From: Department
Date: February 21, 7 p.m., 1944
No: 584
Received: February 22, 8 a.m.

The Treasury has issued license number W-2126 to the Jewish Labor Committee authorizing the purchase or sale of coal, coke, kerosene, gasoline, lubricants, synthetic rubber, and raw silk. The maximum purchase or sale price is $1,320, 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 Letter 4-11-72
/nrm
By R. H. Fuchs Date SEP 26 1972

In triplicate

848 World Jewish Congress
848 United Jewish Appeal
848 Joint Distribution Committee
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. H. Tohlevov or 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. 199, of January 20, 289, of January 22, and 79, of January 5, and further referred to in the Department's telegram No. 511, of February 8, 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.
to consult with the American Legation Bern. Sellers of
such local currency or exchange in Switzerland
france at the prevailing unofficial rate of exchange in
Switzerland.

2. By purchasing in any occupied territory the local currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided re-

deductions are to be made only upon the advice of the

Dr. K. Hertz, Professor at the University of Geneva,
Geneva, and the text of this license reads as

follows: By purchasing in any occupied territory the necessary local funds, goods, services,

Mr. Hertz, Authorised is hereby granted to your representative

in Switzerland, together with such agents as he may appoint, not-
withstanding General Ruling No. 71, by any means which may be

dependent 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

without having 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 any or enemy-occupied
territory the necessary local funds, goods, services,

Mr. Hertz, Authorised is hereby granted to your representative

in Switzerland, together with such agents as he may appoint, not-
withstanding General Ruling No. 71, by any means which may be

dependent 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

whenever such evacuation is possible, to arrange for the

these safeguarding and maintenance 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 Forging. For the purpose of

acquiring the necessary local currency for the purposes of

acquiring 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

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
to consult with the American Legation Bern. Sellers of
such local currency or exchange may be reimbursed in Swiss
francs at the prevailing unofficial rate of exchange in
Switzerland.

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 re-
imbursable 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 ex-
change 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,
such 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 repre-
sentative with the American Legation."

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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 by the State Department to inform you that the American Treasury Department has issued a license, No. 3228, to the Jewish Labor Committee. The text of this license reads as follows:

"A. Declaration is hereby granted to your representative to communicate, together with such agents as he may appoint, not exceeding one in any one place, the following telegram to you:

I hope you will accept this message, and, if possible, arrange for the accommodation and sustenance of such persons, and to pursue any other action which may be appropriate for such purposes, including the payment of sums to persons in enemy territory or in occupied 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 2 should not be used if it is possible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods mentioned:

1. By purchasing in Switzerland the currency of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided your representative is reasonably sure that the currency of such country has been held 15 days before the date on which it was issued by the Government, or that, if the currency was acquired subsequently and the transaction took place under circumstances from which the enemy did not benefit, your representative shall certify as to this fact.

2. By obtaining the currency of the country in which the operations are to take place, if the Government has issued a license for such purpose.

3. By obtaining the currency of the country in which the operations are to take place, if the Government has issued a license for such purpose.

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

Bern, February 22, 1944

Dr. B. Zahler
International Red Cross

Sirs:

I have been instructed by the Department of State at Washington to inform you that the American Treasury Department has issued a license (No. 32125), to the Jewish Labor Committee. The text of this license reads as follows:

"Authorization is hereby granted to your representative in Switzerland, together with such agents as he may appoint, notwithstanding General Bulletin No. 103, 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, such representative may select, and, until such time as such evacuation is possible, to arrange for the care, protection, and subsistence 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 1 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 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 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 to consult with the American Legation Bern. Sellers of

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to consult with the American Legation Bern. Sellers of such local currency or exchange may be reimbursed in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rate of exchange in Switzerland. Terms of this license will be as well as to 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 in 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.
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
Dear Mr. Squire:

I am enclosing herewith letters for Dr. B. Tchlenov of the International Red Cross, Geneva, and Dr. L. Mendelsohn, Professor at the University of Geneva, Committee authorizing it to communicate with enemy territories 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.

Two letters attached.

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

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

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American Consul,
Geneva.

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

Rican Consulate

BY COURIER

Dear Mr. Squire:

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

Dr. Liebman-Kohn, representative of the Jewish Labor Committee, has informed us that the Department has further instructed the Legation to advise Dr. E. Tschlenovo, of the International Red Cross of Geneva, and Dr. L. Harari, of the University of Geneva, of the issuance of this license. Nothing is known at this office about this Legation nor does this telegram indicate whether or not these two men have with the Jewish Labor Committee, or to this office.

If you, from your own knowledge, can explain with 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, concern yourself with informing them of the license, try to obtain this information, and report to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

For the Minister:

Paul S. Squire
American Consul

American Labor Committee

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

American Legation,
Bern.

Paul C. Squire, Esquire

Rican Consulate

Bern, February 24, 1944.
February 26, 1944.

Mr. HIRSCH, Directrice du Comité International du Placemem des Intellectuels Réfugiés, enquire yesterday about another matter in Liberty of asking her who represented the Jewish Labor Committee in Switzerland, which she gave as 48 East 17th Street.

She replied that Dr. A. SILBERSCHEIN, Dr. Liebmann HERSCH (not Herah), Professor of the University of Geneva, are the representatives.

When I consulted Dr. RIEGNER this morning, he did not know who represented the Jewish Labor Committee. 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. Rieger knows Dr. B. TSCHLENOFF (not Tolchenov) but was not aware that he has any relationship with the Jewish Labor Committee. Reference is made in this connection to your letter of March 24, 1945, File No. 711.2 DNR/LAD/114, and to my reply of April 9, 1945, concerning traffic in exit permits for persons in occupied territory in which Dr. Benson Tschlenoff was apparently not involved.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Squire
American Consul

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire, Commercial Attaché, American Legation, BERN.
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, DJ1/CH/211.

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. SILBERSCHEIN (Rello) and Dr. Liebmann HERSON (not Hersh), Professor at the University of Geneva, are the representatives.

When I consulted Dr. RIEGNER this morning, he did not know who represented the Jewish Labor Committee. 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.

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Sincerely yours,

Paul G. Squire
American Consul

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
BERN.
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. BENJAMIN TSCHLENOFF, 10 Rue du Mt. Blanc, Geneva;

2) Professor Lifshitz HERSCH, Professor University of Geneva, 18 Avenue Pierre-Odier, Orange-Canal, Geneva; and

3) Mr. MARC JARLUM, 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. Jarlum, 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 at 175 East Broadway, New York City, of which the Director is Mr. Adolf HELD.

For

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
BERN.
For our information, Dr. Hieger 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 B'nai B'rith, 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
American Consul

P.S. Another confirmation of Dr. Hersch's status has come from Dr. Adolf FREUDENBERG (World Council of Churches).
Dear Mr. Reagan:

With further reference to my letter of February 29, interviews with Dr. H. Tschelenoff and Professor Liebmam Hirsch 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. Tschelenoff, who is also President of the Committee of OSE at Geneva. Dr. Tschelenoff 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. Tschelenoff 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
American Consul

Enclosure:
Copy of OSE telegram.

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
BERN.
Received license for ten thousand dollars stop are advised treasury department received assurances from Swiss national bank that they will accept dollars designated relief purposes at official rate stop remitting you meanwhile five thousand dollars through Swiss bank corporation stop please cable whether transferred amount was paid in Swiss francs otherwise shall appeal treasury Washington stop please inform for further transfers whether union one account Swiss bank corporation still exists American one—

Wulman secretary
Dear Mr. Reagan:

With reference to your urgent letter of February 24 (file number 848 Jewish Labor Committee D/J/G/4) and supplementing my communication of March 5, 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 ("bénéficiaire de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre Jewish Labor Committee"); in other words, the sum of $12,000 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 100 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 Basel, Zurich, Bienne, and other towns. They are, of course, not permitted to work outside the camps.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosure:

Copy of telegram

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
Bern.
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE OBTAINED TREASURY DEPARTMENT LICENSES TO TRANSFER BLOCKED FRANCS FOR YOUR RESCUE RELIEF ENGAGEMENTS DECIDED TO IMMEDIATELY REMIT FRANCS EQUIVALENT DOLLARS FIFTEEN THOUSAND NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT BANK NATION DE SUISSE CABLED ASKING APPROVAL FROM HEAD OFFICE TO ACCEPT SUCH TRANSFER APPROACH NATIONAL BANQUE DE SUISSE INFORM YOUR WORK ASK APPROVAL CABLE RESULTS:

JACOB PAT
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE
175 EAST BROADWAY
NEW YORK
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. TOLENKOY 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
American Consul

Daniel J. Reagan, Esquire,
Commercial Attaché,
American Legation,
Bern.
TELEGRAM
For Jewish Labor Committee File

Extract from telegram no. 351, March 15 from Department in 846 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."

You are requested with Dr. Friedmann to come over to me to see the matter at hand, to present it to the League, with full reference of financial needs, to consult with representatives of various churches and others interested as regards the immediate action to be taken.

Dr. Friedmann, April 5, 1935.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: June 14, 7 P.M., 1944
No: 2041
Code: [redacted]
Received: June 16, 9 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

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 Siegmann-Schulz, with a view
to common work for war refugees and sufferers.
Dr. Siegmann-Schulz, whose address is Hegebach-
strasse 153 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 Sal Mayer.
We should appreciate receiving information
regarding the development of your efforts, and particularly
as regards Mayer's allocations."

HULL

In quadruplicate

By H. H. Parks Dec. SEP 20 1973
Dear Mr. Squire:

Will you please deliver the enclosed letter to Professor Liebman Hersch of 18 Avenue Pierre Odiier, Geneva, who is apparently connected with the Jewish Labor Committee and advising the situation when this letter was sent, and advising the President of the Jewish Labor Committee that the letter has been affected. Professor Hersch might ask for your assistance.

In case of further action and to establish contact with Dr. Friedrich Siegmund-Schultze, whose address is Honolulu, Hawaii, will you please note that the letter is addressed to him and that an additional copy will be sent to him.

Sincerely yours,

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

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-Schults with a view to common work for war refugees and sufferers. Dr. Siegmund-Schults, whose address is Hagebachstrasse 172 in Zürich, 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.
Dear Mr. McClelland:

In reply to your letter of June 16, 1944, file No. 546, the letter which you enclosed has this day been delivered by hand to Professor Liebman Hersch.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Paul C. Squire
American Consul

[Address]

Roswell McClelland, Esquire,
Special Assistant
to the American Minister,
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: June 21, 6 p.m., 1944
No: 2118
Received: June 22, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

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 Fejmen Albert and/or
Chwasky Zetel and/or Ghorfater, care W. Birman,
P.O. Box No. 1485, and arrange for assistance,
reporting the results through sender of this
message.

HULL

In quadruplicate

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Dear Professor Hersch:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you 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 Rejoach Albert and/or Giuskary Szulc and/or Grofster, care M. Brzana, P.O. Box No. 1475, and arrange for assistance, reporting the results through sender of this message."

Sincerely yours,

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

Professor Liebman Hersch,
10 Avenue Pierre Odier,
Geneva.
Faculté des Sciences Économiques et Sociales

Genève, le 24 juin 1944

Monsieur Rossell McLeod,
Special Assistant to the American Minister

Bonjour Monsieur,

J'ai eu la chance d'assister à la réunion avec le ministre des Affaires Étrangères et de joindre le cabinet de M. de Gaulle, et nous avons mené des discussions intéressantes.

Au moment opportun, je vous transmettrai la réponse à cet message.

Reste à vous exprimer ma plus haute considération.

Léonard Hersch
Professor à l'Université

Genève
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: July 1, 8 p.m., 1944
No.: 2241
Code: [redacted]
Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 65, Fort McClendon.

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

Please obtain estimate if exact figures are not available.

In duplicate
re
Bern, July 7, 1944.

Dr. B. Tscharlnoff,
Union OSS,
15, Rue Mont-Blanc,
Geneva.

Dear Dr. Tscharlnoff:

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 No. 120 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.
Dr. Boris Tschlenoff
15 rue du Mont Blanc

Mr. H. Mac Clelland
7 rue du Chomedonier
Genève

Dr. Mr. Mac Clelland,

I am in possession of your favour dated July 17th 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 43 of the Treasury Department Licence W126 issued to the
Jewish Labor Committee and communicated to me in the Legations’s Letter of
February 22 nd 1944.

Sincerely yours

[Signature]

[Address]
Monsieur Rodwell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
Bern

Lettre, le 19 juillet 1944

Monsieur,

En 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 F.A.T le message ci-joint.

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

Jacob F.A.T, Jewish Labour Committee, New York

Reçu avec gratitude $ 10 000 special emergency fund, $ 10 000 for CJB and $ 5 000 for Rachele Albert. Transmitted CJB and Albert also $ 10 000 French Fadars. Am seeking address Honoria Leflin. Since April Brochelet monthly gives $11 000 French for our refugees and $600 for fadars and once $500 for his debts. Have seen Siupundel-Schulz. He now assists Hungarian refugees established with his moral contact only. Rachele Hersch.

Tel Hebrei etc.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

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

No. 4748

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Paraphrase

From McClelland for WHE.

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.


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State Dept. Letter 11-73
By K. H. 26 SEP 1972
Following message is from Liebman Hersch for Jacob Pat, of the Jewish Labor Committee:

"I have received with gratitude $10,000 for special emergency fund, $10,000 for OSE and $5,000 for Pejsah 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, Leizer, 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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$37.55

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: November 17, 4 p.m., 1944
No: 3909
Code: a
Received: November 18, 10 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 275.

Kindly deliver to Intercessor 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 Pruszkow. 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 Pruszkow be extended to Jewish victims in camps in occupied Poland. May we receive your reply by cable?"

STEPHANUS ACTING

In duplicate
Bern, November 22, 1944.

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Hotel Metropol, Poste d'Amérique, Geneva.

Attention: Dr. Schwarzenberg.

Monsieur,

Dear Sirs:

The following message has been received for you from Adolph Hald, 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 Pruskov. 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 organization extend to Jewish victims in camps in occupied Poland. May we receive your reply by telegram?"

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

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:

Division d'Assistance spéciale.
To: Jewish Labor Committee
175 East Broadway
New York

yours fourteenth November in order give full consideration your
request please inform us what camps and groups you desire assist
stop on receipt these particulars shall investigate whether
responsible authorities will consent to scheme proposed

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