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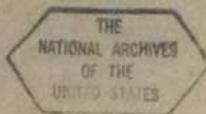
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War Refugee Board
American Legation
Bern, Switzerland

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE:

ACTIVITIES IN AND FROM SWITZERLAND

February through December 1944
January through May 1945



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*11/11/1944
American Jewish Joint Distribution*

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From: Department Date: February 8, 5 p.m., 1944
No: 411
Code: **(70)** [redacted] Received: February 9, 11 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

The license issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (see Department's 39 January 5) and license W-2115 which was issued to the World Jewish Congress (Department's No. 197 of January 20) have been amended by the Treasury in such a manner as to make them both in all respects identical with that which was issued to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (Department's 229 of January 22) as amended in our 341 February 2, excepting for the amount which is set forth in paragraph B of each of the three licenses. These amounts, which were specified by the three organizations here, remain as originally given in the respective licenses. With reference to paragraph 3 of Legation's 619, dated January 30, Legation should advise Dr. Riegner that paragraph A (1) of the license which was transmitted by Department's 197 January 20, as amended by this message, is considered to allow local currency to be acquired from persons in Switzerland irrespective of where in fact such currency may be.

Legation is authorized, so as to facilitate the operations which are envisaged by licenses of this kind, to make reasonable interpretations of their terms as and when there arise doubts as to whether a particular transaction is covered. You should report to the Department promptly the circumstances which give rise to such doubt and your interpretation of the license in such case.

HULL

In triplicate

re

+848 World Jewish Congress

Received CA [initials] DJR
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answered [initials] 19/44
No. 105

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

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*Mr. Riegleman's 5/12
Switzerland
Answer re Jewish Joint Dist. Comm. re
Committee: Distribution of funds from
1944-1945*

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Bern, February 9, 1944.

From: Department Date: February 9, 1944
 No: 437
 Received: February 10, 1944

Mr. Saly Mayer, **PARAPHRASE**
 Tigerborgstrasse 26,
 St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I should like to refer to my letter to you dated January 7, 1944, concerning relief work in France and especially to paragraph (D) of that letter. I should be grateful if some time in the near future you could call at the Legation in regard to activities which you are undertaking on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee in the United States and at that time it might be possible to discuss the points outlined in the abovesmentioned paragraph as well as several other matters of interest.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
 Commercial Attaché.

DJR/CH/amp

The Legation should extend to Intercessors and the Joint Distribution Committee representatives its full cooperation in this matter. Please transmit promptly to Saly Mayer a copy of the above message.

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(Switzerland)
 Mr. Saly Mayer
 Committee: Administration and Finance
 Committee: Youth and Children
 Committee: Relief and Distribution
 Committee: Education and Culture
 Committee: Medical and Hospital
 Committee: Miscellaneous

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- 2 Bern, February 12, 1944.

Forwarded to Meyer Feb 25.

possible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods mentioned:

(1) By purchase in Switzerland the currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided Mr. Saly Mayer, representative in reasonable sure that American Joint Distribution Committee, Tigerborgstrasse 26, St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Meyer: Reference is made to the Legation's letter of January 7, 1944, which communicated to you the text of a license which had been issued by the Treasury Department to the American Joint Distribution Committee. The Legation has now been informed by the Department that the text of this license has been amended to read as follows:

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

"(B) The total sums represented by claims against any blocked account which is established under feasible license, together with any sums which may be paid out

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Mr. Saly Mayer's files

Mr. Saly Mayer's files

feasible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods mentioned:

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

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

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

"(B) The total sums represented by claims against any blocked account which is established under this license, together with any sums which may be paid out from

(Switzerland)

Approved: [Signature] Secretary of State

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See 10K Jewish Relief File

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for further details ⁽¹³⁾ see subject.

February 15, 1944

Memorandum for the Files

Subject: Telegram No. 437 February 9
from Department re. Red Cross -
Joint Distribution Committee.

Saly Mayer telephoned from Geneva this morning and said that the man who was charged with this prospective program had been absent from Geneva until today, that he told Mayer that he was very pleased with this arrangement but that it would take some days before he would be in a position to discuss practical details with Saly Mayer and that there might still be a question of reconciling this program with the charter of the Red Cross. Mayer said that as Intercross representative would not be ready to discuss this matter before the end of this week or the beginning of next, he was returning home and hoped to stop off here tomorrow, at which time he would get in touch with me or Mr. Husted.

(If Mayer calls, an appointment will be made for him with Mr. Huddle at the latter's request.)

[Signature]
D. U. R.

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(Switzerland)

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
Geneva, Switzerland
February 15, 1944

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TELEGRAM SENT

Bern, February 19, 1944.

To: Department

Date: February 19, 1944, 7 p. m.

No. 1051

Code:

Charged to:

Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerbergstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

The Legation has requested Saly Mayer to call
so that he may be informed of the contents of the
Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it if you could arrange to
come to Bern during the course of next week to dis-
cuss matters of mutual interest. Would you please
telephone to Mr. Husted to arrange an appointment
before coming.

HARRISON
Yours very truly,

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

DJR:CR:eb:mf

In triplicate

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DATE: 11-11-82 BY: SP-8
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(Switzerland)

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TELEGRAM SENT

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To: Department

Date: February 19, 1944, 7 p. m.

No: 1051

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

Paraphrase

The Legation has requested Saly Mayer to call so that he may be informed of the contents of the Department's no. 411 February 8. However, Mayer has not as yet had the opportunity to call at the Legation.

HARRISON

DJR:CH:sb:nf

In triplicate

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(Switzerland)

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

*Approved: [unclear] and [unclear]
Switzerland, February 1944 - [unclear]*

February 22, 1944

Memorandum for the files.
(848/1944 Joint Distribution Committee)

Saly Mayer called today and was handed an amended license approved by the Treasury Department enabling him to conduct relief operations outside Switzerland. He outlined the position of his work in various countries, stated that almost nothing could be done in Poland and Greece, said that large amounts would be needed for relief in Belgium and France, that relief could be arranged for Bulgaria through a large tobacco firm maintaining offices in Zürich and Sefia which desired only repayment here money not to be transferred abroad, that relief for Slovakia was difficult because of continual German pressure, Hungary was easier because large Jewish colony lived there and still had means to help itself, that in Croatia a Swiss firm having factories there was willing to help disburse money, that in Italy the Church and the Red Cross actively supported Jewish relief work, that in Holland little had been done because of organization difficulties. He promised to submit a detailed report with budget and giving his methods of transfer when he next called in Bern.

He complained that relief work had been made more difficult because of the widespread publicity given the War Refugee Board in the United States and England, the Germans knew that efforts would be made to enlarge relief operations and would probably try to derive benefit if they were able to discover methods used.

I called his attention to various differences with former license issued in January, he said that he would make a German translation of this new license, compare the two, and the next time confirm in writing his understanding and tell me more of his methods of operation.

Husted

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N.B. His work was hampered by his inability under our instructions to give receipts for money and he gave me copy of receipt which might solve his difficulties & yet not meet our objectives. ch

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Mr. Husted's files

Commissioner, War Rel. Admin. Div. Dept. of Justice, Switzerland, February 22, 1944

I confirm having been creditably informed that
Mr (N N) of (.....)
has put at the disposal of the JewishCommittee
of (Bukarest) the sum of (One Million Lei (1'000'000 Lei).
It is confirmed that this sum is being considered the
countervalue of (One Thousand (1'000 \$) U.S.Dollars.)
It is understood:

a) that the said Sum of 1000 Dollars is to be paid
to (Mr. N.N.) by the American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee not before the End of the present War-in-
(European War), and then as soon as conditions will
permit it, and

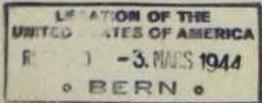
b) that this is a personal claim which will legally
pass to Mr. N.N.'s personal ^{heirs (N.N.)} representatives, executors
or administrators, but which is not otherwise
negotiable ;

c) that this acknowledgment is to be accom-
panied for proof by a statement of the third party
who has received the said (1'000'000 Leis) or by
other sufficient vouchers .

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March 7, 1944*

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American Joint Distribution
Committee



St. Gallen, den March 1st 1944

(This I informed him is not being forwarded - he will submit detailed report within a few days.)
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To
The Legation of the United States of America
B e r n e .

March 7, 1944

Gentlemen,

Referring to your letter of February 12th, which was handed to me on February 22nd., and to the conversation I had the honor of having with your Secretary Mr. C.E. Husted, I have given careful attention to the conditions of license contained in the said letter.

I think I might best answer it in requesting you kindly to formulate and send a cable to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Fund, containing my views on the Conditions of License. I want to tell my friends about what follows:

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My "Leitmotiv" has however to be always, efficiently to help those unlucky, poor Jews who are in danger of life, in the form which is chiefly dictated by the necessity of

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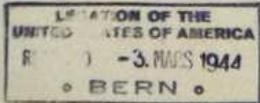
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(Switzerland)

*Commissioner, Jewish Relief, Disarmament
Committee, Administration and Finance
Switzerland, February 1944*

43700
American Joint Distribution

Committee



St. Gallen, den March 1st 1944

To
The Legation of the United States of America
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(this information has not been forwarded - he will submit detailed report within a few days.)
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It is exceedingly difficult, perhaps even impossible, to judge exactly from a great distance under what conflicting circumstances the activity required in these matters of rescue and evacuation has to be carried on.

Political, geographical and other conditions are not always and everywhere quite in harmony with it. There are adverse relations of exchange, clearing and transfer. There is never a certainty of full control, and last not least it is necessary to exercise the greatest caution and discretion, since in some countries (such as France, Italy, Holland), the work has to be carried out against the decided wishes of the Army of Occupation and in the first two of the Government itself.

Further difficulties arise from the irregularity with which funds necessarily come in, and on the other hand from the ways and means under which they can be transferred and handed out. As to the obtaining of local funds, certain proposals (License) are difficult to follow on account of the aversion of bona fide providers of currency and exchange to disclose their names.

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(Switzerland)

*Donnerstag, den 7. März 1944
Sally Mayer, Bern*

the ever changing situation. It seems to me that even under the new and much improved general aspect of things I ought to be able to rely on the entire confidence of the interested parties.

I should be much obliged to you if you would take the trouble to formulate this reply into a cable which might be sent to the American Joint Distribution Committee.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
yours respectfully

Leah Mager

BAG 101111

M. M. Mager (Switzerland)

Personnel - V. M. Mager, Swiss Dist. Com. (Switzerland, February 1944)

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March 7, 1944

Memorandum for the files.

Interview of Saly Mayer of Joint Distribution Committee, St. Gallen

Mr. Mayer called to discuss the business of Passover Bread- he showed me a letter written by one Mathieu Muller of the Agudas World Organization, Lavaterstrasse 59, Zürich (written actually from 30 rue des 2 Ponts, Geneva) to Mr. Robert Guggenheim % Saly Mayer, St. Gallen. They are interested in sending 40,000 kilos of Passover bread to Jews throughout Europe through the help of the Red Cross but in return the Jews would have to provide one car of fiocco (textile fibers) either from Hungary or Switzerland for Italy. The matter has also been brought up by Mr. Sternbuch of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis who wants to get 600 kilos out to persons in Vittel and Tittmoning. Saly Mayer said he would discuss it with the Red Cross and let me know what happens- it may be that the Legation is not involved.

I then reminded Mr. Mayer that he had not submitted any report of what he had done with money sent him. He claims to have bought 28 million French francs out of Swiss funds and is now to be repaid from American funds \$200,000. He later denied having used the past tense and said is buying this money. Under a license received last fall, \$600,000 were to be transferred to him to help children in France, under the new lionese he is to receive 2,500,000 Sfr. every six months for relief with almost no strings attached. He has never submitted any report. He promised to learn from New York what budget money received until now had been transmitted, and to report immediately. He went on to say that the Political Department wants to spend his money in Switzerland while he wants to spend it abroad.

Mr. Mayer said that he had been notified by the National Bank several days before receiving our letter about the Red Cross' \$100,000 from the Joint. He is now going to Geneva to talk to the Red Cross and will probably call here Friday, March 10, 1944 on his way back to St. Gallen.

Husted.

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(Switzerland)

Mr. Mayer's files
Committee: Administration and Finance
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

For Joint Distribution File
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: April 1, 5 p.m., 1944
Extract from telegram no. 851 march 15 from Department
Code: in 848 American Committee for Christian Refugees Inc.

PARAPHRASE

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

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In triplicate
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(Switzerland)

American Yearbook of International Law
Committee: Administrative and Finance
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

CASE FILE

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: April 1, 5 p.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 1097

Received: April 2, 4 p.m.

Handwritten notes:
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PARAPHRASE

The following information was received from the War Refugee Board

J. D. C.
April
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from Leavitt, Joint

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needing aid for
all refugees, and
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CA-SJR to note
The information from the message
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to Countess Pacey & the Countess's daughter
(later Pacey's daughter). It indicates
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

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(Switzerland)

*Approved: New York, Virginia, District, State
Committee: Admitted to and from
Switzerland, February 1944 - 1945*

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April 13, 1944

PARAPHRASE

The following is from the War Refugee Board for the Minister.

For Saly Mayer, St. Gall, from Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee:

"Wally Piercy, Silvanhof (who, for your personal and confidential information, is the daughter of Arturo Toscanini) has cabled requesting aid for Italian Jews, musicians, political refugees, and other friends. Please give her such assistance as you can and report to us. We understand that the Government of the United States has given the Swiss Government assurances that there will be available about four thousand American visas for children under sixteen years of age who have entered Switzerland since January 1 of this year."

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Handwritten note:
Mr. Maclelland's files (Switzerland)

Handwritten note:
Committee: Addressed to and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den April 6th 1944

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PIERRE - 8. AVR 1944
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Legation of the United States of America
Foreign Service,

Elfenstr. 6,

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Dear Mr. Reagan,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of
April 6th and beg to inform you that, providing nothing unfor-
seen happens, that I shall call at the Legation on Thursday
morning April 13th.

Very respectfully yours.

Saly Mayer

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 282, St. Gallen

*Mr. MacCalland's files
(Switzerland)
American-Venice Joint Distr. Com.
Committee: Addressed to and from
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945*

American Joint Distribution
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St. Gallen, den April 14th 1944

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
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The
Legation of the
United States of America
Berne.

Italian Refugees in Switzerland
Contessa Castelbarco, Laussa ne

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of enclosing copy of
letter sent to Contessa Castelbarco and on receipt of
her reply the situation will be more clarified for
taking action.

At same time contact has been taken with
Signor Valobra to provide him with some special fund
to alleviate situation of Italian Refugees who are in
Camps in Switzerland.

Signor Valobra's appeal to his countrymen
in U S A has our full support. Our own efforts however
are directed towards rescue and help towards Italian
Jews still in Italy.

OK
CH-DJR
I don't get this?
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Respectfully yours

Sally Mayer

His Excellency
M. Leland Harrison Esq.
Minister of U S A
Berne.

Address:
SALLY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)
Mr. Contessa Castelbarco's reply
Received: Addressed to and from
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

St. Gallen, den 14 aprile 1944

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Ill^{ma} Signora Contessa,

Sua Eccellenza il Ministro degli Stati Uniti ci ha
cortesemente tenuti informati del di Lei intervento.

Mi pregio informarla che é vivo desiderio dello
American Joint Committee di alleviare possibilmente la
situazione degli ebrei italiani rifugiati in Svizzera.
Se Le consta di singoli casi, che meriterebbero dei ri-
guardi speciali, vorrà cortesemente favorirci i rispettivi
nomi e indirizzi.

Del resto ci sarebbe gradito uno scambio di idee a
voce e se Ella é d'accordo attendiamo un cortese cenno
in merito.

Gradisca, Ill^{ma} Contessa, i nostri distinti ossequi

Sally Mayer

Ill^{ma} Signora

Contessa Castelbarco

7, Chemin des Trois Rois

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Address:
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Postfach 202, St. Gallen

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*Mrs. Medelejard's files
(Switzerland)
Received from New York Foreign Distribution
Committee: Distribution to Mrs. Mayer
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944*

American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den April 17th 44 1944

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The
Legation of the
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Gentlemen,

we beg to enclose copy of letter
addressed to the Political Dept. of Switzerland dated
March 3rd. (Mr Kohli)
you have expressed the wish to
see this copy.

Very respectfully yours

Saly Mayer

Attention to
Daniel J. Reagan Esq.

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 262, St. Gallen

Mrs. H. H. ...
(Switzerland)
American ...
Committee: ...
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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aus dem Interesse
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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
19 AVR 1944
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3. März 1944.

An das
Eidgenössische Politische Departement
Sektion für Rechtswesen und private
Vermögensinteressen im Auslande
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Hochverehrte Herren,

Am 21. Februar 1944 haben wir Herrn Generaldirektor Hirs
von der Schweizerischen Nationalbank das Budget vorgelegt,
welches folgende Zahlen aufweist.

A. Für Hilfe innerhalb der Schweiz:

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|--|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Für Flüchtlinge
in der Schweiz | 3,000,000.- | |
| 2. Für Studenten | 400,000.- | |
| 3. Für Organisationen | 400,000.- | |
| 4. Für Rotes Kreuz | 500,000.- | |
| 5. Für Einzelfälle | 500,000.- | |
| 6. Für Rückzahlungen | 401,000.- | Fr 5,201,000.- |

B. Für Flüchtlingskinder innerhalb
und ausserhalb der Schweiz:

1,500,000.-

C. Für Hilfe ausserhalb der Schweiz:

4,600,000.-

Total Fr. 11,301,000.-

Zu Punkt A:

- Die Totalausgaben betragen Fr. 4 bis 5,000,000.-
und werden hieran Beträge geleistet von den Ju-
den in der Schweiz sowie Anteil an der Sammlung
für Flüchtlinge.
- , 4. und 5. Für diese Posten besteht die Möglichkeit,
dass alle oder einzelne Positionen an die Organi-
sationen und eventuell auch an Individuelle direkte
Zahlungen aus U.S.A. geleistet werden.

Zu Punkt B:

Dieser Posten ist auch deshalb in dieser Höhe ein-
gesetzt, da aus religiösen Gründen noch weitere
Kinderhelme zu eröffnen sind, welche vom Roten Kreuz -
Kinderhilfe nicht übernommen werden. An diesem Posten
ist mit einem Beitrag von rund Fr. 400,000.- aus
Südafrika zu rechnen. (2,000.- Pfund pro Monat).

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(Switzerland)

Präsidenten Verein
Commissariat Administration
Südafrika, Februar 1944 - März 1944

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Zu Punkt C:

Folgende Länder kommen in Betracht:
Belgien, Bulgarien, Croatien, Frankreich,
Griechenland (?), Holland, Italien, Polen,
Rumänien, Slowakei, Protektorat, Ungarn
und Jugoslawien, Für Shanghai kommen aus
Portugal Ueberweisungen in Escudos, cirka
Fr. 40.000.- pro Monat.

Der Joint hat für das 1.Semester einen Credit
von Fr. 2,500.000.- bewilligt.

Der Zahlungsverkehr gestaltet sich in den mei-
sten Fällen in der Weise, dass in den betref-
fenden Ländern in der Landeswährung gegen Si-
cherstellung in der Schweiz die Hilfe erfolgt.

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Es ist mir leider nicht möglich diese Zahlen als ver-
bindlich zu bezeichnen, dieselben sind abhängig von der
Hilfsbereitschaft des Joint einerseits und der Stellung-
nahme der Schweiz - U.S.A. andererseits. Primär ist das Leit-
motiv "Hilfe" und im Hinblick, dass es sich numerisch im
Ausland um eine vielfache Anzahl armer, mittelloser,
unglücklicher Juden gegenüber der Flüchtlingsanzahl in der
Schweiz selbst handelt, ist das Budget von Fr. 4,600.000.-
für das Ausland zu bescheiden. Es ist deshalb unerlässlich,
dass eine zusätzliche Hilfe in der Weise geleistet wird,
das man gegen Auszahlung in Landeswährung den betreffenden
Gläubigern eine Gegenleistung des Joint zahlbar nach dem
Kriege in Dollars versprochen hat.

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Von Mai 1942 bis Januar 1944 gehen meine Bemühungen
um die Dollar-Subvention des Joint zum vollen Kurse zu
convertieren. Es hat sich in dieser Zeit manches in grund-
sätzlicher Beziehung geändert in der Stellungnahme der
U.S.A. betreffs dieser Hilfe.

Der Joint hat sich bereit erklärt, eine weitere
Tranche von \$ 500.000.- bei der Federal Reserve Bank auf
das Konto der Schweizer Nationalbank einzuzahlen, welche
ihrerseits die Hälfte hievon sofort zum vollen Kurse über-
nehmen würde, falls Sie hiezu Ihre Zustimmung geben.

Ich bitte Sie höflich einen wohlwollenden Entscheid
zu fällen um diese einzigartige Hilfsarbeit in aller Stille
fortsetzen zu können, die auch der Schweiz zur Ehre ge-
reichen wird.

Ich begrüesse Sie, sehr geehrte Herren, in
vorzüglicher und persönlicher Wertschätzung

BAB JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Schweiz)

Präsident des Joint, Bern, Schweiz
Commissaire Adjoint, Bern, Schweiz
Schweizerland, Bern, Schweiz

Translation of Saly Mayer's letter to the Political Dept. *CAF*

March 3, 1944

Sirs,

On February 21, 1944 we laid our budget before General Director Hirs of the Swiss National Bank. The budget is as follows:

A. For relief inside Switzerland.	
1. For refugees in Switzerland	3,000,000 Sfr.
2. For Students	400,000 Sfr.
3. For Organizations	400,000 Sfr.
4. for Red Cross	500,000 Sfr.
5. For Individual Cases	500,000 Sfr.
6. For Repayments	401,000 Sfr.
Total	5,201,000 Sfr.
B. For needy children both in and out of Switzerland.	
	1,500,000 Sfr.
C. For relief activities outside S/land.	
	4,600,000 Sfr.
Grand Total	11,301,000 Sfr.

Note concerning A.

1. The total expenditures are between 4 and 5 million Swiss Francs. Part of this money will be raised by Swiss Jews here as well as part by the refugee collections.
- 2, 4, 5. Under these headings it is possible that in all or in most of the cases payments will be made directly to organizations, individuals from the USA.

Note concerning B.

This sum has been fixed because on religious grounds further children's homes must be opened which the Red Cross cannot take over. In this connection, a sum of about 400,000 Sfr. (SAE 2000) may be reckoned with. monthly

Note concerning C.

Following countries will be dealt with: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia, the Protectorate, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. 40,000 Escudos monthly are forwarded for Shanghai from Portugal.

For the first half year (semester) the Joint Distribution Committee has approved expenditures totaling 2,500,000 Sfr

In most cases, money spent abroad is spent in currency of the country while the equivalent remains here in Switzerland on deposit.

I cannot, unfortunately, regard these figures as definitive and binding because they are subject to the ability of the Joint Distribution Committee and Swiss-American relations. The leading thought is immediate help and in view of the fact that abroad there are many more needy Jews than inside Switzerland, the figures (4,600,000 Sfr.) proposed for their relief are indeed modest. It is indispensable that further help be given and therefore Joint's plan to pay dollars after the war for local currencies supplied now is justified.

Between May 1942 and January 1944 I have devoted all my energies to converting dollar remittance into Swiss francs at the

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full legal rate of exchange. During this period, the USA position in regard to this relief work has substantially altered.

The Joint Distribution Committee has declared itself ready to pay another \$500,000 into the account of the Swiss National Bank with the Federal Reserve Bank, half of this amount would then be paid out here at the full rate of exchange should you declare yourselfs agreed.

I ask that you make a favorable decision in this matter in order that this relief work may be carried forward, work which can only redound to Swiss credit.

Complimentary close,

Signed Mayer.

*Mr. Maclelland's files
Switzerland*

*From New York
Committee: Administration*

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May 5, 1944

Memorandum of an interview with Mr. Saly Mayer of the
Joint Distribution Committee, St. Gallen.

Present: Mr. McClelland, Mr. Husted.

Mr. Mayer called upon his own initiative to discuss the affairs of his committee. He stated that he regretted that he had not filed the report of its activities as he had promised during his last interview at the Legation on April 13 but that he had been prevented from doing so by the press of business. He promised to file a report next week as soon as he should have returned to St. Gallen. He outlined to Mr. McClelland the main points already discussed with Mr. Husted on April 13 (general theory of the committee's activities abroad).

Mr. Mayer brought up the question of blocked dollar accounts which Mr. Husted had previously discussed with him on April 13 and about which Mr. Husted had requested a report. He stated that he was unable to give a complete list of persons for whom such blocked accounts should be set up as he had not been fully informed by the correspondants abroad.

Mr. Husted and Mr. Clelland both told Mr. Mayer that they understood his difficulties but that under the terms of the license he was required to file periodic reports with the Legation concerning all financial transactions carried out under the terms of his licenses. He was reminded of paragraphs C and D of the letter from the Legation to him of Feb. 12, 1944 in which this is clearly stated as well as paragraph A 1

in which it is included the details of financial transactions which require the Legation's approval. He stated that although he had authorized him to receive in September a full up-to-date summary of his dealings concerning any event most delicate with the Papal Nuncio as it was compromised.

Mr. Mayer placed before Mr. Husted a copy of his dealings concerning any event most delicate with the Papal Nuncio as it was compromised.

Mr. Husted stated that he had received shortly that the Legation would be informed of the fact that he had not filed as required by license. What reaction the Treasury would have was not known but possibly they might stop all remittances until matters had been put in order.

At this point Mr. Mayer said nothing for sometime and then said that he was doing his best and he felt this to be an affront to his integrity. Mr. McClelland promptly told him that this was nothing of the kind and that the Legation only required information in full accordance with the terms of the license. Mr. Mayer remained silent about five minutes after this and then abruptly excused himself.

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Committee: Administration and Finance
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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May 6, 1944

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Mr. Mayer pleaded that this was impossible, that some of his dealings could not be explained and that they were in any event most delicate, that he had, for example, relations with the Papal Nuncio which he was loath to explain fully as it was compromising.

Mr. Husted told Mr. Mayer that unless a full report was received shortly that the Legation would have to inform the American government of the fact that he had not filed as required by license. What reaction the Treasury would have was not known but possibly they might stop all remittances until matters had been put in order.

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Mr. McClelland's files
(Switzerland)

Mr. Mayer, New York, Joint Distribution Committee, advised that he had been in Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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American Joint Distribution
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For Mr. Reagan's inspection

May 15th 44

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From: Department Date: May 12, 4² p. m., 1944.

No: 1551

Code: [redacted] Received: May 13, 9 a. m.

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Paraphrase

Following for Minister Harrison.

(C.I.)

Cable no. 11 from the War Refugee Board.

To be communicated to Saly Mayer. You are requested to notify DELASEM at once that (1) the \$20,000 credit for DELASEM that was established in London is being retransferred to the blocked account in the United States with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and (2) that the aforementioned committee is setting up an additional credit up to \$100,000 in the same blocked account in the U.S. for the remainder of the current year. Authorization to borrow against this credit is given to DELASEM by the committee.

Please refer to the Legation's no. 2592 of April 22 in connection with the foregoing.

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American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee: Advice that from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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For Mr. Reagan's inspection

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Accounts from SM.

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The
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Gentlemen,

I have the honor of enclosing 5 pages
representing the draft of the report of the
activity in Europe on behalf of the A J D C Newyork.

I would esteem it a great favor if you
would inspect same and that I may telephon to you
tomorrow to ask your opinion about it.

Yours very respectfully

Attention:
Daniel J. Reagan Esq.

Saly Mayer

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(Switzerland)

Check Saly what transactions he is now
contemplating.
Mr. Saly Mayer seems willing to undertake himself
of more details to me verbally than he will apparently
write. One of the whole problem is that many
of his deals the persons through whom he acts
are reluctant to have their names go in to our
Legation on general principles rather than because
of bad consciences. From what S.M. has told
me I would be inclined to let him go ahead
with a minimum of control since requests for
more detailed information regarding his financial
transactions seem to throw him into either a
stew. Matters of this sort must "en fin de compte"
be based on mutual confidence in face of a
difficult emergency job in which rapid action counts
above all. Perhaps we could leave final decision
as to degree of detail necessary up to Thias. Dept. K&N's.

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

American Joint Distribution Committee; Administration and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

S.M. report

Geneve 1944.

France.

Contact has been established between:

a) Offices of Jewish Organisations of France, now in Switzerland

- UNION OSE, 15, rue Montblanc, GENEVA
(MM. Drs. Tschlenoff, Weil, Gurovitsch)
 - FEDERATION DES SOCIETES JUIFS, 37, Quai Wilson, GENEVA
(M. Marc Jarblum)
 - COMITE AIDE REFUGIE, Hotel Richmond, GENEVA
(M. Albert Lévy)
- and their offices resp. their fonctionnaires in France (Lyon, Paris, Grenoble);

b) Y M C A, AIDE AUX EMIGRES, SECOUR SUISSE.

According to information received from organisations sub a) french currency has been purchased from MM Gustave Levine, Oscar Durtiaux (Fiduciaire Suisse S.A.), Dr. Jean Brunschvig, all in Geneva, and others, not known to S.M.

Give addresses of these organisations and some words of explanation

The Joint Office at Lisbon has matter in hand of "French francs against dollars payable after war".

Italy.

Contact has been established between Switzerland and Italy through Mr. Valobra, President of "Delasem", now in Switzerland.

Part of Swiss money has been used for emigration-passages and bulk remains also in Switzerland against purchase of Lira from Italian jews now in Switzerland.

Regarding obtaining lira against dollars payable after war enclosed list gives full details of all cases known to Mr. Valobra.

Hungary.

Money remained in Switzerland against purchase of Pengös. Transfers have been negotiated through Jewish Organisation in Budapest.

No news to hand re dollars payable after war, Delegate of INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS returning to Geneva most likely will report on this. (Dr. Baur)

Belgium,

Netherlands. Money remained in Switzerland. Conseil Oecumenique des Eglises, Geneva, negotiated.

Yugoslavia. All Swiss money remained in Switzerland against purchase of Kunas. Swiss manufacturer and Delegate of INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS have been helping to negotiate these transfers.

(Switzerland)

From the Jewish Relief Committee: Address list and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

SM's report

June 1944.

Expenditure sheet

Technique of transactions
Date at least of larger transactions

① What is meant by "total credit" allotted as per April 19th/44
Ital since when.

② 1. How April 1944...
2. What is meant by "total credit"...

③ 3. How are...
4. Very little...
5. What actual paper...

④ 6. Meaning of program - summary.
⑤ Re dollar claimers for Italy & Rumania

Richard Gyron - address - 1st St. Basel (formerly Roma)
\$40,000 = Lire 500,000 rate =

M. Gyron is a semi Jewish business man who owned a store in Rome. His partner still in Italy has paid out \$500,000 to the Italian in Rome (the principal Ital. relief committee) A blocked to acc't has been set up for Mr. G. by AJRC in NYC.

T&C - NYC since
his first WRB
00 / month. =
SM received this?
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relief operations.
money finances?
from SM to their
guin, Poland, Berlin.
refugees - distributing

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reported to

What actual paper
given to \$
claimers.

(Switzerland)
M. Gyron - New York
Committee: Adm. for Italy & Rumania
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

SM's report

June 1944.

Expenditure sheet

Technique of transactions
(Dates at least of larger transactions)

- ① What is meant by "total credit" allotted as per April 19th/₄₄?
stal since when.
- ② Outline of various sums received from JDC - NYC since Sept. 1943 on such date as SM received his first WRB license?
- ③ Kohli states SM is receiving \$300,000/mth. = approx. Sfrs. 1,287,000. - Since when has SM received this? Could we have a list with dates & amounts both in Sfrs & dollar equivalents.
- ④ Some brief indications as to type of work this money finances? (We know) but the record has nothing signed from SM to their respect. (Take such countries as Yugoslavia, Belgium, Poland, Iceland). Maintenance & purchase relief supplies for Jewish refugees - distributing agent?, etc.
- ⑤ Might be best to take it country by country giving following details.

FRANCE

a) SM puts for France, for ex. Sfrs 1,350,000 - spent having realized Sfrs 76,000,000. - (An average rate of 1 sfr = 1fr 50-60. Since when has this money been sent in or rather during what period?

Agent we know had sfrs remain in Switzerland? Blocked? at least in Switzerland. Written assurance that these operations in no way benefitted. He, post SM's knowledge would be welcome, since he is not at liberty to reveal names of agents or donors in France. How was operation carried out?

b) Some indications as to rhythm (chronological) at / (3 funds went into France.

Matter of dollar claimers after war vs sfrs released. Since Sale negotiated this, US Sec. does he have any indications of what sums involved? If not if he will make a statement (somewhat more ample) that matter is being reported to Treasury by Joffroy - Schwartz.

- ⑥ Re dollar claimers for Italy & Rumania

{ What actual paper was given to \$ claimers

Donor: Italy

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Mr. Pfeifferland's files
 Committee: Administration and Finance
 Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944
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Re: Rumania.

Dr. Wilhelm Fildermann	£	8'600.--
Dr. Cornel Jancu		1'000.--
David Kalmus		35'000.--
Marcus Gold		5'000.--
Aron Wechsler		15'000.--
Sigmund Rosenthal		5'000.--
		1'000.--
Leo Rohrllich		3'500.--
Berthold Rohrllich		3'000.--
M. Grad		5'000.--
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	£	82'100.--
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Where are Belgian # claimers?

Mr. Maclellan's files
(Switzerland)
Proceeds, Venetian, Swiss, Dutch, British
Committee: Administration of the
Switzerland, February 28 - May 1918

Re: Italie.

Rikard Ghyron	8	10'000.--
Fréts Bieler		5'000.--
Mina Rechter		5'000.--
Albert Lévy		2'500.--
Manuel Jakyr		2'500.--
Mina Hechter		2'500.--
Mina Hechter		10'000.--
Georges Gutwillig		3'000.--
Clément Hazen		500.--
Emile Offenbacher		600.--
Georges Gutwillig		8'000.--
Clemente Hazen		2'000.--
Manuel Goldstraj		3'000.--
Moritz Mayer		8'750.--
Manuel Goldstraj		1.500.--
Clemente Hazen		1'500.--
Hella Stricker		1'020.--
Hernani Troccoli		4'000.--
Hernani Troccoli		10'000.--
Clemente Hazen		1'630.--
Carlo Schapiro		27'272.--
	8	110'272.--

When do these people? how.
No transactions by stages - be
specific.
Be on record - signed letters by him.

Has he issued receipts
What claim can they
show? →, owed to
them.

Mina Hechter's files
Switzerland
Mina Hechter, Zurich, Switzerland
Carroll's: Admitted to and from
Switzerland, February 1914 - May 1915

Financial Agents.

Hungary: International Red Cross,
Zionist & Local Jewish Organisation.

Bulgaria: Swiss and Bulgarian Commercial Firms.

Belgium: Swiss Notary,
Conseil Oecumenique des Eglises, Geneva.

Netherlands: Conseil Oecumenique des Eglises, Geneva.

Rumania: International Red Cross,
Zionist and Local Jewish Organisation.

Yugoslavia: International Red Cross,
Swiss-Zagreb Commercial Firm. (Tobacco Firm - i believe)

Shanghai: Union Bank of Switzerland, Zurich.

Poland: Dr. Adolf Silberschein, Geneva.

Slovakia: Neutral Courier.

Berlin: Neutral Courier.

Rumania: Lei against dollar payable after war,
list of claimers enclosed received through
International Red Cross April 21st, 1944.

Mr. Maclellan's files
Switzerland
American Jewish Relief Committee
Constitutional Administration of France
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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Concerning Saly Mayer's report:

The Treasury Department, under the terms of the license granted to S.M., requires that the following information be given periodically of transactions under the license:

1. Details concerning financial transactions
 - a. rate of exchange, names of sellers, methods employed in purchasing the money.
 - b. information concerning the establishment of blocked dollar accounts in the United States.
 - c. organizations to whom money remitted and in what amounts.

2. Details concerning relief action taken with these funds.

Mayer's report shows that 21 various transactions, have been undertaken totaling \$110,272 and names of persons supplying money have been given us without however their addresses or present whereabouts being indicated. Details concerning persons selling other currencies are even scantier or are not given at all. I think that the license requires (he should have consulted with us supposedly first but since he has confronted us with already completed actions the least he can do is provide details according to license) that we know the things outlined above. An example of what he should tell for each case would be:

Sady Gurkelstein, Xstrasse, Zürich (formerly Utca X, Budapest) 25,000 pengös = 1000 Sfr. (25 pengös = 1Sfr.)

Miss Gurkelstein is a refugee here owning a business in Budapest (X co.) which will pay the pengös to the Jewish Committee Budapest. A blocked dollar account is to be set up for Miss G. in New York for \$240.00 by the Joint.

As it is we have no idea who these people are and unless a control is made properly so that dangerous tendencies can be checked there is no sense trying to make any control at all. It is a waste of time.

I want to know when Saly got money from the States, in what amount, for what purposes, whom he bought his money from and at what rate, how the money goes in and out, where and how it is finally spent.

His report is entirely too sketchy although we know now what the overall credit in Swiss Francs! was on April 19, 1944. I suggest that the matter be brought up to date, that he provide the details. He was much wordier concerning activities undertaken with the money by word of mouth than in his written report- and incidentally he might clarify his relations with the Papal Nuncio and others not only for the Treasury but for our own information here.

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Mr. Maclelland's files (Switzerland)

Mr. Maclelland's files
Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

Code	Country	Amount	Balance						
2000	USA	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
2001	USA	500,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
2002	USA	300,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
2003	USA	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
2004	USA	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
2005	USA	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
2006	USA	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
2007	USA	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
2008	USA	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
2009	USA	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125
2010	USA	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562
2011	USA	781	781	781	781	781	781	781	781
2012	USA	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
2013	USA	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195
2014	USA	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
2015	USA	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
2016	USA	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
2017	USA	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
2018	USA	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
2019	USA	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2020	USA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2021	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2030	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2031	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2032	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2033	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Mr. Saly Mayer (to be delivered by hand)

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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Bern, May 18, 1944.

May 18, 1944

Department

TO

1906

May 5, 10 A.M.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

CL

The Legation has just received a telegram from the War Refugee Board which has been delayed nine days under way containing a message for your regarding DELASEM. The text of this message reads as follows:

"You are requested to notify DELASEM at once that (1) the \$20,000 credit for DELASEM that was established in London is being re-transferred to the blocked account in the United States with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and (2) that the aforementioned Joint Distribution Committee is setting up an additional credit up to \$100,000 in the same blocked account in the U.S. for the remainder of the current year. Authorization to borrow against this credit is given to DELASEM by the Committee".

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
The American Minister

Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerborgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

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May 1944

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Let. to Saly Mayer (to be delivered
by Mr. W. Lelland by hand)
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From: Department
Date: June 3, 8 p.m., 1944
No: 1906
Code: [REDACTED]
Received: June 5, 10 a.m.

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PARAPHRASE

Reference Department's No. 39 of January 5.

W-2160, which was issued
to the American Committee,
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Equivalent of
Committee permitting the Swiss franc
\$50,000 to be remitted to Saly Mayer, for use under
license W-2106 in addition to the amounts which
were authorized previously.

You are requested to advise Saly Mayer of the foregoing.

With reference to Department's No. 851 March 15,
license W-2150, which was issued to the American
Committee for Christian Refugees Inc., has likewise been
amended in a manner which is identical in all respects
with the above amendment to the Joint Distribution
Committee license. The purpose of the amendment to
license W-2150 is to enable the American Committee
for Christian Refugees to remit to its representative,
Dr. Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, the

Swiss

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

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Saly Mayer

Dr. Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland

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No. 1906)

Swiss franc equivalent of \$25,000, for use pursuant to license W-2150 in addition to the amounts which have already been authorized.

You are requested to advise Dr. Freudenberg of this amendment. The foregoing has the approval of the War Refugee Board, Treasury, and Department.

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In triplicate

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11 June 1944

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1 - SM in Gen. give money to Jordan on 2
 2 - SM in Gen. know exactly what happens to
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 closely enough.

1 - Problem of children in Switzerland.

Rome is now self-supporting says
 S.M.
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 going around in circles.
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 still floating. Some profiteers.

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 former Yugoslav. Com. the here in
 Switzerland - as trying to.

Hungary IRC rep.
 Born not yet accredited by Hun. Gov.
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 sent 500,000 S. frs which have
 realized 20 million Pengoes.
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Mr. Saly Mayer,
 Care of Hotel Cornavin,
 Geneva.

RDM/sjb

SALY MAYER
 President, JDC, Geneva

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11. April 1944

D 17 APR 1944

I - Jiverson Hung. One of JDC's men from Budapest. Saw JDC plane to Istanbul. JDC has asked them to continue negotiations started in Apr 1944.

II - Sternbach, Soloban rec'd news - Kabbis Mendiger vs large sums - Jews of Sweden. Saly is checking are 2 propositions, same?

III - Banyai's proposition (Boden) Avoid duplication & promoters! They fight at expense of Jews. SM advised Banyai to offer expenses to keep in a good humor while Jewish friends in Hung - contacted. Saly's like a proposition from Vienna. SM prefers stipulated lump sum

- 1) Central
- 2) Permit for food parcels to camps
- 3) Guarantee of women, children & old people & care by Jews
- 4) Labor camps not outside Hung
- 5) Guarantee exit & transit of Jews who can emigrate.

Batavia - S. sent 100,000 fcs in last 2 weeks.

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Mr. Saly Mayer, Care of Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

RDH/mjb

Address: SALLY MAYER, 20, Rue de la Paix, Paris, France

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Berlin 30,000 s.frs / month.
via Saloma Co. Zurich

Pracovic - deal to send 1000 men's
suits at cost - 75,000 s.frs. also
footprints & medicine. thru IKC

Trarshenstadt - 2000 food parcels
for Dutch jews via Gans & Vanden Hoff.
Saly wishes P-S's letters signed by
Vandert.

Berlin 20,000 s.frs = RM 200,000
receipt received.

Rumana 100,000 s.frs. thru IKC
being closed a week.

Amsterdam amount of 50,000 s.frs
realizing 100,000 Guilder. Also a
\$ 25 was proposition, request payment
in Guilder.

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Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

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211, N. Canal

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American Joint Distribution Committee

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11. June 1944

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R 12. JUN 1944

Herrn Roswell D. McClelland,
Amerikanische Legation
Bern.

CL

Bern, June 8, 1944.

Lieber Herr McClelland,

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to quote below for your information the substance of a telegram which was recently received from the Department of State at Washington:

"Section (B) of License W-2160, which was issued to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, has been amended by the Treasury to read as follows:

"Individual licenses will be issued by the Treasury 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, are not to be greater in the aggregate than the total amount in dollars (or in equivalent foreign currency) which the Treasury has so specifically authorized."

"This license was amended pursuant to the foregoing in connection with a specific license which the Treasury has issued to the Joint Distribution Committee permitting the Swiss franc equivalent of \$50,000 to be remitted to Saly Mayer, for use under license W-2106 in addition to the amounts which were authorized previously."

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

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Form 20, 10-10-44

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Form on Jewish Joint Dist. Com.
Committee, Geneva, 8 June 1944

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American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den 11. Juni 1944

Please file. Reports from Sally Mayer concerning his relief operations.

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R 12 JUN 1944

Herrn Roswell D. McClelland,
Amerikanische Legation,
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Lieber Herr McClelland,

Ich schaezte Sie damit einverstanden, dass zufolge eingetretener Verhaeltnisse der erteilte Spezialkredit von 120'000 / von Rom uebertragen wird auf Italien im Allgemeinen. Denn fuer Rom selbst wird es nicht mehr notwendig sein, von der Schweiz aus finanzielle Unterstuetzungen zu arrangieren.

Hochschuetzend

Sally Mayer

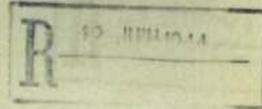
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Postfach 202, St. Gallen

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American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den 11. Juni 1944

Herrn Roswell D. McClelland,
Bern.



Lieber Herr McClelland,
Bestaetige den Empfang Ihres Geehrten vom 8. Juni betr.
Licence W. 2160 und werde gerne bei meinem naechsten Besuche
hierueber Ihre naecheren Ausfuehrungen entgegennehmen.

Hochschuetzend

Saly Mayer

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 262, St. Gallen

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Committee: Address to and from
May 1944*

American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den 11. Juni 1944

Herrn Roswell D. McClelland,
Amerikanische Legation,
B e r n

R 12. JUNI 1944

Re: Konferenz 7. Juni

Lieber Herr McClelland,

In der Beilage erlaube ich mir das in Aussicht gestellte
Aide memorial einzusenden und bin zu weiteren Auskünften
sehr gerne zu Ihrer Verfügung.

Hochschätzend *grüsst*

Saly Mayer

Beilage: Aide memorial

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 262, St. Gallen

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May 1944
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fortgesetzt werden konnte.

B u l g a r i e n

Durch die Vermittlung schweizerischer bulgarischer Tabakfirmen konnten Fr. 70'000.-, 6-7 Millionen Levas transferiert werden. Hierueber liegt ein Dankesbrief juengsten Datums vor. Es ist beabsichtigt, auf dieser Basis weiterzuhelfen.

P o l e n (Krakau)

Durch die juedische Unterstuetzungsstelle Krakau kann seit Monaten eine Hilfe wieder geleistet werden, bestehend in Medikamenten Staerkungsmitteln und als jungstes die Uebersendung von 1000 Herrenanzuegen aus der Schweiz. Der Bericht aus Krakau vom 25. Mai spricht sich ueber die Hilfe unsererseits lobend aus und behauptet, dass nach wie vor viele Lager im Gouvernement durch die IUS Unterstuetzungsstelle bedient werden koennen. Ein regulares Budget kann nicht erstellt werden, sondern von Fall zu Fall wird jede Moeglichkeit benuetzt.

T h e r e s i e n s t a d t -

Neben den bereits bestehenden Hilfsarbeiten verschiedener Organisationen haben wir jetzt einen Kredit von Fr. 20'000.- ausgesetzt fuer die Bedienung von ca. 2000 hollaendischen Adressen, die jetzt eingegangen sind.

Bei dieser Gelegenheit sei darauf hingewiesen, dass die 100'000 \$ welche vom Jomif dem CICR direkt zugegangen sind, sich succ. realisieren und haben Rumaenien in Bar und Thersienstadt sowie Krakau in Natura ihre Zuwendungen erhalten.

B e r l i n

Wenn auch unbedeutend, so konnten an die kleine Gruppe, die sich heute noch versteckt haelt, ca. 300'000 Mark transferiert werden. Eine kleine Gruppe hat sich auf die Auswanderung nach der Schweiz begeben, wofuer beim zustaeendigen Departement die noetigen Schritte unternommen wurden um die Ausackweisung zu verhindern.

H o l l a n d

Durch den Conseil Oecumenique des Eglises wurde ein zweiter Kredit von Fr. 50'000.- gegen Minimum 100'000 fl bewilligt.

B e l g i e n

Eine neue Transferierung wurde nicht unternommen, da letzten Monat Fr. 70'000.- hierfuer bewilligt wurden.

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Mittelstands Hilfe
(Schweizland)
Komitee: Adh. 1945
Schweizland, Februar 1945 - May 1945
1944

Rumänien Fortsetzung

Ebenso wurde fuer sofortige Zahlung dem Roten Kreuz Fr. 100'000.- bewilligt gegen Auszahlung von ca. 35 Millionen Lei. Schliesslich hat Dr. Fildermann 2 x 15'000.- Fr. in der Schweiz zahlbar, aufgenommen.

Im Hinblick auf die Tatsachen des gut funktionierenden rumaonischen Komitees in Verbindung mit den Delegierten des Roten Kreuzes darf der Soliditaet der Finanzgebarung groesstes Zutrauen entgegengebracht werden.

Es scheint, dass gegenwaertig der Kontakt mit Istanbul und von dort aus nach Lissabon und auch nach Palästina nicht gut ist, zum Unterschied von Ungarn, wo sich wie bereits erwachnt, ein juedischer Delegierter mit diesen beiden Instanzen persoendlich in Verbindung setzen konnte.

Mit den auch uns persoendlich wohlbekannten Monsieur et Madame Jancu wird speziell durch die Union OSE die Moeglichkeit der Kinderrettung gegenwaertig bearbeitet.

Die allgemeine Situation ist geographisch, politisch und militaerlich derart intensiv gestaltet worden, dass jeden Tag mit der Bereitstellung von grossen und groessten finanziellen Mitteln gerechnet werden muss. Ganz konkrete Plaene fuer Personal, Medikamente, Kleider, Nahrung machen die Bereitstellung dieser finanziellen Mittel ausserst dringend ohne dass es moeglich waere, den Genauen Einsatz zeitlich oder geographisch heute schon festzulegen.

E n d e . fur heute.

Vorliegender Bericht habe ich Mr. Mc. Lelland am 7- Juni auf der USA Legation in Bern persoendlich vorgetragen vom Unterzeichneten:

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Saly Majer
Representitive American Joint Committee

Genf, 11. Juni 44.

Mr. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

Received from the American Joint Committee for the Relief of the Swiss Refugee Children, February 1945

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The Foreign Service
of the
United States of America
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Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose all details of the financial
Activity between September 1943 to May 31st 1944 and speciall
attention has been given to activity in France. I do hope that
these tables and commentary together with reports already sub
mitted as well as personal verbal reports made on several
occasions at the Legation will explain to a great extend the
work actually done with the money the AJDC has been generous
enough to grant for the help on behalf of the European Jewry.

I am, dear Sir,
respectfully yours

Saly Mayer

Roswell D. Mc Clelland Esq
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

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From the Jewish Joint Distr. Com.
Committee; Administration and Finance
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945
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Tableau I

pour

Période de Septembre 1943 à fin Mai 1944

Versements d'U.S.A. des	en Dollars	Conversion en Francs suisses
16. 9. 1943	\$ 247,000.-	740,258.85
28. 9. "	62,000.-	203,297.90
4.10. "	399,000.-	1,201,752.95
14.10. "	5,000.-	14,663.85
10. "	183,400.-	417,497.25
Janvier 1944	300,000.-	1,284,612.05
12. 3. "	12,000.-	51,282.05
5. 4. "	300,000.-	1,287,000.-
3. 5. "	300,000.-	1,286,449.40
15. 5. "	21,000.-	89,601.20
	<u>\$ 1,829,400.-</u>	<u>6,576,415.50</u>
Solde antérieur reporté d'		383,584.50
août 1943		<u>6,960,000.-</u>
	FS	<u>6,960,000.-</u>

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Payements

Période de Septembre 1943 à fin Mai 1944

Refugees in Switzerland	Frs.s. 1,635,000.-
Organisations in Switzerland	365,000.-
Hechaluz	75,000.-
International Red Cross & Commission Mixte	451,000.-

	2,526,000.-
Countries	4,434,000.-

	Frs.s. 6,960,000.-

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Période de Septembre 1943 à fin Mai 1944

Payements - Countries

France	frs. s. 2,022,000.-
Hungaria	687,000.-
Belgium	270,000.-
Bulgaria	70,000.-
Holland	200,000.-
Rumania	250,000.-
Croatia	150,000.-
Italia	200,000.-
{ Poland	50,000.-
{ Slovakia	500,000.-
Berlin	35,000.-

	Frs. s. 4,434,000.-
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for receipts from 1943
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from the Swiss Bank, Zurich
Comm. Hqs: Adm. Hqs. J. and from
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944
1944

13. Juni 1944.

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Commentaires explicatifs à la Table II

I. Die für Frankreich verausgabten Kredite wurden folgendermassen betreut:
Die Union O S E Gesellschaft für Gesundheits- und Kinderschutz verausgabte die Gelder für folgende Posten:

- a) Monatliche Pension für die in Instituten und Privatfamilien untergebrachten, von Deportation bedrohten Kinder.
- b) Verbringungskosten zur Bergung verfolgter Kinder aus einer Gefahrzone in sichere Gebiete.
- c) Evakuierung besonders verfolgter oder alleinstehender Kinder in neutrale Länder (Spanien, Schweiz)

Die Fédération des Sociétés Juives de France benützte die Kredite für folgende Aufgabe:

Finanzielle Hilfe für Unterstützung und Bergung polnischer Flüchtlinge in Frankreich.

Evakuierung besonders bedrohter Kategorien dieser Flüchtlinge nach Spanien und der Schweiz.

Das Comité d'Assistance aux Réfugiés betreut die Flüchtlinge aus Zentral-Europa die sich in Frankreich befinden durch monatliche Unterstützungen an die Familien und besondere Hilfe zur Bergung verfolgter Personen.

Die Eclaireurs israélites de France betreuen die Jugendlichen und die ihnen gewährte Unterstützung dient ihnen zur Bergung bedrohter Jugendlichen und ihrer Evakuierung nach Spanien. Sie beziehen ihre Unterstützung teils durch O S E teils durch C A R.

Bis vor einem Monat bezogen der C A R, die Eclaireurs und weniger wichtige Organisationen ihre Kredite durch den Vertreter des Joint in Frankreich. Diese Vertretung ist durch die Abwesenheit des Joint-Vertreters augenblicklich nicht aktiv.

II. Der gesamte Kredit wurde von den verantwortlichen Leitern dieser Organisation die seit langen Jahren das Vertrauen der jüdischen Organisationen und der Öffentlichkeit besitzen zu treuen Händen verwaltet. Die gewährten Summen wurden restlos ihrer Bestimmung zugeführt und erlaubten zehntausenden von Menschen, zehntausenden von Kindern das Leben bis jetzt das Leben zu retten.

III. Die zur Hilfsaktion notwendigen Summen wurden in Frankreich vorgestreckt von Schweizern, sowohl Juden als Nichtjuden, und Juden aus Frankreich. Der Gegenwert in Schweizer Franken wurden in teils blockierten, teils nicht blockierten Konten deponiert. Man kann garantieren dass sämtliche Inhaber dieser Konten sich in der Schweiz befinden und dass die Schweizer diese Operationen übernehmen, als zuverlässig und im Sinne der Alliierten als loyal bekannt sind. Einige unter ihnen haben uns bis jetzt nicht gestattet ihren Namen bekannt zu geben. Wir haben uns aber immer unserer Verantwortung bewusst, bei der Wahl der Vertrauenspersonen mit aller zur Verfügung stehenden Garantien umgeben, um für sie einzustehen zu können. Letzten Endes muss unsere eigene Einstellung, unsere moralischen Verpflichtungen, die Erkenntnis unserer wahren Interessen und die seit Jahren von uns ausgeführte Aktionen, nicht zuletzt den schwierigen Vertrauensposten auf den uns der Amer. Joint gestellt hat die hauptsächlichste Garantie stellen dass wir nie die wahren Interessen der alliierten Sache aus dem Auge verloren haben.

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Mittel- und Ost-Europäer
(Schweiz)
Herrn vom Verein...
Comité d'Assistance aux Réfugiés
Schweizerland, Februar 1944 - May 1944

13 juin 1944

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Tableau II

France

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Crédit en Frs.s.</u>	<u>Conversion en Francs français</u>
Union OSE	1943		
à OSE française	11. 9	50,420.-	1,396,000.-
	18. 9	20,000.-	972,000.-
	18. 9	10,160.-	502,000.-
	14.10	10,040.-	657,000.-
	22.10	14,960.-	741,750.-
	7.11	25,670.-	1,345,000.-
	17.11	18,061.-	913,550.-
	3.12	19,058.-	1,000,000.-
	9.12	16,463.50	864,000.-
	1944		
	7. 1	18,170.-	1,068,500.-
	4. 2	21,050.-	1,166,500.-
	3. 3	29,520.-	1,640,150.-
	31. 3	20,000.-	1,212,000.-
	31. 3	30,000.-	1,875,000.-
	31. 3	8,621.-	590,000.-
	18. 4	20,627.-	1,250,000.-
	1. 5	160,000.-	10,000,000.-
	8. 5	24,420.-	1,526,000.-
	11. 5	41,000.-	1,640,000.-
	5	66,000.-	4,000,000.-
	5	16,000.-	1,000,000.-
	5.	9,000.-	360,000.-
	27. 5	180,000.-	5,000,000.-
		829,240.50	40,719,450.-

Délégué Suisse
Fédérat.S.J.Fr.

à Fédération des Sociétés
Juives de France

Sept.1943	459,000.-	24,950,000.-
à Mai 1944		
1. 5. "	160,000.-	10,000,000.-
25. 5. "	320,000.-	20,000,000.-
	939,000.-	54,950,000.-

of a MRELLANDS
 (Switzerland)
 Mr. Mecklenburg's 6/12
 Comm. Hqs: Activities in and from
 Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944
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Let. to Mayer 6/21/44
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

(Copy to CIA - DGE)
Re - YON

From: Department

(C.I.)

Date: June 16, 10 p.m., 1944

No: 2077

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: June 17, 1 p.m., 1944

PARAPHRASE

(C.I.)

WRB 43.

Please deliver to Saly Mayer the following message from Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Please discuss with Sternbuch his cables to the Rabbi Nical group here for request of aid from Freudiger and from Rabbi Neutra for one million dollars. We request that you discuss with McClelland the possibilities for augmenting the assistance given to Jews in Hungary and advise us through the Legation. The Mizrahi organization here has received by cable a request from Dr. Isaac Rom, Bahnhofstrasse 74, Zurich, for \$50,000. We shall appreciate it if you will contact him and let us know the purposes for which the funds are needed, and your recommendations. Rabbi Nical group considers your cooperation with Sternbuch as most important. We should appreciate receiving current information.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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PARAPHRASE

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
REC'D JUN 24 1944
BERN

From: American Legation, Lisbon.

Date: June 20, 4 p.m. 1944

No.: 2.

Code: [REDACTED]

Rec'd.: June 21, 8 a.m.

SUBJECT: Message for Mr. Saly MAYER
from FILPEL.

JDC68

Unless circumstances known to you would make it unwise, we suggest you take Joseph BITKER's advice since he is considered most reliable. Refer 67.

At the last minute SCHWARTZ' plans changed. He is now in Algiers but expects to go on to Cairo as soon as possible and from there to the East.

NORWEB

Copy to Consulate General, Zurich.
Copy to Legation, Bern.
Copy to Mr. S. Mayer.

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By H. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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(C.L.)

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Bern, June 21, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Sincerely yours,

Following our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am happy to confirm to you the news that our friend, Herbert Katzki, in company with Ira Hirschmann, both as representatives of the War Refugee Board, are at present en route for Turkey. In a message received about their trip I was requested to inform you specifically about Katzki, who would very much appreciate hearing from you and wished you to advise various friends, particularly Giziwilly, Blum and Gurevitch. I hope to work up a message myself shortly to send to both these gentlemen, and naturally if you wish to communicate with them I should be happy to forward your wires via the American Embassy in Ankara.

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Mr. Saly Mayer,
Tigerbergstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

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BERN
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Will have to find out whether the message is correct
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appreciate it if you will contact him and let us know the purposes for which the funds are needed, and your recommendations. Rabbi Nical group considers your cooperation with Sternbuch as most important. We should appreciate receiving current information."

Code: [redacted] No.: 3
Sincerely yours,
Received: June 22, 5 p.m.

Subject: Message for [redacted]
Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENEVE

3 June 21, 6 p.m.

J.D.E. 71

For Sally Mayer from Pilpel:

With reference to our June 16th conversation kindly wire through Legation the names and amounts involved in the thirteen statements proving loans.

REM/mjb
Copy of paraphrase to Legation, Bern
Copy of paraphrase to Consulate General, Zurich

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(Switzerland)

From: [redacted] Bern
Committee: Activities II and from
Switzerland, February 1945 - May 1945

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
JUN 23 1944
BERN

Saly was received this
sat. June 24
WAB, PAM
You'll have to find out
whether Mr. Squire has
given Saly this message, S. does not say.
Bern
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: AMLEGATION LISBON **Date:** June 21, 6 p.m., 1944
Code: [REDACTED] **No.:** 3
Received: June 22, 5 p.m.
Subject: Message for SALY MAYER

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(Switzerland)
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OF AMERICA
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From: AMLEGATION LISBON **Date:** June 29, 6 p.m., '44
No.: 4
Code: [REDACTED] **Received:** June 30, 3 p.m.

AMERICAN CONSUL GENEVE

4 June 29, 6 p.m.

J.D.C. 77

From Pilpel for Saly Mayer of St. Gall.

The question is asked by Dobkin whether or not transit of refugees has been approved by Germany. He also asks why they must remain in Germany instead of staying in Hungary. Are merchandise and trucks, in addition to cash, a quid pro quo? On Monday last (June 28th) eleven-point program was discussed throughout the day.

NORWEG

Copy for Saly Mayer
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Copy for Amconsulate General Zurich
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

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

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2241

Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

(C.I.)

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 65. FormClelland.

Department, Treasury and WRB request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Switzerland of the organizations listed below a report giving the total dollar equivalent of the amount of currency, if any, sent into enemy territory since June 1, pursuant to licenses

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From: Department

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

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2241

Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

(C.I.)

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 65. ForMcClelland.

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

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

Please obtain estimate if exact figures are not available.

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(for action)*

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Ankara

Date: July 3, midnight, 1944
No: (Filed July 4)

C.L.

Code: Brown

Received: July 5, 3 p.m.

Received July 6/44
For filing
Answered
No.

Please deliver the following message from
Joseph Schwartz, JDC, for Saly Mayer.

"I am informed by Hirschmann here that Brandt
matter is being handled exclusively by highest
authorities in Washington. Schertok has gone to
London in same matter. Everybody extremely anxious
to help. Address American Consulate General,
Istanbul."

STEINHARDT

re

*RSM
who is Brandt &
what's message with him?
JKH*

*Explained what 2 knew to
JKH on July 4th.*

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TELEGRAM SENT

*(Armed in Jews
in Hungary)*

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The see me
with*

To: Department

Date: July 5, 10 a. m., 1944. *file*

No: 4258

Code: XXXXXXXXXX

Charged to:

Paraphrase

Reference is made to the Department's 2183 of June 27. From McClelland for the WRB.

About May 2d, Saly Mayer first reported the proposition referred to in the Department's telegram 2183 to the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon. The report was made by telephone. On June 29, I discussed the whole matter with him once more. Ransom negotiations between representative Jewish circles in Budapest, on the one hand, and Germans, on the other, are involved in the proposition. According to the proposition, the Germans would refrain from deporting Hungarian Jews in return for the sum of two million dollars. Various other conditions were proposed to the Germans also. The principal conditions are: no brutality, preferential treatment of women, children and old people, exit permits for those who possess or receive emigration visas, permission to send relief into what-ever camps were set up, no labor camps to be outside the territory of Hungary. Early in May a first payment of 10%, or \$200,000, was made from Local Hungarian Jewish resources. We do not have in our possession the details of the conditions under which further installments were to be paid. The immediate result was that the Germans allowed a Jewish emissary to go to Istanbul (about May 16) to discuss the proposition, particularly the angle of emigration to Palestine. The Germans even placed a plane at the disposal of the emissary, who went on to Jerusalem later.

Regarding this, both Saly Mayer and I would be grateful if you could find out from the Joint in New York whether, during his visit to Barlas, Joel Brand got in touch with the JDC. Please let us know.

The deportation of Jews from the provinces began as soon as the emissary left Budapest. From information

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J.D.C. HUNGARIAN RELIEF

*of McClelland
McClelland's file
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SALY MAYER
Postfach 262, St. Gallen

received here, this seems to have been due to the overzealous action on the part of Hungarian Nazis and anti-Semites for whom was too great the temptation to indulge in newly-gained power and to plunder.

However, from Budapest no indications have been received to the effect that the negotiations on the original proposition have broken down or even that the \$200,000 are to be considered as lost. Unfortunately, the original result hoped for has been largely annulled already by drastic action of Hungarian authorities; and only Jews in the area of Budapest seem to remain.

"Proposition number one" will be the reference for this hereafter.

The proposition to which reference was made in the Department's 2184 of June 27, whereby Freudiger and the Rabbi of Neutra appealed for one million dollars to save many Hungarian Jews is almost surely identical with "proposition number one," according to a consensus of opinion based on information possessed. This separate appeal was sent by Freudiger to Sternbuch for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States apparently in an attempt to make doubly sure. This sum of one million dollars was desired to finance rescue of orthodox Jews in Hungary particularly.

This matter was discussed by Saly Mayer and Sternbuch on June 29th. It was agreed that hereafter financial leadership in the entire Hungarian question should remain in the hands of the Joint Distribution Committee in New York. All funds available in the United States, from whatever sources, should be centralized with the Joint and transmitted to Mayer for the relief or rescue of all categories of Jews in Hungary who are in danger. On the other hand, Saly Mayer agreed with Sternbuch to respect earmarked funds sent through him for special groups in Hungary. The whole discussion has been confirmed directly to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis by Sternbuch telegraphically.

Refer to Legation's 4170 of June 30. The proposition contained in this cable is the most recent variant of "proposition number one," discussed above. As further messages from Budapest are overdue, we should receive clarifying information in a short while. The Emissary should have returned to Budapest by this time.

Reference is made to Department's 2184. Answering the question in the last paragraph thereof, it is very difficult

SALY MAYER
Postfach 282, St. Gallen

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Mr. McClillands 6/1/45
(Switzerland)
From Swiss Jewish Group Dispersed
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May 1944

difficult to predict whether such a ransom proposition will produce practical results. It can only be hoped that something will come of it. Personally, I am skeptical of any successful outcome. Already the Germans have shown signs of requesting goods (food-stuffs and textiles) rather than money. It will also be difficult to check the Hungarian elements that have launched this program of persecution with the avowed purpose of ridding Hungary of Jews. Perhaps this is why the Germans propose to take the 30,000 to Germany.

There are, however, two factors which are fundamental to the entire matter:

- 1) The serious exploration of all possible destinations of emigration or temporary havens for Hungarian Jews, such as Palestine, North Africa, the United States for children or South America; sizeable blocks of visas should be obtained or at least an agreement, in principle, for them. Authorizations to transit through Spain and Portugal should be secured also. The Germans, for unexplained reasons, have refused to allow departures through Turkey and Rumania;
- 2) There should be made available to Saly Mayer here in Switzerland a substantial fund, from the Joint and any other sources, of at least one million dollars in Swiss francs. (Naturally, this would be in addition to his regular budget for relief.) It is strongly felt by Mayer that this will serve to keep up the morale of the Jews remaining in Hungary. Of course, such funds will be subject to any control desired; the funds will remain in Switzerland and they will not be used unless prior submission of proposal and specific authorization have been made.

In the course of the last two months, Saly Mayer has already sent over 800,000 Swiss francs into Hungary to meet this tragic situation and two days ago he sent the sum of 200,000 Swiss francs to Bratislava as well.

HARRISON

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Postfach 282, St. Gallen

OF R. NECELLELANDS

RAB. JOINT DISSEMINATION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

From: New York, Swiss Dissem. Committee; Bratislava, and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945

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Bern, July 7, 1944.
Bern, July 6, 1944.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.
Dear Mr. Saly Mayer,
Dear Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

In conformity with a recent request from the State and Treasury Departments and the War Refugee Administration, the Legation would appreciate receiving from you, at an early date, a report giving the total dollar value of the property of American citizens in enemy-occupied territory during the period ending June 1, 1944, pursuant to the request of the War Refugee Administration. I am informed by Hirschmann here that the Brandt matter is being handled exclusively of February by highest authorities in Washington. Schertok that has gone to London in same matter. Everybody extremely anxious to help. Address American Consulate General, Istanbul. It would be appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter. Paragraphs A (1 & 2) of your license, or when such local currency was inadequate to effect the desired rescue, Paragraph A (3) should only then have been employed after prior consultation with the Legation, if this was physically possible, involving the necessary assurance of the American Minister. Reasonable steps would be taken by the American Minister to the country in question that such the American Minister. benefit the enemy.

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

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A true copy
of the signed
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SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

Dr. R. McClelland

(Switzerland)

Committee: Administration and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945

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July 1944

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C.L.

Bern, July 7, 1944.

From: AMLEGATION LISBON Date: July 7, 7 p.m., '44

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

No. 8

Received: July 8, 8:45 p.m.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Subject: Message for SALLY MAYER

In conformity with a recent request from the State and Treasury Departments and the War Refugee Board, the Legation would appreciate receiving from you, at an early date, a report giving the total dollar equivalent of the amount of free currency (it is presumed that this would have been Swiss francs), if any, which you may have sent into enemy or enemy-occupied territory during the period ending June 1, 1944, pursuant to paragraph A(3) of the license which was communicated to you in the Legation's letter of February 12, 1944. It is observed in this respect that the sending of free currency into enemy or enemy-occupied territory for relief and particularly rescue operations was to have been resorted to only "in extremis", that is in the face of a serious emergency situation, when local currency could not be secured by the safer methods outlined in paragraphs A (1 & 2) of your license, or when such local currency was inadequate to effect the desired rescue operations. Method A (3) should only then have been employed after prior consultation with the Legation, if this was physically possible, involving the necessary assurance on your part that reasonable steps would be taken by your representative in the country in question that such free currency would not benefit the enemy.

Copy sent to Sincerely yours,

Legation, Bern
Ambassade General, Zurich

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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A true copy
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original:

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Date: Aug. 12, 1983
By: R. H. Pugh, Inc. SEP 20 1982

SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

of R. McClelland

848 JOHN DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Approved: Roswell McClelland, Special Assistant to the American Minister, Bern, Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
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Do you want him to continue to
send these things through
Geneva? **Bern**
Paraphrase
TELEGRAM RECEIVED
Please see me about it.
J.K.H.

From: AMLEGATION LISBON Date: July 7, 7 p.m., '44
No.: 5
Code: [REDACTED]
Received: July 8, 8:45 p.m.
Subject: Message for SALLY MAYER

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENEVA

I called SM on Thurs.
July 13th on this & agreed
with her that I would
draft a message for Lisbon
& she would telephone them
independently. **R.D.M.**

5 July 7, 7 p.m.

J.D.C. 82 from Filpel for Sally Mayer.

\$25,000 sent you for Shanghai from New York.

For transportation Constanza Istanbul Rado has been asked by Schwartz to send you the sum of 500,000 francs (Swiss); additional 1,500,000 francs was also asked for. Only on orders Lisbon office or Schwartz are these two last-mentioned amounts to be disbursed.

100 - Geneva Swiss bank
Shanghai 15,000,000 for 125,000 \$
NORWEG

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Copy sent to Mr. Mayer
" " " Amlegation, Bern
" " " Amconsulate General, Zurich

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SALLY MAYER
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From:

S.M. - July 7th 1942. JCG Zurich tele. S.M. plans to put out 200,000 - into Hungarian ^{Switzerland} to be used for Jewish relief in Hungary if & when Jews can obtain need of. They are already in short nations.

944

Code:

S.M. & Gidycz recommended in ransom propositions. Remaining "Was is Nachbarleistung"

Received WRB July 15 For Action Answered No.

43, m. for 100,000 - S. for Rumania - good rate!! Better than Red Cross deal

Zeeck deal for July remittance than ICRC stage.

Krahan "Unterstützungsstelle" - is this off or not? (asked Namen to contact with Folie in London).

Vorbund's monthly TB's amount to \$21,000.

CRB - Chinese Reserve Bank dollars Shanghai 15,000,000 for 123,000 S. for.

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JDC file

From: Ankara

(C.L.)

Date: July 7, 1 p.m., 1944

No:

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: July 8, 5 p.m.

Received WRB *July 18/44 T.D.J.*
For Action
Answered
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PARAPHRASE

From *Herbert* Katzki for Saly Mayer at St. Gall.

I am now at Istanbul for WRB. My address is: care American Consulate General, Istanbul. I shall appreciate your advising friends in various regions. I shall be glad to have word from you whenever the occasion presents itself. With regards, Herbert Katzki.

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From: Department Date: July 8, 1 p.m., 1944
No: 2364
Code: [REDACTED] Received: July 9, 8 p.m.

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Received WRB No. 76
For Action
Answered
No.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 76. To Harrison for McClelland.
Legation's 4258 July 5, ~~Section 2~~, penultimate
paragraph.
Joint Distribution is prepared to make available
one million dollars which Saly Mayer has requested.
Remittance follows within a few days.

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Address:
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Transmitted to Saly Mayer July, 14th./44

CASE FILE

Wife RDM

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Beyoglu

Date: July 11, 10 a. m., 1944.

No: --

Received: July 11, midnight

Code: Brown

Received VTB, St. Gallen, 12/14/44
For Action
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Following message to Saly Mayer, St. Gallen,
Switzerland, from Joseph Schwartz.

New York transferring your account 500,000
Swiss francs for special transportation of refugees
from Fild. Have also asked them transmit an
additional 1,500,000 Swiss francs the same purpose.
Please pay out this money in accordance with
instructions from Lisbon or myself. (7)

*See also
Johannes*

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SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

of R. McLELLAND

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(Switzerland)

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Committee: Admin. Staff and from
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From: Department

Date: July 12, 7 p.m., 1944



No: 2387

Code: [Redacted]

Received: July 13, 9 a.m.

For Action Answered No.

PARAPHRASE

No. 81 from the War Refugee Board.

For the Minister and McClelland.

Mr. Pehle has been in consultation with the Swiss Minister with a view to obtaining without delay the Swiss franc equivalent of \$1,500,000 for extraordinary relief purposes. Please take the earliest opportunity to discuss this matter with Mr. Kohli of the Federal Political Department.

The foregoing relates in part to the request of Saly Mayer contained in your telegram No. 4258, of July 5, 1944, and to compliance therewith by the Joint Distribution Committee.

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(Mr. McClelland told me this morning that Kohli had already called him re on this - YKW)

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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*Minister
Will Beaton
(Consult Mr. Pehle)
Done 3/20/44
4 report to me
please.
JH*

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of R. McClelland

(Switzerland)

From Swiss Jewish Joint Distr. Sub-Committee: Action this is and from Switzerland February 1944 - May 1945

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Via Courier

Date July, 13th, 1944.

Code
Mr. Saly Mayer
c/o American Consulate
Zurich.

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From "Kagofu"
Numbered
of July 11th.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

The following message came in today from our mutual friend, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, of the J.D.C. addressed to you:

Henryk please pay Union Banque Suisse, Zurich, Swiss

"New York transferring your account 500,000 Swiss francs for special transportation of refugees from Fild. Have also asked them transmit an additional 1,500,000 Swiss francs for the same purpose. Please pay out this money in accordance with instructions from Lisbon or myself."

Trusting that you will find this news good and substantial, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Address:
SALY MAYER
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Communicated verbally to S.M. July 14 - RDM

From: Ankara

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Date: July 14, 9 a.m., 1944
(Filed July 14, 6 pm)

No:

Code: Brown

Received: July 13, 8 p.m.

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For Saly Mayer, St. Gall, Switzerland, from Joseph Schwartz.

For transportation 761 passengers from Fild to Resnik please pay Union Banque Suisse, Zurich, Swiss francs 380,500 at disposal of Wolf Zeev Shind, Istanbul. Zurich should cable receipt to Shind, Hollantsche Bank, Istanbul.

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(Switzerland)

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St. Gallen, den July 14th 19 44

Roswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the
American Minister
B E R N E.

(C.I.)

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

I accordance with your wish I
beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter July 6th, received
personally at the Legation July 7th.

Yours very respectfully

Saly Mayer

Very sincerely yours

Saly Mayer

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 302, St. Gallen

R. McClelland

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St. Gallen, den July 14th 19 44

Roswell D McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the
American Minister
B E R N E.

Dear Sir,

In request to your letter July 7th
I beg to inform you of the foallowing payements in free currency
having taken place ↓

*Since
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became int.*

Hungary	Swiss Frs	573,000		\$	<i>Roundly</i> 135,000
Slowakie		447,000			105,000
Rumanie		6,500	+ 65,000		17,000
Poland		3,000	+ 10,000		3,000
Italy		40,000	fcs.		94 00

According to our friends reports these moneys have not been
put at the disposal of an Enemy Government but have been kept
either by the Jews themselves or paid to the men who have been
assitting to leave the country.

According to all informations reaching us personally as well
as obtained in other ways it is quite clear that "in Extremis"
seems to be the permanent situation. This accounts for the fact
that the system of borrowing of local money against repayments
in Dollars after the war is no longer praticable.

Yours very respectfully

Sally Mayer

Address:
SALLY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

R. McClelland

(Switzerland)

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St. Gallen, den July 14th 19 44

Roswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the
American Minister
BERNE.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
favor of July 12th (via American Consulate, Zürich).

Transit Camps in Spain

I have taken due notice of your very
welcome news. From this mornings tel. with Lisbon office I have
learned that during March to End of June approx. 700 Persons
have arrived from France, incl. 40 children.

Foreign Exchange payable to Propositioners

I beg to confirm your instructions
i.e. advise, not to pay actual cash but to try to come to an under
standing regarding this ransom money to be paid in material.
So far, from the Joints money being sent to our friends nothing
has been used for any other purpose but actual relief for the
poor Jews. As soon as we receive a request to make a payment
to the Propositioners benefit we shall communicate immediately
with your good self before doing anything definite.

1,000,000 Dollars special grant for Hungarian catastrophe
which has been mentioned in this letter I beg to inform you that
so far no news has reached me yet about its payment having been
actually effected. Any movement on behalf of this transaction
will be sent to you immediately.

Yours very respectfully.

NB I have taken note of Herbert
Katzki, s aable from Istanbul.

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(Switzerland)

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Tel. to Dept. 7/27 RDM/mjb

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From: Department

C.I.

Date: July 15, 2 p.m., 1944

No: 2417

Received: July 16, 8 a.m.

Received WRB No. 4807
For Action
Measured July 29/44
No. 4807

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 83. For McClelland.

Please disregard WRB 81, transmitted in Department's No. 2387 July 12, as Pehle has completed with the Swiss Minister a special arrangement for making available the Swiss franc equivalent of \$1,500,000. The sole condition which the Swiss authorities impose is that the aforementioned Swiss francs be used for humanitarian purposes.

Note: back down

This sum is being supplied by Joint Distribution here. Upon receipt, please turn over the Swiss franc equivalent promptly to Saly Mayer. One million dollars of this amount should go to the fund which, as reported in Legation's 4256 July 5, was requested by Saly Mayer. The balance of half a million dollars is to be expended by him in connection with evacuation program from the Balkans; Lisbon office of Joint Distribution will send him further instructions in this regard.

Kindly cable the date on which the above Swiss francs are received, and also the date on which they are delivered to Saly Mayer.

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By R. B. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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of R. McClelland

(Switzerland)

*Member - New York Joint Dist. Center
Committee: Administration and Finance
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HRB Rom
Communicated and results
to S.M. July 18th 1949

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S.M. Telephone 3:00 Mon. July 17th
Call

Fuchsfeld in Szeged.
Group of 1200 left Budapest 2
Bistrelava in direction Vienna
Amended to Spain - plan # I

March, April & June 300 + 40
children from France to Spain
according to telephone call from
Jofreykin in Barcelona. Good!

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HRB Rom
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12 PM July 18 1944

From: Lisbon

Date: July 17, 11 a.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 97

Received: July 17, 4 p.m.

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PARAPHRASE

For Saly Mayer. JDC 87. From Pilpel.
The Spanish Government, we are informed, on
July 8 issued instructions to its representatives
in Budapest to issue Spanish visas to 500 Hungarian
children who have Tangier's. We have no information
as to Budapest action. It will be appreciated if you
will investigate and report on this matter.

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WRR Room
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to S.M. on July 18 1944

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From: Lisbon

Date: July 17, 11 a.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 98

Received: July 17, 3 p.m.

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PARAPHRASE

For Saly Mayer. JDC 86. From Pilpel.

We should like to know whether the proposed rate of 8,000 to one could be applied to July exchanges only, in view of the fact that the rate changes each day. Rate could be changed later if necessary. This refers to proposition for paying pounds sterling in Palestine.

NORWEB

Saly's scheme of collecting 8000 \$ in Romania for Palestine to be received by emigrant on arrival.
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BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

ZURICH-BERNE
AARAU, DALE, GENEVE, LAUSANNE, LUCERNE, LUGANO, NEUCHÂTEL, ST-GALL
BIENNE, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, WINTERTHOUR
ALTDORF, BRILLONNE, COIRE, FRIBOURG, GÉRISAU, LIESTAL, SCHAFFHOUSE, SCHWYZ, SION, SOLEURE, WEINFELDEN, YCOG

Berne, le 19 juillet 1944.

TELEGRAMMES: NATIONALBANK
TELEPHONE No. 238.24
COMPTE DE CHEQUES POSTAUX No. III. 5

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

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OF AMERICA
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Monsieur le Ministre,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous
avons reçu par câble de la Federal Reserve Bank of New
York, New York, pour votre compte, d'ordre Roswell Mc
Clelland War Refugees Board Representative, contre quittance:
Fr. 6.402.825.-- contrevaieur de \$ 1.500.000.- à 4.29
moins $\frac{1}{2}\%$ de commission, montant pour lequel vous voudrez bien
nous passer vos instructions.

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

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
[Signature]

1 formulaire de quittance.

ANNEXE
No 378

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION: CREDIT - HUNGARIAN RAJTER

[Vertical handwritten notes on the right margin:]
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Mr. McClelland's files
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Member - Venise Joint Distribution
Committee: Addressed to and from
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Jews in Hungary

MEMORANDUM

To: The Minister

MEMORANDUM

File: Joint Distribution Committee

From: R. McClelland

July, 20th, 1944.

For: Saly Mayer

From: R. McClelland

July, 20th, 1944.

DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF ONE & ONE-HALF MILLION
RE: THE SUM OF \$ 1,500,000 RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES

WITH THE JEWISH SITUATION IN HUNGARY
According to a special arrangement concluded between Mr. Pehle of the War Refugee Board and the Swiss Minister, Mr. Bruggmann, the Swiss franc equivalent of \$1,500,000 is being made available to us here in Switzerland. The sole condition which the Swiss authorities imposed is that the Swiss francs be used for humanitarian purposes in connection, particularly, with the tragic situation of the Jewish population in Hungary.

The cable which we received on July, 16th, goes on to state: "This sum is being supplied by the Joint Distribution Committee here. Upon receipt, please turn over the Swiss franc equivalent promptly to Saly Mayer. One million dollars of this amount should go to the fund which, as reported in the Legation's cable No. ... (which concerned the Propositions I & II) was requested by Saly Mayer. The balance of half a million dollars is to be expended by him in connection with an evacuation program from the Balkans. The Lisbon office of the Joint will send him further instructions in this regard."

I attach for your information the memorandum of a conversation which I had this morning with Dr. Kohli of the Federal Political Department concerning this money. You will note from it that Dr. Kohli is particularly anxious that this whole sum not be withdrawn at once. Since we are inclined to comply with Dr. Kohli's wishes (which seem to be reasonable) it will be difficult for me at the same time to comply with the War Refugee Board's instructions to me to pay this whole sum in Swiss francs to you promptly. I am sure, however, that we shall be able to reach an agreement satisfactory to both of us on this score.

In the telegram which I sent to the WRB reporting Plans or rather Propositions I & II it was agreed that no funds thus requested would be spent, especially as rather delicate ransom propositions were involved, without prior discussion of plans here at the Legation and submission of such plans, if it was felt necessary, to Washington for approval. In arranging the transfer of this money to you the WRB is still bound by this original agreement, to ask you to discuss all projected expenditures of this money with the Legation.

* See press in Hungary
B e r n . Dep. 2387 - July 12

Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to
The American Minister.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

R. McClelland

(Switzerland)

Memorandum: New York Joint Distribution Committee: Austria, Italy and France Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1944

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Jews in Hungary

MEMORANDUM

To: The Minister

From: R. McClelland

July, 20th. 1944.

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CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. KOHLI OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF ONE & ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN SWISS FRANCS FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE JEWISH SITUATION IN HUNGARY. INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE AT 10 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY, 20th.

Dr. Kohli opened the conversation by stating that, contrary to their expectations, the entire sum of \$1,500,000 had arrived in Swiss francs, the dollars having been simply placed on the Swiss National Bank's "free gold" account with the Federal Reserve Bank. I gathered that as a result of this move on the part of the Treasury Dept. and the WRB the Swiss had had to accept the dollars "en bloc" for conversion, rather than piecemeal as they had planned. Dr. Kohli stated that he had previously (when the matter first came up on July 12th.) recommended to the Federal Council, which had approved in principle the conversion of the \$ 1,500,000, that this amount be transferred in blocked dollars and that the dollars be "taken up" in instalments over a certain period of time. Dr. Kohli appeared somewhat nervous that we might want the whole amount of over 6 million francs at once. He inferred that if this should be the case he would have to "justify" this request to the Federal Council since it would be a departure from the plan to which they had originally agreed.

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(Switzerland)

American Jewish Relief - District Director
Committee: Adm. Staff and from
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July 1944

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I asked Dr. Kohli whether they had received any precise instructions from Minister Bruggmann in Washington concerning the agreement reached between Mr. Pehle of the WRB and their Minister regarding the terms of the availability of this money in Swiss francs. He replied that they had not; whereupon I offered to cable to Mr. Pehle requesting clarification. Dr. Kohli hastened to declare that he did not feel this would be necessary and that the Swiss francs were at our disposal, in my name, in a "special account" at the Bern branch of the Swiss National Bank.

Dr. Kohli having stated that they would be most appreciative if we did not draw the whole amount out at one time, I remarked that since they had agreed to take over the dollars "en bloc" it did not appear to me that drawing all the francs out would make much difference now one way or another. I stated that I should have to talk to our Minister and Accounting Office about this question. Dr. Kohli repeated once more that it would be appreciated if we drew the money out "au fur et à mesure" as we needed it. He mentioned withdrawals of "one or two million francs" as being quite in order, but indicated that they would prefer to have the money remain in the account at the Swiss National Bank.

I informed Dr. Kohli that although I was not now in a position to state just how much would be needed at any one time, I doubted if the need would be such as to necessitate withdrawal of the whole sum. We had already received a request from the

OF R. NECELELANDS

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International Red Cross for a substantial sum to undertake a relief program in behalf of Jewish children in Hungary, I stated, and the question of the amount required was being considered. Dr. Kohli seemed quite enthusiastic about any amounts, however, large, which we might desire to turn over to the ICRC, and further indicated that there would be no objection to our placing funds at Saly Mayer's disposal.

We left matters at this point; and I personally feel that we can now go ahead and make whatever plans are indicated for the expenditure of this money. I will be having a talk with Saly Mayer about the whole question this afternoon.

RM

Roswell McClelland.

of R. McClelland

Mr. McClelland's file (Switzerland)

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945 July 1944

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Croatia project a) 20,000 for 24,000,000 Kunas do
b) food parcels OAC pending
c) medicine OAC special

Hungary special
Slovakia Blava a) 200,000 S for actual S Bank Notes
b) condensed Milk
c) Medicine OAC
d) part going to Slovaks + Polish camps

Czechoslovakia no actual money
all through OAC
a) 200,000 -
b) OAC

Bulgaria 100,000 S for, remain in S'land
1st = 80 kevas
SVHelle 1st = 20

Rumania a) 1,000,000,000 lei : approx 1600 lei per \$
b) children 1st S for = 500 lei
2nd separate Budget 1st £ = 8000
c) OAC very big Med compound

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Holland 1 m Tamen + Kroft credit
200,000 Sfr
400 m fl

Belgium 50,000 Sfr. 1,500,000 Belg fr.

France 16,000,000 fr monthly Budget
until Octobre covered

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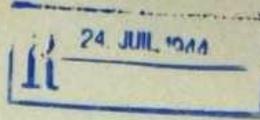
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St. Gallen, den July 23rd 19 44



Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose copies of letters sent to Union Osé, Fédération, C.A.R. and Hechaluz with reference to obtaining additional reports about free currency in enemy countries and financing of relief work in France.

As soon as above mentioned organisations have submitted their replies I shall have the pleasure of submitting them to you.

Very respectfully yours

Sally Mayer

Reswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the
American Minister
BERNE.

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Address:
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Fuesch 202, St. Gallen

REF.: A.I.D.C.

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23. Juli 44

Weltzentrale des Hochaluz
Hochaluz Geneva Office
Geneve.

Referenz : Hartüberweisungen in free currency (USA or Swis
nach Slowakei Ungarn Rumänien Polen

Durch Ihre Vermittlung wurden verschiedentlich solche
Überweisungen gemacht und bitten wir Sie höflich um umgehend
zu berichten in welcher Weise und für welche Zwecke diese
Gelder verwendet wurden und werden. Es ist Ihnen wiederholt
die uns auferlegte scharfe Besinnung zu Kenntnis gebracht
worden, dass mit diesen Geldern unter keinen Umständen
ein Vorteil für den Feind der Alliierten geschaffen werden
soll. Wollen Sie gefl. Ihrerseits neuerdings dafür Sorge
tragen, dass diese Bestimmung Anwendung findet.

In Erwartung Ihrer Berichterstattung begrüssen wir Sie

Hochachtungsvoll

Sig Saly Mayer

Copie geht an W. McClelland

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Glets in Hungary

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23. Juli 44

An Union Osé, M. Marc Jarblum Fédération und
M. Albert Lévy- C A R

Genf.

Referenz:

Finanzierung des Jüdischen Hilfswerkes
in Frankreich

*Call Weil
in this*

Wir berichten Ihnen hiemit, dass wir in
nächster Zeit eine Konferenz ansetzen werden um im
Beisein des Herrn McClelland, Special Assistant to the
American Minister in Berne as Representative of the
W.R.B. in Washington, demselben Bericht zu erstatten über
die Art und Weise der Durchführung des Hilfswerkes unter
besonderer Berücksichtigung der Ihnen wohlbekannten Ver-
schriften über Beschaffung der hierfür benötigten franz.
Franken. Bereiten Sie sich gefl. hierfür eingehend vor und
insbesondere ordnen Sie die Unterlagen über die Ver-
wendung der Gelder soweit Ihnen solches möglich ist.

Wir richten diese Einladung und Aufforderung durch die
güt. Vermittlung der Union Osé und bitten dieselbe um
gefll. Bescheinigung der Weitergabe an die Organisationen
Fédération und C.A.R. resp. deren Vertreter in Genf.

Hochachtungsvoll

Copie geht an M. McClelland

McClelland

(Switzerland)

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24 July 1944

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Lot Jews in Hungary
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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

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

No: 4748

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Paraphrase

From McClelland for WRB.

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

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

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

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

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

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From: LISBON

Date: July 24, 1944, 4 p.m.
(filed July 25)

No: 101

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Received: July 26, 1944, 9 a.m.

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PARAPHRASE

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

For Saly Mayer, St. Gallen, JDC 91, from Pilpel.
Representative here was telegraphed by Commission
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that twice monthly they can ship five kilo food packages
to 1200 internees in labor camps in Yugoslavia. If you
are not already sending parcels to internees in Yugoslavia,
could you arrange with Commission Mixte for shipment?

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PARAPHRASE

The following is for Saly Mayer of St. Gall from Schwartz who left for Lisbon Saturday on urgent mission:

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Recd. Kelly
No. Answered

in payment for ship passage of 768 persons from Constanza to Palestine.

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to Hofrat Stern
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Re: sending money into
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Jews in Hungary
Special JBC relief

An den Verband der Ungarländischen Juden,
Budapest.

Hochverehrter und lieber Herr Hofrat Samuel Stern!
Wir benützen diese Gelegenheit um Ihnen mitzuteilen,
dass wir dank unserer Behörden und des Internationalen Roten
Kreuzes die Hilfsarbeit ausüben werden, soweit es uns die Ver-
hältnisse gestatten. Es ist uns jedoch nur möglich dieselbe
ohne Unterschied irgendwelcher religiöser oder politischer
Spezialisierung durchzuführen, und werden wir deshalb aus-
schliesslich nur mit derjenigen Stelle verkehren, welche uns
von der Schweizer Gesandtschaft und den Vertretern des Inter-
nationalen Roten Kreuzes als solche bezeichnet wird. Es liegt
deshalb in erster Linie an Ihnen sich auszuweisen, dass Sie
diese behördlich und jüdisch anerkannte Instanz sind.

Für Sie muss es als Wichtigstes bedeuten, dass Sie
hiemit zur Kenntnis nehmen können, dass wir für den sofortigen
Beginn der Tätigkeit finanziell vorbereitet sind. Seit einigen
Monaten sind leider bei Ihnen die Verhältnisse vollständig ge-
ändert, und wissen wir zur Zeit gar nichts Konkretes in welcher
Weise die Arbeit durchgeführt werden kann. Wir verstehen na-
türlich, dass inzwischen vielleicht eine vollständige Verarmung
eingetreten ist und Sie deshalb nur auf unsere Hilfe ange-
wiesen sind, abschon eigentlich genügend ungarisch-jüdisches
Kapital vorhanden wäre um den Unterhalt aller Juden in Ungarn
zu finanzieren. Auch wenn es sehr problematisch ist, dürfen
wir diese nächstliegende Möglichkeit nicht vollständig igno-
rieren. Hievon abgesehen, bestehen die weiteren Möglichkeiten
der Beschaffung bei Ihnen in der Weise, dass dort selbst Mittel
aufgebracht werden können

- a) gegen Zahlung von Dollar nach dem Kriege,
- b) Schweizer-Franken nach dem Kriege,
- c) Schweizer-Franken sofort
- d) Pengö-Auszahlung durch unsere eigenen Transaktionen,
- e) Ueberweisung von Pengönoten aus der Schweiz,
- f) Ueberweisung von Dollar-Banknoten aus der Schweiz,
- g) Ueberweisung von Schweizer Banknoten aus der Schweiz.
- h) Eine weitere Hilfsmöglichkeit besteht darin, dass Ihnen unter
der Kontrolle des Internationalen Roten Kreuzes, Lebensmittel
und Bekleidungsgegenstände ausgehändigt werden. Durch die gleiche
Stelle können Sie die Bedürfnisse an Medikamenten und dergleichen
aufgeben.

i) Unabgeklärt ist die Finanzierung der Auswanderungskosten.
Wir berichten Ihnen, soweit es uns von hier aus mög-
lich ist die Situation zu überblicken und soll durch oben Ge-
sagtes, in keiner Weise, Ihr eigenes Hilfsprogramm präjudiziert
werden. Sie sind hiemit dringend ersucht dasselbe, durch die
Ihnen mitgeteilten Stellen, uns schnellstens bekannt zu geben.

Dr. R. NELLELLANDS

Mrs. Nellellands 5175
(Switzerland)

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Wollen Sie gefl. zur Kenntnis nehmen, dass wir durch Vermittlung des Internationalen Roten Kreuzes an den Verband der Ungarländischen Juden (Dr. Polgar) für die Kinderhilfe 2'000'000.- Pengös auszahlen lassen.

Wir hoffen, dass wir, soweit es uns möglich war, die Situation klar umschrieben haben. Soweit dieser Brief mit der Wirklichkeit nicht übereinstimmen sollte, liegt es nun an Ihnen uns hierüber Aufschluss zu geben.

Vergessen Sie nicht, dass wir als Wegleitung noch einmal festhalten: unsere Hilfe ist für Alle bestimmt und wir bitten Sie uns in dieser Hinsicht nach besten Kräften behilflich zu sein.

Wir können Ihnen nicht eindringlich genug die Versicherung geben, dass Sie unter allen Umständen Mut und Hoffnung haben dürfen, dass wir Ihnen beistehen und helfen werden, soweit es menschenmöglich ist.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

signed *Sally Mayer*

USA legation
26. VII. 1944.

of R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

From: Geneva, Swiss, Swiss, Swiss, Swiss
Committee: Admitted to and from
Switzerland, February 1944 - May 1945

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From: Bern, July 26, 1944.

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Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care American Consulate,
Geneva.

648 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Mayer:

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

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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Ref. to Switzerland, Consideration with SM.
Let. to Mayer 7/29/44

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon

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

No.: 103

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: July 27, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

JDC 92 from Pilpel for Saly Mayer.

Consideration is being given by the Government of Portugal to temporary hospitality, under certain conditions which we believe it will be possible to meet, for three thousand registered children from France. World Congress and Jewish Agency are telegraphing Lichtheim, Jar Blum, and Silberschein with the request that they ask InterCross to secure French exit permits. They are being instructed to confer with you. Kindly confer with these persons and with International Red Cross and let us know the result.

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Ask'd by [unclear]
Paraphrase

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: AMLEGATION LISBON Date: July 26, 7 p.m., '44
No.: 7
Code: [redacted] Received: July 27, 10 a.m.

Subject: Message for Messrs. Lichtheim, Jarblum, and Silberschein.

AMERICAN CONSUL GENEVA
7 July 26, 7 p.m.

For Richard Lichtheim, Abraham Silberschein, and Marc Jarblum, Geneva, from Isaac Weisman and Eliahu Dobkin.

The Portuguese Government is considering giving temporary hospitality to 3,000 Jewish children (registered) from France. The offer is made under certain conditions but we think these conditions can be met.

Joint Distribution Committee is sending a telegram to Saly Mayer asking him to approach Intercross with a view to securing exit visas and suggesting that he confer also with you. Kindly confer with the International Red Cross and with Saly Mayer and telegraph results of your conferences.

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- Copy to Richard Lichtheim
- Copy to Marc Jarblum
- Copy to Abraham Silberschein
- Copy to American Legation, Bern

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Refugees in Switzerland. Conversation with SM.

July 26th/44.

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The entrance into Switzerland - Jan 1st - June 19
Jewish refuges { Men: 1588 & refouled 61
Women 1496 & refouled 32 } (CI)

From pt. of view of most Jewish orgs. the refoulement stands as
ends of "Einzelfall". Polheimund states orders given to frontier
that all "Jews" are gefährdet in Leib u Seele.
They will see only the 61 + 32 & that the 96 + 97% who were
allowed in.

SM feels if they would approve tractor proposition he would
lose all solid ground.

- 400,000 already to Hungary
- 500,000 stem demands
- 200,000 Schwab wants money
- 400,000 for purchase of passage
- 400,000 claim for amigration.

What is happening to the net-1200 & the net-1700 + Kestner's
Zionist group?

2. re money Salty told political department & out of
"Orthodoxism" very few non-Jews help Jews - Balkans: more
wild ransom & bribery propositions.

Heldi transferring 1 1/2 m to Kern branch of SNB. - Local patriotism!
- 1/2 m 30,000 Drs SM would have preferred to go to St.
Gall branch or remain at Hauptstz.

Ask Daymont about drawing out first tranche of 2 m. Drs.

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OF R. MCELLELLAND

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Let. to Mr. Mayer carried by hand
by Mr. McClelland 7/28 RDM/mjb

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon

Date: July 27, 6 p.m., 1944

No.: 105

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: July 28, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

JDC 93. For Saly Mayer from Filpel.

Bitker in Shanghai has notified Laura Margolis that it may prove necessary to drop Brahn from the committee. On the basis of her knowledge of Brahn, she authorizes Bitker to eliminate him if Gluckman, Hylfrin and Lang concur.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department: Date: July 27, midnight, 1944
No: 2342
Code: Bern, July 27, 1944.

Swiss National Bank,
Bern.

Sirs:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th of July. I have been instructed to request that you hold this amount of 6,402,825 Swiss francs in your bank to my credit, for disposition in accordance with such instructions as I may give you from time to time.

I would be grateful if you would consider the present letter as authorizing the signatures of J. Klahr Huddle and/or Warren M. Chase in my place. The signatures of the foregoing are on file at your bank in connection with Mr. Daymont's accounts.

As a preliminary transaction, it would be appreciated if you would transfer the sum of 2,000,000 Swiss francs to the Schweizerische Bankverein in St. Gall for the credit of Mr. Saly Mayer.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:

Signed receipt returned.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: July 27, midnight, 1944
Code: [REDACTED] No.: 2582
Received: July 28, 5 p.m.

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PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 90. For McClelland.

Please deliver following message to Saly Mayer from N. A. Leavitt of JDC.

You are hereby given authority to arrange local borrowing for the three months' period July 1-September 30 of \$930,000 for relief purposes. The totals by countries are as follows: France \$300,000, Hungary \$300,000, Rumania \$300,000, and Northern Italy \$30,000. This represents the total authorizations for the countries named, superseding previous authorizations you have received. You are requested to keep separate accounts of the transactions which are undertaken under these authorizations. Total transaction already entered into during the month of July should be included in over-all. It is suggested that through the American Legation you inform us periodically of the countries concerned and the amounts for which transactions have been consummated. Please note that the authorizations have to do exclusively with local borrowing against eventual repayment by us in dollars or sterling. It will be appreciated if you will keep us informed as to the extent of dollar and sterling obligations that are incurred. In addition we have available the sum of \$20,000 for time grant for local borrowing in Hungary. If transaction is made for this special sum, a separate account should be kept of this item. It is assumed that Intercross will continue to cooperate in arranging the details of local borrowing. Kindly let us know by September 1 whether, in your opinion, the above rate of authorizations should be continued for the last quarter of this year or should be either increased or decreased. If possible, your recommendation should be accompanied by supporting data. A copy of this telegram is being sent to JDC in Lisbon.

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By Hand

My dear Mr. Mayer:

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Special Assistant to the American Minister.

I strongly recommend the question of exit permit from France for children, with any or all of the three gentlemen mentioned, or with the International Red Cross. The Political Department of the French Government has been attempting for almost two years through Minister Stangis in Vichy to obtain satisfactory results along these lines but have thus far had no success. It seems very unlikely to me, therefore, that the I.R.C. will be in a position to secure such exit permits. It is my understanding, however, that Inter-cross (Mr. Burckhardt told me this) has recently addressed letters to the remaining neutral governments in Europe asking each one of them for indications as to the number of refugee children they might eventually be able to receive.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Geneva.

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Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
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Bern, July 28, 1944.
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Care American Consulate,
Mr. Saly Mayer, Geneva.
Hotel Cornavin,
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