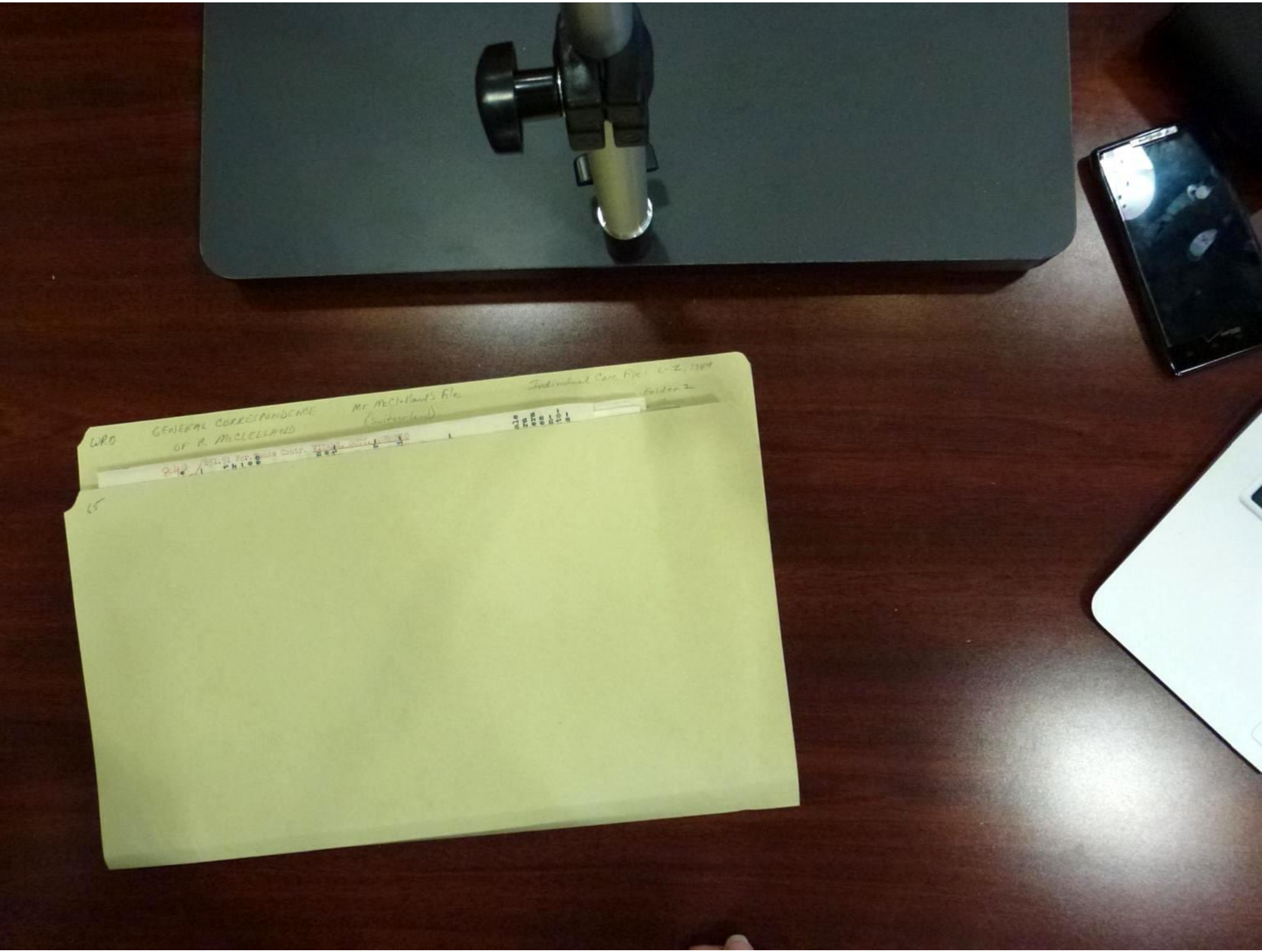
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Geneva, December 28th 1944

RENNELL D. M

GENEVE

Ross McClelland Esq.
Elfenstrasse No. 6
BERNE

C.I.

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LEGATION

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Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosures: Dr. Vitale's letter & memorandum.

Dr. Giacomo Profili
Royal Italian Legation
Elfenstrasse, 10
B e r n.

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Re: a "passport for stateless refugees after the war"

Put this in my file

File Vitale Eugenio

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VITALE

NNELL G. MORETTI

GENEVE

Geneva, December 28th 1944

Ross McClelland Esq.
Elfenstrasse No. 6
BERNE

Dear Ross,

Kindly find enclosed a memorandum answering to what you wish.

I am looking forward with very great pleasure in seeing you both Saturday evening.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours

Rennell Gordon Moretti

Encl.

Le fait qu'il résulte que Mr. Eugenio Vitale est le "beneficial owner" de cet avoir en dollars, entrainera vraisemblablement comme conséquence qu'aucun transfert ne sera autorisé qui dépasse les normes actuellement prévues pour les transferts entre les Etats Unis et la Suisse pour les personnes ayant le statut de Mr. Eugenio Vitale. Peut être les autorités américaines appliqueraient-elles les normes pour trans-

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Cousin. Miss Renata Vitale
São Paolo, Brazil
Power-of-Attorney made out on Dec 28th/1938 at Paris before the war.

MEMORANDUM

Marquis Tassoni, Alexandre
R. Legazione d'Italia
BERNA

Objet : Lettre du Docteur Eugenia Vitale, Hôtel de la Gare, Sion, du 5 décembre 1944.
Consultation sur avoirs en Dollars.-

1. Situation.

Il se trouve comptabilisé auprès du Crédit Suisse, Genève, un avoir en dollars usa dont la contrevaleur est déposée aux Etats Unis, au nom de l'Etablissement précité, le compte à Genève étant ouvert au nom d'une personne de nationalité américaine, domiciliée à Sao Paolo (Brésil), avec procuration en faveur d'un italien, domicilié en Italie le 8 avril 1940 et actuellement réfugié en Suisse.

2. Conséquences.

La banque suisse refuse d'effectuer la moindre opération avec ces avoirs en dollars usa (avances, transferts, etc.). L'attitude de l'établissement en question est absolument correcte. Il applique en la matière, comme le font les autres banques, les dispositions du Treasury Department de Washington.

3. Solution.

La seule solution consiste à ce que la personne américaine, domiciliée au Brésil, demande au Crédit Suisse, Genève, de procéder, en Amérique, à une demande de licence. Cette demande de licence portera sur les points suivants :

a) Nom, Prénom, nationalité, adresse du titulaire, fournissant la preuve de domicile ininterrompu au Brésil depuis le 8.4.1940,
b) Nom, Prénom, nationalité, adresse du Fondé de pouvoir. l'indication de ses divers domiciles.
c) Demande de transfert des dollars,

d) Raisons de la demande,

e) Bénéficiaire du transfert.

Le fait qu'il résulte que Mr. Eugenio Vitale est le "beneficial owner" de cet avoir en dollars, entrainera vraisemblablement comme conséquence qu'aucun transfert ne sera autorisé qui dépasse les normes actuellement prévues pour les transferts entre les Etats Unis et la Suisse pour les personnes ayant le statut de Mr. Eugenio Vitale. Peut être les autorités américaines appliqueraient-elles les normes pour trans-

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ferts d'Amérique à des italiens en Italie libérée, mais j'en doute étant donné qu'il ne s'agit pas d'avoirs au nom de Mr. Vitale mais d'une tierce personne. Deplus, il est incontestable que sur le plan juridique, Mr. Vitale est citoyen d'un état ennemi. Le fait que des mesures d'allégement considérables aient été et soient prises par les autorités américaines pour les personnes qui résident en Italie libre, ne modifie en rien un statut qui ne saurait être influencé que par la signature de la paix entre les deux pays.

Observations.

Le banque suisse qui fait l'objet d'apprécia tions aussi infondées que regrettables dans le P.S. de la lettre de Mr. Vitale, n'est nullement responsable de l'attitude qu'elle a prise et qui n'est que l'application, à des avoirs en dollars, des mesures dictées par les autorités compétentes. Il est certainement inexact que cet établissement se refuse à demander une licence, sur des instructions formelles du titulaire, mais évidemment en indiquant la procuration dont est bénéficiaire Mr. Vitale. J'estime qu'il est normal de s'attendre à ce que ces avoirs soient placés sous le contrôle des biens ennemis et c'est vraisemblablement ce que la banque a fait ressortir en ne voulant agir que sur des instructions du titulaire afin que dans toutes éventualités, sa responsabilité ne soit pas engagée à l'égard de ce dernier.

Il ne saurait s'agir dans le cas particulier de vouloir ou non aider un réfugié israélite. Les dispositio américaines en la matière sont claires, il n'est dit nulle part qu'elles ne sont pas applicables aux israélites des pays respectifs. Les israélites suisses, en Suisse, ont le même statut que tous nos nationaux.

R. Wagner
c/o Prof. Staehelin
Ob. Heuberg 33
Basel

(C.I.)

Basel, den 4. Oktober 1944

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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(C.I.)

Bern, October 12, 1944.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th of October and to thank you for the enclosed report which you kindly sent me. I have read it with considerable interest, although unfortunately at the present moment my field of activity does not include such post-war plans for dealing with refugees, which are more within the realm of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees in London.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. R. Wagner,
% Professor Staehelin,
Ob. Heuberg 33,
Basel.

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Re: a "passport" for stateless refugees after the war.

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R. Wagner
c/o Prof. Staehelin
Ob. Heuberg 33
Basel

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Basel, den 4. Oktober 1944

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Herrn
Mc. Clelland
Légation Etats Unis
Bern

Sehr geehrter Herr Mc. Clelland,

Im Anschluss an eine Unterhaltung mit Mr. und Mrs. Noel Field, sollte ich schon vor längerer Zeit mit Ihnen in Verbindung treten. Mit Rücksicht auf Ihre starke Inanspruchnahme, habe ich dies bis heute nicht getan, obwohl viele wichtige Fragen für Ihr Ressort zu besprechen gewesen wären.

Schon nach jener Konferenz in Saanen 1943, bei der ich die Ehre hatte, mit Ihnen zu konferieren, ergaben sich Diskussionspunkte, die erst jetzt aktuell werden. Eine dieser Fragen, die Identitätspapiere der Flüchtlinge betreffend, wurde hier besprochen. Ich gebe Ihnen anbei ein Exposé eines Herrn Dr. Rosenfeld aus meinem Basler Kreis, das ich gleichzeitig auch an Mrs. Field sandte.

Da ich seit mehr als 2o Jahren in der Sozialarbeit stehe und nach meinem Aufenthalt in Frankreich, auch in der Schweiz in der Flüchtlingshilfe ehrenamtlich tätig bin, so stehe ich Ihnen für alle Fälle zur Verfügung.

Mit besten Grüssen,

Ihr

R. Wagner

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The morning edition of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" (Nr. 1400 of August 19 th. 1944), contains a short report upon the fourth conference held by the Governments Committee for Refugee Aid.

Amongst other things, the report states that Mr. Dr. Kullmann assistant director of the Intergovernmental Committee, has worked out a plan concerning the issue of passports to subjects of no nationality. This plan is not obtainable here and it is not sure if or when it will reach Switzerland. Without knowing what it contains, we are taking the liberty of making the following proposals concerning the actual situation of emigrants (about 8550) and refugees (about 25000) in Switzerland at the present time.

A. Emigrants.

Swiss Authorities apply this expression to those subjects wh were already living in Switzerland at outbreak of the war and who are tolerated there for a limited time. They were mostly in possession of a passport, which is now deposited in the files of the local police. These passports were not prolonged by the consulates of the respective countries to which the emigrants formerly belonged if, as was mostly the case, the happened to be of Jewish origin and the German Racial Law could be applied. On November 25 th. 1941, the German Government declared all Jews living abroad to be stateless.

Emigrants who return to their native country, will regain their former nationality; but, according to the above mentioned report, no pressure will beused and only those emigrants will be registered, who apply for it. Emigrants not wishing to return to their own country, cannot be forced to accept their former nationality, therefor they remain stateless.

In Switzerland, emigrants only obtain temporary residence; for this reason it is impossible for them to found a living. It cannot be intended to send them to an overseas country against their wish. They themselves are tired of the abnormal life they have been obliged to live for years, passed either in working - camps, or without any occupation whatever; as far as they are capable of working, their desire is to make a new living as soon as possible.

For those, who already have relatives living abroad, this may be comparitively easy, but others will first have to make inquiries, as to where they can establish themselves abroad.

Without a passport it is impossible to cross any frontier in a legal manner and equally impossible to settle down in any country.

For emigrants living in Switzerland, a passport would only then be of value for their future life, if the following points are clearly emphasized:

a) a statement that the owner is recognized as a protégé of the Allied Governments.
b) the right of temporary residence - we would suggest six months - in any European country.
c) the possibility of returning to Switzerland for a limited time.

B. Refugees.

This name is applied by Swiss Authorities to those emigrants who entered the country after 1942. They mostly are not in possession of any identity papers of their native country; in other respects their situation is the same as that of the emigrants.

Refugees not desiring to return to their native country, would frequently only be able to obtain a passport after very careful examination of their case, as declarations made by refugees concerning their personal status, have occasionally proved to be erranous.

2.

It is understandable that neither diplomatic representatives or consulates of the Allies, nor Swiss officials can undertake this task.

For this reason we propose that a special Board be charged to execute this work. This Board should be stationed in Switzerland, as verbal and oral discussions lead to quicker results than correspondence.

The issue of an identity card to those emigrants and refugees whose nationality is clearly proved, will be comparitively easy; but in cases, where a refugee entered Switzerland either without any identity papers at all, or with doubtful ones, an objective examination of his case will be necessary.

3.

If the Board be placed under the Commissionar for Refugees in Geneva and how its staff should be composed, is a question to which we would only like to make the following suggestions from here:

It would seem advisable that Swiss Refugee Organisations and emigrants themselves be represented in the Board. The latter would have to be trustworthy in every respect and competent to handle the subject.

4.

An appeal should be possible against the contents of the newly established passport, or against the refusal to issue it.

This Departement of Appeal should be joined to the Board, (mentioned in 2). As members we would suggest: a judge, as president, an official of the Board (mentioned in 2), and a representative of the emigrants.

5.

If other problems concerning regugee aid could be handled by the Board, is a question we shall only then be able to answer, when we have had an opportunity of studying the work already accomplished by the Intergovernmental Committee.

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Lucerne, August 22nd.1944

C.I.

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

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I just received your letter of Aug.21st. Mrs. Ryfka Schneider-Schoenfeld was transfered from Sumiswald to the Tivoli Lucerne on June 26th. She has one of the best rooms in the House with a private bathroom and toilet together with two very nice ladies and seems to be quite happy in her lodging. She now works in our laundry which is not hard work since all washing is done by electric machines and none by hand. She likes her work has found quite a number of friends and is liked by everybody. If all the internes would be like her my work would be very easy. I told Mrs. Schneider that my office is always open to her but she told me that she is quite happy and content. You can be quite sure that I will keep an eye on her and help her to try and forget the terrible times she has been trough.

With kind regards

I beg to remain

Sincerely Yours

F. Wagner

F. N. Wagner
Flüchtlingsheim Tivoli
Lucerne.

848 Gen. WAGNER, F.N.

Corr. of R. McClelland (Switzerland) Folder 2

C.I.

Bern, July 27, 1944.

848 WAGNER, F.N.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I wish to send you a few lines to thank you sincerely for the kind gift of your book which you thoughtfully sent me after our conversation.

I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future, and particularly that circumstances may make it possible for me to recommend your services in behalf of one of the post-war Allied relief undertakings.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. N. Wagner,
Kdt. Interniertenheim Tivoli,
Luzern.

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Telephone Wagner. Will see Tue Thurs at 11:30.

Lucerne, July 17.th.1944

(C.I.)

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

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am lunching at the Bellevue Palace on Thursday July 20th. arriving in Berne at 9.10 and leaving again for Lucerne in the evening. Referring to your letter of June 21st. I take the liberty of asking you if you could spare the time and receive me next Thursday.

I beg to remain

Respectfully Yours

F. Wagner

F. N. Wagner
Kdt. Interniertenheim Tivoli
Lucerne.

848 Gen. WAGNER, F.N.

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Lucerne, June 23rd.1944

C.I.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21st. Please accept my thanks for the interest you are taking in my application for an appointment on the staff of the UNRA. I would consider it a special favor if you would grant me an interview in the near future during one of my visits to Berne. I would of course ask you a few days in advance if it would be convenient.

I beg to remain

Respectfully Yours

F Wagner

F. N. Wagner

F. N. Wagner
Kdt. Internierten Heim Tivoli
Lucerne

848 Gen. WAGNER, F.N.

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Bern, Switzerland, May 19, 1944.

Bern, June 21, 1944.

F.N. Wagner, Esquire,

Kdt. Internierten Heim Tivoli,

Luzern.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 11, in which you mention your interest in applying for an appointment on the staff of the UNRRA. As you know this office has no connection with the UNRRA representatives. However, I am passing on your letter for attention and hope that you will eventually receive a favorable answer.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Gerald M. Mayer,

Special Assistant to the Minister.

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Lucerne, May 11th.1944

Mr. McClelland

C.I. C.I.

Mr. Gerald Mayer
Attaché de Presse
Legation U.S.A.
26 Dufour Strasse 26
B e r n e .

Bern, June 21, 1944.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of the 11th of May, addressed to Mr. Mayer, was turned over to me as Representative of the War Refugee Board for consideration. Unfortunately at the present moment I am not in a position to give a very encouraging answer to your request to apply for a UNRRA appointment. My office is not directly connected with the UNRRA, so I cannot offer to accept your application.

In view, however, of your experience and qualifications, I shall be happy to keep your application in mind. If at any time in the course of the next few months you are in Bern let me know a few days in advance and perhaps we can arrange a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. F. N. Wagner,

Kdt. Internierten Heim Tivoli,

Luzern.

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Reply 6/21 RDM/mjb

Lucerne, May 11th.1944

(C.L.)

Mr. McClelland

Mr. Gerald Mayer
Attaché de Presse
Legation U.S.A.
26 Dufour Strasse 26
B e r n e .

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you on the following subject.

Being at present commander of the Tivoli Camp of civil interned refugees, one of the largest Camps in Switzerland, I am looking forward to the near time when the Nazis get their well-deserved punishment and when the Allies will have to reorganize Europe. Having closely studied the plans of the U.N.R.A. with all its various branches, especially the repatriation of millions of deportees I beg to ask you whether I could apply for an appointment on the staff of the U.N.R.A.

Having been in the tourist trade with Thos. Cook & Son Ltd. Berkeley Street London for 30 Years, 18 times round the world, knowing all countries of Europe thoroughly, I would consider it a great favor if you could give me some advise how to apply for such an appointment.

Thanking you in advance

I beg to remain

Yours respectfully

F. Wagner

F. N. Wagner
Kdt. Internierten Heim Tivoli
Luzern.

I turned [illegible] as rep of WRB for consideration. Unfortunately [illegible] moment I am not in a position to give you a [illegible] encouraging answer ~~to your concerning~~ to you desire to apply for an UNRRA appt. My ~~office work~~ office is not ~~a part of~~ [illegible] directly connected [illegible] UNRRA, ~~at least for [illegible] time being~~, so I can not ~~scarcely~~ offer you [illegible] to accept your application. In view of your experience [illegible] qualifications I shall be happy to keep on file. If at any time [illegible] course [illegible] next few [illegible] you are in Bern let me know a few days in advance & perhaps we can arrange a meeting.

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P. Wang.

Lausanne, 29th August 1944.
Juste Olivier 20

C.I

Bern, September 5th. 1944.

29 AOUT 1944

Mc. Clelland Esq.,
7, Rue des Chaudronnières,
GENEVA.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 29th. together with the enclosed documents which were sent to my Geneva address reached me safely. I wish I could give you an encouraging answer but it has proved virtually impossible to secure reliable information as to the present whereabouts of persons (particularly of Jewish faith) deported by the Germans from the various occupied countries. You can readily understand why the SS and the Gestapo, who are responsible for such inhuman acts, refuse to answer requests for information sent through the normal channels of the Protecting Power, which are the only ones open to us diplomatically.

It would worth your while, I think, not so much with a view to finding your children now, but with regard to locating them after the war, to send the details to Dr. Polak-Daniels, 44, rue des Pâquis, Geneva, who will be undertaking such work for the Dutch Government after the war.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister

Mr. P. Wang
Juste Olivier, 20
LAUSANNE.

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P. Wang,

Lausanne, 29th August 1944.
Juste Olivier 2o

Mc. Clelland Esq.,
7, Rue des Chaudronnières,
GENEVA.

29 AOUT 1944

Dear Sir,

Your address was given me by Mr. Dr. SCHEPS of the Palestine Office for Switzerland, in Geneva, and at the same time who recommended to me to address myself to you in the sad question of my Family, hoping that you will be able to help me.

To enable you to get introdused to my case, I send you herewith:

Copy No. 1 of my letter to the Minister of Chili of the 2o.6.1944.
Copy No. 2 the answer to the above letter, as well as the note to the Département politique Fédéral: Division for internes, Berne of the 22nd. June 1944.

Unfortunately Berlin has never answered this note and therefore the Legation of Chili has sent another note via the country proctecting Chili's interests to Berlin, whith the contents that the Minister has a great interest in the case Wang.

To help you, I beg to inform you that my case ist treated by Mr. Dr. VAN MUIDEN, of the political Departement.

A Friend of mine, who personally applied in this case to Mr. Dr. Fröhlich, Swiss Minister at Berlin, told me, that there was almost no hope that the German Authorities would ever answer the two notes, as unfortunately there is a mention of Dutch Children.

I have also be informed, that I may stand a chance of Berlin answering the notes, if the Children are declared to be of chilise or other American nationality.

As husband and father of my kiddies, I apply in desperation to you for your help to safe the lives of my wife and my kiddies, if it is not already to late.

In the name also of my Family, I thank you in anticipation for all your help and trouble you may take in this connection.

With renewed thanks and trusting to hear from you,

I am,

Yours very truly.

P. Wang

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C.I.

Bern, June 14th 1944.

C.I.

Bern, June 15, 1944.

Dear Miss Weiller:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th of June. I should be happy to talk to you, particularly about our friends in Paris, and suggest, if convenient, that you call on Wednesday, June 21st, at 3:30 at my office, No. 6 Elfenstrasse. If this time of day does not suit you, perhaps you could telephone me on Wednesday morning, the 21st.

Sincerely yours,

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

Suzanne Weiller

Miss Suzanne Weiller,

Care of Bauer,

Mottastrasse 40,

Bern.

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Suggest Wed. p.m. June 21st at 3:30

848 WEILLER, SUZANNE

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of R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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Reply 6/15 RDM/mjb

Bern, June 14th 1944.

C.I.

Mr. Roswell Mc Clelland,
Legation of the United States of America,
Elfenstr. 6
Bern.

Sir,

It would be a great honour and pleasure to have an interview with you.

I came back from Paris a few months ago, where I used to meet the "Quakers family".

I hope you will grant me the favour requested, and remain,

Yours very truly,

Suzanne Weiller

Suzanne Weiller

c/o Bauer,
Mottastr. 40,
Bern.

Madam. Suggest Wed. p.m. June 21st at 3:30

848 WEILLER, SUZANNE

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd SEP 16 1944
BERN

Geneva, September 15, 1944.
92, rue du Rhône

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(C.I)

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America
Bern - Alpenstrasse 29

Bern, September 25, 1944.

Dear Dr. Wengen:

In reply to your letter of September 15th I can only say that Mr. Tyler acknowledged receipt of your documents which I forwarded to him with a covering letter. He did not state whether he intended to get in touch with you or not, so I feel it might be advisable for you to write a short note to him in care of the American Consulate at Geneva stating that you believe your references were forwarded to him by me and that you would appreciate talking the matter over with him personally if he sees any possibility of recommending your services to the UNRRA.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. W. à Wengen,
92 rue du Rhône,
Geneva.

RDM/mjb

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of R. McCLELLAND
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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd SEP 16 1944
BERN

Geneva, September 15, 1944.
92, rue du Rhône

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America
B e r n - Alpenstrasse 29

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am really sorry to trouble you once again, but I do hope you may excuse me.

It is now a fortnight that you kindly informed me with your letter of August 31st that you transferred my curriculum vitae and other informations of August 27th to Mr. Royall Tyler, the competent American representative of the UNRRA in Switzerland at Geneva and that I may be sure of his sympathetic consideration.

Up to this day I unfortunately did not hear anything of Mr. Tyler and do not know whether I may ask you to be good enough to remember me once again to Mr. Tyler. Or, should I contact Mr. Tyler directly here in town ? Would he not judge me to be unpolite ?

Since it looks as the final defeat of Germany cannot be very far, I am anxious to contact Mr. Tyler as early as possible before the whole organisation starts acting.

I certainly will appreciate again your sympathetic help.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. à Wengen

Dr. W. à Wengen.

Dear Dr. W.
In reply to your letter of Sept. 15th I can only say that Mr. Tyler ack. receipt of your documents which I forwarded to him with a covering letter. He did not state whether he intended to get in touch with you or not, so I feel it might be advisable for you to write a short note to him c/o US Cons at Geneva stating that you believe your references were forwarded to him by me and that you would appreciate talking over matters with him personally if he sees any possibility of recommending your services to UNRRA.

848 Gen. WENGEN, DR. W. à
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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SEP 7 1944
BERN

Geneva, September 6th 1944
92, rue du Rhône

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister,
Legation of the United States of America
B e r n - Alpenstrasse 29

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I thank you for your letter of August 31st in which you are kind enough to tell me that you were passing on my letter of August 27th enclosing my curriculum vitae and other information concerning my experience and qualifications to Mr. Royall Tyler, who is the competent American representative of the UNRRA in Switzerland.

As soon as I will have contacted Mr. Tyler I will not fail to let you know the result of the conversation.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. W. à Wengen.

848 Gen. WENGEN, DR. W. à

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C.I

Bern, August 31, 1944.

Dear Dr. Wengen:

I thank you for your letter of August 27th enclosing your curriculum vitae and other information concerning your experience and qualifications. I am taking the liberty of passing your letter on to Mr. Royall Tyler (care of the American Consulate, Geneva), who is the competent American representative of the UNRRA in Switzerland. I, of course, cannot promise you that Mr. Tyler will be able to take any positive steps in regard to offering you a position, as I doubt if he is in possession of instructions asking him to recruit personnel. You may be sure, however, that your letter will receive sympathetic consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. W. Wengen,
92 Rue du Rhône,
Geneva.

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848 WENGEN, DR. W.

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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Wengen

Bern, August 31, 1944.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you one of the more interesting applications for UNRRA jobs, which for some unexplained reason various well-intentioned Swiss citizens keep sending to me.

Dr. Wengen seems to be a man of considerable experience who knows certain sections of the Orient and might possibly fit into some UNRRA plans for those regions. Although I imagine you have not been requested to recruit personnel, you undoubtedly have a file for such applications, where this gentleman more properly belongs than in my files. One always speculates regarding a man like Wengen who is apparently a first class petroleum engineer and wonders why he does not try to line up some sort of a job for himself after the war in his direct field of competence.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure:
Letter and enclosures from
Dr. Wengen, August 27, 1944.

Mr. Royall Tyler,
Care of American Consulate,
Geneva.

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Reply B/23 RDM/mjb

Geneva, August 20, 1944
92, rue du Rhône

C.I. C.I

Mr. Roswell McClelland,
Us Special Representative for
Questions of European
American Legation
B e r n e - Alpenstrasse 29

Dear Sir,

Since it looks as if the war in Europe

I acknowledge your letter of August 20th in which you kindly offer your services for the important task of post-war refugee work in Europe. I am unfortunately not in a position myself to accept such applications, since I represent the special emergency office of the War Refugee Board which may not exist after the war. "A Titre d'Information", however, and so that it may be on file at the Legation, I would be interested in receiving from you a short curriculum vitae and statement of your past experience and technical qualifications.

Very truly yours,

Expecting your kind answer, I remain,

dear Sir,

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

Yours very truly,

Dr. W. Wengen.

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enclosure
copy of my letter
of July 13, 1944.

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Reply 8/23 RDM/mjb

Geneva, August 2o, 1944
92, rue du Rhône

C.I.

Mr. Roswell McClelland,
Us Special Representative for
Questions of European Refugees,
American Legation
B e r n e - Alpenstrasse 29

Dear Sir,

Since it looks as if the war in Europe soon may be over, the vast problem of the refugees will come in its acute phase. This is the reason I permit me to remember you my letter I sent you on July 13 of which I attach a copy herewith.

As I heared, you are from time to time in Geneva, you perhaps would be so kind to arrange an appointment in this city for a personal contact in the question I arose in my first letter.

Expecting your kind answer, I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Dr. W. à Wengen

Dr. W. à Wengen.

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copy of my letter
of July 13, 1944.

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OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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Copy

Geneva, July 13, 1944
92, rue du Rhône

Mr. Roswell McClelland,
US Special Representative for
Questions of European Refugees,
American Legation
Berne - Alpenstrasse 29

Dear Sir,

Inasmuch as you have been nominated by the US-War-Office as expert for refugee questions, I take the liberty to ask you herewith if you eventually may consider the possibility to engage some Swiss ? I understand that such collaborator should have delt with similar questions on a large scale to prove his actual help in solving your problems.

I would be very pleased if you were so kind to inform me if such a possibility may rise now or in the near future. In the case of your affirmative answer I will submit you my application in due form accompanied with my course of life and all informations you may need.

Expecting your favorable answer, I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. à Wengen

Dr. W. à Wengen

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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Reply 9/14 RDM/mjb

Geneva, September 7, 1944.

R 9 SEPT 1944

C.I.

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I am the man who recieved you in Mr. Johannot's office (at the World's Committee of Y.M.C.As) in Spring 1943 when you [illegible] for your Geneva taxes. On this occasion, if you [illegible] did my best with a view to free you [illegible] represen[illegible] [illegible]izing [illegible] can be [illegible] [illegible]alification [illegible] can be [illegible] the liberty of offering you my [illegible] [illegible] associated with the rehabilitation agency which will be at work in Europe after the war. [illegible] connection (this being said confidentially), I should feel myself more at my «right place» in a broad-minded and general organization as must be the official [illegible] presently do in the frame of YMCA activity.

I do not hesitate to write to you with such frankness, that is [illegible] I have the feeling, in remembering our brief contact of last [illegible] should very much appreciate, and benefit, serving under your leadership. (I hope you will not [illegible] this personal comment.)

Awaiting your reply (or convocation for a talk in Geneva), I am

very sincerely yours

ARWerner

Enclosure.

848 WERNER, AUGUSTE R.

848 WERNER, AUGUSTE R.

Bern, September 14, 1944.

Dear Mr. Werner:

I thank you for your letter of September 7th and for your kind offer of service. Unfortunately the information you have received concerning my field of activity is not quite correct. I regret to state that I have nothing to do with the UNRRA, but represent the War Refugee Board, a special war-time bureau set up to work in behalf of refugees still in enemy-occupied territories. As such, I have no authority to recruit personnel, particularly for post-war relief action. I should be glad, however, to keep your letter on file with the hope that in due time it may be possible for you to refer it to the competent authority. It is to be expected that in a few months, perhaps even weeks, we shall have a clearer idea of the action the UNRRA plans to take in Europe particularly in recently liberated countries.

I remember with pleasure our meeting of last year and the kindness you showed me on that occasion, and trust that in the future I may be in a position to assist you along the lines of your interest.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Auguste R. Werner,
Le Courtil,
2 Avenue Paul Chaix,
Conches pres Geneve.

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OF R. McCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

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Reply 9/14 RDM/mjb

Geneva, September 7, 1944.

R 8 SEPT. 1944

(C.I)

Dear Mr. Mc Clelland,

I am the man who recieved you in Mr. Johannot's office (at the World's Committee of Y.M.C.As) in Spring 1943 when you came there for your Geneva taxes. On this occasion, if you remember, I did my best with a view to free you from excessive taxation, although with little success.

Incorrect I am afraid.

I understand now that, in your capacity as the representative of UNRRA in Switzerland, you are organizing various relief services and recruiting men who can be trusted.

If such information is exact, and in case my qualifications, as summarized in the enclosed curriculum vitae, can be of any use to UNRRA, I take the liberty of offering you my services. (But, of course, I should need a salary.)

Indeed, I should be highly interested to be associated with the rehabilitation agency which will be at work in Europe after the war. — And in this connection (this being said confidentially), I should feel myself more at my «right place» in a broad-minded and general organization as must be the official UNRRA than I presently do in the frame of YMCA activity.

If I do not hesitate to write to you with such frankness, that is because I have the feeling, in remembering our brief contact of last year, that I should very much appreciate, and benefit, serving under your leadership. (I hope you will not resent this personal comment.)

Awaiting your reply (or convocation for a talk in Geneva), I am

very sincerely yours

ARWerner

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UGUSTE-RAYNALD WERNER

Docteur en Droit, Ph. D.

Swiss citizen, born at Geneva, August 21, 1912.

Curriculum vitae.

I. Academic Degrees.

1. Licencié en droit, University of Geneva, October 1934
2. Diplomé, Ecole libre des Sciences politiques, Paris, July 1936.
3. Docteur en droit, University of Geneva, August 1936.
4. One semester at the German School for Politics, Berlin 1936-37.
5. Bursary, Academy for International Law, the Hague, Summer 1937.
6. Doctor of Philosophy, Indiana University, U.S.A. June 1938.
7. Privat-docent at the University of Geneva since July 1941. (A Privat-docent is an unpaid Assistent-professor, approximately).

II. Practical Activity.

1. Stage at Mr. W. von Simson's, Barrister-at-Law, Berlin, Beginning of 1937.
2. Delegate of the Save the Children International Union at Bilbao and Santander ~~during~~ (Spain) during the civil war, April-June 1937.
3. Stage at the Swiss Bank Corporation in Geneva, October-December 1938.
4. Stage at the Swiss Federal Political Department (State Department) at Berne, January 1939 - July 1940.
5. Entrusted by an Italian State Institute (Istituto nazionale Relazioni culturali con l'Estero) with the preparation of a french official translation of the new Italian Civil Code dated April 30, 1942. - this scientific work was effected in Rome from November 1941 to July 1942; its publication was interrupted by Italy's capitulation...!
6. Since October 1942, employed as personal Assistent to Mr Johannot, at the World's Committee of Y.M.C.As in Geneva.

III. Publication (other than Doctor's degree theses).

«La Croix-Rouge et les Conventions de Genève» - Analyse et synthèse juridiques, with a preface by the late Dr. Paul Des Gouttes, formerly Vice-President of the International Red Cross Committee. - Geneva 1943.

Member of the National Protestant Church in Geneva since May 12, 1929.

Member of ΒΘΠ (Beta theta Pi), a national College fraternity in the USA, having been initiated as Nr 809 in Π Chapter (Indiana Chapter) on March, 25, 1938.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Zürich, Switzerland

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November 8, 1944.
(Date)

This office has received from the ~~consulat~~ office of ~~at~~ Mr. McClelland, Bern , its communication Dated Nov.3,1944, File No. 811.11 Concerning: Mrs. Hélène Wetterhahn and Miss Ilse Wetterhahn.

Hartford, Connecticut. This document is for the information and records of the Consulate should at any future date Helène or Ilse WETTERHAHN, respectively his wife and daughter, file application with the Consulate for an Immigration Visa.

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Incl.

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1948 WETTERHAHN, LUDWIG (HELEN & ILSE)

H & ILSE)

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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File: Wetterhahn, Ludwig

BRITISH LEGATION,
BERNE

(C.I.)

Bern, November 3, 1944.

American Consulate General

Zurich

Attention: Mr. Boland More

Dear Mr. More:

I have been instructed to forward to the Consulate at Zurich the enclosed Application for Verification of Last Entry submitted by one, Ludwig WETTERHAHN, residing at present in West Hartford, Connecticut. This document is for the information and records of the Consulate should at any future date Helène or Ilse WETTERHAHN, respectively his wife and daughter, file application with the Consulate for an Immigration Visa.

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Incl.

848 Gen. WETTERHAHN, LUDWIG (HELENE & ILSE)

of R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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telephone

BRITISH LEGATION,
BERNE

SEP 11 1944
BERN

September 9th, 1944.

848 WISKEMANN, ELIZABETH

Dear Mr. McClelland,

I have just heard from Emil Oprecht that he would like to join us for lunch next Friday, September 15th, so I will expect you at my place at 1 o'clock that day.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Wiskemann

Of circa 250,000 still in Budapest able bodied men & women — (put to work in agriculture & industry; inapt — put into 2 camps (military control) + unclarified ICRC & Jewish gestion with a capacity of 120,000 persons. Sick & ill people in Jewish hospitals — unspecified locations.

Persons (sexes 14-70 für die Landesverteidigung
Examination & cases in homes
& Jews in camps org. by Jews & ? ICRC surveillance
Industrie & Landwirtschaft

NZZ 8 Sept. Mittel E.T. ICRC take care & children or Hung. RC.

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848 Gen. WISKEMANN, ELIZABETH

of R. McCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

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Reply 8/3 RDM/mjb

Rec'd Aug 2nd

Individual

BRITISH LEGATION,
BERNE

Aug. 2nd 1944

C.L.

Bern, August 3, 1944.

Dear Mr McClellan,

I hope that's the right way to spell your name

Dear Miss Wiskemann:

In answer to your note of the second of August, I regret to state that the San Salvador papers which your friends procured for their relatives in Hungary are not of a great deal of value. Unfortunately, in spite of efforts in this direction on our part, the Government of San Salvador has never displayed willingness to request Switzerland to assume the role of its protecting power in Hungary. The holders of such documents in Hungary, consequently, would have no one to turn to to request diplomatic protection.

On the other hand, according to reliable information from several sources, I think that we can feel sure the deportations from Hungary have definitely stopped, and it is hoped, in the light of recent military and political developments, that they will not begin again. There is, of course, the dangerous period ahead when the Germans either fight in Hungary or withdraw from it. At such a time one feels that the possession of a false nationality document would not be of much assistance. We can only hope that at this stage of the game the Germans will not have much time to bother about the unfortunate Jews.

Sincerely yours,

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

Miss Elizabeth Wiskemann,
British Legation,
Bern.

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848 Gen. WISKEMANN, ELIZABETH

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Reply 8/3 RDM/mjb

Rec'd Aug 2nd

BRITISH LEGATION,
BERNE

Aug. 2nd 1944.

Dear Mr McClellan,

I hope that is the right way to spell your name.

May I ask you for a scrap of good advice for the Hungarian friends (Jewish) with whom I spent last weekend in the Ticino. They are very, very nice people. He has written down what he wants to know — see enclosure (Name Professor W. Szilasi). He has sent the S. Salvador papers, but doesn't know (a) whether they really help (b) whether they ever arrived.

I promised to let them know all I could as soon as possible. Can call on you if it would help.

You must tell me a bit more about my lunch-party last Friday sometime.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Wiskemann.

848 Gen. WISKERMANN, ELIZABETH

Gibt es eine Möglichkeit in Budapest lebenden, nicht getauften Juden durch irgendwelchen Papieren eine relative Sicherheit zu bieten?

Es handelt sich um meien Mutter, Universitätsprofessor Witwe, 77. Jahre alt, wegen Hüftknochenbruch und Herzkrankheit seit 9 Monaten bettlägerig, meinen Bruder F r a n z , Rechtsanwalt, 5o J. alt, Kriegsinvalide aus 1918. und Bruder E u g e n , 44. J. alt, Oberarzt des Jüdischen Spitals in Bpest., verheiratet, die Frau erwartet soeben ein Kind.
Sie wurden alle Anfang Juli in ein sogennantes jüdisches Haus umgesiedelt.
Ihre jetzige Adresse ist, Budapest V. Mérleg-u. 13.
Meine Familie hat von mir die Beschaffung eines " S c h u t z s c h e i n e s " verlangt. Ich weiss nicht worum es sich handelt.

from a Protecting Power.

Ob es eine Möglichkeit gibt ihnen etwas Lebensmittel oder Arzneimittel zukommen zu lassen, obzwar sie nicht interniert sind ?

— answer to your note ✓ I 2 —
sorry to state P C SS papers are not worth a ~ deal. — PP angle ✓
Switzerland.

OF R. McCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

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Reply 6/7 RDM/mjb

Mme. M. Wyler
Schauplatzgasse 11

Berne, le 5 juillet 1944

C.I.
C.I.

Bern, July 7, 1944.

Monsieur,

Mrs. M. Wyler,
Schauplatzgasse 11,
Bern.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 5th of July, I regret sincerely to state that I unfortunately have no practical possibility of taking helpful action on behalf of your Jewish friends in Budapest as much as I might desire to do so. Understanding your personal anxiety concerning their well being, our Legation must absolutely concentrate its efforts on attempting to modify or alleviate this distressing situation in general in favor of the hundreds of thousands being persecuted by the present Hungarian Government and its Nazi dictators. You can understand that the numbers involved make it quite impossible for us to attempt to tackle this problem on an individual basis. In the last analysis, in concert with our Allies, we are devoting all our efforts to fighting an ever more successful war in order to bring a stop to such persecution as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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

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848 Gen. WYLER, Mme. M.

OF R. McCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

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Reply 6/7 RDM/mjb

e. M. Wyler
Schauplatzgasse 11

Berne, le 5 juillet 1944

(C.I.)

Monsieur,

Me référant à notre conversation téléphonique de ce matin j'aimerais vous expliquer pourquoi je m'adresse à vous.

Je suis Suissesse mais mes grands-parents habitent Budapest. Ils sont juifs et je crois qu'il n'est hélas! plus nécessaire de vous en donner plus d'explications. Vous comprendrez que je vous fasse tout ce qui est dans mon pouvoir pour les sauver. Mais — vous êtes certainement au courant — il n'y a que peu de chances. Dans mes recherches j'ai passé à la Légation de Pologne et c'est ici que votre nom est tombé.

848 Gen. WYLER, Mme. M., Bern

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Je vous assure que je ne vous aurais pas ennuyé si je voyais une autre solution pour sauver les nièces. Puis-je vous demander un conseil ? Que faut-il que je fasse ? Je sens que chaque jour peut décider de leur vie. Serait-il possible d'obtenir des papiers Américains pour que l'on interne ces pauvres vieilles personnes et qu'elles seront ainsi gardées d'une déportation qu'elles ne survivront en tous cas pas. Vous avez une double garantie qu'ils n'utiliseront jamais ces papiers de faveur pour quoi que ce soit en dehors d'un internement. Premièrement ils ne se rendront jamais en Amérique vu leur âge qui leur rend impossible tout voyage et deuxièmement la légation de Pologne garantira pour eux.

Si vous pouvez faire quelque chose pour eux mes parents se feraient une joie de faire un don à la Croix Rouge Américaine ou Internationale, comme vous le jugerez bon.

Je vous remercie sincèrement à l'avance de votre peine et vous présente, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Wyler

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland) Folder 2

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JUL 24 1944
BERN

MEMORANDUM

August 11, 1944.

C.I

Mr. Melby

Dear Everett:

Today I am belatedly getting around to answering your note of July 24th regarding Mr. Zann. If, (a) I had any official connection with UNRRA, or (b) I had any possibility of offering this young man a job, I should be very happy to see him. Since, however, I am not even in a position to get myself a job on the UNRRA, I am afraid that there would not be much point in asking him to come to Bern, although I am sure he would enjoy getting out of camp for a week-end.

With best regards,

Everett

RDM/mjb

G.R.

GR

848 Gen. ZANN, ERWIN

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland) Folder 2

Reply 8/11 RDM/mjb

ATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
Rec'd JUL 25 1944

Dear Ross:

Peter Bachmann, who works in our office, has a pal in a work company who is interested in getting a job with the UNRRA. BERN told Bachmann that you were the most likely person to see in this connection. His name is Erwin Zann, Camp de Travail, Bonstetten, Kt. Zürich. Zann would like to come to Bern to see you, preferably on Friday (so he can spend thex weekend in Bern) but to get the permission to leave the camp, he will need some kind of letter from you as justification. I told Bachmann I would send you a note, so that you can write Zann in case you are interested in seeing him, and would care to write him in this sense. Zann, who is apatride, formerly lived in Holland where he owned a ship; which may now be sunk.

24 july 1944.

Everett.

548 Gen. ZANN, ERWIN

gave it to the American Friends Service Committee (Miss Marjorie McClelland) who are kind enough to make me an advance of 200 frs. a month on my blocked deposit at New York".

This memorandum is to thank you for your kind intervention which has apparently settled the matter.

G.R.

GR.

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland) Folder 2

File. Count Zeiniger

Taken up by AFSC - Geneva

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd OCT 4 - 1944
BERN

Bern, October 4, 1944.

Memorandum

(C.I.)

To: Mr. Mac Clelland

From: Mr. Richardson

Subject: Request for Assistance from Count Zeiniger

You will remember that some time ago I referred to you the request for assistance from Count Zeiniger. I have now received a letter from him dated October 3, 1944, from which I quote the following:

"I have to thank you for the transmission of my letter of September 1st., to Mr. Mac Clelland who, on his side, gave it to the American Friends Service Committee (Miss Marjorie McClelland) who are kind enough to make me an advance of 200 frs. a month on my blocked deposit at New York".

This memorandum is to thank you for your kind intervention which has apparently settled the matter.

G.R.

G.R.

848 Gen. ZEINIGER, COUNT

848 ZOLDHEGYI LOVASSY

OF R. McCLELLAND (Switzerland)

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Bern, October 12, 1944.

Mr. Georg Zöldhegyi,
Winterthurerstrasse 77,
Zurich.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 4, 1944, I regret to state that I cannot establish individual guarantees for such cases with respect to a Swiss cantonal administration. I recommend, however, that you request the cantonal "Fremdenpolizei" to consult the Federal Police for Foreigners in Bern, which is certainly acquainted with the general guarantees given to the Swiss Government (Political Department) by the Allied Governments in behalf of any Hungarian refugees who might succeed in arriving in Switzerland.

Very truly yours,

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

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GEORG ZÖLDHEGYI
DIPL. ING. E.T.H.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd OCT 5 - 1944
BERN

Zürich, den 4. Oktober, 1944.
Winterthurerstr. 77.

(10)

An Herrn

Rossvell McClelland
Amerikanische Gesandschaft

BERN

Sehr geehrter Herr!

Bezugnehmend auf Ihr Schreiben vom 25.September, a.c. an das Ungarische Hilfskomite in der Schweiz (Herrn Peter Nagy), erlaube ich mir in einer persönlichen Angelegenheit an Sie zu gelangen.

Im oben genannten Brief haben Sie erklärt, die Amerikanische Regierung würde für jeden Flüchtling, der in die Schweiz flüchtet und für den dies die Schweizer Behörden verlangen, aufkommen.

Inzwischen habe ich erfahren, dass meine Eltern, Stefan Zöldhegyi und Frau, geboren Elisabeth Schwarcz aus bekannten Gründen in Budapest für eine Einreisebewilligung in die Schweiz ersucht haben. Daraufhin verlangt die Fremdenpolizei der Stadt Zürich eine finanzielle Garantie von mir. Da ich selber aus Unterstützung lebe, ist es mir unmöglich diese Garantie zuerteilen. Somit war ich so frei und habe Ihr erwähntes Schreiben der Polizei als Garantie gezeigt. Sie hat mir jedoch erklärt, dass so eine allgemeine Erklärung nicht genügt und man müsste eine Garantie haben, die speziell auf den Namen meiner Eltern lautet.

Ich ersuche Sie daher höflichst, falls es Ihnen möglich ist eine Garantie für meine Eltern - wie die Polizeiformular lautet - auf Pensions-, Unterhalts-, eventuelle Spital- und Medicinkosten ausstellen zu wollen.

Da ich sonst keine Bekannte habe, die über die nötige Summe verfügen, war ich genötigt, mit meiner Bitte an Sie zu gelangen und hoffe, dass Sie für mich Verständnis haben werden.

Indem ich Ihnen im Voraus bestens danke, begrüsse ich Sie mit dem Ausdruck meiner

„vorzüglichen Hochachtung

Zöldhegyi György

Please ask the Cantonale "Fremdenpolizei" to consult the Eidgenossischer Fremdenpolizei in Bern which is ~~a should~~ certainly an courant of the guarantees given to the Swiss Government by Allied Govs.

Can't do this on an individual basis

848 ZÖLDHEGYI, GYÖRGY

Wits respect to a Cantonal administration

of R. McCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

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Bern, April 19, 1945.

Dear Sami:

I am sorry not to have been able to see you during the course of the past few weeks but the nature of my work has been such that I have had to eliminate every contact that was not absolutely essential to the job before me. This task is a very specialized one concerning assistance to persons still in German-occupied areas, particularly those in concentration camps and has nothing to do with general relief questions on the after-war period. Unfortunately your project (which I personally feel very interesting although not original) falls into this general, post-war field. As you know I am no longer connected with the Quakers so am not in a position to say whether they would be interested in contributing financial support to your project. Another matter which bothers me about your scheme is the question of under whose sponsorship would it be carried through ? You would have to be sponsored by some recognized Swiss or international organization in order 1) to sollicit and receive funds, and 2) in order to get into the territories and areas adjacent to Switzerland where I presume you desire to work after the war. Have you any such sponsorship ?

I hope that in a few weeks when the crisis in Germany is over I shall have the opportunity of talking such questions over with you, at least from a personal point of view, as officially either here at the Legation or in connections with the Quakers I may have nothing to do with such matters. Please give my regards to our friend Karl W. when you next see him and find enclosed a personal contribution from me of frs. 50.- toward the travel expenses of your recent trip.

Cordially yours,

Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to the Minister.

Mr. Samuel Schmitt
Am Wasser, 94
Z ü r i c h 10

Sami Schmitt

P.S. Dr. Wilczynski lässt ebenfalls vielmals grüssen.

Bern, den 5.9.45.

Herr Mc. Clelland!
bin auf einer halboffiziellen Reise Bern-Genf-Basel — und hätte Sie gerne gesprochen.
Es handelt sich um verschiedene Projekte die auch Sie sicher interessieren, —
Ich wohne im Hotel Gotthard und bin heute abend von 20³⁰ bis morgen früh um 9 dort zu erreichen. — Ich freue mich auf ein Wiedersehn und bin mit herzlichen Grüßen Ihr Sami Schmitt

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...ren lieben Brief. Leider war ich verhindert, ihn sogleich zu beantworten, da mich die Nachwehen meiner letzten Krankheit verhinderten mich ausser meiner beruflichen Arbeit noch anderweitig aktiv zu beschäftigten .
Ich habe mich mit dem betreffenden schweizer Herrn noch einmal unterhalten.
Es handelt sich um eine Aktion, die ausserhalb der allgemeinen Flüchtlingsfrage steht. Es sollen Wege gefunden werden, die schöpferisch tätigen Menschen, jene wertvollen Kräfte unter den Flüchtlingen zu sammeln um eine Kräftezersplitterung zu vermeiden und sie den Staaten in die sie gehen werden dienstbar zu machen.
Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, könnten Sie uns beide empfangen. Falls Sie lieber mit dem Herrn allein zu sprechen wünschen, so verzichte ich gerne. Ich möchte betonen, dass wir in erster Linie weder um finanz. Hilfe noch um direkte offizielle Unterstützung, sondern um Ihr persönliches Interesse an der Sache bitten.

Inzwischen grüsse ich Sie und Ihre Frau Gemahlin recht herzlich.

Ihr dankbar ergebener
Sami Schmitt

P.S. Dr. Wilczynski lässt ebenfalls vielmals grüssen.

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Samuel Schmitt
Am Wasser 94
Zürich IO

Herrn
Roswell D. McClelland
Legation of the
United States of America.

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(O.I.)

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Schmutt, Samuel

Bern, October 12, 1944.

Dear Sami:

Thank you for your letter of the 9th of October. I should very much appreciate it if you would send me additional details regarding the gentleman whose acquaintance you are anxious to have me make. In principle I should be happy to talk with him, but it would be of considerable assistance to me to have some sort of idea in advance concerning the problems which interest him and the plans which he proposes to advance. I might call your attention to the fact that my field of activity as regards refugee work is strictly limited to the attempted assistance to persons still in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. I consequently am not able to undertake steps regarding refugees at present in Switzerland or with respect to their eventual emigration, repatriation or resettlement.

Cordially yours,

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

Mr. Sami Schmidt,
Am Wasser 94,
Zurich 10.

RDM/mjb

Sami Schmidt

P.S. Damit Sie diesen Brief bald erhalten, werde ich ihn 3facher Ausführung an die mir bek. Adressen senden.

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Karl Wilczynski
Usteigstr. 3
Zürich IO

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Lieber Herr Mc. Clelland!

ich war bei der Unterredung dabei, die sehr interessant war. Der in Frage kommende Herr hat bereits mehrfach in eidgenössischen Aemtern an leitender Stelle gearbeitet, kommt von der grossen Kunst und ist Europäer. Er verfügt über gute Beziehungen in allen Lagern der Schweiz. Ein Zusammentreffen mit Ihnen ist sicher für alle Teile von grossem Vorteil.

SCHMIDT, SAMI

Beste Grüsse

Ihr
Karl Wilczynski

Es handelt sich nicht um ein Komittee, sondern um eine rein gesellsch. Arbeit. Da ich fest davon überzeugt bin, dass eine Zusammenarbeit Ihrerseits mit diesen Herrn von grosser, wenn nicht sogar geschichtlicher Bedeutung ist, bitte ich Sie, wenn es Ihnen möglich ist, einmal nach Zürich zu kommen.

Zu Wort respect. Point out to Sami [illegible]

Solte es aber ganz unmöglich sein, so ist der betreffende Herr evt. auch bereit, nach Bern zu fahren. Besser wäre es natürlich schon, wenn ein kurzes Zusammentreffen in Zürich möglich wäre.

Da ich weiss, dass Sie Ihr Amt nicht um des Amtes , sondern um der Aufgabe willen angenommen haben, bitte ich Sie , diesen vielleicht etwas eigenartigen Wunsch zu erfüllen.

Indem ich auf Ihren Bescheid warte, grüsse ich Sie und Ihre Frau Gemahlin recht herzlich.

Ihr dankbar, ergebener
Sami Schmidt

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Schmitt, Samuel

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Samuel Schmitt
Am Wasser 94
Zürich IO
Teleph. 567957

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Dear Sami:

Lieber Herr Mc. Clelland!

Sie werden erstaunt sein, schon wieder von mir zu hören. Doch die Situation in der ich mich befinde zwingt mich dazu.

Sie haben ein schönes Amt erhalten und die Augen unzähliger Flüchtlinge schauen auf Sie, denn Ihre Entscheide werden für die Nachkriegszeit massgebend sein.

Who is this man?

Ich habe jetzt die Bekanntschaft eines geistig, hochstehenden Schweizerbürgers gemacht. Dieser Mann hat sich schon aktiv an der Flüchtlingsfrage interessiert und hat jetzt schon einen Freundeskreis unter der schweizerischen Gesellschaft und führenden (regierenden) Männer an diesen Fragen interessiert und zur evt. Mitarbeit bewogen. Es handelt sich nicht um ein Komittee, sondern um eine rein gesellsch. Arbeit. Da ich fest davon überzeugt bin, dass eine Zusammenarbeit Ihrerseits mit diesen Herrn von grosser, wenn nicht sogar geschichtlicher Bedeutung ist, bitte ich Sie, wenn es Ihnen möglich ist, einmal nach Zürich zu kommen.

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Wellman W. Schnirel .

Schnirel, Wellman

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

Bern, September 27th. 1944.

Sir:

In answer to your recent letter of September 26th. I can unfortunately only repeat what I wrote to you in my previous letter, namely that matters of questionable American citizenship are entirely outside the scope of my activity. I personally do not feel that the Swiss will simply "refouler" you to German territory particularly if you can produce convincing arguments to the effect that the Germans would quite probably imprison you for resigning voluntarily your German citizenship. You, after all, would not be the first case who has been formally "ausgewiesen" by the Swiss authorities but is still in Switzerland as a refugee. On the other hand, since there appears to be little possibility of your acquiring US. citizenship even after the war, I personally feel that it is better to have some nationality so it would perhaps be best for you to reacquire your German nationality and return there if you feel there would be no adverse consequences. After the war being a German will be preferable to being "staatenlos."

Sincerely yours,

Roswell McClelland
Special Assistant to the Minister.

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Pazzallo presso Lugano, Sept. 26 .1944

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland ,
Special Assistant to the Minister
American Legation
Berne .
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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd SEP 27 1944
BERN

Sir ,

With reference to my letter of the 10th of September and your kind answer of Sept. 13, I do not see any other way than to ask anew for your assistance .

Anything I started so far has been refused by the Swiss authorities . They are going to send me to the frontier by the police, if I shall not have left this country up to Sept. 30th .

I might of course ask the French to take me , but since I have no passport , and no friends nor money in France, I hardly believe that they will do it , even if my health could stand all this .

My Swiss friends , especially Herr Pfarrer Vogt from Zürich. do their best to help me , but I am afraid that their efforts will have no result . This morning we wrote a " Wiedererwägungs-Gesuch " which Pfarrer Vogt will hand over personnally to-morrow to the Federal Police Department in Berne . It points out that I should be given three months more in order to clear up my citizenship status at the General American Consulate in Zürich. This afternoon, however, I talked to the Consul General and Mr. More , from whom I had been awaiting a letter , and they answered that they are not in a position and not willing to help me ,as my claim for U.S. citizenship seems to be badly founded and as they expect that later on also the State Department would give me a negative answer .

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(Switzerland)
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If it had not been for the command of Heaven , I should have returned to Germany last Christmas . So I am resolved not to do it. But as most people only laugh at such reasoning , I cannot tell them this . The only man who has understood me is Pfarrer Vogt in Zürich . I do not hate the Germans , but I know that when necessary I shall fight against them . But however I do not think that this will be my task .

If it were only for my sake, I might not trouble so many persons , but I have to take care of my wife and the child she is expecting .

I have given you the details of my case by my former letter. However I beg to correct and to amplify it in one point , as last night some things came back to my memory . This must have been spoiled somehow by the poisonous injections of the operation . Soon after America had entered into war , it must have been in January, if I am not mistaken , I wrote to Dr. Marcus Wyler at Zürich , Bahnhofstrasse 86 , informing him of my case and that I was not willing to stand against U.S.A. , asking at the same time if and how I could obtain an American passport . This correspondence took quite a while . At last he told me to apply directly to the General Consulate at Zürich , what I did in June 1942 . During the first months of my stay at Davos I made relatively good progress, but later on this stopped and the informations from Dr. Wyler as well as those from the Consulate being rather discouraging , I thought that I could not do anything more in this matter .

My reference Numbers in Berne are PFS 46 240 Mg and Rek 0705 KW .

Hoping that you will be able to lend me your kind assistance I beg to remain , Sir ,

Yours very truly

Wellman W. Schnirel.

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Wellman W. Schnirel

Pazzallo presso Lugano

September 10th 1944 .

O.I.

Mr. Roswell W. Mac Clelland ,

American Legation ,

Berne .

Bern, September 13, 1944.

Dear Sir ,

Mr. Wellman W. Schnirel,
Pazzallo Presso,
Lugano.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 10th regarding your present difficulties. I regret to state that I have personally nothing to do with matters of this kind, and understand after discussing the matter with the secretary of Vice Consul More in Zurich (Mr. More being in charge of citizenship cases) that they have written directly to you. I therefore trust that you will be able to see Mr. More personally on his return from vacation and that the steps possible may be undertaken on your behalf.

Very truly yours,

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

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May I ask you to let me know your opinion about this matter and if you can kindly lend me your help .

I beg to remain , dear Sir , with my best thanks

Yours very sincerely

Wellman W. Schnirel.

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Wellman W. Schnirel

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Pazzallo presso Lugano
September 10th 1944 .

Call Zurich Consulate.
Citizenship has never been established
He should

Mr. Roswell W. Mac Clelland ,
American Legation .
Berne .

Dear Sir ,

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In annexe 1 I beg to hand you the main features of my case .

In annexe II I add a copy of a letter from the Eidg. Justiz - und Polizeidepartement urging me to leave this country at the end of this month .

In my recourse of the 15th of February 1944 I had mentioned that I was told , that the question of my citizenship could not be settled until direct correspondence to the State Department would be possible again . I talked the matter over with a person of good connections here . He told me that a " Gesuch um Wiedererwägung " might be successful , if I could join to it some letters from American authorities in favour of me and showing that they are attending to my matter . Perhaps it might be possible then to get a toleration until the end of this year by the Cantone del Ticino as well as by the Federal Dept. This seems to be all what I can do on my part .

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llman W. Schnirel (Annexe 1)

Miss Wheeler

My Mare -

I was born on the 19th of August 1910 at Geneva N.York as the eldest son of Herman F. Schnirel an his wife Martha born Wellmann . My father was professor of modern languages at Maryville College , Maryville Tenn. and in 1913 member of New York State Assembly . I was baptized at Maryville according to Presbyterian rite .

In 1913 my mother came with me to Germany as she could not stand America any longer . My father followed in 1915 for to bring us home , but owing to illness and the development of war he could not . Father died in Germany in 1919 . As my brother and sister also had died , my mother and I were left alone .

at age of 16 In 1926 we acquired German citizenship . We had been informed that this would not include the loss of U.S.A. citizenship . In 1930 I went to the U.S.A. were my grandparents were still living at my birth-place . I liked it better than I had expected , but since my mother longed for me very much and did not want to follow I went back to Germany . I intended to finish myuniversitarian studies there and afterwards to return to the States . I had decided to devote my life to scientifical research on relation of landscape and climate to human life , but in 1932 I got sick with tuberculosis and lost all hope , and any interest in citizenship . The next 10 years I spent mostly in sanatories . Yet I had the belief that I still had the American citizenship .

where?

I had travelled to the States on a German passport,as my grandfather believed the question of citizenship to be easier arranged abroad . My mother had taken the necessary preparation on this side since I had been recently operated . The General -Consul in Bremen , where she went for the visum (our home being at Celle (Hannover) , told her that I might get an American passport if she wanted , since I we re by all means an American citizen . She

refused it , but unfortunately did not tell me , before I had returned . As I had not done anything in this direction during the years before , this fostered my belief , following the jus soli , that I should keep the American citizenship automatically , if I did not resign it expressively .

At the beginning of this war I lived at Davos . I may say that I foresaw that the Germans were going to lose this war already before it started and frankly told them so . Not being called to arms and feeling fairly well , I offered my services for the civil section of the meteorological service but received a negative answer . After a short stay in Germany I came back to Switzerland in September 1941 in the worst state of health , being given up by all doctors . But I recovered so far that I could stand a severe operation in April 1942 , after which I made good progress . This put me anew before the question of nationality , as my two fatherlands were at war now . I felt that in spite of all I owed to Germany my place should be on the side of America . So I asked the General Consul at Zürich for an American passport . From his answer I learnt that most probably I had lost the American citizenship . Now I felt that I could not do otherwise than going back to Germany if told by the German Consulate to do so . This happened on the 23rd of December 1943 , when I was staying at Ascona for a visit . During the preparations I became terribly sick . In these days I learned that I belonged to my father's country in any case . In consequence I wrote to the German Consulate on the 29th of December that I resigned my German citizenship .

When I had recovered a little I went to Zürich and told the secretary of Mr. Moore , he himself being ill at that time , what had happened . I understood that there was not to be done much in my case , as long as direct correspondence with Washington was impossible .

Later on Vice-Consul Mr. Bell told me about the same , so I kept on waiting .

The " Hilfswerk für Evangelische Flüchtlinge "Zürich , Streulistrasse 54 , kindly supported me with 120 francs a month , since I had not any money here and so far did not succeed in getting some from abroad , id est from U.S.A.

In January 1944 I asked for a " permesso di soggiorno " in the Canton of Ticino and this being refused I handed in a recourse on the 15th of February . I stated that I should like to remain in Switzerland as I did not want to keep with the enemies of the U.S.A. That I was trying to get an American passport , but that this could not be decided before direct correspondence be possible again . Following my doctor's advice I should like to stay in the Canton of Ticino for reasons of health . This recourse remained unanswered until now ; by letter of August 28th , received on September 3rd , I was told that it had been refused and I was summoned to leave Switzerland on the end of this month .

(Annexe II)

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Eidgenössisches Justiz-und Polizeidepartement

Berna , 28 agosto 1944 .

Al Signor Wellmann Schnirel
Casa Heimeck
A s c o n a .

Abbiamo esaminato il vostro ricorso contro la decisione della polizia federale degli stranieri del 15 febbraio 1944 .

Il 31 agosto 1943 siete stato congedato dal Sanatorio tedesco di Davos come guarito . Un ulteriore soggiorno a scopo di cura non sarebbe giustificabile . Non avendo voi d'altra parte ricevuto un ordine di marcia militare , non vi si può considerare renitente .

Non può nemmeno influire sulla nostra decisione il fatto che intendete acquistare la cittadinanza americana .

Inoltre la Polizia cantonale degli stranieri ticinese vi rifiuta un permesso di soggiorno .

Abbiamo perciò risolto : Il ricorso viene respinto.-
Quale nuovo termine per la vostra partenza dalla Svizzera viene stabilito il 30 settembre 1944 .

Si rinuncia alla riscossione di diritti .

Con distinta stima

Il Dipartimento
Federale di Giustizia e Polizia
(firma)

Albert Schweid
Basel
Birmannsgasse 49
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Reply S/25 RDM/mjb

Basel, den 23. August 1944.

Registered.

Herrn
Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister
Bern.

C.L.

Bern, August 25, 1944.

Mr. Albert Schweid,
Birmannsgasse 49,
Basel.

Sir:

I am afriad I must answer your letter of August 21st by stating that according to very recent and reliable information from Hungary the forwarding of such El Salvador papers to this country has no practical value whatsoever.

If I felt there was any possibility of these papers reaching your relatives through the Swiss authorities and that they would constitute genuine protection, I would willingly do all I could for you.

Quite apart from practical considerations involved, we have never been able to secure a definite assurance, despite numerous requests from the Government of El Salvador, that they considered all these documents recently issued by the Consulate General of El Salvador at Geneva valid. In the absence of approval by the country in whose name these documents are issued, it is not possible for our Legation to forward them under cover of an official note to the Swiss Federal Political Department.

The documents enclosed with your letter are returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Documents returned.

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Basel
rmannsgasse 49
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Reply 8/25 RDM/mjb

Basel, den 21. August 1944.

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Rec'd AUG 23 1944
BERN

Herrn
Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister
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Sehr geehrter Herr McClelland,

Ich komme zurück auf mein Schreiben vom 23. Juli a.c. sowie auf die inzwischen mit Ihnen gehabte mündliche Unterredung und erlaube mir hiermit an Sie mit der grossen Bitte heranzu treten, doch alles in Ihren Kräften zu tun, um meine nächsten Verwandten in Ungarn zu retten.

Inliegend überreiche ich Ihnen 4 Kopien von Staatszugehörigkeits-Zeugnisse der Republik El Salvador und bitte Sie sehr, diese an das Eidg.Politische Departement, Abteilung: Vertretung für fremde Interessen, Bern, mit dem Ersuchen zu senden, folgende Personen, welche bis zum Umschwung in Ungarn lebten, ausfindig zu machen, ihnen die Papiere zu zustellen und vor allem sie unter dem Schutz der Schweiz zu stellen.

Dokument Nr. S 239/944:

An meine Mutter: Frau Klara Schweid geb. Neuhauser.
(Mein Vater Herr Moritz Schweid ist leider inzwischen verstorben)

Dokument Nr. S. 285/944:

An meine Schwägerin: Frau Magda Peluska SCHWEID geb. Hartmann
(Mein Bruder Herr Zoltan Schweid befindet sich in russischer Kriegsgefangenschaft)

Dokument Nr. S. 287/944:

An meinen Neffen Ede SCHWEID geb. 9. Juni 1937
(Mein Bruder Herr Zandor Schweid, der Vater des Knaben Ede Schweid, und seine Frau Ilona geb. Schwarz sowie deren jüngstes Kind Oszkar mussten unter tragischen Umständen nach der Slowakei flüchten und es war ihnen nicht mehr möglich den älteren Sohn Ede mitzunehmen, den sie bei unserer Mutter, die Grossmutter des Kindes zurücklassen mussten.)

Dokument Nr. W. 1467/942:

An meinen Bruder: Herr Tibor SCHWEID geb. 6. Sept. 1915

Ich habe vom Beamten des Eidg. Politischen Departementes in Bern, Abteilung Vertretung fremder Interessen die Zusicherunge erhalten, falls Sie, sehr geehrter Herr McClelland, ihnen diese Dokumente mit dem Auftrag um Schutzübernahme durch die Schweiz übergeben, die Abteilung Vertretung fremder Interessen alles tun wird, um meine Angehörigen ausfindig zu machen und sie unter dem schweiz. Schutz zu nehmen.

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Gen. SCHWEID, ALBERT

zu Brief an Herrn Roswell D. McClelland Bern vom 21. August 1944.

Ich bitte Sie daher innigst, sehr geehrter Herr McClelland, helfen Sie mir meine nächsten Verwandten erhalten und übergeben Sie die inliegende 4 Dokumente dem Eidg. Politischen Departement, Abteilung: Vertretung fremder Interessen, Bern, und beauftragen Sie diese Behörde den Aufenthaltsort der vom mir oben bezeichneten Personen ausfindig zu machen und sie unter dem Schutz der schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft zu stellen. Ich bin Ihnen für diesen Liebesdienst ewig dankbar und werde es nie vergessen!

Ich begrüsse Sie freundl. und zeichne

mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Ihr ganz ergebenster

Albert Schweid

Beilagen: 4 Dokumente.

N.B. Ich möchte noch ergänzungshalber betonen, dass alle eingangs erwöhnten Personen sich zuletzt in GHETTO KASSA befanden mit Ausnahme von Frau Magda Peluska Schweid geb. Hartmann, welche zuletzt im GHETTO MATESZALKA war.

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Reply 7/28 RDM/mjb

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JUL 24 1944
BERN

ALBERT SCHWEID
BASEL
Birmannsgasse 49

Basel, den 23.Juli 1944.

An Excellenz M a c C l e l l a n d,
bei der Amerikanischen Botschaft,
B e r n.

C.L. Bern, July 28, 1944.

Mr. Albert Schweid,
Birmannsgasse 49,
Basel.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 23rd of July, I regret to state that up to the present moment the Swiss Government has not undertaken protection of the holders of San Salvadoran nationality documents in Hungary. We have urged the government of this country to address such a request to the Swiss Government. Such a request, to my knowledge, has, however, not reached Bern.

In so far as Swiss protection for the holders of San Salvadoran nationality documents in Slovakia is concerned, the Swiss themselves have no official diplomatic representation in that country.

Very truly yours,

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

RDM/mjb

z.Zt. wohnhaft in LEVOCA (Slowakei) Hlavne nam 50.

Reply 7/28 RDM/mjb

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd JUL 24 1944
BERN

Ark AI-G Tait.

ALBERT SCHWEID
BASEL
Birmannsgasse 49

Basel, den 23.Juli 1944.

An Excellenz M a c C l e l l a n d ,
bei der Amerikanischen Botschaft,

B e r n .

Sehr geehrte Excellenz,

Durch das Schweizerische POLITISCHE DEPARTEMENT, Sektion Vertretung fremder Interessen in BERN wurde mir empfohlen, mich in nachstehender Angelegenheit an Sie zu wenden.

Ich bin aus Kassa(Ungarn) stammend, seit 5 Jahren in der Schweiz ansässig und als Kantor der Israel.Religionsgesellschaft Basel tätig.
Die furchtbaren Ereignisse in Ungarn haben meine ganze Familie betroffen, in deren Verlauf mein Vater vor ca.zwei Monatendurch die Deutschen als Judenrat erschossen wurde.
Seither habe ich von meiner näheren und weiteren Verwandtschaft in Ungarn nichts mehr gehört.
Lediglich zwei meiner Brüder ist es gelungen, nach der SLOWAKEI zu flüchten. Um diese vor dem gleichen Schicksal zu bewahren, habe ich ihnen je

ein Staatsbürgerschafts-Certifikat des
Staates SAN SALVADOR, ausgestellt vom dessen
Genfer Consulat,

zugehen lassen.
Wie mir gesagt wurde, wurden die Inhaber derartiger Dokumente auf Veranlassung der Amerikanischen Botschaft in Bern unter den Schutz der Schweizerischen Behörden gestellt, jedoch sei dies für Juden, die in der Slowakei wohnhaft sind, vorläufig noch nicht der Fall.

348 SCHWEID, ALBERT

Meine ergebenste Bitte, sehr geehrte Excellenz, geht nun dahin, die Schweizerischen Behörden zu ersuchen, auch die

Inhaber des genannten Dokumentes,
sofern solche noch in der SLOWAKEI wohnen,

ebenfalls unter Schutz zunehmen.
Ich glaube, ich kann mir versagen, Ihnen detailliert anzuführen, vor welchem Schicksal Sie die Betroffenen durch diesen Schritt bewahren können. Ich erlaube mir daher, Sie zu ersuchen, die diesbezüglich notwendigen Schritte möglichst umgehend unternehmen zu wollen, damit die Hilfe nicht zu spät kommt und der kleine Rest der Juden, die sich z.Zt. noch in der Slowakei aufhalten vor dem gleichen Untergang, wie z.B. der ungar.Juden, bewahrt werden kann.
Nachstehend gestatte ich mir, Ihnen die Daten meiner Brüder anzuführen:

1) Alexander Schweid geboren 23.8.1906 in Kassa
Frau Jlona " ge.Schwarz " 20.10.1916
Kind Oskar " " 20. 9. 1939
z.Zt. wohnhaft in NITRA (Slowakei) Hlinkova nam 5

2) Ladislav Schweid geboren 10.12.1907
Frau Eva " geborene Müller geb. 1915
z.Zt. wohnhaft in LEVOCA (Slowakei) Hlavne nam 30.

Seven have undertaken protection of soldiers of SS does neither in Hung. or Slovakia.

Official Seven have no diplomatic rep in Slovakia.

Since they have not yet been required to do so by Gov. of SS.

2.Blatt zu Brief vom 23.Juli 1944.

Zum Gegensatz vieler Juden in Ungarn, haben meine Brüder in der SLOWAKEI diese Staatsbürgerschafts-Certifikate tatsächlich bereits erhalten und waren mittels dieser Dokumente bei dem Schweizerischen Consul in Bratislava vorstellig. Der Schweizer Consul sagte, er könne eine Inschutznahme nur vornehmen, wenn er eine solche Instruktion von seinen Behörden in Bern erhalte.

Wie ich schon eingangs erwähnt habe, wollen und werden die Schweizer.Behörden in Bern eine solche Instruktion an den Consul in Bratislava abgehen lassen, sofern sie durch

Sie, sehr geehrte Excellenz,

hierzu aufgefordert werden.

Indem ich Ihnen zum Voraus für diese grosszügige Hilfe und weitgehende Rettung meinen tiefgefühlten Dank - nicht nur in meinem eignen Namen - zum Ausdruck bringe, bleibe ich Ihre gesch.Rückäusserung mit grossem Interesse erwartend, und zeichne

mit dem Ausdruck meiner vorzüglichsten
Hochachtung

[signature]

Let. to Dr. Sternschein

Reply 7/28 RDM/mjb

SCHWEIZERISCHES ARBEITER-HILFSWERK

Oeuvre Suisse d'entr'aide Ouvrière

Sekretariat: Zürich 10, Wibichstraße 81 · Telephon 62396 · Postcheck-Konto VIII 96385

Zurich, July 26th, 1944.

Abt. Kinderhilfe
Abt. Flüchtlingshilfe
Abt. Studien- und Postbildungskommission

Section: Secours aux enfants
Section: Secours aux réfugiés polonais
Section: Commission d'étude et d'information

C.L.

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister
LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

B E R N.

Unser Zeichen NA-KR/NPL

Bern, July 28, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kägi-Fuchsmann:

I have received your letter of the 26th of July enclosing the draft telegram which Mr. Sternschein forwarded to me during the month of June. At that time I had to refuse to transmit this message for him, partly because we are not in a position in general to handle messages for private individuals, and partly because the subject matter of his proposed telegram was not of such a nature to require its cabling via the Legation's services.

As the message now stands it still involves matters which it would seem to me could quite conveniently be wired en clair. I regret having to refuse a second time to forward this message for you, but the services of our Legation in this respect are already heavily overloaded, and it is my duty to avoid unnecessarily increasing this volume of work. I am quite sure that, as it stands, this telegram would arrive safely through the ordinary commercial channels.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mrs. Regina Kägi-Fuchsmann,
Swiss National Labor Union Relief Committee,
Wibichstrasse 81,
Zurich.

RDM/mjb

848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

Let. to Dr. Sternschein

Reply 7/28 RDM/mjb

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd JUL 27 1944
BERN

Zurich, July 26th, 1944.

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister
LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

B E R N.

Unser Zeichen: NA-KR/NPL Ihr Zeichen:

~~Confidential~~

Were is not of such a nature to require confidential transmission

848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

Dear Sir:

Mr. Richard Sternschein, Geneva, 8bis, Rue des Minoteries, forwarded us your letter of the 8th of June, by which you answered to Mr. Sternschein's request to transmit two telegrams to his brother in OTTAWA, Canada.

We know Mr. Sternschein since a longtime as an perfectly honorable man. We regret, however, that he mixed private matters with the desire to interest Canadian Trade-Unions for the afterwar-tasks of the Swiss National Labor Union Relief Committee.

But as we are, indeed, very interested in coming in renewed contact with our Canadian friends, the Trade-Unions and Cooperations, we would be very much obliged to you if you could transmit <u>for us</u> the cable the draft of which we enclose herewith. This cable will, certainly, never arrive if we would send it officially and not via the Legation services.

why not.

Thanking you in advance for your Kindness, we remain, dear Sir,

very truly yours

SWISS NATIONAL LABOR UNION RELIEF COMMITTEE
Dept.: Afterwar-tasks

per:

Regina Kägi-Fuchsmann

(Regina) Kägi-Fuchsmann

Let. to Dr. Sternschein

CHWEIZERISCHES ARBEITER-HILFSWERK

Oeuvre Suisse d'entr'aide Ouvrière
Sekretariat: Zürich 10, Wibichstraße 81 Telephon 6 23 96 · Postcheck-Konto VIII 24359

Draft of the prposed cable:

Adi Sternschein 265 Slaterstreet Apartment 6
OTTAWA (Canada)

Inform you and beg to inform Jaksch that Swiss National Laborunion Reliefcommittee Zurich planning afterwartasks in European reconstruction would appreciate collaboration with Canadian tradeunions and cooperations and financial help for these purposes stop Richard Sternscheins address now GENEVA 8bis rue des Minoteries stop Richard would like to work in CSR lateron recommends active support of Swiss Reliefcommittee

greetings
Regina Kägi for Laborunion Relief

Zurich, July 26th 1944.

Schweizerischen Arbeiterhilfswerkes.

Very truly yours,

Ich nehme an, sehr geehrter Herr, dass diese meine Anliegen auch Ihren Intentionen entsprechen, wende mich deshalb an Sie, bitte Sie, die Telegramme so bald als möglich absenden zu lassen und erbitte Ihr Wohlwollen.

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

Es würde [illegible] wenn Sie auch über meine Dienste al[illegible] soweit es in meinem sonstigen geistigen Bereiche steht, verfügen wollten, danke Ihnen sehr für alle Ihre Bemühen, die mein Anliegen betreffen und bitte Sie den Ausdruck meiner wahren Hochachtung und Verehrung zu genehmigen.

RDM/mjb

Ergebenst

Sternschein.

Let. to Dr. Sternschein
6/8/44 RDM/mjb

Prof.Dr.Richard Sternschein,
11,Rue Bautte, Genf.

Genf, 3.6.44.

Salvation Army.

C.I. C.I.

Tit.
Herrn Mc Clelland Roswell,
Chaufronniers 7,

R 2 [illegible]

G e n f .

Bern, June 8, 1944.

Sehr geehrter Herr Clelland,

Dr. Richard Sternschein,
11 Rue Bautte,
Geneva.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd of June enclosing drafts of two telegrams which you request us to transmit for you to a Dr. Sterns in Ottawa, Canada.

The Legation cannot unfortunately undertake to forward telegrams for private individuals. In reading over these wires it also seems to me that there is nothing of a sufficiently confidential nature to make transmission via the Legation services necessary. I suggest you talk this matter over with Frau Kaegi and if she wishes to address a confidential message to Dr. Sterns would you kindly ask her to do so officially in the name of her organization.

Very truly yours,

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

RDM/mjb

Ergebenst

Sternschein.

848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, Prof.Dr. Richard

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6/8/44 RDM/mjb

Prof.Dr.Richard Sternschein,
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Genf, 3.6.44.

Salvation Army.

(C.1.)

Tit.
Herrn Mc Clelland Roswell,
Chaudronniers 7,

R 2. JUIN 1944

G e n f .

Sehr geehrter Herr Clelland,

Frau Fuchsmann-Kägi, Leiterin des Schweizerischen Arbeits-Hilfswerkes in Zürich hatte die Güte beiliegende Telegramme, die an meinen Bruder Dr.A.Sterns,265 Slater Street App 6 Ottawa,Ont., Canada zu richten sind, zu konzipieren, mich an Sie mit der Bitte zu weisen, beide Telegramme auf Kosten des Schweiz.Arbeiterhilfswerks durch die amerikanische Gesandtschaft in der von Ihnen richtig erachteten textlichen Fassung weiterzuleiten.

Ich verfolge mit beiden Telegrammen folgende Absicht:

1. ein Telegramm meines Bruders zu beantworten und ihn in Kenntnis zu setzen, dass ich mich wohl befinde und er um mein Schicksal unbesorgt sein möge,

2. ihn zu bitten, alles in seinen Kräften liegende zu unternehmen, um in Canada finanzielle Mittel zu mobilisieren für die Nachkriegshilfe unter der Aegide des Schweizerischen Arbeiterhilfswerkes.

Ich nehme an, sehr geehrter Herr, dass diese meine Anliegen auch Ihren Intentionen entsprechen, wende mich deshalb an Sie, bitte Sie, die Telegramme so bald als möglich absenden zu lassen und erbitte Ihr Wohlwollen.

Es würde mir zur Ehre gereichen, wenn Sie auch über meine Dienste als Nationalökonom und soweit es in meinem sonstigen geistigen Bereiche steht, verfügen wollten, danke Ihnen sehr für alle Ihre Bemühen, die mein Anliegen betreffen und bitte Sie den Ausdruck meiner wahren Hochachtung und Verehrung zu genehmigen.

Ergebenst

Sternschein.

849 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

Konzept von Mme Kägi, Zürich

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und Strauß Stop Ev.
Überweisungen an Mr Clelland
War Refugee Board Schweiz
Kägi

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zur Intensivierung unserer
Nachkriegsarbeit dringend
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R 2. JUN 1944

848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

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R 2. JUN 1944

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848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

1 Beilage.

personnel.

Dr A Sterns 265 Slater Street Appartement 6 Ottawa Ont
Canada

Schweiz Arbeiterhilfswerk Zürich Solidaritätsorganisation Gewerkschaft Partei Kultur Sport schult fürsorgerische Hilfskräfte für Nachkriegszeit Intensivierung durch Eure finanzielle Hilfe dringend ~~geboten~~ Stop Informationen Jaksch und Strauss Stop Ueberweisungen Mc Clelland ~~Roswell~~ War Refugee Board Genf

Kägi Zürich

Dr A Sterns 265 Slater Street Appartement 6 Ottawa Ont
Canada

Are well letter and telegram received
Finanzielle Förderung zur Intensivierung Nachkriegsarbeit erbitte für Arbeiterhilfswerk und ~~Deine~~ Intervention bei canadischen Hilfsorganisationen

Richard

allen

Professor Richard Sternschein Hotel Union Genf

R 2. JUN 1944

We cannot forward
wires for private individuals
As far as I can gather there is nothing — suggested
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848 Gen. STERNSCHEIN, PROF. DR. RICHARD

1 Beilage. in a position to engage additional personnel.

Neg. reply 9/13 RDM/mjb

Straight offer of service

Lugano, 9. September 1944.

C.I

R 12 SEPT 1944

Sehr geehrter Herr Clelland !

C.I

Bern, September 13, 1944.

Mr. Rudolf Strauss,

Flüchtlingsheim "Flora".

Lugano - Paradiso.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th of September, and thank you for your offer of service. I regret to state, however, that I am not in a position to engage additional personnel.

Very truly yours,

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

RDM/mjb

848 STRAUSS, RUDOLF

Jhr ergebener

Rudolf Strauss

Flüchtlingsheim "Flora",
Lugano - Paradiso.

Referenz: Frau Dr. Fernande Bloch,
Leiterin der Jüdischen Flüchtlingshilfe.
Luzern, Sempacherstr. 1

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Straight offer of service

(C.I)

Lugano, 9. September 1944.

R 12. SEPT. 1944

Sehr geehrter Herr Clelland !

Durch Zufall erfahre ich soeben, dass Sie sich, hochgeehrter Herr als Delegierter für Flüchtlingsfragen betätigen. Jch selbst bin Flüchtling aus Wien (Oesterreich) Jude und hatte seit meiner Einreise in die Schweiz (14. September 1943) immer mit Flüchtlingsfragen zu tun u. zw. vorerst im Flüchtlings-Auffanglager Gütsch in Luzern im Dienste der Schweizerischen Heeresverwaltung (Zeugnis-Abschrift beigeschlossen.) Derzeit befinde ich mich in Lugano-Paradiso, Flüchtlingsheim "Flora", wo ich ebenfalls im Büro der Lagerleitung arbeite, die dem Justiz- und Polizei Departement in Bern unterstellt ist.

Jch bin am 6.3. 1884 in Odrau (Oesterr. Schlesien, später Tschechoslovakei) geboren, Wiener Bürger und hatte ein Rohprodukten-Unternehmen in Wien. Auch war ich Herausgeber der Fachzeitung "Der Rohproduktenhändler ". Ende 1939 musste ich mit meiner Frau aus Wien flüchten, entkam mit Not der Deportation; wir kamen zuerst nach Jugoslavien, von dort nach Italien, zuletzt nach der Schweiz. Meine Tochter L i a S t r a u s s - R y m a n befindet sich 197 A, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16, England, meine Brüder sind: D r. J n g. E r w i n S t r a u s s, 34 - 58 90th. Street, Jackson Heights, L. J., New York und E r n e s t S t r a u s s, 612 West, 144 th. Street Apt. E 8, New York City N Y, die Schwester meiner Frau Frau J o s e p h i n e B i b e r, 38, Fort Washington Avenue, Apart. 63, New York City.

Da ich infolge meiner bisherigen Tätigkeit mit allen Flüchtlingsfragen sehr vertraut bin, würde ich Jhnen gerne behilflich sein. Jch möchte Jhnen, hochverehrter Herr Clelland meine Mitarbeit zur Verfügung stellen und bitte Sie höfl. um Ihre Mitteilung, ob dies möglich wäre. Jch will meine ganze Kraft einsetzen, bei Bedarf auch sofort und wäre ich glücklich, wenn Sie mir ein Betätigungsfeld geben würden. Jch versichere Jhnen sorgfältigste, gewissenhafte und präzise Arbeit im Sinne Jhrer humanitären Bestrebungen und Jntentionen.

Jn Entgegensehung Jhrer w. Nachrichten, die Sie mir gütigst rekommandiert zukommen lassen wollen, bin ich

Jhr ergebener

Rudolf Strauss.

Flüchtlingsheim "Flora",
Lugano - Paradiso.

Referenz: Frau Dr. Fernande Bloch,
Leiterin der Jüdischen Flüchtlingshilfe,
Luzern, Sempacherstr. 1

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1 Beilage.

84 STRAUSS, RUDOLF

Abschrift.

Schweizerische Armee - Armée suisse - Esercito svizzero

Stab oder Einheit: Etat-major ou unité:
Stato maggiore o unità:
Flüchtlingslager Gütsch.

Luzern, 26.Juni 1944.

Führungs-Zeugnis.

Jch bestätige hiemit,dass Herr R UD O L F S T R A U S S, geb.6.3. 1884 aus Wien,Oesterr.Staatsangehöriger,vom 16.September 1943 bis 7.Mai 1944 als tatkräftige Stütze des Fouriers im Flüchtlingslager Gütsch tätig war. Sämtliche Fourierarbeiten der Flüchtlings- und der Truppen-Komptabilität erledigte Herr Strauss mit grösster Sorgfalt und Pflichtgefühl. Seit 7.Mai 1943 bis zum heutigen Tage war Herr Strauss im Büro des Kommandanten als Büroleiter tätig,er hat alle Agenden in gewissenhaftester Weise erledigt,so dass sein Arbeiten als mustergültig bezeichnet werden kann.Seine Verwendung als erstklassige,selbständige und erfahrene Kanzleikraft kann ich daher bestens befürworten.Sein Charakter sowie sein Benehmen im Dienste sowohl wie auch ausserdienstlich kann als tadellos bezeichnet werden.Jch wünsche Herrn Strauss nach seiner Rückkehr in die Heimat alles Gute.

Flüchtlingslager Gütsch
Der Kommandant:
Kuhn mp. Hptm.

C.I.

RMC/lj August, 14th. 1944

Dr. L. Stricker
Home pour Réfugiés "Victoria"
MONTANA (Valais)

Dear Dr. Stricker:

I acknowledge reception of your letter of August, 12th. regarding the forthcoming visit of Mr. Paul Müller to Geneva.

It is a little difficult for me to tell you definitely in advance that I shall be able to see Mr. Müller, although I should look forward to the opportunity of talking over certain questions with him. The "disponibilité" of my time depends on developments during the course of this week. Will you, therefore, kindly ask Mr. Müller, to telephone me (58061) on Saturday morning, August, 19th. at about 9:30 here in Geneva and I shall do my best to set an appointment for him.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland.

848 Gen. STRICKER, Dr. L.

2. August 1944

14 AOUT 1944

nser Mitarbeiter,
Gedanken zur

nen Gedanken so-
von Seiten der
und schon einiges
schehen.

l e r wird nun-
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er Aussprache

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genehm ist.

nend zeichnen wir

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Stricker.

848 Gen. STRICKER, Dr. L.

Regionales Sekretariat
"Schulung & Freizeit"
der AF/FH/Wallis & Waadt

Montana, den 12. August 1944

C.I.

R 14 AOOT 1944

Herrn Roswell MC CLELLAND
7, rue des Chaudronniers
G e n è v e

Am 27. April ds.J. übersandte Ihnen unser Mitarbeiter, Herr E. K a h n das Exposé " Einige Gedanken zur Flüchtlingsfrage".

Inzwischen wurden die darin enthaltenen Gedanken sowohl von behördlicher Seite als auch von Seiten der massgebenden Organisationen geprüft und schon einiges ist in dieser Richtung auch schon geschehen.

Unser Mitarbeiter, Herr Paul M ü l l e r wird nunmehr zwecks verschiedener Besprechungen am Samstag, den 19. und Sonntag den 20. August in Genf sein. Es wäre ihm sehr angenehm, wenn er bei dieser Gelegenheit auch die Möglichkeit einer Aussprache mit Ihnen haben könnte.

Wir bitten Sie, uns wenn möglich umgehend mitzuteilen, ob Ihnen der oben angegebene Termin genehm ist.

Ihren werten Nachrichten entgegensehend zeichnen wir

hochachtungsvoll.

Département fédéral de Justice et Police
Division de Police
Home pour réfugiés „Victoria"
MONTANA-Station (Valais)

Dr. L. Stricker.

848 Gen. STRICKER, Dr. L.

File: Strong, Tracy

FONDS EUROPÉEN DE SECOURS AUX ÉTUDIANTS
EUROPÄISCHE STUDENTENHILFE

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE
INTERSTUD, GENÈVE
CHÈQUES POSTAUX: I. 3872

SECRÉTARIAT GÉNÉRAL:
RUE CALVIN 18, GENÈVE
TÉLÉPH.: 47354

O.I.

TSJr/hg

December 7th 1944.

Mr. R. McClelland,
American Legation,
Bern, Switzerland.

O.I.

Dear Ross,

Enclosed is the letter for Willis Weatherford which you told me you would be able to transmit. This is a reply to one from him which arrived several weeks ago. Perhaps you would want to add a line.

Many thanks for your kindness,

Yours very sincerely,

EUROPEAN STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Tracy Strong Jr.

Tracy Strong Jr.
Secretary.

Encl-

848 General STRONG, TRACY

his wife Rosa Hirsch -Roth born 19.July 1892 in Löcse
Their adress is: Budapest VIII.Jossef Körut 8.
but my father is actually in a working - camp,whose address is :
25.Honved.kmsz.in Pestszentlörinc,Gyömröi ut.85 -91

File Copy

Bern, June 29, 1944.

848
RMcC/imp

[redacted] - via Courier.

Dear Mr. Squire:

Will you be so good as to deliver the enclosed letter of today's date to Mr. Donald Lowrie of the World's Y.M.C.A., Geneva. It would be appreciated if you would let me know by telephone when this has been done.

Sincerely yours,
For the Minister:

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosure as stated.

Paul C. Squire, Esquire,
American Consul,
Geneva.

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

RMcC/imp

A true copy of the signed original:

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Bern, June 29, 1944.

Mr. Donald Lowrie,
World's Y.M.C.A.,
37 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

Dear Don:

The Legation recently received the following wire for you which I assume is from Mr. Dexter at Lisbon although his name is not mentioned. The text runs as follows:

"Is it possible for you to obtain any information with regard to Alexander Stroumillo, whose address is given as 3 Rue Abbaye, Bellevue, Seine et Oise, France, White Russian scientist and wife? If possible, kindly furnish them with funds if needed. A reply by telegraph would be appreciated.

"For McClelland and Donald Lowrie."

As far as funds are concerned, please let me know if you feel you can send them through to Mr. Stroumillo and I shall be happy to see what can be done.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

RMcC/imp

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Let to Lowrie 6/29/44

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GEN. 848 STROUMILLO, ALEXANDER

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P A RAP H R A S E (C.L.)

Is it possible for you to obtain any information with regard to Alexander Stroumillo, whose address is given as 3 Rue Abbaye, Bellevue, Seine et Oise, France, White Russian scientist and wife? If possible, kindly furnish them with funds if needed. A reply by telegraph would be appreciated.

For McClelland and Donald Lowrie.

NORWEB

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in duplicate

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

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25.Honved.kmsz.in Pestszentlörinc,Gyömröi ut.85 -91

Reply 8/25 RDM/mjb

Marianne Sussmann
Zürich 6.
Rotbuchstr.19

Zurich, the 22th August 1944

Worker to get her parents out

Woman Rabbi Taubes brought to Bern mayer

Also she has seen Sally mayer

(C.L.)

Mr.

F.R.Loofbourow
Am.Kon.General

Bern, August 25, 1944.

(C.L.)

Zurich

Mrs. Marianne Sussmann,
Rotbuchstrasse 19,
Zurich.

Madam:

Your letter of the 22nd of August addressed to Mr. Loofbourow has been referred to me for action.

There are unfortunately no practical steps which our Legation can undertake for the moment to get individuals out of Hungary. Although our Government, in concert with the British Government, have assured the Swiss authorities that we will care for all Hungarian Jewish refugees who can reach Switzerland from Hungary, the departure of such persons is still blocked because of the unwillingness of the German authorities in Hungary to permit them to leave.

Let us hope, however, that the recent military and political developments in the Balkans will result in the rapid change of this situation as regards Hungary.

Very truly yours,

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

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Marianne Sussmann

Dates and Adresses of my parents :

Martin Hirsch born 29.May 1869 in Mezöszilvas,Hungary
his wife Ross Hirsch -Roth born 19.July 1892 in Löcse
Their adress is: Budapest VIII.Jossef Körut 8.
but my father is actually in a working - camp,whose address is :
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848 Gen. SUSSMANN, MARIANNE

Reply 8/25 RDM/mjb

Marianne Sussmann
Zürich 6.
Rotbuchstr.19

Zurich, the 22th August 1944

Wishes to get her parents out.

Woman Rabbi Taubes brought to Bern by Magyar. Also she has seen Mr. Saly Mayer.

BERN

Mr.
F.R.Loofbourow
Am.Kon.General

C.I.

Z u r i c h

848 Gen. SUSSMANN, MARIANNE

First of all please let me thank you your kindness and willingness to help me in forwarding my questions with your recommandation to the competent place.

According to the declaration of the anglo-american Governements, the Allies showed themselves willing to care for the jews who could save themselves on neutral territory. I would be very obliged to know therefore if there is any negotiation between the Governements of the Allies and Switzerland, to admit a number of prosecuted hungarian jews in this country.

If there are negotiations, who could give me the information, that which jews, how many of them and under which circumstances and conditions they will be admitted into Switzerland. Will be there a list of them or must everyone of them possess a certificate of immigration.

If this certificate of immigration is still wanted I would be very grateful if you would be so kind and help me to get my parents out of Hungary.

To your information I can tell you, that I am swiss, married and living in Zurich. My parents are hungarian citizens and live in Budapest.

According to the information I got at the Eidg.Fremdenpolizei in Bern, an admission of my parents is possible if I deposit 5.000 Frs.security pro person. Unfortunately I am not able to deposit this money. I would be very grateful to know if the admission of my parents into Switzerland could be granted, now, after the declaration of the Allied Governements without paying this security, or if they could deposit it for me. This is not lost money, as my parents oblige themselves to leave Switzerland at the end of the war.

I don't think it is necessary to mention how very important it is for me to get my parents out of Hungary. We cannot imagine what the nazis are going to do with them in their final desperation. I fear the worst as I know their methods only too well, leaving Budapest only five weeks ago.

I would be very, very happy if you could help me in the possibly shortest way, as I can present my request at Bern only after the deposit of 1o.ooo Frs.and every day is so terribly precious.

Thanking you in advance your kind help I remain

yours sincerely

Marianne Sussmann

Dates and Adresses of my parents :

Martin Hirsch born 29.May 1889 in Mezöszilvas,Hungary
his wife Ross Hirsch -Roth born 19.July 1892 in Löcse
Their adress is: Budapest VIII.Jozsef Körut 8.
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There are unfortunately no practical steps which our Legation can take for the moment to get individuals out of Hungary. In principle ~~the British~~ & our Gov in concert & British allies have assured & S. gov that we will care for all H Js who can leave H for S/land. Neither ~~the~~ ourselves nor to Swiss would exercise any special choice over the persons who could leave. All such departures however, are still impossible because & unwillingness & G auth to grant exit visas. Let us hope, however, & recent milit & polit result & rapid liberation & Hungary.

Wohnung Fics, Kassa utca 7 (Ungarn) samt Mann

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x) Leiter der staatl. Kinderklinik

Reply 8/23 RDM/mjb

Ing. Elemer Trepper
Rorschach
Schulstrasse 6.

C.I

Rorschach, den 19. August 1944.

Bern, August 23, 1944.

Mr.

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

848 Gen. TREPPER, ELEMER

Mr. Elemer Trepper,
Schulstrasse 6,
Rorschach.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 19th of August regarding the uncertain fate of your relatives who were in all probability deported from Pecs, as well as that of thousands of others from the Hungarian provinces, I regret to state that our Legation as well as other organizations such as the International Red Cross has not yet been able to obtain any definite information. I am afraid that the German authorities are about the only ones who are really in possession of such news, and as you know there is very little chance of securing information from them as to the whereabouts of individual deportees particularly Jewish.

The Hungarian Government, however, has been strongly urged to request such information concerning the location of persons who after all were Hungarian nationals. Should we obtain any satisfaction from them or success in opening up another channel of securing news, I shall not fail to let you know.

As regards telegraphing a message to the United States for you as a private individual, I regret to state that I cannot offer you the Legation's services. There is no reason, however, why such a message could not be transmitted satisfactorily by ordinary commercial channels.

Very truly yours,

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

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Gleichzeitig bitte ich Sie, den in Ärztekreisen berühmten Professor Dr. med. Bela Schick *) in New York, 17 East 84 Street, der Gesandtschaft telegrafisch verständigen zu lassen, dass seine Schwester Frida Schwarz geb. Schick, letzte Wohnung Pécs, Hassa utca 7 (Ungarn) samt Mann

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*) Leiter der staatl. Kinderklinik

Reply 8/23 RDM/mjb

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd AUG 21 1944
BERN

C.I.

Dr. Clemer Trepper
Rorschach
Schulstraße 6.

Rorschach, den 19. August 1944.

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

Sehr geehrter Herr McClelland!

Bezugnehmend auf Ihr w. Schreiben vom 4. Mai und meinen Brief vom 11. Mai l. J. teile Ihnen mit, daß wir eine Mitteilung erhielten, wonach unsere Angehörigen aus Pécs (Ungarn) „weggefahren" sind (am 4. Juli deportiert), unbekannt wohin. Obwohl ich mich an verschiedene Seiten gewendet habe (Rotes Kreuz in Genf, „Comité" Zürich Granitweg, Privatpersonen in Ungarn) um ihren Aufenthaltsort zu erfahren, ist es mir bis nun nicht gelungen, irgendwelche konkrete Daten zu erhalten und wende mich daher an Sie mit der Bitte und Frage, ob Sie mir in dieser Richtung beistehen könnten.

Gleichzeitig bitte ich Sie, den in Ärztekreisen berühmten Professor Dr. med. Bela Schick x) in New York, 17 East 84 Street, im Wege der Gesandtschaft telegrafisch verständigen zu lassen, daß seine Schwester Frida Schwarz geb. Schick, letzte Wohnung Pécs, Kassa utca 7 (Ungarn) samt Mann

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x) Leiter der staatl. Kinderklinik

848 Gen. TREPPER ELMER

und Tochter an einen unbekannten Ort deportiert wurde und daß wir ihm dies mitteilen und ihn ersuchen, alle nötigen und möglichen Schritte zu unternehmen um sie zu finden und zu retten u. zw. durch Leistung einer Garantie für die Einreise in die Schweiz, Beschaffung eines Palästina-Zertifikates oder auf eine sonstige Art und Weise. Die genannten Personen sind die Eltern bezw. Schwester meiner Frau, also die allernächsten Familienmitglieder und kann Ihnen auf Verlangen alle näheren Personaldaten sofort zur Verfügung stellen.

Mit Rücksicht auf die Dringlichkeit und da es sich um eine Lebensfrage handelt bitte ich Sie nochmals um Ihre sofortige Einschreitung und hoffe, daß es Ihnen möglich sein wird, mich vom Unternommenen bezw. Resultat bald zu verständigen.

In dieser Erwartung begrüße Sie

mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Ing. Elemer Pepper.

C.I

C. Tscherter,
Neufeldstrasse 5,
Berne.

Bern, September 28, 1944.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 27th. I regret to state that it is still not possible for me to avail myself of your services, and doubt very much that it will be in the future. The special war-time office of the War Refugee Board which I represent here in Switzerland may quite possibly be liquidated at the conclusion of hostilities in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Mr. C. Tscherter

Neufeldstrasse, 5

B e r n. (Tel. Bureau 3.14.52) Privé 2.75.14)

Rec'd SEP 27 1944
BERN

C. Tscherter,
Neufeldstrasse 5,
Berne.

Berne, le 27.9.44.

(T.O.)

Monsieur R. McClelland,
Elfenstrasse 6,
Berne.

Monsieur,

Je me permets de vous demander, par la présente, une courte entrevue, concernant les offres de services que je vous ai faites en son temps ainsi que la recommandation y-relative émanant de mon chef.

Je veux espérer qu'il vous sera possible de donner suite à ma demande et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

Tscherter

(Tel. Bureau 3.14.52)
" Privé 2.75.14)

848 TSCHERTER C.

C. Tscherter
Neufeldstrasse 5
Berne.

Berne, le 25 avril 1944.

Bern, May 3, 1944.

Mr. C. Tscherter,

Neufeldstrasse 5,

Bern.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 25, 1944, in which you indicate your availability for a position. I thank you for your offer of service in connection with refugee matters, but I regret to inform you, in reply, that there are no personnel being engaged. However, your application will be kept on file for possible future reference.

Very truly yours,

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

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Annexe:

P. GUINAND
INGENIEUR DIPLOMÉ

25.4.44.

Cher Monsieur McClelland

Votre Gouvernement a su choisir, je l'en félicite et je forme pour vous, cher Monsieur bien des voeux sincères.

J'ajoute à mes lignes un mot de recommandation

648 Gen. TSCHERTER, C.

28 AVR. 1944

C. Tscherter
Neufeldstrasse 5
Berne.

C.L.

Berne, le 25 avril 1944.

Monsieur Roswell McClelland
Délégué de l'American Friends Service Committee
7, Rue des Chaudronniers
GENEVE.

Monsieur,

J'ai appris votre nomination de délégué du Gouvernement américain, pour les questions relatives au problème de protection des minorités et des israélites, par les journaux.

Ces questions m'intéressent beaucoup. Je me permets en conséquence de vous offrir mes services au cas où vous auriez besoin de collaborateurs pour cette nouvelle institution.

Je suis employé depuis tantôt 3 ans aux Oeuvres sociales de l'armée ainsi qu'au Contrôle textile et cuir de l'armée, sous les ordres du Capitaine Guinand.

Je m'occupe de correspondance française, allemande, de traductions, de divers travaux d'organisation ainsi que de notre service d'importation d'outre-mer.

Vous trouverez, joint à la présente, une carte de recommandation de mon chef, le Capitaine Guinand, à qui j'ai parlé de mon projet de vous adresser des offres de services.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

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848 Gen. TSCHERTER, C.

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INGENIEUR DIPLOMÉ

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Ing. Elemer Trepper
Goldach - Seegarten
(St. Gallen).

(C.I.)

Goldach, den 11. Mai 1944.

Herrn
Roswell D. McClelland
Sonderdelegierter bei der Gesandtschaft der U.S.A.
Bern.

Sehr geehrter Herr McClelland!

Mit großem Interesse erhielt ich Ihr w. Schreiben vom 4. d.M. und danke bestens für Ihre Mitteilungen. Habe mich sofort an die angegebene Adresse des Comité's in Zürich gewendet.

Im Sinne Ihres w. Schreibens bitte ich Sie, mich unverzüglich zu verständigen, falls irgend eine Möglichkeit für eine Hilfe unseren Angehörigen sich erweisen sollte, damit ich Ihnen sofort die Personaldaten und Adressen derselben zur Verfügung stellen kann. Nun haben wir die letzten Nachrichten aus Ungarn vom 1. d.M., welche sehr beunruhigend sind und befürchten lassen, daß die auswärtigen Aktionen für die persönliche Sicherheit der gefährdeten Leute zu spät kommen werden.

In der Überzeugung, daß Sie meine

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848 Gen. TREPPER, ELMER

Bitte nicht aus der Evidenz lassen werden.
Danke nochmals für Ihre Bemühungen und
begrüße Sie

mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung
Ing. Elemer Trepper.

848 TYLER, DÖVALL

Reply 5/4 RDM/mjb

Ing. Elemer Trepper,
Goldach-Seegarten
(St. Gallen).

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

R 25 AVR 1944

Goldach, den 23. April 1944.

Herrn

Bern, May 4, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland, Délégué

Mr. Elemer Trepper,
Goldach-Seegarten,
(St. Gallen).

Anschliessend an die vorangegangene Korrespondenz. Genève.

Sir:

Sehr geehrter Herr McClelland!

I acknowledge your letter of the 23rd of April concerning your parents in Hungary. The whole question of what assistance, if indeed any can be given, to persons in Hungary is at present under consideration, and although I fully understand your personal anguish, you will understand that it is difficult, at least in the initial stages, to tackle this problem on an individual case basis. It might perhaps be useful for you to get in touch with the Comité d'Entr'Aide Suisse pour les Juifs en Hongrie, Granitweg 2, Zurich, in this respect. Please believe that if there is any specific possibility of assistance, I shall be glad to get in touch with you again.

Very truly yours,

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

RDM/mjb

848 Gen. TREPPER, ELEMER

Ernennung, Leichtfertig erlaube ich mir, mich an Sie mit folgender Frage und Bitte zu wenden:

Meine Frau und ich haben in Ungarn einige ganz nahe Familienangehörige (Vater u. andere), welche zufolge der neuesten Ereignisse in Ungarn besonders bedroht und gefährdet sind. Wollen Sie die Güte haben und mir mitteilen, ob Sie in der Lage wären, für dieselben etwas zu unternehmen, um sie von der Deportation nach Polen oder in ein Konzentrationslager zu retten. Vielleicht wäre es möglich, sie unter den Schutz der Schweizer. Gesandtschaft in Budapest zu stellen oder ihnen die Ausreise in ein neutrales Land zu ermöglichen? Im bejahenden Fall würde

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...re parents in Hungary

R 25. AVR. 1944

Ing. Elemer Trepper,
Goldach-Seegarten
(St. Gallen).

(C.L.)

Goldach, den 23. April 1944.

Herrn
Roswell D. McClelland, Délégué

Anschließend an die vorangegangene Korrespondenz. Genève.

Sehr geehrter Herr McClelland!

Mit großer Freude und Genugtuung erfuhr ich aus der „Neuen Zürcher Zeitung" vom 23. d. M. von Ihrer Ernennung zum Sonderdelegierten für Flüchtlingsfragen in Bern und beglückwünsche Sie und Ihre Schützlinge zu dieser Ernennung. Gleichzeitig erlaube ich mir, mich an Sie mit folgender Frage und Bitte zu wenden:

Meine Frau und ich haben in Ungarn einige ganz nahe Familienangehörige (Vater u. andere), welche zufolge der neuesten Zustände in Ungarn besonders bedroht und gefährdet sind. Wollen Sie die Güte haben und mir mitteilen, ob Sie in der Lage wären, für dieselben etwas zu unternehmen, um sie von der Deportation nach Polen oder in ein Konzentrationslager zu retten. Vielleicht wäre es möglich, sie unter den Schutz der Schweizer. Gesandtschaft in Budapest zu stellen oder ihnen die Ausreise in ein neutrales Land zu ermöglichen? Im bejahenden Fall würde

848 Gen. TREPPER, ELEMER

ich Ihnen umgehend die Personaldaten und Adressen bekanntgeben.

Mit Rücksicht auf die Dringlichkeit dieser Angelegenheit und auf Ihre bewährte Hilfsbereitschaft rechnend, bin ich überzeugt, daß Sie Ihr Möglichstes tun werden und erwarte mit Interesse Ihre w. Rückäußerung.

Im voraus bestens dankend begrüße Sie mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Ing. Elemer Trepper.

Comité d'Entr'Aide Suisse pour les Juifs en Hongrie

ZURICH – Granitweg 2

Mr. G. A. Trube,
6 Olgastrasse,
Zurich.

Bern, May 3, 1944.

Sir:

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Bern, May 3, 1944.

Mr. G. A. Trube,
6 Olgastrasse,
Zurich.

Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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848 TRUBE, G.A.

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Tel: 2 93 26

6, Olgastrasse
ZURICH, April 27, 1944

(C.I.)

Mr. Roswell McClelland,
Special Representative WRB,
52, rue de Pâquis,
Geneva.

Dear Sir,

Having been informed by the American Consulate General in Zurich, of your recent appointment as Special Representative of the War Refugee Board in Switzerland, I should like now to refer again to the letter I addressed to you on September 10,1943.

In view of my 10 years' war work and post-war work in France and other devastated countries in Europe after the last war, I believe that I have qualifications which would enable me to render useful and efficient service in your organization.

I am an American citizen, was born in America of American parents, and married to an American-born woman.

As I came to Switzerland from Paris a year after the German occupation of France, I am, to a certain extent, myself a refugee, and would appreciate an opportunity of having a talk with you if you have need of a man of my somewhat special experience in connection with the American Ambulance, American Hospital of Paris, Chase Bank, and other American interests abroad, with which I was identified during the last post-war period.

I am personally known to Mr. Donald A. Lowrie, whom I first met when he took charge of the U.S. Building of the Cité Universitaire in Paris, and with whom I spoke about the coming post-war work now in sight when he delivered an address before the American Women's Club here last December. Should you wish to make inquiries concerning me at the American Consulate General in Zurich, I believe they will vouch for me, and I am at your disposal for any further information you may desire.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration you may give this matter,

Very truly yours,

G. A. Trube

(G. A. Trube)

848 TRUBE, G.A.

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848 TILER, ROYALL

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File: Tyler, Royall

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LEGATION

Dear Sir,

Bern, December 20, 1944.

Dear Mr. Tyler,

I recently had a note from a Mademoiselle Hohermuth who is Directrice of the Swiss branch of the International Migration Service and very active in relief work here in Switzerland stating that she had heard (I assume from qualified sources since she is not a woman given to listening to the many rumors which circulate) that the Displaced Persons Division of the UNRRA (Mr. Hoehler) in London had declared its interest in recruiting some 1,000 field workers in Switzerland for work in Germany after the end of hostilities.

Naturally such news, confirmed or unconfirmed has got a great many organizations concerned with such questions buzzing and a number of them have called me up although I have assured them many times that I have nothing to do with the UNRRA. In the interest of quieting people down I should very much appreciate learning whether such a report, as far as you know, has any basis in fact.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Royall Tyler
c/o American Consulate
Geneva.

848 TYLER, ROYALL

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

File: VADNAI, E.

HENRY VINCENT NOWAK
DUFOURSTRASSE 24
ZURICH 8
PHONE: 4-38-25

C.I.

-10-6-44-

R 12. JUNI 1944

Dear Sir,

The bearer of this letter, Mr. E. A. V a d n a i, suceeded at that time to flee to Switzerland, whereas his wife remained in Budapest where she is now, as a Jewess, in great danger.

I have had a talk in this matter with Mr. Sam. E. W o o d s. Mr. Woods, with whom you can have information about me at any time, gave me the advice to send Mr. Vadnai to you. Perhaps you may help Mr. Vadnai in some way.

Thanking you in beforehand for your efforts and your kindness, I am, dear Sir,

very truly yours

H. V. Nowak

Laszlo handled this.

848 VADNAI, MRS. E. A.

Folder 2

848 Gen. VAELADES, CORNELIUS

848 Gen. VADNAI, MRS. E.A.

(Switzerland)

(1)

I called up POSNER and recommended the man on the basis of this letter & the ~~[illegible]~~ recommendation of WALKER, British Consul in Zurich.

12-6-44. CH.

Mr. Roswell McClelland,
7 rue Chaudronniers
Geneva.

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Folder 2

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland

File — VAFIADES —

Comité International de la Croix-Rouge
Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

MM (C.I) Genève, le 27 Juillet 1944

Concerne: Monsieur Corneille Vafiadès
Votre lettre du 5 Juillet NG/BM

Messieurs,

En l'absence de Mademoiselle Odier, nous nous permettons de répondre à la lettre ci-dessus mentionnée.

Monsieur Corneille VAFIADES a en effet travaillé pour l'action de secours du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge au cours de la guerre civil d'Espagne en fournissant au Comité, pendant 18 mois environ (en 1938 et 1939) diverses denrées alimentaires destinées aux prisonniers de guerre et aux enfants de Madrid et de Catalogne. Monsieur Vafiadès s'est acquitté de cette tâche sans ménager son temps ni sa peine.

Veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'assurance de notre considération distinguée.

Pour Mlle L. Odier
Membre du Comité International
de la Croix-Rouge:
M. Macheret

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648 Gen. VAFIADES, CORNEILLE

(Switzerland)

Folder 2

Corneille Ph. Vafiades
Genève, le 6 Juillet 1944
Camp de réfugiés du Petit Saconnex

Département Fédéral de Justice et Police
Division de Police,
BERNE

Messieurs,

Je soussigné Corneille Ph. VAFIADES, ressortissant Grec né le 15 Août 1901, à Eski-Chehir, actuellement interné au camp des réfugiés du Petit-Saconnex, Genève, ai l'honneur de vous prier de me libérer sous contrôle militaire, en m'autorisant à résider à Grange-Canal (Canton de Genève) chez mes amis la Famille Luhtérer, 10 Chemin de la Chevillarde. A l'appui de cette demande, j'ai l'honneur de vous présenter les explications suivantes:

1)- J'ai entretenu des rapports avec la Suisse depuis de nombreuses années, puisque je fus agent général en France de la Compagnie Laitière Suisse S.A., de Hochdorf et de la Fabrique de Conserves de Saint-Gall. En même temps, j'ai exercé une activité en faveur du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge pour l'envoi, la réception et l'achat de vivres pour l'oeuvre d'aide aux enfants et civils sinistrés de la guerre d'Espagne. J'ai également servi la Commission Internationale d'Aide aux Enfants Réfugiés siégeant primitivement à Genève ensuite à Paris et l'American Friends Service Committee (Quakers Americains) à Marseille au titre de conseiller technique.

2) Je reconnais avoir eu tort de venir à Genève sans attendre que ma demande de visa soit examinée. Cependant, mon internement d'une certaine durée constitue en quelque sorte une peine pour ma négligence et mon imprudence.

3) La Société Générale de Surveillance S.A. garantit mes frais de séjour.

En raison de mes attaches avec la Suisse, des garanties matérielles et morales fournies, je vous serais reconnaissant d'envisager ma libération sous contrôle militaire et vous prie de croire à l'expression de mes sentiments respectueux.

(sig.) Corneille Ph. Vafiades

Le même texte a été adressé au
Département Fédéral de Justice et Police
Bureau de l'Habitant
Rue de l'Hotel de Ville,
GENEVE

(O.L.)

CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

DOCUMENT FILE

NOTE

SEE 840.1 . JEWS IN RUMANIA . . . FOR . LETTER . . . . . .

FROM R. D. McCLELLAND . . . (. . . . .). DATED July 7, 1944 . . .
NAME

TO JACQUES SALMANOWITZ

REGARDING: "I shall be happy to see what can be done by the American Friends Service Committee on behalf of Mr. Vafiades; also the gentleman doing educational and cultural work among refugees."

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848 Gen. VAFIADES, CORNELLE

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FROM JACQUES SALMANOWITZ (. . . . .). DATED June .22, 1944. . .
NAME

TO

REGARDING: "As far as Mr. Vafiades is concerned, he is not known to the Legation, but only personally to me, as he is a merchant who was always of considerable assistance to our Committee in France. I should certainly have no objection to any assistance you might be in a position to grant him in his present difficult situation."

848 Gen. VAFIADES C.

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Reply 5/24 RDM/mjb

Let. to Salmanowitz 7/1 RDM/mjb

to Mr Reagan + (C.L.) Mr McClelland

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rec'd JUN 22 1944
BERN

Monsieur C. VAFIADES, actuellement interné au camp des réfugiés du Petit-Saconnex

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Monsieur C. Vafiades nous a rendu visite ce matin, profitant d'une brève permission, et nous a exposé qu'il pourrait obtenir sa libération du camp moyennant une caution de fr. 6.000.- effectuer auprès de la Banque Populaire Suisse.

Nous connaissons depuis de longues années Monsieur C. Vafiades qui est une personne de parfaite honorabilité.

Il a entre autres été chargé des achats pour compte du Secours Quaker en France, et à ce sujet il a été en contact avec Monsieur Roswell Mc Clelland, Genève.

Etant donné ses bons antécédents, nous envisagerions favorablement la fourniture d'une caution comme ci-dessus.

Pouvons-nous donner suite à la demande de Monsieur C. Vafiades ?

Mr Vaf. is not personally known to Legation as the way of considerable only to me and should certainly have no objection to any assistance you might be in a position to grant him.

22 juin 1944.

Salmanowitz Jacques

"Sans m. autre."

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in discussing this matter further with you in Basel ...
Tuesday.

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister. RDM/C

RDM/mjb

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848 General VIANDA, A.G.
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VIANDA A.G.

BASEL

Gerbergasse 30

Vieh, Fleisch und deren Produkte

C.I.

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BASEL, den 19. Mai 1944.

Bern, May 24, 1944.

Mr. H. Wertheimer,
Vianda A.G.,
Gerbergasse 30,
Basel.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th of May, concerning the shipment of corned beef now in South America which you wish to import into Switzerland for possible sale to Allied relief authorities.

I regret to inform you that I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter, since our office is not in a position to consider the purchase of such foodstuffs at this time. I would suggest that if you desire to import foodstuffs from South America into this country that you apply to the competent Swiss authorities for assistance in obtaining the necessary permits from the Allied authorities. I do not therefore feel that there would be any practical point in discussing this matter further with you in Basel on Tuesday.

Very truly yours,

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
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(C.I.)

BASEL, den 19. Mai 1944.

Herrn
Roswell Mc. Clelland,
c/o Legation des Etats Unis,
Bern.
Elfenstr. 6.

Sehr geehrter Herr Kommissar,

Wir bestätigen Ihnen dankend das Telephongespräch, das Sie unserem Herrn Wertheimer freundlicherweise gewährt haben und teilen Ihnen im Anschluss hieran Folgendes mit:

Wir haben schon längere Zeit grössere Quantitäten Corned Beef von verschiedenen Firmen wie z.B. der SWIFT & COMPANY Ltd. in Südamerika gekauft, welches noch dort lagert.

Wir stehen nun auf dem Standpunkt, dass sowohl die amerikanische als auch die englische Regierung Interesse daran haben dürften, dass die Ware unter deren Kontrolle nach Europa verschifft würde.

Wir wären nun bereit, diese Ware in ein schweizerisches Zolllager zu verbringen und restlos zur Verfügung der angelsächsischen Behörde in der Schweiz zu halten.

Wie Sie wissen, sind Corned Beef viele Jahre haltbar; wir würden also die Ware hier auf Lager legen, mit der Massgabe, dass keine einzige Büchse ohne Einverständnis der hiesigen angelsächsischen Behörden diesem Lager entnommen würde.

Wir würden uns bereit erklären, die Ware nach den Stellen zu liefern, die man uns Ihrerseits vorschreiben würde, sei es nun für die angelsächsischen Kriegsgefangenen oder Flüchtlinge etc.; ausserdem käme mit Ihrem Einverständnis bezw. demjenigen der amerikanischen Behörde das Rote Kreuz in Genf in Frage, kurz alle Stellen, die Sie uns als Empfänger angeben würden.

In der Praxis könnte die ganze Transaktion so durchgeführt werden, dass Sie das Recht hätten, über die gesamte Ware vom Zeitpunkt der Verschiffung bis zur Liquidierung der Quantitäten aus dem hiesigen Freilager zu verfügen; Sie hätten somit die hundertprozentige Kontrolle sowie das hundertprozentige Verfügungsrecht über die Ware, sodass nach unserer Auffassung der Ausstellung der Navycerts nichts im Wege stehen dürfte.

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848 General VIANDA, A.G.

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Wir glauben ausserdem, dass es im Interesse aller liegen dürfte, wenn event. nach dem Waffenstillstand in Europa gewisse Fleischmengen verfügbar sein würden, die man nach Ihren Weisungen der hungernden Bevölkerung dieses Kontinents zukommen lassen könnte.

Zu dem Vorstehenden wäre mündlich noch vieles zu ergänzen, weshalb der Endesunterzeichnete um eine Unterredung mit Ihnen bat.

Wir werden Sie, wie abgesprochen, nächsten Mittwoch, den 24. Mai, um 16 Uhr unter der Nummer 30.914 in Bern anläuten, damit die in Aussicht genommene Besprechung, Donnerstag, den 25. Mai in Basel stattfinden kann.

Wir danken Ihnen im voraus für Ihre Bemühung und begrüssen Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Kommissar, mit dem Ausdrucke unserer

vorzüglichen Hochachtung

VIANDA A.G.

H. Wertheimer