copies of letters from the War Refugee Board to the Procurement Division of Treasury and the War Food Administration, in which the Board has designated the American National Red Cross as the requisitioning agency in connection with the food parcel program for disassembled persons.

This particular point was not specifically covered in the President's memorandum of September 12, 1944. The contents of the letters were cleared with the respective agencies before transmittal.

Very truly yours,

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

Honorable Basil O'Connor, Chairman,
American National Red Cross,
Washington, D. C.

Original signed by
Mr. Fehle
Copy to Mr. Carrick

Ref. 9/16/44
Attention: Mr. LeFever

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to call attention to the President's memorandum of September 14, 1944 with respect to the allotment of funds to cover certain incidental to the food parcel program for unaccompanied persons.

In conformity with Item 4 of the memorandum, you are hereby informed that the War Refugees Board has designated the American National Red Cross as the requisitioning agency.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Procurement Division

Original signed by

Copy to: "In Carbon"
Attention: Mr. Gachet

My dear Mr. Jones:

This is to supplement the President's memorandum of September 12, 1944, with respect to the allocation of funds to cover costs incident to the food parcel program for unassimilated persons.

In conformity with Item 4 of the memorandum, you are hereby informed that the War Refugee Board has designated the American National Red Cross as the repatriation agency.

Very truly yours,

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

Honorable Marvin Jones,
War Food Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Original signed by

Copy to: Mr. Carmack

By Mr. Ole
Fm: Mr. Ole 26
FM: Mr. Ole 9/10/44
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.
DATED: September 18, 1947.
SUBJECT: 7365.

The following message is from MOS and the Department,

We make reference to message from Stockholm of the 15th
of September, Number 7381, which, as Number 1066 from Stockholm,
was reported to you.

I believe that, having regard to the very special cir-
cumstances surrounding this matter, shipments should be permitted,
with the proviso that responsibility for shipment of the supplies
stated will be assumed by Intercross, such shipment to be without
German interference, and provided that Intercross is capable of
exercising supervision over the distribution of these supplies,
either through an agency who is responsible to Intercross, or
directly; though we have doubts as to whether the supplies can
actually arrive at Tre krona and, if they do arrive, whether the
emergency will still remain in existence when the supplies reach
there.

Stockholm has asked for reply by the 20th of September
and if you and AEW concur, it is requested that you inform Stockholm.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 11-13-71
By H. H. Parks Date, SEP 21 1972
The following for Mogelland is WBR 174 and refers to your 5059 of September 6.

Packing of remaining 285,000 three-kilo parcels about to be begun by Amcross. One each of following items: one pound oleomargarine, one pound powdered milk, 12 ounces meat, 8 ounces salmon or tuna, 8 ounces cheese, 7 ounces biscuits, 8 ounces sugar, 4 ounces chocolate, 2 ounces soap and package of cigarettes in each individual parcel.

Instructions from Board regarding receipt cards to be enclosed each parcel desired by Amcross. Ascertain from Intercross the substitute method by which actual receipt of parcels by beneficiaries shall be realized, if receipt cards such as were enclosed in each of original 15,000 parcels ready shipped are unacceptable. Specific instructions concerning markings on outer shipping carton also desired from Board by Amcross. Each outer shipping carton will contain six three-kilo parcels. Ascertain from Intercross if markings on original shipment acceptable or their substitute. In order not to delay Amcross production imperative we have immediate answer.

WBR: MVICRMH
9/16/44

HULL
(NAV)

WE

SWF
CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MOULINARD IN BERN, SWITZERLAND

Re your 2859 of September 6. Amcross about to begin packing of remaining 285,000 three-kilo parcels. Individual parcels to contain one each of the following items: 16 oz. powdered milk, 10 oz. oleomargarine, 12 oz. meat, 8 oz. salmon or tuna, 8 oz. cheese, 7 oz. biscuits, 8 oz. sugar, 4 oz. chocolate, 2 oz. soap and package of cigarettes.

Amcross desires instructions from Board with respect to receipt cards to be enclosed each parcel. If receipt cards such as were enclosed in each of original 15,000 parcels already shipped are unacceptable, ascertain from Interstate the substitute method by which actual receipt of parcels by beneficiaries shall be realized. Amcross also desires from Board specific instructions with respect to the markings on outer shipping carton. Six 3-kilo parcels will be enclosed in each outer shipping carton. Ascertaining from Interstate if markings on original shipment acceptable or their substitute. Imperative that we have answer at once so as not to delay Amcross production.

THIS IS OUR CABLE TO BERN NO. 174

4:30 p.m.
September 13, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, Dubois, Friedeman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lessar, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

[Signature]

McCormack/34 9/13/44
Application has been made by Polish Legation and Polish Red Cross for JSC permission to ship urgently to Poland 11 tons shoes and clothing, 275 tons foodstuffs, about 5 tons of medical supplies and vitamin preparations, all of which are of Swedish origin, except 15 tons of sugar from Denmark. Also included is clothing originating in Czechoslovakia which has been collected for relief purposes over a long period of time. As import was non-commercial, however, this export is not viewed by the Legation as jeopardizing the general policy against re-export of items imported from enemy territory. They wish to send the entire shipment to the concentration camp recently established at Pruszcow, near Warsaw, where it is asserted 200,000 civilians have been interned in conditions of extreme hardship since fighting began near there.

This message is repeated in my 1086 to London.

It is the belief of the Poles that the shipment will not fall into enemy hands and that the International Red Cross, acting in collaboration with the Swedish and German Red Cross, could be relied on to deliver the goods to those for whom it is intended.
September 15, from Stockholm

intended. Favorable results have been achieved so far with the shipment of parcels to destitute Poles through these channels, they claim. It is their contention that in view of the political issues involved and the particular hardships suddenly imposed on the population in the Warsaw district, the projected shipment presents a special case.

Approval has been given by the Swedish and British members of the JSC.

This shipment is subject to our agreement in principle. We are inclined to express concurrence and urgent instructions from FEA and Department would be appreciated. It is the Poles opinion that the opportunity to make this shipment may soon disappear and although the Legation has made it clear that it can give no assurance that approval will be granted, they are on their own responsibility already beginning to assemble the supplies in Sweden.

With the assistance of the Swedes the Poles hope that land transport, probably in separate lots, in different rail cars via Berlin can be arranged. Value of total shipment is about 500,000 Swedish crowns and Swedish Red Cross, Swedish Government, and other relief organizations will pay for it.

A reply is respectfully requested on or before the 20th in view of the extreme urgency of this matter.

JOHNSON

DCR for
12-2-44
SEP 15 1944

Attn: Mr. Czehet

My dear Mr. Jones:

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum signed by President Roosevelt authorizing, among other things, the acquisition of food supplies and other materials by the War Food Administration and the Treasury Department to be packed into parcels by the American National Red Cross for shipment to the International Committee of the Red Cross for ultimate distribution to unaccommodated persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. V. Fehle
Executive Director

The Honorable
Marvin Jones, Administrator
War Food Administration
Washington, D.C.

Sent by official messenger 9/15/44

Confirmed copy to the Agency

W.S. Washington 9/15/44
Attn: Mr. LeFevere

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum signed by President Roosevelt authorising, among other things, the acquisition of food supplies and other materials by the War Food Administration and the Treasury Department to be packed into parcels by the American National Red Cross for shipment to the International Committee of the Red Cross for ultimate distribution to unassimilated persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pemble

J. W. Pemble
Executive Director

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Procurement Division
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure.

Confirmed copy to Sargeant

Ms Sargeant/En 9/15/44
My dear Mr. O'Connor:

There is transmitted herewith an original and two copies of a memorandum signed by President Roosevelt authorizing, among other things, the acquisition of food supplies and other materials by the War Food Administration and the Treasury Department to be packed into parcels by the American National Red Cross for shipment to the International Committee of the Red Cross for ultimate distribution to unassimilated persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Very truly yours,

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

The Honorable
Basil O'Connor, Chairman
American National Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures.

[Handwritten note: copy of a letter]
September 7th, 1944.

War Refugees Board,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise you that the total cost of the 15,000 food packages consigned to the International Red Cross Committee, in which we were very glad to be of assistance, amounted to $141,475. We are enclosing herewith photostatic copies of the bills submitted to us by the two companies which supplied the food parcels. These bills have been paid in full.

As we advised you, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is very happy to participate in this project to the extent of $16,000.

May we, therefore, ask you to be good enough to send us your check in payment of the balance, namely, $26,475.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Moses A. Levitt
Secretary
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SEP 14 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

As requested in your letter of September 7, 1944, I am enclosing Check No. 6,009,385 drawn on the Treasurer of the United States to the order of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., in the amount of $25,496.00, representing the balance of the cost of $41,476 for food packages consigned to the International Red Cross Committee.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Board for the Joint Distribution Committee's participation in this project.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.,
270 Madison Avenue,

Enclosure.

Handed to Mr. Leavitt personally.

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Consignment to: American National
C/o: International French
American Export Line
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No claims considered unless made within 90 days after arrival of goods at destination.
British Treasury with approval of sub-committee on relief has agreed to make available to Poles 400,000 Swiss francs for purchase of foodstuffs in Switzerland for shipment to civilians in Pruszyn. It is anticipated that Poles will request similar amount from United States Treasury. Sub-committee recommends that money be made available. END would appreciate being informed of any action taken.
AMERICAN EMBASSY,
LONDON.
FROM DEPARTMENT AND FEA FOR EWD.
Following telegram dated August 26, 1944 has been received from Geneva:

"Intercross has received urgent appeal from Polish Cross concerning dire need of food for hundred thousand women children aged persons evacuated Warsaw region now in camp at Pureskow and inquires as to possibility distributing certain quantity SPP ex-shipments 74-76 to these persons. Intercross believes could have distribution supervised by delegate."

Since the situation of these unfortunate people would seem to be identical to those in concentration camps elsewhere in occupied Europe in behalf of whom arrangements were made in June during the discussions between Mr. Berle and Mr. Foot to forward limited amounts of relief supplies through the International Red Cross, we have authorized the American Red Cross to make the following reply to the above-quoted telegram:

"Unable authorize distribution SPP for this purpose.

However, Amercross authorizes shipment from cargo ex-CHRISTINA 250 tons canned goods from Switzerland to Pureskow for free distribution provided:

"1. Intercross has information indicating need exceeds that...

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that of normal civilian population outside camp.

"2. Intercross is able exercise supervision over distribution either directly or through agency responsible to Inter-
cross, and

"3. Intercross prepared submit complete reports supporting
distribution food to proper beneficiaries."

Your 7146, September 1. We will keep in mind the possi-
bility of diverting to Puszkow food packages now en route for
persons in concentration camps. However, the action described
above seems to be the only feasible measure that can be taken
at present in view of the immediacy of the need and the time
which would be required to forward these parcels (which have
not as yet reached Gatesberg) to these people.

Hull

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9-2-44
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: War Food Administrator
                Secretary of the Treasury
                Chairman of the American National Red Cross
                Executive Director of the War Refugees Board

On the recommendation of the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board that 285,000 food parcels be procured by this Government for distribution to unassimilated persons in concentration and refugee camps located in that part of Europe now held or occupied by the enemy, the following steps should be taken as expeditiously as possible:

(1) The unobligated balances of funds allocated to the Department of Agriculture from the appropriations for Foreign War Relief, continued available until June 30, 1945 by the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1944, shall be available to the War Food Administration to procure necessary agricultural supplies up to a value of $383,790.

(2) The unobligated balances of the funds allocated to the Treasury Department from the same sources as above, but not in an amount in excess of $285,000, shall be available to the Secretary of the Treasury to procure the materials, other than agricultural supplies, necessary for the packaging and transportation of the parcels and for reimbursement to the American National Red Cross for the cost of the packaging and transportation of the parcels to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

(3) As agreed between the American National Red Cross and the War Refugee Board, the Chairman of the American National Red Cross shall arrange for the packaging of the 285,000 food parcels and their shipment to the International Committee of the Red Cross for ultimate distribution among such unassimilated persons.

(4) The Executive Director of the War Refugee Board shall exercise over-all responsibility for this project.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT GRANTED WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO BUY AND SHIP BERGENBELSEN AND OTHER CAMPS 100 TONS FOODSTUFFS INCLUDING MEAN CANNED FISH SUGAR VITAMINS DRIED MILK DRIED EGGS BREAD ETC. STOP PROFORMS SHIPPER CONTROLLER YMCA STOCKHOLM STOP PRESENT SWEDISH HELP MOST IMPORTANT INTERVENE URGENTLY USA GOVERNMENT TO GRANT LICENSE CABLE STOP YOUR THANKS ADDRESSED UTRIKESRAADET ENGZELL FOREIGN OFFICE

HILEL STORCH
FROM: American Legion, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 9, 1964
NUMBER: SEP 7

From McClelland, for VHE.

With reference to Department's message of September 7.

No. 3081, the suggestions of the World Jewish Congress with regard to "camp" whose inclusion in 150,000 parcel post program is urged by them will be discussed by me with IOC unofficially. However, since at least nine-tenths of sites mentioned are quite inaccessible to IOC (which would not be able to enforce even remotely the minimum necessary control as to allocation and reception of parcels), I cannot be very optimistic as to possible outcome.

HARRISON

9-11-64
World Jewish Congress representatives here feel that program recently approved for 300,000 parcels for internment camps specified by Intercross will not benefit many Jews. They have suggested that Intercross be urged to include the following camps in this program.

Austria: Mauthausen
(Belgium: Mechelen, Breendonck)
Germany: (Bergenbelsen, Berg A/Leim, Birkensu, Trorn) Michwald, Faubruck, Grailtitz, Tomerdorf
Netherlands: Barneveld, (Vught) Westerbork
Northern Italy: Cesareo, Pausoli, Monte Ferrato, San Martino di Rosignano
Protectorate: Altersheim Prague
Slovakia: (Sered nad Vahun, Hynre)
Poland: Czestochowa, Deutsch Horst, Jedzzejof, Klimontow, Krakow-Podgoreza, Karijace, Krychow, Laziska, Luta, Geszwa, Gwiafizma, Rejowice, Senok, Sajaczyce, Uher, Wieliczka

If you deem it advisable, please discuss suggestion of World Jewish Congress with Intercross.
CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MOLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

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Protectorate: Altersheim, Prague
Slovakia: Seraf nad Vahun, Eymun

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[Signature]

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec), Abrahamsen, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lafflin, Lesser, Mannen, McCracken, Cable Control Files

AC Moore, 9/5/44
WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS
CONGRES JUIF MONDIAL • CONGRESO JUDIO MUNDIAL
1834 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y.

In reply refer to No. 289

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I would be obliged to you for forwarding to Dr. Riegner, through the facilities of the State Department, a message the text of which follows:

To: Gerhard Riegner, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva
From: Dr. Kubowitski, 1834 Broadway, New York

Have discussed with War Refugee Board and ICRC delegate question of camps which should benefit from new food scheme approved by blockade. Wonder whether Jews left in Dachau, Cranenburg, Ravenswueck, Sachsenhausen, Wiesweiler, Weimar. Urge you have following camps and centers included:

- Austria: Mauthausen
- Belgium: Mechelen, Breendonck
- Germany: Bergenbelsen, Berg A/Laim, Birkenau, Trier, Eichelwald, Faubrick, Graz, Terezin, Törmendorf
- Netherlands: Barnavelde, Vucht, Westerbork
- Northern Italy: Cesarea, Fossoli, Monte Ferrato, San Martino di Rosignano
- Protectorate: Altersheim, Prague
- Slovakia: Sered nad Vahom, Vyhna
- Poland: Czestochowa, Deutsch Horst, Jedzejow, Klimontow, Krakow-Podgoreze, Karkoc, Krychow, Laziaka, Luta, Ossawa, Oswiecim, Rejowiec, Sanok, Sajeczycy, Umer, Wieliczka

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

A. Leon Kubowitski
Head, Resettlement Department
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: September 6, 1944
NUMBER: 5859

McClelland sends the following for the War Refugees Board:

According to the report from IGRO their delegates already departed for Goteburg have been instructed to make all necessary arrangements and to handle, label, and reship initial batch of 15,000 parcels arrived on the Gripsholm for concentration camps in Germany.

Recent news from IGRO delegates in Germany states that orders have been received by concentration camp commanders to the effect that as far as relief for prisoners is concerned, much stricter measures are to be applied. It will probably be impossible as a result of this, for instance, to send collective shipments to Buchenwald camp, but individual parcels only. Consignments may have to be stopped entirely in some camps. IGRO respectfully recommends, in light of the increasingly strict control over all such parcels for concentration camps, that no receipt cards be placed in parcels in the future as any printed material whatsoever is forbidden in packages.

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packages. We will be kept posted as to the progress of this program by ICHG.

The foregoing message refers to the Department's August 23 telegram, No. 2097.

HARRISON
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

U.S. URGENT
7146, September 1, 8 p.m.

FOR DEPARTMENT, PEA AND WHB

IRGC have requested British to assist the more than 100,000 inhabitants of Warsaw now interned at camp in Druszkow. IRGC think that effective help can only be given by direct action of belligerents. They particularly suggest that Soviet Union could assist by parachuting food and medicines. IRGC also suggest that food on way to Gothenburg for prisoners of war in Germany be diverted to this use. British are replying that parachuting of food is impossible but that they would welcome use of parcels now being sent via Gothenburg for civilian internees if distribution can be made by IRGC in Druszkow in same way as IRGC suggested in Bern’s 4578, July 18 to Department for other concentration camps.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

September 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Fehle:

Thank you for your letter of August 25th, outlining the steps being taken to provide 285,000 food parcels for consignment to the International Committee of the Red Cross, to be distributed to persons in camps in enemy-occupied territory, where the International Committee is able to exercise supervision even though the persons are not assimilated to civilian internes.

Since the receipt of your letter, we have approved the draft executive order making this operation possible. Mr. Maurice Pate, the Director of Relief to Prisoners of War of the American Red Cross, is making the necessary arrangements for the packing and shipping of these parcels.

We are pleased to be able to cooperate with you in this humanitarian endeavor.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard F. Allen
Vice Chairman
Insular & Foreign Operations
Mr. Richard F. Allen  
Vice Chairman  
Insular and Foreign Operations  
American National Red Cross  
Washington 13, D. C.  

Attention: Mr. Henry W. Dunning  

Dear Sir:  

Reference is made to our letter of August 25, 1944, in which we recommended, among other things, that each parcel of the 285,000 three-kilo parcels to be packed and shipped by the American National Red Cross contain certain food items in the amounts therein set forth.  

Since the above letter was written, we have been informed by Mr. Stoddard of your office that tests with a sample parcel indicate that a package of cigarettes and a bar of soap weighing approximately three-quarters of an ounce and two ounces, respectively, may be added without exceeding the limits placed by the German Government on the weight of each parcel. Accordingly, we recommend that the above two items be added to the contents of each parcel in addition to the other items set forth in our letter of August 25, 1944.  

Very truly yours,  

(Signed) J. W. Pabst  

J. W. Pabst  
Executive Director  

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