War Refugee Board
American Legation
Bern, Switzerland.

DUTCH, BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG
LABOR RELIEF FUNDS
July through December 1944
January through July 1945.

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From: Department
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Date: October 2, 8 p.m., 1944
No.: 3391
Received: October 3, 2 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Dutch, Belgian, and Luxembourg Labor Relief Funds.
October, November, and December 1944.

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Klein is still out of town - his office does not know where he is or just when he will return. Oct 5th.

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State Dept., 1-14-73
By: J. B. Forrest (Redacted: SEP 26 1972)
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No. 194 from the War Refugee Board.
For McClelland.

It is understood by interested groups here that expenditure of funds from Queen Wilhelmina fund and Belgian War Relief Society programs are closely supervised by you. From the contents of your recent cables with regard to these projects we assume that such is the case.

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In duplicate

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State Dept. London, 1-11-78
By Mr. J. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
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SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK — BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
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Hill, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Winterthur

TELEGRAMME: NATIONALBANK

LEJGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BERN, October 3rd 1944.

Leland Harrison Esq.,
Minister of the United States of America,
29, Alpenstrasse, Bern.

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that we have received from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, for your account and in favour of Mr. Roswell McCLELLAND War Refugee board representative in Switzerland for disbursment in accordance with provision United States Treasury License:

Fr. 85,324.45, (Fr. 85,762.29 less ½% commission = Fr. 428.84) by order of Friend Luxembourg Incorporated, New York, T.L. W 2232.

Fr. 106,668.10, (Fr. 107,204.12 less ½% commission = Fr. 536.02) by order Queen Wilhelmina Fund Incorporated, New York, T.L. W 2229.

Please be so kind enough as to let us have your instructions with regard to the employment of these amounts.

In the meantime, we remain, Excellency,

Yours very truly,

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Bern, October 5, 1944.

The Swiss National Bank,
Bundesplatz,
Bern.

Sir:

At the request of the American Minister and in reply to your letter of October 3, 1944, I should appreciate it if you would temporarily deposit to my account which your bank is at present holding in my name the sum of 55,324.45 Sw.Frs. which you recently received in my name on order of Friend Luxembourg Incorporated, New York, and the sum of 106,668.10 Sw.Frs. which you have received in my name on order of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund Inc., New York.

Very truly yours,

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

A true copy of the signed original.
Bern, October 5, 1944.

Monsieur

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

Sirs:

At the request of the American Minister and in reply to your letter of September 29, 1944, I should appreciate it if you would temporarily deposit in my name the sum of 123,001.70 Swiss francs, which you recently received in my name on order of the Belgian War Relief Society Inc., New York.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

GALLIEN Jean
Trésorier Général de la Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Ouvriers Hissures, Métallurgistes et de l'Industrie

P.S. No telephone answer today between 14 to 19 hours
Belgium War Relief

Berne, le 10 octobre 1944

Monsieur

Monsieur CHELLAND
Hôtel Bären
BERNE

Par mon ami Monsieur ILG, Conseiller National de la Confédération, j'ai eu de votre appel téléphonique le 28 dernier. Je vous signale que Monsieur KAIRER, frère du Ministre du Travail et de Monsieur CLÉMENT Hubert, député et maire sont partis pour remercier le Luxembourg. Ils ont été demandés par notre Gouvernement et je l'ai suivi sous peu. Avant de partir pour le canton du Valais, je voudrais vous parler aujourd'hui au sujet des fonds. Vous pourriez me téléphoner et fixer un rendez-vous qui vous plaira et qui ménagera votre temps précieux. Vous pourriez m'apporter ou donner la commission au Nr. 3 34 26 à Berne.

En attendant votre réponse, veuillez croire Monsieur, à l'expression de ma parfaite considération.

GALLION Jean
Trésorier Général de la Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Ouvriers Mineurs, Métallurgistes et de l'Industrie

P.S. Ne pas téléphoner aujourd'hui entre 17 à 18 heures
For Krier Ministre travail luxembourgeois

Avec reçu jusqu'à présent ni fonds pour Luxembourg ni instructions stop Tâches faire aviser fonds part luxembourgeois et faciliter notre rentrée en France pour y remplir mission stop Clément Gallion et moi désirons reprendre contact et travail en France et vite que possible stop Attendons réponse et instructions stop ton frère Antoine

Je suis très heureux de vous envoyer quelques fonds en avance. Je vous envoie par le canal de notre Consulat.
Bern, le 6 octobre 1944.

Mr. McClelland, American Minister, d'Amérique, Berne.

[Handwritten note]

Clement a Roven is left for reissuing on orders of their boy returned to L. Can this money be used in L. now. If so under what limitations. For what groups. I would like a small advance of 2000 5.00s. to use for temporary expenses in Brussels which are no regular currency but only marks.

Would like to give Gallion 2000 5.00s. to change into 3 3.3. 2 in terms they mark.

Suggest reissuing sum into 15,000 of 2, 2 5,000.

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[Handwritten note]

Success for Anton KLIEB from his brothers.

[Handwritten note]

par le canal de notre Consulat.
Bern, le 6 octobre 1944.

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
c/o Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29,
BERNE.

Wir bitten Sie, folgende Buchungen vorzunehmen:

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BARQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

Sincerely yours,

The brother of Acting EMII is expected to arrive here from the USA around September 7th, when he gets here we will deliver the package to him.

Bry/London-Same, Sept. 5, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

par le canal de notre Consulat.
We regret to inform you of the following entries:

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It is expected that Caillon will also leave for Luxembourg soon.

Best wishes,

The brother of Anton KIBER is expected to arrive here from the U.S. around September 15th. We will deliver the message to him.

We have received confirmation from the brother:

"I am almost certain that any fund we were named trustees and the Luxembourg funds of KIBER will be received. I desire that you return to France, when the fund will be paid to you."

"Everything else is in order and the fund to the trustees."

par le canal de notre Consulat.
Wir bitten Sie, folgende Buchungen vorzumerkken:

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Veuillez prendre note des écritures suivantes:

**Compte de dépôt.**

Bonifications de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York:
- d'ordre Friend Luxembourg Incorporated, New York,
- d'ordre Queen Wilhelmina Fund Inc., New York,

selon notre avis du 3 courant à Monsieur le Ministre Leland Harrision, et votre lettre du 5 de ce mois.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

BARQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

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Aspet Washington for information.

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**To: Eenem van ons neef.**

1295 Bern, Oct. 9, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

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**To: Eenem van ons neef.**

1295 Bern, Sept. 9, 1944.

We are sorry that our unoccupied property has been invaded by the enemy. We believe that your return to France, where your service will be paid to you.

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**To: Eenem van ons neef.**

1295 Bern, Sept. 9, 1944.

Please let us know if you receive your allowance soon.
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106,668.10 Fr. und

106,668.10 Fr. für die folgenden Zwecke veranlassen:

En accord avec le bureau de la Fédération des banques de la France, Berlin, in accordance with the above instructions.

It is expected that Gaillon will also leave for Luxembourg soon.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

15th, Luxembourg, Sept. 9, 1944.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

15th, Luxembourg, Sept. 10, 1944.

Messsage to Anson Millard from his brother:

The above amount is to be credited to the account of the beneficiary, J. R. Millard, New York, as per your instructions.

Please notify the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as to the transfer of the fund to the beneficiary.

per le canal de notre Consulat.
BERNE, October 12th, 1944.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Hereewith are the copies of cables exchanged with London and Washington relative to the Luxembourg Fund of $20,000, and trustees Anton KRIER and CLEMENT.

I have drafted a cable today reading as follows:

Berne/London.

Krier and Clement left for Luxembourg last week. Please notify Oldenbroek.

McClelland did not receive $20,000 Luxembourg fund until October 3rd after they left. He is holding the fund in account with Swiss National bank pending instructions. He will cable that as terms of Treasury License preclude the use of the fund outside enemy occupied territory he suggests that License be amended to allow the fund to be used in other ways.

It is expected that Gaillon will also leave for Luxembourg soon.

Depot Washington for information.

LILY/LONDON-AMERICAN CONSUL

Bern, September 3, 1944. Sincerely yours,

The brother of Anton Krier is expected to arrive here from the USA about September 20th. Then I expect that a letter can be written for the transfer of the $20,000 to you.

LILY/LONDON-AMERICAN CONSUL

Bern, September 13, 1944.

The nephew of Krier and his brother’s son, Ken, is expected to arrive here in a few weeks. He is not coming to France. I desire that you pay the funds to Krier in France, as the funds were paid by your firm to the trustees.

par le canal de notre Consulat.

All funds entering occupied countries require licenses. It was announced by Belgian War Relief here July 21st that a special license has been granted for $90,000 destined for CLEMENT and KRIER, who are in Berne. The National War Fund will forward the money.

1929/Washington-Berne, August 8, 1944.

$20,000 provided by American Labor for the relief of victims of Nazi persecution in Luxembourg. The money will be sent to KRIER through the National War Fund. The same rules as given by OLDENBROEK for Netherlands relief will be followed.

832/London-Berne, August 19, 1944.

Oldenbroek informs KRIER that it is his understanding that the Dutch quota of $90,000 has arrived at Anllegation Berne for deposit with the Dutch Minister in Berne. The equivalent will be made available through the Netherlands Home Secretary J.A.W. BURGER of the Dutch Labor Party to the Dutch Resistance movement. KRIER should answer this message.

1095/Berne-London, August 31, 1944.

Message from Anton KRIER to his brother. No funds yet received for Luxembourg. Please instruct concerning Luxembourg funds and facilitate our return to France to carry on our work there. It is the wish of Clément, Gailon and myself to start work in France as soon as possible.

950/London-Berne, Sept. 5, 1944.

The brother of Anton KRIER is expected to arrive here from the USA around September 9th. When he gets here we will deliver the message to him.

1021/London-Berne, Sept. 15, 1944.

Message for Anton KRIER from his brother:
"On or about August 7th KRIER and CLEMENT were named trustees and the Luxembourg fund of $20,000 was forwarded. I desire that you return to France, where the fund will be paid to you."

Please arrange payment of the fund to the trustees.

Message from Anton KRIER to his brother:

"Please send instructions for my return to Paris to receive funds. Where were they sent?"

We have no advice of the arrival of the $20,000 for Luxembourg. As far as we know they were not received by Amlegation Berne.

1038/London-Berne, Sept. 22, 1944.

Anton KRIER's brother has gone back to Luxembourg. Before we received your No. 1240 he expressed the desire that Anton returns to Luxembourg. To the best of our knowledge the Luxembourg funds were handled in the same way as Belgian and Dutch funds.
GALLION Jean
Ferme de la F.O.M.H.
Barogne (Valais)

Barogne, le 16 octobre 1944

Monsieur
Le L.E.L.L.A.N.D
Légitation des États-Unis
Elfenstr. 6
BERNE

Monsieur,

Ci-dessus je vous communique l'adresse
de notre Consul à Lausanne: Monsieur ELIER, Jules,
Consul du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Chemin de la
bonne Espérance, LAUSANNE. Par le courrier diplo-
matique, vous seriez toujours en état de corro-
pounder avec Monsieur ELIER Antoine, Maison du Peu-
ple, Esch/Alz. (Lux). J'aviserais Monsieur ELIER de
ma lettre et je suis certain qu'il acceptera ma
proposition. Si non, vous pourriez adresser vos
messages à Monsieur ELIER Pierre, Ministre du Tra-
veil, qui transmettra toutes indications à son
frère. Aussi longtemps que je me trouve ici, vous
pourriez me donner tous les renseignements. Une fois
mon départ fixé, je vous aviserais.

Je tiens à vous remercier vivement de
votre gentillesse à notre égard. Veuillez agréer
Monsieur, l'expression de ma parfaite considération.

GALLION Jean

P.S. Je vous communiquerai également la réponse de
Monsieur ELIER. En cas où l'adresse de notre Ministre
doit être employée, il faudrait la faire toujours
par le canal de notre Consulat.
Monsieur

M. L. E. L. L. A. N. D.
Légation des États-Unis
Bernerstr. 6
BERNE

Monsieur,

Ci-joint je vous donne copie de la lettre de notre Consul Monsieur ELTER. Comme vous y voyez, le Luxembourg ne dispose momentanément d'aucun courrier diplomatique qui pourrait utiliser pour notre correspondance.

Donc si vous n'avez pas non plus la possibilité de faire parvenir des lettres à Luxembourg, je m'efforcerai de pouvoir vous atteindre avec l'aide de notre Gouvernement dès mon retour au Grand-Duché. Jusqu'à présent je n'ai pas encore reçu des précisions sur mon départ de la part des Autorités Françaises.

Veulliez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de ma parfaite considération.

[Signature]

GALLION Jean
Fermes de la P.O.M.H.
Roëgné (Va)
Tél. 7 11 26

Rogna, le 22 octobre 1944
Lausanne, le 30 octobre 1944

Monsieur Jean Gallion
Ferme de la F.C.M.H.
Rarogne (Valais)

Cher Compatriote,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 5 octobre.

Monsieur Hubert Clément, en même temps que Monsieur Krier, m'avaient mis au courant en son temps que des fonds devaient être mis à leur disposition par les Fédérations Américaines, pour venir en aide à leurs camarades métallurgistes luxembourgeois.

Or je n'ai pas su ce qui en était advenu par la suite.

Répondant à votre question concernant l'acheminement d'une lettre à Monsieur Antoine Krier, ou à son frère Monsieur le Ministre, par la valise diplomatique, je me hâte de vous dire que pour le moment nous ne disposons d'aucun courrier diplomatique.

Cependant, la Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique, doit avoir le moyen de faire parvenir des lettres à Luxembourg par une voie sûre et aussi rapide.

Veuillez agréer, cher Compatriote, l'expression de mes sentiments bien dévoués.

s.P.J. Elter
Consul Général.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: October 26, 8 p.m., 1944
No: 3655
Code: Received: October 27, 9 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 239. For McClelland. Legation's 6512 September 30.

The amount of $25,000 was mentioned in Department's telegram No. 6314 September 26. This is in addition to the amount of $90,000 for which authorization was granted in original license. We note your receipt of the latter amount by September 27 in installments.

War Refugee Board and interested groups here have just received information that Oldenbruck, having discussed this project with labor groups at the time of his visit to this country, had arranged for the transfer of $90,000 to Holland through the Dutch Government, with the understanding that that Government would be reimbursed by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

Provided, therefore, you receive adequate assurance that as Oldenbruck stated the equivalent has been made available in Holland, you and Clement and Krier are authorized to pay the Swiss Franc equivalent of $90,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern. For your information, it is being conveyed to Oldenbruck that future transactions of this type should be cleared with interested American groups before they are carried into effect.

SIETZNIUS ACTING

In duplicate

DECIMALIZED
State Dept. Letter, 1/11/73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
During your absence the business of the funds for the Dutch Labor underground, which you will recall, attained new heights of opacity. The money kept rolling in and it never seemed possible to any clarification from the WRB as to what the donor expected to be done with it. Matters have not been simplified by the departure of Krier and Clement for Luxembourg.

At present I have on hand some 490,637.25 Swiss francs sent by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund. This is the equivalent (Swiss bank commissions not taken into account) of 560,000 plus 350,000 plus 250,000.

This morning I received the following wire:

"WRB and interested groups here have just received information that Oldenbruck, having discussed this project with labor groups at the time of his visit to this country, had arranged for the transfer of 90,000 to Holland through the Dutch Government, with the understanding that that Government would be reimbursed by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund."

Provided, therefore, you receive adequate assurance that as Oldenbruck stated the equivalent has been made available in Holland, you and Clement and Krier are authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent of 90,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern. For your information, it is being conveyed to Oldenbruck that future transactions of this type should be cleared with interested American groups before they are carried into effect."

I should be most appreciative of any light you could shed on this matter. I do not see from exactly what source it could be determined whether this money was actually made available in Holland.

I shall look forward, perhaps someday next week, if you are not too busy, to having a talk with you and in particular to hearing about your conversation with Mr. Pehle, my distant boss. Cordially,

R. D. Mo. C.

Bern. 
On request of interested groups here, kindly inform Clement and Arier that there will probably (repeat probably) be available during the final quarter of 1944 $12,500 for the Luxembourg, $75,000 for the Belgian, and $100,000 for the Dutch program. These funds, which are in addition to sums authorized by Treasury licenses or already remitted, will be available for work in enemy-occupied territory only. This information may be of assistance to Clement and Arier in the development of their programs. If they feel that additional amounts will be of help, you are requested to inform WRB at once so that necessary arrangements may be made for the allocation of such additional amounts from the National War Fund.

You will be sent later on information with respect to the question raised in Legation's telegram no. 6837 of October 13.

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re: copy FA

Roswell D. McClelland
Elfenstrasse 6,
Berne.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter 1-11-73
By A.L. Date SEP 26 1972
Monsieur,

La Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique du Nord a bien voulu me communiquer votre adresse.

Le 9 courant j'ai reçu du Gouvernement Luxembourgeois à Londres un avis provenant de sa Légation à Washington disant que 20'000.- $ (vingt-mille) avaient été transférés à votre adresse pour les réfugiés luxembourgeois en Suisse et me chargeant d'en informer S.Exc. Monsieur Antoine Funck, ancien Ministre du Grand-Duché à Paris puis Chargé d'Affaires à Vichy.

Monsieur Funck ayant été appelé par le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères du Grand-Duché à rejoindre son ancien poste à Paris, a quitté la Suisse avant que je puisse l'informer de ce télégramme. Il se peut qu'il revienne en Suisse pour y chercher sa famille.

En attendant je vous saurai gré de vous mettre en rapport avec moi.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma haute considération

LE CONSUL
DU GRAND DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

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LE CONSUL
DU GRAND DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

Roswell D. McClelland
Elfstrasse 6,
Berne.
From: S. P. Van Arkel
Subject: Funds for Dutch and Luxembourg Labor Movement
Attention: Mr. Thomas Wilson

There is considerable confusion on this problem. See Wash-Berne 1871 and 1929, London-Berne 892, Berne-London 1093, London-Berne 980 and 1021, Berne-London 1280, and London-Berne 1038. Since that time we have two other incoming messages; the Department communication from Mr. Harrison here, for the War Refugee Board from Mr. McElwain who is representative of the WFB here, reference the Dept’s 3269 of September 22, dated October 13. In this communication McElwain states that he has received 25,334,65 Straits on October 1 through Swiss National Bank from the Friends of Luxembourg, that Krier and Clement left for London on October 3 and are anxious to know whether these funds might now be spent in Luxembourg. He advises that the possibility of their use in enemy territory is now very limited and therefore recommends that the license be amended to authorize the expenditure of the equivalent of $15,000 in Luxembourg, $5,000 being reserved for expenditure in enemy territory (Germany) pending the elaboration of acceptable plans. If permission to use the funds in Luxembourg is forthcoming, Krier and Clement desire to know if the donors wish to favor special categories of beneficiaries.

We are now in receipt of a memo from Mr. McElwain dated October 28. He states that, among other things, the money kept rolling in and it never seemed possible possible to obtain any clarification from the WFB as to what the donors expected to be done with it. Matter has not been simplified by the departure of Krier and Clement for Luxembourg. At present I have on hand some $90,637.25 Swiss francs sent by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund. This is the equivalent of $115,000. This morning I received the following wire:

WFB and interested groups here have just received information that Oldenburg having discussed this project with labor groups at the time of his visit to this country had arranged for the transfer of $90,600 to Nurnberg through the Dutch government with the understanding that the government would be reimbursed by the queen Wilhelmina Fund. Provided, therefore, that you receive adequate assurance that as Oldenburg stated the equivalent has been made available in Holland, you and Clement and Krier are authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent of $90,000 to the Dutch Minister in Berne. For your information, it is being conveyed in Oldenburg that future transactions of this type would be cleared with interested Americans groups before they are carried into effect.

He adds: "I do not know from exactly what source it could be determined whether the money was actually made available in Holland.

Since I did not follow this project in London or Washington I am unable to shed any light on the matter; it would seem to me that, since the money arrived about the time of the liberation of Luxembourg and since no part of it has left Mr. McElwain’s hands, that the money never did reach its intended object and that therefore it should be returned to the donors, or their wishes as to the further use ascertained. There is no hint (though it is not impossible) that anyone advanced funds for Dutch or Luxembourg work against these men who would now be entitled to reimbursement out of them.

Would you be good enough to let us have a complete memo on this matter so that we may instruct Mr. McElwain and his principals as to the further disposition of the monies?

DECLASSIFIED
By Authority of
CIA 001687
By SR Date MAR 3 1975
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department (GL)
Date: October 31, midnight, 1944
No: 3729
Received: November 1, 9 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 251. For McClelland.
Legation's 8237 of October 12.
WRB has been advised by groups interested in Friends of Luxembourg program concerning the suggestion that $15,000 be used for relief in Luxembourg that they are unable to ask for clearance of request to use relief funds in Luxembourg unless informed what specific purposes the trustees have in mind. Without knowing the present situation they cannot suggest categories of relief, and they therefore await further information.

Queen Wilhelmina Fund is this week remitting additional $50,000 under the recent Treasury license which authorizes remittance of 100,000 for operations permitted by license W-2229.

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In duplicate

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Farina Tope, SEP 26 1972
Excellency,

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Fr. 213,326.20 (Fr. 214,408.23 less ½% commission = Fr. 1,072.03)

Please be so kind enough as to let us have your instructions as to the employment of this amount.

In the meantime, we remain, Excellency,

Yours faithfully,

Banque Nationale Suisse

[Signature]
Bern, November 2, 1944.

Sir,

With reference to your kind letter of October 30th, and to our telephone conversations of today, I have the honor to inform you that you are correct in stating that our Legation has received certain funds destined to assist Luxembourg nationals. This money, however, has never been intended, according to all instructions received by the Legation, for Luxembourg refugees in Switzerland. On the contrary it has been quite specifically for Luxembourgers outside of Switzerland.

I thank you for your kindness in arranging the appointment for me for next Monday with Mr. Amack, with whom I should be glad to discuss this question.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Monsieur Pierre Simonin
Consulat du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
Waisenhausplatz, 2 B.E.F.H.
Bern, November 3, 1944.

The Swiss National Bank
Bundesplatz, 3037, October 14 and 30, November 1.

As in my last letter of October 14 and 30, and
as in the letter of the American Minister of Finance,
I have gone to Luxembourg for indefinite periods and
I am no longer relying on regular methods of communication.

I shall, however, receive details from you and shall
be able to send at the request of the American Minister and
will try to reply to your letter of November 1st, 1944, I
shall appreciate it if you would temporarily deposit
into the account which your bank is at present holding
in my name the sum of 318,336.20 Swiss francs
(two hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred
and thirty-six and twenty centimes) which you recently
received in my name on order of the Queen Wilhelmina
Fund, Inc., New York,
secure information from London whether equivalent of 99,000 was ever made
available to labor groups. For information, I have been instructed.

Very truly yours,
Rosewell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

As it is exceedingly difficult, if not largely impossible
to spend money already in hand in accordance with terms of
original license and in the absence of other instructions I
strongly recommend that no (repeat no) further remittances
from any of these three organizations be made to Bern as
money is merely accumulating in bank and serving no useful
purpose apparent to me.

Rector
In quadruplicate
HARRISON
By H. H. Wilke
SEP. 26 1972
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: November 5, 1944

Code: 7347

For WRB from McClelland,

Department's 3655, October 26 and 3729, October 31.

As stated in Legation's 6337, October 13 Krier and Clement have gone to Luxembourg for indefinite period and I have no reliable or regular means of communicating with them. I shall attempt, however, receive details from them as to specific relief needs in Luxembourg for which these funds could be profitably used, also possible channels of relief, if any, for Luxembourg deportees, labor and otherwise, in Germany.

To my knowledge neither Krier nor Clement have developed any plans for using either Dutch or Belgian funds at present here in enemy territory. They are primarily interested in relief for their own country.

We are attempting secure information from Oldenbruck in London whether equivalent of $90,000 was ever made available to labor groups in Holland (Department's 3655, October 26). If so, will pay Dutch Minister here as instructed.

On November 1 I received $13,838 Swiss francs net from Queen Wilhelmina Fund through Swiss National Bank.

As it is exceedingly difficult, if not largely impossible to spend money already in hand in accordance with terms of original license and in the absence of other instructions I strongly recommend that no (repeat no) further remittances from any of these three organizations be made to Bern as money is merely accumulating in bank and serving no useful purpose apparent to me.

EDMCC, HARRISON

In quadruplicate
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STETTINIUS ACTING

Belgians have on hand: not: $34,005.10

384,005.10

388,005.10

388,005.10

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State Dept. Order 147-13

By R. H. Parks Date
We are authorized to pay against appropriate receipt the Swiss franc equivalent of $90,000 dollars to the Belgian Minister in Bern. When payment has been made, please inform Board.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: November 18, 10 p.m., 1944.
No: No
Received: November 19, 5 p.m.

For McClelland with reference to project of Belgian war relief authorized by license number 2831.

Interested labor groups here have just informed Board that two Belgian labor movement leaders, Messrs. Major and Lapille in anticipation of aid under this project, have borrowed funds in Belgium to aid families of men deported to Germany and persons hiding or escaping from the Germans. Please turn over 90,000 of the amount you hold in Switzerland for Belgian war relief project to the Belgian Legation in Switzerland for transfer to Mr. Major in repayment of part of the amount Lapille and he borrowed in Belgium. You are authorized to pay against appropriate receipt the Swiss franc equivalent of 90,000 dollars to Belgian Minister in Bern. When payment has been made, please inform Board.

STETTINIUS ACTING

/FA

Belgians have on hand: 384,905.10

By R.H. Peters Date
Quittance

Frs. 2,000

Reçu de WRB (RDM) from Friends of Luxembourg

la Somme de

Francs

DEUX MILLE

pour

Advance to Jean Gallion (delegate of M. Clement)

for administrative expenses.

dont quittance

Genève le 20 novembre 1944

[Signature]

lettre, Monsieur Jean Gallion, Trésorier de
la Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Ouvriers Mineurs
et Métallurgistes, la somme de 2,000 (DEUX MILLE)
francs suisses. Cet argent provient d'un fonds mis
à la disposition de la Légation des États-Unis à
Berne par une organisation d'entraide Luxembour-
geoise aux États-Unis, et Monsieur Gallion détenait
la procuration nécessaire pour en toucher.

Roswell D. McClelland
Assistant Special au
Ministre des États-Unis.

Déclaration pour eventual use with
Swiss authorities in leaving Switzerland.
Le soussigné, Assistant Special au Ministre des États-Unis à Berne, à l'honneur de certifier par la présente qu'il a remis au porteur de cette lettre, Monsieur Jean Gallion, Trésorier de la Fédération Luxembourgaise des Ouvriers Mineurs et Métallurgistes, la somme de 2,000 (DEUX MILLE) francs suisses. Cet argent provient d'un fonds mis à la disposition de la Légation des États-Unis à Berne par une organisation d'entraide Luxembourgaise aux États-Unis, et Monsieur Gallion détenait la procuration nécessaire pour en toucher.

Roswell D. McClelland
Assistant Special au Ministre des États-Unis.
From McClelland for WRB.
Department's 5926, November 18
Saw Belgian Chargé d'Affaires, De Caritat,
in Bern November 22. He is wiring Brussels for
identification and location Messrs. Major and Lapaille.
He desires this clarification before accepting funds.

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- The figures were given a copy of 1944 Oct 31.
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  - 490,673.25
  - 384,005.10
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**Additional Information:**

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- Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.
- Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.

**License & Dates:**

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**Additional Note:**

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Legation's 7347 November 4.

1. Three remittances effected on behalf of Queen Wilhelmina Fund aggregate $100,065. After effecting payment of $90,000 to Dutch Minister in Bern, authorized in our WRB 239 of October 26, there should remain a balance of $75,000. Please advise Board exact amount of balance on hand of funds remitted for this program. Interested groups here have requested Board to authorize transfer of this balance to the Dutch Minister in Bern in order that equivalent amount may be made available by him for work in enemy-controlled areas of Holland.

2. Please advise Board amount of balances still on hand of funds remitted for Belgian War Relief and Friends of Luxembourg program.

Stettinius Acting

In duplicate to files

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COPY IN FA
To: Mr. Byar  
From: Mr. McClelland (C.I)  
November 30, 1944.

I enclose for your information and records the latest cable which has come in on the Dutch-Belgian-Luxembourg Labor Funds matter. I must admit that I do not follow their accounting since, according to my records, the aggregate amount received from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund totals $165,000 rather than $100,065. There must have been a mistake in coding or decoding.

You will recall that in the Department's 3855 of October 28, the substance of which I sent Mr. Dulles in a memorandum dated October 28 (and which I believe he passed on to you and Mr. Van Arkel), the information was requested as to whether the equivalent of $90,000 had ever been made available by the Dutch Government to the Labor underground in Holland. They went on to say: “Provided, therefore, you receive adequate assurance that as Oldenbruck stated the equivalent has been made available in Holland, you, Clement and Erier are authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent of $90,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern.”

Have either you or Mr. Van Arkel ever succeeded in obtaining clarification from London on this point?

I should ask nothing better than to have these funds serve some useful purpose if we could only break out of this maze and see our way a little bit clearer.

R.D., No.C.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: October 16, 1944, 5 p.m.
No: 6837
Code: ........
Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 3263, September 22, 5 p.m.
Received 85,334.45 Swiss francs not on October 3 through
Swiss National Bank from Friends of Luxemburg.

Krier and Clement both left for Luxemburg on orders of
their Government on October 9. They were very anxious know
whether these funds could not now be spent in Luxemburg.
Since possibility use this money effectively in enemy
territory very limited I therefore recommend license be
amended authorize expenditure equivalent $15,000 in Luxemburg,
$5,000 being reserved for expenditure enemy territory
(Germany) pending elaboration acceptable plans.

If permission use funds in Luxemburg forthcoming Krier
and Clement desire know if donors wish favor special categories
beneficiaries.

HARRISON

RDM/mjb

In duplicate to files
Copy to Mr. Dyar.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By H I. Francs Date SEP 26 1972
Telegram Sent

To: Department

Date: December 1, 1944, 1 p.m.

Code: WRB

Telegram

To: WRBs 289.

The telegram Legation's cables have yet been received from 3. 2nd November, indicating the release of 300,000 Swiss francs, equivalent of $90,000, in Holland. Pending receipt of payment and completion of the report, payment has been made to the Legation to cover the following amounts (August 23, $60,000; $112,000; September 23, $25,000; and, November 19, $6,000) from the Wilhelmina Fund. The net Swiss franc disbursement from the fund is 704,009.45. The net Belgian War Relief funds being transferred to the Legation is 908,840.45.

PENDINGドイツ A. 2896.

Funds have been transferred to the accounts in Bern of information for distribution to the Legation and the Belgian War Relief fund holders. The balance of funds available in the Legation's account is 3,084,005.10. The balance of Luxembourg funds 833,344.45 Swiss francs, equivalent of $19,533.60, 2,000 Swiss francs being advanced on November 19 to Jean Gallion, Treasurer of Luxembourg Miners and Metallurgists Federation, who recently returned to Luxembourg. I asked Gallion to urge Krier and Clement to send me the plan of relief expenditures they propose for Luxembourg so that I may answer Department's 3739, October 31, WRBs 251.

Huddle

RMMcG.

Copy in FA.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: December 1, 1944, 1 p.m.
No: 7877
Code: WRB

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 4012, November 27. WRB's 206.
Your paragraph 1 (see third paragraph Legation's
7347, November 4). No confirmation has yet been received
from Oldenbrink in London whether equivalent of $90,000
was ever made available to labor groups in Holland. Pending
receipt such confirmation no (repeat no) payment has been
made to Dutch Minister at Bern. I therefore still have on
hand $165,000, the total of 4 remittances (August 23,
$50,000; September 27, $50,000; October 5, $25,000; and,
November 1, $50,000) received from Queen Wilhelmina Fund.
The net Swiss franc equivalent of this total is 704,009.45.

Pending receipt by Belgian Chargé d'Affaires at Bern
of information from Brussels concerning Major and Lapaille
(Legation's 7715, November 26) no money from Belgian War
Relief funds has been paid to him. Balance on hand, there-
fore, 294,005.10 Swiss francs equivalent of $90,000.

Balance on hand Friends of Luxembourg funds $85,324.45
Swiss francs, equivalent of $19,595.60, 2,000 Swiss francs
having been advanced on November 19 to Jean Gallion,
Treasurer of Luxembourg Miners and Metallurgists Federation,
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they propose for Luxembourg so that I may answer Department's
3729, October 51, WRB's 251.

Huddle

R DMc.

Copy in FA
Monsieur,

J'ai bien reçu en son temps votre aimable lettre du 3 novembre a.c.

S.Exc. M. Antoine Funck, Ministre du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg à Paris, que vous avez dû rencontrer la veille même de son départ de Suisse le 7 du mois passé à Genève, m'avait promis de m'informer du résultat de votre entretien. Malheureusement je n'ai encore rien reçu jusqu'à ce jour, ce qui est sans doute imputable aux difficultés d'acheminement.

D'autre part j'ai entendu dire que le bureau du comité de secours aux luxembourgeois composé de Mme Pommerelle et de M. Rauth, tous deux luxembourgeois fixés en Suisse depuis de longues années, serait appelé à l'administration de certains fonds de secours aux réfugiés avec moi. Avez-vous des précisions à ce sujet?

Toujours à votre entière disposition, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

LE CONSUL
DU GRAND DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

Monsieur Roswell D.McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
6, Elfenstrasse,
Bern e
Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 4th, regarding the still unclarified question of Luxembourg funds.

Some weeks ago I did have the pleasure of a conversation with your Minister to France in Geneva the evening before his departure. We agreed then that the funds in question were most certainly for Luxembourgers outside of Switzerland, and as a matter of fact according to the original terms of the U.S. Treasury License permitting their transfer, were intended for assistance to Luxembourgers in territory controlled by the enemy (i.e., Germany). But in view of the fact that Luxembourg had been happily liberated our Legation had requested a change in the license to permit the expenditure of this money in Luxembourg itself. In order, however, to obtain this amendment certain information concerning the plan of relief expenditures (categories of beneficiaries, degree of need, etc.) for Luxembourg was needed. I asked Mr. Amor to attempt to secure this information for me, but to date have received no reply. If and when this reply comes and the amendment to the license is secured, the funds here in Switzerland will be transferred to the appointed trustees in Luxembourg.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Mr. Pierre Simonin
Consulate of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Waisenhausplatz, 5, Bern.
Bern, December 15, 1944.

The Swiss National Bank
Bundesplatz,
Bern.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to previous correspondence which I have had with you concerning various sums of money which were transferred in my name from the United States and you are now holding in an account in my name, it would be appreciated if you would transfer the amount of: 384,005.10 Swiss francs (THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND FIVE centimes) to the following account: "Compte Divers," of La Légation de Belgique à Berne, with the Crédit Suisse in Bern.

Would you kindly inform me when this transfer has been made.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClendon
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Monsieur Guy de Courtine de Fontaine
Royal Belgian Legation
Herrengasse, 27
Bern.
Dear Monsieur de Caritat:

With reference to our conversation of this afternoon, I am happy to inform you that I have at once, and in accordance with your instructions, instructed the Swiss National Bank, as agreed, to transfer to the account "Compte Divers", de la Légation de Belgique à Berne, the amount of 384,005.10 Swiss francs (THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN CENTIMES).\[signature\]

I should appreciate it if you receive faithfully, due notification from your bank that this transfer has been made to your account, you would be so kind as to confirm the matter directly to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Monsieur Guy de Caritat de Perussis
Royal Belgian Légation,
Herrengasse, 23
Bern.
Berne, December 14th 1944.

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Alpenstrasse 29, Berne.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and in accordance with your instructions we have transferred to-day the sum of:

Fr. 384,005.10 to the Crédit Suisse, Berne, for the credit of the Légation de Belgique, Berne, "Compte Divers",

which amount we have placed to your debit.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

[Signature]
Berne, December 14th 1944.

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
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Yours faithfully,

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Mon cher Collègue,

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir par la présente que, sur votre ordre, la Banque Nationale Suisse à Berne a transféré au compte-courant de ma Légation le montant de 284.005,10 francs suisses.

Ce transfert a été effectué le 15 décembre 1944.

Je vais télégraphier ce qui précède au Ministre des Affaires Etrangères à Bruxelles qui versera à M. Major, contre quittance, la contre-valeur du montant ci-dessus.

Avec mes remerciements, je vous prie d'agréer, cher Collègue, l'expression de mes meilleurs sentiments.

Le Chargé d'Affaires de Belgique:

Monsieur Roswell D. McCllelland,
American Legation,
BERNE
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 16, 1944, 4 p.m.

No. 6176

Code: WRB

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Department's 3987, November 18, WRB's 263 and
Legation's 7715, November 24.

On December 15 I paid to De Caritat, Belgian
Chargé d'Affaires at Bern, sum of 384,005.10 Swiss
francs, equivalent of $90,000, minus customary Swiss
banking charges of one-half percent on franc amount,
which grossed 395,354.62.

Ministry of Interior at Brussels had wired De
Caritat authorizing him accept these funds stating
they were in contact with Major and would make available
to him equivalent of this amount in Belgium.

This exhausts all Belgian War Relief Funds I have
been holding.

HUBBLE

EDMcC.

In triplicate.

CPRG. FA
To: Mr. G. P. Van Arkel
From: Thomas S. Kilson

Attached hereto is the report prepared by J. J. Oldenbroek at my request and mentioned to you in my cable 1887. As you will note from reading the document, Oldenbroek is not as specific regarding the arrangements made by Burger for the transfer of the funds into occupied Holland as he was with me verbally when I was told that the arrangement had been definitely established and that the program was therefore not being held up because of the refusal of the American authorities to hand the money over to the Dutch authorities.

After talking with Abramson, chairman of the CIO War Relief Committee who is here on a number of similar transactions, and with James Mann of the Embassy, who handles NRB funds here, I have decided to try to get hold of Burger in person to get assurances from him that the credit has already been made available in Holland. However, the latest information I have on that subject is that Burger is on the Continent and will not be available. Oldenbroek tells me that Burger is the only man in the Dutch Government who can give us the necessary assurances.

As you may suspect, our cable 2457 was written here at the request of Abramson who apparently was quite upset at the inept handling of this fund by both the Dutch and the Americans. He is headed for the Continent today or tomorrow and will probably return after a few days. I am sure that he will ask either Mann or myself to supply him with as full an accounting of the money received and the money expended by NRB as it is possible to give. He saw your memorandum mentioned in my cable but was dissatisfied due to the fact that it was dated November 7 and is therefore trying to get the figures up to date. If you could send me such an accounting, I will see to it that a copy is forwarded to Abramson wherever he may be at that time.

James Mann already has a copy of Oldenbroek's report and I will see to it that he forwards a copy to his principals in Washington as suggested in your cable 2457.
Mr. T. Wilson
CSS
70, Grosvenor Street
LONDON, W. 1.

My dear Wilson,

In an effort to clear up the several misunderstandings which seem to have arisen with regard to the transfer of subsidies from the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee and the Labor League for Human Rights through the National War Relief Board in favour of the Belgian, Luxembourg and Dutch trade unionists, I will endeavour to give you the complete picture as I see it.

In April and May last Rens, Peter Krier and myself had numerous conferences with representatives of the above Committees both in Philadelphia and New York. At our last meeting which was held in the offices of the C.I.O. Committee, representatives of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund and the identical funds for Belgium and Luxembourg were also present. That was, if I remember rightly, at the end of May. Everything was in order and the money, to an amount of 200,000, of which 90,000 was intended for Belgium, 40,000 for Luxembourg and 90,000 for Holland, was despatched to Berne in Switzerland without delay.

Rens, Krier and myself would have preferred to appoint two Swiss subjects as our trustees, but as it was found better not to appoint people outside the United Nations, we agreed to select Messrs. Clement and Antoine Krier, both of them Luxembourgers, who happened to be staying in Switzerland as refugees. The next day I was in Washington and through the kind offices of Mr. Dewey of the O.S.S. I sent a long cable to Messrs. Clemens and Krier advising them of their appointment, asking them to keep in touch with the American Embassy in Berne whilst awaiting the arrival of the money, and at the same time informing them that after our return in London Rens and I would send them further instructions. Owing to the travel ban I only arrived in London on the 24th June and Rens about a week later, so that the beginning of July we sent another cable to Clement and Krier informing them how the money had to be handled and despatched to the three countries. They were aware that the money was intended for
for unoccupied territories, that it was not permitted to export the money from Switzerland, but that the equivalent had to be made available in the three countries. From time to time either Krier or myself were in touch with our two trustees, but the reply was always that the money had not yet arrived. Then we were informed that the American Embassy would not hand over the money if and when it came to our trustees. (Incidentally, we were never advised that the money had been received in Berne) but that it would be handed over to the appropriate authorities of the countries concerned, in other words to the Belgian and Dutch Legations and to the Consul general of Luxembourg, since Luxembourg has no diplomatic representative in Switzerland.

In this connection further difficulties arose in that the Luxembourg Consul General was a Swiss and doubts existed as to his reliability which seemed to indicate that he was suspected of Nazi sympathies. (When I mentioned this to Peter Krier, the Luxembourg Minister of Labour, he told me that he had never heard anything of the kind but that it was of course not impossible.)

Now I want to point out here that we had never been told that the money was to be placed at the disposal of our trustees through these Diplomatic Agencies. If we had foreseen all those difficulties in Switzerland we would have asked for the money to be sent to London. We knew, of course, that the conditions contained in the licence, namely, that the money could only be used for the three specifically mentioned purposes in enemy controlled territories. These specific purposes were in essence - support of families of trade unionists executed by the Germans; support of trade unionists who were in hiding and support of trade unionists (and their families) who had been deported to Germany or interned in concentration camps either in their own country or abroad.

I have no particulars about what happened with regard to the money intended for Belgium and Luxembourg. I have the strong impression that the money arrived in Berne after the liberation of these countries in September. Our friends Clement and Krier were obviously very eager to return to Luxembourg after its liberation. They stayed on a few weeks and then informed us that they could not wait any longer and that reason had to leave Switzerland before they could carry out their mission.

On my return from the U.S.A. I went to see the then Minister without Portfolio in the Netherlands Government, Mr. J.A.W. Burger, who was later to become the Home Secretary. I told them everything that had to be done by wired cables.
In October Mr. Burger and myself were

He is a member of the Dutch Labour Party and lived in
Holland up to the middle of 1933. Hunted by the Nazis in
the same way as the other underground workers. Having been
particularly active in the Dutch underground movement and
I considered it desirable to consult him. Whilst in the U.S.A.
I had given his name as a personal reference. It later trans-
pired that this reference was not needed because the
Netherlands ambassador in Washington gave such a convincing
reference on my behalf that both the Queen Wilhelmina Fund
and the Dutch Relief Board were quite satisfied. Still, having
mentioned his name I thought it my duty to inform Mr. Burger
about the project, whereupon he told me that he had excellent
communications in Holland, and that he on behalf of the
Dutch Government was supplying other parts of the underground
Movement with money through these channels. Incidentally, this
money was provided under the guarantee of the Government
by banks and other financial institutions. He convinced me that
the quickest way to get the money to the right person would be
to make use of his facilities to which I concurred. My project
was to send the francs to Dutch Refugees (particularly wealthy
Jewish refugees) staying in Switzerland, who would have to
make the money available in Holland beforehand. After my
conversation with Mr. Burger I dropped this idea and arranged
with him to transfer the money to an absolutely trustworthy
comrade of ours in Holland who by the way had been interned,
with the financing of the underground movement during the years
of the occupation. This comrade is a personal friend of mine;
his integrity is absolutely unimpeachable and I know that he
has the best communications all over the country.

In these circumstances I am of the dire
need At the end of August I had another conversation with
Mr. Burger who chafed at the thought of the difficulties that
would really be forthcoming. He said he could not possibly
make a commitment to the people who would have to supply
guilders in Holland unless the money was deposited somewhere
abroad. I therefore suggested to him and he agreed to send a
cable to the Dutch Minister in Bern, so that the Dutch Minister
might approach the American Embassy. As soon as the money
would be deposited with the Dutch Minister in Bern instructions
would be given to place the equivalent at the disposal of
Mr. or our friend in Holland. A few weeks later I was informed
that the Dutch Minister had taken the matter up with the American
Embassy but he had not yet received the money, but later the
message came through that the money was at his disposal.
Mr. Burger was then satisfied that everything was in order and
he gave the necessary instructions to his connections in
Holland. I want to interject here that during these months
there was no diplomatic mail between this country and Switzerland
and that everything had to be done by coded cables.

In
In October both Minister Burger and myself were
convinced that finally the matter had been settled. As a matter
of fact I had been advised by the Labor League for Human Rights
that they had increased the Dutch share by $25,000 and that a
further $100,000 were earmarked for us for the financial year
1944/5; we asked the Dutch Minister in Berne also to take
care of these sums as they came along, and to advise us im-
mediately they were received so that we could make the same
transaction as in the case of the $90,000.

We were particularly happy that it was possible to increase
our share as the whole of the Dutch railway workers had gone
on strike. This strike which started in the middle of
September was called at the instigation of the Supreme Commander
Allied Expeditionary Force, involving more than 30,000 railway
men in the occupied parts of Holland. The strike is going on
unabated.

This is all I can say about the situation so far as
Holland is concerned. An amount equal to $90,000 has been
made available through the Dutch Government and we are
awaiting an intimation from the Dutch Minister that the
remainder, namely, $125,000 has been paid in so that our
trade union friends in Holland may be able to continue and
extend their relief work.

I now go back to the question of Belgium and Luxembourg.
It is obvious to me that the funds intended for these countries
arrived so late in Switzerland that Belgium and Luxembourg
were almost entirely liberated when the money reached Berne.
In these circumstances I am of the opinion in view of the dire
need among the working people of these countries that the
clauses of the license should be altered. The fact that
Belgium and Luxembourg are - or should I say were - liberated
does not mean that the situation so far as the economic
position of the workers is concerned has improved. To the
contrary. There is every reason for the trade union movement
to support the victims of Nazi oppression, the men who are
incapacitated, the families of those who were shot and the
families of workers who are contributing the bulk of the
monies collected by the War Relief Fund want to place a com-
paratively small part of their own contribution at the disposal
of their fellow workers. I therefore feel that it is the wish
of the American workers that the money now available in
Switzerland shall not be used for other purposes than those
for which it was intended. If the W.I.O. and the A.F. of L.
had not made use of a multitude of official channels the
money would have reached its destination in due time.
I am handing a copy of this letter to Mr. James H. Main, the special representative of the War Refugees Board in London and also to Mr. Irving Abramson, the President of the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee, who happens to be staying in London at the moment.

I sincerely hope that your joint efforts will lead to a satisfactory result in the interest of all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(s) J.H. Oldenbroek.
Telegram Received

From: Department

Date: March 17, 1945, midnight

No: 1109

Received: March 18, 1945, 10 a.m.

The following for McClelland is WRB 661.

Reference your No. 1188 of February 23, 1945.

To ICRC

Swiss

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Rgs

In triplicate.

Copy in FA

Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg Labor Relief Funds

January 1 - February 1945
Telegram Received

From: DEPARTMENT
Date: March 17, 1945, midnight
No: 1168
Received: March 18, 1945, 10 a.m.

The following for McClalland is WRB 661.
Reference your No. 1188 of February 23, 1945.

Interested groups here authorize you to remit to ICRC for relief of Luxembourg deportees 60,000 Swiss francs from balance of 85,000 francs held by you for labor-sponsored projects. They also advised that prior consultation with Jouesselter is left to your discretion.

Acheson Acting

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In triplicate.

COPY IN FA
Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

Allow me to refer to my letter of February 14th, concerning the possible use by the ICRC-ICCS of certain Luxembourg funds which I am holding to finance a relief parcel program to Luxembourg deportees in Germany and to your answer of February 21 [21/06 IBC/ICB/GB]. I should appreciate it if you could

I am now in receipt of instructions to pay over to the International Committee of the Red Cross for such a program the amount of Swiss francs 60,000, which I shall be pleased to send to you if you still feel that you can use this money. Kindly let me know and I shall remit the 60,000 francs.

In view of this "virement" of 60,000 to you for deportees, I have taken the liberty of suggesting to Mr. Eiter, Luxembourg Council at Neuchâtel, that perhaps he could obtain authorization from his Government to use the balance of the funds he still holds for the purchase in Switzerland of relief goods for the civil population in Luxembourg where supplies, for example for children, are certainly badly needed.

Sincerely yours,

Very truly yours,

Rossell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Dr. Jean de Schwarzenberg
Division of Special Assistance
International Committee of the Red Cross
Hotel Métropole, Genève.
Transfer of Luxembourg Funds


Dear Sirs:

I should appreciate it if you would kindly transfer to the following account:

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I thank you for this service and remain,

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
Schweizerische Nationalbank  
Banque Nationale Suisse  
Banco Nazionale Svizzera

Bern, le 26 mars 1945.

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Alpenstrasse 29, Bern.

Wir bitten Sie, folgende Buchungen vorzunehmen: — Veuillez prendre note des écritures suivantes:

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Benenfung à notre Sucourale de Genève,  
en faveur de la Trésorerie du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, pour le compte "CRO", selon votre lettre du 23 courant.  
Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

Compte de dépôt.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Banque Nationale Suisse
Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister
American Legation
Bern

Dear Mr McClelland,

May I thank you for your letter of March 23rd concerning a contribution of 60,000 francs for Luxemburg subjects. Although we are not in a position at the present moment to send relief in great quantities to Luxemburgers in Germany, I suppose it might be possible to do so, should a stabilisation of the German front still take place. In this case we could still purchase certain foodstuffs. I would suggest you transmit to us the funds on condition that they be paid back to you, should we be unable to use them any more.

Very sincerely yours,
GENÈVE, le 4 avril 1945.

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Légation des U.S.A.
Bern

Concerne : secours en faveur de Prisonniers Civils Luxembourgeois.

Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur d'assurer réception de votre lettre du 23 mars 1945 et vous remercions du montant de Frs. 60'000.-- qui nous est bien parvenu.

À ce sujet, nous vous informons que nous utiliserons ces fonds pour des envois de secours à des Prisonniers et Travailleurs Civils Luxembourgeois pour autant que la situation générale le permettra encore.

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

Pour le Comité International de la Croix Rouge,
Division d'Assistance Spéciale
My Mr. Abram

L’Hôtel de l’Etat Union
Bern.

Mon ami

Mon ami, je viens de recevoir
Vos lettres de façon très
franche. Je suis fidèle à vos
instructions.

Votre ami

MRK
Quittance

Fr. 5,000,-

Reçu de War Refugee Board (R.D. McClelland c/o American Legation, Bern, Switzerland) 

la Somme de 

Francs FIVE THOUSAND SWISS -------------------

pour to Messrs Krier & Clement as an advance from funds held by me belonging to the Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., New York, N.Y., USA.

dont quittance

Bern, le 26 avril 1945.

(Trier, Anton)
Copy of each.

Bern, le 26 avril 1945.

Monsieur Max Cleland
Thunstrasse 78,

B A R N.

Cher Monsieur,

April 26, 1945.

After the break I was surprised to learn that the American Legation has been asked by the American authorities to obtain a license for the remaining sum of Swiss francs, approximately 78,000,- (SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED) which were originally transferred to Bern by the American authorities for the benefit of displaced persons in Luxembourg, the money having been originally licensed, as you know, for relief to Luxembourg labor deportees and political prisoners in German-occupied territory.

Since, however, it is now impossible to send relief to these persons, and indeed most of the territory where they are is no longer occupied by the Germans, I see no reason why an amendment to the license permit the spending of this money in Luxembourg itself should not be speedily obtained. I shall naturally keep you informed.

Sincerely yours,

Rosswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Messrs. Krieh and Clement

P E R N.
Monsieur Mac Cleland,
Thunstrasse 78,
Berne.

Cher Monsieur,

Après l'entrevue que les soussignés A. Krier et H. Clément, mandataires des fonds de secours luxembourgeois donnés par les syndicats américains ont eu mercredi le 25 avril avec vous au sujet de l'utilisation de ces fonds, ils ont l'honneur de vous exposer ce qui suit:

Après avoir reçu la bonne nouvelle de la mise à disposition d'un fonds de secours pour les ouvriers hollandais, belges et luxembourgeois, victimes de guerre, par les syndicats américains fin juin 1944, nous avons fait immédiatement le nécessaire pour entrer en relations avec des hommes de confiance des syndicats hollandais et belges résidant en Suisse. Comme il n'y avait en vue des syndicats pas de personnalité hollandaise et belge en Suisse, vous avez recommandé à A. Krier à Monsieur Bartels à Genève pour faire l'intermédiaire entre le mouvement de résistance hollandaise et nous en notre qualité de trustres des fonds de secours américains. L'acheminement des fonds hollandais fut réalisé par la Légation hollandaise. Depuis lors nous avons cherché à réaliser l'utilisation de l'autre part des fonds dans le sens des donateurs en cherchant des émissaires qui se rendraient en Belgique et au Luxembourg pour y soutenir le mouvement de résistance par ces fonds. Nous avions également envisagé l'envoi de colis aux ressortissants belges et luxembourgeois déportés en Allemagne par l'entraide ouvrière suisse. Ce projet ne pouvait pas se réaliser par ce que nous n'avions pas de listes des destinataires belges tandis que les luxembourgeois ne pouvaient pas recevoir des colis, étant considérés comme sujets allemands. Finalement, les événements se sont précipités et nous pouvions regretter notre pays sans qu'une solution définitive pour l'utilisation des fonds fut trouvée. A Luxembourg notre Ministre du Travail nous a informés que pour la part des fonds belges il avait fait nommer des trustres de la Confédération Belge du Travail bien connus dans les milieux syndicaux de l'U.S.A. Il ne nous restait donc la seule mission de nous occuper de l'utilisation des fonds de secours luxembourgeois. L'envoi de colis de Luxembourg en Allemagne étant matériellement impossible, nous avons commencé à soutenir les déportés luxembourgeois revenant de l'Allemagne, dépouvrus de tout moyen d'assistance, croyant de cette façon faire une utilisation des fonds qui répondait le mieux aux indications des donateurs. Nous nous référerons à la lettre ci-jointe pour motiver...
notre façon de voir. Cette action, commencée au mois d'avril, se poursuit depuis sur une très large échelle. Nous payons aux familles des morts pour la patrie dans les camps de concentration, des fusillés pour avoir résisté à l'envahisseur, un premier secours de 3000 frs. De plus nous aidons les déportés à recréer leurs foyers et en troisième lieu, nous nous occupons de la santé et de l'éducation des enfants des fusillés et déportés. De cette façon nous croyons utiliser pour le mieux les fonds dans le sens des donateurs et nous vous prions de nous aider pour les faire débloquer. Nous reconnaissions volontiers que vous nous avez donné jusqu'à présent tout l'appui possible pour trouver la bonne voie dans l'utilisation des fonds et nous aimons à croire que nous réussirons enfin à les utiliser dans l'intention des donateurs, c.à.d. de porter aide et secours aux victimes de la guerre qui par leur résistance ont mérité de la patrie et ont aidé à reconquérir la liberté aux peuples opprimés.

Veuillez croire, mon cher Monsieur Cleland, à notre sentiment cordiale dévouée.
Mr. Pierre Krier,
240 W. 73rd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir and brother,

The relief program of American Labor for Luxembourg has been approved by the National War Fund and licensed by the United States Treasury Department. The license has been cabled to the representative of the United States Treasury Department in Bern, Switzerland. It is attached to the American Embassy.

This project, for which you have nominated Mr. Hubert Clement and Mr. Antoine Krier as trustees, amounts to $20,000 for the year 1944. The funds will be transmitted to them by the Friends of Luxembourg the recognized American relief agency for your country. It is understood that these funds are for the relief of victims of Nazi persecution, without regard to labor affiliation.

Your trustees will be required to file official reports of expenditures with the representative of the U.S. Treasury Department in Bern. We would be very grateful if from time to time our two organizations could also receive some brief reports of your relief operations.

At your suggestion the project is to cover:

1. The relief of persecuted people hiding in Luxembourg and, so far, unable to escape.
2. The relief of Luxembourg citizens imprisoned by the Gestapo or other German authorities for anti-Nazi activities.
3. The relief of families of such prisoners and of people executed by the Nazis for their anti-Nazi activities.

We hope that you will accept this contribution for the suffering people of Luxembourg as an expression of the strong fraternal bond unifying the labor movements of our two countries. The $20,000 will be cabled this month. We have already requested new funds for the same purpose to be made available to your trustees in October or November of this year, if at that time your country should still be occupied.

We have informed your trustees in Switzerland, by cable, of the forthcoming transmittance of $20,000. We are sure that you will immediately forward to them the necessary instructions.

With best wishes to you personally, and with hopes for a speedy restoration of the democratic trade union movement in a free Luxembourg, we are, sincerely and fraternally yours,

MATTHEW NOLL, PRESIDENT LABOR LEAGUE

IRVING ABRAMSON, Chairman National CIO War Relief Committee.
MEMO TO FILES

Wed. May 9th, 1945.

ICRC DAS called to state that they had received word from Brussels to effect that a sum of 40,000 S. frs. from a Monsieur Théven had been contributed for Luxemburg relief. ICRC therefore wondered whether these 40,000 were not included in 60,000 which I transmitted to them in March. I told them no - not to the best of my knowledge since I had never heard of Mr. Théven or his connection with any funds I was holding here.

RDMcC.

Suggested they might wish to consult Jules BLAER, the Lux. Consul at Lausanne who had once received a sum of 40,000 frs. for this purpose, but which as far as he had explained to me, "came from his Government."

ICRC said they had been able to spend about 6000 of this usefully. Of our 60,000 about 5000 had been spent. I asked for an exact accounting.

I am forwarding by pouch copy of K. & C's letter to me dated April 26 containing their recent request and the reasons therefor, a copy of letter from donors this money: AF of L Labor League for Human Rights and National CIO War Relief Committee, addressed

Enclosures: As above,
Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: May 8, 1945

No: 2670

Charged to:

For O'Dwyer of WRB from McClelland.

Department's 1100, WRB's 461, March 17.

Concerning Friends of Luxembourg funds still in Switzerland, Antoine Krier and Herbert Clement, original trustees, visited me on April 25 and 26, having just arrived from Luxembourg. They described great need existing there for these funds to assist labor families whose breadwinners have died in German concentration camps or been executed by Nazis, to care for education and health of children of same, and help returning deportees reestablish homes. This relief work begun in April and demand for it increases daily as deportees return.

In view of changed situation in Germany as regards aid to Luxembourg deportees there, both Krier and Clement urge that permission be obtained, in agreement with donors, to have original license amended so that unspent balance of funds may be used for relief program in Luxembourg itself outlined above. I personally strongly recommend this move and would appreciate any steps Board could undertake to secure license amendment and send me authorization to pay out balance funds to Krier and Clement or their appointed agent for purpose specified.

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Enclosures: As above,

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.
to Pierre Krier, brother of Antoine and present Luxembourg Minister of Labor, outlining purposes for which this money was originally made available to Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., and a statement of my accounts of movement of such Luxembourg funds entrusted to me.

Including 60,000 Swiss francs sent to ICRC on March 26, according to instructions in WRB's 461, and still unspent since ICRC had ample supplies and funds for Luxembourgers from other sources (the Belgians) as explained in my 1188, February 23, I still have on hand 78,334,45 francs.

5,000 Swiss francs were advanced to Krier and Clement on April 26.

HARRISON

RDMoC,
In duplicate to accounts
Copy in PA

Accounts: Relief to deportees from Germany.

Enclosures: As stated, Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.
Statement of Accounts covering funds received in Bern, Switzerland, from the Friends of Luxemburg, Inc.,

AMOUNTS RECEIVED:

October 5, 1945 - As per the Department of State's telegram, concerning funds sent to us by the Friends of Luxemburg, Inc., and originally intended for relief to Luxemburgers in enemy-occupied territory.

I am pleased to refer to my letter of May 9th, 1945, concerning funds sent to me by the Friends of Luxemburg, Inc., and originally intended for relief to Luxemburgers in enemy-occupied territory.

As stated in my letter, I now enclose a short statement of accounts covering this money as well as two letters sent to me by Mr. Husband, describing the urgent need for these funds for work in Luxemburg, and one outlining the original intentions of the donors of this money addressed in July 1944 to Pierre Krier, brother of Antoine, and Luxemburg Minister of Labor.

With regard to the accounts, I checked this morning with the International Committee of the Red Cross and find that fortunately the Committee was able to spend about 8,000 francs for relief to Luxemburg deportees in Germany out of the 60,000 which I deposited with them on March 28th, 1945, which I forwarded to Mr. Husband. The ICMC should therefore still have in hand around 52,000 francs, which they are returning to me for the Luxemburg account.

I think this matter could be most satisfactorily cleared up if the ICMC governing this money could now be amended to permit its expenditure for labor relief in Luxemburg. Judging from the tone of Mr. Wolf and Mr. Abramson's letter of July 1944 the donors would approve this.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Enclosures: As stated, a letter from Mr. Husband.

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.
Statement of Accounts covering funds received by the Representative of the War Refugees Board in Bern, Switzerland from the 'Friends of Luxembourg, Inc.'

**AMOUNTS RECEIVED**

October 3, 1944 - As per the Department's 3368, WMB's 182, Sept. 22, 1944, through the Swiss National Bank at Bern and under U.S. Treasury License No. W 2232:
- Swiss francs 65,768.29 minus frs. 436.84 (1/2% commission of the SMH)
- This is the equivalent of $20,000.

**AMOUNTS PAID OUT**

- Nov. 19, 1944 to Jean Gallion, Treasurer of the Luxembourg Miners and Metallurgists' Federation, holding an authorization from Mr. and Mrs. Report in Legation's 7877, December 1st, 1944: 2,000.00
- March 26, 1945 to the International Committee of the Red Cross to finance relief shipments to Luxembourg deportees in Germany, as instructed in Dept.'s 1106, March 17, WMB's 401. According to preliminary reports the ICRC has unfortunately been able to spend little or none of this money, so it cannot be assumed that it is still there virtually intact: 60,000.00
- April 28, 1945 Advanced to Antoine Krier just back from Luxembourg: 5,000.00

**Balance on hand with Swiss National Bank**

equals Swiss francs 87,364.45
To this will be added the unspent balance of the 60,000 francs deposited with the ICRC which should be in excess of 50,000 francs.

Bern, May 10th, 1945.

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
GENÈVE, 15 Mai 1945.

Monsieur R.D. McClelland,
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique,
29, Alpenstrasse,
BERNE

Monsieur,

En relation avec notre entretien téléphonique de la semaine dernière, nous avons l'honneur de vous signaler que nous avons disposé, jusqu'à ce jour, de

Fr. 5,145.—

sur le montant de Frs. 60,000.— que vous avez bien voulu nous vider en son temps, en faveur des prisonniers civils luxembourgeois. La majeure partie de ce prélèvement a servi à couvrir les frais d'achat de médicaments et spécialement de Mecid pour combattre le typhus exanthémique dans certains camps. Nous tenons le reliquat de cette somme à votre disposition et vous prions de bien vouloir nous indiquer quand il faudra vous le vider.

Veulliez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de notre considération très distinguée.

Pour le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge,

Division d'Assistance Spéciale

[Signature]

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Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that we have placed to the credit of your account "Roswell D. McClelland U.S. Government Depository account" Swiss Francs 54,555.--, which amount we have received on your behalf from "Agence centrale des Prisonniers de guerre, Genève."

Believe us, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

BANQUE POPULAIRE SUISSE
Division of Special Assistance
International Committee of the Red Cross
Hotel Metropole
Geneva, Switzerland

Attention: Mr. Leclerc

Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 15th informing me that you have been able to spend the 5,445 francs out of the total amount of 60,000 Swiss francs which was sent to you some weeks ago by me for relief to Luxembourg deportees in Germany. The unspent balance of this money - 54,555 francs - has been returned to my account with the Banque Populaire Suisse in Bern.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Spec. Assistant to the Minister
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Code: WRB

Date: May 23, 1948, 1 p.m.

No.: 2963
Charged to:

For O'Dwyer of WRB from McClelland,
Legation's 2670, May 9.

With reference to my 2670 and to my letter
of May 11, ICRC's DSA now reports that of 60,000
Swiss francs placed at their disposal for aid to
Luxemburg deportees and detainees in Germany
they were able spend 5,445 francs for purchase
and shipment of medical supplies, principally
Necoid insect powder to combat typhus lice.
Unspent balance of 54,555 francs has now been
returned to me. I therefore still have on
hand in all 72,989.45 francs belonging to
Friends of Luxemburg, Inc.

I should appreciate early advice of
donors as to disposition of this money.

HARRISON

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Accounts: Relief shipments to German occupied areas.
Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Légation des U.S.A.
Berne

Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous référer à notre lettre du 12.5.45, réf. ZA 00 et vous informons à ce sujet que nous avons retourné par chèques postaux la somme de Frs. 54'000,--

représentant le reliquat du montant de Fr. 60'000,-- que vous avez bien voulu nous virer en son temps en faveur des Prisonniers Civils Luxembourgeois.

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

J. Hanu
Division d'Assistance Spéciale
To: Department  Date: June 21, 1945, 2 p.m.

Code: WRB  No: 3286  Charged to:

For O'Dwyer of WRB from McClelland.

Legation's 2670, May 9 and 2862, May 23.

In interest of discharging Board responsibilities in Switzerland and in absence of instructions from donors of unspent balance of 72,889.45 Swiss francs which I am still holding advice as to what should be done with this money would be appreciated.

HARRISON

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En Faveur de la Trésorerie du Commissariat d'Ambassade pour le Commerce, pour le Comité des Commerce.

20 Juin Bonification de la Banque Populaire, Suisse, en Faveur de la Trésorerie du Commissariat d'Ambassade.

Dear Sirs!

I should like to confirm that the balance of the account

According to Instructions of

Bern, June 20, 1946.

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Wir erachten Sie, uns die beiliegende Befundanzeige möglichst bald unterschrieben zurückzusenden.

Veuillez nous retourner le plus vite possible le bien-troisé ci-inclus ainsi que votre signaturs.
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S. E. & O.
Banque Nationale Suisse

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Veuillez nous retourner le plus vite possible le bien-troqué ci-inclus moni de votre signature.
The following for McClelland is WRB 539.

Reference your 3287 of June 22.

You are hereby authorized to turn over to Jules Elter unspent balance of 7289.45 Swiss francs you are now holding for Friends of Luxembourg.

YourActing

In duplicate to files.

Communique to:

M. P. J. Elter
Conrad du Grand-Duché
de Luxembourg
3, Terriére - Métrople
LAUSANNE.

His last letter was Jan. of four years. Tel. 26650.
Dear Mr. Elter:

You will recall that some months ago we exchanged some correspondence - and I had the pleasure of a talk with you - concerning certain special relief funds destined for labor groups in Luxembourg which I was holding here in Switzerland. The appointed disbursing agents for this money were your compatriots, Antoine Krier and Herbert Clément.

A small part of this money, at the request of the donors, was used for relief to deported Luxembourgers in Germany through the International Committee of the Red Cross before the Nazi surrender. The unspent balance, however, amounting at present to 72,999.45 (SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE & FORTY-FIVE CENTIÉS) Swiss francs could not be used by Messrs. Krier and Clément for relief in Luxembourg as they desired for lack of proper instructions and authorization from the donors. I am happy to state that I have now received instructions asking me to pay this balance over to you and would appreciate it if you would immediately notify Messrs. Krier and Clément of this fact. Would you kindly let me know the most convenient channel through which I could transfer this money to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Monsieur P. J. Elter
Consul du Grand Duché de Luxembourg
3, Terreaux-Métropole,
lausanne.
Lausanne, le 5 juillet 1945

Monsieur ROSWELL D. Mc.CLELLAND
Special assistant to the Minister
AMERICAN LEGATION

Cher Monsieur,

Je vous remercie très sincèrement de votre aimable lettre du 4 courant, et c'est avec plaisir que j'ai pris connaissance de son contenu.

Je m'empresse de vous signifier que je me rendrai à Luxembourg dans quelques jours, et que je ferai immédiatement part de votre communication relative au secours destiné à mes compatriotes, à Messieurs Erier et Clément.

Si, en attendant, vous voulez transférer la somme restante à mon nom, je ne permettrai pas de vous indiquer mon no. de compte de chèques postaux II.2335 à Lausanne.

En vous remerciant de votre extrême obligeance et de toute la bienveillance dont vous avez fait preuve pour arranger au mieux nos intérêts en cette occasion, je vous prie d'agréer, cher Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments cordiaux et dévoués.

F.J. ELTER
Consul Général
TELEGRAM SENT

Bern, July 6, 1945

To: Department

Date: July 7, 1945, 11 a.m.

No.: 3433

Charged to: 1-130

Banque Populaire Suisse
Bern

Dear Sirs:

I should appreciate it if you would transfer the amount of 72,889.45 Swiss francs (seventy-two thousand eight hundred eighty-nine francs and forty-five centimes) from my U. S. DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT to the following postal check account: II.2335 in Lausanne in the name of P. Jules Elter, Consul of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Kindly inform me when you have effected this transfer. Dutch and Luxembourg funds I have handled for MR. Will very truly yours, files

next week.

Roswell D. McClendon
Spec. Assistant to the Minister

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Accounts:
To: Department

Date: July 4, 1945, 11 a.m.

No.: 3435

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland. Department's 2162, June 29, WRB's 539.

In accordance with authorization contained your 539 I paid out unspent balance of 72,889.45 Swiss francs to Jules Elter, Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne. Elter is leaving shortly for Luxembourg where he will discuss most appropriate use this money with Erier and Clement.

This final transaction now liquidates all Belgium, Dutch and Luxembourg funds I have handled for WRB. Will forward complete files next week.

HARRISON

RDM:cc:rm

In duplicate to Files

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Accounts:
Dear Sir,

Your favour of 6th inst. has duly reached us. We beg to confirm you, that according to your instructions, we transferred on the 7th inst. the sum of Fr. 72,889.45 by your order to the postal check account No. 2335 in Lausanne, in the name of Mr. P. Jules Elter, Consul of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, for which amount we have debited your "Roswell D. McClelland U.S. Government Depositary account."

Believe us, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

BANQUE POPULAIRE SUISSE
Mon cher Collègue,

Comme suite à ma lettre du 16 décembre 1944, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir en annexe le reçu de M. MAJOR, Louis, Secrétaire Général de la Confédération Générale du Travail de Belgique, relatif au versement de Fr. s. 394,005,10 de votre Légation à la mienne pour compte de l'American War Refugees Board.

Veuillez agréer, mon cher Collègue, l'expression de mes meilleurs sentiments.

Le Chargé d'Affaires de Belgique :

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique
Berne
CONFÉDÉRATION GÉNÉRALE DU TRAVAIL DE BELGIQUE
BELGISCH VAKVERBOND

Secrétariat : MAISON SYNDICALE, rue Joseph Stevens, 8, BRUXELLES
Secrétariat : SYNDICAAL HUIS, Jozef Stevensstraat, 8, BRUSSEL

BRUXELLES, le

Reçu.

Je soussigné Louis MAJOR Secrétaire Général de la Confédération Générale du Travail de Belgique, 8, rue Joseph Stevens à Bruxelles; reconnais avoir reçu du Trésor belge 2,902,172 frs belges contreavaleur de la somme de 364,005,10 francs SUISSES versée par la légation des Etats-Unis à Berne à la légation de Belgique à la même ville.

Bruxelles, 14 juin 1945.

Louis Major.
Bern, July 13, 1945

Dear M. de Caritat:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 10th enclosing the receipt signed by M. Louis Major, general secretary of the Confédération Générale du Travail de Belgique, for funds which were remitted to you during December 1944. I thank you very much for sending me this document which I shall forward to my office in Washington in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Spec. Assistant to the Minister

M. Guy de Caritat Ce Peruzzis
Chargé d'Affaires
Belgian Legation
Herrengasse, 23
Bern
Mr. Roswell D. McClelland  
Special Assistant to the American Minister  
Bern.

Dear Mr. McClelland:

Mr. Elter has informed us of the content of your letter to him, dated July 4, 1945.

We learned with great satisfaction that you have been able to release the amount of 42,899.45 Swiss Francs which we are trustees for.

As previously arranged, the above mentioned amount should be handed over to Mr. Conrad Hug in Bern. However, in your letter to Mr. Elter you stated that you have been instructed by the American authorities to pay the money to Mr. Elter Luxembourg Consul in Lausanne.

There is from our part no objection whatsoever to have Mr. Elter getting the money and we will make the necessary arrangements with him in this matter.

We thank you most sincerely for all the trouble you took in handling this question and we will keep you informed about the progressing of our relief-action.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Luxembourg Funds  
July 19, 1945  
Letter from Clement to [Redacted]
January 2

Dear Mac -

The enclosed is my only copy and I request its return. Don't know that this does anything to clear up the situation, but perhaps we can chat about it when you've had a chance to read it.

Van Arkel (OSS)

Dutch Belgian and Luxembourg Labor Relief

January through July 1945

Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg Labor Relief

March through July 1945

Review Board

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port of Marseille

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concentration camp

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Notes from letter of Oldenbroek - Sept 21 (International Transport Workers' Federation) to Children of OSS. Van N. file. 1945 Jan 10 45

Please file
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Van Arkel (OSS)

Jan. 10th.

If the success of this latest transaction -- as well as its continuation -- depends on sending funds over to West Brussels at least perhaps it had better be done as soon as possible. There is however no confirmation that any funds have been made available to the amount of $10,000. Although Oldenbroek tells us that this was already matched by 1/2 the amount of the important funds at Brussels. As we have no letter (excepting a group ofMerchant) written for anything on purpose clearing account, I'm considering that maybe the money I sent you some time ago could have been used more intelligently.

Let's try to get funds moving soon into Luxembourg!

From my files:

Belgian, Dutch & Luxembourg workers were contributed by the 
National C.I.O. Workers Committee and the Joint League 
for Human Rights through the National War Relief Board 
in favor of the Belgian, Luxembourger, 2 Dutch, trade unions.

Funds were intended for 3 purposes: 1) Support of families 
of trade unions executed by German army, 2) Support of trade 
unions in helping the support of their families who had been 
deportated to Germany on interned and concentration 
camps either in their own country or abroad.

Notes from letter of Oldenburg - 21/1/45 (Unwinter Transport 
Workers' Federation) to Minister of CIO - Van A's files, 18/1/45

Please file
Monsieur Mac CLELAND
Attaché à la Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

BERNE
Elfenstrasse

Monsieur,

J'avais été informé en son temps par mes Compatriotes CLEMENT et KRIER, et dernièrement aussi par Madame Nadine EFFRONT de la Croix-Rouge de Belgique, que la Fédération des ouvriers métallurgistes des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir une somme de 365.000 francs suisses, se trouvant actuellement à votre disposition, et que vous seriez disposé à affecter en totalité ou en partie en faveur des détenus politiques belges et luxembourgeois.

Désirant de m'entretenir à ce sujet avec vous, vous m'obligeriez infiniment en voulant bien m'accorder une petite entrevue dans l'après-midi, soit de mercredi, jeudi ou vendredi de la semaine prochaine, à l'heure que vous voudrez fixer, si toutefois cela ne vous dérange pas.

Dans l'attente du plaisir de vous serrer la main, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments très distingués et dévoués.

P.J. ELTER
Consul Gd.1.
DE LUXEMBOURG

Smt. 17 janvier 1945.

L'habitation avec VA.°
L'Anticycle. L'Anticycle.

DE LUXEMBOURG

Selon le souvenir d'une lettre de M. MOULIN, décidé au cours des derniers jours, le 6 novembre 1943, que nous avons été invités à cette affaire.

J'ai la certitude de recevoir, dans quelques jours, une communication du grand chef de l'anticycle, concernant, regrettant les derniers mois passés dans les campements, les deux membres de la délégation en France.

M. KIER, président de l'anticycle et son secrétaire, m'ont dit avoir écrit à cet effet, pour demander des nouvelles.

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Monsieur,

En vous remerciant de votre communication du 8 décembre 1944, j'ai l'honneur de vous donner connaissance ci-après d'un passage d'une lettre de M. le Ministre Funck, à Paris, du 2 courant, révue ces derniers jours.

"À la suite de l'intervention que j'ai la faveur d'avoir avec Monsieur MAC LE LLAND à Genève le 6 novembre dernier, j'avais pris mon Gouvernement d'inviter M. Antoine KAIER et Hubert CLÉMENT à élaborer un projet d'emploi des fonds envoyés en Suisse par le LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS au profit des organisations ouvrières luxembourgeoises et destinés à secourir les luxembourgeois déportés en Allemagne et leurs familles restées dans le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg.

Il résulte d'une communication que je viens de recevoir de Luxembourg que MM. KAIER et CLÉMENT estimant qu'il n'y a pas lieu à apporter des modifications ni quant à l'utilisation des fonds, prévus par l'accord existant, ni quant aux destinataires, désignés par les donateurs eux-mêmes. Mes Compatriotes sont partant d'avis que les fonds seraient à mettre à la disposition des organisations ouvrières luxembourgeoises, respectivement, de leurs représentants, MM. Antoine KAIER et Hubert CLÉMENT, désignés à cet effet par Monsieur Pierre KAIER, ministre du Travail au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg.

Lors de leur séjour en Suisse, MM. Antonine KAIER et Hubert CLÉMENT s'étaient déjà entendus avec le SECOURS D'ENTRAIDE OUVRIÈRE pour l'envoi, par son intermédiaire, de colis aux Luxembourgeois déportés en Allemagne.

Messieurs KAIER et CLÉMENT se rendront de nouveau, le plus tôt possible, en Suisse; ils se mettront en rapport avec Monsieur MAC LE LLAND, représentant du WAR REFUGEES BOARD, afin de faire avec lui les arrangements concernant l'affectation des fonds en question.

J'ai l'honneur de vous prier de bien vouloir faire part de ce qui précède à Monsieur MAC LE LLAND."

Bern, le 17 janvier 1945.
Par une autre lettre Mr. Funk me fait savoir que MM. Clément et Krier arriveront prochainement en Suisse et qu'ils prendront contact avec vous en sa compagnie.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, mes compliments les meilleurs,

LE CONSUL
DU GRAND DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

[Signature]

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Attaché Spécial de la Légation des États-Unis,
Alpenstrasse 29,
Berne.
The following for McClelland is WRB 367.

Reference your No. 7577 of December 1 paragraph 3.

Board has been advised that Andre Wolff commissioner of information Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has just learned that ICRC has addresses of some 6000 Luxembourg citizens in Germany who are in urgent need of relief. Friends of Luxembourg and labor groups sponsoring program have requested Board to inquire whether ICRC is in a position to use in behalf of these Luxembourg citizens in Germany the unused $1953.60 now in your hands. Please raise question with ICRC and advise Board urgently if ICRC is in a position to handle such a relief program in a manner satisfactory to you. You may assume that authorization will be forthcoming for use of funds for such a program.

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In Luxembourg, October 29

Tel. 26650
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: January 19, midnight, 1945
No: 317
Code: WRB
Received: January 20, 3 p.m.

No. 370 from WRB.
For McClelland.

Reference paragraph 1 your No. 7877, of December 1, 1944, concerning Queen Wilhelmina Fund project.

You are hereby authorized to pay the Swiss franc equivalent of the $165,000 you have on hand (total of four remittances made to you by Queen Wilhelmina Fund) to the Dutch Minister at Bern. Adequate assurances have now been given by the Netherlands Government through Netherlands Embassy in Washington that local currency equivalent of $90,000 has been made available to labor groups in Holland and that local currency equivalent of $75,000 will be made available to labor groups in Holland as soon as the transfer of $165,000 to the Dutch Minister in Bern has taken place.

Interested groups here approve of foregoing authorization to you. Oldenbruck and Mann in London are being advised.

When payment has been made to Dutch Minister please inform the Board.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: January 19, 1945, 3pm
No: 389
Code: WVB
Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland, Department's 3729, October 31, WRB's 251.

As stated in Legation's 7347, November 4 and 7877, December 1, 1944 I have been attempting for many weeks to clear up question contained in your 3729 to effect that donors these Luxembourg funds are unable ask for clearance of request use funds in Luxembourg unless informed what specific purposes trustees have in mind. In light of recent and first message from Krier and Clement and of correspondence between Oldenbroek (who is in close touch with donors, National CIO War Relief Committee and Labor League for Human Rights) and OSS in London which has come to my attention it becomes clear that trustees still propose, in keeping with donors' original instructions and intentions, use this money for support and reorganizations labor unions and relief to labor victims (and their families) of Nazi oppression in Luxembourg. Krier and Clement accordingly urge Luxembourg funds I am still holding (84,554.45 Swiss francs) be made available to them for above-mentioned purpose as promptly as possible. I fully share and sympathize with their point of view and therefore recommend that original license W-2332 issued to Friends of Luxembourg, Inc., be promptly amended to permit remittance this money to Krier and Clement or to their appointed agent in Switzerland, Jules Elter, Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne.

I gather that there is growing feeling on part of donors that American Legation at Bern has obstructed proper disbursement these funds by excessive red-tape, etc.,
an impression I am anxious to dissipate as I have sincerely regretted continued lack of clear or coordinated instructions regarding disposition to be made of this money which should have been put to practical use long ago. Kindly attempt, therefore, expedite amendment this license to permit expenditure funds in (repeat in) Luxembourg and inform me as soon as it is obtained.

HUBBLE

HDWmcO.

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Copy to Mr. Van Arkel.

Subject for accounts: Relief in occupied Europe.
Monsieur Roswell McClelland  
Légalisation des États-Unis d'Amérique  
29 Alpenstrasse  
Béronne  

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Pour le Comité International  
de la Croix-Rouge  
Pour M. J. Schwarzenberg  
Sa Secrétaire :  
P. Courant  
(Dévision d'Assistance  
Spéciale)
Monsieur Roswell McClelland
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique
29 Alpenstrasse
Berne

DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
SONNIERS DE GUERRE

GENÈVE, le 23 janvier 1945.

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Pour le Comité International
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Pour M. J. Schwarzenberg
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Sa Secrétaire :

Pour le Comité International de la Croix Rouge
Division d'Assistance Spéciale

Monsieur Roswell McClelland
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
29 Alpenstrasse
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GENÈVE, le 23 janvier 1945.

Cher Monsieur Roswell McClelland,

Monsieur, je vous envoie les documents que nous avons convenu, je vous envoie les luxembourgeois que nous avons énuméré. Nous n'avons pas encore le temps de tout publier, mais nous pourrons très bientôt vous en parler. Nous devons tout d'abord les naissances de bien vouloir accepter.

Votre loyauté et votre assistance sont précieuses et précieuses.

Pour la Commission Internationale de la Croix-Rouge

Pour M. J. Schwarzenberg
Sa Secrétaire

Division d'Assistance Spéciale

Monsieur Roswell McClelland
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique
29 Alpenstrasse
Berne
Cher Monsieur,

Ainsi qu'il avait été convenu, je vous envoie en annexe les deux listes de Luxembourgeois que nous avons reçues il y a environ 10 jours. Nous n'avons pas encore pu les examiner, mais il semble qu'elles contiennent beaucoup de noms et beaucoup de lieux où nous pourrons très bien envoyer des colis, mais nous devons tout d'abord les fichier.

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir nous les retourner immédiatement si possible. En vous remerciant par avance, je vous prie d'agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Pour le Comité International
de la Croix Rouge :

Pour M. J. Schwarzenberg
Sa Secrétaire :

Division d'Aide-Spaclale

Monsieur Roswell McClelland
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
29 Alpenstrasse
Berne
Dear Mr. Minister:

With reference to our conversation of this morning and in accordance with instructions received from the Department of State and the War Refugee Board in Washington I am pleased to inform you that I have instructed the Swiss National Bank to transfer to your Legation's account ("Konto London") with the Credit Suisse in Bern the sum of: 704,009.45 Swiss francs (SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND NINE AND FORTY-FIVE CENTIMES). This money originally reached the Legation in four remittances during the months of August, September, October and November 1944 from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., New York.

As agreed I should be most appreciative if you would inform your Government in London as soon as you have received this money.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Mr. J.J.B. Bosch de Rosenthal
Netherlands Minister
Royal Dutch Legation,
Humboldstr. 99 - Bern.
Bern, January 25, 1945.

The Swiss National Bank
Bundesplatz, Bern.

Dear Sirs:

I should very much appreciate it if you would transfer from the account which you hold in my name the sum of 704,009.45 Swiss francs (SEVEN HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE CENTIMES) to the following account: "Konto London," of the Dutch Legation at Bern with the Crédit Suisse also at Bern.

Would you be so kind as to inform me in writing as soon as this transfer has been effected.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: January 26, 1945
No: 347
Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 317, January 19, WRB's 370.

As authorized in your 317 I paid Dutch Minister at Bern, Mr. Bosch de Rosenthal, sum of 704,009.45 Swiss francs, equivalent of $165,000 minus customary one half percent Swiss National Bank commission, on January 26.

I asked Mr. de Rosenthal to kindly confirm receipt immediately to Netherlands Government in London.

This therefore exhausts all Queen Wilhelmina funds I have been holding.

RDMcC,
In duplicate to files
Copy in FA

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Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 25th instant we have transferred to-day: Fr. 704,009.45 to the Crédit Suisse, Berne, Berne, in favour of the Dutch Legation, Berne, "Konto London", amount which we have placed to the debit of your account with us.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

BERNE, January 26th 1945.

[Address]

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Alpenstrasse 29, BERNE.
The following for McClelland is WRB 363.

Reference your No. 389 of January 19.

The $19,533.60 which you are now holding for Friends of Luxembourg cannot (repeat not) be expended in Luxembourg because these funds were appropriated by National War Fund for Relief and Rescue in enemy or enemy occupied territory. Accordingly, interested groups here hope that you will be able to arrange with Intercross for relief program suggested in Department's No. 228 (WRB No. 367) of January 18, 1945.

For your information, Friends of Luxembourg and labor groups expect to send $12,500 very shortly to labor trustees in Luxembourg for relief in Luxembourg.

Donors wish to assure you of their complete satisfaction with your handling of the funds which have been remitted to you for various relief projects.

GREW ACTING

In quadruplicate to files

COPY IN FA
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: January 23, 1945, noon
No: 588
Code: WEB
Charged to: 

For WEB from McClelland.
Department's 288, January 18, WEB's 367.

About 10 days ago ICRC received a list containing names of roughly 3,200 deported Luxemburgers. After preliminary examination ICRC estimates about 800 persons on this list to be geographically accessible to relief parcel shipments. ICRC relief to this number of Luxemburgers is, however, not particularly a financial question but rather one of transportation as we have, for moment at least, more WEB parcels than can be satisfactorily distributed. We are already addressing WEB parcels to about 200 Luxembourg deportees.

Luxembourg Consul at Lausanne, Jules Elter, informed me week ago he holding 40,000 Swiss francs recently sent him by his Government to purchase relief supplies for Luxembourg deportees which he has not (repeat not) yet begun to be able to spend.

It is ICRC's opinion that a fund of 60,000 Swiss francs would be more than enough to organize relief program for accessible Luxembourg deportees: 800 from recent lists and 200 previously known. I accordingly
return to my original recommendation (Legation's 6837, October 13) that equivalent of $15,000 be licensed for relief in (repeat in) Luxembourg through Krier and Clement and that $5,000 be reserved, in combination with Klier's funds, for relief program through IRC for Luxembourg deportees.

MIDDLE

RDMoC.

In duplicate to files
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Account: relief in German occupied Europe.
Telegram Received

From: Department  Date: February 10, 1945, 5 p.m.
No: 642
Code: WRBRD

Received: February 11, 9 a.m.

To McClelland.
No. 397 from the War Refugee Board.
Please advise urgently if Intercross is in position to handle relief program for Luxembourg citizens in Germany as outlined in Department's No. 288 of January 18, 1945.

GRÉN ACTING

[Handwritten note]

Copy to WRB

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which, in combination with Elter's 40,000 francs, could constitute adequate funds for such a relief program through IRO."

I would have thought that this cable would given the idea that sending relief to this concentration camp these days is not primary, since the question of having some. However, they either did not read my cable or chose not to respond. Again asking me if the fund I held could be spent by the IRL committee for relief to

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Deur Dr. de Schwanenberg,

I should like to refer once more to the question of relief for deported Luxembourgers and to the list of some 5,000 which you kindly allowed me to examine some days ago.

After inspection of that list and in the light of a cable from the War Refugee Board asking whether or not the International Committee of the Red Cross could undertake a parcel relief program for such deported Luxembourgers with Luxembourg money which I am holding here (which amounts to Swiss F. 83,354),

I sent the following preliminary reply: (Jan. 27th)

"About 10 days ago IRO received a list containing names of roughly 5,000 deported Luxembourgers. After preliminary investigation it is estimated that about 400 persons only on this list are geographically accessible to relief parcel shipments. IRO relief to this number of Luxembourgers, however, is not particularly a financial question but rather one of transportation as we have, for the moment, at least, more IRL parcels on hand than can be satisfactorily distributed. IRL parcels are already being addressed to over a 100 Luxembourgers deported."

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IRO estimates that an initial fund of 60,000 Swiss francs would be more than enough to organize relief program for accessible Luxembourg deportees: 600 from recent lists and about 100 previously known. Therefore return to my original suggestion that Swiss franc equivalent of $5,000 be reserved here.
which, in combination with Elter's 40,000 francs should constitute adequate fund for such a relief program through ICRC.

I would have thought that this cable would have given them the idea that sending relief to deportees in concentration camps these days is not primarily a question of having money. However, they either did not read my cable or chose to neglect it and have now wired again asking me if the funds I hold can be spent through the International Committee for relief to these deported Luxemburgers. I consequently formally put the question up to you: Can the ICRC use 33,334.46 Swiss francs for a relief program for the Luxembourg deportees whose addresses in Germany it possesses?

Allow me in closing to acknowledge your recent letter informing me that these Luxembourg lists were being "pointed." I should be interested in the results, although by the time they are organised they probably will be of little practical use. Do you not feel that we are rapidly approaching a state where it will be impossible to forward individually addressed parcels to deportees in Germany?

I should appreciate your reply in this Luxembourg question so that I can answer this last cable.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Roswell D. McClendon
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Dr. Jean de Schwarzenberg
International Committee of the Red Cross
Hotel Métropole, Geneva.

(Division of Special Assistance)
My dear Mr. Minister:

On January the 25th, I had the pleasure of writing you and stating that I was transferring to your account ("Konto London") with the Crédit Suisse at Bern the sum of Swiss francs 704,009.48 (SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND AND NINE AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS). I subsequently received confirmation from the Swiss National Bank at Bern that this transfer had been effected in due form. I should accordingly be most appreciative, for the sake of my records, if you would be so kind as to acknowledge to me in writing the receipt of this amount.

With kind regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

Mr. J. J. B. Bosch de Rosenthal
Netherlands Minister
Royal Dutch Legation
Humboldtstr. 39 - Bern.

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Legation of the United States of America, Bern.
Dear Mr. McClelland,  

Replying to your letter of February 15th,  

I herewith acknowledge receipt of the sum of Swiss francs 704,009.45 (SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND AND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE CENTIMES) on my account ("Konto am Credit Suisse at Berne") with the Crédit Suisse at Berne.  

Thanking you for this remittance,  

sincerely yours,  

[Signature]  

Netherlands Minister.
Monsieur Roswell McClelland  
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique  
29, Alpenstrasse  
B e r n e

Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre du 14 février concernant la question des déportés luxembourgeois et ainsi que nous en avons convenu lors de notre entretien téléphonique de ce jour, nous sommes pleinement de votre avis qu'étant donné le petit nombre de Luxembourgeois accessibles pour des envois de secours dans des camps en Allemagne, et en considération des difficultés de transport, le montant de frs. 60.000.- couvrirait largement les frais à envisager.

En ce qui concerne les listes de Luxembourgeois récemment pointées, nous ne sommes malheureusement pas encore en mesure de vous donner des précisions, par suite du surcroît de travail dans nos services techniques. Cependant, ainsi que nous avons pu le constater, ces listes volumineuses, comprennent pour une grande part des noms de personnes se trouvant dans la zone des opérations militaires.

À titre d'information, nous tenons encore à vous signaler que nous procéderons prochainement au fichage d'une liste de Luxembourgeois travailleurs civils en Allemagne, ceci en vue d'une action éventuelle de secours.

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

[Signature]
To: Department

Date: February 22, 1945

Code: [Redacted]

No: 1188

Charged to:

For W RB from McClelland.

Department's 642, February 10 W RB's 397 and Legation's 538, January 27.

In matter of ICRC using Luxembourg funds at my disposal in Switzerland for relief program behalf Luxembourg deportees in Germany, following is substance of ICRC's answer:

"Given relatively small number Luxembourg deportees in Germany accessible for relief supplies and mounting difficulties of transport situation a sum of 60,000 francs would be more than adequate cover cost of relief program for them."

It might be of interest to donors to know that ICRC stated Belgian Government guaranteed several months ago to cover any ICRC expenditures involved in sending relief to Luxemburgers in Germany.

Kindly inform me if donors desire that I remit 60,000 francs from 85,334 I hold to ICRC.

HARRISON

RECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

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Accounts: Relief to unassimilated persons in Germany.

In duplicate to files
From: Department
Date: July 10, 8 p.m., 1944.
No: 2383
Received: July 11, 3 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Department's 1906 June 3,
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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By J. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: July 10, 9 p.m., 1944
No: 2386
Code: ...
Received: July 11, 3 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Department's 1906 June 3.

License No. 2831 has been issued by Treasury to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., of New York City, authorizing Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement, as the society's disbursing agents, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. You are requested to advise the two persons named above, in care of the Luxembourg Consulate in Bern. The terms of the license are substantially identical to license W-2106 which was issued to the Joint Distribution Committee, as amended. The operations contemplated in license W-2831, for which under specific license the equivalent in Swiss francs of 90,000 dollars will be remitted to Clement and Krier by Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., have the approval of WRB, the Department, and Treasury.

HULL

In duplicate

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-13-73
By W. M. Parks Date, SEP 26 1972
For: Mr. McClelland

SA

Mr. Dulles:

I have arranged the appointment for us to meet E. for Thursday at 7:30 at my apartment.

On the 11th of July we received a wire stating that the Treasury Department had issued a Special License, No. 2291, to the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., off New York City, authorizing Antoine Krier and Hubert Clement, as the Society's disbursing agents, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

It seems to me that in the course of one of our talks you showed me one of your wires stating that certain sums of money would be forthcoming labor groups in the United States for the same purpose. Since the sum mentioned under this license is $90,000, I imagine that this is the same money.

We have been asked to get in touch with Messrs. Clement and Krier, care of the Luxembourg Consulate in Bern, and in the interest of orienting myself a little more closely with regard this question, I wonder if perhaps you could give me a short memorandum furnishing me with whatever information you feel would be helpful regarding these gentlemen.

R. D. M.

RDM/mjb

Yes, this is a matter on which I have received several cables. I advise against any communication to the C. Gardi, which is in charge of this. I can produce from any case you want with a little notice. He can put the Clements down as on an axis together and move it.
MEMORANDUM

Belgian Relief

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MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1944.

For: Mr. McClelland.

I have arranged the appointment for us to meet K. for Thursday at 7.30 at my apartment.

We can later arrange to see C.J. but as I do not know him, and have great confidence in K., I thought it best to see him alone first.

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]

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July 13, 1944.

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R.D.M.

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The Legation is requested to inform Hubert Clement and Antoine Krier, care of the Consulate of Luxembourg in Bern, that license No. V-2229 permitting them as disbursing agents of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory has been issued by the Treasury Department to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., of New York City. The terms of that license are substantially identical to license No. W-2106, as amended, which was issued to the Joint Distribution Committee. In this connection please refer to cable no. 1906 of June 3 from the Department. The Department, the Treasury and the War Refugee Board approve the operations contemplated in license No. W-2229, for which the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., New York City, will remit to Clement and Krier aforementioned the equivalent in Swiss francs of $90,000, under specific license.

HULL

In duplicate

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Reference is made to the Department's 1906 of June 34.

Please inform Hubert Clement and Antoine Krier, care of the Consulate of Luxembourg in Bern, that the Treasury has issued license No. W2232 to the Friends of Luxembourg Inc., New York City. This license permits Clement and Krier to act as disbursing agents of the Friends of Luxembourg Inc. to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy territory and territory occupied by the enemy. The terms of this license are substantially identical to the license issued to the Joint Distribution Committee, namely, No. W2106 as amended. The operations contemplated in license No. W2232, for which the Friends of Luxembourg Inc. will, under specific license, remit to Clement and Krier the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000, are approved by the Treasury, the War Refugee Board and the Department.
The following is from McClelland for WRB with reference to the Department's 2438 and 2440 of July 17.

The fact that both Hubert Clement and Antoine Krier have refugee status here in Switzerland makes it impossible for them to receive, officially and openly, the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000 from the Friends of Luxembourg and of $90,000 from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund. The funds in question can be sent confidentially through this Legation for remittance to Clement and Krier. Both these men appear to be capable and recommendable disbursing agents for the above funds.

HARRISON

RDM: inf
In duplicate
Copy to RDM
Dear Dr. Visser’t Hooft:

I am taking the liberty of writing you a few lines to state that in the near future a friend of Mr. Dalles and mine, Monsieur Antoine Krier, will doubtless call on you. Mr. Krier is interested in various questions involving relief for Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. He is a thoroughly reliable man in whom you can have every confidence. He represents the "Fédération des Ouvriers Métallurgiques," although his status here in Switzerland is that of an emigrant. Mr. D. and I had a talk with him last week in Bern and told him that he should most certainly get in touch with you. I stated, however, that I would write you a short note in advance so that you would be prepared in advance for his call. I asked him of course to get in touch with you a few days ahead and arrange an appointment.

I met Mr. Elion last week and would like very much to talk to you about him. I might suggest in this respect that we meet next Saturday or Monday (29th. or 31st.) if you would kindly send me a note to the Legation in Bern stating the day and time which would be most convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell MacClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
Dear MacClelland,

Many thanks for your letter of July 23rd. I would be glad to see Mr. Klier, but since I am leaving for holiday on Monday next I hope that he will come to see me this week.

For the same reason I hope that you will be able to come to see me on Saturday morning, for on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday I will be involved in a series of meetings of the European Student Relief Fund.

Would you kindly let me know what time would suit you best on Saturday morning?

I remain, with best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

W.A. Visser ‘t Hooft.

P.S. Since dictating this letter I had a visit at the British Embassy in Paris who has some important information for you and hopes to see you. Could you also see him on Saturday morning.

I would prefer that you would see me at 9 and tell 30 Bldg 30 at 4 Avenue Champel. Please confirm.

44.
From: Department  
Date: July 31, 10 p.m., 1944  
No.: 2631  
Received: August 1, noon  

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 104. For the Minister and McClelland.

Legation's 4692 July 22.

On the recommendation of WRB, the Treasury Department has authorized the remittance to Minister Harrison, for payment to McClelland, of the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000 by the Friends of Luxembourg, $90,000 by the Belgian War Relief Society, and $90,000 by the Wilhelmina Fund.

An item which appeared on July 22 in the NEW YORK TIMES dealt with the objectives of the Belgian project, giving the names of Krier and Clement as disbursing agents. Investigation is under way into the means by which this information was disclosed.

You are requested to discuss this with Clement and Krier, and to let us know whether it is felt wise under the circumstances to nominate other disbursing agents.

If a change is judged to be advisable, you should transmit names of nominees and other information for identifying them.

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DECLASIFIED
State Dept. Letter J-11-73

In duplicate/re  
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By M. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
August 3, 1944.

Mr. Dulles:

The following wire came in on the first regarding the question of funds for Krier and Clement:

"Legation's 4592 July 22.

"On the recommendation of WRB, the Treasury Department has authorized the remittance to Minister Harrison, for payment to McClelland, of the Swiss franc equivalent of $20,000 by the Friends of Luxembourg, $50,000 by the Belgian War Relief Society, and $50,000 by the Wilhelmina Fund.

"An item which appeared on July 22 in the NEW YORK TIMES dealt with the objectives of the Belgian project, giving the names of Krier and Clement as disbursing agents. Investigation is under way into the means by which this information was disclosed.

"You are requested to discuss this with Clement and Krier, and to let us know whether it is felt wise under the circumstances to nominate other disbursing agents. If a change is judged to be advisable, you should transmit names of nominees and other information for identifying them."

I am answering the WRB asking them to let us know when they find out where and how this information leaked out, and particularly whether the presence of Krier and Clement in Switzerland was emphasized. I shall also discuss the whole question this morning with Krier and see how he feels about it. I rather doubt that a small news item of this sort would have attracted the attention of the Swiss, although we can be fairly sure that the Germans probably spotted it. In any event, the money seems to be coming over, which is at least a start. I should appreciate your advice or opinion on this matter as it now stands.
My Italian friend, Manfredi, sent me yesterday the names of four reliable persons who would be willing to undertake any jobs which it might be worth assigning them to in Northern Italy. The names and addresses are as follows:

Meregalli Luigi (mechanic) at 4, Via Stazione 3, Lugano
Lucini Virgilio (photographer)
Casella postale 13, Bellinzona

With report to the memorandum of August 3, 1944,
Arnone Ugo (journalista; ancien officer)
Hotel Helios,
Luigi, states that unless there is more that, unless there is
M. states that they are all around 40 years of age and
that he will furnish detailed information on all of them if
necessary has been satisfactorily worked out.

Many thanks for your Italian names, which
I have now passed on to my friend in Lugano.

R.D.M.
August 4, 1944.

For: Mr. McClelland.

I have your memorandum of August 3, 1944, with regard to the Krier matter.

I agree with you that, unless there is more publicity, the news item to which they refer should not necessitate the selection of other disbursing agents; in fact it might be difficult to find them. I should be glad to have another meeting with you and Krier, but feel that many phases of this are more in your line than mine.

I am glad to see that the transmission of the funds has been satisfactorily worked out.

Many thanks for your Italian names, which I have now passed on to my friend in Lugano.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: August 4, noon, 1944.
No: 5004
Charged to: 

Paraphrase

The following is for WB from McClelland with reference to the Department's 2631 of July 31.

I regret that the names of Krier and Clement appeared in the NEW YORK TIMES. Did it state that they are now in Switzerland? When you have ascertained where and how this information leaked out, please let us know. I discussed the matter on August 3d with Krier. It is the feeling of both Krier and myself that they should go ahead with their project, although Krier will talk with Clement first, other members of our Legation and with certain Swiss political friends. You will be kept informed in the matter.

HARRISON

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In duplicate
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department  
Date: August 16, 6 p.m., 1944
No: 2816
Code:

Received: August 17, 11 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 124. For McClelland.
Department's 2631 July 31 and Legation's 5004
August 4.

TIMES article was based on formal news release
which through confusion was issued by the Belgian
Relief Society. While the release clearly stated
that both Clement and Krier were in Bern, in the
article it is indicated that Krier is in Bern but
Clement's presence there is not made clear. It is,
however, "to aid Belgians who are imprisoned by the
Nazis or who are hiding from the Gestapo", the article
reports, that the $90,000 are to be sent to Bern.

HULL

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept Letter, 1-11-72
By L. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
Telegram Sent

To: Department

Date: August 19, 10 a.m., 1944.

No: 5391

Code: G.I

Charged to:

Paraphrase

Your 2631 of July 31.

In spite of the information contained in the Department's wire no. 2816 of August 16, I recommend the remittance, through Minister Harrison, of at least part of the funds as soon as possible. Both Krier and Clement are anxious to go ahead.

Foregoing from McClelland is for the WRB.

HARRISON

RDM: nf

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By H. E. Parks SEP 26 1972
For: Mr. McClelland.

From: A. W. D.

Telegram

Posttock No. 22858

MEMORIANDUM

August 23, 1944.

With regard to the Krier matter, I have a message from Ostenbruck in London, in which he understands the funds arrived at the legation, Bern, deposit Dutch quota 70,000 dollars with Dutch Minister, Bern. Equivalent will be made available Dutch underground, through Secretary J. A. Berger of Dutch Labor Party.

This is all Greek to me. Am you in touch with the Dutch legation, and do you wish to make an inquiry through them, or do you prefer that I do it?

Talk this over with Mr. X.

Mr. X sent a wire to London today to try and clear this matter up.

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By R. Date MAR 3 1975
Berne, le 23 août 1944.

Monsieur Leland Harrison,
Ministre des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29,
Berne.

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous avons reçu de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre Queen Wilhelmina Fund Incorporated New York, pour votre compte, en faveur de Monsieur Roswell MC Clelland, War refugee board representative in Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with provisions United States Treasury Licence W 2229:
Fr. 256.003.45, (Fr. 257.289.88 moins Fr. 1.286.43 de commission)

montant pour lequel vous voudrez nous passer vos instructions.

Dans cette attente, nous vous présentons, Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

[Signature]

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
from: Dutch-Belgian-Luxembourg Funds.

Dutch quota $22,000,000 to be increased to $28,000,000. Dutch Government will become available Dutch underground through Suisse.

Aug 20th

For the liquidation received 25,500 of from Belgium and Luxe. It is expected to be disbursed by 6th. While having close relations with Dutch ministers to bring Dutch situation into their mutual agreement. Ideally utilizing the need of Belgium in her foreign

Sept 3th.

9/8 Dutch situation has been reported by

from Van A. Jan. 12 745 - Bern.

of OSS.
Monsieur Leland Harrison,
Ministre des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29, Bern.

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous avons reçu de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre de la Belgian War Relief Society Incorporated, New York, pour votre compte, en faveur de Monsieur Roswell MC CLELLAND, War refugees board representative in Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with provisions United States Treasury License W 2231: Fr.256,003.40 (Fr.257,289.88 moins Fr.1,286.48 d'ordre de commission) montant pour lequel vous voudrez nous passer vos instructions.

Dans cette attente, nous vous présentons, Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

Also $60,000.

W2231 - 28 août 1944, jyl.
TELEGRAM  

To: [Redacted]  

Code: [Redacted]  

Santiago, 1944.  

Dear Mr. Clement,  

Please convey the questions with replies:  

1. Are Relief Rangers still in contact?  
2. Can you handle our relief distribution?  
3. Have we made arrangements to receive our relief in Santiago?  
4. Will you send our relief to Santiago?  

Make sure to send our relief to Santiago.  

Thank you.  

Reference: 5391 of August 31, and our copy.  

HARRISON  

SEP 7, 1944.
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: September 8, 9 a.m., 1944.
Code: 9
No: 5925
Charged to:

Paraphrase

From McClelland for WRB.

Through the Swiss National Bank I received on August 23rd the sum of 257,290 Swiss francs minus half percent commission (the equivalent of $60,000, it is assumed) from the Queen Wilhelmina Fund. A message was received from Oldenbruck in London about the same date; the message indicated that the "Dutch quota of $90,000" should be deposited with the Netherlands Minister at Bern. Krier and Clement had in the meantime arranged independently for the transfer of these funds to the Dutch Labor Party underground in the Netherlands. Therefore, I would welcome clarification and instructions regarding the disbursement of the funds in question.

Through the same channels I received on August 28 a second sum of Swiss francs 257,290 from the Belgian War Relief Society. In view of the changes in the military and political situation in Belgium, Krier and Clement would appreciate knowing whether the donors still desire that they act as disbursing agents for this money. If so, Krier feels that it is advisable to undertake a trip to Belgium as soon as possible to make arrangements and to gauge needs on the spot. Kindly advise.

The $20,000 announced by the Friends of Luxembourghave never arrived. Krier and Clement, as Luxembourgers, are particularly interested in this fund and would appreciate knowing whether the donors still intend to transfer it to them here.

Reference is made to your 2631 of July 31 and our 5391 of August 19.

HARRISON

[Handwritten note: Copy to RDM]
Berne, le 20 septembre 1944.

Monsieur Leland Harrison,
Ministre des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29,
BERNE.

Nous nous référons à nos lettres des 23 et 28 août écoulés par lesquelles nous vous avions que, d'ordre de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, pour compte de Queen Wilhelmina Fund Incorporated New York et respectivement de la Belgian War Relief Society Incorporated, New York, nous tenons à votre disposition, en faveur de Monsieur Roswell McClelland, War refugees board representative in Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with provisions United States Treasury License N 2229 et N 2231, les sommes de
F 256.003.45, respectivement F 256.003.40, soit au total: F 512.006.85.

Nous nous permettons de vous rappeler que nous tenons toujours ces deux montants à votre disposition. Pour votre gouverne nous vous informons que, de par la loi, la Banque Nationale Suisse ne bénéfie aucun intérêt sur les sommes qui lui sont confiées.

Dans l'attente de vos instructions pour l'emploi de ces sommes, nous vous présentons, Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

[Signature]
Swiss National Bank,
Bern.

Sir:
Legation's S628—September 8.

In answer to your letter of the 20th of September concerning the two sums of money totaling $12,008.65 Swiss francs which you received for me on order of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund and the Belgian War Relief Society respectively, I should appreciate it if you would deposit them temporarily in the account you are at present holding in my name. I am awaiting further instructions from the United States regarding these amounts and shall communicate with you accordingly in due time.

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Very truly yours,

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

HIM/mjb

In duplicate
Under the terms of the license which was issued to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, the funds therefrom are to be spent, in a manner to be determined by Clement and Krier, for purposes specified in the license. The terms of the license have been communicated to the Netherlands Government. However, it should be kept in mind that under the license terms these funds may be used only for operations in areas which are controlled by the enemy.

Clement and Krier should be informed that, under the terms of the licenses issued to the Belgian War Relief Society and the Friends of Luxembourg, the funds of those two organizations, in view of the liberation of Belgium and Luxembourg, may not be used for rescue and relief activities in those two countries. It is suggested, however, that you ascertain from Clement and Krier whether funds from these organizations can be used in enemy or enemy-controlled territory for the purposes specified in the respective licenses. The Friends of Luxembourg are remitting $20,000 this week.

Hull

In duplicate

Copy for FA if seen or possible next week.

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Morgan
SEP 26 1972
Belgian Relief
Bern, Bern, le 23 septembre 1944.
Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American
Ministre,
Alpenstrasse 29, Berne.

Veuillez prendre note des écritures suivantes:

Compte de dépôt.

montant que nous avons reçu d'ordre de
Queen Wilhelmina Fund resp. Belgian War Relief
Society, selon notre avis du 20 courant à
Monsieur le Ministre Leland Harrison et votre
lettre du 22 courant.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, nos salua-
tions distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

HARRISON

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Wir bitten Sie, folgende Durchgänge vorzunehmen:

Veuillez prendre note des écritures suivantes:

Compte de dépôt.

Montant que nous avons reçu d'ordre du Queen Alhelima Fund resp. Belgian War Relief Society, selon notre avis du 20 courant à Monsieur le Ministre Leland Harrison et votre lettre du 22 courant.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

[Signature]

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

RDM:inf
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Copy to T.A.
To: Department
Date: September 23, 1944, 8 a.m.
No: 6301
Charged to:

Reference is made to the Legation's 5925 of September 8th.

Krier and Clement would particularly appreciate an early reply to the Legation's reference telegram.

The brother of Krier, who is the Luxembourg Minister of Labor at present in London, recently sent an incomplete message to Krier stating that the fund announced by the Friends of Luxembourg has been "forwarded," although it is not clear where it has been forwarded. Inasmuch as I have not received any such sum here up to September 22d, I would welcome any clarification of this entire question which you can give.

Above is to the WNB from McClelland.

HARRISON

RDM:nf
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WRB No. 185. For McClelland.

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund is remitting an additional sum of $25,000 for operations under license W-2229, and the Belgian War Relief Society is remitting for operations under license W-2231 an additional $25,000 likewise. These remittances are being made through the same channels as in previous remittances.

HULL

...wish it were possible to avoid...
Monsieur le Ministre,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous avons reçu de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre Queen Wilhelmina Fund Incorporated, New York, pour votre compte, en faveur de Monsieur Roswell McCLELLAND, War refugee board representative in Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with provision of United States Treasury license W-2229:

Fr. 128,001.70. (Fr. 128,644.94 moins Fr. 643.24 de commission)

montant pour lequel vous voudrez nous passer vos instructions.

Dans cette attente, nous vous présentons, Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
For Allen Dulles from McCulland of WTS.

Would most appreciate it if you would send any possibility clearing up present intentions of award of some form equivalent of $40,000 or some other amount by Glen and I. Any other information on the whereabouts of the money could be welcome by all three of us.

Sept 29th
To Douglas
For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 3314, September 26 and 3266, September 22.
On September 27 I received through Swiss National Bank gross sum of 128,544.95 Swiss francs on order of Queen Wilhelmina Fund which I assume is $30,000, although your 3314 spoke only of additional sum of $25,000. This remittance, however, makes up $90,000 originally announced in Department's 2438, July 17 and 3631, July 31.

With reference first paragraph Legation's 5925, September 8, I must call your attention to fact that none of Wilhelmina funds now here have been spent yet as Krier and Clement withheld any transmission to Netherlands in August awaiting further clarification of contradictory instructions received through Bulles from Oldenbruck in London and through Luxembourg Consulate at Bern according to which this money was to be paid over to Dutch Minister in Bern who was apparently to have made equivalent available in Holland to J. A. Burger of Dutch Labor Party.

It is highly doubtful that this money can now be sent into Holland before country is liberated.

In case Belgian War Relief and Friends of Luxembourg funds both countries are now liberated which restricts expenditure this money to "enemy territory," that is, Germany.

Practical possibilities bringing relief to Belgians, Dutch and Luxemburgers in Germany are very limited. Most obvious use would be financing sending food parcels to political prisoners these three countries in German concentration camps within IFCO-WRB program. Amounts, however, which could be
utilized this program are relatively small. Consequently do not feel it necessary forward additional Belgian funds mentioned your 5314.

Krier and Clement are investigating other possibilities. I will report any further useful outlets in keeping terms original licenses which may develop.

HARRISON

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Banque Nationale Suisse

Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Alpenstrasse 29,
Berne.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

128'001.70

montant que nous avons reçu d'ordre Queen
Wilhelmina Fund, Inc. New York, selon notre
avis du 27 septembre à Monsieur le Ministre
Leland Harrison et votre lettre du 29 courant.
Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations
distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American
Minister,
Alpenstrasse 29,
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**Compte de dépôt.**


BERNE, 29 septembre 1944.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Monsieur Isidore Harrison,
Ministre des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29,
Berne.

Monsieur le Ministre,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous avons reçu de la Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, d'ordre de la Belgian War Relief Society Inc., New York, pour votre compte, en faveur de Monsieur Roswell McCLELLAND, War refugees board representative in Switzerland for disbursement in accordance with provision of United States Treasury license W 2231: Fr. 128.001.70; (Fr.128.644.94 moins Fr.643.24 % de commission) montant pour lequel vous voudrez nous passer vos instructions.

Dans cette attente, nous vous présentons, Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Monsieur Leland Harrison,
Ministre des États-Unis d'Amérique,
Alpenstrasse 29,
Berne.

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Monsieur le Ministre, nos salutations distinguées.

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
Bern, September 29, 1944.

The Swiss National Bank
Bundesplatz
BERN.

Sirs:

At the request of the American Minister and in reply to your letter of September 27th, I should appreciate it if you would temporarily deposit to the account which your bank is at present holding in my name the sum of 128,001.70 Swiss francs which you recently received in my name on order of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc. of New York.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
LAUSANNE, le 24 juillet 1945

Monsieur Roswell D.McCLELLAND,
Special Assistant to the Minister
Légation des États-Unis d'Amérique
CHINE

Cher Monsieur,

Revenant à ma lettre du 5 juillet, j'ai le plaisir de vous faire savoir que j'ai rencontré à Luxembourg, Messieurs Clément et Krier qui m'ont prié de vous transmettre la lettre incluse et de vous remercier de votre obligante intervention au sujet des frais de 72.889,45 que vous avez versés à mon compte de chèques postaux et dont j'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception.

Lors de notre entrevue, Messieurs Clément et Krier m'ont remis les instructions utiles pour l'utilisation des fonds disponibles.

Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments cordiaux et dévoués.

F.J. ELDER
Consul Général

Annexe: la lettre mentionnée.