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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Kaiser & Co. A.G., Bern
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 Jr. Rieger 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

+848 World Jewish Congress
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 aforementioned paragraph as well as several other matters of interest.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: February 9, noon, 1944
No: 437
Code: [redacted]

Received: February 10, 4 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Following is for the Minister from War Refugee Board.

You are requested to transmit following urgent message to the International Red Cross, in Geneva:

"Please refer to our recent cable in which information was requested relating to possible relief operations on behalf of Jews and other persecuted groups. We have examined the proposal which you made through your London delegation in December to the Intergovernmental Committee, in which you requested that there be placed at your disposal the sum of 300,000 Swiss francs for carrying out the indicated relief program in Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Theresienstadt and such other relief actions as may become feasible. The funds needed for this project are being made available to you immediately by Joint Distribution Committee, which has been granted by the Treasury Department a license authorizing transmission to you of the equivalent in Swiss francs of $100,000 for this purpose. You are authorized under the license to employ the funds for buying food and other supplies in Hungary, Rumania and neutral countries and otherwise to carry out the relief activities which are mentioned above. Please keep the War Refugee Board fully advised of the action you take, and also indicate to the Board what other assistance is required in order to carry out this and similar operations."

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

HULL

In triplicate

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date, SEP 6 1972
Bern, February 12, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

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 may be appointed, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 15, 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 representation 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 areas of safety or in territory occupied by the enemy who may have provided services or goods in connection with the foregoing. For the purpose of acquiring the necessary local currency for the purposes of financing the operations referred to above, the following three methods are authorized, provided that method number 3 should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local currency by either of the other two methods as follows:

(1) By purchase in Switzerland of the currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to take place, provided the acquisition took place under circumstances, the currency was acquired pursuant to a license, or the customer, if any, in the country in which the operations were to take place, provided the acquisition took place under circumstances.

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(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 official
rate of exchange in Switzerland.

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

(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 assign-
ment 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.

(4) 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
February 15, 1944

from such account, shall not during the six months beginning January 1, 1944, exceed two and one-half million Swiss francs or the equivalent of that amount in dollars, from Department Rw. Red Cross, Joint Distribution Committee.

"(C) Your representative should report fully to the American Legation Serr on the financial transactions which are completed under this license, and should insure to whatever extent possible that the persons from whom the exchange or local currency is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. Your representative should be satisfied, as far as possible, that any payments made to such persons will not be of benefit to the enemy. If there might still be a question of reconciling this point, periodic reports on the operations carried out pursuant to this license should be filed by your representative with the American Legation." of this week or the beginning of next, so that returns will be

It would be appreciated if you would acknowledge the receipt of this letter and confirm your understanding of the terms of the amended license.

(If Mayer agreement will be made for him with Mr. Huddle at the latter's request.)

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

DHR/RG5/Imap

A true copy of the signed original.
February 15, 1944

Memorandum for the Files

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

Joly 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 Joly 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.)

D. H. R.
Bern, February 19, 1944.

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

Yours very truly,

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
To: Department
Date: February 19, 1944, 7 p.m.
No: 1051
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:sh:nf
In triplicate
Memorandum for the files.

(643/1944 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 Sofia 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

Note: His work was hampered by his inability under our instructions to get receipts for money, and he gave me copy of receipt which might solve his difficulties but not meet our objections.
I confirm having been creditably informed that

Mr [N. N.] of [———]

has put at the disposal of the Jewish [———] Committee

of [Bukarest] the sum of One Million Lei (1'000'000 Lei).

It confirm 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 representatives, executors

c 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 Lei or by

other sufficient vouchers.

[Handwritten note:]

Personally

[Handwritten date: March 7, 1944]
American Joint Distribution Committee

LOCATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

March 1st
1944

To the Legation of the United States of America Bern.

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:

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

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I may conscientiously say that I have hitherto worked in this sense, respectively even under the strict terms of the conditions contained in your letter of 12/22 February 1944, and to my best endeavor I carry on the work, as long I am asked to do it, in taking into consideration what are the chief points of the said proposals.

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
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. O. E. Husted, I have given careful attention to the conditions of license contained in the said letter.

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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.

I may conscientiously say that I have hitherto worked in the same, respectively even under the strict terms of the conditions contained in your letter of February 12th, 1944, and to my best endeavor I carry on the work, as long I am asked to do it, in taking into consideration what are the chief points of the said proposals.

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
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

[Signature]

[Name]
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 fiooco (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 Titmanning. 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 license 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.

Hunted.
Extract from telegram no. 851 March 15 from Department in 448 American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.

PARAGRAPHS

"...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."

1944
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Data: April 1, 5 p.m., 1944
No: 1097
Code: 

PARAPHRASE

The following telegram was sent by the Refugee Board from Leavitt, Joint

To: your personal

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HULL

In triplicate

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R.H. Parkin Date

SALLY MAYER

Postbox 302, R. Gallee

SEP 26 1972
PARAPHRASE

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

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

"Wally Piercy, Silvina (who, for your personal and confidential information, is the daughter of Arturo Toaccanini) 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."

HULL

In triplicate

The information given above was pretty much confused in the original message. The American friend of the German legation's daughter, as indicated along the message, has delivered the message.

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-73

By R. H. Perry Date SEP 26 1972
Dear Mr. Mayer:

May I refer to your telephone conversation last week with Mr. Busted during which you promised to give the Legation further details upon the relief work which you are undertaking with American funds. You have as yet made no report concerning your disbursements and, in view of the interest which the War Refugee Board and your organization in New York evince in this regard, it would be appreciated if you would call at the Legation in the near future bringing with you a full written report containing all details of your operations to date, of exchange transactions and through whom made, and disbursements made to date within the license accorded you.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

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

Legation of the United States of America
Foreign Service,
Elfenstr. 6,
Bern.

Dear Mr. Reagan,

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

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Address:
SALZ MAYER
Poststr. 302, St. Gallen
American Joint Distribution Committee

Embassy of the United States of America
RE: APR 18 1944
BERN

The Embassy of the United States of America
Bern, Switzerland

Italian Refugees in Switzerland
Contessa Castelbarco, Caussa Ma

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 USA has our full support. Our own efforts however are directed towards rescue and help towards Italian Jews still in Italy.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

His Excellency
M.Leland Harriman Esq.
Minister of U.S.A. Berna.
Illà Signora Contessa,

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

Mi pregio informarla che è vivo desiderio dello American Joint Committee di allievarsi possibilmente la situazione degli ebrei italiani rifugiati in Svizzera. Se le consta di singoli casi, che meriterebbero dei riguardi speciali, vorrò cortesemente farli sapere i rispettivi nomi e indirizzi.

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

Gradiamo, illà Signora, i nostri distinti ossequi


Illà Signora

Contessa Castelbarco

7, Chemin des Trois Rois

LAUSANNE
American Joint Distribution Committee

St. Gallen, den April 17th 1944

The Legation of the United States of America
Bern e.

Gentlemen,

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

Very respectfully yours

[Signature]

Attention to
Daniel J. Reagan Esq.

Addres:
Sally Mayer
Postfach 202, St. Gallen
An das
Eidgenössische Politische Departement
Sektion für Rechtswesen und private
Vermögensinteressen im Auslande
Bern.

Hochverehrte Herren,

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

A. Für Hilfe innerhalb der Schweiz:
   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:

1. Die Totalausgaben betragen Fr. 4 bis 5,000,000.-
   und werden hierin Beträge geseilt von den Juden
   in der Schweiz sowie Anteil an der Sammlung
   für Flüchtlinge.

2. 4. und 5. Für diese Posten besteht die Möglichkeit,
   dass alle oder einzelne Positionen an die Organis-
   sationen und eventuell auch an Individuelle direkte
   Zahlungen aus U.S.A. geseilt werden.

Zu Punkt B:

Dieser Posten ist auch deshalb in dieser Höhe ein-
gesetzt, da aus religiösen Gründen noch weitere
Kinderhöfe zu eröffnen sind, welche vom Rotes 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).
Zu Punkt C:

Folgende Länder kommen in Betracht:
Belgien, Bulgarien, Kroatien, Frankreich, Griechenland (Y), Holland, Italien, Polen, Rumänien, Slowakei, Protektorat, Ungarn und Jugoslawien, für Shanghai kommen aus Portugal Überweisungen in Escudos, circa 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 meisten Fällen in der Weise, dass in den betreffenden Ländern in der Landeswährung gegen Sicherstellung in der Schweiz die Hilfe erfolgt.

Es ist mir leider nicht möglich diese Zahlen als verbindlich zu bezeichnen, dieselben sind abhängig von der Hilfsbereitschaft der Schweiz - U.S.A. andererseits. Primär ist das Zeitmobil "Hilfe" und im Hinblick, dass es sich numerisch im Ausland um eine vielfache Annahme am, mittellos, unglücklicher Juden gegenüber der Flüchtlingsanzahl in der Schweiz selbst handelt, ist das Budget von Fr. 4,600,000.=- für das Ausland zu beachten. Es ist deshalb unerlässlich, dass eine zusätzliche Hilfe in der Weise geleistet wird, dass man gegen Auszahlung in Landeswährung den betreffenden Gläubigem eine Gegenleistung das Joint zahlbar nach dem Kriege in Dollars versprochen hat.


Der Joint hat sich bereits erklärt, eine weitere Tranche von $ 500,000.=- bei der Federal Reserve Bank auf das Konto der Schweizer Nationalbank einzuzahlen, welche ihrerseits die Hälfte hiervon sofort zum vollen Kurs übernehmen würde, falls Sie hierzu Ihre Zustimmung geben.

Ich bitte Sie höflichst einen wohlwollenden Entschied zu fällen um diese einzigartige Hilfsarbeit in aller Stille fortsetzen zu können, die auch der Schweiz zur Ehre gereichen wird.

Ich begrüße Sie, sehr geehrte Herren, in vormülliger und persönlicher Wertschätzung.
Translation of Sally Mayer's letter to the Political Dept.
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 Switzerland.
   Grand Total 4,600,000 Sfr.
   
   Total relief activities outside Switzerland 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. 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.

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 remittances into Swiss francs at the
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 yourselves 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.
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Present: Mr. McClelland, Mr. Husted.

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Mr. Mayer received shortly after the Legation's letter 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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Husted.

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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 the explain fully as it was compromising.

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Following for Minister Harrison.

Cable no. 11 from the War Refugee Board.

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

HULL

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In duplicate
American Joint Distribution Committee

The Legation of the United States of America

Gentleman,

I have the honor of enclosing 5 pages representing the draft of the report of the activity in Europe on behalf of the AJDC New York.

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

Attention:
Daniel J. Reagon Esq.

Yours very respectfully,

Mayer

[Handwritten notes on the page]
Contact has been established between:

a) Offices of Jewish Organisations of France,
now in Switzerland
UNION OSS, 16, rue Montbéliard, GENEVA
(Mr. Dr. Tschlenoff, Weil, Burovitsch)
FÉDÉRATION DES SOCIÉTÉS JUIFS, 37, quai Wilson, GENEVA
(M. Marc Jäckli)
COMITÉ AIDE REPORTS, Hôtel Richmond, GENEVA
(M. Albert Lévy)
and their offices resp. their fonctionnaires in France (Lyon, Paris, Grenoble);

b) Y.M.C.A., AIDE AUX ENFANTS, SECOURS SUISSE.

According to information received from organisations sub a) French currency has been purchased from
Mr. Gustave Levine, Gazar Dufaux (Société Suisse S.A.),
Mr. Jean Brunschwig, all in Geneva, and others, not known to S.M.

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

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

Money remained in Switzerland against purchase of Francs. 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. (L. Béhét)

Money remained in Switzerland against purchase of Francs. Swiss manufacturer and Delegate of INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS have been helping to negotiate these transfers.
SM's report
Technique of transactions

Expenditure sheet

1. What is meant by "total credit allowed" as from April 17th?
2. Does "initial credit" mean both of the "initial credit" as from April 17th?

Tea - NYC currency

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DO/No.

- Do received this?

Relief operations:
- Money finances:

from S'r. to Paris, Poland, Cuba,

Refugees - distribution

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- Amount having

of 1 of a line 50-50.

- Relieved, since

released, some

individuals.

The dollar claimants for Italy & Romania

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SM's report

Technique of Transmision's

June 1944.

Expenditure sheet

1. What is meant by "total credit" allotted as new April 1944?

2. Estimation of various sums received from JDC - NYC since Sept. 1943, on which date or SM received the first big RS license?

3. What is the status of SM in receiving $300,000/month?

4. Could some indication be given for what operations?

5. Some materials sent from US base?

6. How were these used?

To be able to understand, after some time, the signature for systems used.

7. Signed back of 1 dollar.

8. FEA & MEO show in it.

When I come to know license

1,438,000
1,898,000


10. Geo.

Mr. Gross is a German Jewish man who owns a store in Rome. He placed an order with SM for $60,000 on which date he received the delivery in Rome. He handed over the payment to the SM. SM has then sent the order to New York via SM's office.


SM's report

Technique of Transactions

Expenditure sheet

1. What is meant by "total credit" allotted on Apr. April 1944?

2. Estimation of various sums received from JDC-NYC since Sept. 1943 on such date as SM released his first WRO license?

3. Hold date in receiving $300,000/month = approx. $24,000,000. — Since when was this SM released this?

4. Some brief indications as to type of work this money finances (of course) but the record was nothing signed from SM to that respect. (See each country as Yugoslavia, Belgium, Poland, Russia, etc.) Maintenance & purchase relief supplies for Jewish refugees — distributing agents, etc.

5. Might be best to take it country by country giving following details.

   FRANCE

   a) SM left for France, from 25 or 350,000 — agent having realized $160,000.

   b) Average rate of 1 sh. = $0.50-

Since when was this money sent in or rather cleared? What purpose?

   Agent we know. Did SM remain in Switzerland? Blocked?

   In Switzerland, written assurance that these operations at least in Switzerland. Written assurance that these operations were in no way beneficial. To SM's knowledge, would be in no way beneficial to SM. In no way beneficial to SM. In no way beneficial to SM.

   Since SM is not in the habit of revealing names of agents or donors in France. How was operation carried out?

   c) Some indications as to rhythm (chronological) at least. (3)

   Find next move into France.

   That or dollar claimant after way is this released. Since "right of attorney" was released this ($5,200), does he have any indications of what sums involved? If not, is he well made a statement (somewhat more ample) that matter is being reported to

   Foreign Office, Eire.

   The dollar claimant for Italy & Romania

   Keck, Giorno

   $25,000 = line 500,000

   M. Giorno is a Swiss Jewish business man who owned a store in Rome. He purchased 500,000 line there, sold out $25,000 to the

   Italian Jews in Rome. (he himself, I think) to whom the money of the other countries. 1945. 25-05-45.
Re: Rumania.

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Rumania: Lei against dollar payable after war, list of claimers enclosed received through International Red Cross April 31st, 1944.
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 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 pengős = 1000 Sfr. (25 pengő= 18fr.)

Miss Gurkelstein is a refugee here owning a business in Budapest (X co.) which will pay the pengős 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 amounts, for what purposes, whom she bought her 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 Papel Bacicio and others not only for the Treasury but for our own information here.
Dear Mr. Mayer:

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:

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Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to The American Minister

Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tiger-borgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.
Telegram Received

From: Department
No: 1906
Date: June 3, 8 p.m., 1944
Code: CL

Received: June 5, 10 a.m.

Reference Department's No. 39 of January 5.

To the foregoing

the Treasury has issued to the Joint Distribution Committee a license W-2160, which was authorized the American Committee for Christian Refugees Inc., to remit to its representative, Dr. Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, the amount of $50,000, which was authorized previously in connection with the above amendment to the Joint Distribution Committee license.

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 the Committee 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 amount

Swiss

J. D. C.
June 1944.
Reference Department's No. 39 of January 5.

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 $60,000 to be remitted to Saly Mayer, for use under license W-2166 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. 861 March 16, license W-2160, 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 the above license W-2160 is to enable the American Committee for Christian Refugees to remit to its representative, Dr. Freudenberg, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, the Swiss Franc amount notified in the above amendment.
Swiss franc equivalent of $85,000, for use pursuant to license W-8150 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.

STETTINIUS ACTING

In triplicate

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

William last 6 months - FRANCE  
$600,000 - 2,100,000 - 100,000,000  
Joint operations  
Jewish Fund set up a budget of  
17 s 1/2 ml.  
Jewish 5 people into Spain at 15,000 sfrs. per person. He has already  
received 50,000 sfrs. from 1,800 Jewish  
(1,800 persons).  

Please fill in reports from Sal Mayer,  
looking for more money until end of June 1944.
Please find attached reports from Sel Mayer.

SM has given money to Jordan and does not know exactly what happens to it. SM feels if it is checked on, it closely enough.

Problems children in Switzerland.

Rome is now self-supporting, says SM.

Valencia and Guasch are now to be young around in Venice.

SM was for Opera San Vincenzo and still floating, some protestings.

Zagreb: 850 H. thanks Dr. Benzon.

May have gone covered in Rovinj.

Young Yugoslav Committee here in Switzerland on May 10.

Hungary: 195,000.

Bonr not yet accredited by Hung. Gov.

Within last 2 months SM have sent 500,000 s.f. for which have realized 20 million Pengoes.

Generally, if Pengoes being floated vs $ & C. currency.

Unbalanced in camp. & France is getting $500,000 ahead, put up 250,000 toward 200 million proportion in France.

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

RDM/MBD
Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

RDM/mbj
Fare $3,000 yearly
Via Salonica with 30,000 francs to cover
"Magen" - deal to send 100,000 francs, also
"Magen" - deal to send 0.500 francs, also
several thousand dollars
2,000 francs for
Via Salonica with 30,000 francs to cover
"Magen" - deal to send 0.500 francs, also
several thousand dollars
Berlin 40,000 francs, 260,000
accept received.
Rumania 100,000 francs, being closed 2 weeks.
Amsterdam 50,000 francs, also 100,000
Amsterdam, 50,000 francs, also 100,000
Bremen 20,000 francs, also 21,000.

Mr. Salo Mayer,
Caret of Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.
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.

Barn, June 8, 1944.
Herrn Rossell D. McClelland,
Amerikanische Legation,
Bern.

Betr.: Rom

Lieber Herr McClelland,

Ich schätze Sie damit einverstanden, dass zufolge eingetroteren Verhältnisse der erteilte Spezialkredit von 120'000 $ von Rom übertragen wird auf Italien im Allgemeinen. Denn für Rom selbst wird es nicht mehr notwendig sein, von der Schweiz aus finanzielle Unterstützungen zu arrangieren.

Hochachtung,

Sally Mayer

American Joint Distribution Committee

St. Gallen, den 11. Juni 1944
Lieber Herr McClelland,

Hochachtend

[Signature]

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Zurich 2040 St. Galler
American Joint Distribution Committee

St. Gallen, den 11. Juni 1944

Re: Konferenz 7. Juni

Herrn Roswell D. McClelland,
Amerikanische Legation, Bern

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 Verfugung.

Hochachtung zu Ihrer Verfugung

Beilage: Aide memorial

Adresse: Saly Mayer
Postfach 262, St. Gallen
Frankreich

Wir verweisen auf den Bericht, welchen die Union OSE beiliegend erstellt hat. Diese Organisation bietet die größte Garantie betr. Ordnung, System und Rapportsweise.

Das monatliche Budget auf Grund einer Mitteilung von Dyka Jefroykim beträgt Fr. 17'500.000 ffrs.

Für 11. Juni ist die Finanzsituation derart geregelt, dass für 7 Momente dieses Budget effektiv in Frankreich selbst gedeckt ist mit den von uns gelieferten finanziellen Mitteln.

Neben den bisherigen bereits bekannten Schwierigkeiten ist neu hinzugekommen, dass die schweizerische Verrechnungsstelle verlangt, dass die französischen Franken zum Kurse von Fr. 5.60 pro 100 von ihr abgenommen werden.

Aus diesen Gründen wäre deshalb sehr wünschenswert, dass man wieder in Frankreich selbst französische Franken gegen nach dem Krieg zahlbare Ops aufnehmen könnte.

Ferner solle mit in Amerika befindlichen Juden, Franzosen oder Schweizer Einladung genommen werden, ob diese französisches Geld zur Verfügung stellen könnten. Wir denken speziell an eine schweizer Familie Guggenheim sowie die Familie Rothschild.

Italien (CICR - Munitus)

Die Finanzierung Rom kann aufgrund eingetretener neuer Verhältnisse als erledigt betrachtet werden, soweit es sich von der Schweiz aus handelt.

In Nord-Italien verursachen die Transport- und Verkehrsverhältnisse grosse Schwierigkeiten. Gegenwärtig sind etwa 10 Millionen £ zum Kurse von Fr. 1.- pro 100 unterwegs. Es handelt sich um £, welche teils von italienischen Juden, teils von Schweizern zur Verfügung gestellt worden sind, Personen, die uns sehr gut bekannt, resp. sehr gut empfohlen worden sind.

Präsident Valobra und einige seiner Mitarbeiter befinden sich in der Schweiz und sind bezüglich der Finanzierung sehr tätig.

Kroatien (Zagreb - CICR)

Das monatliche Budget von Fr. 20'000.000.- zum Kurse von ca. 800 Kuonas ist gedeckt und durch die Vermittlung vom CICR ausbezahlt.

Es ist ein jugoslawisches Komitee in der Schweiz in Formation be

Slovakia (Bratislava)

Der Kontakt ist gut und es lauten die Berichte, dass mit unserer finanziellen Hilfe im Mai Fr. 27'000.- die Arbeit wie bis a
Slovaake. Fortsetzung

fortgesetzt werden konnte.

Bulgarien

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

Polen (Krakau)

Durch die juedische Unterstutzungsstelle Krakau kann seit Monaten eine Hilfe wieder geleistet werden, bestehend in Medikamenten, Stearungsmitteln und als Junges die Wehersendung von 1000 Herrenanzügen aus der Schweiz. Der Bericht aus Krakau vom 25. Mai spricht die Hilfe unsererseits lobend aus und behauptet, dass nach wie vor viele Lager im Gouernement durch die IJS Unterstutzungsstelle bedient werden koennen. Ein regulares Budget kann nicht erstellt werden, sondern von Fall zu Fall wird jede Moglichkeit benutzt.

Theresienstadt

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

Bei dieser Gelegenheit sei darauf hingewiesen, dass die 100'000 € welche vom Josit dem CIOR direkt zugegangen sind, sich ausrealisieren und haben Rumänien in Bar und Theresienstadt sowie Krakau in Natura ihre Zuwendungen erhalten.

Berlin

Wenn auch unbedeutend, so konnten an die kleine Gruppe, die sich heute noch versteckt hält, ca. 300'000 D-mark transferiert werden. Eine kleine Gruppe hat sich auf die Auswanderung nach der Schweiz begeben, wofuer beim zuständigen Departement die notigen Schritte unternommen wurden um die Ausweisung zu verhindern.

Holland

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

Belgien

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

Der aus Budapest zurückgekehrte CIGR Delegierte konnte leider gar keine Berichterstattung abgeben.

Es sind in den letzten zwei Monaten Fr. 500'000,- in Bar transferiert worden, welche ca. 20 Millionen Pengösa ergeben haben. Verschiedene Hinweise sind derrart, dass in Ungarn selbst dann nur die Hilfsarbeit noch lokale Mittel aufgebracht werden können. Speziell, wann hierfür noch vor dem Krieg bezahlbar versprochen werden.

Betr. Kinderhilfsaktion wurde durch die Union OSE eine besondere Arbeit in "Zugriff" genommen.


II) wurde uns von "ternbuch, Montreux unterbreitet und hat ihren Ursprung in einem Briefwechsel mit Rabbiner Freund "USA - Legation Bern. ..." Ungsres "rachtens deuten alle Hinweise, dass dieses Proposition in Gegenansatz zu I) nicht an Allgemeinheit, sondern an den orthodoxen Kreisen zugute kommen soll. Wir wollen die Möglichkeit, dass es sich bei I) und II) letztendlich doch um ein und dieselbe Sache handeln könnte, nicht ganz von der Hand weisen.

III) Das Schweizerische Hilfskomitee für die Juden in Ungarn (M. Banyai) hat sowohl der Legation als auch uns hiesigen Mittelung gemacht. Ohne die "tatsache, dass diese Proposition den jüdischen Kreisen in Budapest unterbreitet wird, müssen wir eine Bearbeitung ablehnen und eine zu wartende Haltung einnehmen.


In Hinblick auf die grosse Anzahl ungarischer Juden und der Verdienst- und "wertvollkeit" vieler Jüdner mass fur Hilfsarbeit also ausser "Gottungstaktion I),II).III) mit grossen finanziellen Mitteln gerechnet werden.

Der Kontakt ist nicht sehr speditiv und sollte verbessert werden.

Rumänien

Rumaenien Fortsetzung

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

Im Hinblick auf die Tatsachen des gut funktionierenden rumenischen Komitees in Verbindung mit den Delegierten des Roten Kreuzes darf der Solidaritat der Finanzgebaehrung grosses Zutrauen entgegengebracht werden.

Es scheint, dass gegenwartig der Kontakt mit Istanbul und von dort aus nach Lissabon und auch nach Palastina nicht gut ist, zum Unterschied von Ungarn, wo sich die bereits erwahnte, ein judischer Delegierter mit diesen beiden Instanzen personlich in Verbindung setzen konnte.

Mit den auch uns personlich wohlbe kannten Monsieur et Madame Jancu wird speziell durch die Union OSE die Moglichkeit der Kinderrettung gegenwartig bearbeitet.

Die allgemeine Situation ist geographisch, politisch und milit€Technisch so intensiv gestaltet worden, dass jeden Tag mit der Bereitstellung von grossen und grossen finanziellen Mitteln gerechnet werden muss. Ganz konkrete Fragen fuer Personal, Medikamente, Kleider, Nahrung machen die Bereitstellung dieser finanziellen Mittel auferordentlich dringend ohne dass es moglich ware, dem Genauen Einsatz zeitlich oder geographisch heute schon festzulegen.

Ende fur heute.

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

Saly Mayer
Representative Americain Joint Committee

Genf, 11. Juni 44.
The Foreign Service of the United States of America

BERNE

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose all details of the financial activity between September 1943 to May 31st 1944 and special attention has been given to activity in France. I do hope that these tables and commentary together with reports already submitted 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,

[Signature]

Roswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
### Tableau I

pour

Période de Septembre 1943 à fin Mai 1944

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Soldes antérieurs reportés à l'Aoct 1943

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13 juin 1944

A. J. D. C.

Suisse

Payements

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frs. s. 4,434,000.-
1. Die für Frankreich verausgabten Kredite wurden folgendermaßen betreut:

Die Union G 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) Evaluation besonders verfolgter oder alleinstehender Kinder in neutrale Länder (Spanien, Schweiz)

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

Finanzielle Hilfe für Unterstützung und Bergung polnischer Flüchtlinge in Frankreich.

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

Das Comité d'assistance aux Réfugiés betreut die Flüchtlinge aus Zentral-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-Das Comité d'assistance aux Réfugiés betreut die Flüchtlinge aus Zentral-

Die Enlairateurs israélites de France betreu die Jugendlichen und die ihnen gewährte Unterstützung dient ihnen zur Bergung bedrohter Jugendlicher und ihrer Evaluation nach Spanien. Sie beziehen ihre Unterstützung teils durch GEE teils durch C A R.

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


## Tableau II

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Féd. S.I. Fr.
à
Fédération des Sociétés
Juives de France

Sept. 1943
à Mai 1944

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From:        Date: June 16, 10 p.m., 1944
Department
No: 2077
Code:

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

PARAPHRASE

WRB 43.

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State Dept. Limited 1-14-72
By H. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
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PARAPHRASE

From: American Legation, Lisbon. Date: June 20, 4 p.m. 1944
No.: 2.
Read: June 21, 8 a.m.

Code: [Blank]

SUBJECT: Message for Mr. Saly Mayer from PILPEL.

JD668

Unless circumstances known to you would make it unwise, we suggest you take Joseph BITNER'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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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By H. R. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
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. An urgent 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 Gizwilly, Blum and Bardeitch. 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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June 22, 5 p.m.

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

AMERICAN CONSULATE
GENEVE

J.G.C. 71

For Salty Mayor free Pilpel:

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

HIM/mjb

Copy of paraphrase to Legation, Bern
Copy of paraphrase to Consulate General, Zurich

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From: AMBASSADOR LISBON

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

Code:acci
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Received: June 22, 5 p.m.

Subject: Message for Saly Mayer

For Saly Mayer from Pilpel:

With reference to our June 18th conversation kindly wire through Legation the names and amounts involved in the thirteen statements proving loans.

Copy of paraphrase to Legation, Bern
Copy of paraphrase to Consulate General, Zurich

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Paraphrase

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: AMBASSADOR LONDON Date: June 29, 6 p.m., '44
No.: 4
Code: 99999999
Received: June 30, 3 p.m.

AMERICAN CONSUL GENEVE

4 June 29, 6 p.m.

J.D.C. 77

From Paul for Saly Mayer of St. Gall.

On the question of whether or not transit of refugees has been approved by Germany, he 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 26th) eleven-point program was discussed throughout the day.

Copy for Sal Mayer
Copy for Ambission Bern
Copy for American Consulate General Zurich

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department  
Date: July 1, 8 p.m., 1944  
(Packed July 3)  
No: 2241  
Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

WFB No. 65. For McClelland.

Department, Treasury and WRB request that you obtain as soon as possible from the representatives in Switzerland of the organizations listed below a report giving the total dollar equivalent of the amount of Swiss currency, if any, sent into enemy territory and now held, pursuant to the orders of licenses issued by the Treasury Department.

Please also add the following: These licenses are not

In duplicate

J. D. C.

July 1944.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: July 1, 5 p.m., 1944
No: 2141
Code: [redacted]
Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 65, For McClelland.

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

- License W-2150, American Committee for Christian Refugees
- License W-2136, International Rescue and Relief Committee
- License W-2126, Jewish Labor Committee
- License W-2106, Joint Distribution Committee
- License W-2117, Union of Orthodox Rabbis

Please obtain estimate if exact figures are not available.

HULL

In duplicate

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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

[Handwritten note: RCM, where is Brandt? Which mess with him?]

[Handwritten note: Explained that 2 know to JKH on July 4th.]
To: Department  
Date: July 5, 10 a.m., 1944.  
No: 4256  
Charged to:  

Paraphrase

Reference is made to the Department's 5185 of June 27. From McClelland for the N.B.S.

About May 24, Saly Mayer first reported the proposition referred to in the Department's telegram 5185 to the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon. The report was made by telephone. On June 23, 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 whatever 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 Marlas, 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 received

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By H. H. Parks Date SEP. 28 1972
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 3184 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 proposi-
tion 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 Nissary 
should have returned to Budapest by this time.

Reference is made to Department's 3184. Answering 
the question in the last paragraph thereof, it is very 
difficult
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 (foodstuffs 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 Romania;

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 600,000 Swiss francs into Hungary to meet this tragic situation and two days ago he sent the sum of 800,000 Swiss francs to Bratislava as well.

HARRISON

RDM:sn
In quadruplicate
2 copies to CA - DJR
1 copy to RDM
Mr. Saly Mayer,  
Hotel Gornavin,  
Geneva.

Mr. Saly Mayer,  
Dear Hotel Gornavin,  
Geneva.

In conformity with a recent request from the State and Treasury Departments and the War Refugees, the Legation would appreciate receiving from you, at an early date, a report giving the total dollars the Legation has been instructed to deliver to you the following message from Joseph Schwartz of the Joint Distribution Committee to say or any occupied territory during the period ending June 1, 1944, persons informed by Hirschmann here that which was abandoned matter in being handled exclusively of February highest authorities in Washington. Scherstok that has gone to London in same matter. Everybody anxious to help. Address American Consulate General, Istanbul, that is in the fact of a serious emergency situation, and it would be appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,  
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
From: LEGATION GENEVA
Date: July 7, 7:45 a.m., '44
No.: 8
Received: July 8, 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

Dear Mr. 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.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

RMC/imp

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Bern, July 7, 1944.
From: AMBASSADOR LISBON

Date: July 7, 7 p.m., '44

No.: 8

Code: 

Received: July 8, 6:45 p.m.

Subject: Message for SALY MAYER

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENEVA

5 July 7, 7 p.m.

J.D.C. 88 from Pilpel for Sal Mayer.

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

For transportation Constanza Istanbul Radio 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 disturbed.

NORWEB

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Copy sent to Mr. Mayer

Ambassador, Bern

Am Consulate General, Zurich

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R.H. Pack Date, SEP 26 1972
Telegram Received

From: Saly Mayer

July 7th

Still plans to put about 10,000 into Hungarian Diner account to be used for Jewish relief in Hungary. 1/4 of which can be drawn now. If you can, please do so.

Bill generated for about 120,000. Be sure to make payment.

Verband's monthly T restored to 21,000.

CBI - Chinese Reserve Bank dollars. Shanghai 15,000,000 for 22,000.5,245.

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State Dept Letter 1-11-72
By H.H. Parker Date 6-26-1972

Saly Mayer
Postbus 302, St. Gallen
From: Ankara
Date: July 7, 1 p.m., 1944
No: Receipt
Received: July 8, 5 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

From Katzki for Saly Mayer at St. Gall.

I am now at Istanbul for WBB. 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.

KELLEY

In duplicate
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[Signature: Cassy in FA]
From: Department
Date: July 6, 1 p.m., 1944
No.: 2354
Received: July 8, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 76. To Harrison for McCllland.
Legation's 4298 July 6, 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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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By H. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
Transmitted to Saly Mayer July, 14th, 44

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Beyoglu

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

Code: Brown

No: --

Received: July 11, midnight

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.

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Copy to REM

Jul 12, 1944
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.

HULL

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in duplicate

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

Advisor:
SALY MAYER
Postbal 201, St. Gallen
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Trusting that you will find this news good and substantial, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Ankara

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

No: 

Received: July 14, 3 p.m.

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

For transportation 781 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.

BERRY

COPY IN FA
American Joint Distribution Committee

Dear Sir,

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

Yours very respectfully

[Signature]

Very sincerely yours

[Signature]

Adress: SALLY MAYER
Poeckrich 382, St. Gallen

St. Galen. den July 14th 1944

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

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Dear Sir,

In request to your letter July 7th I beg to inform you of the following payments in free currency having taken place:

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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 assisting 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 practicable.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]
American Joint Distribution Committee

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

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 morning's 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 understanding regarding this ransom money to be paid in material. So far, from the Joint 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 I 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, aable from Istanbul.
From: Department

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

No: 2417

Received: July 16, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 83. For McClelland.

Please disregard WRB 81, transmitted in Department's No. 2387 July 12, as Fehle 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.

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.

HULL

In duplicate

Re
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

S.M.
Telephone 3.00 pm July 17th

Frunfeld in Ungarn
Group of 1200 left Budapest &
Gyisizsana in direction Vienna

Amended to Spain - plan #1

March April & June 300 + 40 children from France to Spain
according to telephone calls from Joffre in Barcelona. Good
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon

Date: July 17, 11 a.m., 1944
No: 97
Received: July 17, 4 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

For Salo Mayer. JDC 87. From Filpel.

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.

NORWEB

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon

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

No: 98

Received: July 17, 3 p.m.

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

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By H. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
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.- contrevaloir de $ 1.500.000,- à 4.29 moins ½% 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

1 formulaire de quittance.
MEMORANDUM

To: The Minister

From: R. McClelland

For: Salo Mayer

July 30th, 1944

DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF ONE & ONE-HALF MILLION

WITH THE JEWISH POPULATION IN HUNGARY

According to a special arrangement concluded between

Mr. Bialik of the War Refugee Council and the Swiss Minister, Mr. Kohli, 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.

Mr. Kohli opened the account immediately. The cable which we received on July 10th, goes on:

"This sum is being supplied by the Joint Distribution Committee here. Upon receipt, please turn over the Swiss francs equivalent promptly to Salo Mayer. One million dollars of this amount should go to the fund which, as reported in the Legation's cable No. . . . (which concerned the Proposals I & II) was requested by Salo 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 Mr. 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 Mr. Kohli's wishes (which seem to be reasonable) it will be difficult for me at the same time to comply with the War Refugee Council'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 W.R.B. reporting Plans I & II it was agreed that no further funds 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 W.R.B. is still bound by this original agreement, to ask you to disclaim all projected expenditures of this money with the Legation.

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Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to
The American Minister.
MEMORANDUM

To: The Minister
From: R. McClelland

July 20th, 1944.

CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. KOHLI OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF ONE AND 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.

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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 piece-meal 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.
I asked Dr. Kohli whether they had received any precise instructions from Minister Bruggmann in Washington concerning the agreement reached between Mr. Pohle 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. Pohle 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
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.

Yours,

Roswell McClelland.
AJSC concrete project
Date: 5/17
Location: Fallopa

Italy: Mortuary

Stop report

Yum Rejette

7,000,000 lire

Synthetic

Missed name given

Italian

in 5%.

Lake Project

20,000 for 1,440,000 Hungarian or

5)

Food parcels are sending

7) Medicaments are reconcile

Hungary special

Slovakia Blama

200,000 S for actual Board

Note

1) Canned meals

2) Medicaments (3)

3) part going to Slovakian + Polish camps

Armenia 205

No actual money

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1) 200,000

2) 100

Bulgaria

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Stound

1,000 = 80 kvaras

St. Helal 1,000

Armenia

1) 100,000 are lei. apx. 1600 lei

2) Children

3) Separate budget

4) 1,000

5) 2,000

6) bez very Jig Med supplies

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Holland: m. Van't Hoff 200,000 Fr.
       400,000 fl.

Belgium: 50,000 Fr. 1,500,000 Belg fl.

France: 160,000 Fr. monthly budget
       until October covered

Swiss Banks
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Jacques Levin
Cie. Federation
S. T. Stelle

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Supplement: 2 von von

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Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose copies of letters sent to Union Générale, Fédération C.A.R. and Hechazu with reference to obtaining additional reports about free currency in enemy countries and financing of relief work in France. As soon as above mentioned organizations have submitted their replies I shall have the pleasure of submitting them to you.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Hoswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Assistant to the American Minister
BERNE.
Weltzentrale des Hechaluz
Hechalut Geneva Office
Geneva

Referenz: War-time transfers in free currency (USA or Swiss)
from Slovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Poland

Durch Ihre Vermittlung wurden verschiedene solche
Überweisungen getätigt und bitten wir Sie höflich umgehend
zu berichten in welcher Weise und für welche Zwecke diese
Gelder verwendet wurden und werden. Es ist Ihnen wiederum
die uns auferlegte scharfe Besämung zu kennen zu geben
welche mit diesen Geldern unter keinen Umständen
als Vorteil für den Feind der Alliierten geschaffen werde
soll. Wollen Sie gepl. Ihrerseits neuerdings dafür Sorge
tragen, dass diese Besämung Anwendung findet.

In Erwartung Ihrer Verrichterstattung begrüßen wir Sie

Hochachtungsvoll

sig Saly Mayer

Gedie geht an R. McClelland
Wir berichten Ihnen hiermit, dass wir in nächster Zeit eine Konferenz ansetzen werden um im Beisein des Herrn McClelland, Special Assistant to the American Minister in Beruf als Representative of the W.R.B. im Washington, desselben Bericht zu erstatten über die Art und Weise der Durchführung des Hülswerkes unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Ihnen wohlbekannten Ver schriften über Geschäft der hierfür benötigten Frank. Franken. Bereiten Sie sich gezi. hiefür eingehend vor und insbesondere ordnen Sie die Unterlagen über die Verwendung der Gelder soeben Ihnen solches möglich ist.


Hochachtungsvoll

Copie geht an M. McClelland
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department  Date: July 24, 8 p.m., 1944.
No: 4748
Code: [redacted]
Charged to: [redacted]

Paraphrase

From McCollum for WJB.

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.


HARRISON

RDM:sf
In duplicate
Copy to RDM

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Pues Date SEP. 26 1972
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: LISBON
Date: July 24, 1944, 4 p.m.
No: 101
Received: July 26, 1944, 9 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

For Salo Mayer, St. Gallen, JDC 91, from Filpel.

Representative here was telegraphed by Commission Mixte, International Red Cross, Geneva, November 6, 1941, 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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State Dept. Letter, 1-1-73
By R. H. Parker, Date: SEP 26 1972
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: ANKARA

Date: July 24, 1944, 9 p.m.

Code:

No:

Received: July 25, 1944, 5 p.m.

PARAPHRASED

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

Information by cable would be appreciated as to whether you made payment in accordance with my previous request to you of 300,500 Swiss francs to Union de Banques Suisse, Zurich, at disposal of Wolf Zeef Shind. Your confirmation that this transaction was made is important and should be cabled to Reuben Resnik care of American Consulate Istanbul. Best wishes.

Paraphrased in duplicate.

RECEIVED

Jul'ly 25, 1944

KELLEY.
Hochverehrter und lieber Herr Hofrat Samuel Stern!


Für Sie muss es als Wichtigstes bedeuten, dass Sie hinsichtlich der Veranlassung aufgenommen können, dass wir für den sofortigen Beginn der Tätigkeit finanziell vorbereitet sind. Seit einigen Monaten sind leider bei Ihnen die Verhältnisse vollständig geändert, und wissen wir zur Zeit gar nichts Konkreter in welcher Weise die Arbeit durchgeführt werden kann. Wir verstehen natürlich, dass inzwischen vielleicht eine vollständige Verarmung eingetreten ist und Sie deshalb nur auf unsere Hilfe angewiesen sind, abgesehen von der durch die ungarisch-jüdischen Behörden vorhanden wäre um den Unterhalt aller Juden in Ungarn zu finanziieren. Auch wenn es sehr problematisch ist, dürfen wir diese nächstliegende Möglichkeit nicht vollständig ignorieren. 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

4) Pengő-Auszahlung durch unsere eigenen Transaktionen,
e) Ueberweisung von Pengőnoten aus der Schweiz,
f) Ueberweisung von Dollar-Banknoten aus der Schweiz,
g) Ueberweisung von Schweizer Banknoten aus der Schweiz


1) Unabgeklärtes ist die Finanzierung der Auswanderungskosten. Wir berichten Ihnen, soweit es uns von hier aus möglich ist die Situation zu überblicken und soll durch oben Gesagtes, in keiner Weise, Ihr eigenes Hilfsprogramm präjudiziert werden. Sie sind hiermit dringend ersucht dasselbe, durch die ihnen mitgeteilten Stellen, uns schnellstens bekannt zu geben.
Wollen Sie gezielt zur Kenntnis nehmen, dass wir durch Vermittlung des Internationalen Roten Kreuzes an den Verband der Ungarischen Juden (Dr. Polgar) für die Kinderhilfe 2'000'000.-- Fenig 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 A I I e 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

[Unterschrift]

USA Legation
26. VII. 44.
Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care American Consulate,
Geneva.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

The Legation has received the following message for you from Schwartz:

"Information by cable would be appreciated as to whether you may pay in accordance with my previous request to you of 380,500 Swiss francs to Union de Banques Suisse, Zürich, at disposal of Wolf Zeev Shind. Your confirmation that this transaction was made is important and should be cabled to Reuben Resnik care of American Consulate Istanbul. Best wishes."

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

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister.

In duplicate

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon
Date: July 26, 7 p.m., 1944
No.: 103
Received: July 27, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

JDC 92 from Filpel for Salo 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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State Dept. Letter 11173
By M. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: AMBASSADOR LISBON
Date: July 26, 7 p.m., '44

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 Weismen 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 set.

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.

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.

Arrival into Switzerland - Jan 1st - June 16th.

An estimated 15,884 women 61, refused 32, women 14,916, refused 32.

From pt. view, most Jewish refugees. Refugee status in some cases given to fighters that all Jews are foreigners in east of Europe.

They were only the 61 32 so that the 96-97% who were allowed in.

SM feels if they would approve refugee proportion he would close all Jewish groups.

- 40,000 outside to Hungary
- 500,000 in France
- Several million
- 200,000 for purchase of property
- 400,000 for insurance.

- What is happening to the net 1200 vs. the net 1700
draft group?

- The money sold to political department or out of
  "incentives" very few non-Jewish Jews in Balkans: more
  while remain in Balkans proportions.

Koebi transferring 1/2 to Genoa branch of SNB. Cool patriotism!

If 30,000 drs, SM would have preferred 1 to go to St.
Gall branch to remain at Neuchatel.

Ask payment about drawing out first branch of 2 m. drs.

Nathan, I forget that SM's financing in most countries is done...
In fairness to the whole job (für so ein engeztes Sachen sei es und organisieren oder eine Person) we can't spend all our time on affairs of that sort. We have not com-

plications outside for jetzt und dürfen aus den gleichen Grunde das Ganze nicht gefährden.

There will undoubtedly always be side-shows — Heng, prep SM says he has been financing them for years.

Hugo Sturm's letter from Budapest (and June) asked for a sum 5,000. 5 immediately from Austria, 5 to be held by Soly

at Sturm's disposal.

SM would like funds to be transferred to Schweizerische
Bankverein St. Gallen - to order of Soly Meyer,
get going with 2,000 francs. (to cover in part obligations
on previous page [ref. Romanian emigration]).

Jozsefik states 700 people (Hungarian) expected from
Hung. in Spain shortly.
LET. TO MR. MAYER CARRIED BY HAND
BY MR. MCCCLELLAND 7/28 RDM/MJB

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon                      Date: July 27, 6 p.m., 1944
                               No.: 106
                               Received: July 28, 8 a.m.

Code: [illegible]

PARAPHRASE

JDC 93. For Salo Mayer from Pilpel.

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

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In duplicate

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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept., 9/14/76
by R. H. Focht, SEP 26 1972
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: July 27, 9 p.m., 1944
No.: 2879
Received: July 28, 3 p.m.

WRB No. 93. For McClelland.
Department's 2417 July 15.
An immediate report as to whether Swiss francs were received and delivered to Sally Mayer will be appreciated by the Board.

HULL

In duplicate
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DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. M. Field on SEP 26 1972
Swiss National Bank,
Bern.

Sirs:

Please deliver following message to Saly Mayer:

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 W. Chase in my place. The signatures of the foregoing are on file at your bank in connection with Mr. Baymont'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.

RDM/mjb
LET. to Mayer & Consulate Geneva

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From:        Date:        July 27, midnight, 1944
Department   No.:        2563

Code:        Received:    July 28, 5 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 99. For McClelland.

Please deliver following message to Saly Mayer from M. A. Lewitt of JDC.

You are hereby given authority to arrange local borrowing for the three months' period July 1-September 30 of $850,000 for relief purposes. The totals by countries are as follows: France $300,000, Hungary $300,000, Rumania $200,000, and Northern Italy $50,000. 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 be used 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 $80,000 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 Interex 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 Lijestor.
My dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to give you below a message which has been received for you from Pilpel:

"JDC 93.

Bitker in Shanghai has notified Laura Marcolie that it may prove necessary to drop Brahm from the committee. On the basis of her knowledge of Brahm, she authorizes Bitker to eliminate him if Quokman, Hylfrin and Langi are concurred.

From France, Robert Conge and Jewish Agency are telegraphing Lichtberg, Baruch, and Silberschein with the suggestion to ask Interce 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 me know the result."

Sincerely yours,

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

Bern, July 28, 1944.

By Hand

Bern, July 28, 1944.

A true copy

Bern, July 28, 1944.

By Hand
Dear Mr. Mayer:

We have received the following message for you from Pilpel in Lisbon:

"Consideration is being given by the Government of Portugal to temporary hospitality, under certain conditions which we believe will be possible to meet, for three thousand registered children from France. The World Congress and Jewish Agency are telegraphing Lichtenheim, Jar Blu, and Silberschein with the request that they ask Inter-cross 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."

I strongly recommend that you consult with the Political Department in Bern before taking up this question of exit permits for children, with any or all of the three gentlemen mentioned, or with the International Red Cross. The Political Department has been attempting for almost two years through Minister Stucki 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. Burkhart 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.

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister.
Bern, July 29, 1944.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care American Consulate,
Geneva.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

The Legation has received the following message for you from Pilpel:

"Representative here was telegraphed by Commission Mixte, International Red Cross, Geneva, November 6, 1944, 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?"

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

Very truly yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American Minister.