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WASHINGTON, April 28, 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of Fourtook Olsen with the following message.

TO: Fritz Hollander, Post Box 7606, from Kurt Grossen, WJ World Jewish Congress.

JIGSE: Send three food parcels to family Alexander, Lothar Rings, interment number 1996 Camp Muhrenbach-Riss, RJI.

GREG (Acting)
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM, FOR USE FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Fritz Holland, Postbox 7506, from Kurt G rosa of World Jewish Congress:

STOP SEND THREE FOODPACKETS TO FAMILY ALEXANDER LOTHAR
REDDIT, INTERNEMENT NUMBER 1999 CAMP BIRKENAU-BSS. OXENHEFF

THIS IS OUR STOCKHOLM NO. 263

9:45 a.m.
April 25, 1945
Miss Chauncey (Mrs for the Secty) Cohn, D,Reis, Gerston, H. Gel, Hutchison, McCormick, O'Dwyer, Files.
In reply refer to:
No. 296
April 20, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

May I ask you to be good enough to have the following message transmitted through the facilities of the Department of State:

"To: Fritz Hollander, Postbox 7306, Stockholm
From: Kurt Grossman

Send three food parcels to family Alexander Lothar Ringer, internment number 1995 camp Biberach-Riss."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

KURT R. GROSSMAN
Rescue Department
DEPARTMENT
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APRIL 27, 1945

STOCKHOLM

775, twenty-seventh
Please request Olsen deliver the following message

(WFD 361) to Hillel Storch, Postbox 7506, Stockholm from

Kurt Grossman of World Jewish Congress:

WFD/361: According to Jewish Telegraphic Agency April 16

camp Bergenbolen liberated. Anxious learn whether you

can send food supplies to the liberated persons there.

URGENT

GREW
(Acting)

(WFD)

URGENT
4/28/45

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM, FOR OLSEN, FROM THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Hillel Storch, Postbox 7306, Stockholm from Kurt Grossman of World Jewish Congress:

"QUOTE ACCORDING TO JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY APRIL 16 CAMP BORSHCHOW LIBERATED. ANXIOUS LEARN WHETHER YOU ARE ABLE SEND FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE LIBERATED PRISONERS THERE. UNQUOTE"

THIS IS WJR STOCKHOLM NO. 362

April 23, 1945

Miss Clymer (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Dubits, Gaston, Hodal, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dayer, Files.

4:30 p.m.,
April 23, 1945

RE: 4/20/45
In reply refer to:
April 17, 1945
No. 292

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

May I ask you to be good enough to have the following cable transmitted through the facilities of the Department of State:

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Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Kurt R. Grossman
Rescue Department

In reply refer to:
April 17, 1945
No. 292
Dear Mr. McClelland:

I am enclosing, at the request of the World Jewish Congress, a list of Theresienstadt inmates for inclusion in the food package program.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Representative of the War R.Fugee Board,
United States Legation,
Bern, Switzerland.

Enclosure.
April 20, 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following message for you from Harold Trobe was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon under date of April 20, 1945; as JDC No. 221:

"Your 166. Gottfarg insists stockpiles owned by American Red Cross under supervision of Mr. Erencholt of International Red Cross who probably took over stockpiles formally. Congress parcels were Koscher and turned over after Congress negotiations in America and local Congress paid nothing. Certain quantities clothing in Goteborg's free port belonging to American Red Cross. Suggest New York negotiate with American Red Cross if we could borrow food and clothing until Joint can get material to Sweden."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel
Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
SECRETARY OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

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1945 APR 20, 21.43
Lisbon

Dated: April 20, 1945
Rec'd 10:25 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington,

834, Twentieth

WBB 366 JDC 221 FOR LEAVITT FROM THOME.

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The following for Olsen is UNR 586.

The Royal Danish Legation here has been called to the attention of the Board the plight of some 6,000 Danish patriots who, following the occupation of Denmark by Germany, were removed to certain concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled territory and who, because of their unassimilated status, are in need of food. The Danish Legation further informs us that recent negotiations with the German authorities have resulted in the concentration of all Danish and Norwegian prisoners who have heretofore been held in various camps in Germany to one single camp which will be supervised by Swedish Y.M.C.A. representatives. Gusto Lundin, director of prisoner of war activities for Swedish Y.M.C.A., has informed them that the removal of these prisoners to one camp is already in progress. You are requested to make arrangements with either Internees Delegate in Sweden or representatives of Swedish Y.M.C.A. for the forwarding of parcels from the UNR stockpile held at Goteborg for distribution to these internees.

R. H. Parks  
SEP 21 1972
CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON AND OLSEN, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

The Royal Danish Legation here has called to the attention of the Board the plight of some 5,000 Danish neutrals who, following the occupation of Denmark by Germany, were removed to certain concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled territory and who, because of their neutralized status, are in need of relief. The Danish Legation further informs us that recent negotiations with the German authorities have resulted in the concentration of all Danish and Norwegian prisoners who have therefore been held in various camps in Germany to one single camp which will be supervised by Swedish Y.M.C.A. representatives. Cont. Lamb, director of prisoner of war activities for Sweden's Y.M.C.A., has informed them that the removal of these prisoners to one camp is already in progress. You are requested to make arrangements with either interest's delegate in Sweden or representatives of Swedish Y.M.C.A. for the forwarding of parcels from the Y.M.C.A. stockpile held at Goteborg for distribution to these internees.

THIS IS SWEDISH CABLE NO. 356

11:00 a.m.
April 29, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Coln, Dubois, Gaston, Nadel, Hutchinson, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

[Signature]

McCormack 4/29/45
April 10, 1945

Mr. Paul J. McCormack
War Refugee Board
Main Treasury Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I wonder whether you have noticed the following telegram from Stockholm which was published in the press a few days ago:

"As a result of recent negotiations the German authorities have agreed to move all Danish and Norwegian prisoners, who have hitherto been held in camps at various places in Germany, to one single camp which will be supervised by Swedish Y.M.C.A. representatives. Gösta Lundin, director of prisoner of war activities of the Swedish Y.M.C.A., says that the removal of prisoners to this one camp is already in progress."

I am inclined to believe that this only applies to those interned in concentration camps, not to the inmates of ordinary prisons.

But it seems, at any rate, that the list of prisons and concentration camps which accompanied my letter to General O'Day on April 5th, is already partly obsolete and that it will be necessary to locate the new camp.

Do you think your representatives in Switzerland are taking the necessary steps to do so?

Yours sincerely,

C.A.C. Brun
Counselor of Legation
The following for McClelland in WBB 506.

Reference our 1437 of April 12, Danish Legation here has advised Board of a recently received telegram from Stockholm to the effect that German authorities have agreed to remove all Danish and Norwegian prisoners who have heretofore been held in camps in various places in Germany to one single camp which will be supervised by Swedish Y.M.C.A. representatives. Gosta Lundin, director prisoner of war activities for Swedish Y.M.C.A., says that removal of prisoners to this camp is already in progress. This information is passed on to you for your information in order to implement the Board's request in 1437 of April 12.
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCGILLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

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THIS IS THE BERN CABLE NO. 505

11:00 a.m.
April 14, 1945

Miss Chamney (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Daehne, Gaston, Model, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

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Secretary of State

Washington

2233, April 18, 6 p.m.

FDR FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 1437 URB's 496, April 12

With reference to Danish Legation's understandable concern for welfare Danish detainees in German camps and to similar requests for specific aid received here from other national groups (Poles for instance) it must be pointed out that present degree of need of virtually all (except all) inmates of concentration camps in Germany is so great that ICRC's relief program for them through which our WRB parcels are distributed can only be carried out on strictly impartial and humanitarian basis of need in the few camps and places of detention still accessible. In so far as any can be marked at all it is possible our WRB parcels go to those detainees who either have no government or whose governments or national Red Cross societies have not been able to get supplies available to ICRC for their nationals. French and Belgians for example

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By R. H. Parker-Date
-2- 52253, April 18, 6 p.m., from Bern

have supplied ICRC with large food stocks for their deportees so that WRB parcels are not needed for them.

Distributions to camps are now all collective parcels being generally apportioned out to various national groups within each camp according to their size through their men of confidence and physicians. Camp infirmaries are always served first.

Please inform Denos that WRB parcels have already gone in many cases and will go to their people in proportion to their need in all places mentioned your 1657 which are still accessible to ICRC deliveries.

E. PRISON

ITM
The following for McClelland to WUB 502.

Greek War Relief association here, upon receipt of a report from R. Weiss, Delegation R. Fillenique, 1976/29/a. Geneva, has called the attention of the Board to the plight of 320 Greek civilian nationals who are detained by the German Government. According to our information these people could be reached with supplies by Intercrosses. Consequently, you are instructed to advise Intercrosses to divert when and where possible from the Refugee Board stocks, parcels in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of these Greek nationals along with the nationals of other United Nations who are in an unaccomplished category.

STEPHANUS
(DPL)

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April 17, 1945

Distribution of tons

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STEPHANUS

(DPL)
CABLE TO HARRISON AND SCELLELAND, AMBASSADOR, BERLIN, FROM WAR REFUGE BOARD

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THIS IS WAR BERLIN CABLE NO. 501

10:45 a.m.
April 17, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Dubois, Gaston, Hedges, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.
Dear Mr. Koffman:

We are pleased to acknowledge your letter of April 16, 1945.

Due to developments abroad, it became necessary for the War Refugee Board to secure its food parcels much closer to the area of distribution. The availability of food parcels abroad having satisfied our needs, the Board does not contemplate the procurement and shipment of further food supplies from this country due to current military developments.

We wish to thank you for your offer to make your products available to us.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. F. A. Koffman,
Capitol Packing Corporation,
131 Water Street,
New York 2, New York.
Sir:  

We beg to refer to a letter the PRINCE COMPANY of New York wrote to you on April 13th 1945, with regard to a contract for 300000 relief packages.  

Our company was supposed to supply the dehydrated soup for those packages and we very much regret that the contract was cancelled. However, we thought that we might be able to furnish soup to your organization for straight shipment to the European or other areas.  

As you probably remember, we are packing our soup in cans which gives our merchandise a distinct advantage against competitive items on the market. Cans are not only standing up much better on the transport than packages, they are also much safer against all kinds of infestation and for the keeping of quality and taste of soups.  

We shall be glad to offer you our articles and prices in detail, if you will be kind enough and let us know whether you are interested and whether it is the package for the individual family or rather for institutional (mass- ) feeding, you would prefer.  

Looking forward to hearing from you with great interest, we are

respectfully yours,

CAPITOL PACKING CORP.

[Signature]

by

F. A. KOPFMAN
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAN

Regarding number of WRB parcels still at Goteborg and number already shipped either to concentration camps or to Luebeck for later delivery to camps, ICRC supplied me on April 11 with following details: (Legation's 1765, March 24).

On March 6, 10,000 parcels went to Hamburg-Neuenamme; March 16 ditto; March 17, 9,600 parcels to Ravensbrueck; March 17, 13,200 parcels to ICRC depot at Luebeck. Total 44,400.

Original number of parcels at Goteborg was 224,328.

39,324 WRB "X" parcels were released to WJC in Sweden. ICRC informs me WJC entrusted these parcels to the "Korporative For Bundet" in Goteborg for shipping.

This leaves some 140,604 WRB parcels still in Goteborg. ICRC has instructed its delegate there to ship these as rapidly as possible to Luebeck for further distribution.

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Washington

2190; April 14, 11 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAN

Secretary of State

Bern

April 14, 1945

Rec'd 12:12 p.m.

Date: April 14, 1945

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 21 1972

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April 14, 11 a.m., from Bern

distribution by Renault trucks now en route.

Repeated to Stockholm for Olson of WHB.

HARRISON

LMS
Dear Mr. Prince:

We are pleased to acknowledge your letter of April 12, 1945.

It was with regret that the War Refugee Board found it necessary to instruct the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department to cancel contract No. 762-4950, under which your organization was to have packed 300,000 food parcels for the Board.

As I told you in our recent telephone conversation, we could not hope that our modest stockpile of food parcels abroad could last sufficiently long to insure replenishment before complete distribution under newly acquired distribution facilities. Consequently, it became necessary for us to secure food parcels much closer to the area of distribution. We know that you share with us the feeling that by our having secured food parcels from available supplies in Switzerland, our intended beneficiaries stood to gain.

We wish to express our appreciation for the interest your company took in our program and the energy with which you explored the availability of the food items that were to have been a part of our food parcel. We wish also to express our appreciation to your company not only for the part that you played in this program, but also for the very direct part you played in making parcels available to the Board in August, 1944. It might interest you to know that the parcels your company supplied us at that time represented the initial shipment of relief food parcels that were shipped from this country to persons held in concentration camps in enemy Europe.

We appreciate your cooperation and assure you that you have every right to experience the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that your organization did everything possible to make our program a success.

Sincerely yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. S. Prince,
The Prince Company,
268 Broadway,
New York, New York.

P.S. [Signature]

[Stamp: Cleared with Mr. J. K. Jones of Procurement]
General William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.  

April 12, 1945

Dear General O'Dwyer:

We have received from Mr. Robert Lefevre, Assistant to the Director, Treasury Department, Procurement Division, an agreement for cancellation of Contract No. TRR-4500 under which we were to pack 200,000 food relief packages to be distributed by the War Refugee Board in the European area.

It is of course a matter of deep regret to us that termination of the contract was made necessary because of the unavailability of many of the food items. We sincerely hope that other arrangements can be effected which will provide relief to the people for whom these packages were intended.

You will recall that in our telephone conversation with you last week, we explained that we had succeeded in making arrangements to obtain two of the items to be included in the package, the vitamins and the dehydrated soup, the latter being a substitute recommended by the Red Cross and the War Food Administration for the K biscuits specified in the contract. As we mentioned to you over the telephone, we believe that these are items which you may be interested in securing directly from the producers for shipment abroad in bulk to some distribution point in Europe.

The vitamins were available at the Vitamin Corporation of America, 61 Fulton Street, Newark, N. J. in anticipation of an order for them, Mr. Morton Edell, President of the company, had taken the necessary steps to prepare the special packages in which the vitamins were to be packed in accordance with the specifications of the contract.
April 12, 1945

General William O'Dwyer

Arrangements had also been made to secure the dehydrated soup from Capitol Packing Co., 131 Water Street, New York City. The fact that the soup was packed in 7-oz. tins is unusual and would be of great advantage both from the point of view of storage and shipment.

We appreciate the cooperation of the War Refugee Board in exploring the matter of securing the food ingredients for relief packages. We feel some satisfaction ourselves in the knowledge that so far as possible we did everything to make the packing of the packages possible. We should like to take this opportunity to extend to you our thanks and best wishes in your endeavor to bring succor to these unfortunate people in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

THE PRINCE COMPANY

[Signature]

SP:DF
The following for Maclellan in WO 406.

The Danish Legation here has called to the attention of the
Refugee Council the plight of some 5,000 Danish patriots, who,
following the occupation of Denmark by Germany were removed to
certain concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled
territory, and who, because of their unassimilated status are in
need of food. Where it is possible you are to make arrangements

With Interests for the forwarding of parcels from the US stock-

Recipients of parcels who are interned in the following places,

Concentration Camp.

Buchow, b/Kleiner
Gravenhagen, Osnabrock, S/Salzburg, b/Berlin
Bremerhaven, Berghofast, b/Hamburg
Muenster, Osnabrock (Osnabrück), Poland
Stettin b/Danzig

denmark, Germany
Munich, Berlin, Munich, b/Munich, Ober Pfalz
Hamburg, Muenster, b/Herne, Oberhausen, B.M.
Bremen, b/Fremden, Locken, Locken, b/Darmstadt

Prisons

Dreiherger, b/Hamburg, Blom
konstanz, Holstein
Bremen, Osnabrock 22, Bremerh., b/Hamburg
Vilhale, Greven, Blom

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-2-1437, April 12, 7 p.m., to Bern.

Lueken
Halle
Wiederode
Berlin
Hamburg
Koeln
Kiel
Brandeu
Breslau
Stettin
Greifswald
Hamburg
Pulitzmol
Hagen, Saargebiet
Prenzlau
Boehm

CONTINUMUS
(UK)
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

The Danish Legation here has called to the attention of the War Refugee Board the plight of some 5,000 Danish patriots, who, following the occupation of Denmark by Germany were removed to certain concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled territory, and who, because of their unassimilated status are in need of food. Where it is possible you are to make arrangements with internees for the forwarding of parcels from the WRF stockpile to these patriots who are interned in the following places, some of which are known or thought to be liberated:

A. Concentration Camps.

Buchenwald b/Weimar
Sachsenhausen, Oranienburg b/Berlin
Neuengamme, Bergedorf b/Hamburg
Gaw徳cin (Auschwitz), Poland
Stutthof b/Danzig
Sangerhausen, Germany
Flossenburg Uber Fluss, b/Neiden, Ober Pfalz
Theresienstadt, Fost Lazarett, B.N.
Braunschweik b/Brunswick, Hanovra
Holocaust, Nieder Roden b/Bromstedt

B. Prisons

Bitterfeld b/S絶zow, Meckl.
Spandau, Zinna, b/Halbe
Ordern, Wittenfeldalle 22, Bremsel b/Bevel
Molda, Saacken
Leiden
Halle
Mehrau
Berlin
Mehrau
Koln
Danzig
Brandenburg
Stettin
Schwerin
Danzig
Fuhlsbuttel
Hagen, Ruhrgebiet
Prenzlau
Bochum

THIS IS WRE BEEN CABLE NO. 496

4:30 p.m.
April 11, 1945
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Day, Files.

From McCormack 4/10/45
LUGBOB

876, Eleventh

Please deliver the following message (WBU 168) to
Herschel Frobe from H. A. Lecvitt of American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

NOTE: Your 367 Gottfrads information regarding
stockpiles of American Redcross erroneous. Understand
amount small and not available for sale. 200,000 miles
food reported given to Congress not from American Redcross
and this presumably refers to parcels of War Refugee Board
which destined go through Swedish Redcross and YWCA. U.S. Dept.

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, FROM THE H.R. REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Harold Trobe from

M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE YOUR 247 CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING STOCKPILES
OF AMERICAN REFUGEE RESERVES. UNDERSTAND AMOUNT SMALL
AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE. 200,000 KILOS FOOD REPORTED
OBTAINED FROM AMERICAN RESERVES AND THIS
PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO PARCELS OF PARCELS OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD WHICH
DESTINED GO THROUGH SWEDISH REFUGEE AND INQA. UNQUOTE

THIS IS USDA LISBON CABLE NO. 106

Copy sent to Jude 4/7/45

1:10 a.m.
April 7, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Conn, DuBois, Gaston, Hodel,
Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.
2. To Harold Troe, Lisbon

YOUR 107 GOTHARES INFORMATION REGARDING STOCKPILES OF AMERICAN REDCROSS

ERRORIOUS. UNDERSTAND AS CO-OUT SMALL AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALES. 200,000

KILOS FOOD REPORTED GIVEN TO CONGRESS NOT FROM AMERICAN REDCROSS AND THIS

PROBABLY REFERS TO PARCELS OF WAR REFUGE BOARD WHICH DESTROYED GO THROUGH

SVERISH REDCROSS AND YNGA

F. A. LEAVITT

J. D. C.
April 11, 1946

Secretary Morgenthau

William O'Dwyer

I send you herewith a copy of a letter I have received from the President concerning our feeding program and turning down our request for funds to purchase an additional 300,000 parcels in this country.

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

Attachment.

FHtd 4/11/46

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My dear General O'Dwyer:

I have received your letter of March 23 which outlined a proposal for an additional food parcel program for civilians interned within Germany. Your report on the progress which has been made to date by the War Refugee Board in extending aid to the unfortunate persons in concentration and refugee camps within Germany was extremely gratifying.

In view of the time element involved, the course of military operations, and the general situation behind German lines, it seems to me that more adequate aid will be available through Army and UNRRA channels before the parcels contemplated in the proposed program could be distributed. Accordingly, I do not believe that we should undertake this additional program.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.
The following for Vincent and Stone from Department, FEA, and your Refugee Board is VRA 63.

Reference our 2070 March 17 and your 2066 March 22.

No part of the proposed expansion in our 2070 will originate from the United States, but rather all will be indigenous to Sweden.

The relations between this proposed expansion and the originally approved 100 ton foodstuffs is only this: that proposal outlined represents an expansion of the originally approved program of foodstuffs, and in that extension medical supplies and clothing are proposed for inclusion.

It is our intention that the distribution would be handled and supervised by the Swedish [REDACTED], which, as far as cables from Sweden indicate, acted with respect to handling and supervision of the initially approved 100 ton foodstuffs. However, we have no objection to participation either on the part of Swedencross or Intercross. Inasmuch as it has been proposed that the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee here finance this expanded program, it is our...
April 10, 4 p.m., to London.

our intention that their representative in Stockholm shall be the spokesman for private agency interests in Sweden.

Your reference to commercial channels, that is, J. Mothegr and A.B. Bankompaniet, does not have our approval. Rather, it is proposed that food parcel distribution to internees in concentration camps in enemy Europe continue to be controlled as in the past by private humanitarian organizations who have demonstrated the ability to perform with respect to distribution.

STEPHINUS
(GHw)

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File: HAV190
4/9/45
CABLE TO AMBASSADOR KINNAN AND STONE, FROM DEPARTMENT, JEX, AND WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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No part of the proposed expansion in our 2070 will originate from the United States, but rather all will be indigenous to Sweden.

The relation between this proposed expansion and the originally approved 100 tons foodstuffs is only this: That proposal outlined represents an expansion of the originally approved program of foodstuffs and in that expansion medical supplies and clothing are proposed for inclusion.

It is our intention that the distribution would be handled and supervised by the Swedish WNGA, which, so far as cables from Sweden indicate, performed with respect to handling and supervision on the initially approved 100 tons foodstuffs. However, we have no objection to participation either on the part of Swedishcross or Intercon. Inasmuch as it has been proposed that the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee here finance this expanded program, it is our intention that their representative in Stockholm shall be the spokesman for private agency interests in Sweden. Your reference to commercial channels, that is, J. Hochoer and A.B. Bankamp, does not have our approval. Rather, it is proposed that food parcel distribution to internees in concentration camps in enemy Europe continue to be controlled as in the past by private humanitarian organizations who have demonstrated ability to perform with respect to distribution.

THIS IS WEI LONDON CABLE NO. 63

10:00 a.m.
April 9, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, DaBois, Gaston, Hodel, Hutchison, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

[Signature] 4/4/45

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The following message was sent to Stockholm for the Legation and Olsen as No. 270 and is repeated to the Department for FEA, FEA and the Department.

Cable March 17, No. 2070 from FEA and the Department recommending an expansion in parcel program from Sweden for persons detained in Bergen. Olsen has been received by the Embassy. It is proposed to ship 200,000 kronor worth of food, 200,000 kronor medical supplies and 200,000 kronor clothing. It is not clear to the Embassy how much of this will originate in the United States and how much in Sweden but it is assumed that at least the food is an indigenous product of Sweden. Furthermore FEA and the Embassy are not clear as to the relations i.e. between this proposal and request for 100 tons of foodstuffs which the British Legation referred to FEA (CG 238 of March 4) and JSC application V/921 for 15 tons of foodstuffs which the British Legation also referred.

It is stated in the cable from the Department that the distribution would be handled in the same way as the existing scheme for food parcels. It is understood by the Embassy from references cited that the Department intends that the parcels would be sent on the responsibility of some reliable independent organization such as Swedish Red Cross or Intercessor that receipts would be requested and spot checked and that later shipments would depend on only lots being distributed satisfactorily. From information received from British Legation (reporting to the Department in the Embassy's despatch of March 14, No. 2167) the Embassy understands that the customary method of forwarding parcels recently has been by commercial channels i.e., J. Bookman and A/B Bankompaniet. It is felt by both FEA and FEA as indicated in the Embassy's despatch, that some independent organization such as Swedish Red Cross or Intercessor should be prepared to take the responsibility for any scheme to which approval is given. Legation's relief sub-committee is prepared to approve further shipments provided this condition can be met and some check on receipts can be made. Information from the Department as to whether it concurs in the opinion that some reliable independent body should participate and information from Stockholm regarding the total amount of further authorizations now requested would be appreciated by FEA before giving final approval.

WINFRED
Miss Cheunsey (copy for the Sec'y) Gohn, DuBois, Neson, Rodal, Hutchison, Webermack, Dwyer, Files.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Ltr. 17-72

By R. H. Perkins Date, SEP 21 1972
In view of the fact that War Refugee Boards recently
made available to local World Jewish Congress 40,000
kosher food parcels (held in Goteborg for WRB by IRC
delegate) for distribution to Jewish concentration
 camps in Germany through the facilities of the Swedish
Red Cross, the program referred to in your 270 of March
23, 8:30 p.m. has lost considerable of its immediate
urgency. Because of extremely limited transportation
facilities to Germany, local Jewish group is appreciative
of the fact that it will be most fortunate if it succeeds
in delivering even these 40,000 packages. Local group
is very anxious to obtain necessary funds to carry out
its purchases for larger program, which supplies however
simply will be stacked for immediate post war delivery.
They are particularly anxious to purchase medical supplies
at earliest opportunity since they report local supplies
quite short.
April 9, 7 p.m., from Stockholm

Quite short. Food also will be acquired locally, of products indigenous to Sweden. Clothing is anticipated to come from American sources.

Repeated to Department for WNB as our 134.

Shipments through commercial channel such as Nootbar were discontinued some time ago and except for limited parcels individually directed through parcel post channels rest of shipments are entirely under auspices of Swedish Red Cross.

JOHNSON

WNB
Dear Mr. Garman:

The War Refugee Board has been directed to procure food parcels for distribution by the International Red Cross to persons held in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

In order to pack foodstuffs now available to the Board, it is respectfully requested that an emergency quota of corrugated fibre be extended to the War Refugee Board. Our requirements are 400,000 regular slotted corrugated fibre cartons, 278 lb. test, 9 5/8 by 6 1/4 by 4 1/8. Approximately 1,126,000 square feet and 105 tons are involved.

The War Refugee Board, established by Executive Order on January 22, 1944, is composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War and its principle function at this time is to provide food to civilian detainees under enemy control who, because of their race, religion or political belief, are left by the enemy to die of starvation and exposure. A copy of the Executive Order establishing the Board is attached.

It will be appreciated if this emergency quota be assigned to the Board at the earliest possible moment so that we may proceed with this urgent relief program.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Wayne Garman,
Administrator, Order L-317,
War Production Board,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure.
1. Assign us a quota of 400,000 corrugated fiber containers, similar size.

2. Statement as to what the WEE is - Executive Order set up, Secretaries of State, Treasury and War, and one of its principal functions to bring food packages into concentration camps inside Germany. The fiber containers ordered are for this purpose, the packaging of food already in our possession.

3. Attach copy of Executive Order.
April 3, 1946

Dear Mr. German:

The War Refugee Board has been authorized by the President to procure and ship 200,000 food parcels for delivery by the International Committee of the Red Cross to persons in concentration and refugee camps in enemy Europe.

Treasury Procurement Division, acting for the Board, has entered into a contract with the Prince Company, 563 Broadway, New York City, to furnish these parcels.

The Prince Company proposes to purchase the necessary corrugated fiber containers (300,000 units, corrugated fiber, 276 lbs. test, 9 5/8 by 6 1/4 by 4 1/3 and 50,000 shipping units, corrugated fiber, 276 lbs. test, 19 7/8 by 9 15/16 by 10 1/8) but requires a quota exemption under L-317 in order to accommodate the War Refugee Board in this matter.

The square footage involved amounts to 1,315,300 and the tonnage amounts to 121.6.

It is respectfully requested that an appeal for quota exemption be allowed under L-317 in order that the War Refugee Board complete its mission with respect to the procurement and shipment of these food parcels at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) William O'Dwyer
William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
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Executive Director

Mr. Wayne Garman,
Administrator, Order L-317,
War Production Board,
Washington, D. C.

PM:Give - Hivie
4/3/45
To: J. W. Peake
From: William O'Deyer

Attention: Mr. LeFevre

Mr. LeFevre,

Upon which you are already aware, it is imperative that the contract recently consummated between Treasury Procurement and the Prince Company of New York City for food parcels be cancelled without delay. We are of the opinion that the Prince Company should receive reimbursement for any legitimate expenses incurred by that firm in connection with this project. Among other things, it is our understanding that the Prince Company has already contracted for a portion of the necessary vitamin capsules.

We would like to have your Mr. Robert LeFevre arrange for the cancellation of this contract and any other attendant details in connection therewith.

(Signed) William O'Deyer
My dear Mr. Brun:

I have your letter of April 5, 1945, concerning the plight of certain Danish patriots who have been detained by the enemy in concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled territory.

We have cabled this information to the War Refugee Board representative in Bern, giving him the names of the concentration camps and prisons listed in the enclosure to your letter, and requesting that he arrange with the International Red Cross for the forwarding of War Refugee Board relief parcels to these detainees wherever it is possible to do so. Every effort is being made to have relief and assistance reach civilians who are detained by the Germans. Please be assured that Danish nationals of this category will be included in these activities and will share in the benefits of the measures we are able to effect.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Byrne

William O'Byrne
Executive Director

Mr. C.A.C. Brun,
Counselor of Legation,
Royal Danish Legation,
2343 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 8, D. C.
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BEIRUT, FOR MACIPELLAND, FROM RAE REFUGEES BOARD

The Danish legation here has called to the attention of the RAE Refugees Board the plight of some 5,000 Danish patriots, who, following the occupation of Denmark by Germany were removed to certain concentration camps and prisons in German-controlled territory, and who, because of their unassimilated status are in need of food. Where it is possible you are to make arrangements with International for the forwarding of parcels from the RAE stockpiles to these patriots who are interned in the following places, some of which are known or thought to be liberated:

A. Concentration Camps.
- Buchenwald b/Weimar
- Sachsenhausen, Brandenburg b/Berlin
- Neuengamme, Bergedorf b/Hamburg
- Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland
- Stutthof b/Hamag
- Sangerhausen, Germany
- Flensburg Uber Flens b/Flensburg, Ober Pfalz
- Theresienstadt, Post Boesendorf, B.M.
- Ravensbrueck b/Frankenbarg, Brandenburg
- Medium, Medium Rothenburg b/Brandenburg
- B. Prisons
- Dresdener b/Itzum, Meck.
- Muentz, Mulheim, Donau, Rhoenfeldelle 22, Brandemb. a/Havel
- Waldheim, Sassen
- Luebeck
- Halle
- Badberbaum
- Berlin
- Hamburg
- Koln
- Braunschweig
- Stettin
- Schwarzenberg
- Badenbarg
- Fulda/Intrale Herin, Burgdorf
- Przemysl
- Krakau

This is reference cable 496

4:50 p.m.
April 11, 1945
Miss Chanaway (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Dallour, Gaston, Hodel, Hatchinson, McCormack, O'Dwyer, Tilley.

P.M.O'MCCORMACK 4/10/45
Mr. C. A. G. Brun
Counselor of Legation
Royal Danish Legation
2343 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

My dear Mr. Brun:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of April 5, 1945, concerning the plight of certain Danish patriots who have had
the misfortune to have been detained by the enemy in concentration
amps and prisons in German-controlled territory.

We have relayed this information to the War Refugee Board,
giving them the names of the concentration camps and prisons in
which names have been forwarded as a guide to our representative. You may be certain that every effort will be made to
safeguard the lives of your countrymen who have been
instructed by the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
April 5, 1945.

Enclosure.

Dear General O’Dwyer,

With reference to my conversation yesterday with Mr. Paul J. McCormack I take the liberty - on behalf of the Danish Minister, who is at present in New York - to ask for your kind assistance in the following matter.

During the German occupation of Denmark a considerable number of Danish patriots have been deported to Germany. They are partly people who are interned in German concentration camps only because they are considered particularly unreliable from a Nazi point of view (for instance a great part of the Danish police force and Danes of Jewish faith), and partly patriots who have been caught by the Germans, after having taken an active part in resistance activities, and sent to ordinary prisons in Germany. The total number is about 5,000.

According to information received from the Danish Legation in Bern and based upon investigations made by the International Red Cross these prisoners are in a very sad plight.

General William O’Dwyer,
Executive Director
War Refugee Board of the Treasury Department
Main Treasury Building,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
and are particularly in need of food, and the Legation in Berne has appealed to us for help as quickly as possible.

I understand that the War Refugee Board of the Treasury Department is endeavoring to bring relief to civilian prisoners in Germany and that supplies are sent to such prisoners irrespective of nationality from your stocks in Sweden and Switzerland. It seems then that the furnishing of relief for the above mentioned Danish civilian prisoners in Germany would come within the field of the War Refugee Board.

The Danish Legation would, therefore, feel most grateful if the Board might see its way to bring the matter to the attention of its representatives in Switzerland and authorize them by telegram to include the Danish prisoners in their relief activities.

I beg to enclose a list of the concentration camps and prisons in which the Danish prisoners are interned. Those underlined are especially important in this connection. Some of them are situated in territory now under allied control but it may well be that the inmates have been carried to other parts of Germany before the German troops withdrew. Besides the International Red Cross in Geneva have the names and addresses of a certain number of prisoners.

Thanking you in advance for what you may be able to do for my unfortunate countrymen, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. A. C. Brun,
Counselor of Legation.
German Concentration Camps and Prisons, in which
Danish patriots are interned.

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Neuengamme, Hamburg b/Hamburg
Gebiet: Auschwitz, Poland
Stutthof b/Danzig
Hanghausen, Germany
Möllnburg b/Flens, Obere Eider, Ober Elbe
Theresienstadt, Terezin, Moravia, Czecho-Slovakia
Naimfleisch b/Württemberg, Heilbronn
Holln, Niederoden b/Hamburg

B. Prisons.

Preßburg b/Breichowitz, Nossau
Konitz, Holstein
Gödönerg, Winterfeldle, Brandenburg b/Havel
Schlesien, Sychen
Lobau
Halle
Niederrode
Berlin
Hamburg
Döbeln
Cölln
Breslau
Stettin
Schwerin
Hamburg
Pohlheinrich
Hagen, Ruhrgebiet
Frankfurt
Sachsen
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1945

My dear General O'Dwyer:

I have received your letter of March 23 which outlined a proposal for an additional food parcel program for civilians interned within Germany. Your report on the progress which has been made to date by the War Refugee Board in extending aid to the unfortunate persons in concentration and refugee camps within Germany was extremely gratifying.

In view of the time element involved, the course of military operations, and the general situation behind German lines, it seems to me that more adequate aid will be available through Army and UNRRA channels before the parcels contemplated in the proposed program could be distributed. Accordingly I do not believe that we should undertake this additional program.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.
MAR 23 1945

By dear Mr. President:

It is recommended that the sum of $1,155,000 be committed for War Refugee Board purposes from the unexpended balance of the $50,000,000 made available by the Congress through the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, 1944, and the Third Supplemental National Defense Appropriation Act, 1944, continued available until June 30, 1945, by the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1944, and now allocated to Treasury Procurement, the purpose of this commitment would be for the procurement and shipment of 300,000 three-kilo food parcels for ultimate distribution by the International Committee of the Red Cross to unassailed persons in concentration and refugee camps in that part of Europe now held or occupied by the enemy.

You will recall that commitments were made by you on September 13, 1944, to the War Food Administrator and the Secretary of the Treasury covering the costs of packaging and shipping 285,000 three-kilo food parcels for distribution to unassailed persons by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This program has been completed. On January 11, 1945, an additional commitment was made by you to the Secretary of the Treasury for the procurement of 300,000 three-kilo food parcels commercially. This program is already under way. The American National Red Cross has indicated to the Board that it will act as packer and shipper of an additional 300,000 three-kilo packages. This request for an additional allocation is to cover the cost of an expansion of the Board’s food parcel project and has been authorized by the British and American blockade authorities.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) William O’Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

The President

[Signature]

2/23/45
Dear Basil:

I have received your letter of April 3rd, concerning the packaging by the American Red Cross of an additional 300,000 three-kilo food parcels for the War Refugee Board for shipment to the International Red Cross. Since my letter to you of March 28th, I have been advised by the President that government funds will not be available for this program. For the time being, the War Refugee Board has decided not to pursue this matter further.

The offer of the Red Cross to cooperate in the packaging and shipping of these parcels is of course appreciated. I shall advise you if there is any change in our present plans with respect to this program.

I am very grateful to you for the interest you took in helping to make available food supplies in Geneva.

Sincerely yours,

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

FH:hd 4/11/45
Dear Bill:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28th, confirming the arrangement which we have made to pack 300,000 three-kilo food parcels for the War Refugee Board and ship them to the International Red Cross Committee. As soon as the necessary food for these parcels is delivered at the New York packing center, our volunteers will start processing the new parcels, and every effort will be made to deliver the parcels to Geneva within sixty days thereafter.

It will need to be kept in mind, however, that it is our plan to close our packing centers on the cessation of hostilities in Europe. It is also planned that the Red Cross ships will be released at the same time. These possibilities necessarily qualify the above commitment, which is made on the basis of existing conditions. We will, of course, do anything we can to assist the WRB in carrying out its important work.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Chairman

General William C. O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D.C.
Dear Mr. Grossman:

Reference is made to your letter of April 3, 1945 (Nos. 382 and 383).

This is to advise you that the messages and lists referred to in your letters were sent to the Department of State under date of April 6, 1945 with the request that they be transmitted to Fritz Hollander, Stockholm, Sweden, through the facilities of that Department.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dyer

William O'Dyer
Executive Director

Mr. Kurt Grossman,
World Jewish Congress,
1836 Broadway,
Dear Mr. Olsen:

In connection with the food parcel program of the World Jewish Congress, I enclose herewith the attached list received from the World Jewish Congress in New York and stated to contain the names of Bergen Belsen inmates.

Will you please transmit this list to Fritz Hollander, Postbox 7306, Stockholm, with the following message from Kurt Grossmann:

"Kindly have food parcels sent persons on attached list of Bergenbelsen inmates."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Iver C. Olsen
Special Representative
of the War Refugee Board
c/o United States Legation
Stockholm, Sweden
In reply refer to:

April 3, 1946

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

May I ask you to be good enough to have the attached list and the following message transmitted to Mr. Fritz Hollander:

"To: Fritz Hollander, Postbox 7306 Stockholm
From: Kurt Grosman

Kindly have food parcels sent persons on attached list of Bergenbelsen inmates."

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Kurt Grosman
Executive Director
LIST OF BRENN-BELEN TENANTS

Bertha Gruizer-Daniels; Hilde Verdoner-Sluiser; Henriette Verdoner-de Jong; Abraham Verdoner; Selma Wallman-Daniels; Paul Wallman; Clara Lewenthal; Isaac Richter; Sara Richter-Wachholtz; Mrs. Fred; Family Lenz; Jacob de Haan; Family Delmont; Michel Sarphati, wife and sisters; Re Bouger Wallig; Julius Bouger; Dr. Gerhard Hijneman, Mathilda Hijneman-Bouger; Rafaelaheim, Michiel, Sara, baby 1 yr; de Vries; Simon, Mrs. A & 2 sons; Peltek; Mr. & Mrs. Isaac; Julius, Jacques; Orantaan, Simon, Rachel, Richard, Max, Sophie; David v.d. Kar and wife; Mr. & Mrs. Finner; Meyer Underwald; Mrs. Mayer Underwald; Robert Mayer Underwald; Miss Mayer Underwald; Fontijn (Frederikaplein) family, Ide, Daniel Woodley, Lidacke, 3 Brothers: David v/d Kar, & Mrs. v.d. Kar, Dr. Lak & wife; Fam. Weckebback; Jacques Albers, wife and Rebe Siegel; Mrs. Mr. Barfley & Ruine 6 yrs; Rabbi Keroes & wife & Bobbe 10 & daughter 9 yrs; Family Jacob; Beba Jacobs v.d. Stam, Vera Jacobs 10, San 13; Motta Decker Baruch 16; Paul Alexander, Gre, Nenkie, Samuel son; Family Selenthal, 6 pers; Rabbi Lazar (Lezowski); Rabbi Weisser; Benischel, Herbert, Elizbeth, Miles; Fanny, Eva, Mrs. Jemo; Jacob, Mayer, Re Jacobs-Aronsom and child Herman; Nathaniel, Harry & wife; Family Eysen, children Becky, Nanny, Jack; Nettie, Joseph, Lister Milka; De Yong, Solomon, Louise, Lise, David, Léon Cohen, David, wife Corinna, Virginia; Cohen, Gertrud, wife Gutelf, Ernst, Ruth; Cohen, Rudolf, wife Mrs. Hessel; Herman; Stein, Emma; Lévy, Gertrud nee Engel; Weissmann, Elisabeth Alexander, Fie; Slap, Sam, Jettie nee v.d. Kar, Fenna Slap; Mrs. L. Lissers & child; Mr. de Lange; Famm de Janah, David & Leo; Cohen, Bernard, Mantje nee de Beer; Dr. Oskar Danielowsky, Gilly;
Dear Mr. Olsen:

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"Kindly forward food parcels persons on attached list all soldiers South American documents, and therefore may have been transferred to another camp from Bergen Belsen."

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

William J. Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Iver C. Olsen
Special Representative
of the War Refugee Board
c/o United States Legation Stockholm, Sweden
In reply refer to:

April 3, 1945

No. 382

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

May I ask you to be good enough to have the following message and the attached list transmitted to Mr. Fritz Hollander through the facilities of the Department of State:

"To: Fritz Hollander, Postbox 7206, Stockholm
From: Kurt Groesman

Kindly forward food parcels persons on attached list all holders South American documents, and therefore may have been transferred to another camp from Bergen-Belsen."

Thank you for your kindness in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Kurt Groesman
Rescue Department
LIST OF BENSOH-BENSOH MARRIAGES.

APR 3-1945

Dear Mr. McClelland:

In connection with the food parcel programs of
the War Refugee Board and of the International Committee
of the Red Cross, I enclose for your information the
attached lists received from the World Jewish Congress
in New York and stated to contain the names of Jews
interned in Theresienstadt and Jasenovac.

On the basis of information available to you, you
may wish to consider whether these lists should be
utilized as a basis for sending individual packages to
persons in the above-named camps.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Representative of the
War Refugee Board
O/o United States Legation
Bern, Switzerland

McCormack:ar 3/31/45
In reply refer to:
No. 374
March 26, 1946

Brig. Gen. William O’Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear General O’Dwyer:

Attached you will find additional names to be included
in the War Refugee Board food parcels scheme.

I would appreciate your sending this list to your rep­re­sentative in Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. GROSSMAN
Recess Department
Food Parcels to Theresienstadt

Herzog, Heinrich
formerly Berlin
Terezin: Wall Str. 12/6

Kamm, Georg
Born: 9/26, 1861,
Lublinitz
formerly Berlin W. 62
Cournierstr. 16

Kamm, Gertrude
nee Kaufmann
Born: Dec. 22, 1877,
Kaiserslautern
formerly Berlin A. 62
Cournierstr. 16

Leon, Charles
62 years of age
formerly Berlin-CH’burg
Kaiserdam

Leon, Margarete
nee Katz
widow of Dr. Tuerk
Born: 8/12, 1886
formerly Berlin-CH’burg
Kaiserdam

Schoeps, Käthe
nee Frank
56 years of age
formerly Berlin-CH’burg
Kaiserdam
Food Parcels to Jeonju

Mr. Paul Freund

Dr. Nikola Tolnauer
In reply refer to: March 28, 1945
No. 379

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McCormick

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find a list of persons in Theresienstadt to whom I would ask you to have your Geneva representative dispatch War Refugee Board parcels.

I am enclosing an additional copy for your files.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

KURT H. GROSMA[N]
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Berlin, Friedensstr. Altersheim

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Maus, Elsie 10/9/1875
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Camp Westerbork/Holland

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in Ruhmsfurt a.M. born
in Halberstadt born
Wien, Teresa Landegx.7
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in Ruhmsfurt

Eisenberg, Sandstr. 5
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Amsterd., formerly Desc.1
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in Amsterdam, Stadionsweg
in Muersburg, Old Age Home

in Frankfurt a.M., Teresa
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Frankfurt, Terrasijn Hauptstr. 1
Cologne
Berlin, Linnemüllerstr.
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1828
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8/6/1883
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1880
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8/30/1897
Taubner, Iosef nee Kohn
2/10/1895
Taubner, Vera
8/13/1907
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5/10/2024
Tiedel, Dr. Isidor
Tiedel (wife)
Trepp, Abraham
10/30/1824
Unger, Dr. Walter
8/31/1886
Vogel, Viktor
83 y
Weiss, Leo
3/30/1889
Weinach, Friedrich
1/1/1899
Weinach, Iosef nee Altdorff
7/7/1911
Weinach, Simon
Weinach, Simon Kitty nee Muchleiterer
11/25/1818
Wexler, Rose
1890
Weis, Frieda
80 y
Weis, Frieda nee Metzler
Weis, Frieda nee Metzler
Weis, Frida nee Metzler
Weis, Frida nee Metzler
Weiss, Emma
6/10/1875
Winterberger, Herrmann
68 y
Wolfs, Josef
60 y
Wolfs, Ida nee Bornenberg
9/5/1877
Wolfs, Fritzi
Wolfs, Paul nee Zaksensky
4/17/1881
### Change of Address

Stein, Alma nee Baruch 13/14/1903 Berlin, Teheran QU 900, now Teheran Bahnhofstr. 23

### Persons who died in Teheran

Bauk, Emilie
Schlicht, Josephine

The following persons do not reside any more in Teheran:

Gunzenhauser, Else
Kende, Rosa

Additional information for persons already listed:

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Vyskotova, Rozsa  10/10/74  Prag, Terrarin Hauptstr., 22
Weil, Wilma nee Kohn  10/10/74  Prag, Terrarin Hauptstr., 22
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January 2, 1945

STOCKHOLM
506, Second

The cable below for Glenn is URG 342.

Please deliver the following message to Hillel Storch, Postbox 7306, Stockholm, from Arich Trubkover of World Jewish Congress:

NOTE: 40,000 Kosher food parcels in Göteborg belong to United States URI which are destined for camps as soon as possible. Traffic concentration difficulties are the reason for delay. Urge:

STETINUS

(GM)
CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, STOCKHOLM, FOR Olsen, FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Hillel Storch, Postbox 7306,

Stockholm, from Arieh Tartakover of World Jewish Congress:

QUOTE 40,000 KOSHER FOOD PARCELS IN GOTHENBURG BELONG TO UNITED STATES WEH WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR CAMPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
TRAFFIC CONCENTRATION DIFFICULTIES ONLY REASON FOR DELAY, UNQUOTE

THIS IS THE STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. 342

2:00 p.m.,
March 28, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y), Cohn, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, Hatchison,
McCormack, O'Dwyer, Files.

EH: 3/28/45
March 23, 1945

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
The Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

Please be good enough to have the following message transmitted through the facilities of the Department of State:

"To: Hillel Storch, Postbox 7306, Stockholm
From: Arieh Tartakower

40,000 kosher food parcels in Goteborg belong to US WBB which informed us that these are no supplies but are destined for barracks and camps as soon as possible. Traffic difficulties only reason for delay. If you can assist in overcoming these difficulties please do everything.

Thank you for giving this matter your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

MONTREAL, Rescue Department

[Stamp]
March 30, 1945

FOOD PRIORITY CERTIFICATE

Number of certificate 1900

Expiration date June 30, 1945

Mr. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

This certificate authorizes the person designated above to apply a priority rating of PR-10 in the purchase of the following items for use in War Refugee Board food parcel:

1. Dehydrated soup 7 oz. 131,250 lbs.
2. Cheese (tin) 8 oz. 150,000 lbs.
3. Whole Powdered Milk (tin) 16 oz. 300,000 lbs.
4. Oleomargarine (tin) 16 oz. 300,000 lbs.
5. Salmon or Tuna (tin) 7 3/4 oz. 135,912 lbs.
6. Pork luncheon meat (tin) 12 oz. 225,000 lbs.
7. Chocolate Bar (pkg.) 4 oz. 75,000 lbs.
8. Bar of Soap (pkg.) 8 oz. 75,000 lbs.
9. Cube Sugar (pkg.) 8 oz. 150,000 lbs.
10. Multi-Vitamin Capsules (pkg.) 300,000 pkgs.

This priority rating may be extended by the person holding your packaging contract to not more than one manufacturer of the product described above. The manufacturer supplying the product, however, may not extend the rating to anyone for any purpose.

Manufacturers delivering products pursuant to this rating may charge such deliveries against quantities being set aside for government agencies, or may make sales on an ex-quota basis in the same manner as a sale to government agencies on those products on which there are restrictions on the quantities sold to civilians.
This certificate is valid on purchase orders placed during the period March 30, 1945 through June 30, 1945.

This certificate must be used in accordance with the provisions of War Food Order 71.

cc: Colonel Giles
    Henry Prentice
    Ted Normen
    C. W. Kitchen

William O'Dwyer

cc: Colonel Giles
    Henry Prentice
    Ted Normen
    C. W. Kitchen
Mr. William O'Dwyer

"This contract carries a priority rating of FR-10 under authorization number 190 issued to the War Refuge Board by the Director of Supply, War Food Administration, pursuant to War Food Order 71. Delivery on this contract is required by War Food Order 71 to be given priority over dispositions bearing lower or no priority rating. This priority rating of FR-10 may be extended by the supplier filling this order to one manufacturer of the product to the extent necessary to obtain the products needed to fill this contract in accordance with War Food Order 71. This authorization to extend the rating must be used before June 30, 1945.

Name of Contracting Official

Title

The packaging contractor with whom you placed the order in turn should insert on each of his contracts a statement in substantially the following form:

"This order (contract) bears a priority rating of FR-10 under authorization number 190 issued by the Director of Supply, War Food Administration. Delivery on this order (contract) must be given priority over dispositions bearing lower or no ratings. The undersigned hereby represents to the seller and to the War Food Administration that he is entitled to extend the above food priority rating and that such extension is in accordance with War Food Order 71, with the terms of which the undersigned is familiar.

Date

Name

Address

By

Duly authorized officer

There is also enclosed for your information a copy of War Food Order 71, the order under which the priority certificate is issued. If you encounter any difficulties in the procurement of those products with the priority rating, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Ralph W. Olmstead, Lt.Col., QMC
Director of Supply
Mr. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

In accordance with your request of March 28 and pursuant to our telephone conversation, there is enclosed Food Priority Certificate 190 which authorized you to use a priority rating of FR-10 in the purchase of food items needed to fill 300,000 War Refugee Board food parcels.

Please note that this certificate is drawn in a manner which will authorize the firm holding your packaging contract to extend or to use this rating in making purchases from the manufacturer of the product in question. The manufacturer of the product, however, is not authorized to extend the rating to any person for any purpose.

To facilitate procurement, the certificate also permits the manufacturer supplying the products pursuant to the rated order to deliver these products from the quantities he has set aside for use of government agencies, or from that part of his stock which he is permitted to sell to government agencies on an ex-quota basis. Set aside items covered by the certificate are salmon, cheese, and pork luncheon meat. Items on which ex-quota sales are permitted are dry whole milk, oleomargarine, chocolate bars (cocoa content) and soap.

In view of this special condition, your purchase orders and those of the packaging contractor should contain a statement indicating that proper credit against the set aside or ex-quota deliveries will be allowed if the manufacturer will make a request in writing to the Director of Marketing Services, War Food Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

In placing your order with the packaging contractor, your purchase order should contain a statement in substantially the following terms:
Mr. William O'Dwyer

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Name of Contracting Official

Title

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Date

Name

Address

By: Duly authorized officer

There is also enclosed for your information a copy of War Food Order 71, the order under which the priority certificate is issued. If you encounter any difficulties in the procurement of these products with the priority rating, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director  
Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

In accordance with your request of March 28 and pursuant to our telephone conversation, there is enclosed Food Priority Certificate 190 which authorizes you to use a priority rating of F8-10 in the purchase of food items needed to fill 300,000 War Refugee Board food parcels.

Please note that this certificate is drawn in a manner which will authorize the firm holding your packaging contract to extend or to use this rating in making purchases from the manufacturer of the product in question. The manufacturer of the product, however, is not authorized to extend the rating to any person for any purpose.

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Date

Name

Address

By

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Very truly yours,

Ralph W. Olmsted, Lt. Col., CMC
Director of Supply

Enclosures
WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF SUPPLY (OSG)
Washington 25, D.C.

FOOD PRIORITY CERTIFICATE

Number of certificate: 390
Expiration date: June 30, 1945

Mr. William O’Dwyer, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugees Board
Washington 25, D.C.

This certificate authorizes the person designated above to apply a priority rating of P-10 in the purchase of the following items for use in War Refugees Board food parcels:

1. Dehydrated soup: 7 oz, 131,250 lbs.
2. Cheese (tin): 8 oz, 150,000 lbs.
3. Whole Powdered Milk (tin): 16 oz, 300,000 lbs.
4. oleomargarine (tin): 16 oz, 300,000 lbs.
5. Salmon or Tuna (tin): 7 7/8 oz, 125,325 lbs.
7. Chocolate bar (pkg): 4 oz, 75,000 lbs.
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[Signature]
Director
Office of Supply (OOS)
WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION

FOOD PRIORITIES

§1595.1

FOOD PRIORITIES—(a) Definitions. (1) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, or organization of persons, whether incorporated or not and includes the States or any subdivision thereof and the United States and any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof.

(2) "Food" means all commodities and products, simple, mixed, or compounded, that are or may be eaten or drunk by either humans or animals, irrespective of other uses to which such commodities or products may be put, and at all stages of processing from the raw commodity to the product thereof in a vendible form for immediate human or animal consumption, and includes all starches; sugars; tobacco; vegetable, fish, marine animal, and animal fats and oils, whether edible or inedible, including their by-products and residues (whether resulting from refining, distillation, saponification, roasting, or setting); sulfated, sulfonated, and sulfurized fats and oils; tall oil, wood crease; soap; fatty acids; and glycerine.

(3) "Emergency order" means any contract or order for food to which a priority rating is assigned, in the discretion of the Director, to any contract or order to which the Director has assigned specific priorities, as provided in this War Food Order, and to which the word "order" shall apply; and also any contract or order for food to be filled, in form, in quantity, or in respect to any other requirement of the War Food Administration.

(4) "Director" means the Director of Distribution, War Food Administration.

(b) Priority ratings shall be assigned to all contracts, orders, or dispositions for food by means of priority rating certificates, which may be extended to representatives of the person to whom the rating is assigned, and to the transfer of physical possession of the food, and shall have the following order of precedence: FR-1, FR-2, FR-3, FR-5, FR-6, FR-7, FR-8, FR-9, FR-10.

(1) Set aside quantities of food. Unless specifically authorized by the Director, no person shall fill any emergency order by delivering the set aside portion of any food required to be set aside by any War Food order, except to fill an emergency order of an agency named in or designated pursuant to such War Food order.

(2) Compulsory acceptance and delivery under emergency orders. An emergency order must be accepted and filled and all dispositions under such orders must be made, whether pursuant to contract or not, in accordance with the provisions of this War Food Administration and War Shipping Administration, both of which shall be treated as if set aside by the War Food Administration and War Shipping Administration and to which the set aside portion of the food to be filled is to be set aside.

(3) Direction of priority ratings. Unless specifically authorized by the Director, no person shall fill any emergency order in excess of the set aside portion of the food required to be set aside by any War Food order, except to fill an emergency order of an agency named in or designated pursuant to such War Food order.

War Food Administration orders shall be filled in order of receipt, and shall immediately inform the person placing the emergency order that the order has been filled. Failure to fill an emergency order in accordance with this section shall result in the immediate revocation of priority rating certificates held by the person in whose name the order is placed.

(4) Director's discretion. The Director may assign lower priority ratings to orders than the rating of the contract or order to which the rating is assigned, and may cancel priority rating certificates and transfers of physical possession of food otherwise than as authorized in this War Food Administration.

(5) Priority rating may be extended to any material other than food.

(a) Sequence of priority ratings.

Priority ratings under this order shall be referred to and continued as Priority Ratings and shall have the following order of precedence: FR-1, FR-2, FR-3, FR-5, FR-6, FR-7, FR-8, FR-9, FR-10.

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Priority ratings under this order shall be referred to and continued as Priority Ratings and shall have the following order of precedence: FR-1, FR-2, FR-3, FR-5, FR-6, FR-7, FR-8, FR-9, FR-10.

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(2) Compulsory acceptance and delivery under emergency orders. An emergency order must be accepted and filled and all dispositions under such orders must be made, whether pursuant to contract or not, in accordance with the provisions of this War Food Administration and War Shipping Administration, both of which shall be treated as if set aside by the War Food Administration and War Shipping Administration and to which the set aside portion of the food to be filled is to be set aside.

(3) Direction of priority ratings. Unless specifically authorized by the Director, no person shall fill any emergency order in excess of the set aside portion of the food required to be set aside by any War Food order, except to fill an emergency order of an agency named in or designated pursuant to such War Food order.

(4) Director's discretion. The Director may assign lower priority ratings to orders than the rating of the contract or order to which the rating is assigned, and may cancel priority rating certificates and transfers of physical possession of food otherwise than as authorized in this War Food Administration.

(5) Priority rating may be extended to any material other than food.

(a) Sequence of priority ratings.
Dispositions bearing no priority rating or lower priority rating shall be deferred to the extent necessary to assure these dispositions bearing higher priority ratings, even though such deferment may cause default of other contracts or orders. Each person who has emergency orders bearing no priority rating or lower priority rating shall be deferred to the extent necessary to accomplish delivery and deprivations so that dispositions thereunder will be made on or before the dates required, giving precedence in the case of emergency orders to dispositions bearing the higher rating.

The sequence of deliveries. The sequence of dispositions shall be determined by the respective dates on which the emergency orders are placed, the emergency order placed first in point of time having precedence over other emergency orders. If emergency orders bearing the same priority rating are placed on the same day and it is impossible to deliver all the quantities on which these orders are placed, the sequence of disposition shall be determined by the delivery dates specified in the emergency orders.

5. Place of emergency orders. Emergency orders may be placed by regular or registered mail, by telegrams, or by personal service upon the person with whom the order is to be placed.

6. Failure to comply. When the terms of an emergency order have not been complied with and such failure to comply is shown to have been due to the fault of the Director acting for the facts in connection with such order, the person named therein may take such action as he deems proper.

7. Allocations. When specific allocations are made under the direction of the Administrator of the War Production Board or the Director of the War Food Administration, the Director of the War Food Administration or the Administrator of the War Production Board, as the case may be, shall allocates such food in such manner as he deems to be proper.

8. Use of food obtained under priority rating. No person shall name or assign any interest in such food for the purpose of which it was obtained with priority rating. Any person who shall fail to name or assign any interest in such food for the purpose of which it was obtained with priority rating shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of May 30, 1941, as amended, and Title II of the Second War Powers Act, 1942. Civil actions may also be instituted to enforce any liability or duty created or imposed by or under any provision of this order or any other order of the War Production Board or the Administrator of the War Production Board.

9. Petitions. Any person affected by this War Food Act may file a petition for relief with the Administrator of the War Production Board or the Director of the War Food Administration, Washington 7, D.C. The petition shall be in writing and shall set forth all pertinent facts and the nature of the relief sought. The filing of any such petition shall not be deemed to be compliance with any of the provisions of this order unless the Director permits withholding of deliveries pending the disposition of the petition. The Order Administrator may take any action with reference to such petition which is consistent with the authority delegated to him by the Administrator of the War Production Board or the Director of the War Food Administration, Washington 7, D.C.

1. Any order of the War Food Administration shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of May 30, 1941, as amended, and Title II of the Second War Powers Act, 1942. Violations of any of the provisions of this order shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $500 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
Under the revised order, suppliers of foodstuffs still are required to accept priority rated purchase orders before they accept any other orders or contracts. They will be used for emergencies, and only after all other means of procuring food have been exhausted.

Under the original regulation, government agencies were authorized to use an automatic FR-10 rating on all orders or contracts, except rationed foods or those set aside pursuant to provisions of War food orders issued by WFA. Under the amendment announced today, this automatic rating will only be used in those situations where the supplier enters into a contract placed by the government agencies named in WPO-71.

3. Agents or persons in possession of food which they do not own, and against which a priority order is placed, are required to reveal to the purchaser the name of the owner and to hold the food until the priority is withdrawn or the delivery is completed.

While efforts have been made to use priorities sparingly, WFA has found it necessary to grant them as time is required to obtain food for the armed services and for our allies and friendly nations. They will be used for U.S. civilians only in emergencies, and only after all other means of procuring food have been exhausted.