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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency. ([redacted] O)

Dated November 24, 1944

Rec'd 8:12 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State,

Washington.

10344, November 24, 5 p.m.

Department and FEA informed Embassy (re Department's 9321, November 8) that they were willing to approve shipments to Pruskow given in Legation's 4440, October 31 to Department repeated London as 1400 and requested Embassy to inform Legation when MEW concurred. MEW has now given its approval provided that International Red Cross will assume responsibility for distribution and that any clothing sent is of Swedish origin. Sent Stockholm as 754 repeated Department as 10344. Please inform British Legation.

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

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20, 1944

War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Paul McCormack

Dear Mr. McCormack:

We have your letter of November 20th asking us to ship 37,338 cartons containing 224,328 food parcels to Goetborg by the M/V SAIVO.

We have given the necessary instructions to this effect to our shipping departments in New York and Washington. We understand the parcels are already at the pier.

Very truly yours,

Theodore W. Knauth
Relief to Prisoners of War

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November 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of November 20, 1944:

"Saly Mayer advises parcels may now be shipped from Switzerland but needs funds this purpose; therefore please transfer him urgently $24,000 under Czechoslovak parcel project."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

War Ref Bd (Mr Pehle)

FBM-1093

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Lisbon

Dated November 20, 1944

Rec'd 6:55 a.m., 21st.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

4016, Twentieth, 7 p.m.

JDC 121 WRB 258 FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

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November 20, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. George Smith

My dear Mr. O'Connor:

It is my understanding that port facilities at Marseille for the present preclude the shipment of 37,338 shipping cartons containing War Refugee Board food parcels to that port.

I am informed that the S.S. Saivo will depart within a week for Gothenburg. It will be appreciated if you will arrange for the shipment of our parcels on this vessel.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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PJMcCormack:ar 11/20/44

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November 20, 1944

Mr. Kurt Grossman
Assistant
Rescue Department
World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Grossman:

I have your letter of November 14 in reply to mine of November 8.

I am afraid you must have read incorrectly or misunderstood my letter, as I rather definitely advised:

(1) It would be impossible for us to accept your clothing for shipment to Marseilles;

(2) You could make your arrangements to ship via Spanish or Portuguese commercial lines, or;

(3) We would accept this one shipment for Goteborg, provided you would make your own arrangements with the Swedish authorities and International Red Cross for movement from Sweden into Germany.

Therefore, as I clearly stated in my previous letter, we cannot accept your clothing for shipment to Marseilles.

As to accepting your shipment for Goteborg, may I repeat point number three above. This confirmation has not, as yet, been given us. Contrary to your advice to me, International Red Cross has not yet confirmed that it will accept and distribute the clothing. Mr. McCormack is again cabling International Red Cross for this confirmation.

As stated in my previous letter, we will accept your clothing for shipment when the above conditions have been taken care of reference Goteborg.

Sincerely yours,

D. B. Haverkamp
Relief to Prisoners of War

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cc: Mr. Paul McCormack
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Legation, Bern

DATED: November 18, 1944

NUMBER: 3927

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR ATTENTION OF HARRISON

Reference your 7365 and 7366, November 6. Department and Board are encouraged by your reports of distribution of S. S. Christina goods by Intercross. Olsen from Stockholm has advised the Board that the 15,002 three-kilo parcels at Gothenburg have been restored and will go forward to camps in Germany in the near future if they have not already gone. Major portion of remaining 285,000 three-kilo parcels will go forward from here latter half November. As packing has already been completed, it is impossible to include clothing items in this shipment. World Jewish Congress has received approval from Department, WRB, FEA, and MEW to ship through Amcross facilities some 10,000 pounds of clothing for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps in enemy Europe.

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Reference Christina distribution, it would be appreciated if you would secure from Intercross the names and locations of the camps affected by the distribution, also assurance that Jewish internees were among the beneficiaries and the numbers thereof. In this connection, suggestion is made that Intercross attempt to embrace within distribution scheme all or some of the following camps: —Poland: Czestochowa, Jedrzejow, Kattowice, Kielce, Klimontov, Krakow, Mielec, Myslowice, Opole, Oswiecim, Piotrkow, Radom, Sanok, Skarzyke, Trzebinia, Wieliczka - Bochnia; Slovakia: Sered.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 280.

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

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, AND MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 280.

1:45 p.m.
November 17, 1944

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

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November , 1944

3:00 p.m.

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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AMLEGATION COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS (LIAISON)

STOCKHOLM

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The cable below for Olsen is WRB 247.

The War Refugee Board requests that paraphrase of the following message be delivered to Mr. Fritz Hollander, Congress Committee, Postbox 7306, Stockholm from Dr. Leon Kubowitzki:

QUOTE Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergen-belsen inmates: Josephine Ellenberg; Anna and Hermine Frumkin; Eugenia Gorlin; Henryk and Maria Goldberger; Isaac and Zivi Katznelson; Klara, Alfredjosef and Doriana Kurz (barrack 23); Ellen, Erna and Julius Lauer; Emil Radz, wife and children; Walter Siegel, Henry Wilner. For Swedish protection suggest: Gisela Friedman, Szent Istvanypark 17, Budapest 5; Elizabeth Tauber, 67 Dohanyutca, Budapest. UNQUOTE

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

CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 247.

2:15 p.m.
November 15, 1944

Copy sent WSC 11/15/44

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

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

November 10, 1944

In reply refer
to No. 276

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

May I ask you to transmit, through the facilities of the State Department, the following message to Mr. Hollander in Stockholm:

"To: Mr. Fritz Hollander, Congress Committee,
Postbox 7306, Stockholm
From: Dr. Kubowitzki

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Sincerely yours,

A. Leon Kubowitzki

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Comité International
de la Croix Rouge à Genève, Suisse
Délégation aux Etats-Unis
d'Amérique

International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland
Delegation to the United States
of America

1645 Connecticut Ave., Washington 9, D. C.

November 17, 1944

In replying, refer to (S/4/k)

Mr. Paul S. McCormick
Room 387 1/2
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Following your request I am sending you herewith a copy of a cable (No. 1290) which we received from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva concerning relief to Camp Bergen-Belsen.

As you see, the Committee is, of course, willing to be of assistance in this matter in the limits of its possibilities.

Believe me to be, dear Mr. McCormick

Sincerely yours,

Marc Peter

MARC PETER
Delegate in the United States
Of the International Committee
of the Red Cross

cable copy No. 1290
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COPY OF INCOMING CABLEGRAM:

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

DELEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Ref. S/4/k

Date received: November 2, 1944

Cablegram received from: Intercroixrouge
Geneva, Switzerland

1290 YOUR 1041 HAVE REQUESTED SEVERAL TIMES URGENT SHIPMENT FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR FORWARDING JEWISH AND OTHER CAMPS STOP CONSULT FOR EXAMPLE OUR NOTE NO 900 STOP AT PRESENT STILL ABLE TO SHIP CLOTHING AND FOOD TO BERGEN-BELSEN STOP ARE KEEPING REPRESENTATIVE WAR REFUGEE BOARD INFORMED OF OUR POSSIBILITES SHIPMENTS AND CONTROL

INTERCROIXROUGE E9745

P.S. Note No. 900, referred to above, was sent to you under date of May 2, 1944.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: November 16, 1944

NUMBER: 10022

[redacted]

This message is for WRB, the Department and FEA.

As set forth in Department's 9419 of the tenth of November and WRB 21, the Relief Sub-Committee approves shipment of further 300,000 three kilo parcels. In approving consignment, MEW representative, drew attention to the present shortage of transportation to Geneva from Marseilles and stated he presumed that these parcels would be scheduled so that they did not conflict with essential Prisoner of War supplies' onshipment.

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

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November 15, 1944

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

In reply refer to No. 280

Attention: Mr. Paul McCormack

Dear Mr. Pehle:

With reference to previous telephone conversations with Mr. Paul McCormack, we would indeed be very much interested in learning whether it was possible for you to clarify the indication that there are internees classified as "A" internees in the camp Bergen-Belsen.

To-day, we saw a postal card received by one of our clients, according to which the German government has given permission for the receipt of food parcels, from individuals, by internees in Bergen-Belsen.

Very sincerely yours,

Kurt R. Grossman, Assistant
Rescue Department

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November 14th,1944

Mr. Paul McCormack
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

In reply refer to No. 277

Dear Mr. McCormack:

Confirming our telephone conversation of even date, I am enclosing herein copy of a letter written by me to Mr. D. B. Haverkamp of the American Red Cross. I have also sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Franklin S. Pollak of the Foreign Economic Administration.

At this time, I have also submitted Form FEA 419 to Mrs. Arneson of the President's War Relief Control Board.

Thank you for all your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Kurt R. Grossman, Assistant
Rescue Department

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November 14th, 1944

Mr. D. B. Haverkamp
Relief to Prisoners of War
American Red Cross
Washington 13 D.C.

Dear Mr. Haverkamp:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8th and I have duly noted all the information you were good enough to give me in this letter.

With reference to the three points mentioned by you as needing confirmation, we are glad to be able to inform you that:

1. Bergen-Belsen is on the list of those camps approved to receive War refugee packages.

2. The International Red Cross agrees to receive and supervise distribution into the camp.

3. According to information given me by the War Refugee Board this morning, the British Blockade Authorities have approved the consignment of 10,000 lbs. of clothing to Bergen-Belsen.

Therefore, I would be very grateful to you if you would accept our clothing for shipment, and, as you can well imagine, we would prefer the route to Marseilles, since that would guarantee that the clothing will arrive just in time to be of value to the internees of Bergen-Belsen.

Hoping to hear from you in this respect, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Kurt R. Grossman, Assistant
Rescue Department

KRG:tl

cc: Mr. Paul McCormack
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

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Distribution of true [illegible] by special [illegible]. ([redacted]

November 14, [illegible]

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Security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

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The cable below for Olsen is WRB 236.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 236.

1:45 p.m.
November 4, 1944
Mr. Chauncey (for the Secy) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
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November 2, 1944

In reply refer
to No. 273

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 1st by which you forwarded to me a message from Mr. Hollander.

May I ask you to transmit to him the following cable through the facilities of the State Department:

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Sincerely yours,

A. Leon Kubowitzki
Head, Rescue Department

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD ATTN A J MCCORMICK

ROOM 4413 US TREASURY BLDG

THE 39360 CANS SHIPPED FROM MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA ON NOVEMBER FIFTH OF KOSHER CORN BEEF LOAF HAVE SATISFACTORILY PASSED THE INCUBATION TEST AND CAN BE USED BY RED CROSS

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A J MCCORMICK, WAR REFUGEE BOARD ROOM 4413

US TREASURY BLDG

DOCTOR TIERNEY WILL NOT ALLOW SHIPMENT BALANCE ORDER UNTIL FULL TEN DAYS INCUBATION UNLESS HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. AS COMPLETING ORDER TOMORROW CANS WOULD ARRIVE NEW YORK DECEMBER FIRST ADVISE

ARNOLD ~~XXXXX~~ FEINBERG FEINBERG KOSHER SAUSAGE CO.

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November 10, 1944
5 p.m.

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AMEMBASSY
LONDON
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The cable below for [redacted] and Mann is WRB 21.

During the first and second half of November, the balance of War Refugee Board's 300,000 three-kilo food parcels will go forward consigned to Intercross as authorized by the Berle-Foot Agreement.

In view of the extreme urgency of extending additional aid to unassimilated persons in German-controlled concentration camps and the time-consuming aspects in this country of food procurement, packaging and shipping operations, the Department, FEA and WRB recommend the shipment from this country of an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels during a three month period beginning December 1944 for consignment to Intercross. This recommendation is endorsed by the Department, FEA and WRB and we jointly request that this matter be referred to the Relief Sub-Committee with a view to obtaining Blockade authorization to proceed with this program at the earliest possible date.

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

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR WINANT AND MANN FROM DEPARTMENT, FEA AND WRB

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THIS IS WRB LONDON CABLE NO. 21.

9:30 a.m.
November 9, 1944
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
FH:AA:PJM:ar 11/8/44

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: November 6, 1944

NUMBER: 7366

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The following is for the [redacted] information of the War Refugee Board.

Continuing my no. 7365.

8,000 new names and numbers of political deportees of camps of Oschau alone were brought in by the use of individual receipt cards in collective shipments. Since the German authorities have refused consistently to communicate lists of deportees to ICRC, these data are of great value. For a great many families this constitutes the first sign of life from loved ones many of whom have been reported executed previously. Also, these names allow ICRC to send individually addressed parcels in the future to these prisoners with accordingly better assurance of receipt.

There have been shown to me recent reports on certain concentration camps in Germany depicting unbelievably hard and primitive living conditions. One camp housing some 30,000 women has not even the most elementary pharmaceutical supplies, no shipments of such supplies from any source having ever been made to concentration camps. Acute and bitter is the lack of clothing, especially winter under wear and warm socks. Consequently I am making every attempt to organize shipments of

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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parcels of pharmaceuticals from Switzerland and if at all possible I urge that you include a few thousand two and one-half kilo clothing parcels (underwear and stockings and socks for both women and men) with 285,000 food parcels to be shipped this month.

Very limited is the time still available to us when transportation conditions inside Germany will allow forwarding of such parcels.

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CABLES: CONGRESS, NEW YORK
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November 8, 1944

In reply refer
to No. 275

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

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear Sir:

With reference to our various discussions regarding the sending of clothing and food to camp Bergen-Belsen, I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith copy of a cable received by the International Red Cross from its headquarters in Geneva.

As you know, we are still waiting for the approval of the British Blockade Authorities for the consignment of clothing.

I would be most grateful to you if you would be good enough to use your good services in securing this approval.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Kurt R. Grossman, Assistant
Rescue Department

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enc.

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Copy of Incoming Cablegram: International Committee of the Red Cross

Delegation in the United States

Date received: November 2,1944

Cablegram received from Geneva, via RCA

T R A N S L A T I O N

Cable 1290

HAVE ASKED SEVERAL TIMES URGENT SHIPPING OF FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR FORWARDING TO JEWISH AND OTHER CAMPS STOP AT PRESENT ARE STILL ABLE TO SEND TO BERGEN-BELSEN CLOTHING AND FOOD STOP KEEPING POSTED CONSTANTLY REPRESENTATIVE WAR REFUGEE BOARD IN SWITZERLAND OF OUR POSSIBILITIES FOR SHIPMENTS AND SUPERVISION.

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November 8, 1944

Mr. Kurt R. Grossman
Assistant
Rescue Department
World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Grossman:

I have your letter of October 24, 1944 reference your interest in moving your 10,000 pounds of clothing to Europe for delivery to Bergen-Belsen.

As advised in our telephone conversation, this was the first information or intimation we had received reference your interest in moving goods on Red Cross ships.

As you undoubtedly know, our primary commitment is to move supplies for prisoners of war, and, at the present time, to move food parcels for prisoners of war. Every inch of shipping space it is possible for us to secure is being utilized, and principally for food.

The flow of supplies from both Barcelona and Lisbon into Switzerland has been halted. It is, therefore, necessary for us to move practically all our supplies from Barcelona and Lisbon over to Marseilles for transport into Switzerland. Our only two ports of entry for movement of goods into Switzerland and Germany, therefore, are Marseilles and Goteborg, Sweden.

I am afraid that it would be impossible for us to accept your clothing for shipment to Marseilles, as at Marseilles we operate under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Army, which requires the bulk of the harbor, dock, warehouse, and overland transportation facilities for its own vitally important fighting supplies. They allot us a small portion of the facilities for only prisoner of war relief supplies. Consequently, even if we were to ship your clothing to Marseilles, it definitely could not be transported on into Switzerland unless it were for relief to prisoners of war. The Army would not allow it to move.

One alternative would be for you to ship the clothing on the established Spanish and Portuguese Commercial Steamship Lines to Cadiz, Barcelona, or Lisbon. This might be done if you could secure confirmation that the goods could be moved on from there into Switzerland. However, in view of our inability to have supplies transported direct from Lisbon and Barcelona into

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Switzerland, it would be advisable for you to obtain this confirmation before shipment.

We could accept this one shipment of clothing for Goteborg, Sweden, provided you could make your own arrangements with the Swedish authorities and International Red Cross for movement from Sweden into Germany.

As you know, before we could accept your clothing for shipment, it would be necessary that we receive confirmation of the following points:

1. That Bergen-Belsen is on the list of those camps approved to receive War Refugee packages;

2. That International Red Cross agrees to receive and supervise distribution into the camp;

3. Clearance from the British Blockade authorities.

I have been in touch with Mr. McCormack of the War Refugee Board reference the last two points. Mr. McCormack advises me that definite confirmation has not, as yet, been received.

As per your request, we attach hereto a copy of our standard packing instructions.

Sincerely yours,

D. B. Haverkamp
Relief to Prisoners of War

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Paul McCormack
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

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Wm P Bond
Mr. Pehle

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

To: American Embassy, London

From: Secretary of State

Dated: November 7, 1944

Number: 9321

[redacted]

For EWD from FEA and Department.

Approval of proposed shipments as listed in Stockholm's 1400, October 31 to London, is recommended. Inform Stockholm if MEW concurs.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)

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

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency. ([redacted])

Bern

Dated November 6, 1944

Rec'd 6:32 p.m.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
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Secretary of State

Washington

7365, November 6, 4 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Legation's 6263, September 21.

ICRC has just submitted most encouraging report on satisfactory distribution of CRISTINA goods allotted to parcel program for political prisoners both men and women in German concentration camps. It is worth nothing that this has been very first lot of foodstuffs granted to ICRC for assistance to this category of prisoners. As such it has been invaluable.

During September and October 25,600 parcels weighing total of 54,756 kilos were sent individually addressed to 13,300 detainees and as collective shipments through men of confidence to another 12,300 prisoners. Approximately 8,500 parcels went to French detainees, 4,300 to Belgians, 4,200 to Poles, 3,600 to Norwegians, 2,800 to Dutch and balance to Czechs,

Greeks,

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-2-7365, November 6, 4 p.m. from Bern

Greeks, Yugoslavs, Spaniards and (*).

International Red Cross delegates were able to visit all camps where parcels were sent and satisfactorily ascertain that great majority packages reached beneficiaries. International Red Cross has been instrumental in getting commanders in certain concentration camps to allow men of confidence for various national groups which has greatly facilitated distribution collective shipments. On the other hand a few camps were encountered where prisoners were not even allowed to return individual receipts.

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(*) Repetition requested on above garbled groups.

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CORRECTION

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

November 9, 1944

In telegram from Bern numbered 7365, dated November 6, 4 p.m. page 2 line 1 delete "(*)" insert "Italians" so as to read "Yugoslavs, Spaniards and Italians."

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Note: Correction from the Legation.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

November 4, 1944

Midnight

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ALLEGATION

STOCKHOLM
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The cable below for Olsen is WRB-233.

Reference your 4432, October 31 and terminology "unassimilated persons in concentration camps." The Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War has, by agreements between certain powers, been applied to civilian nationals detained by the enemy and who are said to be thereby assimilated to the status of prisoners of war thereby obtaining the same rights and privileges as military prisoners of war. Such civilians so held in special civilian internment camps are reported through Intercross to countries of their nationality and are accorded rights and privileges described in the convention such as despatch and receipt of mail, receipt of food parcels and clothing and visits by Intercross delegates. Persons detained by enemy governments in concentration camps such as Belsenbergen, Oesterbruck and Krakow are not covered by these agreements and therefore are commonly referred to as "unassimilated persons." It is to this category of detained persons that the Board's parcel program, 93 ton program from Sweden and similar undertakings are directed in keeping with Berle-Foot agreement authorizing programs of this nature.

Please convey Board's appreciation to Whisler for his work in restoring our parcels for forwarding.

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

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 4432, October 31 and terminology "unassimilated persons in concentration camps." The Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War has, by agreements between certain powers, been applied to civilian nationals detained by the enemy and who are said to be thereby assimilated to the status of prisoners of war thereby obtaining the same rights and privileges as military prisoners of war. Such civilians so held in special civilian internment camps are reported through Intercross to countries of their nationality and are accorded rights and privileges described in the convention such as despatch and receipt of mail, receipt of food parcels and clothing and visits by Intercross delegates. Persons detained by enemy governments in concentration camps such as Belsenbergen, Westerbruck and Krakow are not covered by these agreements and therefore are commonly referred to as "unassimilated persons." It is to this category of detained persons that the Board's parcel program, 93 ton program from Sweden and similar undertakings are directed in keeping with Berle-Foot agreement authorizing programs of this nature.

Please convey Board's appreciation to Whisler for his work in restoring our parcels for forwarding.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 233.

11:15 a.m.
November 3, 1944

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

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

November 3, 1944

Mr. Paul McCormack
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
2113 Main Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

Since our conversation of the other day I have made a study of our arrangements with various government agencies, which shows that in fact, signed agreements with the War and with the Navy Departments are approximately similar in language to the Executive Order which forms the basis upon which we are proceeding to the packaging and shipment of supplies for the War Refugee Board.

The Disbursing Officers of the War and of the Navy Departments have taken the general terms of these signed agreements plus our verbal arrangements with the Quartermaster Corps and the Judge Advocate General as constituting sufficient authority to reimburse the Red Cross on our submission of public vouchers, taking our word for the fact of the shipment of the supplies charged for.

Recent experience with the Certifying Officer of Treasury Procurement, Mr. Herbert Reilly, leads us, however, to doubt whether he would consider the terms of the Executive Order as sufficient to authorize him to pay us. Briefly put, his contention is that Treasury Procurement must have both physical possession of and legal title to goods, before he can certify any payments concerning them.

Such a ruling, as you will easily understand, raises practical difficulties, and we feel that it is essential that you find some means whereby, on the shipments made for the War Refugee Board, payments would be made on our submission of a public voucher, attaching as substantiation, a copy of the Executive Order and a copy of an agreement with your Board fixing the rate at which charges are to be made.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Robinson
Relief to Prisoners of War

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

November 1, 1944

Mr. Paul McCormack
Executive Office of the
President's War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

In accordance with the request you made some time back, I am enclosing a couple of the receipt cards which are to be used in the War Refugee packages which are now being prepared.

Yours truly,

Ralph G. Stoddard
Relief to Prisoners of War

ENROLLMENT FOR SERVICE
AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN, NOVEMBER 1-15, 1944

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE November 1, 1944

TO Miss Hodel

FROM Mr. McCormack

The American National Red Cross has informed me that they began the packaging of our food parcels on October 26. Production of 14,000 parcels daily (six-day week) is being maintained.

The S.S. Caritas I, sailing approximately November 11, will carry 185,000 of our parcels. The remaining 100,000 parcels will go forward on the S.S. Mangalore November 25. Both sailings will follow the Marseille route.

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Price as of date
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November 1, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Food packages for concentration camps.

In view of the fact that 300,000 food packages will have been sent from the United States by November 25th under the Berle-Foote agreement, Mr. Pehle requested today that we give consideration to a further expansion of this program and suggested that steps be taken at once to raise the matter with the various interested agencies.

F. Hodel

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