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Mr. McClelland's Files
(Switzerland)

American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland
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SCHEWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

CASE FILE

For RDM

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: July 29, 10 a. m., 1944.
No: 4867
Code: (CL) Charged to:

Phrase

J. D. C.
August
1944

to the Department's 2417 of
of July 29th

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402,825 Swiss francs. The money
Mayer's disposal with his approval,
required. I instructed the bank
initial advance of two million
will be used for the following

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of Hollantsche Bank, Istanbul
(on Joseph Schwarz' instructions) in the Union de
Banque Suisse, Zürich, for the transportation from
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3. The purchase of foodstuffs in Hungary through the Croixmixte for relief to Jewish population in camps, ghetti and confined in Budapest;
4. The further financing of the flight of endangered Hungarian Jewish refugees to Rumania and Slovakia.

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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SCHEIDT & BONDY NATIONAL BANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

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For RDM

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: July 29, 10 a. m., 1944.
No: 4867
Code: [REDACTED] (CL) Charged to:

Paraphrase

Reference is made to the Department's 2417 of July 18 and its 2579 of July 25.

On July 20 we received through the Swiss National Bank the amount of 6,402,625 Swiss francs. The money is being held at Saly Mayer's disposal with his approval, to be withdrawn as required. I instructed the bank on July 27 to make an initial advance of two million francs. This amount will be used for the following purposes:

1. Payment of 380,500 francs to the account of Wolf Zeev Shind, care of Hollantsche Bank, Istanbul (on Joseph Schwartz' instructions) in the Union de Banque Suisse, Zürich, for the transportation from Rumania to Palestine of 761 refugees;
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the control normally expected over disbursements
for relief and rescue operations in enemy territory
under the special license granted the JDC.

Foregoing is from McClelland and is for the
War Refugee Board.

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BANK OF SWITZERLAND

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

*WRB - RDM
(A short message
may be made to him.)
JMS*

From: Department C.L. Date: July 29, 6 p.m., 1944
Code: [REDACTED] No.: 2614
Received: July 30, noon

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 99

Following message is for Saly Mayer. *(from WRB)*

"Sternbuch has wired Rabbi Nical group here that 1200 Hungarian Rabbis and other leaders now entrained Vienna for deportation. Sternbuch claims that this group may still be rescued by repatriation if immediate action is taken, and that you have refused to assist in saving them. He also claims, in spite of affirmative report to War Refugee Board, that no understanding for coordination of rescue activities has been reached with you. This situation is deeply disturbing to orthodox groups here, which are exerting great pressure on us. While we are convinced that you and McClelland are doing everything possible to rescue all people, we are not in a position to answer these charges of Sternbuch. We realize that Sternbuch is primarily concerned with Rabbi Nical groups. We are equally interested in the rescue of these elements and we hope that you are taking every possible measure in an effort to save them. Earliest possible reply by cable will be appreciated."

Following, with reference to Department's 2449^{*} July 18, is for McClelland from Pehle.

Note | It is urgently requested that every practicable step be taken to rescue this group.

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State Dept. Order, 1-11-72

In duplicate By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

Received by *Aug 1, 1944*
For Action *R.B.W.*
Answered *Aug 5, 1944*
No. *5023*

re
Copies in FA ** 2401 Jews in Hungary*

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See file and from Sternbuch

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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 the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon.
Bern, August 1, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Sincerely yours,

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you from N. A. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee:

Rowell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to

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

borrowing.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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Dear Mr. Mayer:

Sincerely yours,

The following message has been received for you from the War Refugee Board under date of July 29, 1944:

"Stornbuch has with Roswell D. McClelland, here that 1200 Hungarian Special Assistant to the American Minister, claims that this group may still be rescued by repatriation if immediate action is taken, and that you have refused to assist in saving them. He also claims, in spite of affirmative report to War Refugee Board, that no understanding for coordination of rescue activities has been reached with you. This situation is deeply disturbing to orthodox groups here, which are exerting great pressure on us. While we are convinced that you and McClelland are doing everything possible to rescue all people, we are not in a position to answer these charges of Stornbuch. We realize that Stornbuch is primarily concerned with Rabbi Eliaz groups. We are equally interested in the rescue of these elements and we hope that you are taking every possible measure in an effort to save them. Earliest possible reply by cable will be appreciated."

RDM/sjb

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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SCHEIDT AND BUCHNER NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
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Special JDC - Hungarian Relief File.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Via Courier

Date August 1, 5 P.M., 1944

to Bern, August 1, 1944.

Code:

Received August 2, 4 P.M.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

The following message has been received for you from the War Refugee Board under date of July 29, 1944:

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Sincerely yours,

In duplicate

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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Let. to Mayer 8/4 RDM/mjb

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Ankara

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

For payment of advance from Rom and to Turkey

No.:

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: August 2, 4 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Please deliver following message to Saly Mayer.

"With regard to Embassy's telegram of July 24, 9 p.m. re. previous request of Schwartz, it is important that transfer be made to the account of Wolf Zeef Shynd, Union de Banques Suisses, Zurich. I shall appreciate receiving your acknowledgment by telegram to Istanbul, in care of the American Consulate General. Greetings, Resnik."

Send

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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BERNE SUISSE

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R. J. M.

rbd/et
(8/10/44)

2nd August, 1944

With the compliments of
the Commercial Counsellor,
His Britannic Majesty's Legation,
Berne

(C.I.)

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Prev. ref.:

Our ref.: 8/10/44 of 15th August, 1944

Subject: Copies of letter to Zurich
and their reply re Swiss Bank
Corporation, Basle.

14th July, the
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For your information

To Daniel J. Reagan, Esq.,
American Legation,
Berne.

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H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Zurich.

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CHIFFRE SUISSE (VI)

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R. J. M.

rbd/et
(8/10/44)

2nd August, 1944

Dear Consulate-General,

M.E.W. advise us that on the 14th July, the Swiss Bank Corporation, St. Gall, instructed the Chekiang Industry Bank, Shanghai, to sell Swiss francs equivalent to 20 million C.R.B. dollars if the exchange rate was advantageous. The local bank added that they would probably require a similar sum monthly.

M.E.W. enquire whether we could discreetly confirm that these large requirements of Chinese money are for relief payments to Allied subjects in occupied China.

We should be glad, therefore, if you would make discreet enquiries and let us have your report in due course.

Yours ever,

COMMERCIAL SECRETARIAT

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letter

What premium is set on the rate of exchange - satisfactory?
Balance of money belonging to Swiss firms in China.

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Zurich.

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11: 00 am

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SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
CHAMBELEN - SUISSE (VI)

BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
Zurich.

14th August 1944.

Bern, August 4, 1944.

By Hand
Ref. A. 1243

your 8/10/44

Dear Commercial Secretariat,

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you at this Legation from the American Embassy at Zurich.
In reply to our discreet enquiries we were told that these C.R.B. dollars were being bought on the instructions of Saly MAYER of St. Gall of the Jewish Relief Fund and that payment for them comes from America so that it was assumed that the American authorities knew all the particulars and had consented to the transfer. The bank, however, does not know how the money is distributed. Enquiries of the local Jewish authorities elicited the fact that Saly Mayer is the official representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee, a charitable organisation founded in the last war.

We have now asked Saly Mayer to call in order to enquire discreetly how the money is distributed.

Yours ever,

ZURICH CONSULATE GENERAL.

S. Mayer called on Brit. Consulate in Zurich on Aug 15th & explained these transfers.

ICRC man in Shanghai exercises certain control over these distributions.

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The Commercial Secretariat,

British Legation, B e r n e .

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From Switzerland

Feb. Joint Distribution
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SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE DE SUISSE (Vi)

Roswell D. McClelland
LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
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Feb. American Joint Distribution
Committee
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Société Générale de Surveillance SA
Bern, August 4, 1944.

Feldstein Inss. Bucarest.

My dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you at this Legation from the American Embassy at Ankara:

"With regard to previous request of Schwartz dated July 24, it is important that transfer be made to the account of Wolf Zeef Shynd, Union des Banques Suisses, Zurich. I shall appreciate receiving your acknowledgment by telegram to Istanbul, in care of the American Consulate General. Greetings, Resnik."

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,

Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

Wir begruessen Sie in vorzuglicher
Hochachtung
(sig.) Saly Mayer

RDM/mjb
Address:
Saly Mayer,
Postfach 262,
St.Gallen.

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SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA (Vi)

Mr. Roswell D. McDowell
LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

REC'D AUG 9 - 1944

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Feld. → American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den 5. August 1944

to individual dollar claims

Société Générale de Surveillance SA
GENEVE

Feldstein Isaac, Bucarest.

Wir besitzen Ihr Wertes vom 21. Juli und
4. Aug. und haben nunmehr Gelegenheit gehabt, mit dem CIR ueber
diesen Fall persoenlich Ruecksprache zu nehmen.

Ihre Freunde Feldstein haben sub 24. Maerz ein
Procès Verbal unterschrieben, von welchem wir Ihnen beiliegend eine
Copie zu Ihren Akten ueberreichen.

Ferner ist festzuhalten, dass von dieser
Transaction an den A.D.D.C. in New-York durch eine competente
Stelle ebenfalls Bericht erstattet wurde und deshalb das
Guthaben Feldsteins incl. seiner am 20. Juni getroffenen Verfue-
gung betr. seiner Gattin, Frau Maria Feldstein, rechtmuechtig
registriert, soweit solches unter den gegebenen Verhaeltnissen
ueberhaupt moeglich ist.

Zu keiner Zeit konnte jemals die Rede davon
sein, dass Feldstein an das IRC einen Anspruch zu erheben berech-
tigt war und muss unter allen Umstaenden und fuer alle Faelle fest
gehalten werden, dass alle beteiligten Parteien dem IRC sehr dank-
bar zu sein haben, diese Transactionen durchfuehren zu koennen.

Nachdem durch diese Korrespondenz auch Ihre
geschaeetzte Firma vom Guthaben Feldsteins an den Joint ebenfalls
Kenntnis hat, so duerfte dessen Anspruch resp. Forderung genuegend
ausgewiesen sein und wuerde es uns freuen, wenn sich Ihre Freunde
dieser Ansicht ebenfalls anschliessen wuerden.

Wir begruessen Sie in vorzueglicher
Hochschaeetzung
(sig.) Saly Mayer

Adresse:
Saly Mayer,
Postfach 262,
St. Gallen.

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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

711. Joint Instructions
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SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA



ZÜRICH-BERN
AARAU, BASEL, GENÈVE, LAUSANNE, LUGANO, LUZERN, NEUCHÂTEAU, ST. GALLEN
BIEL, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, WINTERTHUR
ALTDORF, BELLINZONA, CHEVRE, FREIBURG, GRESIGNAN, LIESTAL, SCHAFFHAUSEN, SCHWYZ, SUTTER, SOLOTHURNE, WEINFELDEN, YVERDON

Berne, August 8th 1944.

TELEGRAMME: NATIONALBANK
TELEPHON Nr. 236.24 W.
POSTCHECK-KONTO Nr. III.5



LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
Rec'd AUG 9 - 1944
BERN

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

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 27th contents of which we have duly noted.

In accordance with your instructions, we have transferred on July 29th from the amount of Fr. 6,402,825.- we hold at the disposal of the American Minister and as a preliminary transaction, the sum of Fr. 2,000,000.- to the Schweiz. Bankverein, St. Gall, for the credit of Mr. Saly Mayer.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
Banque Nationale Suisse

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - HUNGARIAN RELIEF

A.D.C.

*File Joint Distribution
Committee*

August 9th 1944

RUMANIE

we need a copy of receipt to be given to Dollars claimers , payable after the war ✓ *sent 1944*

We enclose a list of all names which have been submitted to us.

At present we have fixed the rate of exchange to 1800 Lei per Dollar and 8000 Lei per Sterling payable in Palestine. (Cable Joint 17 VII

Frs 380,5000) see your letter July 26th -cable from Lisbon to Geneva this transfer has been effected, Delay has been caused on account of debtor, s name having been misspelled Shind-Szpynd

Cable Pilpel July 17th re 500 Children with Tangier Visas having obtained Spanish Visas has been transmitted to Budapest

1500000 Dollars as per Cable and correspondence of July 20th up to August 9th Frs 2,000,000 have been transferred to our account with Swiss Bank Corporation.

No 425

We have asked you to be good enough to make a 2nd transfer of 1,000,000 Frs .

Zagreb Croatia as we have already ordered and paid a 1st delivery of 1200 parcels at cost of 10,-- we shall not order a another consignment from Lisbon until we have received news that our delivery has been received by our friends in Zagreb. The delegate of the IRC is due to arrive in Geneva these days and therefore no further action will be taken for the time being.

3000 Children from France : Portugal Hospitality your letter July 28 cablecopy Pilpel Lisbon :

In accordance with your recommendation, which has been corroborated by the Union Osé we have not taken any further steps in this matter and have informed Jarblum, Lichtheim and Silberschein accordingly,

Cable 93 from Pilpel Lisbon re Shanghai (July 28th)

We should like to report on this account personally. In the meantime we have already telephoned with Lisbon office

Dollars credit for payment after war total 920,000 Dollars i.e.

300,000 Dollars each to France, Hungary and Rumanie - 30,000 To Italie

we have taken due note of this new Credit and full report will be submitted as soon as we have laid our plans.

Please consider these notes as receipt of your letters and provisory acknowledgement of said correspondence. Undersigned being en route since middle of July on behalf of Hungarian matters he will attend to above mentioned items on his return to StGall.

Geneva/Berne August 7th 1944

July Meyer

(over)

Approx.

SM expenditure to date

- 380,500 - Passage (Rumana to Turkey) - completion
- 190,000 - Cash (Hungary) } relief operations
- 200,000 - " (Boraklava) } relief operations
- 10,000 - Misc. Adminstr. (Reports) - here in Switzerland
- 34,000 - Pengoe (ICRC) } purchase pengoe
- 400,000 - " (Children) } purchase pengoe
- 100,000 - " (ICRC) } purchase pengoe
- 328,000 - Croissants (Food) - purchase food stuffs in Hong
- (33,000 - Commission (Bank).

Aug 10 100,000 - Purchase of dollars - for financing flight operations from Hong to Rumana.

848 JOINT VIST. COM.

CONFÉDÉRATION SUISSE
SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK — BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA
BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

ZÜRICH-BERN
BASEL, BASEL, GENÈVE, LAUSANNE, LUGANO, LUZERN, NÉUCHÂTEL, ST. GALLEN
BILLY, LA CRÂVE-DE-FODDRE, WINTERTHUR



Berne, August 12th 1944.

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Mr. Roosevelt, Bern, August 11, 1944.

Special Assistant to the
American Minister,

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Swiss National Bank,

American Joint Distribution
Committee

Mr. McClelland

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St. Gallen, 11. August 1944

at the disposal

Société Générale de Surveillance SA

1,000,000 Swiss Francs to the

GENÈVE

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Rec'd AUG 12 1944

Re. Isaac Feldstein, Bucarest.

Antwörtlich Ihres Wertes vom 8. dt. können

wir heute bestaetigen, dass der AJDC in New-York von dieser Forderung
verstaendigt ist, ebenso ueber die Mitteilung, dass Ihre Firma das
Verfuegungsrecht ueber diesen Betrag von 10'000 Dollars erhalten hat,
gemaess dem Schreiben Feldsteins vom 20. Juni 1944.

Wir bitten Sie gefl. zu beachten, dass wir
nicht berechtigt sind, zu bestaetigen, dass diese 10'000 Dollars weder
6 Monate nach Kriegsende noch in Genf ausbezahlt werden.

Hochschoetzend:

(sig.) Saly Mayer

Adresse:
Saly Mayer
Postfach 262, St. Gallen.

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The American Relief

SWITZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

KRICH-BERN
BARAU, BASEL, GENÈVE, LAUSANNE, LUZERN, NÉUCHÂTEL, ST. GALLEN
BASEL, LA CHaux-DE-FONDS, WINTERTHUR



Berne, August 12th 1944.

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Mr. Roswell D. McClelland, Bern, August 11, 1944.

Special Assistant to the
American Minister,

Berne.

SWITZERISCHE NATIONALBANK
KRICHBEN
KRICHBEN NO. 2088A V.
KRICHBEN-KANTON NO. 1117
COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
SWISS NATIONAL BANK,
BERN.

Sirs:

Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if you would make a further
transfer from the account which you are at present holding
at the disposal of the American Minister of the sum of we have
transferred to -day from the amount of Fr. 6,402,825.- we hold
1,000,000 Swiss francs to the Schweiz. Bankverein, St.
Gall for the credit of Mr. Saly Meyer.

Very truly yours,

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours

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

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J.D.C. - Hongkong & Shanghai

SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

ZÜRICH-BERN

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BIEL, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, WINTERTHUR

ALTDORF, BELLINZONA, CRUVE, FREIBURG, GERSAU, LIESTAL, SCHAFFHAUSEN, SCHWYZ, SITTEN, SOLOTHURNE, WEINFELDEN, YVERDON



Berne, August 12th 1944.



TELEGRAMME: NATIONALBANK

TELEPHON Nr. 23624 W.

POSTCHECK-KONTO Nr. III.5

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
Rec'd AUG 14 1944
BERN

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

848 Gen. J.D.C. - HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 11th contents of which we have duly noted.

In accordance with your instructions, we have transferred to -day from the amount of Fr. 6,402,825.- we hold at the disposal of the American Minister, a further sum of Fr. 1,000,000.- to the Schweiz. Bankverein, St. Gall, for the credit of Mr. Saly Mayer.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours
Banque Nationale Suisse

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Received from Switzerland

JDC - Hungarian Relief

Joint D.C. file
C.I.

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C.I.

Bern, August 18, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

MEMORANDUM

I am happy to send you for your accounts a record of the transaction which I carried out on August 10th with funds belonging to the Joint Distribution Committee. The following table will give you the amounts of dollars purchased, the rate, and the cost in Swiss francs:

For emergency relief funds in Hungary

Dollars	opening	Rate	account in	Swiss
				francs
Lot A (\$ 5,500	at	2.98	=	16,390
(8,000	at	3.06	=	24,480
Lot B(8,500	at	2.98	=	25,330
(11,000	at	3.06	=	33,660
Totals \$33,000		3.02		99,860

On August 10 I remitted to you Lot A of dollars (\$13,500) and on August 17th Lot B (\$19,500) plus an unused balance of 140 Swiss francs.

Please find enclosed the purchase receipts for the above mentioned transactions from the Schweizerische Volksbank.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure:

Receipts.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Teufenerstrasse 20,
St. Gall.

RDW/mjb

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File in Swiss Bank

JDC - Hungarian Relief



MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. ~~W~~iddle
Mr. ~~W~~ase

From: R. McClelland Aug. 31st./44

In opening an account in the Swiss National Bank at Bern with the funds sent by the JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Mr. Daymont recommended that I ask the bank to authorize your signatures in my place in case anything should happen to me. We were under the impression that your signatures were already on file at the bank in connection with Mr. Daymont's accounts, but apparently the bank wishes to have them again. I should appreciate it, therefore, if you would sign the attached signature sheet which I shall return to the National Bank.

Thank you.

R.D.M.
R. D. M.

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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Sent Registered

JDC - Hungarian Relief

Included this over with

Make a copy for Jews in Hungary

Duplicate

Based on Department's 2989
Aug. 30th/44

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Bern, August, 31st. 1944.

Mr. Saly M'ayer
Teufenerstr. 20
ST. GALLEN

Dear Friend:

Shortly after your telephone call the following news came in by cable directly from the State Department, which I hasten to send on to you as it is in the nature of good news. This message came in answer to my telegram of August 26th.

On August 29th, Dr. Schwartz cabled to the JDC through the American Embassy in Lisbon asking for instructions as to whether (1) the JDC in New York was willing to make the payments requested, and (2) whether or not the Department of State and the Treasury Dept. would grant a license under the conditions stated.

The Department, without specifically answering the above questions goes on to state that the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon received on August 28th, from an entirely reliable source the information that the Chargé d'Affaires of Hungary at Lisbon received on August 28th, a telegram from the Hungarian Foreign Office dated August 27th. The policy of the Hungarian Government, based on the new situation arising in Rumania, was outlined. It was stated textually that "hereafter the Hungarian Government will handle the administration of all Jewish Affairs and Jews will not in the future be deported. This decision has been made by the Regent.

I am further informed that the Hungarian representative at Lisbon expressed considerable doubt that the Germans could any longer carry out deportations of Jews in large or even small numbers. He also stated, although he could not be altogether certain, that his understanding was that during the past two weeks there has been growing opposition in Hungary to the Nazis, both in official circles and among the general population. From this opposition there would result an active resistance to any purification by the Germans. The same Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires in Lisbon was of the opinion that it would be physically impossible to carry out any large movement of people at the present time. In his opinion, therefore, any transaction of the

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JDC - Hungary Ref

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kind suggested in Dr. Schwartz's message was purely an attempt at blackmail on the part of the Gestapo. The Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires expects to be in possession of further information on this subject before long and such information will without delay be transmitted to the Department of State and to the Embassy at Lisbon, as well as to us here in Bern.

Although one cannot believe 100% in the assumptions of the Hungarians in Lisbon I feel that the reiterated message from Horthy to the effect that no more deportations will take place will be of value to you in your forthcoming conversations.

Please feel free to call me up after you receive this message.

Cordially yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE x 840.1 JEWS IN HUNGARY

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JDC - Hungarian Relief

Talked this over with
SM on Fri. Sept. 5
will cut out JDC Lisbon.

Make a copy for Jews in Hungary

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WFB RSM

JCM

Ms. Huddle framed
an answer today

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon

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

No.: 119

Code:

Received: September 8, 8 a.m.

PHRASE

J. D. C.
September
1944

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Committee to representatives

of the Gestapo for the alleged rescue of Hungarian
Jews. Negotiations are said to be going on in
Switzerland, Saly Mayer of St. Gall being the chief
negotiator for the Joint Distribution Committee.
Are you aware of these negotiations? The information
which we have here would indicate that there is now
little danger to Jews in Hungary and that knowledge
of such negotiations is definitely disclaimed by the
Hungarian Government.

NORWEB

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-92
By 11. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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JDC - Hungarian Relief

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make a copy for Jews in Hungary

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WRB RDM

JCM

Mr. Huddle framed an answer to-day

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Lisbon Date: September 7, 1 p.m., 1944
 No.: 119
 Code: [REDACTED] Received: September 8, 8 a.m.

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PARAPHRASE

This Embassy has recently been requested by the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon to send telegrams to its headquarters in New York with reference to negotiations for the payment of 25 million dollars by the Joint Distribution Committee to representatives of the Gestapo for the alleged rescue of Hungarian Jews. Negotiations are said to be going on in Switzerland, Saly Mayer of St. Gall being the chief negotiator for the Joint Distribution Committee. Are you aware of these negotiations? The information which we have here would indicate that there is now little danger to Jews in Hungary and that knowledge of such negotiations is definitely disclaimed by the Hungarian Government.

NORWEB

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

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: AmEmbassy, Lisbon

Date: September 8, 1944, 2 p. m.

No: 176

Code: ██████████

Charged to:

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Paraphrase

Reference is made to your 119 of September 7th.

The Department, the WRB and this Legation are informed regarding the proposals for the exchange of Jews from Hungary against reimbursement in goods. These proposals were received recently from German official sources through Saly Mayer and seem to have originated with Jewish circles in Budapest. Mr. Mayer disapproved the proposals, the Legation reported them to the Department with adverse recommendation, and the Department, FEA and WRB rejected them. However, in an effort to exploit any existing possibility of relieving any victims not only in Hungary but elsewhere, within legal and practical limitations, the Department and WRB instructed this Legation in its no. 2990 of August 30th that "every effort must be made to extend the negotiations and to gain time". Mayer was authorized to prolong his private efforts in the matter.

HARRISON

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(JKH tells them to keep them hats on!)

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Letter to Mr. Mayer of Sept. 12th.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

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

No: 3109

Code:

Received: September 9, 1 p. m.



Paraphrase

The Legation is requested to deliver to Saly Mayer a paraphrase of the following message.

"There are in Bucharest several hundred Polish and Hungarian refugees who are understood to be in great need. Is it possible to remit \$5,000 to Filderman for this group?"

The above message is from Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Cable No. 162 from the WRB.

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State Dept. Order 1-11-73
By R. H. Poole Date SEP 20 1972

JVC - Hungarian Relief

SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK — BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

ZÜRICH-BERN
AARGAU, BASEL, GENÈVE, LAUSANNE, LUZERN, NEUCHÂTEAU, ST. GALLEN
BIEL, LA CHaux-DE-FONDS, WINTERTHUR
VALAIS, Vaud, GENEVE, BASEL, AIGLE, APPENZAU, SOUSSE, YVERDON, NEMOS

Berne, September 9th 1944.

TELEGRAMME: NATIONALBANK
TELEPHON No. 20824
POSTCHECK-KONTO No. 111.0
No.

Bern, September 8, 1944.
Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to the American
Minister,
Bern.

The Swiss National Bank
Bundesplatz
B e r n.

Sirs: Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if you would transfer the amount of 1,000,000 (ONE MILLION) Swiss francs from the account which you are at present holding at the disposal of the United States' Minister to the account of the "Schweiz. Jüdisch. Unterstützungsfond" at the Schweizerischer Bankverein in St. Gall.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Very truly yours,

BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

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RDM/mjb

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JDC - Hungarian Relief

SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK - BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE
BANCA NAZIONALE SVIZZERA

ZÜRICH-BERN

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ALTDORF, BELLINZONA, CHAM, FREIBURG, GERSAU, LIENTAL, SCHAFFHAUSEN, SCHWYZ, SITTEN, SOLOTHURN, WEINFELDEN, YVERDON



Berne, September 9th 1944.

TELEGRAMME: NATIONALBANK

TELEPHON Nr. 238.24

POSTCHECK-KONTO Nr. III.5

Me.

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

B e r n e .

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - HUNGARIAN RELIEF

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, contents of which we have duly noted.

In accordance with your instructions, we have transferred to-day from the amount of Fr.6.402.825.-- we hold at the disposal of the American Minister, a further sum of

Fr.1.000.000.-- to the Schweizerischer Bankverein, St. Gall, for the credit of the "Schweiz. Jüdisch Unterstützungsfonds"

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,
BANQUE NATIONALE SUISSE

JVC - Hungarian Relief

American Joint Distribution
Committee

B. Cohen, Sec. 22, September 1944

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BERN

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

Bern, September 12, 1944.

Mr. Saly Mayer
c/o Hotel Schweizerhof
BERN.

Dear Sir,
Dear Mr. Mayer:

On September 9th, the following message for
you was received by the Legation from Mr. Leavitt of
the American Joint Distribution Committee:

In banknotes out of the jointfund No. 425
There are in Bucharest several hundred
Polish and Hungarian refugees who are under-
stood to be in great need. Is it possible
to remit \$5,000 to Filderman for this group?

*How can we
be transferred
to account this matter
is in. turned over*

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CASH payment to Saly

Sept 9th

Saly Mayer

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JDC - Hungarian Relief

American Joint Distribution
Committee

St. Gallen, den 22. September 1944

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(C.I.)

Roswell Mc.Clelland Esq.

Special Assistant to the
American Minister

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - HUNGARIAN RELIEF

(C.I.)

CASH payment to Saly

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Sept 9th

1'000'000.-- (One million) Swiss Francs

in banknotes out of the jointfund No. 425

(originally 1'500'000 dollars).

4000 000 have already
been transferred from
the account. This makes
5 m. turned over now.

Yours respectfully,

Saly Mayer

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

~~Geza Pallai~~

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Zürich, den 24. Sept. 1944

*Reposition for release, Pengoee
in Budapest.*

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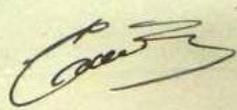
Sehr geehrter Mr. McClelland.

Ich erlaube mir Ihnen beiliegend eine Copie meines heutigen Briefes an Herrn Saly Mayer einzusenden.

Falls Sie in dieser Angelegenheit mit irgendwelche Mitteilungen zu machen wünschen, wäre ich Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn dies baldmöglichst geschehen würde.

Immer gern zu Ihren Diensten, zeichne ich
mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Ihr ganz ergebener



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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - HUNGARIAN RELIEF

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Géza Pallai,
Zürich,
Hotel Waldhaus Dolder.

To: *Saly Mayer*

Den 24. Sept. 1944

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident.

Ich bitte Sie um Nachricht, dass ich mich unbekannterweise mit diesen Zeilen an Sie wende. Ein Schweizer, der gestern aus Budapest kam, brachte mir den Brief eines guten Bekannten, in welchem dieser mir im Auftrage des Judenrates u.a. das Nachfolgende schreibt:

"Der hiesige Judenrat hat mich ersucht in der Angelegenheit der Unterstützung von dort mit Ihnen die Verbindung zu suchen. Wir haben die Genehmigung der Ungarischen National Bank für die Verwendung von Coupon & Stillhalte- des weiteren gesperrten Pengs für obigen Zweck zur Verfügung. Bitte teilen Sie mir durch den Ueberbringer dieser Zeilen mit, ob derartige Gelder für Unterstützungszwecke vorhanden sind und in welcher Höhe."

In Anbetracht dessen, dass sich kein bedeutendes Organ in der Schweiz ausschliesslich mit der Frage der ungarischen Juden befasst - das Schweizerrisch-Ungarische Hilfskomité ist noch im Entwicklungsstadium - hat mir Herr Hamori geraten, mich an Sie zu wenden.

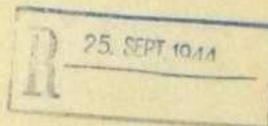
Informationen über mich können Sie bei Mr. McClelland, dem demissionierten Ungarischen Gesandten Baron Bakach-Besseney (Montreux, Hotel Palace) und dem Zürcher Ungarischen Verein einholen.

Mit Rücksicht darauf, dass der Ueberbringer des Briefes bereits am Donnerstag den 28. September wieder nach Budapest zurück führt und daher meine Antwort - die er ebenfalls persönlich übergeben wird - bis spätestens Mittwoch früh erwartet, wäre ich Ihnen äusserst verbunden, wenn Sie die Freundlichkeit hätten, mir baldmöglichst zu antworten. Falls Sie es für nötig halten, stehe ich Ihnen selbstverständlich jederzeit gern zur Verfügung.

Mit dem Ausdruck vorzüglicher Hochachtung

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Obtaining Hungarian pengoes

In connection with financing relief for Jews in Hungary

Sept. 1944

Submitted to KBAC from a competent source for possible use in JSC relief operations in Hungary.

2 other material concerning purchase of foreign currency in Sland.

Messieurs,

Sur la demande d'un ami, je me permets de vous soumettre ce rapport concernant

I/ le marché illégal des billets de banque en Suisse,

II/ le marché illégal des pengoes en particulier.

Tout d'abord, je tiens à souligner le caractère purement informatif de ce rapport, qui fut préparé en toute hâte, sans aucune documentation sérieuse, basé uniquement sur les faits, tels qu'ils me sont connus. Je me réserve, si vous le permettez, le droit de revenir sur un ou plusieurs des points brièvement évoqués ci-dessous d'une façon plus sérieuse, dès que les circonstances le permettront.

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Au point de vue historique, on devrait remonter jusqu'en 1831, donc jusqu'au début des premiers moratoires en Europe centrale, pour donner un tableau détaillé du marché illégal des billets en Suisse, mais cela dépasserait le but du présent rapport. Contentons-nous d'évoquer brièvement les faits saillants depuis l'effondrement de la France, parce que pour des raisons géographiques, c'est depuis cette époque que le marché illégal des billets a pris des proportions énormes en Suisse.

Comme partout ailleurs, dans les pays vaincus, les Français cherchèrent à se débarrasser de leurs francs et à acheter de l'or, ou d'autres devises, à n'importe quel prix. Vu les exportations d'or massives, la Confédération s'est vue dans l'obligation de les interdire. C'est l'époque de la montée vertigineuse de l'or, où les trafiquants et les spéculateurs ont payé jusqu'à 55.- francs suisses le Napoléon.

A cette époque, l'Allemagne, maîtresse de tout le continent, a officiellement répudié l'or, et selon des

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Qui-dire, elle a même vu du de l'or volé sur le marché légal et illégal, soit pour payer certaines marchandises /machines de première importance, diamants industriels, qu'elle ne pouvait pas obtenir par le clearing, / soit pour s'acheter des devises / \$ / dont elle avait besoin pour entretenir son immense service d'espionnage en Amérique du Sud et en France et surtout orient.

Je résume que j'avoque la des raisons pour des raisons d'intérêt purement "retrospectif", mais qui cadrerait bien avec la thèse officielle allemande, par rapport à l'or.

Par contre, j'ose affirmer que les milieux influents allemands, en tant que particuliers /Destapo, officiers/ ont grandement facilité le trafic illégal de l'or vers la France, et figuraient en même temps parmi les meilleurs clients de cette contrebande organisée. On pourrait se demander pourquoi cette contrebande ne s'est pas directement faite en Allemagne ?

La réponse est simple. D'une part, les risques et la surveillance en Allemagne même étaient plus à craindre. D'autre part, grâce au cours favorable du Reichsmark vis-à-vis du franc français, les gens qui avaient les possibilités d'effectuer cet échange, pouvaient acheter meilleur marché en France. Il ne sera jamais possible de se faire même une idée approximative du volume de cet échange, mais selon toutes probabilités, il était très important.

Le problème qui se pose aux yeux est de savoir comment, vu l'importance des achats, les importateurs d'or en France étaient à même de payer les "exportateurs" suisses ? Comment expliquer que les exportateurs suisses ont accepté le franc français pour paiement de l'or ? .

Prelevons tout d'abord que la plupart de ces francs français n'ont jamais quitté la France, ou bien, après un séjour transitoire en Suisse, ils ont repris le chemin de la mère patrie.

Pour comprendre ce phénomène, il faut savoir que les paiements français étaient très recherchés en Suisse, et cela pour des raisons multiples :

a/ Les débiteurs pouvant disposer d'une façon ou d'une autre de francs suisses ont profité des cours très bas pour rembourser leurs créanciers.

b/ Des achats d'immobiliers, ainsi que les constructions et les élargissements des maisons commerciales et industrielles en France, se prêtaient à des investissements avantageux du capital se trouvant en Suisse.

c/ Les besoins d'aide matérielle absorbaient une somme énorme /démarches pour sauver les gens de la destapo, pour faire passer la frontière à des amis, pour faire vivre des parents en France même, etc./ mais outre les "paiements français", il y avait d'autres raisons pour accepter des francs.

JDC

JDC with cross-ref in Jans in Italy.

1 October 1944

American Joint Distr. Committee

B. Galm, des. September 30, 1944

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

Italy North

H. E. P. Y. L.

(C.L.) (C.L.)

Bern, September 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you from Mr. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee:

"Have received information with regard to the urgent need of immediate funds for rescue and relief in northern Italy. You have, we know, been making funds available in that area, but we would urge you in view of this new information to make every effort to furnish at once additional amounts for this section. It is suggested that you discuss this matter with McClelland and take all necessary steps. With greetings for the New Year."

Sincerely yours,

Sally Mayer

for WRS from McClelland
Department 3333, Dept.
for result of JDC

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

* I immediately contacted Valerio of HELVETIA who reports that accounts of news from northern Italy dated September 20 thru Teufenerstrasse 20, St. Gall. Sufficient balance of funds still on hand. I have since Valerio to obtain from Helvetia report as to how many further funds will be needed. Estimated approximately 15,000 for German occupied Italy.

RDM/mjb

SALLY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

... amount of approx. 15,000

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE & 848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

... from Switzerland

JDC

JDC with cross-ref in Jews in Italy.

American Joint Distribution Committee

St. Gallen, den September 30 1944

Roswell D. McClelland Esq
Special Minister to the
American Minister

Italy North

B e r n e .

(C.I.)

Dear Mr McClelland,

In reply to your favor of Sept 29 I beg to inform you that I immediately telephoned to Mr Valobra who informed me, that he as Chief of Delasem has not contacted Joint in Newyork for funds to be sent to North Italy. According to his information there is no need for mones to be sent as his friends are still possessing sufficient funds from those sent during August i.e. 20,000,000 Lire. Valobra received last news dated September 20th and he is estimating the numners still there at about 15,000.

I have asked him to do his best regarding contact with this groupe and also to let me know soonest possible when new funds are needed again.

Would it not be helping to clarify the situation by cabling to Mr Leavitt above mentioned information ?

Respectfully yours

Sally Mayer

For WRIS from McClelland
Department's 3333, Sept. 27
For result of JDC from Sally Mayer.

" I immediately contacted Valobra of DELASEM who reports that according to news from northern Italy dated September 20 there is no urgent or extraordinary need of funds. Sufficient balana of 20,000,000 lire sent during August is still on hand. Valobra I have asked Valobra to obtain from northern Italy ^{with} report as to how soon ^{additional} funds will be needed. Valobra estimated approximately at 15,000 ^{number} Jews remain German occupied Italy.

* The number of Jews (manten) is estimated at approx. 15,000

Address:
SALLY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE x 848 JEWS IN ITALY

File Forward from Switzerland

1 October 1944

JDC

BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
ZURICH.

A.1468.

25th September, 1944.

Dear Commercial Secretariat,

Top secret

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the ransoming of Jews, we understand that for each of the 318 who arrived in Switzerland on August 22nd the sum of 700 Swiss francs was paid to some German official. The payment is stated to have been made by Sally Mayer of St. Gall who has charge of the funds of the Jewish Joint Committee. The payments are stated to have been made with the knowledge and approval of Mr. McClelland, the delegate for refugee questions in Switzerland.

We are further informed that there is another group of Hungarian Jews numbering 1400 at present somewhere in Germany. This group were on their way to Spain but were held up in Germany when things started to happen in France. Negotiations to bring this group into Switzerland are now taking place and the sum demanded is said to be 1,000 francs for each individual. Apparently there are two groups working on the scheme, one under Dr. Silberschein of the Jewish World Congress and the other under Sally Mayer of the Joint Committee, and there appears to be considerable disagreement between the two groups. According to our informant the money is paid as a bribe to certain officials and not to the German government as such, and the group connected with Dr. Silberschein think that they can arrange the matter by depositing any payments in a blocked account in Switzerland to be paid out after the war.

We should be grateful for your observations on the whole matter and especially whether it should be left to Mr. McClelland or what action you would like us to take.

Yours ever,
ZURICH CONSULATE GENERAL.

Sullivan wrote to Reagan asking if this matter was in my hands & if no further investigation was to be made by them. Copy of my memo was sent to Sullivan.

The Commercial Secretariat,
British Legation,
BERNE.

Fu/LvB.

RCM/imp

R. D. McC.

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By R. H. Parks DATE 09/26/1972

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Memorandum to Mr. Huddle and Mr. Reagan.

Subject: Jews in Hungary.

October 4, 1944.

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I have no knowledge of activities on the part of Dr. Silberschein in behalf of this group and according to the most reliable information I can secure he has not concerned himself with them since his efforts are almost exclusively devoted to assistance for Polish Jews. Dr. Silberschein does not represent the World Jewish Congress but rather an organization called the RELICO, (I believe this stands for Relief Committee for War-Stricken Jewish Populations) in New York. As far as I am informed, there has been no disagreement between Mr. Mayer and Dr. Silberschein on this score.

On the other hand, I understand that Mr. George Mantello, of the El Salvador Consulate General at Geneva, has independently instigated negotiations (or wishes to create the impression of having done so) for the relief of this group of Hungarian Jews through the intermediary of a certain Mr. Trumpy, whom I believe is the representative in Switzerland of the German aeroplane manufacturing firm of Messerschmitt. Mr. Trumpy is at present in Berlin on the most recent of several trips into Germany and German-occupied territories. Mr. Trumpy has let it be known in the Bundeshaus, among other places, that he was personally responsible for the arrival of the initial group of 318 Hungarian Jews in S/land and is continuing to negotiate through his Nazi contacts for the release of the remaining 1373 people. The Mantello-Trumpy faction, through a certain Nationalrat Duft from St. Gall, has recently severely upbraided Saly Mayer for "sabotaging" their negotiations. At the same time neither Trumpy nor his spokesman, Duft, would reveal to Mr. Mayer any concrete details of the plan whereby they expected to secure the release of these Jews.

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1 Oktober 1944

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Hungary

Let. 10/13/44 to Mayer

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Annäherung ⑦ 10. X. 44
See SM's report of Oct 11th/44
in press - Hungary

filderman cannot borrow
Lei against Dollars apēs.

- a) 100'000 fcs are already deposited with Red Cross
- b) 300'000 " not yet paid, but at fildermans disposal
- c) 900,000 " demanded in addition to a + b

Rate of exchange $\frac{100}{5 fcs} : \frac{500}{1 lei}$

NB 40'000 have been set free from labor camp and must be supported.

All political prisoners have been set free
children are being cared for by 2 women
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10 a.m., 1944

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...office future in Sland
 ... 10/13/44 to Mayer

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Croatian - Zagreb ⑧

20,000 Sfr monthly Budget
 transferred by private
 clearing at rate of
 1000 Kunas per 100 Sfr
 Contact is established
 through Red Cross
 Dr Rosenberg + friends now
 in Switzerland have no
 contact with Zagreb
 Special Winter grant needed

10 a.m., 1944

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: October 5, 10 a.m., 1944

No: 6621

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to: RB - Compte 161 3

For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 3333, September 27.
For Leavitt of JDC from Saly Mayer.

" I immediately contacted Valobra of DELASEM who reports that according to news from Northern Italy dated September 20 there is no urgent or extraordinary need of funds. Sufficient balance of 20,000,000 Lire sent during August is still on hand to meet current needs. Have asked Valobra obtain further report as soon as possible to ascertain when additional funds will be needed.

It is estimated that approximately 15,000 Jews remain in German occupied Italy." \$27.30

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: October 11, 8 p.m., 1944
No: 3486
Code: [redacted] Received: October 12, 9 a.m.

Oct. 12/44
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PARAPHRASE

No. 206 from the War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer.

"We are remitting to you, under special license W-2106, the sum of \$17,000 to be used in connection with the situation in Hungary and Slovakia. We have received a report that Rabbi Ungar of Neutra has been deported; also that you and Sternbuch are cooperating with a view to rendering him all assistance possible. We would authorize anything which could possibly save him and any expenditure you would find necessary to bring help to him. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE."

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

Oct. 11th/44

MC : SM Schweizerhof 8a.m.

1 Oktober 1944

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Hungary

1. Circular letter SM to Organisations re Jointoffice future in Sland
2. Legationsrat Kohli: SM 9. Oktober 22 points re Hungary
3. Charles Lutz : SM 10. Oktober 26 points ditto
4. letter Kasztner to SM from Budapest 4. Oktober di to
5. cable Pilpel Lisbon No 143 re 20,000,000 SFRs ditto

Outside
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circumstances

6. France letter Marc Jarblum Oktober 4 and letter Maurice Brenner September 29. september
Dr Weill and Pierre Bigar going to Franca
Passmann Joint Roma ditto SM trying to meet him
no Joint committee existing in France by French personell await
Passmanns arrivé
50,000,000 French Frs fund at disposal for Joint in France

* 1. add visa have been granted to Kasztner Billitz and (Grüson).
authorization sent for Cap. Krumpholtz, who is

outside

7. Rumania see special report and add : *declined*
according news received 11. Oktober cost of living
estimated at 1000 Lei daily (LeClerc I R C)

8. Croatie Zagreb see special report

9. Italie ditto

outside

10. Bulgarie ditto

outside

11. ? Shanghai ditto add October 10th RedCross tel that they have
received news from their delegate Egle in
Shanghai, SM to see Murajeff soonest

12. Krakau see eport

13. Bratislava see letter Kasztner October 4th since then no
further news to hand.

14. Joint see tel records to Pilpel October 9 and 10

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15. Belgium letter received by Elion that situation in Bruxelles
good beyond expectations

16. Holland Dr Visser t, Hooft report is being expected

17. Lisence etc 400 000 Credit

18. I must have a supplement to the reg ar budget of 300,000 Dollars

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Received:

Rosa McClelland
Oct. 11th/44.

*action is asking
SM to help them
get money into
Belgium & Rumania.*

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Bern, October 13, 1944.

SALY MAYER

St. Gallen, Sw. 16. Okt. 1944

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.



Dear Saly:

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,

I am glad to transmit to you the following message which has just been received for you from Joseph Schwartz of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

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Cordially yours,

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

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Saly Mayer

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SALY MAYER

St. Gallen, den 16. Okt. 1944
Postfach
Telephon 2.38.71

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
Rec'd OCT 17 1944

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister,
Legation of the U.S.A.,
B e r n .

(Circular stamp)

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for transmitting cable
license W-2106 Dollar 17,000.

For your own information please take
note that we have communicated with Holy Barba-
reno and told him to let us know what sum he
is needing in connection with Rabbi Ungar of
Neutra. According to your news he must have
received a considerable sum and therefore lack
of money has not caused delay of rescue work.

Respectfully yours

Saly Mayer

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

C.I.

From: Department Date: Bern, October 18, 1944.
No: 1076
Code: Received: October 21, 2 p.m.

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Tenfenerstrasse 20,
St. Gall.

Dear Saly:

I am glad to transmit to you the following message which I have just received for you from M.A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Authorization is hereby granted for additional expenditure up to \$300,000 in behalf of Hungarian Jews for rescue or relief activities in Hungary, on condition that it is possible to purchase pengoes in Switzerland from sources which you know are reliable, and on condition that Swiss currency will not give aid to either the enemy or enemy collaborationists. You will be sent this sum upon request. We would request that it be not included in our regular funds at your disposal, but set up as a separate account upon which separate reports are to be made."

Sincerely yours,

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

*Call 512 on this letter
1:10 p.m. Will be...*

In duplicate

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original: X

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File: Joint Distribution Committee

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Rec. Dec. 10/44

OCT 23 1944

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(C.I.)

Dear Mr. McClelland:

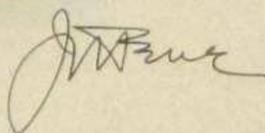
Dr. Schwartz, European Representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who will deliver this letter to you, has recently been in the United States for discussion with his organization here and has talked at some length with us concerning the possibility of further rescues from Switzerland, which at this stage appears to us to be the principal remaining country in Europe from which such activities can take place. Since communications have been difficult over the past months and since Dr. Schwartz has recently had an opportunity to get our viewpoint on these matters, the Board has asked him to consult with you and the Minister and the representatives of the various private organizations in Switzerland with a view to developing further ways and means of saving some of the refugees remaining in enemy-occupied territory. For the purpose of the trip, he has been designated Special Representative of the Board.

I shall appreciate your frank discussion with Dr. Schwartz of any problems now pending in Switzerland and any assistance that you may be able to render to him on this mission.

As you know from several of my recent cables, we all feel that you have handled a most difficult job very well. With the military situation developing so rapidly, you are undoubtedly aware of the fact that the Board's activities are closing down in many areas and the one place from which we may still hope to rescue the unfortunate people in Hungary, Slovakia and other German-occupied areas is Switzerland. For this reason, we feel that every possible step should be taken and that our efforts should be unremitting to save as many lives as possible. It is hoped that Dr. Schwartz, fresh from discussions with us in Washington, may bring to you in Switzerland some thoughts or viewpoints which all of you together may use toward that end.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Mr. Roswell G. McClelland,
Special Representative,
American Legation,
Bern, Switzerland.

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(Switzerland)

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Bor in Jews WRB RJA

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: October 30, 10 p.m., 1944

No: 3710

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: October 31, 3 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

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DDM
Nov. 10, 44
Dear Sel. 744
Cordially yours*

WRB No. 241. Kindly deliver following message to Saly Mayer from American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"It is understood that six thousand Jews from 16 to 60 years of age, principally Hungarians, were liberated when the Allied armies occupied Yugoslavia. Of these five thousand had been working in copper mines for fifteen months, and the rest since June of this year. They are now liberated and can travel wherever they wish. However, they cannot remain in Bor and there have been no arrangements made for their reception elsewhere. Kindly explore the situation, extending whatever emergency aid you can, and keep us advised."

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Let. to Mr. Mayer 11/4 HDM/mjb

WRS PSM

J. D. C.
November
1944.

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Date: November 1, 9 p.m., 1944
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Received: November 2, 2 p.m.

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(TO)

No. 248 from the War Refugee Board.

You are requested to deliver the following message
to Saly Mayer: *Taufenerstr. 20, St. Gallen.*

"The TIMES correspondent Joseph Levi advises Magnes that there are more than 4000 Bulgarian Jews who are without means. They are said to be literally naked and without shelter and clothing, mattresses and bed covers are urgently needed. This information is contrary to the report received from Pilpel to the effect that Bulgarian Jews do not require help. You should endeavor to investigate this situation and extend all assistance possible."
M.A. LEAVITT, AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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TELEGRAM SENT

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Date: Bern, November 4, 1944.

Bern, November 2, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received from Mr. E. A. Levitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee through the facilities which has just been received for you from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Teufenerstrasse 27, 20,
St. Gallen.

REM/imp

According to wire received by Sternbach from Bucharest 28/10 - 400 of these Bor Hungarian Jews have reached Bucharest & 700 Transylvania (Transylvania - liberated area)

RBZ:co.

A true copy of the signed original: *[Signature]*

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(Sally Mayer)

Mr. F. and Mrs. Sternbach

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: November 4, 1944.
Bern, November 4, 1944.

Code: Clear

NO. 7334

Charged to:

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am pleased to quote below a message which has been received for you from Mr. M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee through the facilities of the War Refugee Board: *Distribution Committee*

Saly Mayer:
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Sincerely yours,

— RDMcC.

In triplicate,

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

Mr. Saly Mayer,
Teufenerstrasse 20,
St. Gallen.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: November 4, 1944

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Charged to:

FOR WRB from McClelland,
For Leavitt of Joint Distribution Committee
from Saly Mayer:

"Would you kindly cable me what Joe
Schwartz's plans are."

\$ 5.05

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— RDMcC.

In triplicate.

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(Swift and Land)

Committee: Arthur H. F. and from Swift and Land

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: November 10, 1944, 10 am

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No.: 7441

Code: Brown

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

In line with Department's 3710, October 30 reliable information has been received from Bucharest that of 5 to 6,000 Hungarian Jews sent to work copper mines at Bor in Serbia, some 400 have reached Bucharest and 700 Timisoara, Transylvania. It is also reported that 700 Hungarian Jews deported for labor to Ukraine have succeeded returning as far as Timisoara.

HARRISON

RDMcC.

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Personally
Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 262, St. Gallen

Saly Mayer

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland

American Joint Distribution
Committee

JDC Hungarian Relief

St. Gallen, den November 12th 1944

My dear and good friend Ross,

Enclosed I am sending a statement of moneys spent out of 1,500,000 Dollars Special grant for Hungary.

Some more food and Medicaments have been orderd of CIR. Therefore consider approx. 5,000,000 Being already spent

1,251,000 (plus 894,000 already spent) must be reserved for Transportation

6,251,000 Frs are already spent, including 550,000 Frs spent in May to July.

I have drawn up this statement myself and I, ll have it checked by accountant and in case of substantial mistakes beeing found I, ll let you know. To my best knowledge this statement represents actual facts. Please forgive amateurish presentation.

With all happenings in this Arba-Barter Job of the past 6 months I have enough couvrage left to face all the unknowwn the future holds in store. You have been very good to me and I do thank you most heartily. There is at least oneman who knows that I have left nothing undone to "produce results" even if unorthodox methods had to be ~~applied~~ applied.

In my own way I am happy that I have been asked to help in this matter, I, ll not say more and I cannot say less.

The day is short and the work is great , the msater calls u.s.w.

One is told to commence a work (or a labour) but he is not spared to see it to its end (very freely translated)

I cannot bring myself to a Notgeschrei - on the contrary I see One light in the night.

I should like so much to say something real sweet, may I quote the Keys of Kingdom ?

Dear Ross , I admit I am tired but I trust into God, that he may enlighten and help all in the undertaking of helping thousands trusting and hoping to be helped.

Your true friend

Personally
Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

Saly Mayer

(Self and hands)

Committed: Attached to the firm Switzerland

✓ <u>Rescue</u> , ending in Budapest, Emigr via Rumania-Pales	1,384,110.--	
✓ <u>Local Help</u> in Budapest through C I R, 6,000,000 P8s	949,635.--	
✓ <u>Istanbul</u> Transport expenditures	894,500 --	
<u>Barter</u> Incl. Barbarion (Bergen-Belsen transport)	822,250 --	
<u>Food</u> through CIR	628,000 --	
<u>Various</u> Leslie, Boden, Trümpy	12,175.60	II
<u>En Suisse</u> , Bellefont & Les Avants	12,300.--	I

Rescue:

Kasztner quote : between 1000 to 1200 left Hungary illegally
 each person needed 5000 Pengös ,cash, Passeur, outfit
 rate of exchange between 9 to 11 Frs per 100 Pengös
 at present rate of exchange 40 to 50 Pengös per 1 Frsuisse
 I have received all money you (SM) transmitted
 Bookkeeping ,accounts could not be kept in orthodox fashion
 Localhelp and Rescue funds helped each other acceding
 to ready cash being handy

Through IRC Borne we actually received 6,000,000 Pengös
 against Swiss Frs being paid to Metropole, only
 small part was sent in Pengönotes (SM 200,000 P8s)

(with school)
 Committee Activities Fund from Switzerland

American Joint Distribution
Committee

File: Joint Distrib. Committee

St. Gallen, den 16th Nov. 1944

(C.I.)

Re: special credits for
assistance to Hungarian
Jews deported to Austria.

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
NOV 17 1944
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Mr.
Roswell D. McClelland,
Legation of the United States of America,
B e r n .

840. JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Re: Dr. R. Schirmer, Red-Cross. (1000)

Dear Sir,

Following our to-day's telephone con-
versation I am pleased to hand you enclosed
copy of the exposé re conference Dr. R. Schirmer-
Saly Mayer of November 15th at St. Gall.

Sincerely yours

Saly Mayer

Address:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

(Self addressed)

Committee: Admin. Div. I and from Switzerland

Copy for Mr. Roswell McClelland.

Konferenz Dr. R. Schirmer - Saly Mayer
vom 19. November 1944, in St. Gallen.

Konklusionen:

1. Sektion: Budapest und Ungarn.

Hiefür wird ein Kredit von Fr. 210,000.--
eröffnet, eingeteilt in 7 Tranchen à Fr. 30,000.--.
Dieser Kredit soll verwendet werden für die unter
der Aufsicht, der Kontrolle und dem Schutz des roten
Kreuzes stehenden Spitäler, Kinderheime, Volksküchen,
aber auch für alle Vorkommnisse, die sich zufolge der
möglichen politischen Umwälzungen ergeben könnten, die
aber heute noch gar nicht zu überblicken sind.

2. Sektion:

Für 18'000 Juden im Wiener-Abchnitt Ostmark
wird ein Kredit von 210,000.-- Fr. eröffnet, in 7 Tranchen
à 30,000.-- Fr. zum Ankauf von Kleidern und Lebens-
mitteln in der Ostmark selbst und Ausschahlung in der Schweiz.

3. Sektion:

Ebenfalls Wien-Ostmark, für Lebensmitteleinkauf
für die zu erwartenden jüdischen und nichtjüdischen Flücht-
linge aus Ungarn wird ein Kredit von 150,000.-- Fr. in
3 Tranchen à 30,000.-- Fr. eröffnet.

Diese Kredite von zusammen Fr. 570,000.--
werden unter folgenden vereinbarten Voraussetzungen bewilligt:

Herr Dr. Schirmer oder von ihm bevollmächtigte Personen
übernehmen die Verantwortung dieser Kredite. Die Kontrolle
erstreckt sich auf Einkaufspreise, Warenmengen, Magazinierung
und Verteilung an die in den 3 Sektionen Erwähnten.

Besuch der Lager, Heranziehung jüdischer Funktionäre des
Judenrates in Budapest, von Löwenherz in Wien und falls
sich die Aktion auf andere Länder im grossdeutschen Reich
ausdehnen sollte, mit den jüdischen Organen dasselbst.

Die Besprechung zwischen Herrn Dr. Schirmer und Saly Mayer
vom 19. Nov. 44 wurde auf der Basis geführt, dass von SM
durch Obersturmbandführer Kurt Becker an Reichsführer
Heinrich Himmler ein Vorschlag unterbreitet wurde, dass
alle nicht kriegsbedingten Massnahmen gegenüber allen Zivil-
personen im Reich und in den von den Deutschen kontrollierten

*WKS
Contribution
of 200,000
will make to
these programs.*

(Switzerland)

Edwin Weiss, Abteilungsleiter für den Schweizendienst

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: London

Date: November 18, 8 p.m., 1944

No: 399

Received: November 20, 9 a.m.

Code: *[redacted]*
No. *[redacted]*

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

For McClelland from Mann.

The following message transmitted from Paul Beerwald of the JDC through the channels of the War Refugee Board has been received here after first having been sent to Paris:

"Schwartz departed for London. Hope to see you in Paris en route to Switzerland. We realize the situation in France requires emergency help during first several difficult months and we remitted dollars 100,000 in response direct appeal from Maurice Brenner pending Schwartz report to us. Happy to learn from you that difficulties entry of Greenleigh being removed. Agree with importance he taking over in Paris at the earliest date. Thanks yours and Hoehler's cable".

U It would be appreciated if you would deliver a paraphrase to Sir Herbert Emerson of the inter-Governmental Committee and tell him that Schwartz is now in London and hopes to leave next week for Paris where he will remain a few days before proceeding to Switzerland. He hopes he will be able to see Sir Herbert there or in Paris.

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By R. H. Parks Date

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(Switzerland)
Committee: Activities In and From Switzerland

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Re: JBC

TELEGRAM SENT

Bern, November 21, 1944.

Sir Herbert Emerson,
Care Hotel Schweizerhof,
Bern.

J. J. C.

Dear Sir Herbert:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following message which originates with Paul Beerwald of the Joint Distribution Committee. It appears to have gone first to Paris, then to London, and has finally caught up with you here in Switzerland. The text is as follows:

"Joseph Schwartz has left the United States for London and hopes to see you in Paris en route to Switzerland. We realize the situation in France requires emergency help during first several difficult months and we remitted dollars 100,000 in response direct appeal from Maurice Brenner pending Schwartz report to us. Happy to learn from you that difficulties entry of Greenleigh being removed. Agree with importance he taking over in Paris at the earliest date. Thanks your and Hoehler's cable."

Since you were not able, naturally, to see Dr. Schwartz in Paris on your out trip, he hopes very much that you will be able to meet him on your return to Paris at the end of this week. He himself plans to leave London for Paris in the course of this week so that there is a good chance that you will meet there.

Sincerely yours,

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

RDM/imp

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(Switzerland)

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To: Department Date: December 1, 1944
Code: CLEAR No: 7874
Charged to: RB - Compte 161

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J. J. C.
December
1944.

Message to Joint Distribution

feel greatly honored to
on behalf of all countries
thirty years of a service of
community in need of your
generous help. I wish you many happy returns of this
anniversary. With affectionate greetings. Yours
faithfully."

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To: Department

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For WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver following message to Joint Distribution Committee from Saly Mayer:

"My very dear friends: I feel greatly honored to be able to thank you warmly on behalf of all countries and organizations for your thirty years of a service of love rendered to the Jewish Community in need of your generous help. I wish you many happy returns of this anniversary. With affectionate greetings. Yours faithfully."

HUDDLE

RDMcC.

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(Sally Mayer)

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*WRB-RSM
Letter to J.D.C.
Dec 12, 1944*

From: Department Date: December 8, 10 p.m., 1944
No: 4155
Code: [redacted] Received: December 9, 3 p.m.

Transmitted
No. [redacted]

(O.I.)

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

WRB No. 314. For McClelland.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"We cabled Lisbon asking for budgetary requirements first quarter 1945 particularly anxious know appropriations for Switzerland commencing January order file necessary application. As you know, we remitting Switzerland \$300,000 monthly, one-half for use Switzerland and remainder under special license W-2108."

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Letter to J.D.C.
WRB PMA

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Dec. 12, 1944

From: DEPARTMENT

C.L.

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

No: 4150

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: December 9, 1944, noon

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 312.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M.A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"We await your agreement regarding tentative appropriations made for Rumanian, Hungarian refugees Rumanian, France, liberated Poland, etc., cabled you London also regarding additional dollar 260,000 appropriation for Greece. Passman cabled we authorize him order twenty thousand pair shoes Palestine for use Balkans which assume will run over dollar 100000. We would be prepared authorize Passman proceed his purchase but would like have your views whether expenditures should be charged against proposed appropriations for Balkans. We have not setup these appropriations on our books pending word from you and with end year approaching we anxious you advise us soonest whether these appropriations fixed and the approximate time during which remittances will be required."

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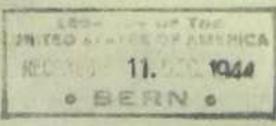
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Telephone: 393 33, 393 34

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COMMERCIAL SECRETARIAT,
BERNE



Your reference.
Our Reference:

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8th December, 1944

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Dear Altaffer,

...

I attach herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. Consul-General, Cable in Zürich, dated 28th November concerning the question of JEWISH REFUGEES.

I shall be very grateful if you could let me have your comments in due course. In the meantime I am informing Mr. Cable that I am in touch with you on this matter.

Yours ever,

W. J. ...

Maurice W. Altaffer, Esq.,
American Legation,
BERNE.

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Consent: ...

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Refer to

BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL,

ZURICH.

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28th November, 1944.

Dear Commercial Secretariat,

With further reference to our letter A.1463 of September 25th concerning the Jewish refugee question, we understand that negotiations are well advanced regarding the possibility of saving the some 730,000 Jews still under German control.

According to our informant an agreement was reached in August or September between the Nazis and the representative of the Joint Committee in Switzerland, Sally Meyer of St. Gall, whereby the "liquidation" of the Jews would be stopped and better food and a certain amount of medical supplies would be given to those in concentration camps etc. against a payment in Swiss francs of 30 to 40 centimes per day per person.

This worked out at roughly 5 million francs a month and the Germans are now claiming 20 million francs for the first four months. A certain Becher, who is described as "Reichsbeauftragter" for the Jewish question in Hungary, together with his assistant, were recently in Switzerland for the special purpose of collecting the money. No settlement of the payment was reached and Becher returned to Germany but his assistant has remained here. He has now threatened that should the payment not be made in the very near future he, too, will return and the "liquidation" of the Jews will be continued and definitely completed.

The Jewish group here are awaiting the arrival of a certain Schwarz from America who is stated to be coming here specially to deal with the question of the Jews still under German control and possibly with considerable funds at his disposal. Sally Meyer is stated to have only 2 million francs and is apparently not willing to make any payment without the full approval of the Joint Committee in America.

We take it that Mr. MacClelland has been kept informed of the negotiations but we should be grateful to have this confirmed and we should also be grateful for your observations as to what our attitude should be in this matter.

Yours ever,
ZURICH CONSULATE GENERAL.

The Commercial Secretariat,
British Legation,
FV/LvB. BERNE.

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Memorandum

December 11, 1944.

To: Mr. McClelland (CL)
From: MWA

I attach a letter addressed to me by Mr. Sullivan, Commercial Counselor of the British Legation, on the subject of Jewish refugees.

I would appreciate it if you would let me have your comments on this subject in order that I may frame the necessary reply to Sullivan.

MWA
M.W.A.

Enclosure as stated.

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Letter to
Mr. Schwartz
Dec. 13/44

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From: DEPARTMENT

Date: December 11, 1944, 9 p.m.

Code: WRB

No: 4177

Received: December 12, 1944, 3 p.m.

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 318.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Dr. Joseph Schwartz from M.A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Following cable sent to Judah Magnes today:
'Our reason for requesting that emigration projects receive prior approval was based solely on our desire be assured safe transportation emigrants to Palestine therefore we glad agree that after you assured either through Filderman or other sources that boats seaworthy and minimum risks involved in voyage you can commit JDC for eighty percent costs transportation up to 5,000 emigrants. Should however agency be unable provide remaining twenty percent we prepared take over entire costs since we unwilling prevent emigration to Palestine for any certificate holder because lack of funds. Would ask that you keep us currently informed of actual commitments made within this authorization. With respect to priorities emigrants we believe this must remain primary responsibility of Jewish agency since this represents normal emigration rather than emergency rescue. While we hope Jewish agency will give priority to children and foreign refugee Rumania JDC cannot impose this as a condition. We relaying contents this cable to Schwartz.'"

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MEMORANDUM

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(C.I.)

Bern, December 12, 1944.

Dear Saly and Joe:

With reference to my telephone call of this afternoon I am forwarding to you immediately three messages which I received today as well as two letters and a packet which arrived from Lisbon through the pouch. The first message for Saly from Mr. Leavitt of the JDC reads as follows:

"Please ask the Swiss Minister at Budapest, Maximilian Jaeger to trace and give all possible help and protection to Gisela (Frau Dr. Max) FREUND, born June 7, 1864, in Arad, Hungary. Her address up until March 1944 was Margitkorut 64/B, Budapest 2. At present she is probably care of Architect Emil VIDOR, Liszt Ferencster, Budapest 6. She is the mother is Dr. Ernest T. Ferand who is a close personal friend of Jaeger."

See files in Hungary; Def. 71149; See 8-44

The next two communications are addressed to Dr. Schwartz and are also from Mr. Leavitt of the JDC. The first is:

"We cabled Lisbon asking for budgetary requirements for the first quarter of 1945, and are particularly anxious to know appropriations for Switzerland commencing January in order to file the necessary application. As you know, we are remitting to Switzerland \$500,000 monthly, one-half for use in Switzerland and the remainder under special license W-2106."

Number two has the following context:

"We await your agreement regarding tentative appropriations made for Rumanian, Hungarian refugees in Rumania, France, liberated Poland, etc., cabled to you in London also regarding additional dollar

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260,000 appropriation for Greece. Passman cabled we authorize him to order twenty thousand pairs of shoes Palestine for use in Balkans which we assume will run over dollars 100,000. We would be prepared to authorize Passman proceed this purchase but would like to have your views whether expenditures should be charged against proposed appropriations for the Balkans. We have not set-up these appropriations on our books pending word from you and with the end of the year approaching we are anxious for you to advise us soonest whether these appropriations fixed and the approximate time during which remittances will be required."

Needless to say I should happy to transmit through WRB in Washington any answers which you might care to send this way.

With kind personal regards to you both, I am

Cordially yours,

(Roswell D. McClelland)
Special Assistant to
the American Minister

Mr. Saly Mayer and
Dr. Joseph Schwartz
c/o Hotel Cornavin,
Geneva.

3 enclosures.

(Switzerland)

Committed to the Swiss

Hotel Cornavin, Geneva. Joseph Schwartz

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Altaffer

From: R. MacDelland

December 13, 1944.

In reply to your memorandum of December 11 (attached) I am pleased to state for your information and in order that you may frame the necessary reply to Mr. Sullivan of the British Legation that I personally, and through me, the Legation (Mr. Huddle), the Department of State and the War Refugee Board in Washington have been kept constantly informed. Bern, December 13, 1944, these negotiations, I am well aware of the various points which the British Consulate General in Zurich (Mr. ... I imagine) brings up in his letter to his Legation ... although there are certain misstatements which should be ...

Dear Joe: The messages are coming hot and fast for you. Here is the most recent one which arrived yesterday evening from Mr. Leavitt of the J.D.C. ... Dr. Schwartz (Joseph), European Director of ...

"We have sent the following cable to Judah Magnes today: Our reason for requesting that emigration projects receive prior approval was based solely on our desire to be assured safe transportation of emigrants to Palestine. We are, therefore, glad to agree that after you are assured either through Fildermann or other sources that boats are seaworthy and minimum risks are involved in voyage you can commit JDC for eighty percent of the transportation costs of up to 5,000 emigrants. Should agency, however, be unable to provide remaining twenty percent we are prepared to take over the entire costs since we are unwilling to prevent emigration to Palestine for any certificate holder because of lack of funds. Would ask that you keep us currently informed of the actual commitments made within this authorization. With respect to priorities emigrants we believe this must remain primary responsibility of the Jewish Agency since this represents normal emigration rather than emergency rescue. While we hope Jewish Agency will give priority to children and foreign refugees in Rumania JDC cannot impose this as a condition. We are relaying the contents of this cable to Schwartz."

Mr. Mayer has said that no money and was recently specifically instructed by me on instructions from the War Refugee Board. With kind personal regards, I am ... Mr. Mayer has continued to ... Cordially yours, the full knowledge of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board which charged him to continue as long as possible without making any binding commitments.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz
c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva
Only no such ultimatum as described in Geneva. A question has been delivered.

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Hotel Cornavin, Geneva,

Joseph Schwartz

(Switzerland)

Consulate, Bern, Switzerland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Altaffer

From: R. McClelland

(C.L.)

December 13, 1944.

In reply to your memorandum of December 11 (attached) I am happy to state for your information and in order that you may frame the necessary reply to Mr. Sullivan of the British Legation that I personally, and through me, the Legation (Mr. Huddle), the Department of State and the War Refugee Board in Washington have been kept constantly informed of the progress of these negotiations. I am well aware of the the various points which the British Consulate General in Zurich (Mr. Newmark, I imagine) brings up in his letter to his Legation in Bern, although there are certain misstatements which should be corrected.

The most important of these concerns the arrival of Dr. Schwartz (Joseph), European Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of New York, who, according to the informer who gave these details to the British in Zurich " is stated to be coming here specially to deal with this question." On the contrary I received specific instructions from the WRB to inform Dr. Schwartz that as an American citizen and representative of an American organization he was to involve himself in no way with such negotiations, which have and are being carried on by Mr. Saly Mayer as a private Swiss citizen and not as representative in Switzerland of the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Schwarz arrived last Saturday night and I had a long talk with him on Sunday. He has not and has no intention of taking part in such negotiations. As a matter of fact he did not come to Switzerland to handle this matter but to discuss with Mr. Mayer general questions of Jewish relief in Switzerland and other European countries where relief projects are financed by the Joint.

These negotiations have never reached as definite a stage as described in the British Consulate's letter. They have been a continual series of proposals and counter-proposals calculated mainly to gain time. Mr. Mayer has paid them no money and was recently specifically instructed by me on instructions from the War Refugee Board that no funds from the United States could be used for such a purpose. On the other hand, Mr. Mayer has continued to negotiate with the full knowledge of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board which charged him to continue as long as possible without making any binding commitments.

Fortunately no such ultimatum as described in the letter in question has been delivered.

RDMcC.

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

Joseph Schwartz

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Your ref. 18/25/44
Our ref. 840.1 MWA/sb

Bern, December 14, 1944

Dear Sullivan:

I have your letter of December 8 transmitting a copy of a communication from the British Consul General at Zurich of November 28, 1944, concerning certain Jewish refugee questions.

Mr. McClelland who, as you know, is charged with the handling of such matters at this Legation states that he is well aware of the various points which Mr. Cable brings up in his letter, although there are certain statements therein which should be corrected.

The most important of these concerns the arrival of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of New York, who is stated to be coming here especially to deal with Jewish refugee questions. Mr. McClelland informs me that he has received specific instructions from the War Refugee Board to inform Dr. Schwartz that, as an American citizen and representative of an American organization he is not to involve himself in any way in such negotiations which have been and continue to be carried out by Mr. Sally Mayer as a private Swiss citizen and not as a representative in Switzerland of the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Schwartz arrived last Saturday night and Mr. McClelland had a long talk with him on Sunday. He has no intention of taking part in any negotiations, as a matter of fact he did not come to Switzerland to handle this matter but to discuss with Mr. Mayer general question of relief in Switzerland and other European countries where relief projects are financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

These

William J. Sullivan, Esq.
British Commercial Counsellor,
British Legation,
Bern.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Continuation of activities in and from Switzerland

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

Joseph Schwartz

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These negotiations have never reached as definite a stage as described in Mr. Cable's letter. Mr. Mayer has paid them no money and was recently specifically instructed by the War Refugee Board that no funds from the United States could be used for such purposes. On the other hand, Mr. Mayer has continually negotiated with the full knowledge of the Department of State and the War Refugee Board which charged him to continue as long as possible without making any buying commitments.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice W. Altaffer,
Secretary of Legation

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A true copy
of the signed
original:

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

Joseph Schwartz

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Geneva, 18th december 1944

Outgoing cables
submitted by Joe Schwartz.

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York

(C.L.)

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Have observed scrupulously instructions not to participate in any way negotiations which Saly Mayer conducting stop wish however associate myself with recommendation placed before War Refugee Board by McClelland since this involves essentially extension activities we already conducting through international redcross stop We feel that latest proposal made by Saly Mayer which now has strong possibility being accepted by others is in effect a facesaving device which offers us however strong possibilities for further rescue stop Must point out that involved in these negotiations are not only the approximately 70,000 Jews still left in Budapest but also the 17,000 now in the Vienna district as well as the many other thousands who recently left on foot towards Austrian border and those in various labor camps in enemy territory stop Also involved is the possibility of perhaps rescuing additional persons now Bergen Belsen stop Highest tribute must be paid to skill with which Saly Mayer has conducted these difficult negotiations which have resulted in gaining time and were directly responsible for the rescue of the Hungarian group in Bergen Belsen stop His situation however will become untenable unless favourable reply is forthcoming to latest proposal regarding twenty million swiss francs which will be used exclusively for benefit victims and will in no way accrue to benefit of enemy stop If proposal accepted negotiations can then continue and you may rest assured that Saly Mayer will continue every effort safeguard interests and funds JDC and American Authorities.

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

Joseph Schwartz

(Switzerland)

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Geneva, 18th december 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

New York .

Fully agree onetime emergency grants as outlined your
cable to London stop

Have already asked you transmit to Saly Mayer
fourhundredthousand dollars on account this grant stop

We agree also passman be authorized purchase twenty
thousand pairs of shoes for use in Balkans but believe
expenditure should not be charged against appropriations
already made stop

For your information Saly Mayer has established a credit
of four million swiss francs through international
redcross for the use of Filderman in Rumania stop
Since October 2,200,000 of this credit have already
been utilized yielding approximately 1,400,000,000

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Budgetary request of Filderman amounts 850,000 dollars
monthly stop

Have just received word from Filderman stating that all
refugee relief work as well as relief local population
being financed exclusively with our funds and that not
one dollar has been received from world congress or other
private organisations stop

Also the organisation of emergency assistance to
Transylvania and for Hungarian refugee was undertaken
with our funds stop Also children homes stop Regret
exceedingly that passman did not proceed immediately
to Bucarest but went to London instead stop Under
circumstances will have to get back to London order confer
with him stop At present time my plans are return to
Paris and Brusselles hoping to reach London about January
tenth stop will keep you advised endstop Joseph Schwartz
c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva

(Switzerland)

Committee Adviser F. J. J. Schwartz

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Geneva, 18th december 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Maddison Avenue

New York

We have made available to Jewish community Bulgaria credit 50,000 dollars which has now been almost fully utilized yielding approximately twenty million levas stop

At present time community urgently requesting additional credit since many in need and typhus diptheria and malaria prevalent stop

They also asking for shipment medical supplies and clothing which we have referred international redcross who studying situation but outlook for transport from here most unfavorable stop

will enquire through Magnes whether medical supplies can be sent from Palestine stop

Regarding northern Italy we have made available twenty million lire during past five months stop

must advise however present reports indicate all jews in camps have been deported except 70 in camp and in prison stop

All other Jews of northern Italy are in hiding numbers unknown we have made additional credit available for help when and as possible stop

In Croatia where 1200 Jews are in camps and 800 at large we have been supplying relief at the rate of 20,000 Swiss francs monthly yielding now 20,000,000 Kunas stop in addition we have been sending through intercross food and clothing for the internees stop

In Slovakia new delegate redcross ~~inter~~ authorized with credits to look after Jews still there either camps or hiding ^{places} number unknown endstop

Joseph Schwartz

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva

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Geneva, 18th december 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,

New York.

For the month of January Saly Mayer will require minimum one million dollar for budget switzerland and surrounding territories and redcrosswork stop have just received urgent call for additional help budapest via redcross for approximately 75000 people still there mostly children old and sick stop Also receiving urgent request from slovakia where only 700 Jews left in camp balance in hiding unknown numbers stop

Relief programs other territories also require immediate action therefore please make every effort transmit full amount early days January.

Joseph Schwartz

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

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Geneva, 18th december 1944

For
Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York .

We have discussed with international redcross and
commission mixte purchase and transport commodities
here for france belgium and eventually holland stop
committee advises possible buy some quantities milk and
cheese for immediate delivery and clothing and blankets
for delivery end january early february stop
We authorizing expenditures here of 50,000 dollars out
of appropriation you made for supplies france and
suggest you appropriate additional 50,000 dollars to
be spent here for purchases belgium stop
International redcross also sending for us 12,000
packages monthly to Theresienstadt and 5,000 bergenbelsen
stop
We trying increase these quantities and also extend
service to other camps stop
In Addition redcross sending bulk shipments to poland
yugoslavia birkenau as well as theresienstadt stop
For all these purposes and for medical supplies especially
to poland we have spent thus far this year 1,200,000
swiss francs through interredcross stop this does not
include amounts spent in lisbon istanbul and other
places.

Joseph Schwartz

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

(Switzerland)

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JBC

Geneva, 18th december 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Maddison Avenue,

New York

Have received from Valobra following account
of dollar claims for period march 1941 to
february 1942 stop

Rikard Ghyron 10,000 Fritz Bieler 5,000
Mina Hechter 17,500 Albert Lévy 2,500
Manuel Romanin Jacur 2,500 Georges Gutwillig 11,000
Clemente Hazen 5,630 Emile Offenbacher 600
Manuel Goldstraj 4,500 Moritz Mayer 8.750
Hella Strickler 1.020 Hernani Troccoli 14,000
total 83,000 dollars stop

All of these people with exception of Moritz Mayer
 are said to be in USA stop

In addition funds were borrowed by delasem on our
credit during subsequent period but valobra does
not have names and amounts here although he
assures us records are intact and will be available
endstop

Joseph Schwartz

Hotel Cornavin , Geneva.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Switzerland

Committee Activities Fund from Switzerland

84. filed Dec. 21st.

Jsc.

Geneva, 18th december 1944

For Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Maddison Avenue,
New York.

We sent to Shanghai in october sixtysix in november
eighty million and in december ninetyone million
chinese dollars stop
Committee is asking for additional seventy millions
for december which we had to refuse because budget
already exceeded stop
We did however grant 100,000 swiss francs as a special
one time grant for clothing in december and a similar
amount same purpose for January stop
Committee reports 12,000 people now on full relief
many of them sick and aged stop
Also numerous cases freezing due to hard winter stop
With present uncontrolled inflation and tremendously
increasing prices we can look forward to ever increasing
demand for additional help stop
Many of refugees have been Shanghai 6 years now without
any new clothing and one time grant this purpose absolu-
tely necessary stop
Also with rising prices committee wishes lay in stocks
now at least for winter months stop
Believe you should figure budget beginning January at
minimum one hundred thousand dollars.

Joseph Schwartz

c/o Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Switzerland

Committee: Ad Hoc and from Switzerland

Letter to Dr. Schwartz 20/12 - RDMoC.

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WRB RDM

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: London

Date: December 19, 6 p. m., 1944.

No: 435

Code: M

(Circular stamp)

Received: December 20, 9 a. m.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Paraphrase

From Mann for McClelland.

"3. Teheran information states that a cable from Moscow inquires who will be the delegate of the Joint Distribution Committee to Lublin as the permit for entrance depends on this. I presume that this inquiry is a result of my negotiations early in November at Teheran. Kindly advise whether I should advise Moscow through Teheran that you are ready to proceed to Lublin, or are your direct negotiations sufficiently advanced not requiring Teheran action. Contents relayed to New York and Lisbon."

The message quoted above is from Charles Passman for Joseph Schwartz, of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

WINANT

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(Vertical handwritten note)

TELEGRAM SENT

C.I.

LEGATION

Bern, December 19, 1944.

Dear Joe:

With reference to my phone call of this afternoon I am pleased to forward to you the following message which arrived for you from Mr. Leavitt of the JDC yesterday:

"We are remitting next days \$250,000 for relief needs France for December and \$200,000 for loan Kassa.

We cabled Passman at Cairo not (repeat not) to proceed to London since you may not return to London yourself for several months and we still expecting daily his clearance for entry into Rumania. We hope our message reached him at Cairo before his departure.

Can you send us the names of the 1350 odd Hungarian Jews who have recently arrived in Switzerland?

We have all been pleased with the attendance and spirit of our annual meeting."

With kind personal regards and best wishes once more for your safe and successful travel during the coming months, I am

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Joseph Schwartz
c/o Hotel Cornavin
Geneva.

843 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Comm. Hist. Activities from Switzerland

JDC.

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TELEGRAM SENT

JDC.

XXXXXXXX
LEGATION

Department

Date Bern, December 20, 1944.

Dear Joe:

No. 8233

Charged to

The following message from Charles Passman has just come in for you. It reads:

For WRB from McLelland,
"Teheran information states that a cable from Moscow inquires who will be the delegate of the Joint Distribution Committee to Lublin as the permit for entrance depends on this. I presume that this inquiry is a result of my negotiations early in November at Teheran. Kindly advise whether I should advise Moscow through Teheran that you are ready to proceed to Lublin, or are your direct negotiations sufficiently advanced so that action via Teheran is not required. I have relayed the contents of this cable to New York and Lisbon."

Intercross also sending for us some 12,000 parcels monthly to Teheran. This message came in through Mam of the WRB in London so that I assume that your man Passman is in London and not in Cairo where you hoped he would be.

In addition Intercross sending milk shipments to Poland, Yugoslavia and Camp of ...
With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

For all these purposes and for medical supplies especially to Poland, we have spent thus far this year 1,200,000 Swiss francs through Intercross. This does not include accounts spent Dr. Joseph Schwartz and other places." \$ 58.40

Dr. Joseph Schwartz
c/o Hotel Cornavin
Geneva.

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 20, 1944, noon

Code: WRB

No: 8233

Charged to:

(C.I.)

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

For WRB from McClelland.
Kindly deliver following message from Schwartz to
Leavitt of JDC:

"We have discussed with Intercross and Commission
Mixte purchase and transport commodities here for France,
Belgium and eventually Holland. Committee advises
possible buy some quantities milk and cheese for immediate
delivery and clothing and blankets for delivery end
January, early February. We authorizing expenditures here
of \$50,000 out of appropriation you made for supplies France
and suggest you appropriate additional \$50,000 to be spent
here for purchases for Belgium.

Intercross also sending for us some 12,000 parcels
monthly to Theresienstadt and 5,000 to Bergen-Belsen. We
trying increase these quantities and also extend service to
other camps.

In addition Intercross sending bulk shipments to Poland,
Yugoslavia and Camp of Birkenau as well as Theresienstadt.
For all these purposes and for medical supplies, especially to
Poland, we have spent thus far this year 1,200,000 Swiss
francs through Intercross. This does not include amounts
spent in Lisbon, Istanbul and other places." \$ 58.40

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(Switzerland)

Committee Activities I and from Switzerland

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 20, 1944, 2 p.m.

Code: WRB

No: 8237

Charged to:

(C.L.)

For WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver following message from Schwartz, Geneva to Leavitt of JDC:

"Have observed scrupulously instructions not to participate in any negotiations which Saly Mayer conducting. Wish, however, associate myself with recommendation placed before WRB by McClelland since this involves essentially extension activities we already conducting through Intercross. We feel that latest proposal made by Saly Mayer which now has strong possibility being accepted by others is in effect a facesaving device which offers us however valuable possibilities for further rescue. Must point out that involved in these negotiations are not only the approximately 80,000 Jews still left in Budapest but also the 17,000 reported in Vienna area as well as the many thousands who recently left on foot towards Austrian border and those in various labor camps in enemy territory. Also involved is the possibility of perhaps rescuing additional persons now at Bergen-Belsen. Highest tribute must be paid to skill with which Saly Mayer has conducted these difficult negotiations which have resulted in gaining time and were directly responsible for rescue of Hungarian group in Bergen-Belsen. His situation however will become untenable unless favorable reply is forthcoming to latest proposal regarding twenty million Swiss francs which will be used exclusively for benefit victims and will in no way accrue to benefit of enemy. If proposal accepted negotiations can then continue and you may rest assured that Saly Mayer will continue every effort safeguard interests and funds JDC and American authorities."

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RDMcC

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE x 840.1 JEWIS IN HUNGARY

Switzerland

Committee Activities in and from Switzerland

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 20, 1944, 3 p.m.

Code: WRB

No: 8238

Charged to:

(C.L.)

For WRB from McClelland.

For Leavitt of JDC from Schwartz:

"Fully agree onetime emergency grants as outlined your cable to London. Have already asked you transmit to Saly Mayer \$400,000 on account this grant. We agree also Passman be authorized purchase 20,000 pairs of shoes for use in Balkans but believe expenditure should not be charged against appropriations already made.

For your information Saly Mayer has established a credit of four million Swiss francs through Intergrass for use of Filderman in Rumania. Since October 2,200,000 of this credit have already been utilized yielding approximately 1,400,000 Lei. Budgetary request of Filderman amounts 850,000 dollars monthly. Have just received word from him stating that all refugee relief work as well as relief local population being financed exclusively with our funds and that not one dollar has been received from World Congress or other private organization. Also the organization of emergency assistance to Transylvania and for Hungarian refugees was undertaken with our funds; children's homes also.

Regret exceedingly that Passman did not proceed immediately to Bucharest but went to London instead. Under circumstances I will have to get back to London order confer with him. At present time my plans are return to Paris and Brussels hoping reach London about January tenth. Will keep you advised." \$ 67.40

RDMoC.

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RDMoC.

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE x 840.1 JEWIS IN ROMANIA

(Saly Mayer)

Committee: Advise to I and from Switzerland

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 20, 1944, 5 p.m.

Code: WRB

No: 8840

Charged to:

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For WRB from McClelland.

Please deliver to Leavitt of JDC following message from Schwartz:

"We have made available to Jewish Community Bulgaria credit of \$50,000 which has now been almost fully utilized yielding approximately twenty million Levas. At present time Community urgently requesting additional credit since many in need and typhus, diphtheria and malaria prevalent. They also asking for shipment medical supplies and clothing which we have referred to Intercross who studying situation. Outlook for transport from here most unfavorable. Will inquire through Magnes whether medical supplies can be sent from Palestine.

Regarding Northern Italy we have made available twenty million Lire during past five months. Must advise however present reports indicate all Jews in camps have been largely deported except about 70 in one camp and prison. All other Jews of Northern Italy are in hiding numbers unknown. We have made additional credit available for help when and as possible.

In Croatia where 1,200 Jews are in camps and 800 at large we have been supplying relief at rate of 20,000 Swiss francs monthly yielding now 20,000,000 Kunas. In addition we have been sending through Intercross food and clothing for internees.

In Slovakia new Intercross delegate authorized credits sufficient look after Jews still there, either in camps or hiding, exact numbers being unknown." \$ 66.65

RDMoC: Cyp - 7a

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 20, 1944, 6 p.m.

No: 8241

Code: WRB

Charged to:

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
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R48 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities I and from Switzerland

For WRB from McClelland.

For Leavitt of JDC from Schwartz:

" For the month of January Saly Mayer will require minimum one million dollars for budget Switzerland and surrounding territories and Intercross work. Have just received urgent call for additional help from Budapest via Intercross for approximately 75,000 people still there mostly children, old and sick people. Also received urgent request from Slovakia where only about 700 Jews left in camps, balance in hiding unknown numbers.

Relief programs other territories also require immediate action therefore please make every effort transmit full amount early days January."

From McClelland for WRB: I have renewed offer to Mayer and Schwartz of 200,000 Swiss francs from WRB funds here if quick cash is needed, particularly for Slovakia and Vienna. # 38.85

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RDMcC.

For Code Room: Subject: Relief to Jews in Occupied Europe.

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American Joint Distribution
Committee

Geneva (St.Gallen), den 20th dec. 1944

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AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
BERN
(C.L.)

Mr.
Roswell D. McClelland,
American Legation,
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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
R48

Dear Ross,

I am enclosing herewith a list of names of the Bergen-Belsen group which recently arrived in Switzerland and I would appreciate it very much if you would send it along with the covering letter to our New-York office by pouch.

My plans have changed somewhat and I am leaving to-day for ST.Gall expecting to be back in Geneva Saturday or Sunday and to leave for Paris Monday morning.

Maybe I'll still have another opportunity of seeing you.

Kindest regards

Joe

Enclosure: 1 letter
1 list

Adresse:
SALY MAYER
Postfach 202, St. Gallen

(Switzerland)

Committee: Admitted to and from Switzerland

Ab 800 JSC ✓
Geneva, 22nd December 44

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 21, 1944, 4 p. m.

Code: WRB

No: 8253

Charged to:

(C.L.)

For WRB from McClelland.
Please deliver following message to Leavitt of
JDC from Schwartz:

"Have received from Valobra following account of
dollar claims for period March 1941 to February 1942:
'Rikard Ghyron 10,000, Fritz Bieler 5,000, Mina Hechter
17,500, Albert Levy 2,500, Mammel Romanin Jacur 2,500,
Georges Gutwillig 11,000, Clemente Hazen 5,630, Emile
Ofenbacher 600, Mammel Goldstraj 4,500, Moritz Mayer
8,750, Hella Strickler 1,020, Hermani Treccoli 14,000,
total \$83,000.'

All of these people with exception of Moritz Mayer
are said to be in USA.

In addition funds were borrowed by DELASEM on our
credit during subsequent period but Valobra does not
have names and amounts here although he assures us
that records are intact and will eventually be available."

\$ 43.85

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848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE X 848 JEWS IN ITALY

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(Switzerland)

*Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland
February 1940 - March 1941*

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Geneva, 22nd December 44

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 21, 1944, 6pm

(C.I.)

No: 8255

Code: Brown

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver following message from Schwartz to Leavitt of JDC:

"We sent to Shanghai in October 66, in November 80 and in December 91 million Chinese dollars. The Committee is asking for an additional 70 millions for December which we had to refuse because our budget has already been exceeded. We did, however, grant 100,000 Swiss francs as a special one time grant for clothing in December and a similar amount for the same purpose for January. Committee reports that 12,000 people are now on full relief, many of them sick and aged. There are also numerous cases of frostbite due to hard winter weather.

With present uncontrolled inflation and tremendously increasing prices we can look forward to ever increasing demand for additional help. Many refugees have been in Shanghai 6 years now without any new clothes, a one time grant, therefore, for this purpose was absolutely necessary. Also with rising prices Committee wishes lay in some stocks now for coming winter months.

Believe you should figure budget beginning January at minimum 100,000 dollars." \$ 39.05

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348 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities I and from Switzerland February 1944 - May 1944

Ok. Dec 27 JSC ✓
Geneva, 22nd December 44

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270. Madison Avenue,
New York.

WRB.

In connection with project to admit 14,000
Hungarian Jews to Switzerland we have been
officially informed that 1,000 are now
ready to leave Budapest and may arrive here
shortly.

Joseph Schwartz

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee: Admitted in and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944

Of. No. 27. JSC ✓

Geneva, 22nd December 1944

For Mr. Charles Fassman
c/o American Embassy London.

WKS.

Glad receive your message stop Please advise
Moscow via Teheran that I am ready proceed
to Lublin and that authorization should
be sent to London if possible stop Leaving
for Paris will advise date arrival London
soon as possible Regards

Joseph Schwartz

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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

*Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944*

Ok. Dec. 20

JSC

let to schwartz 12/27/44

CASE NO.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

3) W.P.B. P.P.A.

From: Department

Date: December 22, 9 p.m., 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 4315

Received:

The cable below for McClelland is WRB 331.

Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Joseph Schwartz in care of Saly Mayer, St. Gall, from M.A. Leavitt of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Received following from Magnes, Simon Jerusalem:

'Despite rejections our proposal we advising Charles Passman Jerusalem fly London now for thorough final endeavor clarify needs of situation. We urge you and Joseph Schwartz London make every effort meet our views for sake increasing joint effectiveness. Without more substantial authority we cannot carry moral responsibilities which grave emergencies are placing increasingly upon us as joint representatives whatever committee's official title may be. We awaiting results Charles Passman's Jerusalem meeting Joseph Schwartz London with anxiety.'

We have not yet replied Magnes."

STETTINIUS

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

Dear Joe:

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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(Switzerland)

Committee Activities I and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944

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JDC

Geneva, 22nd December 1944

Wire to London 28/12/44 explaining action taken, RDM

let to schwartz at paris 12/27/44

CASE #111 WRB RDM

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: London

Date: December 22, 1944

No: 443

Code: Clear

Received: December 23, 3 p.m.

The following message is from Emerson of IGC London to McClelland of WRB Bern.

Will you kindly give the following message to Schwartz of the Joint if he is now in Switzerland? If not, will you kindly transmit to American Embassy in Paris for favor of communication to Schwartz? When I was in Brussels I authorized Chaim Perelman of the Comité de Defense to spend on behalf of the Inter-Governmental Committee the sum of three and a half million Belgian francs. Money was to be expended on maintenance of German and Austrian refugees. Committee is to refund the money on being satisfied that it has been expended for said purpose. When you visit Brussels will you be good enough to satisfy yourself that the money has been spent for this purpose. Detailed examination of accounts is not required but you will doubtless take adequate measures to satisfy yourself. Will you also kindly inform me of source from which credit was raised and obtain from Perelman personally his proposals regarding first method of payment and second of person or institution to which payment should be made. On receiving this information from you necessary measures will be taken for payment of actual expenditure up to maximum as confirmed by you.

WINANT

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To Joseph Schwartz
of Amer. Emb
Paris

Cordially yours

Ever Joe:

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee: Activities I and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944

Ok. Dec. 20

JSC

Geneva, 22nd December 1944

For Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York

Clear

(A.L.)

Please make no more transmissions to France until you hear from us stop We have shipped to France from here during December 150,000 cans of condensed milk part sugared and part unsugared at cost 180,000 Swiss francs stop We are now purchasing through Intercross commodities for France for \$ 60,000 of which one half for food balance childrens' clothing and for Belgium \$ 35,000.

Joseph Schwartz

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switzerland)

Committee Activities I and from Switzerland February 1944 - May 1944

(300 purchase food & clothes)

in Ok. Dec. 28th

TSA
JSC

De Geneva, 22nd Dec. 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee
270 Maddison Avenue,
New York.

(C.L.)

WRB

Spoke to Laura Margolis and authorized her
pay for ten thousand food packages for December
even though she still having complications
with Congress group which hopeful will be
satisfactorily settled soon stop Please
expedite validation her passport France
and Belgium

Joseph Schwartz

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(Switz and med)

Committee Activities I and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944

(304 purchase lead a station)

Ok. Dec. 28th

JSC

Geneva, 22nd December 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Maddison Avenue,
New York.

Clear

(C.I.)

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

U N R R A Jugoslav mission offered Resnik
five members British Jewish Unit temporary
basis stop On Resnik's recommendation have
authorized him accept their services stop
For your information Ose expects send
medical mission to Jugoslavia soon through
Jugoslav Red Cross and we trying arrange
have one of our representatives possibly
from France accompany Unit stop Please
advise status Israel Jacobson and Arthur
Fitzohn.

Joseph Schwartz

WKS
GENERAL REQUEST ON 23 DEC
ON 23 DEC 1944

(Swift and mail)

Committee Activities I and from Switzerland
February, 1944 - May 1944

American Joint Distribution
Committee

In reality, { for purchase food & clothing
partly: Vienna & other occupied
territories.

St. Gallen, Geneva December 23rd

Re: Dec 28, 1944

Mr Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister

B e r n e .

Re W.R.B.

Dear Mr McClelland,

with reference to your offer of
200,000 Swiss Fres out of Funds from the AJDC resting with you
I am asked by Dr Schwartz to inform you that it would be a great
help if you would please transmit this amount to the
Présorier of the Comité International de la Croix-Rouge
Commission Mixte account Saly Mayer.

Dr Schwartz having talked over with Dr Boehringer and Mr Jmfeld
we have been advised that it would be best to open a Globalcredit
for supplies, food and clothing, to countries which can still be
reached. We ourselves are also transmitting moneys to the CIRC
and in this way we do hope that some good results will be produced.
According to news received we have been warned to act quickly as
goods are scarce and would-be-buyers plenty, we should not like to
be left out altogether.

Very respectfully yours

Saly Mayer

Happy X.mas + new
year *

SALY MAYER

* repeat happy

Address:
SALY MAYER
A.I.D.C.
St. Gallen

ST. GALLEN

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McClelland
Switzerland
Committee: Activities I and from Switzerland
February 1944 - May 1944
Aug - Dec 1944

Ok. Dec 27th JBC ✓

Geneva, December 23rd 1944

For

Mr. Moses Leavitt, Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Maddison Avenue,
New York.

WAB.

Please transmit to Saly Mayer 300.000 \$
account transportation from Balkans to
Istanbul

Joseph Schwartz

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

WAB
CENTRAL CORRESPONDENCE
ONE McCLELLANDS
Committee: Activities I and from Switzerland
February, 1944 - May 1944
Aug - Dec 1944

Desired to be on Dec. 26/44, 1944
J.P.C.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Date: December 26, 8 p. m., 1944.
4343
Bern, December 26, 1944.
Code: [redacted] 4 p. m.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I take the liberty of forwarding to the Board for transmission to the American Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, three series of documents which Dr. Schwartz is anxious to get to them. They include a list of the names of 1366 Hungarians who recently arrived in Switzerland from Bergen-Belsen, material supplied by the International Red Cross concerning the present status of relief work for Jews in various occupied and formerly occupied areas and the first part of a general list of Jewish refugees who have arrived in Switzerland since August 1942.

Very sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures: 3 series of documents for the A.J.D.C.

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

848 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
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Dec. 1944

1 From Switzerland

Rewired to Paris on Dec. 28/44, RDM

WRB-RDM

JJC

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: December 26, 8 p. m., 1944.

No: 4345

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: December 27, 4 p. m.

TO

The cable below is for McClelland.

WRB 331.

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"Please cable your views validity Sternbuch proposal rescue large numbers monthly. We applying license remit to Saly Meyer 78,000 balance returned by Bimonds Intercross delegate Turkey for relief purposes Jewish deportees internees through Intercross."

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

Dec 1944

1 from Schwartz

Rewired to AmEmbassy, Paris, Dec. 28/44 - JRMCC.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: December 26, 9 p. m., 1944.

No: 4346

Code: ~~SECRET~~

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Received: December 27, 4 p. m.

WRB - No. 333. For McClelland.

Please deliver the following message to Joseph Schwartz from M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

"Plaut reporting for duty December 26 and after three to four weeks will be ready leave. Please advise country his assignment in order request necessary validation his passport. Linder planning depart mid-January also expect Fish Zohnde depart for Turkey same time. We requesting French visa for Margolis. If Passman left Cairo for London we all feel most important he come here for short visit for consultation and clarification basis our work Near East provided Magnes agrees since we assume you may wish spend longer time Switzerland and France and useless Passman waiting London for your return. What are your views? We asked Sommerstein have your Russian visa sent to Soviet Embassy London but we have no confirmation that this done. Passman advises he purchased \$460,000 supplies Teheran to be used for parcel service also bulk shipment to Poland. He expects participation Poles Teheran and from South African Jewish appeal."

STETTINIUS

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Used WRB informing them Schwartz left for Paris on Dec. 26th.
Dec. 27th JRMCC

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

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Dec 1944

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(C.I.)

Bern, December 27, 1944.

The American Legation in Bern presents its compliments to the American Embassy at Paris and

has the honor to enclose a letter from the representative of the War Refugee Board at Bern for delivery,

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, if it meets with the Embassy's approval, to Dr. Joseph Schwartz of the American Joint Distribution Committee,

who just left Switzerland and is at present in Paris. The following message for you from Bern is forward it to you at Paris:

Bern, December 27, 1944.

"When I was in Brussels I authorized Chain Perelman of the Comité de Defense to spend on behalf of the Inter-Governmental Committee the sum of three and a half million francs. Money was to be expended on maintenance of German and Austrian refugees. Committee is to refund the money on being satisfied that it has been expended for said purpose. When you visit Brussels will you be good enough to satisfy yourself that the money has been spent for this purpose. Detailed examination of accounts is not required but you will doubtless take adequate measures to satisfy yourself. Will you also kindly inform me of source from which credit was raised and obtain from Perelman personally his proposals regarding first method of payment and second of person or institution to which payment should be made. On receiving this information from you necessary measures will be taken for payment of actual expenditures up to maxima as confirmed by you."

A second message also arrived for you from Leavitt of AJDC as follows:

A true copy of the signed original

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Dec. 1944

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TELEGRAM SENT

C.L. 2 -

Received following from Magnes, Simon
Jerusalem: Bern, December 27, 1944.

Despite rejections our proposal we
advising Charles Passman Jerusalem fly London
now for thorough final endeavor clarify needs
of situation. We urge you and Joseph Schwartz
Dr. Joseph Schwartz, very effort meet our views for sake
Care American Embassy, Paris. Without more
substantive authority we cannot carry moral res-
ponsibilities which grave emergencies are placing
Dear Joe: increasingly upon us as joint representatives
whatever committee's official title may be. We

The following message for you from Emerson of
IGC in London recently arrived and I am glad to
forward it to you at Paris:

"When I was in Brussels I authorized
Chaim Perelman of the Comité de Defense to
spend on behalf of the Inter-Governmental
Committee the sum of three and a half million
Belgian francs. Money was to be expended on
maintenance of German and Austrian refugees.
Committee is to refund the money on being
satisfied that it has been expended for said
purpose. When you visit Brussels will you be
good enough to satisfy yourself that the money
has been spent for this purpose. Detailed
examination of accounts is not required but you
will doubtless take adequate measures to satisfy
yourself. Will you also kindly inform me of
source from which credit was raised and obtain
from Perelman personally his proposals regarding
first method of payment and second of person or
institution to which payment should be made. On
receiving this information from you necessary
measures will be taken for payment of actual ex-
penditure up to maximum as confirmed by you."

A second message also arrived for you from M.A.
Leavitt of AJDC as follows:

"Received

A true copy
of the signed
original

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Dec 1944

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including "WKS", "GENERAL COUNCILS FOR JEWRY", and "Simon Magnes".

JDC

TELEGRAM SENT

(C.I.)

To: An Embassy, Paris Date: December 28, 1944, 4 p. m.

No. 73 ~~XXXXXX~~
Legation

Cable: Bern, December 28, 1944.

Dear Saly:

Thank you for your letter of December 23rd. concerning the offer of 200,000 Swiss francs from WRB funds which I recently had the pleasure of making to you and Joe Schwartz. According to your wishes I have given instructions that this amount should be transferred to the Commission Mixte (Société de Banque Suisse) at Geneva for your account. I shall also writing a short note to the Commission Mixte notifying them of the arrival and source of these funds.

It is naturally, in accordance with the aims of the WRB, my intention that this money should serve you for relief to endangered refugees still in enemy occupied regions (I had particularly in mind Vienna - Austria - and Slovakia and perhaps Northern Italy), rather than for JDC relief operations in so-called liberated areas. I am sure that you will have several good uses for it in keeping with this slight limitation.

This afternoon your letter and memorandum of December 28th, also reached me. I am happy to tell you that I cabled at some length this morning regarding the sending of the 20 units and in keeping with the tenor of our last discussion with Joe. I pointed out to them the results that had already been obtained and the necessity of supplying you with something tangible to talk with. I also underlined, once more, the fact that you planned and hoped to be able to shift the negotiations over to this purely humanitarian and ethically defensible basis which could be freely submitted to the Allies as well as to neutral governments. I naturally asked the WRB for an answer as soon as possible regarding the transfer of the 20 units; and will of course let you know when a reply comes in.

I am still holding 1 unit, cash for you any time you want it. Meanwhile I send you my sincere and filial wishes that the New Year will bring better days to you and your people and the expression of my admiration for your truly magnificent efforts which I assure you I appreciate if some others don't.

Most cordially yours,

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To: AmEmbassy, London

Date: December 28, 1944

No: 2500

Code: CLEAR

Charged to:

For Mann of WRB from McClelland.

Embassy's 443, December 22.

Kindly inform Emerson of IGCR that his recent message for Joseph Schwartz was forwarded to letter in Paris by pouch December 27.

HUDDLE

RDMcC.

In triplicate.

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To: AmEmbassy, London

Date: December ²⁸ 27, 1944, 1 p.m.

No: 2495

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

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For Mann of WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver following message from Joseph Schwartz of JDC to Charles Passman:

"Glad receive your message. Please advise Moscow via Teheran that I am ready proceed to Dublin and that authorization should be sent to London if possible. Leaving for Paris and will advise date of arrival London soon as possible. Regards."

Above is with reference to Embassy's 456, December 19.

HUDDLE

RDMcC.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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To: Department

Date: December 28, 1944.

No: 8400

Code: Clear

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Joseph Schwartz left Geneva for Paris
December 25. Advisable, therefore, send
future messages from JDC for him to Amembassy,
Paris.

HUDDLE

RDMcC:nf

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Committee: Activities in and from Switzerland
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To: Department

Date: December 28, 1944

Code: CLEAR

No: 8367

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver to Leavitt of JDC following message from Schwartz:

"UNRRA Yugoslav mission offered Resnik five members British Jewish Unit on temporary basis. On Resnik's recommendation have authorized him accept their services.

For your information OSE expects send medical mission to Yugoslavia soon through Yugoslav Red Cross and we trying arrange have one of our representatives possibly from accompany unit.

Please advise status Isreal Jacobson and Arthur Fiszohn.

Spoke to Laura Margolis and authorized her pay for 10,000 food parcels for December even though relations with Congress group still complicated which hopeful will be satisfactorily settled shortly. Please expedite validation her passport for France and Belgium.

Please make no further remittances to France until you hear from us. We have shipped to France from here during December 150,000 cans of condensed milk, part sugared, part unsugared at cost 180,000 Swiss francs. We are now purchasing through Intercross commodities for France for \$60,000 of which one half for food, balance for children's clothing; and for Belgium \$35,000."

\$ 26.45

HUDDLE

RDMcC.

In triplicate. *duplicate to file*
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(Switzerland)

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AL

To: Department

Date: December 21⁸, 1944, 9 a. m.

No: 8373

Code: WRB

Charged to:

For WRB from McClelland.

Kindly deliver following message from Schwartz to
Leavitt of JDC:

"Have sent you via pouch names Hungarian Jews recently
arrived Switzerland and also forwarding full list all Jewish
refugees who arrived Switzerland since August 1942.

Passman is already in London, therefore will have to
cut short my stay in France. Will however proceed Belgium
if at all possible.

In connection with project to admit 14,000 Hungarian
Jews to Switzerland we have been officially informed that
1,000 are now ready to leave Budapest and may arrive here
shortly.

Please transmit to Saly Mayer \$ 300,000 account
transportation from Balkans to Istanbul.

Glad hear success annual meeting. " \$ 34.85

HUDDLE

RDMcC.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: AmEmbassy, Paris

Date: December ~~24~~²⁹, 1944, 9am

No: 75

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

From McClelland of WRB

Would appreciate delivery following message from Leavitt of Joint Distribution Committee to Joseph Schwartz:

"Plant reporting for duty December 26 and after three to four weeks will be ready to leave. Please advise country his assignment in order request necessary validation his passport. Linder planning depart mid-January; also expect Fish Zohnde depart for Turkey same time. We requesting French visa for Margolis. If Passman left Cairo for London we all feel most important he come here for short visit for consultation and clarification basis our work Near East provided Magnes agrees since we assume you may wish spend longer time Switzerland and France and useless Passman waiting London for your return. What are your views? We asked Sommerstein have your Russian visa sent to Soviet Embassy London but we have no confirmation that this done. Passman advises he purchased \$460,000 supplies Teheran to be used for parcel service, also bulk shipments to Poland. He expects participation Poles Teheran and from South African Jewish appeal."

HUDDLE

RDMcG.

In triplicate, duplicate in files

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McCLELLAND
Mr. McClelland's File
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