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Jon WRB from McClelland

For
Dr. Leon KUBOWITZKI, World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
From Gerhart Riegner NEW YORK

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= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, August 3, 1944.

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Dr. Leon Kubowitzki
World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York
August 3, 1944

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To: ^{Jon} Dr. Leon KUBOWITZKI, World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
From Gerhart Riegner NEW YORK

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~~the~~ Your message concerning Jews of non-Hungarian citizenship informing you that according our information ~~suspension~~ ~~the~~ deportation measures applied to all Jews in Hungary regardless whether possessing Hungarian nationality or not. Have already insisted at ^{ICRC} Interredcross on principle of ^{repeated Aug 3} non-discrimination on July 21, ~~reiterated today same demerone~~. On ~~the~~ other hand you must understand that assimilation of Jews to ^{status} standard civilian internees in conformity Geneva convention is not obtainable despite our repeated efforts ^{for} since two years this respect.

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Via Courier

Bern, August 1, 1944.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

The following message has been received for you from Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress:

"The sending of rescue funds through the representative of the War Refugee Board in Bern in the manner suggested in the last paragraph of your message of June 14 is not possible."

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. Gerhardt Riegner,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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Via Courier

Bern, August 1, 1944.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

I am pleased to quote below a message, signed Kubowitzki, which has been received for you through the facilities of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board in Washington:

"Intercross Washington has communicated to its headquarters in Geneva our request to intervene for Jews of non-Hungarian citizenship whose deportation postponed August 1. It is requested that you confer with International Red Cross headquarters with regard to this matter, taking the position that these Jews should be recognized as civilian internees and treated in conformity with the Geneva Convention. IRCC should approach the Hungarian authorities and express its determination to extend protection to these Jews of non-Hungarian nationality. Please cable results through WRB and the American Legation.

"Your message of July 4 received through WRB implies the continued arrival in Switzerland of Italian Jews. It will be appreciated if you will forward us regularly lists of arrivals, and also send a recapitulatory list of the arrivals thus far."

Sincerely yours,

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

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To: Department

Date: August 2, 1944, 9 p. m.

No: 4967

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For WRB from McClelland.

For Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress from Gerhart Riegner: "You are certainly aware of ICRC's official communiqué concerning Hungary. On occasion Guggenheim Burekhardt conversation of July 21 following details obtained. ICRC communiqué is nearly identical to and based on official communication of Hungarian Government to ICRC transmitted by Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires Bern July 18. ICRC obtained full power and now seeking carry out various points. We emphasized responsibility of ICRC and necessity strict control execution of promises notably cessation of deportation. We pressed ICRC dispatch large delegation to Budapest charged with distribution of relief. ICRC showed tendency desire act through Jewish Council presided by Hofrat Stern but we urged matter remain primarily in ICRC hands since they would have more liberty of movement and be more independent of Hungarian Government. We made also reservation on personality Stern 80 years of age and insisted on principle of non-discrimination between Hungarian and foreign Jews. We proposed collaboration between ICRC mission which would be officially responsible and special Jewish Committee in which all Jewish groups in Hungary would be represented. Question possibilities purchase foodstuffs in Hungary not yet resolved, but impossible ICRC ready put disposal Swedish ICRC steamer "Halaren" which could carry foodstuffs to Trieste. In any case considerable amounts will doubtless be necessary which Jewish organizations will probably not be able to furnish without governmental aid. Therefore propose former vast rescue plan of last year be at least partly revived with regard to Hungary now that ICRC has obtained broad power of control. Insisting also our personal participation to a certain extent view obtaining influence over whole proceeding.

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Concerning departure of children ICRC already asked that age limit originally fixed at ten be increased. Switzerland ready accept certain number Hungarian children and negotiations are also going on concerning Swedish proposal. ICRC is willing to deal with emigration to Palestine. Our opinion however is that matter should be left for time being in hands of protecting power. ICRC in general very proud of their success in matter Hungarian Jews which they very much needed for their political position. Our duty is therefore insist by all means on strict execution of promises obtained and on extension of promise cessation deportations from other camps in various countries such as Drancy, Malines, Westerbork, Fossoli, etc."

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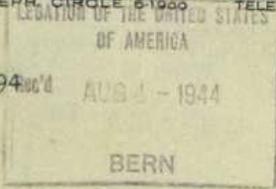
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Geneva, August 3, 1944.



Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am acknowledging receipt of your letter dated August 1 and informing me of a cable received from New York which indicates that the transmission of rescue funds through your intermediary is unfortunately not possible.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

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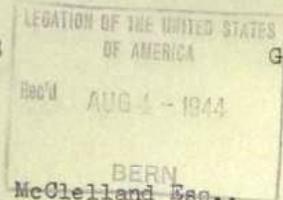
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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Referring to Paragraph A(1) and Paragraph C of
Licence Y 2115 quoted in the Legation's letter of
February 10, 1944, I beg to inform you that I have
again purchased two million French francs from Monsieur
Robert STITELMANN at the rate of 1,65. This transaction
will be filed as being transaction No. 12 completed
under the above mentioned licence.

Very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner

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Roswell McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am acknowledging with many thanks your letter of August 1, in which you were kind enough to communicate to me a message from Dr. L. Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress.

I am enclosing herewith a reply to his message as well as to the message communicated to me on July 24, and beg to request you to kindly oblige me by forwarding it to New York.

I am enclosing equally for your information copy of a letter I have addressed to the International Red Cross concerning the situation of Jews of non-Hungarian citizenship.

With many thanks in advance, I am

very sincerely yours

G.M. Riegner
Gerhart M. Riegner

Handwritten notes:
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To: Department

Date: August 7, 7 p. m., 1944.

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Paraphrase

The following communication is from Gerhart Riegner for Leon Kubowitzki, of the World Jewish Congress.

"Replying to your message concerning Jews of non-Hungarian citizenship, the suspension of deportation measures, according to our information, applies to all Jews in Hungary regardless of nationality. I have already insisted at Intercross on the principle of non-discrimination on July 21, repeated on August 3. You must understand, on the other hand, that the assimilation of Jews to the status of civilian internees, in conformity with the Geneva Convention, is not obtainable, in spite of our repeated efforts in this respect for two years.

It is extremely difficult to dispatch safely lists of refugees; these lists should not pass German censorship. I am renewing efforts. I am urgently awaiting your answer to the Italian-Slovakian rescue plans.

With reference to your message about the Joint Relief Committee in London, yesterday I conferred once again with ICRC headquarters regarding this question. ICRC affirms that they repeatedly submitted a precise scheme as to the various regions and camps in which it is possible to distribute food parcels under their supervision. This implies that in the camps indicated they have an adequate staff. ICRC is unwilling that negotiations be drawn out repeatedly by subsidiary inquiries. They would appreciate a definite decision. In our opinion, the difficulties rest with the British authorities." \$55.05

From McClelland for WRB.

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By E. H. Parks, Date SEP 26 1972

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37 Quai Wilson Geneva

Aug 15
made by WJC to ICRC re Jews in Europe

number 123 we requested London office submit intergovernmental conference following program regarding hungarian jews first public declaration Britain United States that Jews occupied Europe are under their protection Bern, August 8, 1944.

second public statement interredcross that considers Jews deprived freedom movement as civilian internees analogy Geneva

Dear Dr. Riegner:
I merely wish to let you know that the message which you forwarded to me in your letter of the third of August was transmitted to the World Jewish Congress on Friday evening, August 4th.

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

Dr. Bernhart M. Riegner,
World Jewish Congress, Palestine Country of Refuge
37 Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Mrs L. Please refer to World Jewish Congress all this

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after war all jews granted asylum any european country fifth
simultaneous public declaration by neutral countries that doors
open jews occupied europe sixth presentation note to hungary by
britain united states through protecting powers also by inter-
redcross asking her repatriate jews already deported and
establish machinery care protection in germany poland until
repatriation seventh substantial increase redcross delegation
in hungary view having one permanent delegate every important
center eight allocation by britain united states to interred-
cross considerable amounts pledged ninth adoption concrete
measures evacuation hungarian jews especially children to safe
havens special stress being laid palestine country of refuge
turkey as transit tenth application food program finally
authorized economic warfare division not to camps without jews
as those suggested by interredcross but jewish internment labor
extermination camps eleventh urgent adoption measures leading
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French trans. & amplification of preceding wire

Une démarche du Congrès Juif Mondial auprès de la
Conférence du Comité Intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés.

Le Comité Exécutif du Congrès Juif Mondial, par l'intermédiaire de son Bureau Permanent à Londres, vient de soumettre à la Conférence du Comité Intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés, qui se tient actuellement à Londres, un mémoire concernant les mesures de secours à entreprendre en faveur des Juifs hongrois. Dans ce mémoire, le Congrès Juif Mondial demande :

1. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis déclarent publiquement que les Juifs en Europe occupée se trouvent sous leur protection en ce qui concerne leur sécurité physique.
2. Que la Croix-Rouge Internationale déclare publiquement qu'elle considère les Juifs privés de leur liberté de mouvement comme internés civils en analogie avec la Convention de Genève de 1929 et qu'elle est déterminée à obtenir une reconnaissance des Juifs comme internés civils.
3. Que la Croix-Rouge Internationale et les Eglises prennent les mesures appropriées en vue de l'adoption du statut d'internés civils pour les Juifs.
4. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis déclarent publiquement que les territoires sous leur administration sont ouverts aux Juifs qui peuvent être sauvés et qu'ils assureront l'entretien, le ravitaillement et l'établissement après la guerre de tous les Juifs auxquels un asile a été accordé dans n'importe quel pays européen.
5. Que simultanément les pays neutres déclarent publiquement que leurs portes sont ouvertes aux Juifs des pays occupés de l'Europe.
6. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis adressent, par l'intermédiaire des puissances protectrices et de la Croix-Rouge Internationale, une note diplomatique à la Hongrie lui demandant de rapatrier les Juifs déjà déportés et d'instituer un organisme, en vue de protéger, en Allemagne et en Pologne, les Juifs déportés jusqu'au moment de leur rapatriement.

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WJC sends same to ICRC

Comité International de la Croix-Rouge COPIE

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

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II/a 42 556

Genève, le 22 août 1944
Palais du Conseil-Général

Monsieur P. Guggenheim

Comité International de la Croix-Rouge
Hôtel Métropole
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Messieurs,

Nous avons l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance une note concernant une démarche que le Comité Exécutif du Congrès Juif Mondial vient d'entreprendre en faveur des Juifs de Hongrie et des autres pays occupés, auprès de la Conférence du Comité Intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés qui se tient depuis le 15 août à Londres. Nous joignons également à cette note le texte original en anglais du télégramme qui vient de nous parvenir de la direction du Congrès Juif Mondial aux Etats-Unis. Nous osons espérer que le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge vouera toute son attention aux revendications présentées au cours de la démarche ci-dessus mentionnée et donnera, dans toute la mesure du possible, son appui aux mesures envisagées en vue de sauver le reste des Juifs se trouvant dans les différents pays de l'Europe occupée.

Veillez agréer, Messieurs, l'expression de nos sentiments très distingués.

CONGRÈS JUIF MONDIAL

signé: Professeur Paul Guggenheim

Gerhart Riegner

Il semble fort probable que les efforts du Comité et ses instances gouvernementales compétentes, il y a plutôt lieu de redouter que cette procédure ne puisse compromettre dans une large mesure son activité, qui se peut exercer au certain succès qu'en s'appuyant sur la stricte discrétion.

Aussi, le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge n'a-t-il pas osé intervenir, à chaque occasion qui se présentait, auprès des Autorités detentrices pour qu'il soit autorisé aux civils déportés hors de leur pays un statut analogue à celui des internés civils. Et cependant, le Comité International croit plus judicieux et plus conforme à ses traditions de déployer son activité d'une

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Comité International de la Croix-Rouge

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

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Genève, le 2 octobre 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

Monsieur P. Guggenheim
Monsieur G. M. Riegner
Congrès Juif Mondial
37, quai Wilson
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Messieurs,

Faisant suite à l'entretien que nous avons eu récemment et à votre lettre du 22 août, notamment au chiffre 2 de son annexe, nous vous remettons ci-joint une note, de caractère général, relative à la notion d'internés civils, que nous jugeons de nature à vous intéresser.

Nous réservant de publier cette note dans la Revue International de la Croix-Rouge, nous vous prions de la considérer comme confidentielle jusqu'au moment où nous procéderions nous-mêmes à une telle publication.

Il est bien certain que le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge - pour autant que son intervention soit admise - ne pourra pas toujours obtenir toutes les garanties énumérées sous chiffre 4 de la note. Lorsqu'il s'agira des ressortissants mêmes de l'Etat intéressés ou de personnes poursuivies pénalement, l'argument de la souveraineté de l'Etat sera généralement opposé à l'intervention du Comité.

Il semble fort douteux qu'une déclaration ou un appel publics soient susceptibles de mener à chef les efforts du Comité et ses pourparlers avec les instances gouvernementales compétentes. Il y a plutôt lieu de redouter que cette procédure ne puisse compromettre dans une large mesure son activité, qui ne peut escompter un certain succès qu'en s'imposant une stricte discrétion.

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Sur la notion d'internés civils

Le Projet de Tokio formulé sous titre III, en complétant

1. La notion d'internés civils n'a pas encore de base dans le droit conventionnel. Dans l'esprit de l'article 17 du Projet de Tokio 1), le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge a, dès 1939, obtenu de la plupart des Etats alors en guerre qu'ils appliquent dans la mesure du possible, par analogie et sous condition de réciprocité, la Convention de 1929 - relative au traitement des prisonniers de guerre - aux ressortissants d'Etats ennemis se trouvant sur leur territoire lors de l'ouverture des hostilités, pour autant que ces ressortissants ne seraient pas laissés en liberté ou qu'ils ne pourraient pas regagner leur patrie. Ce traitement des civils de nationalité ennemie par analogie avec celui des prisonniers de guerre ne constitue malheureusement que le minimum des garanties stipulées par le Projet de Tokio (Titre II) en faveur de cette catégorie de personnes.

C'est ainsi que la notion d'internés civils, qui n'est pas contenue dans le Projet de Tokio lui-même, découle d'un état de fait semblable dans les deux camps belligérants.

2. Le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge ne peut, de son propre chef, déclarer "internés civils" telle ou telle catégorie de personnes. Un statut défini ne peut être conféré qu'avec l'assentiment de la Puissance détentrice, et cela même si des ordonnances dudit Etat pouvaient apparemment servir de base pour revendiquer l'application du traitement des civils de nationalité ennemie à certaine classe d'individus.

Une extension par analogie de la notion d'internés civils semblerait particulièrement ardue à obtenir dans des cas où l'état de guerre entre le pays d'origine et la Puissance détentrice - tel qu'il est défini par le droit des gens - n'entre pas ou pas nécessairement en considération.

1) On a coutume de désigner ainsi, par souci de concision, le Projet de Convention concernant la condition et la protection des civils de nationalité ennemie qui se trouvent sur le territoire d'un belligérant ou sur un territoire occupé par lui. Elaboré par le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge, il fut approuvé par la XVème Conférence internationale de la Croix-Rouge, réunie à Tokio en 1934, et devait, en vue de sa consécration être soumis à une Conférence diplomatique que l'ouverture des hostilités vint ajourner.

2) Le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge a, le 28 octobre 1947, sur les lois et coutumes de la guerre

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Donne une interprétation restrictive de l'application par analogie du statut de prisonnier de guerre, nous n'arrivons pas à trouver un critère distinctif sérieux autorisant, en principe, un traitement différentiel entre les ressortissants ennemis se trouvant dans le domaine territorial de l'Etat...

II/a42 972 Genève, le 23 octobre 1944

Il n'existe, à notre avis, aucune présomption qui permettrait de conclure que l'internement et la déportation Monsieur le Professeur Max Huber, Président du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge de l'occupation militaire de la Croix-Rouge. La majorité des cas, pas de mesures de sé-

Monsieur le Président,

Nous avons l'honneur d'accuser réception avec nos plus vifs remerciements de votre lettre du 2 octobre ainsi que de son annexe qui contient une note sur la notion d'internés civils et sur les mesures que le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge est disposé de prendre en faveur des internés civils. Il est bien entendu que nous avons pris acte de son caractère confidentiel.

Les explications sous chiffres 4 et 5 ont soulevé, en particulier, notre grand intérêt. Nous apprécions vivement les efforts du Comité International en vue d'obtenir les garanties énumérées sous chiffre 4 pour toutes les personnes dont la situation est, en fait, analogue à celle des internés civils.

Il est évident que le Comité International ne peut, de son propre chef, déclarer internés civils telle ou telle catégorie de personnes et qu'un statut définitif ne peut leur être conféré qu'avec l'assentiment de la puissance détentrice. Comme nous l'avons déjà déclaré lors de l'entretien auquel vous avez bien voulu, Monsieur le Président, nous convier, il existe des situations où les ordonnances d'un Etat peuvent servir de base pour l'application du traitement des civils de nationalité ennemie à certaines classes d'individus. La législation interne facilite, en conséquence, souvent les démarches en faveur de l'extension des garanties à des catégories de la population dont la protection n'est pas prévue par le projet de Tokio. Il est donc légitime d'exprimer l'espoir que le Comité International tiendra compte de cette possibilité dans ses efforts.

Nous nous permettons d'autre part d'émettre l'avis que nous considérons comme peu opportun de faire une distinction de principe entre les ressortissants de l'Etat ennemi se trouvant sur le territoire lors de l'ouverture des hostilités et les ressortissants des territoires occupés qui sont internés ou déportés. Tout en reconnaissant que le projet de Tokio

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Tokio Project and insisted again on necessity renew Interredcross' demarches. In interview of October 23 with Professor Burckhardt of CICR we learned that Interredcross addressed on October 2nd to German Ministry of Foreign Affairs official note asking grant above guarantees to all foreign people sojourning in Germany and occupied countries and in fact deprived of liberty of movement and designed as Schutzhaeftlinge of foreign nationality. According to Burckhardt's statement this notion is covering all foreign Jews interned or deported in Germany or occupied territories. Interredcross awaiting reply of German Government. Keep these informations confidential sending you whole documentation.

= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, October 25, 1944.

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For WRB from McClelland

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

Louis SZAL, Secretary General National Workers' Alliance
45 East 17th Street

NEW YORK

Via Courier

from Marc Jarblum

July 27 (CI)

In collaboration

Received your cable 27/7. stop Acting together with general
French underground our underground active as military groups
specifically Jewish and intervening against persecutions
of occupants and French milice, simultaneously

Dear Dr. Riegner:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been
received for you signed by Aleon Kubowitzki, World Jewish
Congress, New York:

"With further reference to your message of
June 14, the Joint Distribution Committee states
that Saly Mayer has been in constant touch with
Filderman and other leaders of Rumanian Jewry.
The JDC has received confirmation from responsible
sources that funds have been and are now being ob-
tained locally in part through borrowings against
credit of Joint Distribution Committee for reimburse-
ment at a later date. JDC affirms that the situa-
tion of Rumanian Jews is being closely followed."

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. Gerhard Riegner,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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For

GENEVE
ST. HUBERT WILSON
TELEPHONE 8.81.22

Louis SEGAL, Secretary General National Workers' Alliance
45 East 17th Street
NEW YORK

from Marc Jarblum

July 27

In collaboration

Received your cable 27/7. stop ^{Resistance} Acting together with general
French ~~underground~~ ^{my} our underground active ^{in behalf} military groups
specifically Jewish and intervening against persecution ~~of~~
Jews ~~they~~ ^{also} fight occupants and French milice. ~~simultaneously~~
~~They~~ ^{also} They help evacuate and hide. ~~They~~ had lastly ^{Recently}
suffered severe losses among our most active comrades. ~~stop~~ Your ^{needed} urgent
help is precious please haste

suffered

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Marc Jarblum

Geneve, le 11 août 1944.

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Monsieur -
Rowell D. McClelland
Genève - Berno.

Cher Monsieur,

*Telephone
Donati*

- 1) Voici l'adresse de Monsieur Salvatore Donati:
63 Avenue du Midi
Ternit - Montreux
Tel. 62127.

- 2) Je viens de recevoir le télégramme suivant de notre bureau central à New York:

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"NUMBER 110 CONCERNING ALREADY DEPORTED JEWS BUT PEST REPORTED HAVING DECLARED THAT ACTED CONFORMITY AGREEMENT PROVIDING HUNGARIAN WORKERS FOR GERMAN WAR INDUSTRY STOP URGENTLY WIRE THROUGH WARREFUGEEBOARD TEXT OR ALL AVAILABLE DET ILS THIS OR SIMILAR AGREEMENT"

Si vous êtes d'accord je voudrais répondre à ce télégramme comme suit:

from WKB from McClelland.
"Dr Leon Kabowitzki, World Jewish Congress 1334 Broadway New York.

Hungarian

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"~~RE~~ YOUR CABLE NUMBER 110, REPORTS INDICATING THAT DEPORTED JEWS ~~BUDAPEST~~ WERE SENT GERMANY CONFORMITY AGREEMENT (R O - VID ~~CA~~ HUNGARIAN WORKERS FOR GERMAN WAR INDUSTRY ARE OBVIOUSLY HUNGARIAN PROPAGANDA. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ~~NO~~ ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN THEIR REPLY TO INTERREDROSS ASKING WHERE DEPORTED PEOPLE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO DECLARED THAT THEY HAD BEEN SENT TO GERMANY FOR PURPOSES OF "ARBEITSEINSAITZ". APPARENTLY SIMILAR COMMUNICATION WAS MADE TO SWISS GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND FURTHERMORE THAT INTERREDROSS THEN ASKED HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES WHEREABOUTS OF DEPORTED AGED PEOPLE, CHILDREN, WOMEN, ETC BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

GERHART REIGNER."

Je vous serais très obligé de bien vouloir transmettre ce télégramme à Washington.

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3) Comme je vous ai communiqué au cours de notre conversation téléphonique de ce jour, je viens de recevoir le montant de 10.000.- \$ pour l'action slovaque-hongroise ainsi que 6.000.- \$ pour l'action italienne. Je remettrai le premier montant incessamment à Monsieur Kopecky. Pour le reste j'attendrai notre prochaine entrevue.

Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur, avec mes vifs remerciements, l'expression de nos sentiments les plus dévoués.

G. M. Rignier
(Gerhart M. Rignier)

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Mr. McCallister, 15 Elm

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37, Quai Wilson

Genève, le 11 août 1944.

TELEGRAM SENT

Monsieur
Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation des Etats Unis
Genève, le 14 août 1944

Monsieur,

J'accuse réception de votre lettre du 11 courant et ai pris bonne note du télégramme que vous m'indiqueriez expédier à Monsieur Louis SEGAL, du "National Workers' Alliance." Je rentre demain à Berne et ferai partir votre dépêche probablement mercredi.

J'aimerais vous suggérer que nous déjeunerions ensemble avec vos amis Monsieur Guy et Monsieur Gros lundi prochain, le 21 août, si cela vous convient. Pourriez-vous me passer un coup de fil au début de la matinée du 21 et nous fixerons l'heure et le lieu.

En attendant le plaisir de vous revoir et de rencontrer vos amis, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments bien distingués.

En vous remerciant d'avance, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments bien distingués.

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Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Marc Jarblum
Marc Jarblum

Monsieur Marc Jarblum
37, Quai Wilson,
Genève.

Je vous prie de me dire, quand je pourrai vous voir à Genève, ensemble avec mes amis Anédée Guy, député, et Louis Gros, sénateur.

Bien à vous *67*

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

Je viens de recevoir un télégramme de mon amis
Louis SEGAL, Secrétaire Général de National Workers'
Alliance, 45 East 17th Street à New York, dont voici
l'extrait:

"BOTH CABLES RECEIVED FUNDS FORTHCOMING
SHORTLY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ADVISE INFOR-
MATION ABOUT UNDERGROUND MUST COME THROUGH
WAR REFUGEE BOARD WASHINGTON".

Je vous prie donc de bien vouloir lui faire parvenir
la réponse ci-incluse.

En vous remerciant d'avance, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur,
l'expression de mes sentiments respectueux.

M. Jarblum
Marc Jarblum

P.S. Je vous prie de me dire, quand je pourrai vous voir
à Genève, ensemble avec mes amis Amédée Guy, député, et
Louis Gros, sénateur.

Bien à vous

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To: Department

Date: August 17, 2 p. m., 1944.

No: 5336

Code: Brown

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

For Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, from Gerhart Riegner: "Your cable No. 119. Reports indicating that deported Hungarian Jews were sent Germany conformity agreement to provide Hungarian workers for German war industry are obviously Hungarian propaganda. We have no knowledge any such agreement. I understand that Hungarian Government in their reply to ICRC asking where deported people had been taken declared they had been sent to Germany for purposes of 'Arbeitseinsatz'. Apparently similar communication was made to Swiss Government. I understand furthermore that ICRC then asked Hungarian authorities whereabouts of deported aged people, children, women, etc., but received no answer."

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From: Department

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

No.: 2873

Code: ~~SECRET~~

Received: August 22, 9 a.m.

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No. 131 from the War Refugee Board.

For McClelland.

World Jewish Congress

Please transmit the following message to Gerhard Riegner, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland:

When approached by the Belgian Legation, the ICRC ~~xxxx~~ stated its inability again to request authorization from the Germans to visit Jewish camps in Belgium. The ICRC also expressed its fear that a new request would endanger the sending of foodstuffs to these camps.

It is our conviction that the Red Cross could improve the situation of the Jews only by stressing repeatedly the right of interned Jews to be treated as civilian internees by analogy under the Convention of Geneva. The energetic action of the Red Cross in the case of the Hungarian Jews proves that the authority of this committee can still achieve much, particularly at the present stage of the war. Also wonder whether foodstuffs are actually received by Jewish refugees in Belgian camps. Signed: A. Leon Kubowitzki of the WJC.

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Via Courier

II/a 42 557

C.I.

Bern, August 22, 1944.
Geneva, August 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Riegner:

I have pleasure in quoting below a message which has been received for you from the World Jewish Congress:

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Thanking you in advance,
Sincerely yours,

very sincerely

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

(G. M. Riegner)

Mr. Gerhard Riegner,
Care of the American Consulate,
Geneva.

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Geneva, August 22, 1944

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
Elfenstr. 6
B e r n

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a cable which I have just received from our headquarters in New York and concerning a memorandum which the World Jewish Congress has submitted to the Conference of the Intergovernmental Committee for refugees at the occasion of their present session in London. I am equally enclosing a note in french language on the same subject.

I am sure that you will be interested in reading this document and I should be obliged to you if you would kindly inform of its content the American Minister as well as Mr. Huddle.

Thanking you in advance, I am

very sincerely

yours

G. M. Riegner

(G. M. Riegner)

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*requests - ambulances in these areas -
requests to H Gov or neutrals to act, American largely platonic
unlike to hold on 4. can be broken, set in.*

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number 123 we requested london office submit intergovernmental conference following program regarding hungarian jews first public declaration britain united states that jews occupied europe are under their protection respect physical safety second public statement interredcross that considers jews deprived freedom movement as civilian internees analogy geneva convention 1929 and determined obtain recognition as such third appropriate steps interredcross churches to obtain said status civilian internees fourth public statement great britain united states that territories under their administration open jews who can be rescued also that will care maintain feed and settle after war all jews granted asylum any european country fifth simultaneous public declaration by neutral countries that doors open jews occupied europe sixth presentation note to hungary by britain united states through protecting powers also by interredcross asking her repatriate jews already deported and establish machinery care protection in germany poland until repatriation seventh substantial increase redcross delegation in hungary view having one permanent delegate every important center eighth allocation by britain united states to interredcross considerable amounts pledged ninth adoption concrete measures evacuation hungarian jews especially children to safe havens special stress being laid palestine country of refuge turkey as transit tenth application food program finally authorized economic warfare division not to camps without jews as those suggested by interredcross but jewish internment labor extermination camps eleventh urgent adoption measures leading to destruction murder installations in death camps = nahum goldman leon kubowitzki

5. que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis aient, par l'intermédiaire des puissances protectrices et de la Croix-Rouge internationale, une note diplomatique à la Turquie lui demandant

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Une démarche du Congrès Juif Mondial auprès de la
Conférence du Comité intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés.

Le Comité Exécutif du Congrès Juif Mondial, par l'intermédiaire de son Bureau permanent à Londres, vient de soumettre à la Conférence du Comité intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés, qui se tient actuellement à Londres, un mémoire concernant les mesures de secours à entreprendre en faveur des Juifs hongrois. Dans ce mémoire, le Congrès Juif Mondial demande:

1. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis déclarent publiquement que les Juifs en Europe occupée se trouvent sous leur protection en ce qui concerne leur sécurité physique.

2. Que la Croix-Rouge Internationale déclare publiquement qu'elle considère les Juifs privés de leur liberté de mouvement comme internés civils en analogie avec la Convention de Genève de 1929 et qu'elle est déterminée à obtenir une reconnaissance des Juifs comme internés civils.

3. Que la Croix-Rouge Internationale et les Eglises prennent les mesures appropriées en vue de l'adoption du statut d'internés civils pour les Juifs.

4. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis déclarent publiquement que les territoires sous leur administration sont ouverts aux Juifs qui peuvent être sauvés et qu'ils assureront l'entretien, le ravitaillement et l'établissement après la guerre de tous les Juifs auxquels un asile a été accordé dans n'importe quel pays européen.

5. Que simultanément les pays neutres déclarent publiquement que leurs portes sont ouvertes aux Juifs des pays occupés de l'Europe.

6. Que la Grande-Bretagne et les Etats-Unis adressent, par l'intermédiaire des puissances protectrices et de la Croix-Rouge Internationale, une note diplomatique à la Hongrie lui demandant

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Geneva, August 28, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N E,

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Mr. Jarblum and myself received the following
cable from Dr. L. Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress
in New York:

" number 129 french committee request urgently
summary results children rescue action stop kindly
forward through war refugee board "

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a reply
to this cable in two copies, and should feel obliged to
you if you would kindly forward it as soon as possible to
Washington for communication to Dr. L. Kubowitzki.

Thanking you in advance, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

Since Jan 1st 1944 - 623 refugee children
under 16 - have entered S/Land from France -
abandoned over Geneva frontier. About 30
more should be added for Jura frontier.
About 600 more have arrived in company of
parents or relatives - making total of
about 1255. (Inf from L. G. OSF - Aug 29th 44)

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World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway

Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway

Replying yours 22/8 informing you that thanks fu
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To:

Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway
New York.

Replying yours 22/8 informing you that thanks funds put at our disposal by Congress and thanks funds put at disposal Jarblum by Palestine and by Joint following achievements were made in France: 1.350 children have been brought to Switzerland; 70 children to Spain. 700 children are hidden at the top. Furthermore 700 youngsters have been brought to Spain. 200 parents accompanying their children were evacuated. Finally 4.000 to 5.000 adults are hidden thanks action our people. The whole rescue action was necessarily intimately linked with illegal work of all kind notably procurement of monthly about 5.000 identity, rationing and worker's cards birth and baptisme certificates etc. as well as ~~with~~ appropriate equipment of armed convoys to frontiers. At present moment it is impossible to separate rescue children adults according various funds utilised as whole action was organised by our people with all available means. Our own participation amounted to more than eighteen million French francs. Our merit is to have initiated the whole action. Ourselves awaiting details from France which shall communicate as soon as possible.

= Jarblum Riegner

Geneva, August 28, 1944.

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C.I.

From: Department Date: August 25, 7 p.m., 1944

No. Bern, August 25, 1944.

Code: Dear Dr. Riegner:

Received: August 25, 3 p.m.

Thank you for your letter of August 22nd enclosing a copy of a cable which you recently received from the World Jewish Congress embodying the latter's recommendations to the Intergovernmental Conference on Refugees in London. I must state that I find most of the requests rather ambitious in their scope, and feel somewhat pessimistic that any very considerable results will be secured along these lines. Requests, for instance, to the Hungarian Government or to neutrals to take favorable action on behalf of Jews in Hungary will remain largely platonic unless the German hold on this country can be broken. Let us hope that recent military and political developments will attain this end in the near future.

With reference to point No. 10 concerning MEW permission, recently received by the International Red Cross, to receive parcels through the blockade for prisoners in German concentration camps, it might be pointed out that the volume of such assistance is very small in comparison to that, particularly financial, which goes to Jews in Europe. I have been particularly anxious to develop programs of relief under the War Refugee Board to persecuted persons in Nazi hands other than Jews to whom considerable relief is already being given. As you know, this whole question of distribution of food parcels is governed by practical considerations of the reasonable possibility of delivery, which unfortunately do not exist for the greater part of the Jewish camps, with the exception of Theresienstadt.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner,
World Jewish Congress,
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

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From: Department Date: August 25, 7 p.m., 1944
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Marc Jarblum and Dr. A. Silberschein, 37, Quai Wilson, Geneva, should be informed that license No. W-275 has been issued by Treasury to Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance, New York City, permitting them as disbursing trustees to make arrangements for rescue and relief operations in enemy and enemy-occupied areas. Terms of this license are identical with those of license W-2229 (Department's 2438 July 17) which was issued to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund Inc. of New York City, and the operations which it covers have the approval of the Department, Treasury, and WRB. Immediate remittance will be made under specific Treasury license by Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish "ational Workers Alliance of the equivalent in Swiss francs of \$8,000, and an additional amount of Swiss francs equivalent to \$10,000 will be remitted in the near future, to finance the operations contemplated under this license.

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Received: August 27, 2 p.m.

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PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 144. Please deliver following message, signed by A. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress, to Jarblum and Riegner in Geneva.

According to Barlas, Turkish consulates in Sofia, Bucharest and Budapest have been instructed to issue transit visas for refugees in groups of fifty en route for Palestine.

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

Let. to Messrs. Jarblum and Rieger % Geneva Con. 8/29 RDM/mjb

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: August 26, 7 p.m., 1944

No.: 2946

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: August 27, 5 p.m.



PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 143. Following message, signed A. Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, is for delivery to Messrs Jarblum and Rieger in Geneva.

122 Substantial increase in Intercross delegates to Hungary considered essential in view of persisting rumors that deportation of Hungarian Jews continues. As regards those who have already been deported, since Hungary asserts that it has only delivered manpower for German factories, we have requested that ICRC inquire whether Hungarian representatives in Germany take the same care of said manpower as is customary in the case of non-Jewish workers. Please support strongly. Executive's gratitude and appreciation should be expressed to all concerned for the decisive demarches in Intercross.

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World Jewish Congress
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are not to be (1) by purchasing in Switzerland the currency
in full or exchange of any currency in which the operations
were here to take place, provided your representatives are
fully reasonably sure that the sellers of such currency
have held it since before the date of the acquisition of the
country was frozen by the United States Government,
or that, if the currency was acquired subsequently
the acquisition took place under circumstances
which did not benefit your representatives
to consult with the American
Embassy in Bern, August, 29th, 1944.

Mr: Marc JARBLUM and
Dr. A. Silberschein
c/o World Jewish Congress,
37, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Dear Sirs:

The Legation has been requested to inform you that
License No. w-275 has been issued by the Treasury Department
to "Peale Zion Organization" and the "Jewish National Workers
Alliance," New York City, permitting them as disbursing
trustees to make arrangements for rescue and relief opera-
tions in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of
this license are identical with that issued to the World
Jewish Congress and communicated to Dr. Riegner in the Lega-
tion's letter of February, 10, 1944, and the operations which
it covers have the approval of the Department of State, the
Treasury Department and the War Refugee Board. For your
guidance the terms of the license are as follows:

(A) Authorization is hereby granted to your represen-
tives in Switzerland, together with such agents as
they may appoint, notwithstanding General Ruling No.
11, by any means which may be deemed by them expedient
or necessary, to communicate with persons in enemy
territory or in territory occupied by the enemy for
the purpose of arranging the evacuation of persons in
such territory, whose lives may be in imminent danger,
to such areas of safety or relative safety as such
representatives may select, and until such time as such
evacuation is possible, to arrange for the safeguarding
and sustenance of such persons, and to pursue any
other action which may be appropriate for said purposes,
including the payment of funds to persons in enemy
territory or in territory occupied by the enemy who
may have provided either services or goods in connec-
tion with the foregoing. For the purpose of acquiring
the necessary local currency for the purposes of
financing the operation referred to above, the follow-
ing three methods are authorized, provided that method
number 3 should not be used if it is feasible to
obtain the local currency by either of the other two
methods mentioned:
1. The use of specific sums under this
license, the total amounts represented by claims against
any blocked account established under this li. (1), plus
the sums which are paid out or otherwise obligated under it

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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are not to be" (1) By purchasing in Switzerland the currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided your representatives are reasonably sure that the sellers of such currency have held it since before the date as of which that country was frozen by the United States Government, or that, if the currency was acquired subsequently thereto, the acquisition took place under circumstances from which the enemy did not benefit, your representatives when possible to consult with the American Legation, Bern. Sellers of such local currency or exchange may be reimbursed in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rate of exchange in Switzerland.

"(2) By purchasing in enemy or enemy-occupied territory the local currency or exchange of the country in which the operation are to take place, provided reimbursement is to be made only after the war. By the establishment on your books in the United States of a blocked account, reimbursement subsequent to the war to the sellers of such local currency or exchange may be insured; or such blocked account may be in a bank in the United States or Switzerland, provided that without specific approval of the U.S. Treasury Department in each case there shall be no assignment of interest in such blocked account or payment from it.

"(3) By purchasing in enemy or enemy-occupied territory the necessary local funds, goods, services, or exchange, reimbursement to be made in foreign exchange or free currency notes (i.e. the sending of free foreign currency notes, such as Swiss francs or dollars into enemy or enemy-occupied territory), provided that reasonable steps to the extent possible are taken by your representatives to prevent such notes or exchange from being acquired by persons from whom the enemy may receive them.

(The method outlined in No. (3) is to be resorted to only "in extremis," that is in the face of a serious emergency situation, when local currency cannot be secured by the safer methods set forth in paragraphs A (1 & 2), or when such local currency is inadequate to effect the desired operations. Method A (3) should only be employed after prior consultation with the Legation).

"(B) Individual licenses will be issued by the Treasury Department authorizing the use of specific sums under this license. The total amounts represented by claims against any blocked account established under this license, plus the sums which are paid out or otherwise obligated under it

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Mr. McCallister
World Jewish Congress
August-December 1944

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Via Courier

From Department

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Date: August 29, 1944
Bern, August 29, 1944.

Messrs Marc Jarblum and Gerhart Riegner,
Care of American Consulate, Geneva.
Received August 30, 4 p.m.

Sirs:

PARAPHRASE

I take pleasure in quoting below two messages which have been received for you from A. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress:

"According to Barlas, Turkish consulates in Sofia, Bucharest and Budapest have been instructed to issue transit visas for refugees in groups of fifty en route for Palestine."

"Substantial increase in Intercross delegates to Hungary considered essential in view of persisting rumors that deportation of Hungarian Jews continues. As regards those who have already been deported, since Hungary asserts that it has only delivered manpower for German factories, we have requested that ICRC inquire whether Hungarian representatives in Germany take the same care of said manpower as is customary in the case of non-Jewish workers. Please support strongly. Executive's gratitude and appreciation should be expressed to all concerned for the decisive demarches in Intercross."

With reference to Sincerely yours,
refer to the Department's telegram No. 2817 of August 16, 1944.

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

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Copy made for Mr. Jarblum

Vertical text on the right margin: SEARCHED, SERIALIZED, INDEXED, FILED, AUG 30 1944, FBI - NEW YORK, Mr. McClelland's file, World Jewish Congress, August Director 1944

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

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Date: August 29, 3 p.m., 1944

No: 2979

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: August 30, 4 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

No. 150 from War Refugee Board.
For McClelland.

Reference is made to the second paragraph of the
Legation's telegram No. 5068.

It is assumed by the Board that your mention of
Italian and Slovakian rescue plans refers to the Lega-
tion's telegram No. 4666, of July 21, and 5079, of
August 7. If this assumption is not correct, your
clarification would be appreciated.

We appreciate your support of the project described
in your 4666 (including financial aid). You are authorized
at your discretion, to continue such support.

With reference to the Legation's No. 5079, please
refer to the Department's telegram No. 2817 of August
16, 1944.

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Geneva, le 31 août 1944.
37, Quai Wilson

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Monsieur Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States
Geneva

Bern, August 31, 1944.

Dear Mr. Riegner:

I merely wish to send you a few lines to acknowledge
your letter of the 28th and to let you know that the wire
for Dr. Kubowitzki has been dispatched.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Gerhart M. Riegner,
World Jewish Congress,
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

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August 31, 1944

Marc Jarblum

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Genève, le 31 août 1944.
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Monsieur Roswell D. Mc Clelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States
Berne
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Cher Monsieur,

Je m'empresse de vous exprimer mes vifs
remerciements pour votre lettre du 29 août. J'ai pris
connaissance de toutes les conditions de la licence
et bien entendu, je m'y conformerai. J'ai remis la copie
de votre lettre au Dr. Silberschein.

Je pense rentrer dans quelques jours en
France et je profite de cette occasion pour vous remercier
pour toute aide et conseils que vous m'avez apportés.

Votre bien dévoué,

M. Jarblum

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Geneva, August 3, 1944.

(C.L.)

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 27, and wish to inform you that after our various personal conversations I have remitted the amount of 25.000.- Swiss francs to the Italian Resistance Movement.

Within a short time I shall inform you of the details relative to the question as to how the funds are to be transferred to Italy, and whether the amount will remain entirely in Switzerland.

Very sincerely yours

G. W. P. [Signature]

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Geneva, August 3, 1944.

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
BERN.

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G. M. Riegner
Gerhard M. Riegner

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World Jewish Congress
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Geneva, September 4, 1944.



Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I venture to request you to kindly forward
the enclosed cable draft to Washington for delivery
to Mr. L. Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress in
New York.

Thanking you so much in advance, I am

yours very sincerely

Gerhard M. Riegner

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Geneva, September 5, 1944.



Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
B E R N E.

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Dear Mr. McClelland,

Referring to our to-day's conversation by telephone I should be very obliged to you if you would kindly transmit the enclosed cable draft through your Legation in Stockholm to Mr. Hilel STORCH, our representative in Sweden.

With many thanks in advance, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner
Gerhard M. Riegner

enclosure: 1 cable draft.

MR McClelland Esq
Legation of the United States of America
Bern
World Jewish Congress
Sept. 5, 1944

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: AmLegation, Stockholm

Date: September 8, 3p.m., 1944

No: 23

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

(O.L.)

PARAPHRASE

For Olsen from McClelland:

Any additional confidential information concerning reported negotiations mentioned in the message quoted below which you might be able to send to me would be valuable in assisting us to gauge intentions of the Nazis who have similarly been attempting here in Switzerland to secure ransom, particularly in goods for Hungarian and other Jews in their hands.

From Gerhard Riegner, WJC, Geneva for Hilel Storch, representative World Jewish Congress, 10 Furusundsgatan:

"With reference to our telephone conversation of September 4, I would appreciate your transmitting through the American Legation as detailed a report as possible on Stockholm negotiations with Germans concerning the liberation of various Jewish groups from Hungary and Germany. You should indicate especially which groups are concerned, their number, conditions of the Germans, the present state of negotiations and the prospects. Please keep us informed."

This communication is from McClelland for the WRB representative in Stockholm.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Via Courier

Date: September 2, 9 a.m., 1944

No.: 3754

Code: [redacted]

Bern, September 19, 1944.

Dear Mr. Riegner: PARAPHRASE

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you and Mr. Marc Jarblum from the World Jewish Congress in New York through the facilities of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board:

"With Our No. 132. 700 Jews, we have been informed, were deported from Fossoli camp to Germany. Repeated requests have been made at Intercross that it demand from the Fascist authorities in Northern Italy the right to include within the scope of its work Jews who are deprived of freedom of movement, as Italians have always conceded application of prisoners of war treaty to civilian internees. It is suggested that Intercross make formal representation to the Fascist authorities. You are requested to urge that such action be taken. Leon Kubowitaki."

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Gerhart Riegner,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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By: R. M. Foss Date: SEP 20 1972

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Mrs. Gerhart Riegner
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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: September 2, 9 a.m., 1944

No: 5754

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

PARAPHRASE

The following is from McClelland for WRB and contains a message from Jarblum and Riegner for Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress:

"With reference to your telegram of August 22, I wish in reply to thank you for the funds placed at our disposal by the World Jewish Congress as well as those placed at Jarblum's disposal by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Joint Distribution Committee. With regard to France the following has been achieved: Since October 1943 1350 children and young people up to 20 years of age have reached Switzerland. Some 700 have been hidden in France while 70 children have reached Spain. There have further been evacuated to Spain some 700 young people as well as 200 parents accompanying their children. From 4,000 to 5,000 adults have been helped to hide by our people in France. Necessarily such rescue work is linked with illegal activity of all sorts, particularly the procuring of about 5,000 false identity and ration cards, work permits, birth and baptismal certificates per month. Considerable expenditure has been necessary for appropriate equipment for armed convoys to the frontiers. It is impossible at the present moment to separate the rescue of children from that of adults according to the various funds used, as action by our people using all available means was organized as a whole. Our own participation amounted to more than 18,000,000 French francs. Further detailed information from France which we shall communicate as soon as possible is awaited."

\$62.15.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department *(initials)* Date: September 8, 11 a. m., 1944.
Code: [REDACTED] No: 5928
Charged to:

Paraphrase

Following from WRB representative McClelland for WRB.

"With reference to your cable no. 128. Apart from the negotiations which Dr. Schwartz of the JDC has commissioned Saly Mayer to conduct, and of which - insofar as we know details - we do not expect great results, it is impossible at the present time to submit any concrete rescue program regarding Hungary since every minute the political and military situation is changing. According to unconfirmed information, deportations appear to have continued from the Hungarian provinces, at least to a certain extent. We have made, and renewed on several occasions, all possible démarches with Intercross and its President, Judge Max Ruber personally, as well as with other competent authorities to whom we submitted all communications received from you on the situation in Hungary and that of the people who have been deported already. We insisted especially that the utmost be done to prevent the mass murder of Jews in Hungary and other countries at the last moment. We do not believe in the effective action of Intercross as such official bodies appear not to have access to those German authorities in whose hands lies the real power in Germany and in countries under their domination. In particular we have no illusion whatever as to the possibility of the realization of the rescue program which was announced in the July communiqués of Intercross, since, in our opinion, the present situation excludes any important measure of evacuation. Intercross has not yet even received transit visas either for their two special delegates for Hungary or for the subordinate staff, which fact prevents them from undertaking in Hungary any effective action and supervision.

The receipt of \$10,000 for Hungary is hereby

acknowledged

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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acknowledged and request that you transmit to us maximum funds for the same purpose. New possibilities may occur any minute in view of the changing situation. We are watching the situation closely and are investigating all possible means of rescue of small groups at least.

We financed a series of publications concerning the situation in Hungary, reports on extermination camps in Upper Silesia and the Jewish struggle against the Nazis. These publications were widely circulated. We request that you send us urgently a special publicity fund for the continuation of this work and activities of a similar type."

The message quoted above is from Jarblum and Dr. Riegner for Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress.

HARRISON

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Bern, September 28, 1944.

We are especially interested in the abovementioned information concerning persons believed to be at present in the internment camp of Bergen-Belsen, Kreis Celle, near Hanover, Germany.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

It will be appreciated by the War Refugee Board if you will be able to assist in an inquiry with a view to obtaining as complete lists as possible of all endangered Jews at present in Germany or German-occupied territory, whether they are in internment camps for American nationals or not, in whose names "ad hoc" nationality documents of various Latin American countries have been issued. The War Refugee Board is particularly interested in receiving the names and present or last known addresses of persons for whom documents were issued in the past but who are believed not to be in physical possession of these papers.

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In compiling such lists the date of birth of the document holder (in case only the head of a family possesses the nationality certificate, his date of birth only need be given), his or her present or last known address, the date and place of issuance of the document, the consular office responsible, and, naturally, the name of the country in which the nationality document was issued should all be included, whenever possible, on such lists. Please establish your lists in 7 copies (seven) on thin paper.

In the interest of assembling these lists as rapidly as possible, the War Refugee Board is turning to you for your kind cooperation in the hope that you will be able to supply such information at least for a certain number of cases known to you.

We

Dr. Gerhart Riegner,
World Jewish Congress,
37, Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

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DATE, October 2, 1944.

We are especially interested in the abovementioned information concerning persons believed to be at present in the internment camp of Bergen-Belsen, Kreis Celle, near Hanover, Germany.

It will be appreciated by the War Refugee Board if such lists could be forwarded to me (c/o American Legation, Elfenstrasse 6, Bern) in the near future.

BERNE.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Mr. McClelland: Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister
May I request you to dispatch through the
War Refugee Board the enclosed cable draft to Dr. Leon
Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress in New York.

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The text of the enclosed cable draft implies my reply to Mr. Kubowitzki's cable which reads as follows:

"number 134 London office officially informed Netherlands government creation special department under direction Dentz rescue Dutch Jewish deportees and asked for practical suggestions stop Please consult Dr. Folek Daniels and wire fullest your ideas through warrefugee-board."

Thanking you so much in advance, I am

yours very sincerely

G. K. Riegner

Gerhart K. Riegner

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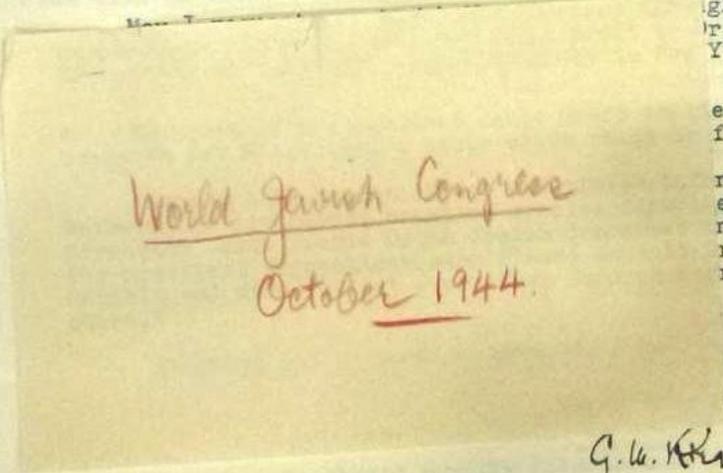
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Geneva, October 2, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
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G. M. Riegner
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Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

May I request you to kindly dispatch through the War Refugee Board the enclosed cable draft to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress in New York.

The text of the enclosed cable draft implies my reply to Mr. Kubowitzki's cable which reads as follows:

"number 134 London office officially informed Netherlands government creation special department under direction Dentz rescue Dutch Jewish deportees and asked for practical suggestions stop Please consult Dr. Polak Daniels and wire fullest your ideas through warrefugee-board."

Thanking you so much in advance, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner
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Mr. McClelland, U.S. Legation

World Jewish Congress, Geneva, Switzerland, 1944

For WK 13 from Mclelland

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

From Riegner

Your cable No. 134. Discussed fully whole problem with
 Dr. Polak Daniels who, on behalf of Dutch government, has
 established in Switzerland repatriation unit for deported
 Dutch subjects sofar without equipment. I have studied ~~the~~
 excellent instructions he received this respect from Mr.
 Ferwerda Commissioner for repatriation of Dutch government.
 It is impossible for us to make any concrete suggestions
 as long as we ^{until} do not know exactly what role UNRRA respectively ^{and}
 other international or governmental bodies intend to play
 this whole matter. We would be most grateful for any detailed
 report this subject. As ^{large majority remnant} greatest number of remnants of deported
 Jews will be found in Eastern Europe notably ^{particularly Poland} Polish and other
 territories liberated by ^{Soviet} Red Army the most urgent problem is, in
 our mind, to see that special units dealing with enquiry and
 first assistance to deported Jews should be established and
^{formed} be admitted by Soviet authorities to follow at shortest distance
 possible advancing Russian troops in territories liberated by
 Soviet Army. These units should deal with deportees' registration,
 medical aid, relief, welfare, social work, preparation of transport
 for repatriation or emigration. Reports of these units should
 currently be sent both to national authorities and an international
 centre dealing with deportees questions. Arrangement for admission
 such units should be made immediately with Soviet authorities.
 We shall appreciate to ^{know} whether you are in contact this
 respect with Polish National Committee in Lublin especially
 Dr. Sommerstein. We should ^{welcome} equally like to know your opinion
 concerning necessity of ^{setting up} establishment of special Jewish
 international central body for ^{to deal with problem of deportees} deportees problems. This
 depends on plans intentions of UNRRA other official bodies.
 Informing you that ^{ICRC} Interredcross ^{intends} intend establish here one
 single central alphabetic fichier for all displaced people
 without distinction nationality religion race etc. but note that
 Interredcross without any relations with Soviet authorities.

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- Gerard Riegner

Geneva, October 2, 1944.

Washington 25, D.C.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Secstate
Washington

Date: @ 5. 5, 1 Pm, 1944

No: 6629

Code:

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

For Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, from Riegner.

"Your cable No. 134. Discussed fully whole problem with Dr. Polak Daniels who, on behalf Dutch Government, has organized in Switzerland repatriation unit for deported Dutch subjects so far without equipment. Have studied excellent instructions he received this respect from Mr. Ferwerda Commissioner for repatriation of Dutch Government. It is impossible for us make any concrete suggestions until we know exactly what rôle UNRRA and other international or governmental bodies intend to play this whole matter. We would be most grateful for any details this subject. As large majority remnant deported Jews will be found in Eastern Europe particularly Poland and other territories liberated by Soviet Army most urgent problem is, in our mind, to see that special units dealing with location and first assistance to deported Jews should be formed and admitted

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: October 6, 8 p.m., 1944

No: 3434

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: October 7, 4 p.m.

Answered No. *WRB-PTM/WRB*
Answered No.

PARAPHRASE

Gerhart M. O.L.

*World Jewish Congress
27, 16th Wilson, Geneva*

WRB No. 201.

Please deliver following message to Riegner in

Geneva.

"List of 116 bearers of Latin American passports has been forwarded through the War Refugee Board to McClelland for exchange purposes. Leon Kubowitzki."

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-73
By *4. H. [unclear]* Date SEP 26 1972

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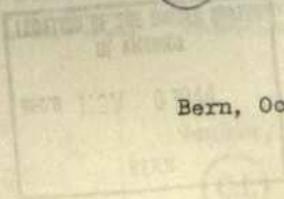
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



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AIR MAIL

No. 2387



October 12, 1944

Bern, October 11, 1944.

Dear Mr. Riegner:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you from the World Jewish Congress through the facilities of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board:

The "List of 1163 bearers of Latin American passports has been forwarded through the War Refugee Board to McClelland for exchange purposes. Leon Kubowitzki."

ing each person listed therein from the World Jewish Congress for transmission to Gerhard Riegner, Geneva.

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

Mr. Gerhart M. Riegner,
World Jewish Congress,
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

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the World Jewish Congress.

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By R. B. Foster Date 05/16/82

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

** Forwarded to S. Riegner
Nov. 8th*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



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October 12, 1944

AIR MAIL

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To the
Officer in charge of the American Mission,
Bern.

The Secretary of State forwards at the request of
the War Refugee Board a list of names and data concern-
ing each person listed therein from the World Jewish
Congress for transmission to Gerhard Riegner, Geneva.

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World Jewish Congress

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Cher Monsieur,

Je viens d'apprendre par le Journal de Genève que Madame Mc Clelland a eu un petit garçon et je me permets de vous présenter, ainsi qu'à Madame Mc Clelland, mes très vives et cordiales félicitations à l'occasion de cet heureux événement. Je forme, en même temps, les vœux les plus sincères pour l'avenir de votre fils et espère qu'il connaîtra un monde plus heureux et plus humain que celui dont nous sommes aujourd'hui les témoins.

Je saisis cette occasion pour vous dire une fois de plus combien j'apprécie le soutien que vous ne cessez de donner à nos efforts et la compréhension que nous avons toujours rencontrée chez vous. Soyez assuré qu'une telle compréhension nous facilite la lourde tâche que nous devons entreprendre dans une situation vraiment désespérée.

Avec mes meilleurs vœux pour vous et votre famille, croyez-moi, cher Monsieur,

vosre bien dévoué

G. W. Requier

Monsieur R. Mc Clelland
7, rue des Chaudronniers
Genève

Washington 25, D.C.

*Mrs. Mc Clelland
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Mr. Mc Clelland
World Jewish Congress
Bureau, Dec 1944*

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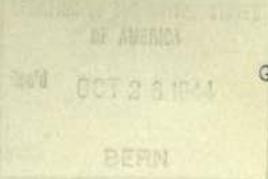
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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
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Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am sending you herewith the whole correspondence with the International Red Cross concerning our request to extend the guarantees granted to civil internees to the Jews deprived of their liberty of movement in Germany and the occupied territories. You will note that the communication of President Huber must be handled as confidential.

I am equally enclosing a cable draft for our office in New York resuming these negotiations, and am requesting you to forward it to Washington.

I am furthermore enclosing herewith a note to our New York office with the whole correspondence attached, and beg to ask you to kindly send this communication by diplomatic bag to Washington.

Thanking you so much for your kindness, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

Washington 25, D.C.

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DR. A. SILBERSCHN

GENÈVE LE 31. octobre 1944.
10, avenue Miremont.

Monsieur
R. Mac Clelland
Legation des Etats Unis
B e r n e

(C.I.)

Cher Monsieur,

J'étais obligé d'attendre aujourd'hui si longtemps au Consulat Français à cause de mon visa de transit que je n'étais plus à même de vous faire parvenir encore ici à Genève le texte du télégramme dont nous avons parlé.

Je me permets donc de vous transmettre ce texte ci-joint, et je vous remercie très sincèrement que vous vouliez bien l'expédier au Congrès Juif Mondial à New York.

En outre vous trouvez ci-joint le cable de New York du 13 septembre qui contient l'invitation à la conférence du Congrès Juif Mondial. Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir me rendre ce télégramme après que vous en ayez pris connaissance.

Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur, mes salutations les meilleures.

Dr. A. Silberschein

Télégrammes: SILBADO-GENÈVE - Téléphones: 27200 - 27352

Washington 25, D.C.

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Washington 25, D.C.

Télégrammes: SILBADO-GENÈVE - Téléphones: 27280 - 27392

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October 24, 1944.

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Geneva, October 24, 1944.



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Legation of the United States of America,
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Dear Mr. McClelland,

I venture to request you to kindly send the enclosed cable draft to the War Refugee Board in Washington for transmission to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress, New York.

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Enclosure: one cable draft.

Washington 25, D.C.

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Mr. McClelland Esq.

World Jewish Congress

For WKTB from McClelland

from Gerhart Riegner
Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway
NEW YORK

Regarding

4 Your ~~155~~ ¹⁵⁵ re alarming news Hungary proceeded immediately requested interventions Interredcross and Swiss Political Department. ~~Am informing you that Interredcross possessing~~ ^{ICRC} cable their Budapest Delegate Schirmer of 17/10 ^{dated Oct 17} indicating that on that date situation Jews calm but expressing fear that every moment new measures ^{might} be taken. Delegate informed also that Jewish Council ^{had} opposed Jewish houses ^{marking} be marked with special ^{placards} doorplates indicating the protection of CICR. Political Department ^{ICRC} possessing later news stating that authorities ^{proceeding} (already ^{to} evacuation ~~of~~ inhabitants Jewish houses to surroundings of Budapest and government not recognizing foreign ^{intervention} interference and protection documents. Kraus Director Paloffice Budapest cabled 23/10 urgently appealing for USA help which indicates that situation deteriorated very much last days. I understand that also official American intervention was made last days ^{with} Swiss Government. All ^{then} information ^{to influence} confidential. You should use all ^{means} ~~of~~ ^{to influence} propoganda your disposal view impress Hungarian Government and people >> #

= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, October 24, 1944.

Washington 25, D.C.

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Washington

Date: OCT. 26, 1971

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For WRB from McClelland.

For Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress, from
Gerhart Riegner:

"Your 155 Regarding alarming news Hungary
proceeded immediately requested interventions
Intercross and Swiss Political Department. ICRC
possesses cable their Budapest Delegate Schirmer
dated October 17 indicating that on that date
situation Jews calm but expressing fear that any
moment new measures might be taken. Schirmer also
stated Jewish Council had opposed marking Jewish
houses with special placards indicating protection.
Political Department received later news stating
that authorities already proceeding evacuation
inhabitants Jewish houses to surroundings of Budapest
and government not recognizing foreign intervention
and protection documents. Kraus Director Paloffice
Budapest

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-71

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

Washington 25, D.C.

Budapest cabled October 23 urgently appealing for USA help which indicates that situation deteriorated very much last days. I understand that also official American intervention was made last days with Swiss Government. All this information confidential. You should use all propaganda means your disposal to influence Hungarian Government and people". \$.....^{52.60}

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

Washington 25, D.C.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: October 26, 7 p.m., 1944

No: 3653

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: October 27, 9 a.m.

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WRB No. 240. For Harrison and McClelland.

Program for sending of food parcels from Sweden to unassisted persons at Bergen Belsen and other camps under German control was presented to the Department, FEA and MEW for approval, without reference to WRB. The Department and FEA on October 20, in accord with MEW, authorized program calling for the shipment of 93 tons of food parcels to German-controlled camps. This plan, as developed by World Jewish Congress representative in Sweden, calls for the distribution of these food parcels under the supervision of the Swedish YMCA.

Above for your information.

As regards War Refugee Board's program for shipment of 300,000 parcels from the United States, American Red Cross will have the remaining 285,000 parcels ready for shipment by way of Marseilles in November. The instructions given in Legation's 8263 September 21 are all being observed by Amcross.

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Bern, October 27, 1944.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

Confirming our Bern, October 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In enclosing the interesting documents relative to this morning I acknowledge your letter of October 26, 1944. I am pleased to enclose for your information and for forwarding to the World Jewish Congress, a set of rather interesting documents covering the discussions which have taken place during the past few months between the World Jewish Congress office at Geneva and the International Committee of the Red Cross. They concern the various attempts of the World Jewish Congress to secure the extension to Jews of the rights granted, by analogy to the Geneva Prisoner of War Convention of 1929, to interned civilians of belligerent countries in German hands.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure:

Documents as stated.

With kind regards, I remain,
Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

RDM/mjb

Roswell B. McLelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Dr. Gilbert M. Riegner
Care World Jewish Congress,
27, Grand Wilson, Geneva.

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TELEGRAM SENT Born, October 27, 1944.

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To: Department Date: October 28, 1944, noon

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning I acknowledge your letter of October 25 enclosing the interesting documents relative to your discussions with the International Committee of the Red Cross during recent weeks.

The set intended for your office in the United States, along with your covering letter, has been forwarded by diplomatic courier and should reach your people within the next two weeks. For that reason, our Chancery felt that it could not undertake to cable the rather long summary of your demarches which you also enclosed. I regret that this was not possible, but then you will understand that our code room is very heavily taxed these days.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner
Care World Jewish Congress,
37, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department (C.L.) Date: October ~~22~~²⁹, 1944, noon
 No: 7193
 Code: ██████████ Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.
 For Nahum Goldmann and Leon Kubowitzki of
 World Jewish Congress from Gerhart Riegner:

"Referring information concerning tragic
 situation Jews Budapest contained in McClelland's
 cable of October 25 to WRB, I can inform you con-
 fidentially that Intercross protested energetically
 to Hungarian Government against new deportations,
 on basis promise received July 18 from Hungarian
 authorities concerning cessation deportations
 and threatened to publish breach of official
 promise if action carried out." \$ 25.00

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 In triplicate.
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In duplicate to files
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 By H. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Geneva, October 27, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
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Legation of the United States of America
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Referring to my to-day's conversation I beg to inform you that I had this morning a conversation with Dr. Bachmann who confirmed me the communication you have already transmitted to Washington. He stated that their Delegate Schirmer has already made a vigorous protest at the Hungarian Government and that he was anew instructed to communicate a very strong protest to the Hungarian Government based on the old promise they had made. The International Red Cross also menaced in their communication to be obliged to publish the news concerning the taking up of deportation, should this prove to be genuine.

I shall be obliged to you if you would kindly cable the enclosed draft to the World Jewish Congress in New York.

Thanking you in advance, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner
Gerhart M. Riegner

Washington 25, D.C.

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Mr. McClelland Esq.
World Jewish Congress
Geneva, October 27, 1944

File: World Jewish Congress

For WKB from McClelland.

For ~~Mr.~~ Nahum Goldmann ^{and} ~~Mr.~~ Leon Kubowitzki ^{of} World Jewish Congress, ~~1834 Broadway~~ New York.

u Referring information concerning tragic situation ^{of October 25 to WKB} ~~contained~~ ^{Jews Budapest} in McClelland's ~~message~~ cable, informing you confidentially that InterCross ~~made~~ ^{energetically protested} Hungarian Government against new deportations on basis promise received from Hungarian authorities concerning cessation deportations ~~menacing~~ ^{that} ~~to~~ they will publish breach of official promise if ~~news genuine~~ ^{action carried out} "

July 18

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= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, October 27, 1944.

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World Jewish Congress
November 1944.

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In this letter I enclose to you herewith a letter to the World Jewish Congress in New York, in which are attached a number of lists of Jewish children in the concentration camps in the Camp of Bergen-Belsen.

As I have already informed you on few occasions, the needs urgently these lists, and therefore I am requesting you to kindly dispatch them by diplomatic bag to the War Refugee Board.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours

David M. Greenglass

Enclosure: Lists of Jewish Children

Washington 25, D.C.

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NEW YORK (C.I.) NEW YORK

RECEIVED TODAY AMERICAIN VISA STOP VIEW LACK OF TIME AND TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES VIA SPAIN ARRIVAL IN TIME ONLY POSSIBLE VIA PARIS STOP CABLE IF YOU BOOKED AIRPLANEPLACE FOR ME STOP IF NOT BOOK IMMEDIATELY AND ANSWER BY SAME WAY STOP CABLE ALSO EXACT BEGINNING AND DURATION CONFERENCE BECAUSE HERE RUMOURS PROROGATION

ABRAHAM SILBERSCHNIN

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Referring to our various conversations on this matter I have the honor to advise to you herewith a letter to the World Jewish Congress in New York, to which are attached a number of lists of Jewish interests in Theresienstadt and in the Ghetto of Bergen-Belsen.

As I have already informed you our New York Office needs urgently these lists, and therefore I am requesting you to kindly dispatch them by diplomatic bag to the War Refugee Board.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours

G. B. Rosen
Charles A. Rieger

Enclosure: Lists of Jewish interests and letter.

Washington 25, D.C.

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Geneva, November 1st, 1944

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Referring to our various conversations on this matter I have the honour to submit to you herewith a letter to the World Jewish Congress in New York, to which are attached a number of lists of Jewish internees in Theresienstadt and in the Camp of Bergen-Belsen.

As I have already informed you our New York Office needs urgently these lists, and therefore I am requesting you to kindly dispatch them by diplomatic bag to the War Refugee Board.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner
Gerhart M. Riegner

Enclosure: lists of internees; one letter.

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mr. Huddle
From: Mr. McClelland Nov. 1, 1944.

Dr. Silberschein, according to information he furnished me, was invited to come to New York by the World Jewish Congress to take part in a conference (which was originally scheduled to start on Nov. 11th.) dealing with the question of Jewish deportees and what further relief and rescue action in their behalf could be undertaken. Since time is so short he has asked me to transmit this wire for him to the WJC. I should be inclined to do it for diplomatic reasons, but would appreciate your thought on the matter.

RDMcC.

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To: Department
Code: *Brown* (3)
Date: November 1, 1944, 6 PM
No.: 7268
Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.
For World Jewish Congress from Abraham Silberschein.

"Received American Visa today. View lack of time and traffic difficulties via Spain arrival on time only possible via Paris. Cable if you booked airplane for me. If not book immediately and confirm. Also please cable exact date opening and duration conference because rumors here of prorogation."

\$ 17.30

HARRISON

RDMcC.
In triplicate.

Copy in 7A

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World ^{no} 44
Nov 2 / 44

Dr. Nahum Goldmann Dr. Leon Kubowitzki
World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York

Following our repeated intervention at CICR re treatment of interned deported Jews as civil internees terms Geneva Convention respectively Tokio project Professor Burekhardt communicated us confidentially that CICR addressed on October 2 official note to German ministry foreign affairs claiming grant same guarantees as contained in Geneva Convention and Tokio Project to all foreign ^{en3} people ^{detained} sojourning in Germany and occupied territories and in fact deprived of liberty of movement and designed as "Schutzhäftlinge" of foreign nationality. According to Burekhardt's statement this notion ^{covers} is covering not only all foreign workers political detainees but also all foreign Jews interned or deported in Germany or occupied territories. CICR now awaiting reply of German government. Dispatched you documentation concerning our negotiations with CICR this matter through (Warrefugeeboard ^{WRB.})

Gerhart Rigner

1-16-44

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● Hilel Storch
Furusundsgatan 10
Stockholm

Please cable precise details concerning Swedish action favor hungarian Jews as New York Office asking me interrene irish spanish swiss authorities requesting protection along lines swedish action. Cable also results of swedish efforts. According news received here from Swiss Minister Budapest swedish protection documents were not recognised by hungarian authorities. awaiting urgent reply.

Gjerhart Riegner

Add: That I would like to have this information myself.

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From: Department Date: November 2, 11 p.m., 1944
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PARAPHRASE

(C.L.)

WRB No. 250.

Following message is for Dr. Riegner from Dr. Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress.

It is understood that 16,000 Jews were deported to Germany from Kaunas before the Germans retreated. We shall appreciate your checking this information and ascertaining if possible their present whereabouts. Please cable also your suggestions with regard to the relief and rescue of these persons.

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In duplicate

re copy in F.A

*Dr. Gerhart Riegner
 World Jewish Congress
 37, Quai Wilson
 Geneva.*

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

Washington 25, D.C.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: AmLegation - Stockholm Date: November 2³, 1944
 No.: 27
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For WRB representative from McClelland.
 Kindly deliver following message from Gerhart Riegner to Hilel Storch, Furusundsgatan 10 :
 "Please cable precise details concerning Swedish action in behalf of Hungarian Jews in Budapest as our New York office has asked me to approach Irish, Spanish and Swiss authorities requesting protection along Swedish lines. Have these Swedish efforts been successful. According news received by IORC from Swiss Minister Budapest Swedish protection documents have recently and specifically not (repeat not) been recognized by Hungarian authorities. Anxiously await your reply." \$ 6.96

HARRISON

RDMcC.

In triplicate.

*In duplicate to files
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Washington 25, D.C.

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Dr Leon Kubowitzki
World Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York

Re situation Hungary CICR communicated us confidentially following news based on cable report just received here from Swiss Minister in Budapest. 1) Swiss protection documents were recognised by Hungarian authorities. 2) Swedish protection documents were not recognised. 3) Male Jewish population was not deported but sent for fortification work outside Hungary. 4) This measure is stated to be a general one touching as well non-Jewish as Jewish men. 5) Jewish children and women are at their houses in Budapest. 6) The CICR is requested to furnish urgently (linen) clothing and food stuff for these women and children. Please cable whether you are disposed participate this action and what amounts available

Gerhart Riegner

1. 11. 44.

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE
Division d'Assistance

Rappeler dans la réponse:

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Spéciale GENEVE, le 8 novembre 1944.

Chèques postaux 1.3377
Téléphone 4 23 05
Téleg. "INTERCROIXROUGE"

ML/AP

Palais du Conseil-Général



*To: WRPs parcels consigned to
World J.C. office in Stockholm
for distribution.*

Monsieur McClelland
Légation des Etats-Unis
B e r n e

29, Alpenstrasse

Concerne : envoi de colis de vivres de Suède aux Israélites internés dans des camps en Allemagne.

Monsieur,

Faisant suite à notre lettre du 19 octobre à ce sujet, nous nous permettons de vous signaler que le Représentant du Congrès juif mondial à Genève vient de nous faire savoir que l'envoi de colis envisagé depuis la Suède se fera sous l'autorité et le contrôle du Comité universel des Unions chrétiennes de Jeunes gens (K.F.U.M.) en Suède et non pas du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge.

Nous avons par conséquent annulé les dispositions que nous avons données précédemment à notre délégation à Goeteborg en vue de la confection des colis. Nous n'avons pas voulu manquer de vous signaler ce qui précède pour votre information et de préciser que nous n'aurons donc plus à assumer un contrôle quant à ces secours destinés à Bergen-Belsen.

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

Pour le Comité International
de la Croix Rouge:

[Handwritten signature]
Directeur de la Division
d'Assistance Spéciale

Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. PETERS

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To: Department

Date: November 9, 1944 *9 PM*

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For WRB from McClelland,

Legation's 7268, November 1

Any assistance WRB could give World Jewish Congress in securing places on plane between Paris and London for Abraham Silberschein and wife (she represents Selfhelp in Switzerland) would be appreciated. They are going to WJC conference opening in New York November 26 and expect to be in Paris around November 16.

HARRISON

RDMcC.

Copy in FA.

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War Relocation Authority,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. PETERSON

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World Jewish Congress

Bern, November 6th., 1944.

(C.I.)
(C.I.)

Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner
Bern, November 6, 1944.

World Jewish Congress,

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing under cover of this letter, for delivery to the World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York, New York (to Mr. Arjeh Tartakower and Mr. Chaim Finkelstein), six lists of Jewish deportees at present in the camp of Bergen-Belsen, Kreis Celle, bei Hannover, and in the Ghetto of Theresienstadt, "Protectorate" of Bohemia and Moravia. These lists are being forwarded with an introductory letter to the World Jewish Congress by Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the representative of this organization in Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

The second is another list of persons who are thought to be in THERESIENSTADT. I should be most grateful to you and Dr. Hill to check it against your files as in the case of the first one. As stated.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Executive Director, War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Pehle

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Raffaels

Bern, November 8th., 1944.

Dr. Gernart M. Riegner
World Jewish Congress,
37, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

I am transmitting to you enclosed herewith two lists which I recently received from the War Refugee Board.

The first is for you from the World Jewish Congress and involves a rather old list of the first group of persons removed (or rather deported) from Vittel during April of this year. As it is a list which we already possessed here at Bern and which Dr. Silberschein also has, I am not quite sure of your committee's purpose in sending it to you.

The second is another list of persons who are thought to be in THERESIENSTADT. I should be most grateful to you and Dr. Ullmann if you could check it against your files as in the case of the first one.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

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Raffaels
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has filed application at
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Mr. Mead, 11/16/44
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August - December 1944

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Cordially yours,

Raffaele Cantoni - hope
to receive a French transit
visa to return to Southern
Italy. Has filed application at
French Embassy, Bern. for this.
Expects to have an answer to-day
Nov 10th about 5 p.m.

Has a letter from Johnson
of our consulate at Lugano.
Cantoni has heard & there is a
phone from Armenace to
Italy.

Recommended by Milan
Committee de Liberation
C. & MacDonald & Evoni

Béchet - ask Mr. Teizelaw.
Send short letter of recommendation.

Nov 10th.
Mr. Paul Béchet } French Embassy
note to Mr. Teizelaw

War Relocation Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Riegner

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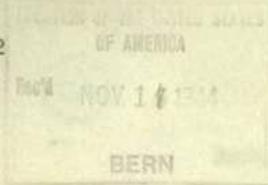
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Geneva, November 10, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am enclosing herewith a note on my conversation with Dr. Schirmer, Representative in Budapest of the CICR. I should feel very obliged to you if you would kindly transmit the same note to our Office in New York.

I am enclosing also a draft of a résumé which I should like to have meanwhile cabled to Washington.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner
Gerhart M. Riegner

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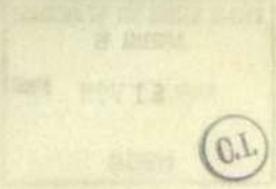
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Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. PETER

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World Jewish Congress, Raffaele



Bern, November 11, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am pleased to enclose for the information of the War Refugee Board, and for forwarding to Dr. Goldmann of the World Jewish Congress, a document from Dr. Riegner, Representative of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland, outlining a particularly interesting conversation with Dr. Schirmer of the International Committee of the Red Cross on November 10th, which sheds considerable light on the situation in Budapest as well as on the steps which the International Committee of the Red Cross took in an effort to assist as many Jews as possible.

In view of the immediate interest of Dr. Riegner's report, I feel it advisable to forward it to you as soon as possible without taking time necessary to have an English translation made.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure: *pour la réponse*

Letter from Dr. Riegner,
November 10, 1944.

John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

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War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. [illegible]

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Monsieur Maclelland. 12/11
Berne
Je fu hier à Berne chez
votre bureau pour vous
rendre compte de ma visite
à la legation de France on
m'a dit que un telegram
avait été expedie pour
demander la permission
de transit pour moi.
Mardi dans l'après midi
j'ai encor rendez vous
à Berne pour la reponse.
Je vous communiquerai
le resultat. Bien de ré

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Geneva, 13, 1944.

Merci beaucoup
pour tout ce que
vous avez fait pour
donner à nos frères
et sœurs. Ce n'est pas
seulement pour
eux, mais pour nous
aussi.
Raphael Casovsky



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Geneva, November 13, 1944.

Bern, November 14, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am pleased to enclose for the information of the War Refugee Board and for forwarding to Dr. Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress a document from Dr. Riegner, Representative of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland. The report concerns the question of steps which the World Jewish Congress hoped the Swiss authorities would take through their Legation in Budapest in behalf of Jews in Hungary.

the letter we received from the Political Department, for your proper use;

Sincerely yours,

2. a draft of a cable concerning this reply, which you may please forward to Washington;

3. a note for the World Jewish Congress in New York concerning the attached documents

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

which you may please kindly transmit to the diplomatic bag in Washington.

Enclosure:

Letter from Dr. Riegner, November 13, 1944.

very sincerely yours

John W. Pehle, Esquire,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Gerhart H. Riegner

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war refugee board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Riegner

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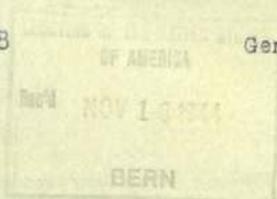
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Geneva, November 13, 1944.



Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
BERNE.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Referring to our conversation on Saturday last
I am sending herewith to you:

1. a copy of the letter we received from the Political Department, for your proper use;
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3. a note for the World Jewish Congress in New York, concerning the same demarche, with the attached documents

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Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

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Gerhart M. Riegner

War Relocation Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

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Bülgensisches Politisches Departement
Abteilung für Auswärtiges

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Bern, den 10. November 1944

Herrn Prof. Dr. Paul GUGGENHEIM
G e n f

37, quai Wilson

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor,

Wir beschren uns, den Empfang Ihres Schreibens vom 24. Oktober betreffend die Lage der Juden in Ungarn anzuzeigen. Ihre Ausführungen, von denen wir mit grösster Aufmerksamkeit Kenntnis genommen haben, decken sich weitgehend mit einem telegraphischen Bericht, den uns die schweizerische Gesandtschaft in Washington gleichzeitig seitens des World Jewish Congress hatte zukommen lassen.

Wenn wir Ihnen nicht früher geantwortet haben, so vorab deshalb, weil uns genauere Unterlagen für eine authentische Auskunft nach wie vor fehlen. Bei der stürmischen Entwicklung der Ereignisse, die nach dem 16. Oktober in Budapest eingesetzt hat, ist dies bis zu einem gewissen Grade zu verstehen. Indessen unterhalten wir in dieser Angelegenheit, deren Tragik uns nicht entgeht, dauernden telegraphischen Kontakt mit der schweizerischen Gesandtschaft in Budapest, und wir haben die volle Ueberzeugung gewonnen, dass unser Gesandter in Ungarn unablässig bestrebt ist, das Menschennögliche zu tun, um sovielen ungarischen Juden, als er irgendwie zu rechtfertigen vermag, seinen Schutz angedeihen zu lassen. Bei seinen Bestrebungen steht er in dauernder Fühlung mit der Vertretung des internationalen Komitees vom Roten Kreuz in Budapest, deren angelegentlichste Bemühungen, wie Sie wissen, den seinigen parallel laufen.

Wiewohl der Aktion unserer Gesandtschaft seit dem gewaltsamen Umschwung vom 15./16. Oktober, rein rechtlich betrachtet, engere Grenzen gezogen sind als vorher, hatten wir doch die Genugtuung, von ihr gegen Ende Oktober zu erfahren, dass die von ihr zugunsten ungarischer Juden ausgestellten Schutzpässe von den neuen Machthabern in Ungarn anerkannt werden.

Der Vollständigkeit halber möchten wir beifügen, dass sich der Bundesrat unter andern bereit erklärt hat, 12'000 ungarische Juden, über deren Ausreise aus Ungarn Verhandlungen mit den dortigen Behörden schweben, im gebrochenen Transit in der Schweiz zu übernehmen.

Sie dürfen versichert sein, dass wir im Benehmen mit allen Übrigen in Betracht kommenden Bundesstellen dieser erschütternden Frage fortgesetzt unsere volle Aufmerksamkeit schenken, doch halten wir dafür, eine mündliche Orientierung würde unter den gegenwärtigen Verhältnissen nicht viel dazu beitragen, deren Lösung zu fördern. Selbstverständlich hält sich der Unterzeichnete auch weiterhin gerne zu Ihrer Verfügung.

Genehmigen Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Professor, die Versicherung unserer vorzüglichen Hochachtung.

Der Chef
der Abteilung für Auswärtiges
i.V. Stucki,

war neugeteigert,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. W. [illegible]

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To: Department

Date: November 16, 1944, 7pm

Code: Brown

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Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

For Leon Kibowitzki, World Jewish Congress, from Gerhart Riegner:

"Referring your cable 155 Swiss Political Department informed us that Swiss Minister at Budapest doing all humanly possible protect as many Hungarian Jews as he can justify by any means. Swiss protection documents are recognized by Hungarian authorities. Swiss Government agreed entry for transit 12,000 Jews from Hungary." \$ 16.80

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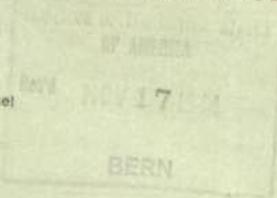
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Genève, November 16th, 1944
37, quai Wilson

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Dear Mr. McClelland,

We shall be very grateful if you will kindly forward the attached cable-report to Dr. Nahum Goldmann in New-York through the good offices of the American Legation and the State Department.

You are aware that the Legation in Berne has been instructed some time ago to forward from time to time reports coming from us in our capacity as representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Jewish Congress. We therefore hope that there will be no difficulty in forwarding this report to which we attach special importance.

Very truly yours

R. Lichtheim
R. Lichtheim
The Jewish Agency for Palestine

G. G. Riegner
Dr. G. Riegner
World Jewish Congress

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the
American Minister,
B e r n

Elfenstr. 6.

war refugee board,
Washington 25, D.C.

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*World Jewish Congress
August - December 1944*

To Dr. Nahum GOLDMANN, World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway - New York.

In view forthcoming conference are transmitting following facts and figures for your guidance stop Since 1941 approximately five million fivehundredthousand Jews have died in continental Europe stop figures of those deported and killed in deathcamps or starved to death or killed on spot are in thousands : from FRANCE onehundredfifty BELGIUM twentyseven HOLLAND onehundredforty DENMARK two ITALY ten GERMANY onehundredsixty AUSTRIA eighty PROTECTORATE seventy SLOVAKIA eighty JUGOSLAVIA sixtyfive HUNGARY forhundredfifty RUMANIA including Bukovina Bessarabia twohundred GREECE mainly Salonica fiftyfive BALTIC STATES twohundredtwenty POLAND twothousandeighthundred stop To this total of four million fivehundredninthousand is to be added number of Jews killed in Russia during German occupation of Ukraine and White Russia amounting to atleast one million probably more stop

Total number of Jews atpresent alive in continental Europe outside Russia and Turkey is about one million onehundred-sixtysixthousand stop Details as follows : apart from those in concentration camps and labourcamps in Poland Germany Austria there are in thousands : in FRANCE about onehundredtwenty BELGIUM twenty HOLLAND fifteen ITALY twentyfive SWEDEN fifteen including five refugees from Denmark and Norway stop SWITZERLAND fortythree including twentysix refugees SPAIN and PORTUGAL three GERMANY and AUSTRIA ten CZECHOSLOVAKIA two HUNGARY twohundredfifty RUMANIA threehundred BULGARIA fortyfive GREECE twelve POLAND unspecified number hiding probably not more than fifty totalling ninehundredten-thousand stop

In addition there are in special camps and labourservice in thousands : Theresienstadt thirtysix Bergenbelsen and similar camps twenty various labourcamps Poland Silesia Germany Austria approximately twohundred totalling twohundredfiftysixthousand stop grand total therefore one million onehundredsixtysixthousand stop There are nowhere exact statistical data obtainable but these figures represent best available information based on many reports stop

Future relief ../.

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date 11/11/44

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Future relief activities and our general policy should take into account these figures stop regarding relief immediate action is required in liberated countries to assist Jewish survivors robbed of all possessions and especially to rescue children stop these problems can only be solved by government assistance stop there are for instance in Rumania onehundred-seventythousand Jews completely destitute stop similar situation in France stop Jewish property should be immediately restored and administration of property belonging deported Jews should be handed to Jewish bodies stop

Thousands of children whose parents died or were deported have been hidden by Gentiles in France Belgium Holland stop Onethousand orphans are in Switzerland stop Care children is one of most urgent duties of world Jewry stop considerable numbers of them should be sent to Palestine stop

About thirtythousand refugees are in Switzerland Italy Spain stop Stateless Jews of German Austrian origin also most Polish Jews unwilling return to countries of origin stop majority wishes return to France Belgium Holland or to emigrate overseas stop Return to Western countries of former residence sofar unsettled stop Many thousands wish to emigrate to Palestine stop Number Jewish candidates from Western Europe for emigration to America is not considerable stop It amounts to some thousands certainly not tens of thousands stop Forecasts regarding future emigration from Central and Eastern Europe especially from Hungary Rumania Bulgaria are notyet possible stop such emigration will depend on political and economic developments in these countries stop Judging from present experiences considerable numbers will certainly go to Palestine if possible stop please confirm receipt

Richard Lichtheim Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, November 16th, 1944

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. P. Date 11/16/44

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For WRB from McClelland,

For Nahum Goldmann of World Jewish Congress from

Gerhart Riegner:

"Had long conversation with Dr. Schirmer, ICRC representative temporarily attached to their Budapest delegation, who left Hungary on October 29 and just returned to Switzerland. He gave detailed report on situation of Jews in Budapest and action taken by ICRC which am dispatching to you through the War Refugee Board. Schirmer reports that about 160,000 still in Budapest, 50,000 male Jews having been marched direction Austria for labor service. Further 50,000 are still in Hungary in Honved labor service camps. Protection documents of ICRC (for Jewish personnel working with them in Budapest), Sweden, Switzerland and Spain are recognized. All institutions under ICRC protection including Jewish institutions, soup-kitchens, hospitals, children's homes, food warehouses, etc. are respected.

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Schirmer reports that some 18,000 Jews are working in vicinity of Vienna split up among 4 to 500 small camps or work detachments eachone having from 5 to 300 persons.

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They are mostly Hungarians but include number of Poles and Czechoslovaks. German authorities at Vienna, surprisingly enough, seem willing permit ICRC assist these Jews in collaboration and through Dr. Loewenhers who still holds his position with the Vienna Community and directs their office. Dr. Schirmer who soon returning to Vienna urged funds be made available for this purpose. If money can be placed his disposal Loewenhers informed him that clothing and food-stuffs could be obtained in Vienna. Urging, therefore, your soonest remittance." \$ 72.40

~~_____~~ for WRB from McClelland.

Kindly request WJC New York consider this information concerning possible "modus operandi" between German authorities, Jewish Community and ICRC in Vienna as strictly confidential. Schirmer informed me that Berlin knows nothing about it. Any talk, consequently, would be most harmful. Saly Mayer and I are examining with Schirmer question of immediately making funds available to Loewenhers in Vienna to support whatever relief work he can carry out. Schirmer leaves for Berlin ^{November 20} and expects to be in Vienna again by end of month to set up ICRC office there if it still appears funds can be usefully spent.

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Bern, November 22, 1944.

Dr. Gerhart Riegner,
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

I have received the following message for you from Leon Kubowitzki, of the World Jewish Congress:

"We understand that Marianka is concentration center of Jews in Slovakia holding Latin American passports. Our number 176. Kindly approach ICRC and urge inclusion Marianka in ICRC relief program also sending delegation there."

As you know from reports which Dr. Ullmann has recently received from Slovakia, the camp at Marianka has in all probability been liquidated; most of the internees there have apparently been deported via the general assembly camp at Sered. This fact has also been confirmed to us through the Papal Nunciature in Bratislava and the Swiss Consul General in the same city.

The War Refugee Board has expressed considerable interest in your recent message concerning the request which Mr. Burckhardt of the International Red Cross forwarded to the German Government on October 2 bringing up the question once more of the assimilation of foreign Jews held in German-controlled areas to the Geneva Convention and the Tokio Project. The Board would be very much interested to know whether the International Red Cross has ever received an answer to their request.

Very truly yours,

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

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of the signed
original: *[Signature]*

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Washington 25, D.C.

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Date: November 18, 9 p. m., 1944.
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For McClelland with reference to Legation's 7313 of November 3 and is WRB 281.

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It would appear from text of message in reference that notwithstanding negative response contained in Legation's 3147 of May 17 Intercross has proceeded along lines of our 1498 of April 29. Your comments on text of Riegner's message and a determination by you that German Government has been approached by Intercross with a view to obtaining assimilation of foreign Jews held in Germany or German-occupied areas would be appreciated by the Board.

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WRB 290

From: DEPARTMENT



Date: November 27, 1944, 4 p.m.

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No: 4007

Received: November 28, 1944, 9 a.m.

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 290.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message from World Jewish Congress to Dr. Gerhart Riegner, Geneva: *37, Quai Wilson, Geneva*

"Number 191, your 3/11 through WRB received documentation grateful your efforts. Are afraid that if ICRC note of 2/10 deals with foreigners in general without specific reference to Jews they will in fact be excluded from concessions eventually obtained. A. Leon Kubewitzki, World Jewish Congress."

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From: Department Date: November 29, 7 p.m., 1944
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WRB No. 293. For McClelland.
 Please deliver paraphrase of following message
 to Gerhart Riegner, Geneva, from Dr. Kubowitzki of
 World Jewish Congress:

"No. 194. Yours 1/11. Willing participate
 sending clothing for Budapest Jews provided Inter-
 national Red Cross accept clothing in Lisbon."

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General statistics on Jews in Europe

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: November 17, 1944

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Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

For Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress, from Richard Lichtheim and Gerhart Riegner:

"In view forthcoming conference are transmitting following facts and figures for your guidance. Since 1941 approximately 5,500,000 Jews have died in continental Europe. Numbers those deported and killed in extermination camps, starved or killed on spot, in thousands, are: from France 150, from Belgium 27, Holland 140, Denmark 2, Italy 10, Germany 160, Austria 80, Protectorate 70, Slovakia 80, Yugoslavia 65, Hungary 450, Rumania including Bukovina and Bessarabia 200, Greece mainly from Salonica 55, Baltic States 220, and Poland 2,800. To this total of 4,590,000 is to be added number of Jews killed in Russia during German occupation of Ukraine and White Russia amounting to at least 1,000,000, probably more.

Total number of Jews at present alive in continental Europe outside Russia and Turkey is about 1,166,000. Details as follows: apart from those in concentration and labor camps in Poland, Germany and Austria there are, in thousands: in France about 120, Belgium 20, Holland 15, Italy 25, Sweden 15, including five thousand refugees from Denmark and Norway, Switzerland 43 including 26 refugees, Spain and Portugal 3, Germany and Austria 10, Czechoslovakia 2, Hungary 250, Rumania 300, Bulgaria 45, Greece 12, Poland unspecified number in hiding, probably not more than 50, Grand total being 910,000.

In addition there are in special camps and labor service in thousands: Theresienstadt 36, Bergen-Belsen and similar

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camps 20, various labor camps in Poland, Silesia, Germany and Austria approximately 200, totalling 250,000. Grand total there 1,166,000. Exact statistical data not obtainable but these figures represent best available information based on numerous reliable reports.

Future relief activities and our general policy should take into account these figures. Regarding relief immediate action is required in liberated countries to assist Jewish survivors robbed of all possessions and especially to rescue children. These problems can only be solved by government assistance. There are, for instance, in Rumania 170,000 Jews completely destitute. Similar situation exists in France. Jewish property should be immediately restored and administration of property belonging to deported Jews should be entrusted to Jewish bodies.

Thousands of children whose parents died or were deported have been hidden by Gentiles in France, Belgium and Holland.

About 1,000 orphans are in Switzerland. Care children is one of most urgent duties of world Jewry. Considerable numbers of them should be sent to Palestine.

About 30,000 refugees are in Switzerland, Italy and Spain. Stateless Jews of German and Austrian origin, also most Polish Jews unwilling return to countries of origin. Majority wishes return to France, Belgium and Holland or to emigrate overseas. Return to western countries of former residence so far largely unsettled. Many thousands wish to emigrate to Palestine. Number Jewish candidates from Western Europe for emigration to America is not large amounting only to some thousands, certainly not tens of thousands. Forecasts regarding future emigration from Central and Eastern Europe, especially from Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria are not yet possible. Such emigration will depend on political and economic developments in these countries. Judging from present experiences considerable numbers will certainly go to Palestine if possible. Please confirm receipt this message."

\$ 80.25

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To enable Jarblum to collect funds in France still owed him dating back to occupation period.

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Bern, November 30, 1944.

Dear Mr. Jarblum:

Your colleague at Geneva, Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, has recently given me to understand that you have encountered certain difficulties in France regarding the payment of funds (in French francs) which are owed to you as representative of the "Fédération" by persons in France. In the interest of dissipating any misunderstanding on this subject as may exist I am happy to restate for you the point of view of the War Refugee Board and the Department of State in Washington regarding the fact and purpose of such transfers of funds.

Since the outset of 1944 and up to the time of the liberation of France you, along with the representatives of other Jewish relief organizations doing humanitarian work, have been authorized by the United States Treasury Department to receive funds in Switzerland from the United States for the express purpose of making these funds available in France (during the period when this country was under German occupation) to Jewish organizations there by various methods of transfer, the most common being the release of French francs in France by an agent against reimbursement of the countervalue in Switzerland in Swiss francs. The permission for such financial operations was given solely in the humanitarian interest of making possible the relief to and rescue of Jews of French and other nationalities in danger of their lives in France from the various German police groups and the Vichy "Milice."

In the hope that this reiteration of the background of such money transfers may be of assistance to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Mr. Marc Jarblum
45, rue Claude Bernard,
P A R I S.

Washington 25, D.C.

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Geneva, November 30, 1944.

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
BERNE.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

May I request you to kindly forward the enclosed documents by diplomatic way to the World Jewish Congress in New York. The documents contain the reports concerning Hungary of the International Red Cross, several further lists of Jewish internees in Theresienstadt and some material destined to the Conference of the World Jewish Congress, of which I have been able to cable summaries only. You will oblige me greatly by forwarding the enclosed documents.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

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World Jewish Congress 1944

Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Paine Date 12/1/44

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Re: Reimbursement by
WJC of 1/2 Czech Resistance
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Geneva, November 30, 1944.

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
Legation of the United States of America
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Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am referring to our to-day's conversation during which I informed you that of the \$ 20.000.-, put at the disposal of Dr. J. Kopecky for a rescue action in Slovakia, it has been possible to transfer to Slovakia the first half only, that is to say \$ 10.000.-. Dr. Kopecky has in consequence reimbursed to me the amount of Swiss Francs 42.650.-

As the War Refugee Board and the World Jewish Congress have both participated with equal shares in the above mentioned Slovakian Rescue Action, I esteem that both institutions should also benefit in the reimbursement of the second instalment of \$ 10.000.-. Therefore, I beg to send you herewith enclosed a cheque No. 125473 on the Union Bank of Switzerland in Geneva, for the amount of Swiss Francs 21.325.-, equivalent of \$ 5.000.-

I hope that we will soon have an opportunity of making use of the reimbursed amount for similar purposes.

I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt of the cheque.

Yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner.
Gerhart M. Riegner

War Refugee Board,
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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister
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B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am replying to your kind letter of November the 22nd, and I am sending you herewith a cable draft which I should like to have sent to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, in reply to his enquiry about the camp of Marianka.

As to the negotiations of the International Red Cross with the German Government, I shall try to secure further news in the course of the next days.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

very sincerely yours

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date 11/23/44

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To: Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress,
1834 Broadway, NEW YORK.

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Answering your cable concerning Marianka informing you following: middle September after rupture negotiations with Jewish Council on emigration from Slovakia arrestations of Jews started suddenly in Bratislava and whole Slovakia. All remaining Slovakian Jews were brought to camps Sered and Marianka. 4,000 Jews from Bratislava ^{alone} were brought to Sered. In Marianka about 1,000 Jews with ^{American} Latin-American documents were concentrated. The camp of Sered was emptied middle October with exception 300 people. Trains departed northwards probably to Auschwitz. According report received here November 15 the rest of Jews in camps Sered and Marianka were meantime deported entirely. Legally there are no Jews any more in Slovakia.

German occupied Slovakia
= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, November 23, 1944.

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date 11/24/44

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... to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N E.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

The situation in the East-European countries induced me to compose the enclosed cable draft which I should like, on the basis of reports from various countries and after deliberations with the representatives of these countries in Switzerland, to have sent to the World Jewish Congress in New York. I hope, it will be possible to you to dispatch it through the intermediary of the War Refugee Board, although its content does not refer precisely to those countries with which you have to do usually.

With many thanks in advance to you, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date 11/11/44

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Geneva, December 5, 1944.

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
BERNE.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

The situation in the East-European countries induced me to compose the enclosed cable draft which I should like, on the basis of reports from various countries and after deliberations with the representatives of these countries in Switzerland, to have sent to the World Jewish Congress in New York. I hope, it will be possible to you to dispatch it through the intermediary of the War Refugee Board, although its content does not refer precisely to those countries with which you have to do usually.

With many thanks in advance to you, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date *12/11/44*

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MRS. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
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*Quite a diplomatic splurge on
Riegner's part!*

To: Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway
NEW YORK.

As present Jewish problems concern overwhelmingly Jews in countries occupied by Soviet Russia and belonging to her zone of influence, all activities in view their solution possible only in agreement with Soviet Government. It seems therefore urgent necessity that Executive World Congress reach systematically developed diplomatic relations with Russian Government view assuring their constant support to these activities. Therefore suggesting that Congress Executive through intermediary Soviet Embassies Washington London tries prepare without delay conditions for dispatching Jewish delegation to Moscow, who should discuss in general following measures: effective restitution of equality of civic rights; reintegration into former positions of civil service and administration of enterprises; immediate restitution of properties still available; ensurance of immediate governmental relief to families pauperized in consequence of persecutions; authentication of suffered damages through mixed commissions with Jewish participation who should also make proposals regarding reparation; creation of an institution which on basis existing claims for compensation of damages should grant credits for reconstruction; creation of a system to administer by the Jewish communities the property of missing Jews; consent to the affiliation of the Jewish communities to a central organisation for the Jewish relief work in Europe; registration of surviving deported Jews in these countries and establishment of conditions for their repatriation or emigration; establishment of a permanent representation of the World Jewish Congress in Moscow. In view of initiating and influencing favourably these negotiations mediation of President Benes should eventually be requested for.

= Gerhart Riegner

Geneva, December 5, 1944.

War Refugee Board,
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To: Department

Date: December 7, 1944, 5 p.m.

No: 7998

Code: WRB

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Department's 3925, November 18, WRB's 281.

I have received assurance from Burckhardt, now President of ICRC, that German Foreign Office was definitely approached on October 2 by Committee with request that Reich Government consider extending to so-called "Schutzflüchtlinge" (detainees for security reasons) treatment granted by analogy to Geneva Pow Convention of 1929 to enemy nationals in Germany and German occupied territory. As of December 1 no answer had yet been received from Germans. Late in November when delegate of German Red Cross, Hartmann, was in Geneva, this question was thoroughly discussed with him. German Consul at Geneva was also urged a few days ago by ICRC to press German Foreign Office for an answer.

I personally fear that little or no positive results will be forthcoming from this approach, past experience with Germans regarding similar questions, particularly the Jewish one, having shown fairly conclusively that neither German Foreign Office nor German Red Cross exercise any real control over political detainees and deportees, both non-Jewish and Jewish, such control being in hands of SS. "Reichsicherheitshauptamt" at Berlin.

With reference to a somewhat similar intercession to be made by Neutrals headed by Vatican (Legation's 7170, October 28, from Sternbuch to Union Orthodox Rabbis and Department's 3788, November 7, WRB's 259), initiated through Papal Nunciature in Bern, it is important to note this is motivated by desire to secure reciprocal treatment of German civilians in territory already or shortly to be occupied by forces of Allied Nations.

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By R. H. Parks Date 3/1/45

Reciprocity is to be based on Geneva Convention and guaranteed by Neutrals and Vatican. In return for this guarantee it is hoped to secure various concessions from Germans concerning treatment of non-assimilated detainees under their control. In speaking of Allied Nations, Angelo Donati, author of proposal, had Soviet Russia particularly in mind. To this end, he has subsequently attempted to bring project to Moscow's attention by various channels: through two unofficial Soviet citizens in Switzerland, Sokolin and Teherniak, reputedly in contact with Moscow, and through Togliatti, Italian Communist leader at present in Rome.

If guarantee could be obtained from Russians to accord Geneva Convention treatment to German civilians in areas occupied and to be occupied by them it would indeed constitute a powerful lever with which to secure counter-concessions from Nazis. Many months ago ICRC unofficially expressed to me their belief that any concessions which might be extracted from Soviets with regard to German pows (even Russian agreement to deliver lists of names of those alive and well) would be invaluable in securing from Germans more favorable treatment of various categories of detainees and deportees, including Jews, in their hands.

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In triplicate.

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Bern, December 1, 1944.

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Geneva, December 5, 1944.

Dear Dr. Riegner:

I wish to acknowledge your two letters of November 30th., the first enclosing a check from the World Jewish Congress, made out to me as Representative of the War Refugee Board, for 21,325.00 Swiss francs, in reimbursement for funds previously given which could unfortunately not go into Slovakia.

Your second letter covering a number of documents for the World Jewish Congress in New York also reached me safely. I think it will be possible to forward these documents with the diplomatic courier leaving next week, the dispatch of clothing to Jews in Budapest. I shall take up the matter with the International Red Cross.

Meanwhile a short message has been received for you from the W.J.C. which reads as follows: 'to put funds at the disposal of International Red Cross Delegate in Vienna.'

Our No. 194, Yours 1/11. We are willing to participate in the sending of clothing for Jews in Budapest provided International Red Cross will accept this clothing in Lisbon."

This message comes from Dr. Kubowitzki. I was informed that recently, as one of a German delegate in Geneva, this matter was the main subject of discussion. I was also informed that some days ago the International Red Cross' Committee raised the question again and pressed him for an immediate answer. I shall, no doubt, let you know anything that may occur.

Very sincerely yours,
Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister, Bern

Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner
c/o World Jewish Congress,
37, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Gerhart M. Riegner

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Geneva, December 5, 1944.

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Made up wire on
base of this
Dec. 6th
KSR

Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
BERNE.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 1st I wish to thank you for the transmission of the cable concerning the dispatch of clothings to Jews in Budapest. I shall take up the matter with the International Red Cross though I am of the opinion that the project has been surpassed by the events, and that it would be more useful to put funds at the disposal of 'International Red Cross' Delegate in Vienna.

Referring to your letter of November the 22nd, in which you raise the question concerning the intervention of the International Red Cross at the German Government, relative to the assimilation of foreign Jews to the Geneva Convention and the Tokio Project, I heard from the International Red Cross' Committee that no definite answer has yet been received from the German Government. I was informed that recently, at the occasion of the presence of a German delegate in Geneva, this matter was the main subject of discussion. I was also informed that some days ago the International Red Cross' Committee raised in an interview with the German Consul General in Geneva the question again and pressed him for an immediate answer. I shall, no doubt, let you know anything that may occur.

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Yours very sincerely

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War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

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World Jewish Congress
Via Pouch

To: Department
Date: December 5, 1944
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Code: Bern, December 5, 1944.

MEM from McClelland

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to the Board for transmission to the World Jewish Congress four series of documents sent by Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the representative of the Congress in Switzerland.

Series I consists of several reports of a general nature composed by members of the Jewish Community at Budapest dealing with the situation of the Jews in Hungary as it has developed during the past few months. These reports were originally written for and submitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Budapest. I have also received copies of all of them. They are interesting as background material but contain nothing strikingly new.

Series II is made up of a number of wires addressed to the W.J.C. from various Balkan Jewish groups or their spokesmen "à propos" of the recently held World Jewish Congress War Emergency Conference.

Series III consists of a message from the leaders of the Swiss Jewish Community addressed to the Conference referred to above.

Series IV is an additional list of internees in Theresienstadt intended for Dr. Tartakower and Mr. Finkelstein of the World Jewish Congress.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister

John W. Pehle, Esquire
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Enclosures: 4 series of documents
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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 3, 1944 *11 am*

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Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

For Nahum Goldmann of World Jewish Congress from Gerhart Riegner:

"As present Jewish problems concern in vast majority Jews in countries occupied by Soviet Russia and belonging to Russian zone of influence, all action with a view to solving the problems of these Jews is only possible in agreement with Soviet Government. It would therefore seem most necessary that Executive World Congress initiate as soon as possible working relationship with Russian Government in order that support of this government may be enlisted for such activities. I suggest, accordingly, that the Congress Executive, through the intermediary of the Soviet Embassies in Washington and London attempt to prepare the ground, without delay, for the dispatching of a Jewish delegation to Moscow. This delegation should discuss the following points: 1. The effective restitution of equal civic rights to Jews. 2. Their reintegration in their former positions with civil services and in the administration of business enterprises. 3. The immediate restitution of all properties still available. 4. The assurance of rapid governmental relief to all families pauperized as a result of persecutions. 5. The authentication of damages suffered by mixed commissions in which Jews will participate and from whom proposals regarding reparations should be accepted. 6. Creation of a body which, on the basis of existing claims for compensation of damages, should grant credits for

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reconstruction. 7. The creation of a system whereby Jewish Communities can administer the property of missing Jews. 8. Consent of the Jewish Communities to their affiliation to a central Jewish relief organization in Europe. 9. The registration of surviving deported Jews in these countries and establishment of the conditions under which they can be repatriated or emigrated. 10. The setting-up of a permanent representation of the World Jewish Congress in Moscow.

With a view to initiating and favorably influencing the course of such negotiations the mediation of President Benes of Czechoslovakia might be requested." § 631 K5

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Solo: World Jewish Congress
Une note allemande

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J. de Genève

Le fait que le gouvernement allemand a remis au Comité international de la Croix-Rouge sa note de caractère politique relative aux jugements prononcés contre des collaborateurs français révèle l'étrangeté juridique des relations entre le Reich et la France. Ces deux Etats sont pratiquement en guerre, mais aucun régime de guerre n'a été institué entre eux selon les règles de droit international. Ni les intérêts français en Allemagne, ni les intérêts allemands en France n'ont été confiés à une puissance protectrice. A Berlin, on considère que le maréchal Pétain et le cabinet Laval représentent légalement le pays. Mais ils ont été déportés. C'est contre son gré que le Maréchal a été emmené et il s'est refusé à faire figure de chef d'Etat en exil. Une commission, ayant à sa tête M. de Brinon, s'est bien constituée pour s'occuper des Français résidant sur le territoire du Reich, c'est-à-dire des prisonniers et des ouvriers. Toutefois, n'ayant aucun contact avec les services du général de Gaulle, son action ne peut être qu'extrêmement réduite. Les prisonniers sont, il est vrai, au bénéfice de la Convention internationale de La Haye, mais les ouvriers n'ont plus de relations avec leur patrie; sous le régime de Vichy, c'étaient des organes officiels qui faisaient la liaison; aujourd'hui un front de bataille les sépare de leurs familles. Quant aux déportés civils, ceux que les Allemands appellent des *Schutz-häftlinge*, leur sort est pitoyable, car ils ne jouissent d'aucune protection et d'aucune assistance.

La note que la *Wilhelmstrasse* a adressée au C.I.C.R. et qui fait l'objet de longs commentaires dans la presse nationale-socialiste, constitue une protestation contre les mesures prises en France et en Alsace-Lorraine à l'égard de ressortissants allemands et de collaborateurs de nationalité française. Elle parle des «condamnations inqualifiables qui sont intervenues, des mauvais traitements qui auraient été infligés à des personnes allemandes et des «patriotes français» qui ont accompli leur devoir en suivant les ordres du gouvernement de Vichy. Elle ajoute que si les «actes terroristes continuent, les autorités du Reich exerceront des représailles contre les nombreux gaullistes qui se trouvent sous son contrôle».

Il est curieux de constater que la *Wilhelmstrasse* cite les noms de deux personnalités à qui elle paraît accorder un intérêt particulier: M. Robert Ernst et le général Dentz. Le premier est un Alsacien qui, après la paix de Versailles, opta pour l'Allemagne; il devint président de l'Association des Alsaciens-Lorrains établis dans le Reich et, depuis 1940, il fut nommé maire de Strasbourg. Il est probable qu'il a été fait prisonnier par la division du général Leclerc. Quant au général Dentz, il est bien connu par la résistance qu'il opposa en Syrie aux forces gaullistes, après avoir facilité l'atterrissage d'avions de la *Luftwaffe* sur les aérodromes du pays.

rieures agissent toujours à fin contraire. Le sort de Louis XVI n'a pas été amélioré par les injonctions des souverains étrangers. Et dès qu'une affaire aussi délicate est rendue publique, la question de prestige se pose.

Quant aux traitements réservés aux Allemands en France, la note ne donne aucune précision; elle est conçue en termes généraux. Des ministres français ont répondu que les prisonniers de guerre et les internés civils étaient traités conformément aux conventions internationales. On a pu constater que, pendant les journées fiévreuses de la libération, les autorités se sont employées à les faire respecter et qu'elles ont protégé les officiers et les hommes de la *Wehrmacht* qui déposaient les armes.

Depuis lors, et principalement au cours de l'offensive contre la Sarre, l'Alsace et la Lorraine, des civils allemands ont été capturés et l'on a vu que, dans la proclamation qu'il fit à Strasbourg, le général Leclerc a parlé d'otages. Le nombre de ressortissants du Reich tombés aux mains des Français s'est sensiblement accru; il grossira à mesure que les Alliés pénétreront plus avant sur le territoire allemand.

On peut donc admettre que le gouvernement national-socialiste s'intéresse à eux et que, par sa note, il désire engager une négociation. Si elle pouvait aboutir à améliorer le sort des déportés civils en Allemagne ce serait un bienfait. Mais la condition essentielle, éprouvée par l'expérience, c'est qu'il faut éviter de parler de représailles lorsqu'on cherche à rendre moins inhumaine la guerre. Ni les pressions, ni les menaces ne facilitent les choses — et encore moins les discussions sur la place publique.

René Payot.

Doc. 8/44

very interesting

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Re: German protest at treatment of Germans & French collaborationists in Alsace; Romani addressed to ICRC.

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. Parks Date 11/14/44

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Roswell D. McClelland Esq.,
Special Assistant to the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America,
BERNE.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I have the honour to communicate to you, for your confidential information, copy of the minutes of a gathering which was held recently at the office of the Czecho-Slovak Minister in Geneva, Dr. J. Kopecky, with the participation of representatives of ten governments or national Red Cross societies. The aim of this gathering was to deliberate in common on steps which could be taken by all interested governments, with the view to ameliorate the status of interned or deported civil populations. I am equally enclosing 2 letters which Dr. J. Kopecky has addressed to all participants of this gathering.

I should like to forward these documents also to the World Jewish Congress in New York, and should therefore be very much obliged to you if you would kindly send the enclosed letter containing said material as well as some other confidential documents by diplomatic bag to Washington.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, I am

yours very sincerely

G. M. Riegner

Gerhart M. Riegner

War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

By R. H. FARR

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M. Seneris, Délégué Permanent de la Croix-Rouge de Roumanie, a présenté le Compte-rendu de la réunion qui a eu lieu le 17 novembre 1944. Il a souligné l'importance de cette réunion qui a été la plus étroite. Il a mentionné la délégation tchécoslovaque et les difficultés politiques que les autres pays, étaient présents ; les Internés roumains qui n'ont pas le moyen de communiquer avec le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge.

M. Dr. J. Kopecky, Délégué Permanent et Délégué de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque pour l'Europe Centrale, a présenté un rapport sur l'activité de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque. Il propose, d'autre part d'organiser un Congrès Mondial Juif.

M. Seneris, Délégué de la Croix-Rouge Roumaine auprès du Gouvernement Roumain et de la Croix-Rouge Intern. Délégué Permanent de Grèce auprès de la SMN.

M. M. Nélas, Consul-Général d'Italie SMN, représentant de la Norvège.

M. L. Cortese, Consul-Général d'Italie SMN, représentant de la Norvège.

M. P. Anker, Délégué de la Croix-Rouge de Yougoslavie au Congrès Mondial Juif.

M. Dr. Macanin, Chef de la Mission Française du Ministère aux Prisonniers déportés et Réfugiés.

M. Dr. M. Alexandrovic, Chargé de remplacer le Prince S. Radzivil, Délégué permanent de la Croix-Rouge de Pologne.

Jeanneer C.M.L. Flugl van Aupernant, Délégué de la Croix-Rouge des Indes Néerlandaises, chargé de représenter M. van Notten, Consul-Général des Pays-Bas.

M. Lammie, Consul de Belgique, chargé de représenter M. de Caritat de Ferraris, chargé d'Affaires de Belgique.

Le projet de Tokyo, seuls quelques principes adaptés pourraient servir. De fait les principes n'ont été acceptés que pour les situations de M. Dr. J. Kopecky, résume le but de la réunion. Il s'agit d'entreprendre une démarche collective dont l'initiative appartient au Dr. Riegnier, de tous les pays dont les territoires sont actuellement en partie ou en totalité occupés par l'Allemagne, auprès du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, et des puissances neutres afin de les pousser à faire, et accepter par l'Allemagne de traiter les déportés civils et détenus selon les principes établis dans la Convention de Genève de 1925 et le projet de Tokyo de 1934. M. Dr. Kopecky ajoute que le moment paraît propice à cette tentative car la situation des déportés et détenus devient de plus en plus précaire à mesure que la guerre évolue et il se peut que les Allemands emploient des méthodes de têtes-brûlées.

M. Dr. Macanin, en qualité de Délégué de la Croix-Rouge Yougoslave remercie vivement M. Dr. Kopecky pour son invitation et approuve entièrement cette suggestion. Il estime qu'il est tout à fait indiqué de sauver à la dernière minute ce qui reste encore à sauver.

M. Dr. Kopecky remercie M. Anker pour son rapide exposé et remercie M. Peter Anker exprime ses remerciements à M. Dr. Kopecky pour son invitation et est d'avis que c'est une excellente chose que de se réunir, de se coordonner entre soi et les gouvernements. Il fait remarquer qu'il y a deux problèmes à distinguer : celui de la population civile et celui des déportés politiques dans les prisons et les pénitenciers en Allemagne. M. Anker estime que c'est le dernier problème qui devrait nous intéresser et être examiné en vue de la démarche collective des pays intéressés car il présente plus de possibilités d'être résolu par l'intermédiaire du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge tandis que la question des populations civiles est plus délicate.

M. Anker ajoute qu'il ignore dans quelle mesure ont été faites les différentes démarches auprès du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge mais il estime que le fait d'être placé à Genève pour considérer ces questions, soit du point de vue technique, soit du point de vue général est favorable. Les Allemands devraient prendre des mesures plus libérales.

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MEMORANDUM *World Jewish Congress*

To: Mr. Riddle

From: R. McClelland

December 15, 1944.

(C.I.)

In the middle of month of November Dr. J. Kopecky, representative of the Czech Government, assembled, at the invitation of Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, a meeting of various persons (whose names

Bern, December 15, 1944.

Dear Dr. Riegner: (The enclosed minutes) to discuss the question of a collection of money to be undertaken by countries which were still totally or partially occupied by Germany.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 13th, under cover of which you kindly forwarded to me various confidential communications concerning meetings recently held at the office of Dr. Kopecky. I have read them over with a great deal of interest and trust that you will keep me au courant of further proceedings along this line.

I shall transmit the enclosed letter to the World Jewish Congress in New York with the diplomatic pouch leaving early next week.

With kind regards, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner
c/o World Jewish Congress
37, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Enclosures: For
World Jewish Congress.

John W. Fehle, Esquire
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
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MEMORANDUM

World Jewish Congress

For: Mr. Huddle
From: R. McClelland

December 15, 1944.

In the middle of the month of November Dr. J. Kopecky, representative of the Czech Government in Switzerland, assembled, at the instigation of Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, a meeting of various persons (whose names appear at the beginning of the enclosed minutes) to discuss the question of a collective "démarche" to be undertaken by countries which were still totally or partially occupied by the Germans with a view to attempting to obtain from the latter more favorable treatment for the nationals of these countries in German hands: deportees, political detainees, forced workers, civilian population, etc. Such intercession was to be made either through the ICRC, the Vatican or a constellation of neutral states. In short Kopecky and Riegner's idea is a continuation of proposals which have been in the air for some months.

I rather imagine that Kopecky, with his flair for the politically opportune, felt that it was high time he got in on what might prove to be a popular effort.

The underlying idea is, as before, the feeling that now greater sections of German territory have been occupied by the Allied forces the moment is approaching when the Germans may be more interested in bettering their treatment of the nationals of Allied states under their control. As one of the delegates to Kopecky's meeting remarked, however, (I believe it was Anker, the Norwegian) it might be well to consult the Allies, particularly the Americans and British who were doing most of the occupying, on this point,

I thought perhaps these documents might interest you so am sending them over.

As yet, however, the I.C.R.C. has not received an answer from the German Government.

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Very sincerely yours,

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The sense of the meeting appears to have been that intercession should be made either through the International Red Cross, the Vatican, or by a combined effort of members.

No. 10317
Subject: Proposals for intercession on behalf of Jewish State of the Vatican Government in the matter of intercession accorded to certain internees in German hands.
*World Jewish Congress
Via Pehle.*

Bern, December 15, 1944.

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The Honorable *(C.I.)*
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Please find attached hereto a covering letter and series of reports whose forwarding to the World Jewish Congress (Dr. Nahum Goldmann) in New York would be appreciated. They come from Dr. Riegner of the W.J.C. in Geneva and deal with the subjects outlined in Dr. Riegner's accompanying letter.

I think it might be of interest to you and other members of the Board to read over the first set concerning the question of a collective intercession by countries whose nationals are in "Schutzhaft" in Germany or German controlled areas through the Vatican or the Neutrals and perhaps the I.C.R.C. This matter was last referred to in the Legation's 7998, December 7th, and is very much "in the air" these days. As yet, however, the I.C.R.C. has not received an answer from the German Government.

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The sense of the meeting appears to have been that intercession should be made either through the International Red Cross, the Vatican, or by a combined act of neutral governments with representation at Berlin.

It appears from a report of the discussion at the meeting that it is but a continuation of the discussion which has previously been reported to the Department.

Subject: Proposals for Intervention by Neutral States or the Vatican with German Government in the Matter of Treatment Accorded to Certain Internees in German Hands.

In summing up the ways and means of implementing the recommendations to be made, one of those present stated that it would be necessary "to choose between the use of reprisals, bargaining and soft methods". The use of reprisals, however, was generally discarded.

The Secretary of State, Department (Detroit) expressed regret that no representatives of the United States and Great Britain at the meeting, the presiding officer, Mr. Kopecky, (Czech), said that "for the present the problem should only be studied in the light of the proposals which have previously been made by the Representative at this Legation of the War Refugee Board, Mr. Roswell D. McClelland, regarding an approach to the German Government by the International Committee of the Red Cross with a view to obtaining from the German authorities a modification of the treatment which has heretofore been accorded to certain classes of civilian internees in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. Mr. McClelland has also reported that the Vatican has been interested in this subject. Specific references are the Legation's telegrams Nos. 7170 and 7998 of October 28 and December 7, respectively. The Department's 3788 of November 7 to Bern also bears on this subject.

I have now been informed by the War Refugee Board Representative that in the middle of the month of November Dr. J. Kopecky, a representative of the Czechoslovak Government in Switzerland, assembled, in conjunction with Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, a meeting of various persons to discuss the question of a collective démarche to be undertaken by countries which were still totally or partially occupied by the Germans with a view to attempting to obtain from the latter more favorable treatment for the nationals of these countries in German hands. Such internees included deportees, persons detained for strictly political reasons, enforced workers, civilians of ordinary character, and others.

Persons purporting to represent the following governments or organizations were present at this meeting: Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Greece, Italy, Norway, Yugoslavia, France, Poland, Holland, Belgium and the World Jewish Congress.

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In summing up the ways and means of implementing the representations to be made, one of those present remarked that it would be necessary "to choose between the threat of reprisals, bargaining and soft methods". The idea of reprisals, however, was generally discarded.

When Jonkheer Plug van Aspermont (Dutch) expressed regret that there were no representatives of the United States and Great Britain at the meeting, the presiding gentleman, Dr. Kopecky, (Czech), said that "for the present the problem should only be studied by the countries whose citizens are involved. Only after having come to an agreement upon a common and concrete opinion will the countries in question take up the matter with the United States and Great Britain".

In general, the results of the meeting reported (November 17, 1944) seemed to have been somewhat inconclusive, but it is likely that the meeting will have served a useful purpose in mobilizing sentiment and support in favor of a useful cause.

As of possible interest, there is enclosed herewith a translation of an invitation to the meeting from Dr. Kopecky, dated December 7th, and of a report of the proceedings of the meeting itself.

(Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Irish Free State).
Respectfully yours,

in view of requesting them to make representations, either individually or in common, to the German Government along the lines indicated and in the name of all the governments concerned.

J. Klahr Huddle,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosures:

1. Translation of invitation dated December 7, 1944;
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receive a treatment similar to that enjoyed by prisoners of war by virtue of the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929. The Permanent Delegate of the Czechoslovak Republic to the League of Nations

These guarantees should include: Geneva, December 7, 1944
24 Avenue de Champel

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Dear Doctor: information communicated to a neutral organization regarding the place of residence and the state of health of the internees and deportees; their right to receive and send letters;

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the official report on the meeting of November 17, 1944, which was devoted to an exchange of views concerning the measures which might be adopted in common to improve the fate of civilian populations in German-occupied territories.

In as much as all the delegates who attended this meeting were unanimous in considering it as useful and necessary that a collective step should be taken by all the governments concerned in the matter, I take the liberty of suggesting that you submit without delay this proposition to your Government (Switzerland) and ask especially:

1. Whether it agrees to participate in a collective step by all governments concerned in view of improving the fate of the interned or deported populations in German-occupied territories;

2. Whether it agrees that such a collective step should be undertaken through the medium of: a) The International Committee of the Red Cross,

b) The Holy See, c) The governments of neutral powers (Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Irish Free State), (signed) Dr. J. KOPCEKY

in view of requesting them to make representations, either individually or in common, to the German Government along the lines indicated and in the name of all the governments concerned.

3. Whether it is in accord that the purpose of such a step should be to request the German Government to grant to persons who are interned, deported or in any other manner deprived of their freedom of movement in German-occupied territories, and particularly to political prisoners, to foreign laborers deported into Germany, and to deported Jewish citizens, the guarantee that they will receive

Dr. G. Riegner, World Jewish Congress, Geneva.

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1944
At the Hospital, Brussels, Belgium

Those guarantees should include notably:—

- Mr. J. K. a) Information communicated to a neutral organization regarding the place of residence and the state of health of the internees and deportees and their right to receive and send letters;
- Mr. b) Living conditions consistent with human dignity where treatment, living quarters, food and hygiene are concerned;
- Mr. c) Right of internees and deportees to be visited by a representative of a neutral organization;
- Mr. d) Right of internees and deportees to receive material help such as parcels, medical products, etc., through the medium of a neutral organization.

I am furthermore at your entire disposal for the purpose of exchanging information relative to the situation of civilian prisoners, deportees and internees and the steps already undertaken by your Government, between the participants in the meeting of November 17, 1944, as provided for during the course of that meeting.

I am convinced that such an exchange of information might be used as a basis for a further exchange of views covering the problems under study, on which occasion I will take great pleasure in inviting you at a later date.

Please accept, dear Doctor, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(signed) Dr. J. KOPECKY

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Belgian Council, representing the
Caritas de Ferraris, Permanent Delegate
of Belgium.

Dr. J. Kopecky outlined the purpose of the meeting, which is to undertake a collective step, the initiative of which was Dr. Riegner's, by all the countries whose territories are in part or in whole occupied by Germany, in approaching the International Committee of the Red Cross and the neutral powers in order to urge them to induce Germany to treat civilian deportees and prisoners in accordance with the principles of the Geneva Convention of 1929 and the Tokyo Project of 1934. Dr. Kopecky added that the time seems propitious for making this attempt as the situation of the deportees and prisoners is becoming more and more precarious as war develops and it is possible that the Germans may adopt desperate methods.

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1944
at the Czechoslovak Delegation.

The following attended the meeting:

- Dr. J. Kopecky Permanent Delegate and Delegate of the Czechoslovak Red Cross
- Mr. Soneriu Delegate to the Rumanian Government and the International Red Cross of the Rumanian Red Cross
- Mr. M. Mélas Permanent Delegate of Greece to the League of Nations
- Mr. L. Cortese Italian Consul General
- Mr. P. Anker League of Nations, representing Norway
- Dr. Macanin Delegate of the Yugoslav Red Cross
- Dr. Riegner World Jewish Congress
- Mr. B. Glouzet Head of the French Mission of the Ministry for Prisoners, Deportees and Refugees
- Dr. M. Alexandrovic Representing Prince S. Radziwill, Permanent Delegate of the Polish Red Cross
- Jonkheer C. H. L. Flugi van Aspermont Cross, representing M. van Notten, Dutch Consul General
- M. Lannié Belgian Consul, representing M. de Caritat de Ferruzis, Chargé d'Affaires of Belgium.

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Dr. Macanin, as Delegate of the Yugoslav Red Cross, thanked Dr. Kopecky for his invitation and gave his entire approval to the latter's suggestion. He believes that it is quite right to attempt at the last minute to save what may still be saved.

M. Peter Anker expressed his thanks to Dr. Kopecky for his invitation and stated that it is an excellent thing to meet, to establish contacts among each other and with the governments of the delegates. He pointed out that there are two problems to consider: that of the civilian population and that of the political deportees in the prisons and penitentiaries of Germany. Mr. Anker believes that it is the latter problem that should have our attention and should be studied in view of the collective step of the countries concerned as it is more likely to be solved by the medium of the International Committee of the Red Cross, while the problem of the civilian populations is more delicate to handle.

Mr. Anker added that he does not know to what extent the various steps have been taken with the International Committee of the Red Cross, but he believes that the fact of being located in Geneva is favorable in making a study of those questions, both from a technical as well as from a general standpoint.

Mr. Soneriu, Permanent Delegate of the Rumanian Red Cross, emphasized the advantages of this meeting which will enable a closer contact to be established. He pointed out that, as a result of recent political events, Rumania finds itself in a more difficult situation than the other countries. He recalled the fate of the Rumanian internees who have no means of communicating with the International Committee of the Red Cross. Mr. Soneriu is of the opinion that thanks to this meeting the countries concerned will be able to take a useful initiative. He proposes, furthermore, to organize a service for the exchange of information received from Germany and of reports on what has already been accomplished along the lines of the proposed step.

Dr. Riegner then spoke as follows: the idea of asking Dr. Kopecky to bring together the representatives of the interested countries came to him after considering the changes which have taken place in the political situation. Sections of Germany itself already are or soon will be in a situation comparable to that of the occupied countries and there already exist indications that the countries concerned will succeed in making Germany alter its policy towards civilian populations. It would be well to follow along this track by a collective step by all the countries concerned through the medium of either the International Committee of the Red Cross or the neutral powers in obtaining the application of guarantees. Such a step would naturally include all situations and all categories of persons suffering from German persecutions. As concerns the Tokyo Project, only

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Dr. Kopecky, representing Prince Radziwill, Permanent Delegate of the Netherlands, expressed his pleasure in becoming acquainted with all those who work for the same cause. He expressed the regret, however, that the U.S.A. and Great Britain were not represented, as he believes that it is with these two countries that something must be undertaken.

He outlined the main points of his exchange of views as follows:

Dr. Kopecky replied at once to Jonkheer van Aspermont by justifying this absence as follows: for the present, the problem should only be studied by the countries whose citizens are involved. Only after having come to an agreement upon a common and concrete opinion, will the countries in question take up the matter with the U.S.A. and Great Britain.

Dr. Kopecky is ready to serve as technical adviser and will send to each of the delegates

Jonkheer Flug van Aspermont expressed his approval and went on by proposing an exchange between the delegates of reports on the situation, these reports to be transmitted to their respective governments.

This proposal was adopted unanimously.

Mr. M. Mólás, Permanent Delegate of the Greek Red Cross expressed his approval of the interesting initiative of a collective step and added to Mr. Clouzot's concrete proposal that, as far as Greece was concerned, that country could never resort to the method of reprisals.

Mr. Clouzot replied that this question had also been put up to the French and that it had been deemed imprudent to mention reprisals to the Germans. That is a possible but complicated solution, but it behooves one to act in a more diplomatic manner.

Mr. Lannié, Belgian Consul, representing the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires at Bern, thanked Dr. Kopecky for his invitation and declared that he adhered to the collective step initiative. He regretted that the Belgian representatives at Bern had been unable to attend this meeting, as Belgium is one of the countries primarily interested in the problem under study. Mr. Lannié added that a step of this nature must be carefully taken and that there should be no question of reprisals.

All the members expressed their approval. Mr. Anker added to Mr. Lannié's remark by stating that such a method (reprisals) is contrary to the principles of morality for which the Allies are fighting.

Mr. Cortese, Italian Consul General, after thanking Dr. Kopecky for his invitation, expressed his approval of the collective step initiative. It will be necessary to discuss the ways and means of undertaking this step and to choose between the threat of reprisals, bargaining and soft methods.

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be made in diplomatic terms and that prudence and tactfulness should be observed. He mentioned the case of the Red Cross which is extremely reticent in giving any information on deportees and prisoners which might be disclosed to the public, thus slowing up its action in their favor. This remark was approved by all the delegates.

In closing the meeting, Dr. Kopecky thanked all the delegates and expressed his satisfaction at having been able to get together the delegates of all the countries and the Red Cross associations concerned, which has resulted in a very favorable mutual understanding.

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