

Programs with Respect to Relief
and Rescue of Refugees: Food Pkg.
for Unassimilated Persons

Food Packages for Unassimilated
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The following for McClelland is WRB 345.

Ameross shipped for Board on S.S. Caritas II second half of December for off-loading at Toulon a total of 10,112 cases containing 80,672 three-kilo WRB food parcels for consignment to ICRC for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps. Outer shipping cases are marked as described in our 4001 of November 25, and each contain six three-kilo parcels. This shipment includes 9780 cases containing 58,500 "K" parcels which do not contain receipt cards. Balance of 896 cases containing 4,172 parcels include receipt cards as per wire-photo September 21. This shipment concludes the initial WRB 300,000 three-kilo food parcel program.

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State Dept. Letton, 1-11-79
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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CABLE TO AMLEXIATION, BERN, FOR MCGLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Amorosa shipped for Board on S.S. Caritas II second half of December for off-loading at Toulon a total of 10,112 cases containing 60,672 three-kilo WRB food parcels for consignment to ICRC for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps. Outer shipping cases are marked as described in our 4001 of November 25, and each contain six three-kilo parcels. This shipment includes 9750 cases containing 58,500 "K" parcels which do not contain receipt cards. Balance of 695 cases containing 4,172 parcels include receipt cards as per wirephoto September 21. This shipment concludes the initial WRB 300,000 three-kilo food parcel program.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 345.

10:15 a.m.
December 29, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Hodel,
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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
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AMLEGATION

STOCKHOLM
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The cable below is WRB 276.

Please deliver the following message to Fritz Hollander,

Congress Committee Postbox 7308, Stockholm, from Dr. Arish

Tartakower, World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE Kindly have food parcels forwarded following

Bergenbelsen inmates: Ellon, Alexander; Florsheim, Ilse & Son;

Heidemann, Siegfried, Mr. & Mrs.; Hirschmann, Max, Senta,

Marianne, Eva, Bella, Julius; Isaac, Ruth Sara; Kaufmann,

Ernst, Recha, Bernard, Lea; Rosenthal, Mr. & Mrs. Gottfried;

Rosenthal, nee Goldschmidt, Maria, Erich, Elisabeth; Schwarzer,

Moritz; Stein, Hans; Wreschner, Arnold H., Alice, Stephen,

Robert, Gaby; Zimmer, Alexander, Minna, Thea, Lotte, Edith.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Fritz Hollander,
Congress Committee Postbox 7306, Stockholm, from Dr. Arieh
Tartakower, World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergen-
belsen inmates: Ellon, Alexander; Florsheim, Ilse & son;
Heidemann, Siegfried, Mr. & Mrs.; Hirschmann, Max, Senta,
Marianne, Eva, Belh, Julius; Isaac, Ruth Sara; Kaufmann,
Ernst, Recha, Bernard, Lea; Rosenthal, Mr. & Mrs. Gottfried;
Rosenthal, nee Goldschmidt, Maria, Erich, Elisabeth; Schwarzer,
Moritz; Stein, Hans; Wreschner, Arnold H., Alice, Stephen,
Robert, Gaby; Zimmer, Alexander, Minna, Thea, Lotte, Edith.
UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 276

*Copy sent
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11:00 A.M.
Baltimore
12-28-44

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, DuBois, Cohn, Hodel,
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In reply refer
to # 295

December 20, 1944

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

Attention: Dr. Akzin

Dear Sirs:

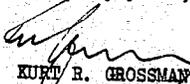
May I ask you to transmit, through the facilities of the State Department, the following message to Mr. Hollander in Stockholm:

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

Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergenbelsen inmates: Ellon, Alexander; Florsheim, Ilse & son; Heidemann, Siegfried, Mr. & Mrs.; Hirschmann, Max, Senta, Marianne, Eva, Bella, Julius; Isaac, Ruth Sara; Kaufmann, Ernst, Recha, Bernard, Lea; Rosenthal, Mr. & Mrs. Gottfried; Rosenthal, nee Goldschmidt, Maria, Erich, Elisabeth; Schwarzer, Moritz; Stein, Hans; Wreschner, Arnold H., Alice, Stephen, Robert, Gaby; Zimmer, Alexander, Minna, Thea, Lotte, Edith."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,


KURT R. GROSSMAN
Rescue Department

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Handwritten:
Dec 29 1944
New York World Telegram

New York World-Telegram
DEC 29 1944

**Jewish Group Aids
German Victims**

The sum of \$75,000 has been appropriated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for food packages to be sent to Sweden for relaying to internees in the concentration camps of Theresienstadt, Bergen-belson and Birkenau, Joseph C. Hyman, committee vice chairman, announced today. The committee has obtained export licenses for 75,000 kilos of foodstuffs for the parcels.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 29, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

Referring to your letter of December 22nd, unless some circumstance which I do not now foresee should seriously affect our overseas shipping facilities, the American Red Cross will be glad to move your next lot of 300,000 three-kilo food parcels from Philadelphia to Europe.

If you will have someone on your staff keep currently in touch with Mr. Pate, and advise him in advance of the prospective time at which the food parcels will be ready, I am sure that Mr. Pate will do everything to cooperate in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Basile O'Connor

Chairman

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Bern..
Dated December 29, 1944
Rec'd 6:43 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington

8415, December 29, 4 p.m.
FOR WER FROM MCCLELAND

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I have just received discouraging news from
ICRC that the freight cars containing our 15023 WRB
parcels which left Gothenburg some time ago have been
inexplicably held up by the German authorities at
Warnemuende near Luebeck for almost two months and
not forwarded to the concentration camps as we had
thought.

I have urged ICRC to immediately investigate
cause of this delay and committee has accordingly
wired their Berlin delegate to take energetic steps
to move these parcels.

I have communicated substance of your 4314,
December 22 to ICRC and committee will undertake to
forward test shipments of 250 parcels each to a num-
ber of accessible camps in Poland.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

December 26, 1944

Mr. P. J. McCormack
War Refugee Board
U.S. Treasury Building
Room 4413
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I am attaching a copy of a memorandum we received recently from our New York Packaging Center. I believe the information it contains you have already received, but I am enclosing it just on the chance that you have not heard of it.

Very truly yours,

Ralph G. Stoddard
Ralph G. Stoddard
Relief to Prisoners of War

Enclosure

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AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
PACKAGING CENTER #3
39 CHAMBERS ST.
NEW YORK CITY

Mr. Wm. C. McDonald,

December 14th, 1944.

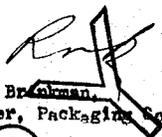
Mr. R. N. Brinkman,

Refugee Packages

To-day we finished the packing and shipping of the WEB Refugee Packages, which consisted of 187,176 packages containing Pork Meat, and 97,824 containing Kosher Beef; total, 285,000 packages as required by Req. NY-105.

The last 3,072 packages contained Multivitamin Capsules instead of Ascorbic Acid Tablets.

Will you please pass along carbon copies of this memorandum to Mr. McCormick, the Supply Dept., or anyone else you want to receive this information.


R. N. Brinkman,
Manager, Packaging Center #3,

RNB:LAC
cc (3) Mr. McDonald,

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FROM: American Legation, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 23, 1944
NUMBER: 8288

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The following message is from McClelland for WRB.
Reference Legation's 8044 December 9 and Department's
3927, WRB's 280, November 18.

Concerning second paragraph your message under reference,
I have carefully ^{studied} all evidence in possession of ICRC
to date with regard to distribution of CRISTINA packages and
find that it is as satisfactory as could be anticipated under
circumstances precluding in POW camps as regular and tight
controls.

With the exception of Feldpost zero seven (*) zero two
and Bergen-Belsen, in the case of every camp where these
packages were sent, ICRC delegates were able to visit and find
out from the camp commander and from men of confidence, particu-
larly in a number of camps, that intended beneficiaries received
the packages. In ICRC's estimate the most important evidence
of successful distribution was constituted by such visits on
the part of delegates and their reports.

Returns have been satisfactory, in general, in case of
collective shipments where individual receipts were enclosed
in packages.

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in packages. For example 3,799 packages to Dachau brought names on receipt cards of over 6000 internees who received this food to Geneva. In a high percentage of cases receipt tags from packages addressed to individuals in Bergen-Belsen have returned, although often they have come back many weeks after package was sent. As in certain concentration camps (Ravensbrueck) no individual internee is permitted to mail out receipt tags, while in others (Buchenwald) only certain categories of internees are allowed to correspond, ICRC points out that percentage of receipt tags or cards returned cannot be considered conclusive check.

Receipts from men or women of confidence are available in some camps as in Ravensbrueck's case, from which ICRC received a written statement from the camp commander acknowledging receipt of 2,522 packages out of 266^(?) despatched from Switzerland as well as receiving 7 signed receipts from women of confidence of several national groups.

Additional evidence of an indirect nature of satisfactory receipt comes to ICRC in the shape of a large number of postcards from relatives, in particular from Holland, Norway, Denmark and Poland.

As ICRC has evidence that a sufficiently high percentage of packages despatched to Mauthausen do not reach prisoners, they have recently informed me that the committee can no longer undertake to forward packages there.

It is my feeling that the evidence which ICRC placed before me is sufficient for us to accept their formal assurance that they will

that they will distribute only in camps where they can ascertain to their satisfaction that the major part of packages arrive safely, in the absence of homogeneous control system for packages despatched to unassimilated individuals.

There is no evidence in the hands of ICRC that the commanders discriminate against Jewish prisoners (of which there are many in Buchenwald, for example) inside concentration camps with regard to distribution of packages.

Recently I talked with a young Frenchman who had escaped from the Flossenburg concentration camp and who stated that literally he would never have survived, if it had not been for packages he received through ICRC. Consequently, I make an urgent plea that this invaluable WRB service be continued.

Regarding the proposed World Jewish Congress shipment of 10,000 pounds of clothing for Bergen-Belsen, ICRC expressed sincere hope recently that even though they had been officially denied permission to visit this camp, that the committee would be permitted to ship clothing to Bergen-Belsen.

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(*) Apparent omission.

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DEC 22 1944

My dear Mr. O'Connor,

I have received your letter of December 8, 1944, concerning the program of the War Refugee Board to ship an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels to unassimilated persons in German concentration camps. I regret that the American National Red Cross will be unable to arrange for the packaging of these parcels. As suggested by you, the War Refugee Board will attempt to arrange for the procurement of the packages from commercial sources.

However, before taking active steps to this end, the Board desires to have assurance from the American National Red Cross that shipping space for the forwarding of these parcels will be available to the Board in the same manner in which your organization forwarded the original 285,000 three-kilo parcels.

I would appreciate an early reply from you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

J. W. Pehle
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Food Pkgs. for
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be closely guarded.

The following for McClelland is WRB 332.

Reference your 8044 of December 9 and 8169 of Dec-
ember 16.

The distribution by ICRC of S.S. CHRISTINA cargo and
WRB's initial 15,002 parcels is regretted by Department
and Board. Exchange of telegrams between us and ICRC in
past with respect to distribution has made it evident that
ICRC has been reluctant to distribute among potential ben-
eficiaries on racial or religious grounds, and has repeat-
edly announced its determination to be motivated by need and
accessibility. Paragraph 6 your 8044 reiterates this stand
QUOTE that relief shipments handled by Committee for un-
assimilated persons in German-controlled areas be on an im-
partial basis and not limited to any national, religious,
or racial groups. UNQUOTE With this stand Department and
Board are in hearty accord. But the argument reported in
your 8044 with regard to JDC and World Jewish Congress
programs and the proposed distribution scheme of further
shipment

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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#4314, December 22, 8 p.m. to Bern

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shipment suggested in your 8169 seen to us to represent departures from the previously stated attitude.

We are certain that the ICRC arguments and their new distribution proposal do not represent your personal views and the Board feels sure that you are in accord with its views. Accordingly, you are requested to advise ICRC that the Board feels strongly that arrangements for the distribution of the 224,328 parcels now enroute to Gothenburg and the 60,672 parcels awaiting shipment to Toulon be made on an equitable basis motivated solely by need and accessibility.

The Board is in agreement with the suggestion contained in your 8169 and hereby authorizes you to arrange for the forwarding of test shipments to Poland under the best obtainable distribution guarantees, but urges that no repeat shipments be forwarded to Poland until reasonable assurance is obtained that supplies from the test shipments have reached intended beneficiaries.

Regarding restricted interpretation of the term QUOTE camps UNQUOTE in your 8044, you are requested to urge

ICRC

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#4314, December 22, 8 p.m. to Bern

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ICRC to adopt a realistic view of the purposes for which the WRB parcel program was inaugurated. It is recommended that, for purposes of WRB's parcel distribution to the unassimilated, the term "camps" be regarded by ICRC as implying all those places where the unassimilated are confined, detained or otherwise forcibly congregated and where some reasonable assurance can be obtained that the parcels will reach intended beneficiaries.

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WFO 332

December 20, 1944

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: Mr. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will arrange for appropriate clearance and immediate dispatch in cipher of the attached cable to Bern, Switzerland.

Attachment.

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FH:hd 12/20/44

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

Reference your 8044 of December 9 and 8169 of December 16.

The restricted distribution by ICRC of SS CHRISTINA cargo and WRB's initial 15,002 parcels is deeply regretted by Board. Exchange of telegrams between us and ICRC with respect to distribution in past has made it evident that ICRC has been reluctant to distribute among potential beneficiaries on racial or religious grounds, but has repeatedly announced its determination to be motivated by need and accessibility. The argument reported in your 8044 with regard to JDC and World Jewish Congress programs and the proposed distribution scheme of further shipments suggested in your 8169 seem to us to represent unjustified discrimination and departure from the previously stated attitude of ICRC.

We are certain that the ICRC arguments and their new distribution proposal do not represent your personal views and the Board feels sure that you are in accord with its views. Accordingly, you are requested to advise ICRC that the Board feels strongly that arrangements for the distribution of the 224,328 parcels now enroute to Gothenburg and the 60,672 parcels awaiting shipment to Toulon be made on an equitable basis motivated solely by need and accessibility.

The Board is in agreement with the suggestion contained in your 8169 and hereby authorizes you to arrange for the forwarding of test shipments to Poland under the best obtainable distribution guarantees, but urges that no repeat shipments be forwarded to Poland until reasonable assurance is obtained that supplies from the test shipments have reached intended beneficiaries.

Regarding restricted interpretation of the term QUOTE camps UNQUOTE in your 8044, you are requested to urge ICRC to adopt a realistic view of the purposes for which the WRB parcel program was inaugurated. It is recommended that, for purposes of WRB's parcel distribution to the unassimilated, the term "camps" be regarded by ICRC as implying all those places where the unassimilated are confined, detained or otherwise forcibly congregated and where some reasonable assurance can be obtained that the parcels will reach intended beneficiaries.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 332.

1:00 p.m.
December 20, 1944

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

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Proposed revision of paragraph 2, Bern 332.

The distribution by ICRC of S.S. Christina cargo and WRB's initial 15,002 parcels is regretted by Department and Board. Exchange of telegrams between us and ICRC in past with respect to distribution has made it evident that ICRC has been reluctant to distribute among potential beneficiaries on racial or religious grounds, and has repeatedly announced its determination to be motivated by need and accessibility. Paragraph 6 your 8044 reiterates this stand QUOTE that relief shipments handled by Committee for unassimilated persons in German-controlled areas be on an impartial basis and not limited to any national, religious, or racial groups. UNQUOTE With this stand Department and Board are in hearty accord. But the argument reported in your 8044 with regard to JDC and World Jewish Congress programs and the proposed distribution scheme of further shipment suggested in your 8169 seem to us to represent departures from the previously stated attitude.

*Revision approved by Miss Hodel
and Mr. Abrahamson 12/22/44*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE December 18, 1944

TO Miss Hodel
FROM Mr. McCormack

In light of this recently arrived letter from the American Red Cross, there is set forth below a method whereby War Refugee Board can obtain these parcels commercially. It will be necessary for the Board to obtain, as we did in the case of our previous 285,000 parcels, authorization from the President permitting the Bureau of the Budget to allocate funds to cover the cost of procurement.

Plan

a. War Refugee Board will request the allocation of \$1,125,000 to Treasury Procurement.

b. War Refugee Board or Treasury Procurement will then enter into a contract with a private vendor, who is in a position to supply the completed package to dockside Philadelphia for consignment to the American National Red Cross.

c. War Refugee Board will make the necessary arrangements with the Blockade Division of FEA for an emergency allocation enabling the private packer to procure the food, and will file the necessary application for FEA export license and custom declaration.

d. War Refugee Board and Treasury Procurement will make the necessary arrangements with WPB for the securing of the necessary priority rating to enable the private packer to procure the necessary cartons and strapping.

e. War Refugee Board and Treasury Procurement will make the necessary arrangements with the rationing division of OPA to secure the banking certificates to cover any rationed items in our package.

Informally, the American Red Cross has advised us that they will extend their shipping facilities for the delivery of these 300,000 parcels, and will bill Treasury Procurement for this service (50¢ to 60¢ per package), provision for which cost is computed in the \$1,125,000 figure.

The Prisoner of War Relief Unit personnel of American Red Cross, with whom we have dealt and all of whom are interested in seeing our program continue, has told us that they informally approached the Prince Company, 568 Broadway, New York City, from whom the Board purchased 5,000 parcels in August of this year and were informed that the Prince Company was interested and able to

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supply the Board with the complete parcel containing the eleven items at a cost of approximately \$2.32 per parcel delivered at Philadelphia. This price quotation is contingent upon the Prince Company's ability to procure the items at War Food Administration prices.

We have informally cleared with Mr. E. J. Rossback, Blockade Division, FEA, who has assured us that his agency will expedite the Board's request for emergency allocation, export license, and custom declaration when it is made formally; also Miss Ella J. Bjerke of the War Production Board who has assured us of that agency's cooperation in securing the necessary priorities; also Mr. Quick, Rationing Division OPA, who has assured us of that agency's cooperation on rationed items, and finally with Mr. Woarmley, Bureau of the Budget, who will expedite the allocation to Treasury Procurement upon receipt of the President's letter.



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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Bern
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 16, 1944
NUMBER: 8169

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McGilliland sends the following for WRB's attention.

Reference is made herewith to Legation's cable of December 9, no. 8044 and Department's cable of November 18, no. 3927 WRB's 290.

I have received the following answer from ICRC with respect to forwarding WRB parcels to camps and localities listed in last paragraph of your 3927: the committee will try to send collective test shipments to the following places all located within radius of from 120 to 245 kilometers of the eastern fighting front: Auschwitz, Kattowitz, Krakau, Opeln, Myslowice, Piotrkow, Wieliczka, Targenstochau, and Trzebinia. However, in trying to forward parcels to these places it is stated by ICRC that they must be released from previous engagements accepted concerning control of safe arrival and distribution of parcels as they have not the slightest hope of securing permission for their delegates to visit these camps.

Our attention is called by ICRC to the fact that remaining camps and places mentioned are all either in territory which the Russians have already occupied or in battle zone and thus unfortunately inaccessible to relief shipments.

Should it be possible for the Board to obtain authorization to forward such test shipments to Poland I feel it is well

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worth trying in attempt to get some relief through to many thousands living under frightful conditions in these camps.

(2) With relation to 234,388 parcels en route to Cothenburg I have tentatively agreed with ICRC that 39324 k parcels shall be sent to Jewish deportees balance of 185,004 primarily to non-Jewish detainees (although including an unknown number of Jews in the national groups) in main German concentration camps listed previously (see Department's cable of November 25, no. 4001, WRB's 291). Second balance of 60,672 parcels to be shipped this month will be reserved for both categories.

Expression of Board's feeling concerning this distribution plan would be welcomed by me.

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December 20, 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

The following message for you from Fritz Hollander was received through the American Legation in Stockholm under date of December 15, 1944:

"That no reply has been received to our October 30 cable is incomprehensible. Confirmation is required your paying for food packages. In transmitting names in future advisable you include place and date of birth of persons in Bergenbelsen."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

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Secretary of State

Washington

5136, December 15, 8 p.m.

Fritz Hollander of Swedish Section sends following

message to Kubowitzki of World Jewish Congress. This
is our Number 113 for WRB.

"Incomprehensible no reply received to our cable
of October 30 (No 97 WRB Legation's 4419, 7 p.m.) Require
confirmation your paying for food parcels. Advisable
in sending future names to include date and place of
birth for those at Bergen Belsen.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE December 15, 1944

TO Miss Hodel
FROM Mr. McCormack

I received a telephone call this afternoon from Mr. Knaut, Shipping Officer for the Prisoner of War Relief Section of the American National Red Cross. Mr. Knaut informed me that the balance of the War Refugee Board's three-kilo food parcels, 60,672, were loaded on the Caritas II, Philadelphia, today. This vessel sails from Toulon on December 19 where the parcels will be turned over to agents of the International Committee. This shipment completes the American Red Cross participation in the first portion of the Board's food parcel program.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE December 14, 1944

TO Miss Hodel
FROM Mr. McCormack

In light of the recently arrived letter from the American Red Cross informing us that they are not in a position to pack an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels, there are set forth below two methods whereby War Refugee Board can obtain for shipment these parcels. No matter which method is employed it will be necessary for the Board to obtain, as we did in the case of our previous 285,000 parcels, authorization from the President permitting the Bureau of the Budget to allocate funds to cover the cost of procurement.

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Plan I.

- a. War Refugee Board will request the allocation of \$1,125,000, (\$3.75 a package) \$300,000 of which will be allocated to Treasury Procurement and \$825,000 to War Food Administration.
- b. War Refugee Board will then process requisitions against these two procurement agencies of Government, in the same manner in which the American Red Cross does, for the procurement of, in the case of Treasury, the necessary packing and shipping cartons, strapping, clamps, and receipt cards, for ultimate delivery to a vendor who will be designated to do the physical packing; in the case of War Food Administration, for the procurement of the eleven items contained in the parcel for similar delivery to the vendor doing the physical packing.
- c. War Refugee Board or Treasury Procurement will enter into a contract with a private vendor for the physical packing and delivery operation.
- d. War Refugee Board will file the necessary application for an FEA export license and documents for the custom declaration.

Plan II.

- a. War Refugee Board will request the allocation of \$1,125,000 to Treasury Procurement.
- b. War Refugee Board or Treasury Procurement will then enter into a contract with a private vendor in a position to supply the completed package to dockside, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Informally, the American Red Cross has advised me that although their letter does not make mention of the fact that they will extend shipping facilities to the Board, they none the less will arrange for the forwarding of our parcels from Philadelphia to the International Committee and bill Treasury Procurement for this service (50¢ to 60¢ per package), provision for which cost is computed in the necessary \$1,125,000.

Because the Prisoner of War Relief Unit of the American Red Cross is interested in seeing our program continue, they informally approached the Prince Company in New York City from whom the Board purchased 5,000 packages in August of this year with a view to (a) determining the firm's interest and ability to act as packer as outlined under Plan I and (b) the firm's interest and ability to supply the complete parcel as outlined under Plan II. Again Red Cross has informed me that the Prince Company has indicated informally their interest in either proposal. In the case of Plan I the charge will be approximately 14¢ per package, and in the case of Plan II, \$2.32 per package delivered at Philadelphia.

I have informally cleared with Mr. E. J. Rossback, Blockade Division FEA, and he has informed me that he will expedite any request for action that the Board might make.

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Dated December 14, 1947

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

5118, December 14, 4 p.m.

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In informal discussions with appropriate Swedish authorities along lines of WRB 254 (Department's 2372, November 25, 9 p.m.) they have shown full readiness to cooperate, and Foreign Office volunteered to send us a letter in the matter. This our 112 for WRB. Subsequently a letter dated December 13 from Lundborg of the Foreign Office has been received referring to parcels now on the SAIVO destined to Jewish internees in Germany and stating that the Swedish authorities have no objection to their being for War Department to Germany from Sweden by the ICRC ships provided such parcels be handled under ICRC auspices.

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The cable below is WRB 267.

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Please deliver paraphrase of following message to

Fritz Hollander, Congress Committee, Postbox 7305, Stockholm, from Dr. Arish Tartakower of World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE Kindly have food parcels forwarded following Bergenbelsen inmates: Henry and Hannah Feilchenfeldt; Marcus Emanuel, wife and eight children; Max Joshua, wife and three children; Hans Felix Robert Oppenheimer; Rita Oppenheimer, nee Fuerst; Paul, Rudolf and Eva Oppenheimer; Therese and Julius Siegfried Birnbaum; Siegfried Gruenebaum; Kurt Sluizer; Jean and Fanny Lippman; Sophie Vedor; Arnold Leeuwin, wife Berta, children Gelina and Clara; Carolina Lan, nee Rozelaar and Mr. M. Lan; Mrs. Marie Slyper, nee Asecher; Sara Pakkedrager, Elie Pakkedrager and two children; Eva Cohen, nee Konigsberger; Mr. Ru. Cohen, son and daughter; Rabbi Dr. Neubauer, Ernst Kauffmann. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Fritz Hollander, Congress
Committee, Postbox 7305, Stockholm, from Dr. Arleh Tartakower of
World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE KINDLY HAVE FOODPARCELS FORWARDED FOLLOWING BERGENBELSEN
INMATES: HENRY AND HANNAH FEILCHENFELDT; MARCUS EMANUEL, WIFE
AND EIGHT CHILDREN; MAX JOSHUA, WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN; HANS
FELIX ROBERT OPPENHEIMER; RITA OPPENHEIMER, NEE FUERST; PAUL,
RUDOLF AND EVA OPPENHEIMER; THERESE AND JULIUS SIEGFRIED BIRNBAUM;
SIEGFRIED GROENEBAUM; KURT SLUIZER; JEAN AND FANNY LIPPMAN; SOPHIE
VEDER; ARNOLD LEEUWIN, WIFE BERTA, CHILDREN CELINA AND CLARA;
CAROLINA LAN, NEE ROZELAAR AND MR. M. LAN; MRS. MARIE SLYPER, NEE
ASSCHER; SARA PAKKEDRAGER, ELIE PAKKEDRAGER AND TWO CHILDREN;
EVA COHEN, NEE KONIGSBERGER; MR. RU. COHEN, SON AND DAUGHTER;
RABBI DR. NEUBAUER; ERNST KAUFFMANN. UNQUOTE

THIS IS STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 267.

11:35 a.m.

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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In reply refer
to No. 288

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

Attention: Dr. Akzin

December 7, 1944

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

Dear Sirs:

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. Arleh Tartakover

Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergen-
Belsen inmates: Henry and Hannah Feilchenfeldt;
Marcus Emanuel, wife and 8 children; Max Joshua, wife
and 3 children; Hans Felix Robert Oppenheimer; Rita
Oppenheimer, nee Fuerst; Paul, Rudolf and Eva Oppen-
heimer; Therese and Julius Siegfried Birnbaum; Sieg-
fried Gruenebaum; Kurt Sluizer; Jean and Fanny Lippman;
Sophie Veder; Arnold Leeuwijn, wife Berta, children
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M. Lan; Mrs. Marie Slyper, nee Asscher; Sara Pakkedrager,
Elie Pakkedrager and two children; Mrs. Cohen, nee Konigs-
berger; Mr. Ru. Cohen, son and daughter; Rabbi Dr. Neubauer;
Ernst Kauffmann."

Sincerely yours,


KURT R. GROSSMAN, Assistant
Rescue Department

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December 11, 1944

Memorandum for the File

I have been informed by Mr. Brinkman, Director of the American National Red Cross Packing Center in New York that he began the packing of our remaining 60,672 three-kilo parcels on December 9 and will have completed the operation on December 14. On that date he will have a total of 60,672 parcels ready for shipment at dockside in Philadelphia.

I then called Mr. Knaut, shipping officer for the prisoner of war relief section here in Washington to make arrangements for the forwarding of these parcels at the earliest possible date. Mr. Knaut informed me that the Caritas II now being loaded in Philadelphia sails for Toulon December 19 and that he will make every effort to get our parcels aboard this vessel. He will call me the latter part of this week or the early part of next week to confirm these arrangements. It will then be necessary for us to cable McClelland informing him of the despatch of these parcels.



Paul J. McCormack

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other than a Government
Agency. ~~(RECORDED)~~

Bern
Dated December 9, 1944
Rec'd 10:34 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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8044, December 9, 9 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM McCLELLAND.

Department's 3927, November 18, WRB'S
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Salvaged CRISTINA goods were made up into
25600 parcels distributed to unassimilated persons
in following concentration camps:

Buchenwald, 7694 parcels; Sachsenhausen
Oranienburg, 7273; Dachau 3799 Ravensbrueck
(women's camp), 2688; Hamburg-Neuengamme, 1277;
Natzweiler, 1100; Weimar-Schliessfach, 685;
Mauthausen, 520; Bergen-Belsen, 378; Feldpost
07702 (indication for camp containing number
prominent French political deportees whose
location Germans refuse to reveal) 206.

A certain limited number of Jewish in-
ternees (it is unfortunately not possible to give
exact

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exact figure) are present in camps of Ravensbrueck (Hungarian women) Mauthausen and Buchenwald. Bergen-Belsen is exclusively Jewish.

I should like to point out that distribution of CRISTINA goods in agreement with ICRC was particularly designed to bring relief to the very large number of non-Jewish (repeat non) political detainees in the vast German concentration camp system. Such non-Jews are treated practically as brutally as the Jews and up to the present exceedingly little has been done to help them. Relief shipments to Jewish deportees in the course of the past year on the other hand have been considerable. The JDC \$100,000 contribution to the ICRC, for example, was spent exclusively for Jewish relief as follows: 100,000 Swiss francs (out of total of 429,000) went to Rumania through ICRC delegate in Bucharest for purchase food, clothing and for financial relief to Jewish refugees, especially returning Transnistrian deportees; 100,000 francs to pharmaceutical division of ICRC Joint Relief Commission used to ship medical supplies

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supplies to Bergen-Belsen Jewish community at Zagreb (including camps in Croatia) Theresienstadt camp of Birkenau in Upper Silesia and "Juedisch Untestutzungsstelle" in Cracow; general government balance of 229,000 francs was also spent by Joint Commission for food (both collective and in parcels) shipments to Cracow (May, June and July) Theresienstadt (two shipments in July) Budapest (condensed milk for children in June) Birkenau (September) and Bergen-Belsen (November).

Consonant with ICRC'S expressed and logical wish that relief shipments handled by Committee for unassimilated persons in German controlled areas be on an impartial basis and not limited to any national, religious or racial groups, I agree with them that CRISTINA goods and first lot of 15023 WRB parcels should go primarily to non-Jews. Our decision regarding the 15023 WRB parcels which are being sent to Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg, Hamburg-Neuengamme, Mauthausen, Feldpost 07702 and Bergen-Belsen was also influenced by shipment in process of 40,000

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World Jewish Congress parcels exclusively to (L)
unassimilated Jews principally in Bergen-Bolsen
and Theresienstadt.

Future distribution of 224,328 WRB parcels, the news of whose shipment in Department's 4001, November 25 WRB'S 291, was most welcome, scheduled to arrive in Gothenburg this month will be carried out as equitably as possible to Jews and non-Jews on basis of degree of need previous relief received and possibility for ICRC to exercise satisfactory control over receipt.

List of camps included in your 3927 has been submitted to ICRC. Preliminary discussions of this list with them (in this respect see Legation's 5971, September 9) reveals that most of these places are not (repeat not) camps properly speaking; are located too near eastern fighting front to be accessible to ICRC and offer very little possibility of adequate control of receipt. ICRC states in this respect that, if FEA and MEW wish to waive distribution control hitherto required of Committee, attempts could be made

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-5- 8044, December 9, 9 a.m. from Bern

be made to send parcels to a larger number of (camps containing Jewish deportees.

I will send you shortly a separate message regarding evidence submitted to me by ICRC that food parcels distributed up to now satisfactorily reach intended beneficiaries.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

December 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1st, indicating that the War Refugee Board has received authorization to arrange for the shipment of an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels for distribution to unassimilated internees in camps in enemy Europe.

We were pleased to cooperate with you in arranging for the original 285,000 parcels to be packaged and shipped to the International Red Cross Committee for this purpose and we have tried to work out some way in which we could provide similar service for the newly authorized 300,000 parcels. The situation at this time, however, is such that we do not see our way clear to make additional commitments for packing parcels.

Our commitments of standard food packages alone are averaging over 1,300,000 per month which exceeds the normal capacity of our four packing centers. In addition we have been called upon and undoubtedly will be continued to be called upon to pack special items such as the invalid food packages, release kits and packages for the Far East.

It is only during this month that we can complete the final 60,000 packages on your original program of 285,000. The demands upon our centers have grown because of the additional Allied prisoners being

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taken in the present campaigns. In view of this situation we would undoubtedly encounter extended delays in trying to fit in the production of 300,000 additional packages for the War Refugee Board. Under the circumstances, it would seem best for arrangements to be made for the commercial packing of these parcels.

Sincerely yours,

Boris Blumberg

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

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The cable below is WRB 121.

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

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

QUOTE Have license remit Margolis Stockholm \$36,000
monthly for three months for parcels camps Theresienstadt
Bergenbelsen Birkenau advise whether remittance should be
made and how much STOP We most anxious that next shipment
be made soon as possible STOP We do not believe that pro-
ject should be abandoned because of lack of funds UNQUOTE

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Final message for the included Committee
12/6/44
CABLE TO NORWEB, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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

QUOTE HAVE LICENSE REMIT MARGOLIS STOCKHOLM \$36,000 MONTHLY
FOR THREE MONTHS FOR PARCELS CAMPS THEREISENSTADT BERGENBELSEN
BIRKENAU ADVISE WHETHER REMITTANCE SHOULD BE MADE AND HOW
MUCH STOP WE MOST ANXIOUS THAT NEXT SHIPMENT BE MADE SOON
AS POSSIBLE STOP WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PROJECT SHOULD BE
ABANDONED BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 121.

1:45 p.m.
December 6, 1944

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

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December 5th, 1944.

CABLE TO BE SENT THROUGH THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO ROBERT PILPEL

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*anxious that that shipment be made soon as
possible stop we do not believe that project
should be abandoned because of lack of funds*

*McKean
JDC*

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AMEMBASSY,

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The cable below is WRB 120.

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

QUOTE Your 122. Please discuss with Schwartz ad-
visability our providing funds for shipment parcels from
Stockholm arranged by Storch even though Margolis believes
otherwise. If lack of funds prevents parcels reaching in-
ternes our view is we should be prepared provide funds un-
less Margolis convinced that equivalent number packages can
be sent directly by us. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO NORWEG, LISBON, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

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

QUOTE YOUR 122. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH SCHWARTZ ADVISABILITY OUR PROVIDING FUNDS FOR SHIPMENT PARCELS FROM STOCKHOLM ARRANGED BY STORCH EVEN THOUGH MARGOLIS BELIEVES OTHERWISE. IF LACK OF FUNDS PREVENTS PARCELS REACHING INTERNEES OUR VIEW IS WE SHOULD BE PREPARED PROVIDE FUNDS UNLESS MARGOLIS CONVINCED THAT EQUIVALENT NUMBER PACKAGES CAN BE SENT DIRECTLY BY US. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB LISBON CABLE NO. 120.

2:15 p.m.
December 5, 1944

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

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December 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Robert Pilpel was received through the American Legation in Lisbon under date of December 8, 1944:

"133. Further our 216. \$75,000 required promptly enable Laura Margolis assume 75,000 kilos of excellent foodstuffs for shipment Theresienstadt and possibly other camps. Swedish export license in hand and all details arranged through Foarsamlingen which supervising YMCA which handling mailing and all technical details. Laura reports Ehrenpreis agrees relief not within Congress area and Ehrenpreis prepared turn over project which Congress unable finance."

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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Dated December 8, 1944

Rec'd 11:10 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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WRB 271, JDC 133, FOR LEAVITT FROM PILPEL.

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Stockholm

Dated December 4, 1944

Rec'd 9:58 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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4960, DECEMBER 4, 7 p.m.

About our comment added to No. 107 for WRB the following information has been obtained. This is our number 108 for WRB. For the past three years Germany has directed that no Christmas packages would be accepted for delivery after December 8 on account of communication difficulties. Upon thorough investigation here by Filseth, it is found that no restrictions have been imposed by Germans this year on individual packages. However, large bulk shipment will not be accepted after December 8. Therefore, small individual packages will continue to be sent.

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

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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

As you may know, 224,328 three-kilo food parcels packed by the American National Red Cross for the War Refugee Board will go forward on the S.S. Saivo, sailing for Gothenburg on December 1, for ultimate distribution by the International Red Cross to civilian internees in German concentration camps. The remaining 60,672 parcels will be packaged subsequent to December 9 for forwarding the latter half of December. I wish to extend to you at this time our sincere appreciation for the outstanding part played by the American National Red Cross in this important undertaking.

The Board has recently received authorization from the Relief Subcommittee of the Ministry of Economic Warfare for the shipment of an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels to the unassimilated internees in camps in enemy Europe. It will be appreciated if the American National Red Cross will agree to arrange for the packaging and forwarding of these parcels to the International Committee in the same manner in which the original 285,000 parcels were handled. If you will agree to do this, the War Refugee Board will, of course, immediately arrange to secure the necessary allocation of Government funds to cover the costs of this supplemental program.

In view of the urgency of the matter and the need to continue to extend relief to these people, I would appreciate an early reply from you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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

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December 2, 1944

Dear Sirs:

The following message for you from Mr. Storch was received through the American Legation in Stockholm under date of November 29, 1944:

"10,000 food packages consisting of 2½ kilos net being dispatched last week and this week, approximately 7,000 to Theresienstadt and the remainder to Belsenbergen. From Geneva about 8,000 addresses have been received, among others 1366 Hungarian Jews at Belsenbergen. Have made personal guarantee for first batch of 10,000 packages so that they may be dispatched without delay, as it is necessary for us to pay postage on the packages. Each package runs 9½ Swedish crowns. Next week will dispatch as many packages as possible since after 8th of December Germany not forwarding additional parcels. Money urgently required. Please cable amount remitted."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

World Jewish Congress,
183½ Broadway,
New York 23, New York.

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Stockholm

Dated November 29, 1944

Rec'd 4:57 p.m.

Way Ref Mr. Kelly

Secretary of State,
Washington.

4890, November 29, 5 p.m.

THIS IS OUR NUMBER 107 FOR WRE.
Hitel Storch sends following message for World

Jewish Congress New York.

"Dispatching 10,000 food parcels consisting 2½
kilos net last week and this week about 7,000 parcels
to Theresienstadt remainder Bergen Belsen. Have
received about 8,000 addresses from Geneva inter alia
1366 Hungarian Jews Bergen Belsen. In order to dis-
patch without delay have opened personal guarantee
for first 10,000 parcels as we must pay postage for
parcels. Each parcel costs 9½ Swedish crowns. Will
send as many parcels as possible next week as Germany
does not forward further parcels after December 8.
Require money urgently. Cable how much remitted."
See following cable explaining date.

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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. N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

November 28th, 1944.

In replying, refer to (S/4/a...)
S/4/x

Mr. Paul S. McCormick,
War Refugee Board,
Room 387 1/2,
Treasury Bldg.,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormick,

As understood yesterday, during our conversation, I am enclosing herewith copies of letter No. 1350 and 1353 received from our Geneva Headquarters, pertaining to relief for Jewish internees in Germany and occupied territory.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Peter
MARC PETER,
Delegate.

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GENEVE, le 1er novembre, 1944.

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE.

NOTE No. 1350

Agence Centrale
des Prisonniers de Guerre.

Note pour la Délégation du C.I.C.R. à
Washington.

CONCERNE:- Votre télégramme 1041 du 9 octobre 1944, envoi de vêtements à Bergen-Belsen.

Nous accusons réception de votre télégramme No.1041 du 9 octobre 1944, auquel nous avons répondu par notre câble No.E9745.

Nous vous avons adressé, dès le mois de décembre 1943, différentes notes insistant sur la nécessité d'envoyer à Genève, tant que les conditions le permettent encore, une réserve de vivres et de vêtements destinés au ravitaillement tant des Israélites déportés dans des camps de concentration que d'autres catégories de civils. Notre note No. 900 en est un exemple.

Rien ne s'oppose à l'expédition de vêtements au camp de Bergen-Belsen; des vêtements y seraient les bienvenus quoique d'autres camps en aient un besoin infiniment plus urgent. Jusqu'ici nos envois de vivres à ce camp y sont très bien arrivés.

Quant à contrôler la distribution de tels colis, le C.I.C.R. est disposé à vérifier, par les moyens qui sont à sa portée en ce moment, si les colis atteignent leurs destinataires. Si la visite de ce camp ne nous a pas été accordée, nous disposons d'autres moyens de vérification. Grâce aux expériences qui ont été faites dernièrement, nous avons acquis la certitude que les colis envoyés à Bergen-Belsen arrivent à destination.

Pour le Comité International
de la Croix-Rouge

(signée)

Division d'Assistance Spéciale.

P.S. Ces indications sont évidemment valables "rebus sic stantibus". La situation peut se modifier d'un moment à l'autre et des envois de secours - aujourd'hui encore possibles - peuvent être arrêtés d'un moment à l'autre.

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GENEVE, le 1er novembre, 1944.

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NOTE NO. 1353

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE.

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers
de Guerre.

NOTE POUR LA DELEGATION DU C.I.C.R.,
à WASHINGTON.

Nous avons bien reçu votre note No. 1886, référence S/4/a, par laquelle vous nous transmettez copie de la correspondance adressée par le Congrès juif mondial au War Refugee Board concernant l'envoi de vivres aux personnes détenues dans les camps de concentration en Allemagne et territoires occupés.

Les camps énumérés par Monsieur Kubowitzki, dans la liste jointe à votre note, ne sont plus en partie, depuis longtemps, en territoires occupés par l'Armée allemande. Il reste une partie des camps en Pologne et quelques autres camps sur lesquels nous reviendrons ci-dessous.

Pour ce qui concerne la Pologne, les renseignements que nous avons reçus sont de nature à nous interdire toute expédition de secours, d'une part parce que la proximité du front ne permet pas un trafic de marchandises, d'autre part parce que les Autorités détentrices ne nous permettent pas le contrôle demandé par les Autorités du blocus. S'il est exact, comme dit M. Kubowitzki dans sa lettre à M. Fehle, que nous sommes arrivés à une entente avec le War Refugee Board concernant les envois aux déportés, il n'est pas moins vrai que nous avons dû nous engager d'exercer un contrôle rigoureux, lequel n'est pas admis par les Allemands dans tous les camps. Notamment toute visite aux camps en Silésie ou en Pologne a été catégoriquement refusée jusqu'à présent aux délégués du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge. C'est donc à cause de nos engagements pris vis-à-vis du War Refugee Board que les secours ne peuvent pas être expédiés aux camps proposés par Monsieur Kubowitzki. Actuellement, nous pouvons envoyer facilement des secours à Theresienstadt et à Bergen-Belsen, tandis que déjà pour le camp de Mauthausen la chose n'est pas si facile. Etant donné les renseignements que nous avons reçus au sujet de ce camp, nous devons probablement arrêter nos envois de secours, les possibilités de contrôle n'étant pas suffisantes.

D'autre part, nous envoyons des secours à un certain nombre de camps où se trouvent quelques Juifs et qui ne sont pas mentionnés dans la liste de Monsieur Kubowitzki.

Lorsque les colis promis par le War Refugee Board nous seront enfin parvenus, nous en ferons certainement bénéficier les camps où se trouvent les arrangements pris avec les Autorités du blocus.

Nous vous prions d'exposer ce qui précède à Monsieur Kubowitzki ainsi qu'au War Refugee Board et de bien vouloir nous confirmer la réception de cette note.

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NOTE NO. 1353 (suite)

Les camps mentionnés en Italie du Nord ont été presque tous évacués et les détenus transférés en Allemagne. Un seul groupe de Juifs se trouveraient encore près de Bolzano et nous nous efforcerons de trouver moyen de les secourir.

Pour le Comité International
de la Croix-Rouge

(signée)

Directeur de la Division
d'Assistance Spéciale.

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TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH

(Our reference S/4/k received
November 24, 1944)

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GENEVA November 1, 1944

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
RED CROSS

Central Agency for Prisoners
of War

NOTE No. 1350 for the Delegation
of the International Committee of
the Red Cross in Washington

Re: Your telegram 1941 of October 9, 1944, concerning
the shipment of garments to Bergen-Belsen.

We acknowledge receipt of your telegram No. 1941 of October 9, 1944,
to which we have replied by our cable No. E9745.

Beginning with the month of December, 1943, we have sent you various
notes insisting on the need, as long as conditions still permitted, to send to
Geneva a stockpile of food and garments to supply Jews deported to concentra-
tion camps, as well as other categories of civilians. Our note No. 900 is an
example thereof.

Nothing stands in the way of sending garments to the Camp of Bergen-
Belsen; garments would be welcomed there, though other camps need them much
more urgently. Up until now, our shipments of food to that camp have also ar-
rived very well.

As to the supervision of the distribution of such packages, the Inter-
national Committee of the Red Cross is ready to verify, by means which, for the
moment, are at its disposal, whether the packages reach their addressees. If
we do not receive permission to visit the camp, we dispose of other means of
verification. Thanks to the experience which we have had of late, we are quite
certain that the packages sent to Bergen-Belsen reach their destination.

For the International Committee of the Red
Cross

(Signed)

Division of Special Assistance

P.S. These data are, of course, valid "rebus sic stantibus". The situation can
change at any moment and the relief packages which are still possible today may
have to be stopped at any time.

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(Our reference S/4/- received November 24, 1944)

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GENEVA November 1, 1944

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
RED CROSS

Central Agency for Prisoners
of War

NOTE No. 1353 for the Delegation of the
International Committee of the Red Cross
in Washington

We have received your note No. 1886, reference S/4/a, in which you transmit to us copy of the correspondence addressed by the World Jewish Congress to the War Refugee Board concerning the shipment of food parcels to persons detained in concentration camps in Germany and occupied territories.

The camps enumerated by Mr. Kubowitzki in the list annexed to your note are partly no longer in territories occupied by the German Army. There remain some camps in Poland and a few other camps with which we will deal later.

As far as Poland is concerned, the information which we have received is of a nature such as to make impossible the sending of any relief, partly because the proximity of the front does not permit the transportation of goods, and partly because the detaining authorities do not permit us to exercise the supervision required by the blockading authorities. Though it is true, as Mr. Kubowitzki says in his letter to Mr. Pehle, that we have arrived at an agreement with the War Refugee Board concerning shipments for deportees, it is also true that we had to undertake the obligation to exercise rigorous supervision, which, however, is not permitted by the Germans in all camps. More particularly, any visit to the camps in Silesia or in Poland has been categorically refused up to now to the delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It is precisely because of our engagement undertaken vis-a-vis War Refugee Board that relief cannot be sent to the camps proposed by Mr. Kubowitzki. At the present, we can send relief easily to Theresienstadt and to Bergen-Belsen, but even with respect to the Camp of Mauthausen, it is not so easy to do so. In view of the information which we have received with respect to that camp, we shall probably have to stop our shipments of relief, since the opportunities for supervision are not sufficient.

On the other hand, we send relief to a certain number of camps which are not mentioned in Mr. Kubowitzki's lists and where there are a few Jews.

When the packages promised by the War Refugee Board will finally arrive, we shall certainly give the benefit therefrom to the camps in which the arrangements undertaken with the blockading authorities can be materialized.

We request you to explain the proceedings to Mr. Kubowitzki as well as to the War Refugee Board and to be good enough to acknowledge receipt of this note.

The camps mentioned as being in Northern Italy have, almost all of them, been evacuated and the deportees transferred to Germany. Only one group of Jews

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is still near Bolzano, and we will attempt to find the means to come to their aid.

For the International Committee of the
Red Cross

(Signed)

Director, Division of Special Assistance

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November 27, 1944

Memorandum for the File

A total of 224,328 three-kilo parcels packed in 37,388 shipping cartons were loaded on the International Red Cross vessel Saivo over the past weekend. This shipment included 185,004 non-Kosher food parcels and 39,324 Kosher food parcels. According to present plans, the S.S. Saivo sails from Philadelphia with the tide on December 1 and is due to arrive at Gothenburg on or about December 19.

Mr. Brinkman, Director of the American Red Cross Packing Center in New York informed me that the remaining 60,672 parcels will be packed beginning December 9 and will be ready for forwarding quite possibly via the Marseille route the latter half of December.

PM
Paul J. McCormack

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM
DATED: November 25, 1944
NUMBER: 2372
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The following is a text of a cable to Bern which is repeated for your information.

Amcross shipping on S.S. Saivo to Gothenburg within next ten days 37,388 cases containing 224,328 three-kilo WRB food parcels for consignment to Intercross for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps. Shipment to Swedish port being made due to lack of shipping facilities Marseille. All three-kilo parcels, in accordance with Intercross instructions, are unmarked cartons. Outer shipping cartons (each containing 6 three-kilo parcels) are marked on each of two ends as follows: To International Red Cross Committee, at the top; lower left: Weight 43 lbs; lower right: Cubic Feet: 1.32. In the center portion of each of the two ends and on two sides will appear a circle substituted for the Red Cross emblem (at Amcross suggestion). That portion of the shipment containing a Kosher meat product (39,324 three-kilo parcels packed in 6,554 shipping cartons) will be distinguished by the letter "K" appearing in the center of the four circles. Parcels so packed do not contain receipt cards and are for distribution by Intercross as outlined in paragraph 4, your 6263, September 21. Balance of 30,834 shipping cartons containing 185,004 three-kilo parcels includes receipt card as per wirephoto, September 22. All parcels contain items mentioned our 5859, September 6. Remaining 60,672 three-kilo parcels will go forward sometime in December.

For your information, Board has secured authorization from MEWA to make provision for the shipment of an additional 300,000 three-kilo parcels to go forward beginning the latter half of December.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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2-#2372, November 25, from Stockholm

MEW has approved and Amcross is prepared to ship for World Jewish Congress here 10,000 pounds of clothing for Intercross distribution to unassimilated persons Bergenbelsen and other camps. Shipment will be made sometime in December when space becomes available. Will you informally clear this matter with appropriate Swedish officials with a view to obtaining their approval for the offloading of this shipment at Gothenburg.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 254.
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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN

The following is a text of a cable to Bern which is repeated for your information.

QUOTE Amcross shipping on S.S. Saivo to Gothenburg within next ten days 37,388 cases containing 224,328 three-kilo WRB food parcels for consignment to Interross for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps. Shipment to Swedish port being made due to lack of shipping facilities Marseille. All three-kilo parcels, in accordance with Interross instructions, are unmarked cartons. Outer shipping cartons (each containing 6 three-kilo parcels) are marked on each of two ends as follows: To International Red Cross Committee, at the top; lower left: Weight 43 lbs; lower right: Cubic Feet: 1.32. In the center portion of each of the two ends and on two sides will appear a circle substituted for the Red Cross emblem (at Amcross suggestion). That portion of the shipment containing a Kosher meat product (39,324 three-kilo parcels packed in 6,554 shipping cartons) will be distinguished by the letter "K" appearing in the center of the four circles. Parcels so packed do not contain receipt cards and are for distribution by Interross as outlined in paragraph 4, your 6263, September 21. Balance of 30,834 shipping cartons containing 185,004 three-kilo parcels includes receipt card as per wirephoto, September 22. All parcels contain items mentioned our 5859, September 2. Remaining 60,672 three-kilo parcels will go forward sometime in December.

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THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 254.

1:30 p.m.

November 23, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson; Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
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September 6.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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-2- #4001, November 25, Midnight, To Bern.

September 8. Remaining 80,672 three-kilo parcels will go forward sometime in December.

For your information, Board has secured authorization from MEW to make provision for the shipment of an additional 300,000 three-kilo parcels to go forward beginning the latter half of December.

The foregoing has been repeated to Stockholm.

MEW has approved and Amcross is prepared to ship for World Jewish Congress here a total of 10,000 pounds of clothing for distribution to unassimilated persons in Bergenbelsen and other camps. Shipment will be made to Gothenburg sometime in December when shipping space becomes available. However, Amcross has asked Board to obtain assurance from Interross that Interross is prepared to receive and distribute this clothing. You are requested to obtain such assurance and advise Board.

Reference Bergenbelsen and point No. 3 your 6265 September 21, Board would appreciate definition of "number A internees in Bergenbelsen Germany."

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND

Amcross shipping on S.S. Saivo to Gothenburg within next ten days 37,388 cases containing 224,328 three-kilo WRB food parcels for consignment to Intercross for distribution to unassimilated persons in camps. Shipment to Swedish port being made due to lack of shipping facilities Marseille. All three-kilo parcels, in accordance with Intercross instructions, are unmarked cartons. Outer shipping cartons (each containing 6 three-kilo parcels) are marked on each of two ends as follows: To International Red Cross Committee, at the top; lower left: Weight 43 lbs; lower right: Cubic Feet: 1.32. In the center portion of each of the two ends and on two sides will appear a circle substituted for the Red Cross emblem (at Amcross suggestion). That portion of the shipment containing a Kosher meat product (39,324 three-kilo parcels packed in 6,554 shipping cartons) will be distinguished by the letter "K" appearing in the center of the four circles. Parcels so packed do not contain receipt cards and are for distribution by Intercross as outlined in paragraph 4, your 6263, September 21. Balance of 30,834 shipping cartons containing 185,004 three-kilo parcels includes receipt card as per wirephoto, September 22. All parcels contain items mentioned our 5859, September 6. Remaining 60,672 three-kilo parcels will go forward sometime in December.

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Reference Bergenbelsen and point No. 3 your 6263 September 21, Board would appreciate definition of "number A internees in Bergenbelsen Germany."

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 291.

1:30 p.m.

November 23, 1944

JH
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn,
DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files
FJMcCormack:ar 11/22/44



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ALLEGATION

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The following for Olsen is WRB 262.

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

QUOTE Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergenbelsen inmates: Richard and Mary Jellinek and daughter; Margaret (nee Saulmann) and Ruth Hanna Wiener (barrack 20); Karl, Eugenia, Norbert, Edith, Egon, Erika, Oliver Freudiger; Dora (nee Gutter), Adolf, and Sofia Schlesinger and two small daughters.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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

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

QUOTE Kindly have foodparcels forwarded following Bergenbelsen inmates: Richard and Mary Jellinek and daughter; Margaret (nee Saulmann) and Ruth Hanna Wiener (barrack 20); Karl, Eugenia, Norbert, Edith, Egon, Erika, Oliver Freudiger; Dora (nee Gutter), Adolf, and Sofia Schlesinger and two small daughters. UNQUOTE

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Hon. John W. Pehle
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Washington, D.C.

Attention: Dr. Benjamin Akzin

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. Leon Kubowitzki

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Sincerely yours,

Kurt R. Grossman
Kurt R. Grossman, Assistant
Rescue Department

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