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Sept. 21, 1944

Mr. Paul J. McCormack
War Refugee 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,

Henrietta R. Buchman
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Executive Assistant

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Sept. 31, 1944

Prince Company
568 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Seymour Prince

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to our letter of August 18, you will find enclosed food ration certificates No. AH 286581 for 5,000 additional points which we find were due you according to OPA regulations to cover the total quantity of cheese included in the 6,000 packages we ordered under date of August 14, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta K. Buchman
Executive Assistant

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 21, 1944
NUMBER: 6265 X

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MCCLELLAND SENDS THE FOLLOWING TO WRB.

Reference is made herewith to Legation's telegram of September 9, 1944, No. 5971 and Department's telegram of September 7, 1944, No. 3091.

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 ~~the~~ Vught and negative results were also obtained in the case of Westerbork although in-formation ^{that} collective shipments could be sent there was recently received by us through German Red Cross. This possibility is being closely examined by IRC Joint Relief Commission and it is planned to use funds left over from JDC \$100,000 sent to ICRC if it is feasible to do so. Also

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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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 WGC would be appreciated.

Five. With respect to Austria, Mauthausen proper is a penitentiary 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

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some mistake must have been made. Our parcels are regularly received by the Rescinstadt.

Eight. 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 ^{there} and to feel out various commanders of camps with a view to at least ^{making} 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 Riegner 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.

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*I was Ref. to
Mr. P. H.*

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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 Pruszkow is agreeable to MEW. On September 19 Legation Stockholm was informed by Embassy.

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By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 21 1972**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

September 20, 1944

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

I spoke to Miss Kusharow, Miss Buchman'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 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 Sargoy

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In reply please refer
to our letter #3336

September 20, 1944

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

Att: Mr. J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your check in the amount of \$26,475.00, representing balance due us against expenditures incurred for 15,000 food packages consigned to the International Red Cross Committee.

We are enclosing herewith our receipt #8194 to cover.

Yours very truly,

Moses A. Leavitt
Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

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*Receipt is with voucher
in Mr. White's files
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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 unassimilated 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. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle
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Attention: Mr. LeFever

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to supplement the President's memorandum of September 12, 1944 with respect to the allocation of funds to cover costs incidental 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 requisitioning agency.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Procurement Division

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Attention: Mr. Gachet

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

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PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington.
TO: American Embassy, London.
DATED: September 18, 1944.
NUMBER: 7305.
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The following message is from PEA and the Department.
We make reference to message from Stockholm of the 15th of September, Number 3681, which, as Number 1086 from Stockholm, was repeated to you.

We believe that, having regard to the very special circumstances surrounding this matter, shipments should be permitted, with the proviso that responsibility for shipment of the supplies stated will be assumed by Inter-cross, such shipment to be without German interference, and provided that Inter-cross is capable of exercising supervision over the distribution of these supplies, either through an agency who is responsible to Inter-cross, or directly; though we have doubts as to whether the supplies can actually arrive at Prieszkow 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 MEW concur, it is requested that you inform Stockholm.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 21 1972**

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

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TELEGRAM

September 16, 1944

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

9 p.m.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

*W. J. ...
Bull (Mr.)
Schell*

AMLEGATION.

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The following for McClelland is WRB 174 and refers to

your 5859 of September 6.

Packing of remaining 286,000 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.

WRB:MMV:OMH
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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND IN BERN, SWITZERLAND

Re your 5859 of September 6. Ameross 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, 16 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.

Ameross 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 Interross the substitute method by which actual receipt of parcels by beneficiaries shall be realized. Ameross 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. Ascertain from Interross if markings on original shipment acceptable or their substitute. Imperative that we have answer at once so as not to delay Ameross production.

THIS IS WRH CABLE TO BERN NO. 174

4:30 p.m.
September 15, 1944

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

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Mr. Rehle*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 15, 1944
NUMBER: 3681

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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 Pruszkow, 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

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-2-#3681, 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

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SEP 15 1944

Att: Mr. Gachet

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 unassimilated persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fahle
(Signed) J. W. Fahle

J. W. Fahle
Executive Director

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

Sent by Special Messenger 9/15/44

Conformed copy to Mr. Sargoy

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MSargoy:dh 9/15/44 *JW*

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SEP 15 1944

Att: Mr. LaFevre

Dear Sir:

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 unassimilated persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

Enclosure.

Confirmed copy to Sargoy

MS m.s. *JW*
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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.

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September 7th, 1944.

War Refugee 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 - \$41,475. 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.....\$15,000.

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

Yours very truly,

Moses A. Leavitt
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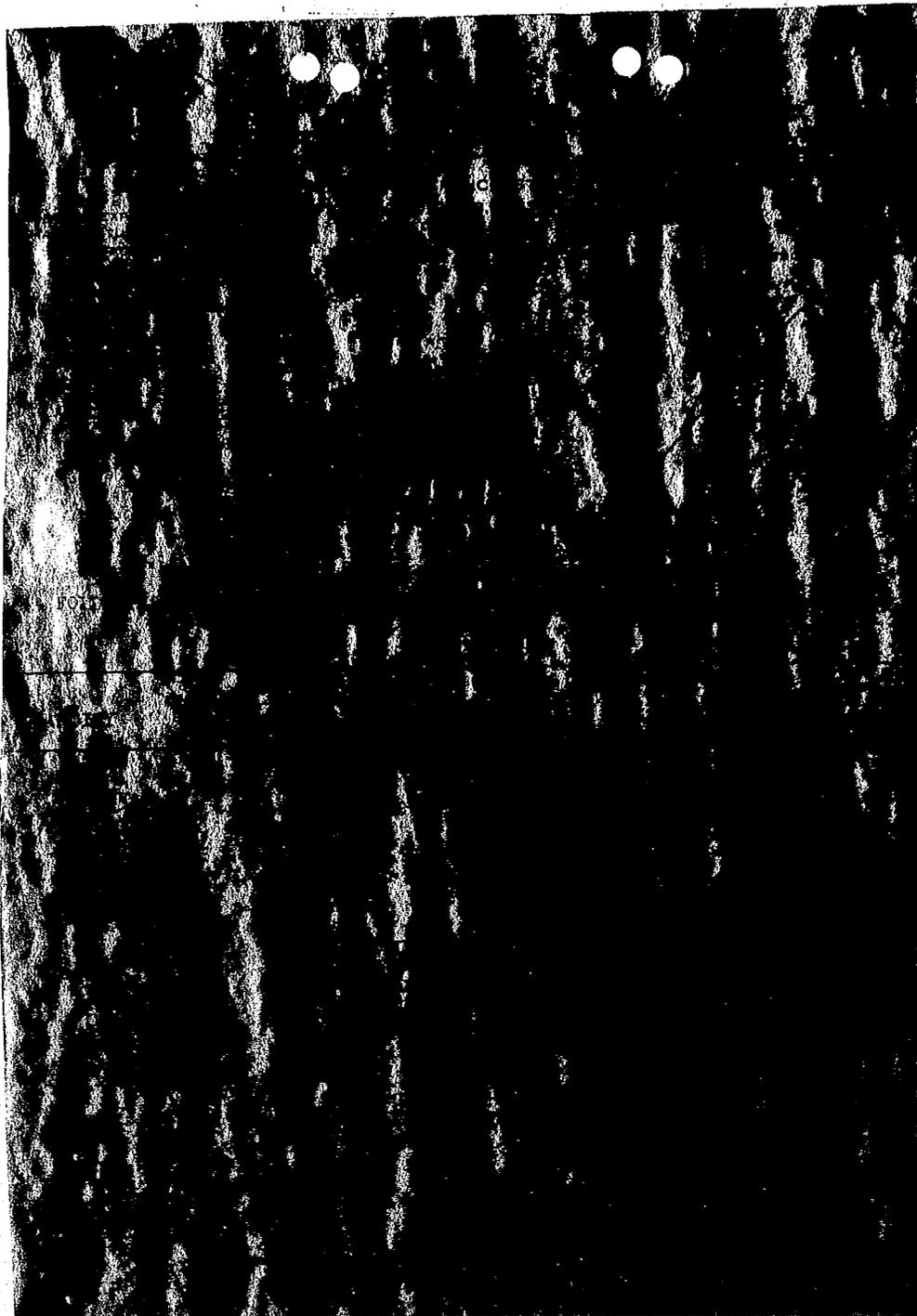
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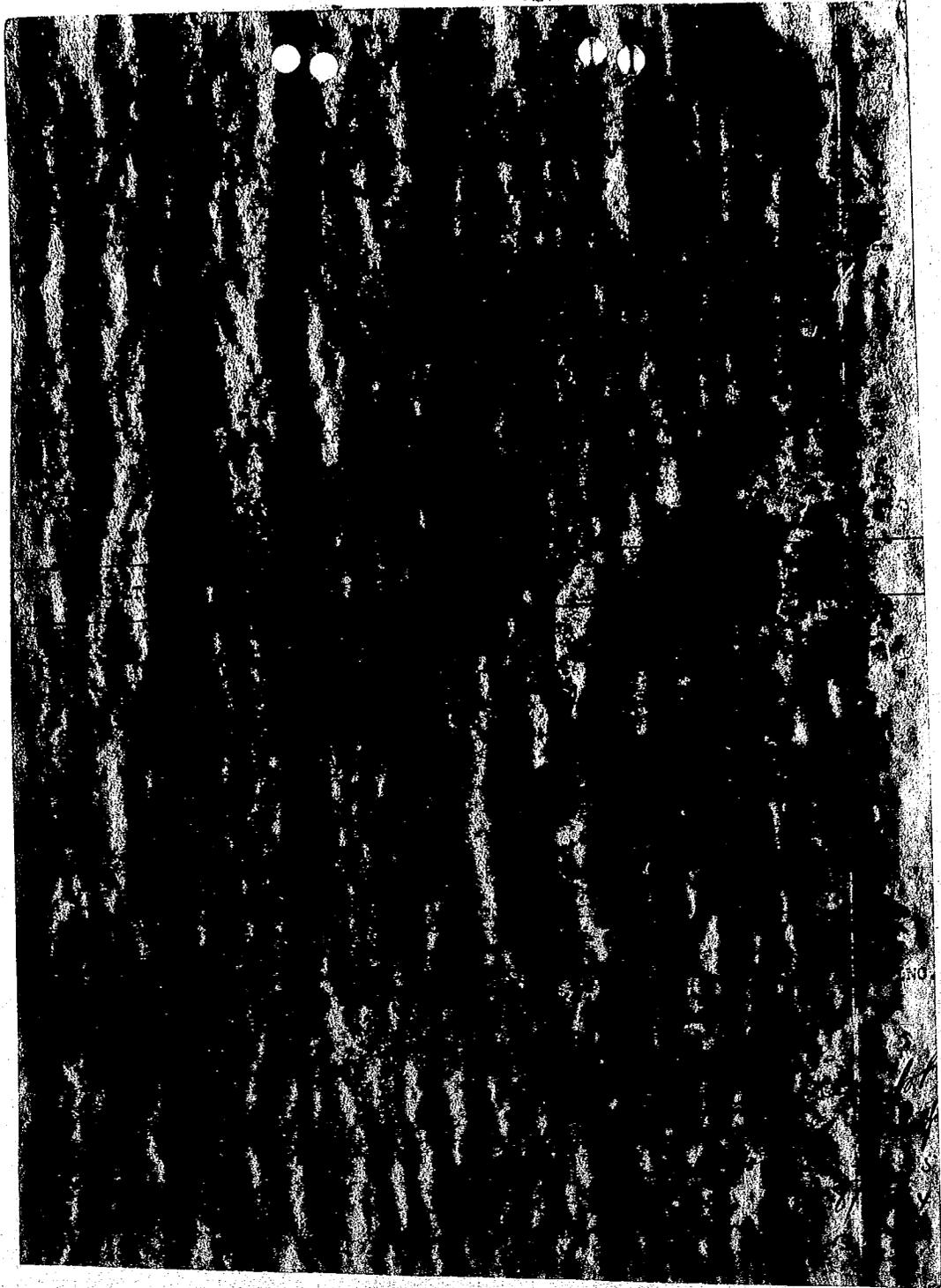
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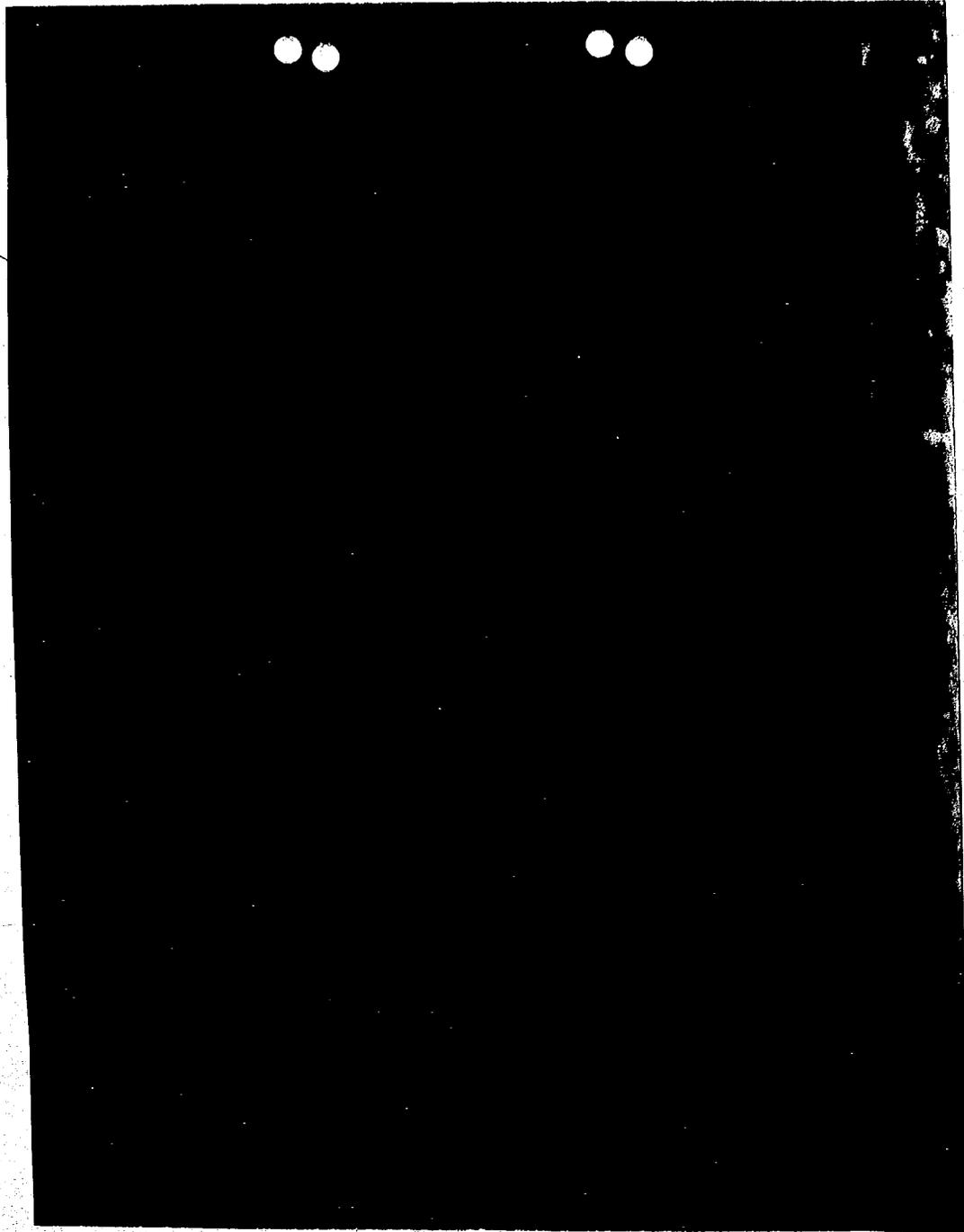
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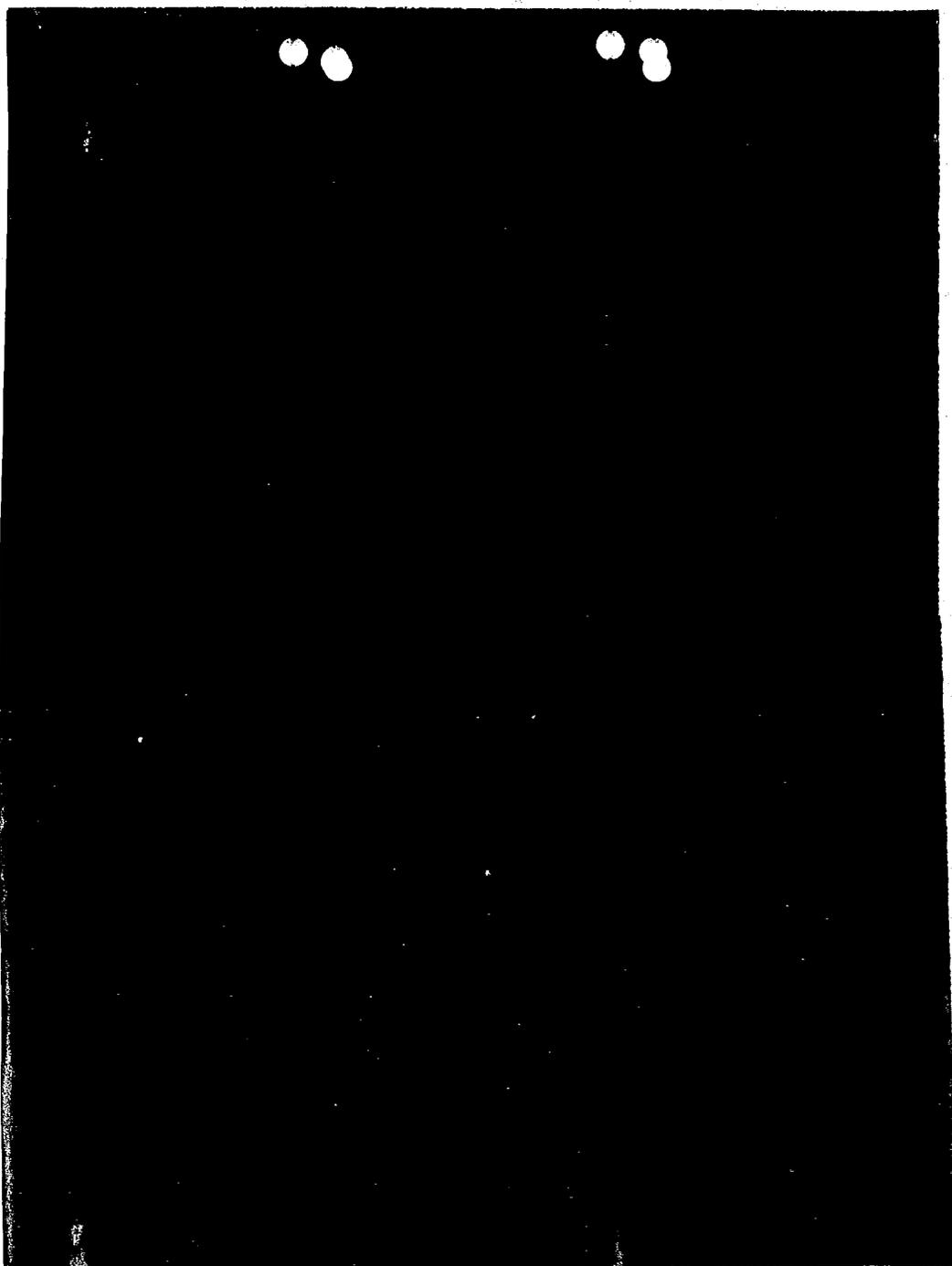
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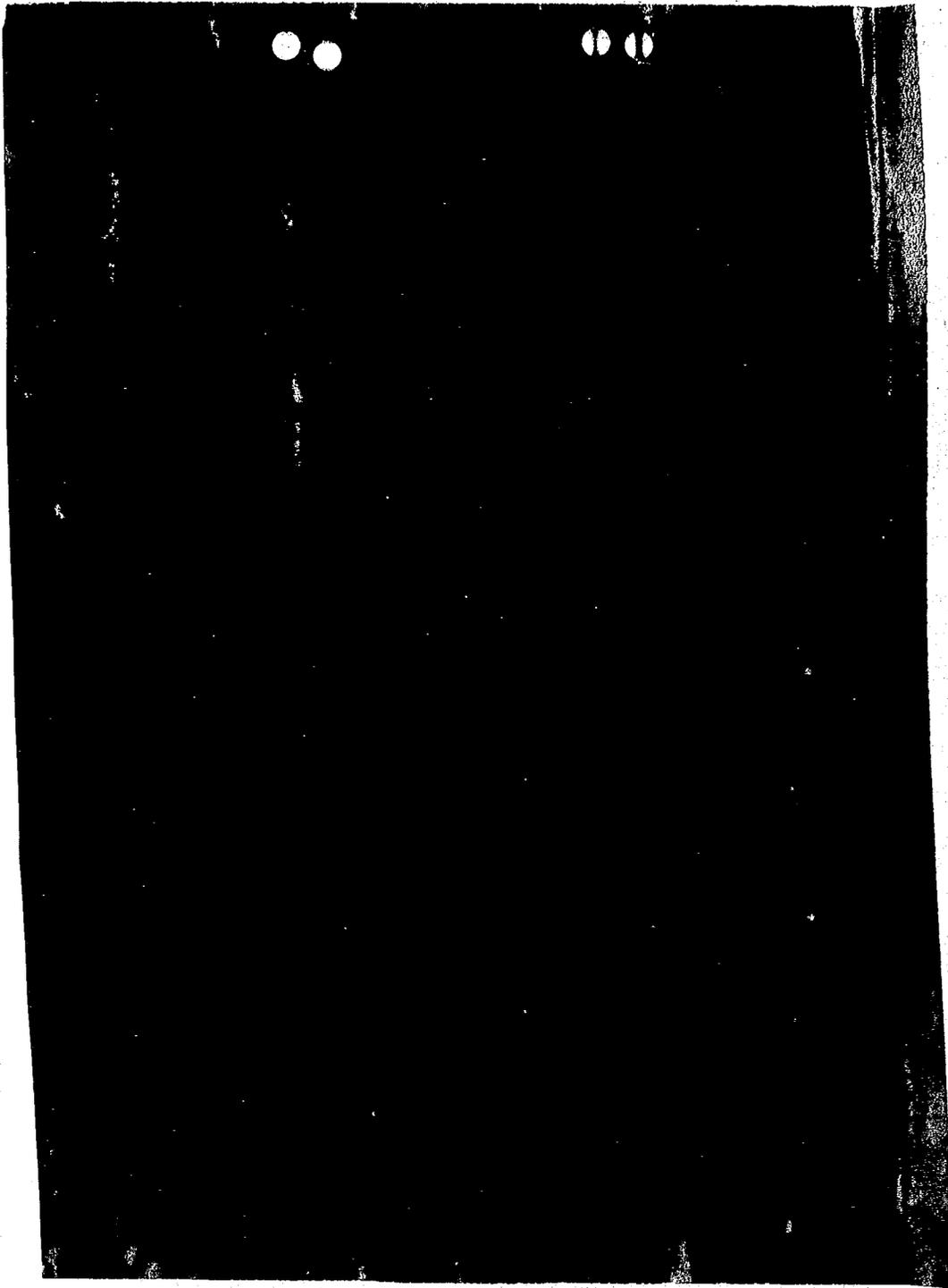
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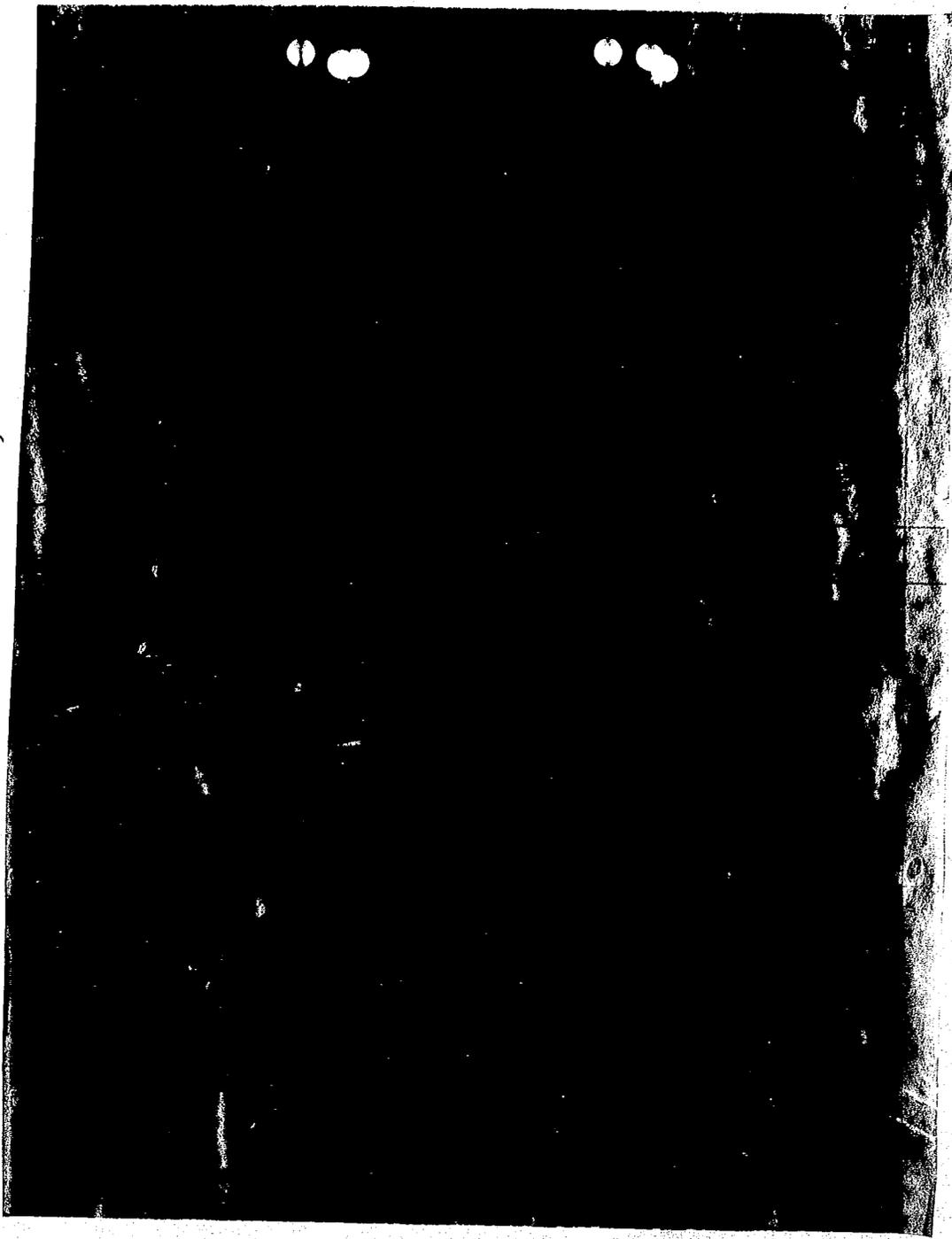
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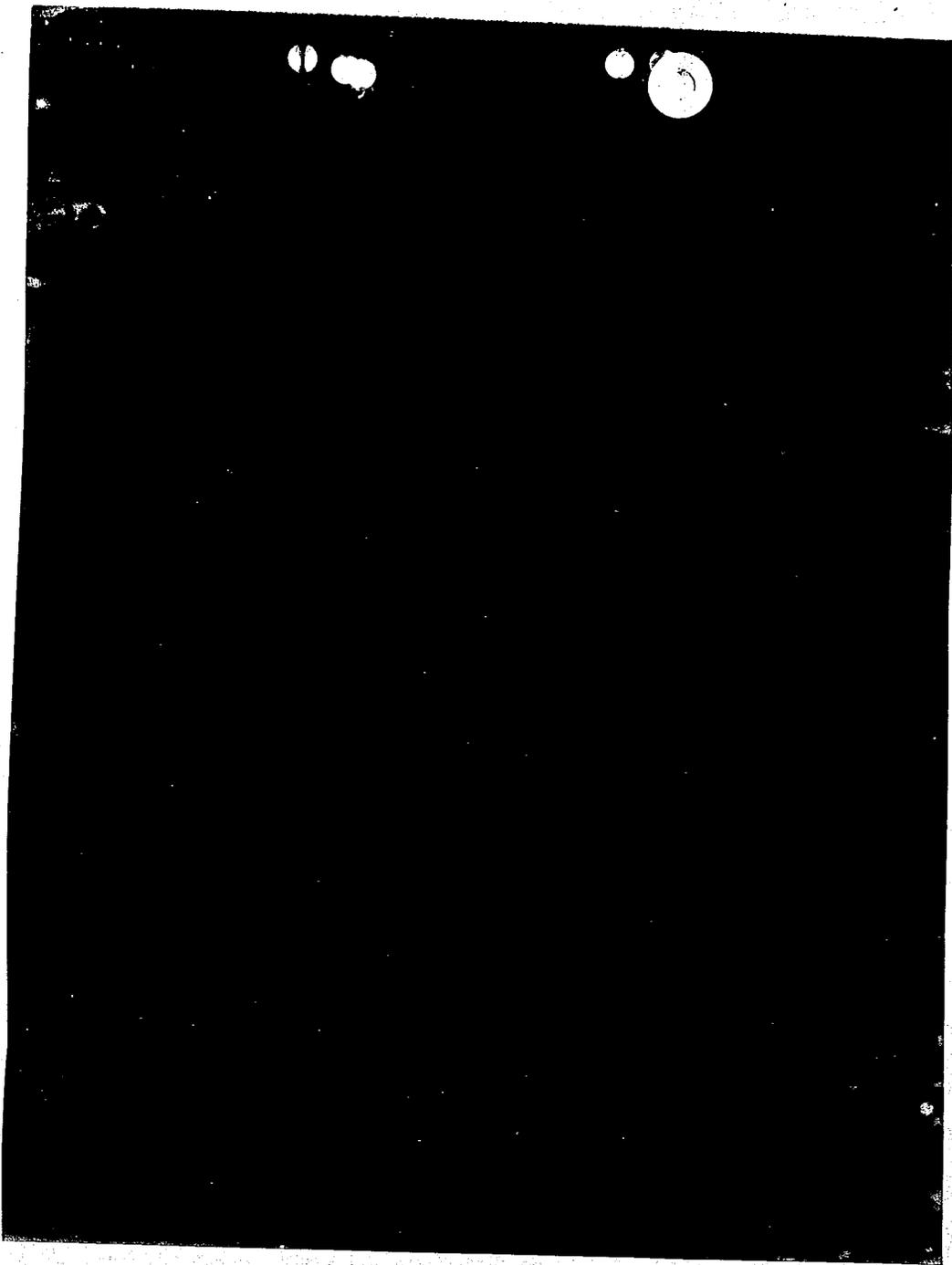
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

*War Refugee
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Dated Sept. 13, 1944

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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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 Pruskow. It is anticipated that Poles will request similar amount from United States Treasury. Sub-committee recommends that money be made available. EWD would appreciate being informed of any action taken.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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Sept. 12, 1944

AMERICAN EMBASSY,

LONDON.

FROM DEPARTMENT AND FEA FOR EWD.

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Following telegram dated August 26, 1944 has been received from Geneva:

"Intercross has received urgent appeal from Polish Cross concerning dire need food for hundred thousand women children aged persons evacuated Warsaw region now in camp at Porszow and inquires as to possibility distributing certain quantity SFP ex-shipments 74 75 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 SFP for this purpose. However, Amcross authorizes shipment from cargo ex-CHRISTINA 250 tons canned goods from Switzerland to Porszow for free distribution provided:

"1. Intercross has information indicating need exceeds

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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that of normal civilian population outside camp.

"2. Interross is able exercise supervision over distribution either directly or through agency responsible to Interross, and

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

Your 7146, September 1. We will keep in mind the possibility of diverting to Puzskow 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 Goteberg) to these people.

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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 Refugee 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 \$783,750.
- (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

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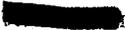
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TO: Secretary of State, Washington
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From McClelland for WBB.

With reference to Department's message of September 7, No. 3091, the suggestions of the World Jewish Congress with regard to "comps" whose inclusion in 200,000 parcel program is urged by them will be discussed by me with ICRC unofficially. However, since at least nine-tenths of sites mentioned are quite inaccessible to ICRC (which would not be able to enforce even remotely the minimum necessary control as to allocation and reception of parcels), I cannot be very sanguine as to possible outcome.

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TO: American Legation, Bern
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- Netherlands: Barneveld, (Vucht, Westerborck
- Northern Italy: Cesareo, Fossoli, Monte Ferrato, San Martino di Rosignano
- Protectorate: Altersheim Prague
- Slovakia: (Sered nad Vahun, Nyhne)
- Poland: Czestochowa, Deutsch Horst, Jedizejof, Klimontov, Krakow-Podgereze, Kariljec, Krychow, Laziska, Luta, Ossawa, Oswiecim, Rejowice, Sanok, Sajeczyc, Uher, Wieliczka

If you deem it advisable, please discuss suggestion of World Jewish Congress with Intercross.

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCOLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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If you deem it advisable, please discuss suggestion of World Jewish Congress with Interoross.

~~THIS IS THE BERN CABLE NO. 161~~

~~2:15 P.M.~~

~~September 6, 1944~~

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

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In reply refer
to No. 239

August 31, 1944

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. Kubowitzki, 1834 Broadway, New York

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

- Austria: Mauthausen
- Belgium: Mechelen, Breendonck
- Germany: Bergenbelsen, Berg A/Laim, Birkenau, Trier
Eichwald, Faubruck, Graitaitz, Tomersdorf
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Uher, Wieliczka.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Kubowitzki
A. Leon Kubowitzki
Head, Rescue Department

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
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McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

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

Recent news from ICRC delegates in Germany state 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. ICRC 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 IGRO.

The foregoing message refers to the Department's August 23 telegram, No. 2897.

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Mr. & Mrs. James M. Donahoe
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Dated September 1, 1944

Rec'd 5:36 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

U.S. URGENT

7146, September 1, 8 p.m.

FOR DEPARTMENT, FEA AND WRB

IRCC have requested British to assist the more than 100,000 inhabitants of Warsaw now interned at camp in Druszkow. IRCC 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. IRCC 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 IRCC in Druszkow in same way as IRCC suggested in Bern's 4578, July 18 to Department for other concentration camps.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

September 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

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 internees.

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,

Richard F. Allen
Vice Chairman
Insular & Foreign Operations

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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. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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