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Jewish Labor Committee,
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From: Department

Date: February 21, 7 p.m., 1944

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PARAPHRASE

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PARAPHRASE

The Treasury has issued license number W-2126 to the Jewish Labor Committee authorizing the latter to communicate with enemy territory or territory occupied by the enemy for the purpose of carrying on relief and evacuation operations in such territory. The Department desires you to advise Dr. B. Tshlenov of the International Red Cross in Geneva and Dr. L. Hersh, professor at the University of Geneva, of the issuance of this license. The license issued to the Jewish Labor Committee is identical in all respects with those issued to the World Jewish Congress, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and the Joint Distribution Committee, the substances of which licenses are contained, respectively, in the Department's telegrams Nos. 197, of January 20; 229, of January 22, and 39, of January 5, and further referred to in the Department's telegram No. 341, of February 2, and No. 411, of February 8, except that the license issued to the Jewish Labor Committee specifies in Paragraph B that for the six months beginning January 1, 1944, the total sum authorized shall not exceed francs 214,320, or the equivalent thereof in dollars.

The operations covered by this license have been approved by the Department, the Treasury and the War Refugee Board.

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State Dept. Order, 7-11-72

By H. H. Parks Date

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of R. McEl...
Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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848 - UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS IN THE US.

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Dr. L. Hersch,
Professor at the University of Geneva, has of a blocked account, reimbursement subsequent to the war to the sellers of such local currency or exchange

Sir: insured; or such blocked account may be in a bank in the United States or Switzerland, provided that without I have been instructed by the Department of State that Washington to inform you that the American Treasury Department has issued a license, W 2126, to the Jewish Labor Committee. The text of this license reads as follows:

By purchasing in enemy or enemy-occupied territory the necessary local funds, goods, services,

or exchange. Authorization is hereby granted to your representative in Switzerland, together with such agents as he may appoint, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, by any means which may be deemed by him expedient or necessary to communicate with persons in enemy territory or in territory occupied by the enemy for the purpose of arranging the evacuation of persons in such territory whose lives may be in imminent danger to such areas of safety or relative safety as such representative may select, and, until such time as such evacuation is possible, to arrange for the safeguarding and sustenance of such persons, and to pursue any other action which may be appropriate for said purposes, including the payment of funds to persons in enemy territory or in territory occupied by the enemy who may have provided either services or goods in connection with the foregoing. For the purpose of acquiring the necessary local currency for the purposes of financing the operations referred to above, the following three methods are authorized, provided that method number 3 should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods mentioned:

1. By purchasing in Switzerland the currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided your representative is reasonably sure that the sellers of such currency have held it since before the date as of which such country was frozen by this Government, or that, if the currency was acquired subsequently thereto, the acquisition took place under circumstances from which the enemy did not benefit, your representative when possible

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of R. Moltisla
Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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talk over any special questions which may come up during 2. By purchasing in enemy or enemy-occupied territory the local currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided reimbursement is to be made only after the war. By the establishment on your books in the United States of a blocked account, reimbursement subsequent to the war to the sellers of such local currency or exchange may be insured; or such blocked account may be in a bank in the United States or Switzerland, provided that without specific approval of the Treasury in each case there shall be no assignment of any interest in such blocked account or payment from it.

3. By purchasing in enemy or enemy-occupied territory the necessary local funds, goods, services, or exchange, reimbursement to be made in foreign exchange or free currency notes, provided that such reasonable steps as are possible are taken by your representative to prevent such notes or exchange from being acquired by persons from whom the enemy may receive them.

B. The total sums paid out from any blocked account which is established in pursuance of this license, plus the claims established against it, shall not, during the six months beginning January 1, 1944, exceed 214,320 Swiss francs or the dollar equivalent thereof.

C. Your representative should report fully to the American Legation Bern on the financial transactions which are completed under this license, and should insure to whatever extent possible that the persons from whom the exchange or local currency is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. Your representative should be satisfied, so far as possible, that any payments made to such persons will not be of benefit to the enemy.

D. Periodic reports on the operations carried out pursuant to this license should be filed by your representative with the American Legation."

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of R. McEllen
February - December 1944

Same letter to Dr. L. Hersh,
Professor at University of Geneva.

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The Legation will be glad at any time to discuss the terms of this license with you and also to talk over any special questions which may come up during the course of transactions carried out under it.

Yours very truly,

Daniel J. Reagan

Commercial Attaché

I have been instructed to inform you that the American Treasury Department has issued a license, 8-7126, to the Jewish Labor Committee. The text of this license reads as follows:

1. Authorization is hereby granted to your representative in Switzerland, together with such agents as he may appoint, notwithstanding the fact that the American Treasury Department has issued a license, 8-7126, to the Jewish Labor Committee, to arrange for the evacuation of persons in such territory whose lives may be in imminent danger to such areas of safety or relative safety as such representative may select, and, until such time as such evacuation is possible, to arrange for the upkeeping and sustenance of such persons, and to pursue any other action which may be appropriate for said purposes, including the payment of funds to persons in enemy territory or in territory occupied by the enemy who may have provided either services or goods in connection with the foregoing. For the purpose of acquiring the necessary local currency for the purposes of financing the operations referred to above, the following three methods are authorized, provided that method number 3 should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods mentioned: should be satisfied.

1. By purchasing in Switzerland the currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided your representative is reasonably sure that the holders of such currency have held it since before the date as of which such country was frozen by this Government, or that, if the currency was acquired subsequently thereto, the acquisition took place under circumstances from which the enemy did not benefit, your representative shall not be required to provide any further information.

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of R. McEl...
Jewish Labor Committee
February-December 1944

Same letter to Dr. L. Hersh,
Professor at University of Geneva.

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of R. McLELLAN
Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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D. Periodic reports on the operations carried out pursuant to this license should be filed by your representative with the American Legation."

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Jewish Labor Committee
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Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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848 - Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States.

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Bern, February 22, 1944.

BY COURIER
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Dear Mr. Squire:

Dear Mr. Squire:

I am enclosing herewith letters for Dr. B. TCHLENOV of the International Red Cross, Geneva, and Dr. L. HERSCH, Professor at the University of Geneva. Committee authorizing it to communicate with enemy territory to carry on relief and evacuations there. I have been instructed by the Department of State to inform these two men of a license, W 2126, issued by the Treasury to the Jewish Labor Committee, authorizing it to communicate with enemy territory in order to carry on relief and evacuations there. Would you please ask these men to call and deliver these letters to them personally.

Sincerely yours,
For the Minister:

If you, from your own knowledge, can explain with two letters attached. the Legation it would be up to you to decide if you would be able to do so. If you are not able would you please explain to the Legation without informing them of the license, try to obtain discreetly this information. Would you report to the Legation as soon as possible.

Paul C. Squire, Esquire,
American Consul,
Geneva.

State Department, 1-11-72
Sincerely yours,
For the Secretary Date SEP 26 1972

Paul C. Squire, Esquire, Reagan, Esq. Daniel J. Reagan
American Consul, Commercial Attache Commercial Attache
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Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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AMERICAN CONSULATE

Bern, February 24, 1944

BY COURIER

Dear Mr. Squire:

I have been advised in a telegram from the Department of State that the American Treasury Department has issued a license to the Jewish Labor Committee authorizing it to communicate with enemy territory to carry on relief and evacuation there. This is for your confidential information.

The Department has further instructed the Legation to advise Dr. B. Tschlenov of the International Red Cross of Geneva and Dr. L. Hersch, Professor at the University of Geneva of the issuance of this license. Nothing is known at the Legation nor does this telegram indicate what relation these two men have with the Jewish Labor Committee.

If you, from your own knowledge, can explain this relationship to the Legation it would be appreciated if you would do so. If this is not possible would you please call these two men in and, without informing them of the license, try to obtain discreetly this information. Would you report to the Legation as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
For the Minister:

Paul C. Squire, Esquire, Daniel J. Reagan
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Geneva, Switzerland.
February 26, 1944.

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inquire yesterday about another matter
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the Jewish Labor Committee in Switzerland
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r. She replied that Dr. A. SILBERSCHIN
Dr. Liebmann HERSCH (not Herah), Profes-
University of Geneva, are the representa-
tives.

When I consulted Dr. RIEGNER this morning, he
did not know who represented the Jewish Labor Commit-
tee. He is attending a Jewish Conference at Basel on
February 27 and will endeavor to ascertain something
definite. If nothing develops I shall resort to your
suggestion that I ask the two gentlemen concerned to
call at this office.

Dr. Riegner knows Dr. B. TSCHLENOFF (not Tschlenov)
but was not aware that he has any relationship with the
Jewish Labor Committee. Reference is made in this con-
nection to your letter of March 24, 1943, File No. 711.2
DJR/LRD/mld, and to my reply of April 9, 1943, concern-
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territory in which Dr. Benzion Tschlenoff was apparently
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Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
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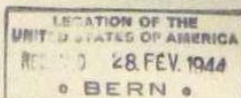
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Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

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AMERICAN CONSULATE



Geneva, Switzerland.
February 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Reagan:

Please allow me to submit a preliminary report in answer to your urgent inquiry of February 24, File No. 848-Jewish Labor Committee, DJR/CH/mld.

Mrs. Fanny HIRSCH, Directrice du Comité International pour le Placement des Intellectuels Réfugiés, happened to inquire yesterday about another matter and I took the liberty of asking her who represented, if anyone, the Jewish Labor Committee in Switzerland whose headquarters she gave as 45 East 17th Street, New York City. She replied that Dr. A. SILBERSCHN (Relico) and Dr. Liebmann HERSCH (not Herah), Professor at the University of Geneva, are the representatives.

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Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
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American Consul

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
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February 26, 1944

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AMERICAN CONSULATE

Geneva, Switzerland.
February 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. Reagan:

Supplementing my letter of February 26 Dr. RIEGNER, Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress, tells me that he is unable to trace any official delegate in Switzerland of the JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE although certain persons have for some time been its correspondents here and have maintained contact. Belonging to the category of correspondents are

- 1) Dr. Benzion TSCHLENOFF, 15 Rue du Mt. Blanc, Geneva;
- 2) Professor Liebmann HERSCH, Professor University of Geneva, 18 Avenue Pierre-Odier, Grange-Canal, Geneva; and
- 3) Mr. Marc JARBLUM, of French nationality, in Dr. Riegner's office.

Dr. Tschlenoff, a naturalized Swiss, septuagenarian, is not "of the International Red Cross" but is rather the Head of OSE here. He, as well as Professor Hersch (understood to be Polish), are said to have enjoyed the confidence of the Jewish Labor Committee for several years.

Mr. Jarblum, a Zionist, who came to Geneva about a year ago was a member of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress in France, and was connected with labor in that country.

Dr. Riegner understands that the Jewish Labor Committee has not actually worked in Switzerland before and has never had an office here with official delegates.

Mr. Jean SCHWARZENBERG, handling Jewish affairs at the International Red Cross, confirms the status of Dr. Tschlenoff and incidentally reported the address of the Jewish Labor Committee as 175 East Broadway, New York City, of which the Director is Mr. Adolf HELD.

For

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
BERN.

848 JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

*of R. McLELLAN's files
Mr. McLELLAN's files
Jewish Labor Committee
February-March 1944*

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For our information Dr. Riegner tabulated the four important Jewish organizations in the United States, as follows:

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS dealing in the political side of the Jewish question;

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE being the central of the trade union elements;

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE composed mostly of wealthy Jews in the United States; and the

Independent Order of **BNAI BRITH**, Sons of the Covenant.

In this connection it may be added that the AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION was organized to dispense relief in foreign countries.

It is understood that the Big Four mentioned above are now joined in the American Jewish Conference since about August 1943.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
Paul C. Squire
American Consul

P.S. Another confirmation of Dr. Herach's status has come from Dr. Adolf FREUDENBERG (World Council of Churches).

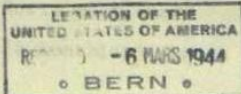
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Jewish Labor Committee
February 11, 1944

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AMERICAN CONSULATE



Geneva, Switzerland.
March 6, 1944.

Dear Mr. Reagan:

With further reference to my letter of February 29, interviews with Dr. B. TSCHLENOFF and Professor Liebmann HERSCH convince me that both of these gentlemen are correspondents in Switzerland of the JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE for which there is actually no official representation or official delegates in Switzerland.

Simply for your information I am enclosing a copy of a telegram dated February 16, 1944, received by Dr. Tschlenoff, who is also President of the Committee of OSE at Geneva. Dr. Tschlenoff emphasized with regret that there was no possibility of obtaining the conversion of these dollars at the official rate.

In connection with the transfer of dollars Dr. Tschlenoff cited that about six or eight months ago the Jewish Labor Committee remitted to him \$10,000. About \$5,000 of this transfer still remains blocked at the Société de Banque Suisse while he was compelled to realize the difference at a rate of Frs. 2.75 to Frs. 3 per dollar.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
Paul C. Squire
American Consul

Enclosure:

Copy of Ose telegram.

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
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*Mr. Huddle
I am convinced that the
distinction between
correspondents &
representative is vital.
These two American
gentlemen are
good - certainly as well as the
fact that they are the
only ones who are
connected with the Jewish Labor Committee.*

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Jewish Labor Committee
February - March 1944

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bank that they will accept dollars designated relief pur-
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cable whether transferred amount was paid in swiss francs
otherwise shall appeal treasury washington stop please
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Professor Harsch stated 100 Jewish
prisoners in Switzerland receiving aid from the Jewish Labor
Committee. Some are in camps, while others -- in fact,
all the women and children -- are at liberty. They are
mostly Polish or assimilated French or Italian origin,
distributed at Basel, Zurich, Bern, and other towns.
They are, of course, not permitted to work outside the
camps.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Schuler
American Consul

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Postal J. Hagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
Bern.

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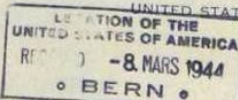
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



AMERICAN CONSULATE

Geneva, Switzerland, March 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Reagan:

With reference to your urgent letter of February 24 (file number 848 Jewish Labor Committee DJR/CH/mla) and supplementing my communication of March 6, I enclose a copy of a telegram addressed to Dr. Liebman HERSCH from the Jewish Labor Committee of New York City, of which the Professor is a correspondent in Switzerland.

The Professor also exhibited a credit notice dated February 22 from the bank to the effect that it was holding at his disposition the sum of Swiss francs 64,239.63 ("bonification de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre Jewish Labor Committee"); in other words, the sum of \$15,000 has been credited to Professor Hersch at the official rate, which is a particular pleasure and satisfaction to all those concerned.

Professor Hersch stated that he had about 120 Jewish persons in Switzerland receiving aid from the Jewish Labor Committee. Some are in camps, while others -- in fact, all the women and children -- are at liberty. They are mostly Poles or naturalized French of Polish origin, distributed at Basle, Zurich, Bienne, and other towns. They are, of course, not permitted to work outside the camps.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
Paul C. Squire
American Consul

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Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
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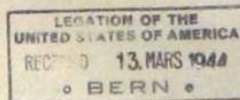
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Jewish Labor Committee
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848 Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States
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AMERICAN CONSULATE

Geneva, Switzerland, March 10, 1944



Dear Mr. Reagan:

The receipt today is acknowledged of your confidential letter of February 22, in conformity with which I have delivered personally the letters of the same date addressed to Dr. B. TCHLENOV and Dr. L. HERSCH regarding license W-2126 issued by the Treasury to the Jewish Labor Committee.

The two persons named have duly signed for the receipt of the letters addressed to them respectively.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
Paul C. Squire
American Consul

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
Bern.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

848 JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAN
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Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944

TELEGRAM
For Jewish Labor Committee File

From:

Re:

Extract from telegram no. 851 March 15 from Department
Code in 848 American Committee for Christian Refugees Inc.

".....The licenses mentioned above together with
all others identified with them are to be construed as
specifically permitting operations looking only towards
effecting the relief of persecuted persons in territory
occupied by the enemy."

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From: Department

Date: June 14, 7 p.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2041

Received: June 15, 9 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

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WRB 40. For McClelland.

Please deliver to Professor Liebman Hersch, 18, Avenue Pierre Odier, in Geneva, the following message from Jacob Fat of the Jewish Labor Committee in New York:

"You are requested to establish contact with Dr. Friedrich Siegmund-Schultz with a view to common work for war refugees and sufferers. Dr. Siegmund-Schultz, whose address is Hegebachstrasse 123 in Zurich, is the founder of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches. The Reverend Dr. Henry Smith Leiper and his friends have already cabled him with reference to your eventual call. In case of financial needs, you should contact Saly Mayer. We should appreciate receiving information regarding the development of your efforts, and particularly as regards Mayer's allocations."

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Jewish Labor Committee
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June 16, 1944.

- Via Courier

Bern, June 16, 1944.

Professor Liebman Hersch,
18, Avenue Pierre Odier,
Geneva.

Dear Mr. Squire:

Will you please deliver the enclosed letter to Professor Liebman Hersch of 18 Avenue Pierre Odier, Geneva, who is apparently connected with the Jewish Labor Committee, and advise the Legation when this has been effected. Professor Hersch might be asked to deliver any reply to you for transmission to me via courier.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Friedrich Siegmund-Schultze with a sufferer. Dr. Siegmund-Schultze, whose address is Hegebachstrasse 123 in Berlin, is the founder of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, already cabled him with call. In case of financial contact Saly Mayer. We should appreciate receiving information regarding the development of your efforts, and particularly as regards Mayer's allocations.

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosure:

Letter addressed to Professor Hersch.

Very truly yours,

Paul C. Squire, Esquire,
American Consul,
Geneva.
Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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Bern, June 16, 1944.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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AMERICAN CONSULATE

Geneva, Switzerland,
June 20, 1944.

Professor Liebman Hersch,
18, Avenue Pierre Odier,
Geneva.

Sir: Mr. McClelland:

The Legation has been requested by the Department of State to transmit to you the following message, sent through the War Refugee Board, from Jacob Pat of the Jewish Labor Committee in New York:

"You are requested to establish contact with Dr. Friedrich Siegmund-Schultz with a view to common work for war refugees and sufferers. Dr. Siegmund-Schultz, whose address is Hegebachstrasse 123 in Zurich, is the founder of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches. The Reverend Dr. Henry Smith Leiper and his friends have already cabled him with reference to your eventual call. In case of financial needs, you should contact Saly Mayer. We should appreciate receiving information regarding the development of your efforts, and particularly as regards Mayer's allocations."

It would be appreciated if you would acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE

Geneva, Switzerland,
June 20, 1944.

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Dear Mr. McClelland:

In reply to your letter of June 16, 1944,
file No. 848, the letter which you enclosed
has this day been delivered by hand to Professor
Liebman Hersch.

Very truly yours,

Paul C. Squire

Paul C. Squire
American Consul

Roswell McClelland, Esquire,
Special Assistant
to the American Minister,
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and Prof. Hersch 6/22 RDM/mjb

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: June 21, 6 p.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2118

Received: June 22, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

(C.I.)

WRB No. 49.

Please deliver following to Professor Liebman
Hersch, 18, Avenue Pierre Odier, Geneva, from Jacob
Pat, Jewish Labor Committee:

Remittance of \$5000 has been made to the
Polish Embassy for relief of our group of Jewish
refugees Polish citizens in Shanghai. Please
establish contact with Pejsach Albert and/or
Cluwakry Sztal and/or Grosfater, care M. Birman,
P.O. Box No. 1425, and arrange for assistance,
reporting the results through sender of this
message.

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Bern, June 22, 1944.

Dear Professor Hersch:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you from Jacob Pat, Jewish Labor Committee:

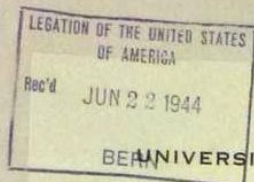
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Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Professor Liebman Hersch,
18 Avenue Pierre Odier,
Geneva.

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Genève, le 22 juin 1944

Monsieur Roswell McLelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Berne

Très honoré Monsieur,

J'ai bien reçu votre aimable lettre du 16 courant avec
le message de Monsieur Jacob Pat de Jewish Labor Committee de
New York, et vous en remercie bien sincèrement.

En moment opportun, je me permettrai de vous transmettre
la réponse audit message.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de ma haute
considération.

L. Hersch
L. HERSCH
Professeur à l'Université
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: July 1, 8 p.m., 1944
(Filed July 3)

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2241

Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

*Rep. July 24, 44
Tel. No. 4748*

WRB No. 65. Form McClelland.

Department, Treasury and WRB request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Switzerland of the organizations listed below a report giving the total dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency, if any, sent into enemy territory during period which ended June 1, pursuant to Section 1 (c) of respective Treasury licenses

- License W-2150, American Committee for Christian Refugees
- License W-2138, International Rescue and Relief Committee
- License W-2126, Jewish Labor Committee
- License W-2106, Joint Distribution Committee
- License W-2117, Union of Orthodox Rabbis
- License W-2115, World Jews Congress.

Please obtain estimate if exact figures are not available.

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*Jewish Labor Committee
February - November 1944*

Dr. Boris Tschlenoff
15 rue du Mont Blanc

Geneva, le 15 Juillet 1944

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Bern, July 7, 1944.

Mr. R. Mac Clelland
7 rue du Chaudronnier

Geneva Dr. B. Tschlenoff,
Union OSE,
15, Rue Mont-Blanc,
Geneva.

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Dear Dr. Tschlenoff:

In conformity with a recent request from the State and Treasury Departments and the War Refugee Board, the Legation would appreciate receiving from you, at an early date, a report giving the total dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency (it is presumed that this would have been Swiss francs), if any, which you may have sent into enemy or enemy-occupied territory during the period ending June 1, 1944, pursuant to paragraph A(3) of the Treasury Department License W-2126 issued to the Jewish Labor Committee and communicated to you in the Legation's letter of February 22, 1944. It is observed in this respect that the sending of free currency into enemy or enemy-occupied territory for relief and particularly rescue operations was to have been resorted to only "in extremis", that is in the face of a serious emergency situation, when local currency could not be secured by the safer methods outlined in paragraphs A (1 & 2) of your license, or when such local currency was inadequate to effect the desired rescue operations. Method A(3) should only then have been employed after prior consultation with the Legation, if this was physically possible, involving the necessary assurance on your part that reasonable steps would be taken by your representative in the country in question that such free currency would not benefit the enemy.

It would be appreciated if you would consult with your colleague, Professor Hersch, regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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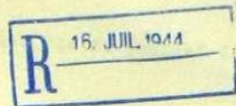
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Jewish Labor Committee
February-November 1944

Dr. Boris Techlenoff
15 rue du Mont Blanc

Genève, le 15 Juillet 1944

Mr. R. Mac Clelland
7 rue du Chaudronnier
Genève



Dr. Mr. Mac Clelland,

I am in possession of your favour dated July 7th and hasten to inform you that we have not sent any amount of free currency into enemy or enemy occupied territories during the period ending July 1st 1944, pursuant to A 3 of the Treasury Department Licence W2126 issued to the Jewish Labor Committee and communicated to me in the Legations's letter of February 22nd 1944.

Sincerely yours

B. Techlenoff

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L. HERSCH
Professeur à l'Université
GENÈVE

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Monsieur Rowell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
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(C.I.)

Genève, le 19 juillet 1944

Monsieur,

Me référant à la conversation orale que j'ai eu l'honneur
d'avoir avec vous, je vous prie de bien vouloir faire
transmettre à Monsieur Jacob PAT le message ci-joint.

En vous remerciant très sincèrement d'avance, je vous
prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de ma haute considération.

L. Hersch

For WRB from McClelland

from Liebman Hersch

for

Jacob PAT, Jewish Labour Committee, 156 East Broadway
New York

Received with gratitude \$ 10 000 special emergency
fund, \$ 10 000 for OSE and \$ 5 000 for Pejsach Albert.
Transmitted OSE and Alter also 1000 francs Puder. Am seeking
address Angelina Zetlin. Since april Brtholek monthly gives
11000 francs for our refugees and 5500 for Puder's and enca-
5000 for his debts. Have seen Siegmund-Schulz, he now
assists hungarian refugees, established with him moral contact
only. ~~L. Hersch~~

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" Tell Kusky data requested as follows:

Peskin, Jacques;

Honikman, Reizer,

Joseph born Warsaw

6/11/1907 deported under name of

Feldhaendler, Salomon

born 28/3/08 Austria

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Congress: none.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: July 24, 8 p.m., 1944.

No. 4748

Code: [REDACTED]

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From McClelland for WRB.

Following is preliminary answer to your
2241, July 1. During the period ending June 1:

a) License W-2106, Joint Distribution Committee
has sent following amounts (dollar equivalents in
round figures) free currency into: Poland, 3,000;
Italy, 9,400; Rumania, 17,000; Slovakia, 105,000;
and Hungary 135,000.

b) License W-2126, Jewish Labor Committee: none.

c) License W-2150, American Committee for
Christian Refugees: none.

d) License Y-2115, World Jewish Congress: none.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: July 31, 1944, 5 p. m.

No: 4923

Code: 

Charged to:

Paraphrase

Following message is from Liebman Hersch for Jacob Pat, of the Jewish Labor Committee:

"I have received with gratitude \$10,00 for special emergency fund, \$10,000 for OSE and \$5,000 for Pejsach Albert. Transmitted OSE and Alter also 1000 francs Puder. I am seeking Angelina Zetlin's address. Bertholet has been contributing since April the following sums: 11,000 francs per month for our refugees and 5500 for Puders and once 5,000 for his debts. I have seen Siegmund-Schulze, who now assists Hungarian refugees, although established with him only moral contact. Tell Kusky following data requested: Peskine, Jacques; Honikman, Lejzer, Joseph born in Warsaw on November 6, 1907, deported under name of Feldhaendler, Salomon, born February 28, 1908 Austria."

Above is from McClelland for WRB.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Re: Jews in camps in Poland

MRB BOM

message for ICRC.

From: Department

Date: November 17, 4 p.m., 1944

No: 3909

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: November 18, 10 a.m.

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WRB No. 275.

Kindly deliver to Intercross the following message from Adolph Held, Chairman, Jacob Pat, Executive Secretary, Daniel Dubinsky, Treasurer, Joseph Baskin, Secretary, Jewish Labor Committee, 175 East Broadway, New York City.

"Your organization, we understand, is furnishing assistance to Poles in concentration camps of Prushkov. We are very much gratified by your activity on their behalf. We are also informed that there are thousands of Jews in concentration camps in Poland who are starving and need speedy relief. We beseech that your activities in behalf of those in Prushkov be extended to Jewish victims in camps in occupied Poland. May we receive your reply by cable?"

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AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

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GENÈVE, 22 novembre 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

Bern, November 22, 1944.

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant

International Committee of the Red Cross,
Hotel Métropole, 12 d'Amérique
BERNE Geneva.

Attention: Dr. Schwarzenberg.

Monsieur,
Dear Sirs:

The following message has been received for you
from Adolph Held, Chairman, Jacob Pat, Executive
Secretary, Daniel Dubinsky, Treasurer, and Joseph
Baskin, Secretary, of the Jewish Labor Committee,
175 East Broadway, New York City:

"Your organization, we understand, is
furnishing assistance to Poles in concentration
camps of Prushkov. We are very much gratified
by your activity on their behalf. We are also
informed that there are thousands of Jews in
concentration camps in Poland who are starving
and need speedy relief. We beseech that your
activities in behalf of those in Prushkov be
extended to Jewish victims in camps in occupied
Poland. May we receive your reply by cable?"

I hope to see Dr. Schwarzenberg early next week
in regard to various other matters and will also take
the opportunity to discuss this question with him.

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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Rappeler dans la réponse:

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Télég. "INTERCROIXROUGE"

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GENÈVE, 22 novembre 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

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Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant
to the American Minister
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
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Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur d'accuser réception et de vous remercier de votre lettre du 22 novembre nous transmettant le texte d'un télégramme émanant du Jewish Labor Committee à New York. Nous avons reçu le même câble il y a quelques jours et nous vous envoyons sous ce pli, pour votre information, copie de notre réponse au dit télégramme.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de notre considération la plus distinguée.

Pour le Comité international
de la Croix-Rouge:

R. Schwab
Division d'Assistance
spéciale.

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(Switzerland)

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