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Mr Henry Stuyvesant

War Refugee Board
American Legation
Bern, Switzerland

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From: Department Date: March 24, 1944
 No: 991
 Code: Clear Received: March 25, 9 a.m.

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For the Minister from the War Refugee Board.

Tonight's Radio Bulletin contains an important statement by the President on refugees and Nazi persecutions. The War Refugee Board is convinced that it is necessary to undertake at once an concerted effort to make clear by word and deed to all Axis satellites that the War Refugee Board views in a most serious light the efforts of Hitler's program to form other similar groups, and to encourage their participation as criminal participation. The Board also believes it is necessary to bring attention to the satellites by all means possible to do everything in our power to help such unfortunates who are in danger of death or imprisonment not only to give the world a true picture of the attitude of this Board but also of the opportunities existing in the execution of our program. It is very strongly that a concerted effort must be made through all means possible to be constantly repeated at all times. You are requested to have this publicity given in your country's statement in local newspapers and other manner feasible. We would be extremely helpful if you could have this publicity broadcasted for foreign consumption from the country to which it would be extremely helpful. Favorable comment from prominent personages with respect to the War Refugee Board in connection with the publicity program, in view of the importance of the program which it implements, the Office of War Information expects to employ its full facilities in calling this matter and appropriate comment thereon to the attention of Axis satellite and other countries. You are requested

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From: Department Date: March 24, 1944
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For the Minister from the War Refugee Board.

Tonight's Radio Bulletin contains an important statement by the President on refugees and Nazi persecutions. The War Refugee Board is convinced that it is of utmost importance to undertake at once an organized and concentrated effort to make clear by all appropriate means to all Axis satellites that the Allied governments view in a most serious light their assistance in any form to Hitler's program to exterminate the Jews and other similar groups, regarding all such action as criminal participation in organized murder. The Board also believes it necessary to make clear to the satellites by all possible means its intention to do everything in its power to rescue such unfortunates who are in danger of death. In order not only to give the satellites a clear view of the attitude of this country in the matter but also of the opportunities which exist for assisting in the execution of our policy, the Board feels very strongly that a campaign of this kind must be made through all possible channels and be constantly repeated at every available opportunity. You are requested to see that the utmost publicity be immediately given to the President's statement in local newspapers, radio and in any other manner feasible. Please make every endeavor to have this publicity included on such radio broadcasts for foreign consumption as may emanate from the country to which you are accredited. It would be extremely helpful if you could obtain favorable comment from prominent governmental or other personages with respect to the statement for use in connection with the publicity program. For your information, in view of the importance of the statement and the program which it implements, the Office of War Information expects to employ its full facilities in calling this matter and appropriate comment thereon to the attention of Axis satellite and other countries. You are requested

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to report by cable as soon as possible the measures you have taken to comply with these instructions, together with the results thereof. Significant clippings and official comment should be sent by airmail. It must be borne in mind that the effectiveness of this statement will depend in large measure upon the extent to which adequate publicity can be obtained for it, particularly in German-controlled Europe. This cable has been cleared with the Office of War Information.

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Date: March 25, 1944, 10 p.m.

No: 1853

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PARAPHRASE

Your 991 of March 24. For WRB.

A distributing agency servicing 165 Swiss papers will be given the President's statement. One hundred or more will carry it according to our past experience. With a view to favorable comment, several leading editorial writers will be contacted. Two well-known Swiss commentators will be approached to give statements prominence in their broadcasts.

The following is ~~confidential~~. The official Swiss radio will be approached indirectly to broadcast announcement as news item in German and French. We will print and distribute clandestine tracts across the borders. It is suggested that leaflets be dropped over enemy territory by Allied aircraft.

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*File
war refugees file*

April 13, 1944.

(Extract from Press telegram from London to OWI April 12, 1944 ("Newscast", signed USINFORM))

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Washington, 11th. John W. Pehle, Director United States War Refugee Board, said neutral nations aiding European refugees reach safety.

Pehle "Swedish Government was helpful in assisting most Jewish population Denmark escape to Sweden. Swiss Government has been similarly helpful in rescuing refugees and giving humane treatment to thousands who have sought asylum within its borders.

"Spain one of two most important outlets remaining in Europe. In view of military developments in Balkans, Spain may be sole remaining outlet. It is therefore essential that full unstinting cooperation of Spanish Government be obtained.

"We are pressing neutrals to open way for flow of refugees from occupied areas; to relax controls and announce willingness accept refugees. We've indicated we will arrange maintenance refugees, their transportation temporary havens. Several actual evacuation operations are going on."

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Mr. McClelland
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To: DEPARTMENT

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Date: April 26, 6 p.m., 1944

No: 2669

Code: (Room - or clear)

Charged to:

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Reference Department's 1428 April 25, 3 p.m. from War Refugee Board.

McClelland took oath and completed Forms 47 and 1041 today. Legation would appreciate telegraphic instructions on following points:

- (1) May he draw Foreign Service Pay Adjustment on salary and per diem?
- (2) As other Legation Officers now entitled to \$6.00 per diem may he be paid at that rate or is \$7.00 rate to be maintained?
- (3) Is he authorized to approve vouchers for WRB expenditures as authorized certifying officer?
- (4) Is a monthly telegraphic statement of advances for WRB expenditures from Contingent desired?

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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CASE FILE

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: May 16, noon, 1944.

No: 3110

Code: [redacted]

Charged to:

Paraphrase

Thank you for your greetings and sincere appreciation for the confidence placed in me by the Board's nomination. Although practical possibilities of refugee rescue work from Switzerland are distinctly limited, I will do all in my power to forward the aims of the Board. As an initial step of great practical importance, I recommend the continued assistance to reliable relief organizations by enabling them to receive their funds regularly at the official rate of exchange for use in the occupied territories. Stress should fall primarily on getting more and better assistance to refugees on the spot, since possibilities for moving any large number of endangered refugees are very circumscribed. If possible, all publicity should be avoided and reports on plans and progress of relief rescue operations should be discussed only in strictest confidence with organizations in the United States. Already, the aid which Swiss authorities and neutral organizations such as the International Red Cross might be willing to lend to refugee rescue relief operations from Switzerland as a base has been compromised to a certain extent by the publicity given to my appointment through press dispatches of the United States.

Contacts already fairly close with situation refugees in France. In a short time I hope also to send you reliable reports on the situation of Jewish and other endangered refugees in northern Italy and Hungary and whatever suggestions are possible as to steps for practical relief or rescue. I fear that very little can be accomplished from Switzerland in the case of Hungary.

For the War Refugee Board from McClelland with reference to the Department's cable no. 1405 of April 22.

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WRS General

14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

May 19, 1944.

For: Mr. McClelland

From: A. W. D.

I attach a paraphrase of a cable received under date of March 14, from OSS. I advised Washington that I would pass this on to you as soon as you took over your new duties, and this met with their full approval. In an explanatory cable Washington advised me that Mr. Stolz is former Assistant-Secretary of the IPTU.

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London March 14, 1944.

Telegram of March 14/44
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Wire of March 14/44 from
Regis.
Transmit Garbo following message
to J. Stolz.
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Paraphrase of cable received from Washington March 14, 1944.

Kindly transmit the following message for the War Refugee Board from Mr. J. Stolz of New York to the following persons individually:

H. Grundbacher, Secrétariat International
Typographers Union,
Laenggassstrasse 36

Robert Bratschi, President of the Union of
Railwaymen,
Effingerstrasse 19

Mrs. Kägi-Fuchsmann, Schweizerische Arbeiter-
hilfe, care of Swiss Trade Union
Center,
Monbijoustrasse 61

E. F. Rimensberger, Schweizerischer Gewerkschafts-
bund,
Monbijoustrasse 61

"A War Refugee Board, composed of the Secretaries of the Treasury, War and State, has been designated by President Roosevelt for the purpose of helping to save endangered refugees in all parts of the world. The Director of this Board is Mr. John Pehle. This inaugurates an entirely new policy and offers the facilities for saving thousands of lives. The labor movement, the Free World, the Unitarian Service Committee and other humanitarian organizations are giving their fullest cooperation. We are in need of your assistance in obtaining information about conditions and in organizing the rescue machinery in neutral and in occupied countries. The necessary funds will be provided. Please give the warmest reception to those who will approach you. Establish contacts with other lands. Secure cooperation of our friends everywhere. Please forward promptly your comments and suggestions. If delegates are being sent to the International Labor Conference kindly provide them with the fullest possible information. Please communicate with me through the person who will get in touch with you with this message. In this final, vigorous effort to save lives we count on you."

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CASE FILE

Annual financial recommendations
under for "pound relief"

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: May 27, 7 a. m., 1944.

No: 3390

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:



Paraphrase

The telegram which follows is from McClelland for the War Refugee Board.

The following conclusions have been arrived at after an examination in the past three weeks of rescue, relief and maintenance possibilities for continually increasing the number of victims of Nazi and satellite oppression in occupied Europe.

1. So far as actual operations in enemy-occupied countries are concerned, at least, any really effective action must be taken through (illegal) underground channels.

2. The principal tool which the WRB can most effectively and quickly use to obtain whatever results are possible at this late date is money, since relief supplies such as food, clothing and medicines are hard to purchase in sizeable amounts in Switzerland and even more difficult to transport out of the country, particularly if such supplies are destined for resistance groups. There must be provided in the regions affected funds for (1) the extrication of persons in peril and (2) the sustenance of victims detained or in hiding; the funds can be effectively disbursed through secret channels of the agencies described hereinafter.

3. Please refer to your cable of March 14 transmitting a message for Stolz from OSS to Garbo Switzerland which states that all funds necessary will be provided. In connection therewith I recommend that there be placed at my disposal for urgent rescue and relief work an initial fund of \$250,000.

4. The funds, if available, should not be sent openly in my name as in the case of the discretionary fund of \$10,000 but, if possible, anonymously via general remittances

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remittances to the Legation to be identified in a secret manner. If known to the Swiss authorities, serious contacts with and assistance to underground resistance groups capable of rescuing and maintaining many in danger of death are liable to be compromised. Reluctance to permit certain compensation operations to secure French francs, for instance, below certain rates is already being displayed by the Swiss Political Department, which, to a certain extent, controls negotiation of funds for rescue relief work in occupied territories such as those openly received by the Joint Distribution Committee or the World Jewish Congress representatives here. The manipulation by me of such monies must be strictly secret, if funds are to be effectively used through underground groups.

5. In all probability, controls on the expenditure of funds set forth in special WRB Treasury Department licenses could not be thoroughly exercised in financing rescue and relief operations by and through organizations of underground resistance. For example, it is often impossible to secure receipts, let alone signed and detailed reports of transactions of a financial nature.

For rescue and relief in France reliable resistance channels are open to us: (a) through various groups which are united under the Conseil National de la Résistance; (b) with the Spanish Comité d'Union National, whose partisans, active along the Pyrenees' border, could greatly facilitate the passage into Spain of refugees and other endangered persons; (c) with the Franc Tireur Partisan maquis in both Upper Savoy and the Jura, which could assist in getting refugees into Switzerland. As far as relief to their own people is concerned, these groups are all pathetically underfinanced and they could render valuable aid to foreign refugees in France, particularly Jews, if those groups were helped. Rescue and relief possibilities of Jewish organizations would be enhanced by cooperation between those groups and such Jewish relief organizations in France as Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants financed by the Joint and Fédération des Organisations Juives financed by the World Jewish Congress. As the World Jewish Congress has been engaged in promoting the rescue of young Jews across the Pyrenees into Spain on condition that the WJC give financial aid to the Spaniards for relief to Spaniards in danger in France, I have already put the Spanish resistance group in touch with the World Jewish Congress.

Also satisfactory are underground contacts with Holland, particularly regarding relief to Jews. This work is being financed to the extent possible by the

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Joint Distribution Committee but the activity could be considerably expanded with additional funds. As communist resistance channels into Hungary, Austria and Northern Italy are particularly well-organized and informed, I am working to secure the collaboration of these groups.

I have excellent contact with Jewish Hechaluz, left Zionist organization with headquarters in Geneva. Since the outset of the war, this organization has been carrying on pioneer rescue and relief work within limits its own young people's groups in Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Slovakia. It is an organization both well-disciplined and courageous and it has regular channels of communication and couriers to and from Switzerland and the Balkan countries. The JDC finances Hechaluz almost exclusively at the present time, but if more funds were available, its valuable rescue work could be expanded, in the Balkans particularly.

Information as to whether the amount of funds suggested can be made available would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Foregoing for WRB.

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To: DEPARTMENT Date: May 31, 1944
No: 3446
Code: CLEAR (MLT) Charged to: (RB - Compte No. 161)

From Daymont Reference Department's 1527 May Second.

May advances from Contingent for interested Agency as follows:

Gross salary April Twentysixth to May Thirtyfirst \$631.93,
April travel and per diem \$90.70, Office equipment \$310.73
Total \$1,033.36.

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Bern, Switzerland
August 4, 1945.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

With reference to my letter of July 26 concerning the last batch of files and records which I sent off I am pleased to forward now for the Board what remains. Along with this letter I am enclosing a particularly confidential file entitled:

XXVI. WAR REFUGEE BOARD - BERN, GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL: March 1944 through July 1945. This contains, in particular, all the material relating to WRB finances in Bern. You will also find attached, for Mr. White, my final accounting for discretionary funds here in Switzerland. Instructions have today been given the "Banque Populaire Suisse" in Bern to transfer the unused balance to the Chase National Bank, NYC, payable to Mr. David White, Administrative Officer, War Refugee Board. Cabled notification of this transfer has also been sent.

Under separate cover the following other files will go forward to the Board in Washington within the next few days:

XXVII. DUTCH, BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG LABOR RELIEF FUNDS: July through December 1944 and January through July 1945. This relates to the various monies transmitted under special Board license by the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, the Belgian War Relief, and the Friends of Luxembourg. These transactions have now been completely wound up; and this folder contains all the details.

XXVIII. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: BALTIC STATES (Jewish Deportees), JEWISH ORPHANS (Rothschild Orphanage, Paris), JEWS IN GREECE, JEWS IN BELGIUM, and CZECH JEWS IN BIRKENAU: 1944.

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XXIX. INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES (3 separate folders): A through K 1944, L through Z 1944, and A through Z 1945. They are alphabetized according to the name of the person with whom the correspondence dealt. Although this material does not reflect one of the more important aspects of the Board's work in Bern it is nevertheless a part of the record. As a matter of fact, as I pointed out in my report, I tried to keep such individual case work to a minimum, but this was difficult. A great many individuals, organizations, concerns inevitably wrote in and they had to be answered politely whether anything could be done for them or not. This influx of letters was probably also due to the fact that I had previously been active in relief & refugee work in Switzerland for the American Friends. All my old customers, thinking I had moved up a "notch" to the Legation took the occasion to write me about all their problems once more in the hope, doubtless, that with my new and official connections I could work wonders for them. Too, as things developed, about everything that came into the Legation concerning refugees was automatically sent to me as the "specialist" on such matters. Under the circumstances it was difficult to tell the Minister or the Counselor that I regretted very much but I had plenty of WRB work to occupy my time without getting involved in Mr. X's complications with the Swiss National Bank over dollars remitted to him by his relatives in the States. Fortunately, I was pretty well used to handling correspondence of this sort so that I could get it off my desk fairly rapidly.

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There is one remaining file to be forwarded entitled:

XXX. JEWISH REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY AND BERGEN-BELSEN IN SWITZERLAND (EVACUATION OF): January - August 1945. This file cannot be sent for the moment since it is still "active." Herbert Katzki will be working on this during the next two or three weeks by which time I think that the remaining 700 refugees will have been safely sent on their way to Palestine. Herbert will forward this file at that time. When this file goes forward you will have been sent all material in Bern which properly belongs to the WRB's archives.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland

Enclosures: WRB financial file
and letter on accounts for Mr. White.

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director, War Refugee Board,
c/o Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C.

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Sub: WRB General

O.I.

Bern, July 12, 1945.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

In line with the request contained in the Board's wire No. 531 (Department's 1971 of June 6) and with my preliminary answer transmitted in the Legation's cable No. 3242 of June 19 I have forwarded to you in Washington with today's pouch WRB files and confidential records entitled as follows:

I. JEWIS IN HUNGARY: February through December 1944 and January, February and March 1945. These files cover all Board activity as conducted in and from Switzerland with relation to the persecution of the Jewish minority in Hungary, including the confidential material concerning the long "negotiations" carried on by Mr. Saly Mayer with the SS ("Obersturmbannführer Kurt Becher).

I am retaining for the moment, however, all documents connected with the evacuation from Switzerland of the two groups of Jewish refugees from Hungary who reached this country via the camp of Bergen-Belsen. This material is all in 1945 as I have forwarded the few letters and wires relating to this subject of the end of December 1944. This is a chapter of Board work which it has unfortunately not yet been possible to close as none of these refugees has yet left Switzerland. I shall be wiring the Board regarding this question within the next few days.

II. PRESS COMMENT IN SWITZERLAND (CLIPPINGS AND PUBLICATIONS) CONCERNING THE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES IN HUNGARY: February 1944 (background material), March & April 1944, and June, July & August 1944.

III. SWISS RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE JEWS IN HUNGARY: March through December 1944. This file covers a rather voluminous but not particularly correspondence (mainly in German) with a small organization set up in Zurich at the end of March 1944. It was directed by a Swiss citizen of Hungarian Jewish extraction, Dr. Michael Banyai, a well-intentioned but somewhat excitable man who did a great deal of rushing around and letter-

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writing without, however, accomplishing much worthy of note. Dr. Banyai was helpful to a limited extent in getting material into the Zurich press during the initial and critical period of the deportation of the Jews from Hungary in May and June of 1944. On the other hand he spent considerable time turning up dubious "near-ransom" propositions and dealing in El Salvador "nationality certificates," which he sent in great number into Hungary although they produced no appreciable results. Such files, nevertheless, are part of the record.

IV. Jews in Slovakia: May through December 1944 and January, February and June 1945. This file includes all the material on this subject in the Board files in Bern. This embodies all documents concerning the anti-Jewish measures in Slovakia, particularly Bratislava, and WRB action from Switzerland with relation to this situation.

V. Jews in Yugoslavia: June, August and October 1944, is incorporated in the same folder as "Jews in Slovakia." In involves miscellaneous reports.

VI. Jews in Rumania: February through November 1944 and January 1945, as well as miscellaneous material for February and April 1945. This file includes all Board material in Bern relative to the situation of Jewish refugees in Rumania, with particular emphasis on their emigration to Palestine via Turkey. There is much material concerning the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

VII. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Activities in and from Switzerland: February through December 1944 and January through May 1945. This file covers the various dealings of the Legation and the Board's representative with Mr. Saly Mayer of this organization. It contains all information in the possession of the Board's office in Switzerland on the JDC's relief activities in various German-occupied countries as well as the correspondence and documents relative to the two major remittances of funds: \$1,500,000 in 1944 and 20,000,000 Swiss francs in 1945.

VIII. International Committee of the Red Cross, Jewish Relief: January through December 1944 and January through April 1945. Covers in detail the relief program undertaken in enemy-controlled areas by the ICRC and affiliated organizations such as the Joint Relief Commission of the IRC with the \$100,000 JDC grant of February 1944.

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- IX. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS: RELIEF FOR CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN GERMANY AND GERMAN-OCCUPIED AREAS: April through December 1944. I am still working on the important 1945 file which covers the ICRC-WRB food relief program for unassimilated detainees in Germany and German-controlled territory, but should be able to forward it in about a week.
- X. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS CONCERNING EXTERMINATION CAMPS FOR JEWS IN POLAND, INCLUDING AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU: 1944
- XI. JEWS IN EUROPE: February through December 1944 and January through June 1945. This file is devoted to the very numerous representations made by the Legation through the Swiss Government to the Germans concerning Jewish holders of "ad hoc" Latin-American nationality documents and covers the "Vittel Affair" of 1944 and the exchange of the Category "F" document holders during January of 1945.

This is only a first shipment of files and records, the balance of which I plan to get off to you within the next ten days. I have been going over all Board files and records in Switzerland carefully and assembling all material which should form an integral part of the WRB's records in Washington. Simultaneously I have been composing the rough draft of my general report (of which about 30 pages are already behind me). This work has proceeded more slowly than I should have wished since there is a great deal of material to be reviewed and there are always - unfortunately - outside interruptions since it has become pretty much the habit of the Legation to refer all matters concerning refugees to me irrespective of their connection with the Board. It is also very difficult to "wean" one former clients. Referring them to other organizations is easy in theory, but not so in practice. If all goes well I should be able to wind up my report and the shipping of the files by about July 28th. I am sorry that it could not be sooner.

Very sincerely yours,

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

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From: Department

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

C.I.

No: 3094

Code: *[Redacted]*

Received: September 8, 5 p. m.

Paraphrase

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organizations, or other national or international
groups that are authorized to deal with these matters.

However, no limitation of the Board's activities
in dealing with arrangements for the removal of
refugees in liberated areas whose presence serves to
discourage or prevent the rescue of additional refugees
from areas occupied by the enemy should be construed
into the foregoing.

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From: Department C.I. Date: September 7, 7 p. m., 1944.
Code: XXXXXXXXXX No: 3094
Received: September 8, 5 p. m.

Paraphrase

For McClelland from WRB. The following message has been repeated to the other WRB special representatives abroad.

Sent to Bern and repeated to London for Mann.

Several requests have already been received by the WRB for financial assistance in the relief of refugees in areas liberated by the Allied military forces.

For your information and guidance, the activities of the Board are to be strictly limited to the rescue and relief of victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, i. e., who are still in enemy-occupied territories. The Board does not regard refugee problems in the liberated areas as being within its functions. If, therefore, requests limited to the relief and assistance of refugees in liberated areas are received, you should refer such problems to the UNRRA, the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees, the appropriate military authorities, private refugee organizations, or other national or international groups that are authorized to deal with these matters.

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AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

GENEVE,

18.9.44

Chèques postaux 1.527
Téléphone 1 23 05
Télex "INTERCROIXROUGE"

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EXPRESS

Rec'd SEP 20 1944

BERN

Monsieur Mc CLELLAND
Délégué Spécial du
War Refugee Board
auprès de la
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
BERNE

Concerne: Mission dentaire en faveur des internés en Suisse

Monsieur,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, en collaboration avec le Service Sanitaire de l'Armée et la Croix-Rouge Suisse, met sur pied actuellement une mission dentaire en faveur des internés militaires qui se trouvent en Suisse.

A cet effet, nous transformons un wagon-restaurant en cabinet dentaire à deux fauteuils, et pourvu d'un laboratoire pour la confection de prothèses.

Nous avons pensé qu'il serait possible, d'entente avec les autorités fédérales compétentes, de faire bénéficier les internés civils et réfugiés, qui se trouvent dans les centres d'accueil et camps de quarantaine, de soins dentaires assurés par la dite Mission.

Comme l'Armée prend à sa charge la solde des dentistes, les notes d'honoraires habituelles seront-elles remplacées par une note de frais, représentant la valeur des matières premières utilisées pour chaque patient, ainsi qu'une participation aux frais généraux de la Mission dentaire.

Nous vous serions infiniment reconnaissants de nous faire savoir si le War Refugee Board pourrait mettre à la disposition de la Mission Dentaire un crédit d'environ frs 10.000.-, en faveur des réfugiés et des internés civils.

Comme nous pensons mettre la voiture dentaire en circulation dès la première quinzaine d'octobre, il nous serait agréable de recevoir votre réponse au plus vite.

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Bern, September 22, 1944.

Mr. Albert Lombard,
Member of the International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Hotel Métropole,
Geneva.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your interesting letter of September 18 concerning the joint undertaking of your Committee, the Sanitary Service of the Swiss Army and the Swiss Red Cross, to organize a traveling dental service for military internees in Switzerland.

As much as I recognize the value of this project and wish it could be possible for the War Refugee Board to contribute to it, I am afraid that I have no authority to use the War Refugee Board funds at my disposal except in pursuance of the Board's rather specific aims as set down. At the time of its creation in Washington at the end of January 1944, the purpose of the War Refugee Board is exclusively devoted to assisting financially and otherwise in the organization and implementation of programs designed to bring relief to and arrange the rescue in so far as possible of persecuted minorities of refugees and other innocent persons in danger of their lives in enemy or enemy-occupied territory. It is therefore unfortunately impossible for the War Refugee Board to contribute funds to a program so far outside the scope of its assigned activities.

Very truly yours,

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

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September 30, 1944

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From Payment Reference Legation's 5684 August Thirtyfirst.

September payments advanced from Contingent for reimbursement by Agency as follows:

Travel and per diem August	\$ 300.65
August Telegrams	\$1,593.71
Supplies	\$ 4.94
Gross salary and overtime	\$ 594.02
TOTAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,493.32

Voucher Numbers 101, 129, 139 and 143 respectively.

Foreign Service Pay Adjustment not paid owing to lack of allotment.

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Copy sent to Mr. McClelland.

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WASHINGTON

October 25, 1944.

For Pehle of WRB from McClelland.

Greatly concerned over question of what steps might be initiated by WRB and other interested departments of our Government in attempt to counteract increasing Nazi ruthlessness which ^{threatens with death} (places in danger of almost certain death) at least two million innocent men and women of all nationalities, races and faiths confined as political prisoners in Nazi prisons, concentration and extermination camps. Trustworthy reports coming from Germany indicate reign of terror has followed events of July 20, with arrests, executions and suicides both among foreign prisoners and on an unprecedented scale amongst German population itself. This relentless Nazi policy shows unmistakable signs of increasing violence particularly against foreigners. These prisoners represent valuable political and social elements their respective countries whose loss, apart from human considerations involved, would severely retard future reconstruction of Europe.

At this important psychological juncture when Nazis are entering last desperate stage of their rule, I strongly recommend that serious consideration be given to addressing a concerted and powerful warning to Germany in specific effort to save the lives of these political prisoners who

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are totally at mercy of Nazi fanaticism. Such a warning should be solemnly made in name of every Allied country whose nationals are concerned, as well as Italy and France which alone has over 200,000 political deportees. The Soviet Government in particular, in the name of countless thousands of their own war prisoners whom Nazis have mistreated and starved and of their labor deportees ^{threatened with} ~~(whose)~~ extermination ~~(is already reported to have begun)~~, should be urged to associate themselves vigorously and unequivocally with this warning. The voice of the major organized churches should also be joined to this pronouncement.

Made on as high and authoritative ^{level} ~~(basis)~~ as possible such a warning should reemphasize fact that all Allied and Associate nations will hold each individual German as well as members of Nazi party and of German military organizations regardless of rank responsible, both directly or where appropriate, as an accessory, for safeguarding the lives and welfare of the Allies' defenseless countrymen in their custody or immediate neighborhood. Further, any crime committed against persons imprisoned on political or racial grounds whom the Nazis consider stateless (i.e. the major part of close to a million surviving European Jews) will be considered as punishable as though against an Allied national. This pronouncement should be made in name of dignity and inviolability of human personality for preservation of which Allied Nations are waging war ~~against~~ ~~Nazi and other totalitarian systems.~~

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There seems little doubt that ~~majority~~ ^{as a whole} of hardened murderers of ruling Nazi clique ^{are} ~~are~~ impervious to threats of ultimate punishment as war criminals. ^{warning} ~~As Germany's situation becomes more desperate their avowed policy of extermination, certainly insofar as Jews and other "races" considered inferior in Nazi ideology are concerned, shows every sign of gaining in fanatical momentum.~~ ^{even if so,} If such a ~~warning~~ ^{warning} would have little or no effect on extreme Nazis it might ^{nevertheless} ~~deter~~ many lesser members of Nazi hierarchy from minor Gestapo officials to SS guards in concentration camps who soon may be called upon to execute orders of mass murder, as well as possibly inspire other individuals to

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The effect of a warning along these lines might be increased by stressing that individually the German can grasp this last chance to assert his claim to be considered apart from Nazi criminals by doing all in his power to prevent or mitigate, in any way open to him, this final crime against his own self-respect, against humanity and the civilized world in which the individual German certainly hopes someday ^{to} again take his place.

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To: Department

Date: October 26, 1944, 3 p.m.

No: 7115

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

For Pehle of WRB from McClelland.

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To: Department

Date: October 31, 1944

No: 7218

Code: Clear (NLT)

Charged to: Compt 161 (Mr. McLelland)

From Dayton Reference Legation's 6502 September Thirtieth.

October payments advanced from Contingent for reimbursement by Agency as follows:

Equipment	\$ 9.33
Travel & per diem September	\$ 280.53
September Telephoto Service	\$ 120.05
September Telegrams	\$1,573.30
Gross salary and overtime	\$ 594.02
TOTAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,677.23

Voucher Numbers 157, 166, 194, 199 and 214 respectively.

Foreign Service Pay Adjustment not paid owing to lack of allotment.

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From: Department Date: October 31, 4 p.m., 1944
 No: 3716
 Code: ██████████ Received: November 1, 8 a.m.

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PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 249. For Harrison and McClelland.
Legation's 7115 October 26.

Your excellent analysis and suggestions are greatly appreciated. We have given considerable thought to action along such lines. For several weeks we have been working on a project by which, if it successful, some of the ends mentioned in your telegram may be attained.

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November 9, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Roswell D. McClelland.

Due to a change in travel regulations not notified to this office until recently, owing to the lack of pouch facilities, a certificate as per copy attached is required to be filed with each travel account. Your kindness in signing the original and initialing the carbon copy of each of the certificates attached to this memorandum and returning same promptly to the Accounting Section will be appreciated.

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Memo for Mr. McClelland:

The original of this voucher which you signed on May 6, was somehow lost in transit between Bern and Washington, and the Department have called upon us to furnish a SECOND ORIGINAL duly completed with your signature and that of Mr. Chase.

Nov. 14, 1944

Nov. 14, 1944.

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3 p.m.

Signed
Nov 14
R. J. [unclear]

... through Swiss National Bank
for Roswell D. McClelland, War Refugee Board, on
basis voucher submitted this office. Do not reflect
in your accounts but take receipt from McClelland
for later attachment to voucher. Advise McClelland
funds are confidential.

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For Daymont from Allen.

One hundred thousand dollars being made available to you in Swiss francs through Swiss National Bank for Roswell D. McClelland, War Refugee Board, on basis voucher submitted this office. Do not reflect in your accounts but take receipt from McClelland for later attachment to voucher. Advise McClelland funds are confidential.

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Date: November 18, 10 p.m., 1944

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WRB 279 for McClelland from Pehle.

\$100,000 being transferred to you for use at your discretion in furthering Board's programs. These funds are not subject to usual government disbursement procedure and you will be responsible for their expenditure to me alone. Careful record of expenditures and obtention of receipts where possible should occur however.

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From: Department

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

No: 3924

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: November 19, 9 a.m.

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 282.
Please furnish us for our records office
equipment inventory approximate value each item
and indication of each item's condition.

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To: Department

Date: November 25, 1944, 11am

No: 7754

Code: WRB

Charged to:

C.L.

For File of WRB from McClelland.

Department's 3923, November 18. WRB's 279.

Received 428,816.47 Swiss francs on November 24.

I am preparing confidential statement for you of WRB expenditures during initial 6 months period May 1 through October 31 which will be dispatched shortly by pouch. Up to October 31 had received total of 1,112,242.73 Swiss francs, spent 735,935.50, leaving unspent balance of 378,307.23. I still have unpaid commitments outstanding of approximately 40,000 francs plus cost of 54,756 kilos of salvaged CRISTINA goods for which Amcross Geneva has not yet collected. This last item probably represents close to 250,000 francs.

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			Pay total	399.60

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Abstract of entertainment & contact expenditures

From Jan

since: May 1st 1944 through Oct. 31st

1944 (6 months).

MAY

May 2	Supper Hal & Currie	14.50	
4	Lunch Schwab	6.50	
9	Supper Dr. Kahany (Bern)	7.10	
11	" S. Mayer	6.30	
19 th	" Dr. Gowan (Rausman)	6.75	
24	Lunch Hoil Field	6.50	
"	Supper Gacovitz & Kocherthal	15.00	
31 st	Lunch Mrs. Modigliani	6.55	
"	Supper Karl Bergmann	9.80	

Total

79.50 79.50

JUNE

3 rd	Supper Eisenberg & Koshman	21.00	
7	" Selone, Oprecht & Krugoff	24.50	
8	Lunch J. Kretschmer	8.40	
12	" H. Field & Souton	12.50	
15	Supper: Bekach, Koshinsky, Vardas & Sch. Papp	43.60	
21	Lunch: Brown & Gacovitz	28.65	
28	Supper: Karl Bergmann	6.70	

Total

145.35 145.35

JULY

12 th	Lunch K.B. & G. Mayer	16.00	
14 th	" Weiskamm & MacKillop	17.60	
16	Supper: Andre Jatio's	18.50	
30	Lunch: Gacovitz	9.00	

61.10 61.10

AUG.

11 th	Supper: Messer, Martellotti	8.40	8.40
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SEPT

4 th	Lunch: Hohemuth & M ^{rs} Philaja	14.50	
5	Supper: Ruby & Kothmann	17.00	
8	Lunch: Valobra	8.00	
14	Supper: Brown & Spitz	21.50	
15	Supper: Kothmann, wife & Gacovitz	27.50	
28	" Zaugg & Zaugg	16.75	

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Total

399.60

			Carried over -	399.60 ⁽²⁾
<u>OCT.</u>	5 th	Lunch with Bergmann & Miller	20.10	
	6	" Heutscher-Smidt & Bigelow	18.60	
	10 th	" Reizen	21.50	
	19 th	Supper Kalk & Gonati	17.60	
	26	" Kahony & Ischtstein	18.40	
			96.20	96.20
			Subtotal	(495.80) ✓

(Expenditures of a non-routine character outside of regular Legation administrative costs): telephone, wires, travel & expenses of special assistant, research work, publicity & contact work (Swiss press), etc.

<u>MAY.</u>	1 st	To Hamori } Hung. research	300.00	
	21	Belaban }	75.00	
			375.00	375.00

<u>JUNE</u>	5 th	Hamori - Hung. sit.	97.55	
Place later in category	12	* 1/2 Tuzile - Communist press, channels into various countries, wires to Moscow, identity, Com cooperation etc.	2000.00	
	16 th - 30 th	Hamori & cables	487.75	
			2585.30	2585.30

<u>JULY</u>	4 th	Telephone charges	50.00	
	8	Map work - Otten (Auehunts)	50.00	
		• Translating & clerical (special)	145.00	
	12	Hamori - spec. research (Vogt affair - Auehunts)	300.00	
	17	Telephone comm.	37.70	
	19	Cables - London	44.25	
	24	" Palestine	16.75	
	29	Translating (Major's report)	90.00	
			733.70	733.70

<u>AUG.</u>	1 st	Hamori - trip to Zurich (Publicity & contacts MNFF)	50.00	
		Photocopies - Astanca (July 4-6)	4.00	
		2 nd trip to Zurich (July 27-28)	54.70	
		Wires to Budapest	17.95	
		Hamori: special research on Hung. press.	100.00	
			50.00	
	21	Telephones	276.65	276.65
				3970.65

Cumulative total: 3970.65

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SEPT.

1 st	Hanover: trip to Zausanne MNFF	25.00	
7 th	Zonati: expenses trip Zoh-Rom-Zoh	40.00	
26 th	Telephone bills.	23.50	
30 th	Translating (Charbeit)	30.30	
"	" (Se Tomac)	41.30	

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9 th	Telephone	15.00	
16 th	Translating (Se Tomac)	55.00	
23	Telephone	20.00	
		90.00	90.00

Subtotal

4220.75 ✓

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III Special Expenses for courier service to Hungary, Northern Italy, Belgium & Holland, Germany & France

1. May 22 nd	FTP - Jaeger - Hte. Savoie & → France	1000.00	
2. June 12 th	Hochaluz - H. Schwald - Hungary & Slovakia	5000.00	
3. June 18	Manfredi (Marucchi) - Northern Italy	2000.00	
4. July 18	Ellon - Belgium & Holland & Antwerp	2000.00	
5. Sept 20	Manfredi (Marucchi) - Northern Italy	2000.00	
		12,000.00	12,000.00 ✓

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IV Mendi contributions to organizations for relief & rescue operations (false papers, making flight etc.)

6. May 15	Dr. Jakob Daniels in collab Dutch Jewish Coordinating	500.00	
7. June 20	" " (non-refoulement)	500.00	
8. " 21	Karl Bergmann Dreis Deutschland German-Swiss border	500.00	
9. July 10 th	" " " "	500.00	
10. " 31	Pollak - Daniels	600.00	
11. Aug 14 th	Karl Bergmann FB.	1000.00	
12. " "	Essenberg, Hung Student Org. Zurich wires to telephone for certificates & family members in Hungary	600.00	
13. " 24	To Pollak - Daniels	500.00	
14. Oct 2 nd	" "	500.00	
15. " 9 th	Karl Bergmann FB. (Receipt dated Oct 28 th)	2000.00	
16. " 30	" " (Special border cases)	2000.00	
	Regular - 2 nd half Oct + 2000 extra. (Receipt dated Nov 5 th).	9,200.00	9,200.00 ✓

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Special "medical" relief (incl. fortifiers, vitamins, liver extract) for refugees & other endangered persons in Indong.

17	May 23	FTP - Jaeger - Hte Savoie as far as Grenoble	2000.00
18	June 19	Joseph Weil - CNR Jewish relief - France	2036.95
19	Aug 7 th	" " " " " "	2482.00
20	Oct. 7 th	Kupper - ^{Yugoslavia} Tito Group (NYCL) Hungarian Jewish refugees	4000.00
			<u>10,518.95</u>

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Special Grants (relief & rescue: Indong, flight, papers)

21	May 21 st	Manuelo Acerati: assistance from Spanish CUN partisans in Pyrenees to fleeing Jewish refugees	5000.00
23	Aug 7 th	Shed + aid to Spanish politicals in Indong prisons, fleeing or otherwise persecuted by Gestapo	10,000.00
"	12 th	To Royall Tyler - similar assistance for French in Geneva - Lyon region	5000.00
	June 12 th	Put in made contrab. in here 2000 frs.	20,000.00
			<u>20,000.00</u>

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MAJOR GRANTS (relief, rescue, Indong, flight, papers etc.)

24	June 24 th	To Charles Guillon for CNR relief: whole of France	200,000.00
25	" 30 th	To G. della Porta: Northern Italy "Ouvre de la Femme" (Manfredi-Marcucci seized)	75,000.00
26	July 4 th	To Noel Field for German political refugees in France (funds received in Paris)	10,000.00
27	July 5 th	To Nathan Schwalb: Hechberg for endangered Jews in Poland, Slovakia & Hungary: flight etc.	100,000.00
28	" 20 th	To Jean Hopenky: rescue of Jews by Czech resistance movement in Slovakia	42,500.00
29	Aug 10 th	To Nathan Schwalb - cbed.	100,000.00
30	Oct. 3 rd	" " " " " "	100,000.00
31.	Oct. 11 th	To M Gans: Joodsche Coördinatie Commissie Geneva: flight Dutch Jews from Bergen Belsen 50 persons. (probably - come back Transportation.	50,000.00
			<u>677,500.00</u>

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Re: please

Bern, November 27, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am pleased to enclose for your confidential information and for the records of the War Refugee Board two copies of my accounts of expenditures made from discretionary W.R.B. funds placed at my disposal. This accounting covers the first six months - May 1st. through October 31st., 1944 - of W.R.B. activity in Switzerland.

I also attach 31 receipts (numbered) corresponding to the amounts recorded as having been disbursed.

Please let me know if this record is sufficiently detailed. Only in one case, fortunately, was it not possible to secure a receipt for a contribution made. In several cases, however, it has not been possible to secure as detailed information as I might have desired as to the use made of our WRB contributions. Under the circumstances as they exist in Europe at the present time I am afraid this was to be expected.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosures:
2 copies of financial
report and
31 individual receipts.

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

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

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RECORD OF EXPENDITURES FROM W.R.B. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Period: from MAY 1st. through OCTOBER 31st.

1944

No.	Date	Particulars	Amount	Swiss Rs.
I.		Entertainment and Contacts (the Legation Disbursing Officer having informed me that such expenses would have to be covered from discretionary funds at my disposal).		
	May		79.50	
	June	R. Schmidt Germany (Berlin)	145.33	
	July	Moskowitz Hungary, Slovakia	62.10	
	August	" " Romania	8.40	
	September	Madrid Northern Italy	105.25	
	October	London (between Deane Libération Center & Pilsen) Committee	96.20	
		Total	495.60	495.60
II.	July 18	Bilan Belgium (via Geneva)	1,000.00	
		Disturbance of a non-routine character outside of regular legation administrative expenditures: telephone & telegraph, special assistance, research work, investigation, special translating and publicity*		
	May		375.00	
	June		585.30	
	July	Total	1,123.70	12,000.00
	August		276.65	
	September		160.10	
	October		90.00	
		Total	2,220.75	2,220.75

* This item of publicity included in particular a series of 6 reports concerning the Jewish persecutions in Hungary which I issued "unofficially" during June, July and August. They appeared in English, French and German and were distributed to various persons and organizations in Switzerland in a position to act on public opinion. We also brought out 2 more reports during this period on the political situation in Hungary with specific emphasis on the anti-Jewish and Fascist tendencies of the various governments since March 19, 1944. When mailing facilities permit I shall forward copies of these reports to the WRB through the pouch.

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Conseil National de la Résistance - France. (Total this page 258,400.00)

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III. Special expenses for COURIER SERVICE to
Hungary, Slovakia, Rumania, Germany,
Northern Italy, Holland, Belgium and
France.

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Paid to	Destination or Area	Amount
1.	May 22	Jaeger of Franz- Pireur Martignat	Haute Savoie border region & points south & west	1,000.00
✓ 2.	June 12	H. Schwab Hechelus	Germany (Berlin), Hungary, Slovakia & Rumania	5,000.00
✓ 3.	June 18	Manfredi Italian Liberation Committee	Northern Italy (between Swiss border & Milan)	2,000.00
✓ 4.	July 18	Elion Belgian Resistance	Belgium (Brussels) and Holland	2,000.00
✓ 5.	Sept. 20	Manfredi Italian Liberation Committee	Northern Italy	2,000.00
Total				12,000.00

Receipt No. Date Paid Organization paid to Amount

IV. Minor contributions to organizations
doing small-scale "border passing,"
including cost of false papers, tem-
porary maintenance, transportation, etc.

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Organization paid to	Amount
✓ 6.	May 15	Dr. Pollak-Dewiele - Dutch Jewish Coordinating Committee (Refugees from Holland to Switzerland)	500.00
✓ 7.	June 20	" " " " "	500.00
✓ 8.	June 21	Karl Burkhardt - Proies- Deutschland: Swiss-German border (Basel region)	500.00
Total			1,500.00

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IV. (Continued)

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Organization paid to	Amount	Total
✓ 9.	July 10	K. Burkhardt - Preles Detentionland	500.00	
✓ 10.	July 31	Dr. Pollak-Daniels	600.00	
✓ 11.	Aug. 14	Karl Burkhardt - P.D.	1,000.00	
✓ 12.	Aug. 16	Stefan Eisenberg: Hungarian Student Org. in Zurich (wires for Palestine Certificates).	600.00	
✓ 13.	Aug. 29	Dr. Pollak-Daniels	500.00	
✓ 14.	Oct. 2	" " "	500.00	
✓ 15.	Oct. 9	Karl Burkhardt (Plus additional relief for persons in hiding waiting to cross border).	2,000.00	
✓ 16.	Oct. 30	" " " (second certificate).	2,000.00	
Total			7,700.00	7,700.00

V. Special "medico-food" relief (incl. pharmaceuticals) for persons in prison, hiding, fleeing

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Organization & person paid to.	Amount	Total
✓ 17	May 27	Jaeger of Franc-Tireur Partisans (see Receipt No. 1).	2,000.00	
✓ 18	June 19	Dr. J. Weil of OSE for Kupfer of "Pharmacie Nouvelle," Geneva	2,036.95	
✓ 19	Aug. 7	" " "	2,482.00	
✓ 20	Oct. 7	Kupfer of "Pharmacie Nouvelle," Geneva for Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia	4,000.00	
Total			10,518.95	10,518.95

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VI. Special Grants, particularly to political groups or their representatives, to finance flight, hiding, false papers of endangered persons. Grants to secure cooperation in such programs.

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Organization & purpose		
✓ 21	May 21	M. Accerati - Spanish CUN (Comité d'Union National) for partisan groups operating in Pyrenees region.	5,000.00	
No receipt obtainable	June 12	L. Nicolle - Correspondent for E/land of "Presa" & the "Prensa." Secure cooperation of Communist Press in E/land & use of their channels into occupied countries.	2,000.00	
✓ 22	Aug. 7	M. Accerati - as above, with stress on relief to endangered Spanish refugees, rather than only to enlist partisan aid in passing Jewish refugees over the Pyrenees.	10,000.00	
✓ 23	Aug. 12	Mr. Royall Tyler, for aid to French in Lyon region caught by Milice and Gestapo.	5,000.00	
Total			22,000.00	22,000.00

VII. MAJOR GRANTS to organizations to cover the many expenses involved in rescue and relief operations: temporary maintenance in hiding, false papers, cooperation minor officials, transportation, "passports" at frontiers, etc.; for persecuted and endangered persons, particularly Jewish, in Nazi occupied territory.

Receipt No.	Date Paid	Organization		
✓ 24	June 24	Charles Guillon: relief & rescue activities of the Conseil National de la Résistance - France. (Total this page 256,435.50	200,000.00	200,000.00

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VII. (Continued)

Receipt No.	Date paid.	Organization	Amount
✓ 25	June 30	Manfredi - Communist Party of Milan Liberation Committee & G. della Forta - "Gruppi di Difesa della Donna" for Northern Italy.	75,000.00
✓ 26	July 4	Neel Field - Unifarian Service Committee in France: for German political refugees: camp of Grop.	10,000.00
✓ 27	July 5	M. Schwab - "Hechalutz" (Jewish Zionist Labor group) for Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Rumania.	100,000.00
✓ 28	July 20	Dr. Jan Kopecky - Czech assistance Movement: for assistance to Jewish refugees in Slovakia.	12,500.00
✓ 29	Aug. 12	Mawham Schwab - "Hechalutz"	100,000.00
30	Oct. 3	" " " "	100,000.00
31	Oct. 11	M.H. Gans - Dutch Jewish Coordination Committee: rescue and transportation of Dutch Jewish deportees from Bergen-Belsen.	50,000.00

Total 477,500.00 477,500.00

GRAND TOTAL Swiss Fr. 733,935.50

The amount of individual contributions is not included in this summary. It is at present being worked out by the Swiss Committee in cooperation with the various groups having to do with the matter.

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Receipt No. 12 (Aug. 10 - Page 3) - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION with regard to individuals and organizations having received contributions from WRB discretionary funds and uses to which this money was put. (According to the receipt numbers used on the previous pages).

Receipt No. 14 (May 15 - Page 2) - Dr. Pollak-Daniels, who came to Switzerland clandestinely, via Belgium and France, during the latter part of 1943, is co-director of a small, but well organized relief committee specializing in assistance to Dutch Jewish refugees and Jews of other nationalities coming from Holland. Since the needs of their organization in Holland itself were fairly well covered by grants from Mr. Saly Mazer of the J.D.C., I filled in with a small monthly contribution which served mainly to finance "passure" along the French-Swiss border for such incoming refugees. 200 francs a month went to enlist the cooperation of a Swiss customs officer who served in the "refoulement" and "sorting" camp of Croquette in Geneva. Here refugees crossing the border illegally are cross-questioned and "sifted," with a view to determining who shall be pushed back across the border into France. Thus with a few hundred francs a month in the right place about 30 people, who might otherwise have been "refouled" were admitted to Switzerland.

Since the liberation of France which has brought the flow of refugees into Switzerland from that country to a stop, Dr. Daniels' committee (the works with a Mr. Gans - see Receipt No. 11 of Oct. 11 - of the "Dutch Jewish Coordinating Committee") is expanding its parcel work and "postcard location" of Jewish deportees in German occupied territory. Further contributions to this organization may not be necessary in the future as they have some promise of receiving additional funds from Dutch sources in Great Britain.

Receipt No. 15 (June 21 - Page 2) - Karl "Burchardt" (a "non-ideologue") is in charge of the relief and rescue section of the "Freies Deutschland" committee in Switzerland. I have known K.B. for a number of years as he was previously in contact with the Quaker Center in Berlin. This group, which has little in common with the Moscow group except the name, is made up of German political refugees of all parties and present in Switzerland. It operates, of course, illegally in Switzerland and maintains close relations with Germany and with resistance groups inside Germany. Our WRB contribution has helped them to pass particularly endangered political refugees across the border into Switzerland (mainly between Basel and Singen) for a number of months. Since the events of July 20th, the number of individuals to be brought in has increased and probably will. Getting them across the Rhine is also becoming more expensive. I am at present working with the FD on plans to send in more relief to endangered persons hiding in Germany along the border.

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roughly 5,000,000 French francs and was distributed mainly in the region of Lyon during the month of August. The principal disbursing agent was Melle Germaine Ribière, head social worker in that area for the COSOR. She divided these funds up among the following organizations: "Amitiés Chrétiennes," "Ouvres des Prisons de Lyon," CIMADE ("Comité Inter-Mouvement Après des Evacués"), an excellent Protestant organization which has always done fine work in France particularly for foreign refugees, including a great many Jews, by hiding those in danger of deportation, securing false papers and ration cards for them and passing them over the border into Switzerland, and the "Service Social d'Aide aux Emigrés," the French branch of the International Migration Service, which does work somewhat similar to that of the CIMADE in France. A sum of 500,000 French francs went to Père Godard, as representative of Cardinal Gerlier, and director of Catholic relief work in that city and environs. This sum was largely instrumental in organizing the release of some 200 wounded prisoners whom the Germans were keeping at the Hospital of Antiquaille in Lyon awaiting their sufficient recovery so that they could be executed!

I should perhaps not have made so substantial a contribution to the "Conseil National de la Résistance" in France if I had known at that time that the major part of our WRB discretionary funds had been generously contributed by the American Joint Distribution Committee. On the other hand, knowing the "Joint" and the spirit in which they have always done their work I feel that they would approve.

Receipt No. 25 (June 30 - Page 5) These 75,000 Swiss francs were sent into Northern Italy at the beginning of July through the Communist representative of the Milan Liberation Committee in Switzerland and carried by the representative of a resistance group known as the "Gruppi di Difesa della Donna," Gisella della Porta. As far as I know they realized in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 Italian Lire since the current "rate" at that time against Swiss bank notes in Italy was around 80 Lire per Swiss franc.

I asked Madame della Porta that these funds be used (among other similar projects) for the protection of Jewish women and children in danger of deportation. I also stated that we were very interested in the escape of as many Jewish refugees as possible into Switzerland. To-date, however, due to increasingly disturbed conditions along the Italo-Swiss border only 7 cases, numbering some 18 persons, have turned up in Switzerland sent by the Women's Defense Groups.

It was also of course understood that part of these funds could be used (and were to be used) for assistance to endangered Italian political refugees and prisoners, to aid with their release, hiding, maintenance, parcels to them while in prison and the like.

...very satisfactorily and a receipt was received dated July 18th.

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Receipt No. 25 (continued)

Although it has only been possible to receive somewhat fragmentary reports from Northern Italy concerning the exact expenditure of these funds I was able to learn that a sum of 500,000 Lire was devoted to smuggling relief parcels to Jewish internees in the ill-famed prison of San Vittore in Milano, in the camps of San Martino di Rosignano Monferrate (near Alessandria) and Fossoli di Carpi - which I had specially requested - near Modena.

Another portion of this amount was allotted to the job of "springing" political prisoners from various prisons - generally in the smaller towns - in Northern Italy. According to reports received, the following liberations were effected in whole or in part with WRB funds:

- 1) July 24, at Abbiategrasso near Milan, a group of the GAP (Gruppi d'Azione Patriottici) released 4 political prisoners;
- 2) August 8, at the prison of Breno (Provincia of Brescia), 14 politicals liberated;
- 3) August 18, at the local prison of Fossano (Provincia of Piemonte) 9 political prisoners released;
- 4) Sept. 15, at the local prison of Saluzzo (Provincia of Piemonte) 8 prisoners all condemned to death for having operated a clandestine printing press.

As in the case of France, about 50% of our WRB contribution went toward the urgent support of the wives and children of Italians who had been deported or executed by the Neo-Fascists or Gestapo. A part was also used to relieve the inhabitants of small villages "sacked" as reprisal by the SS, or Fascists. I enclose one typical receipt of this type of aid attesting to the fact that the Commander of the 49th. Garibaldian Brigade, Ciambone Detachment, delivered 50 kilos of butter and 12 kilos of tobacco to the "population of the village of Peletto struck by the Nazi-Fascist incendiaries."

I hope eventually to receive more complete reports as to the use of this contribution, but it is becoming more and more difficult (and particularly dangerously compromising) to get written reports of this nature through.

Receipt No. 26 (July 4 - Page 5) Noel Field, Director in Switzerland of the Unitarian

Service Committee has for some months been supporting a group of German political refugees in France who have been doing very creditable rescue work among endangered foreign refugees in Southern France. Our 10,000 WRB francs went through very satisfactorily and a receipt was received dated July 18th.

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These funds served principally to maintain persons in hiding and to finance the escape of 9 political refugees to Switzerland and 2 to Spain.

Receipt No. 27 (July 5 - Page 5) This was the first of three major contributions to the "Hechaluz" Jewish organization made through their representative here in Switzerland, Nathan Schwalb. The primary purpose of these contributions (see Receipts 29 and 30 of Aug. 10 and Oct. 3 respectively), as reported in Legation's 5343, August 17, 7 p.m. 1944, was to finance the flight of Jewish refugees from Hungary into Rumania. To a much lesser extent they also helped send a number of Jews to Slovakia where the situation in the early summer was much more favorable for the Jews than it later turned out to be, and to finance the bringing of a small number of Jews across the Silesian border into Slovakia. The funds were sent to Budapest and Bratislava in both Swiss franc and dollar currency which were about the only two notes with which effective rescue work could be accomplished. All the money safely reached its destination (for which I am most thankful as generally in work of this type one has to allow for some loss occasionally when a courier is stopped or searched) as it was almost all sent by neutral diplomatic couriers (Turkish, Swedish and Swiss and occasionally the Nunciature's pouch to Bratislava). Roughly I should say that this contribution of 300,000 francs in all enabled about 2000 persons to escape to Rumania, 250 to Slovakia and some 500 into Northern Yugoslavia, although complete figures are lacking.

Receipt No. 28 (July 20 - Page 5) As set forth in Legation's 4666 of July 21, 3 p.m., 1944 this contribution of 42,500 Swiss francs was paid to Dr. Jean Kopecky, officially delegate of Czechoslovakia to the League of Nations and less officially representative of the Czech resistance organizations in Switzerland. Dr. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress also contributed a similar sum. These funds were employed to enable the Czech partisans to rescue Jews (capture of the camps of Sered and Novaky) and to provide a certain amount of liquid cash for the Central Jewish Office (Ustredna Zidov) in Bratislava. I should estimate that it saved the lives of close to 1500 people, although it is hard to know how many of them later fell into German hands when the situation in Slovakia grew more serious for the Jews. With reference to the use of these funds see also Legation's 8619 of October 5, 8 a.m., 1944.

Receipt No. 31 (October 11 - Page 5) This grant to the Dutch Jewish Coordinating Committee in Geneva was in the nature of a deposit to permit this organization to put up the necessary guarantee for the transportation of 50 Dutch Jews from the camp of Bergen-Belsen, to Switzerland. It begins to look more and more, however, as

was American Minister.

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Administrative and Financial Correspondence of R. McCallahan

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Bern, December 15, 1944

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DISCRETIONARY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Receipt No. 31 (continued)

though these funds would not produce the desired result. The plan was organized by a Swiss named Trumpy who has connections with SS circles in Germany and claimed very convincingly that he could arrange the transportation of Jews from Bergen-Belsen at an expense of 1,000 Swiss francs per person, the money to remain in Switzerland. We were even given assurance that any payment after the war could be blocked since we would be supplied with the necessary information as to the persons in whose names the money would be deposited (if and when the 50 people arrived in Switzerland) with Swiss banks. I am afraid that recent military developments, however, have rendered the carrying out of this plan most doubtful since even an SS man in the upper brackets would have great difficulty in organizing the transportation of 50 persons to the Swiss frontier. In case this project falls through (and the dead line has been set at December 15th.) these 50,000 frs. will come back.

III. August 25, see Department's 3698
August 28, 1944, see the Department of
\$135,000 at \$ 0.2332
per fr. = 582,020,128 of the office equipment
Swiss frs. gross, minus

As reported in Legation's 7754, November 25, 11 a.m. I had, as of October 31st, outstanding, unpaid commitments of approximately 40,000 francs for medical parcels to be sent to camps of unassimilated persons in Germany and the cost of the 54,756 Kgs. of salvaged CRISTINA goods which Mr. James of the American Red Cross in Geneva has not yet collected for. I should imagine that these foodstuffs would be worth at least 5 francs per kilo, which would make about 272,780 francs which the WRB still owes Amcross. I assume that Mr. James has not yet asked to be reimbursed for these goods as he is awaiting specific instructions from Amcross as to the price per kilo which should be set.

I have just allotted 50,000 frs. to Nathan Schwalb of the Hechaluz, in the main for Budapest, but in part for Berlin where there are still upwards of 300 Jews in hiding who are in contact with the Hechaluz. Their situation is, of course, exceedingly precarious. It is hoped that a small group of young people may be brought to Switzerland (the Swiss have already declared themselves willing to let them in) within the course of the next few weeks.

Bern, November 27, 1944.

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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W.R.B. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH OCTOBER 31
1944.

	\$	<u>Swiss frs.</u>
I. April 26 as per Department's 1434, April 25, 1944; November 28, 1944, From President's Emergency Fund	10,000	42,881.85
II. June 15 see Department's 1994, June 10 - WRB's 38 and Department's 2048, June 14, WRB's 41.	125,000	536,020.58
III. August 25 see Department's 3898 August 25 - WRB's 134 and the Department of State \$125,000 at \$ 0.2332 per fr. - 556,020.58 (including 1% commission of Swiss National Bank, frs. 2,680.08 leaving net amount Swiss frs. rec'd	125,000	533,340.50
TOTAL AMOUNTS RECEIVED	\$260,000	1,112,242.73

AS OF OCTOBER 31st, 1944, THEREFORE:

	<u>Swiss francs</u>
Total disbursed	733,935.50
Cash in hand	2,446.15
Balance in bank	375,861.08
TOTAL	1,112,242.73

Bern, November 27, 1944.

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Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

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OF R. McCLELLAND

Bern, November 28, 1944.

UNRESTRICTED

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In reply to the Department's 3924 of November 18, 1944 8 p.m. I am pleased to enclose for the information of the War Refugee and the Department of State three copies of a list of the office equipment (including date of purchase of each item and cost, as well as condition) which has been purchased by the War Refugee Board, American Legation, Bern.

Very sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosure: 3
copies of inventory
of WRB office equipment

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

INVENTORY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD
AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, SWITZERLAND.

NOVEMBER 24, 1944. 145.

Date of Purchase: May 24, 1944.
May 24, 1944.
June 26, 1944.
July 18, 1944.
July 19, 1944.
July 19, 1944.
July 19, 1944.
July 19, 1944.
Oct. 6, 1944.

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INVENTORY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD,
AMERICAN LEGATION, BERN, SWITZERLAND.

(NOVEMBER 24, 1944.) July 1945.

Date of Purchase:	Item	Cost	Condition
1. May 24, 1944.	1 Halda typewriter.	\$220.70	Excellent
2. May 24, 1944.	1 Four-drawer steel filing cabinet.	90.03	"
3. (June 30, 1944.)	1 Portable Hermes-Baby typewriter.)	43.66	"
4. July 19, 1944.	1 Secretarial desk.	93.62	"
5. July 19, 1944.	1 Secretarial desk.	96.28	"
6. July 19, 1944.	3 Arm chairs, each \$27.65	82.95	"
7. July 19, 1944.	1 Typist desk.	58.16	"
8. July 19, 1944.	1 Library table.	43.42	"
9. July 19, 1944.	1 Typist chair.	22.32	"
10. (Oct. 6, 1944.)	1 desk lamp.)	7.98	"
11. (Feb. 28, 1945)	1 Heater)	13.03	"

Does Mrs. Lanwick have this? WFB feb
? imagine so.

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Bern, December 15, 1944

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in the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland

*Does this amount have this WRB file
& imagine so*

Bern, December 15, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McCLELLAND:

The Bureau of Accounts, Department of State, is suspending payments which I have made for WRB telegrams because of the fact that code texts of the telegrams submitted in support of the payments do not show paraphrases of the subject matter as requested by Foreign Service Regulations.

Under the circumstances, I should be grateful if you would cause the attached accounts copies of messages sent during November 1944 to be so completed, and return them to me as soon as convenient. Copies of messages sent during the period December 1 to 15th, will be forwarded to you at a later date for similar action.

With reference to messages which you may send subsequent to today, I would appreciate your indicating on each such code message a brief statement of the subject matter in order that the Code Room may repeat the subject matter on the accounts copies of the messages.

I regret the additional work for your office and for the Code Room, but as the Department has withheld credit in my accounts to the extent of some \$9,000.00 on this account, you will appreciate that it is necessary. I am sending a copy of this memorandum to the Code Room to serve as advice that I will be unable to make payments for your future telegrams unless the accounts copies are so completed.

LJD
L. J. D.

Copy for Code Room
Done and returned to Accounting Office December 16, 1944.

LJD/da

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MEMORANDUM

(C.I.)

December 28, 1944.

For: Mr. L. Daymont
From: R. McClelland

WRB contrib to
SM's Vietnam program

Dear Mr. Daymont:

Would you kindly transfer from my
discretionary WRB account the sum of 200,000
Swiss francs (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND) to the
account of the:

COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE,
with the Société de Banque Suisse at Geneva,
to the order of Mr. Saly Mayer of St. Gall.

I am writing a short note to the Commission
Mixte informing that this money is coming and
will be transferred shortly to their account in
Geneva.

With many thanks and best wishes for the
New Year to you and your family.

Roswell D. McClelland.

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Suggestions from H.S. of IGCR - Kowalski along lines
of our win of Oct 26th

WARSAW, 29th December, 1944.

POLISH MEMORANDUM.

Heathcote-Smith's man (quite
he ever saw from a KL?)

FURTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR THREATENED INTERNEES AND OTHERS
IN AXIS HANDS.

A Polish Officer, connected with several of the leading families of
Poland, and in close touch with the Polish ^{Embassy} ~~Ministry~~ in London, who escaped
from German hands on the 29th August 1944, after four and a half years in
some dozen different internment Concentration Camps, and finally in an
S.S. Bau-Brigade, is convinced that the United Nations could take further
useful steps on behalf of the Allied internees in German power. In his
opinion the suggested steps would not endanger those whom it is intended to
assist. This risk has been thoroughly weighed by this Polish Officer, who
is exceptionally objective and level-headed.

He has various relatives still held in German camps, and is fully
alive to the danger of measures that would be provocative or arouse the
suspicions of the Axis authorities.

He has been in camps where the grossest atrocities were committed; he
has been on speaking, sometimes on quasi-friendly, terms with certain of the
S.S. Guards; he has had an uniquely wide experience, and he speaks with
the bitter knowledge that his own race, more than any other now, would suffer
if there were to be an error in the strategy of the further protective measures.

As these indicate a somewhat new line of approach, and as the goal is
the decrease of ill-treatment of the "internees", and as to the one and a
half to two million internees can be added the eleven to thirteen million
old forced and voluntary United Nations' workers, the matter is clearly of
moment; let alone our Prisoners of War, who enjoy the protection of the 1929
Geneva Convention aimed at effecting.

The Polish Officer is ready to be privately interrogated, but does not
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wish his name to be utilized owing to his relatives being in the German grip.

Herewith the plan in brief.

Without in the faintest degree invalidating the general terms of unconditional surrender, it would be made clear that individuals who could substantiate that their record was one of indisputable helpfulness, would receive appropriate treatment.

Leaflets for (a) the Gestapo and S.S.; (b) German Women; (c) The Army. (a) Leaflets would be reportedly dropped several Concentration Camps. They would state:-

The names of officers and men of the S.S. guarding these Concentration Camps are all being collected; many are already known.

All guilty of crimes will, as has often been publicly stated, suffer extreme penalties as war criminals.

Those who will receive different treatment will be those who can produce statements signed by the prisoners that they were treated in a decent, humane way; but only the signature of an ex-internee who is alive and capable of being a witness after the war will be considered.

(b) Similar leaflets should be addressed to the wives and mothers - the women of Germany - warning them that it is in their highest interest that their husbands, etc., should not be treated as war criminals.

Headlines of the Majestic films, and the lists (with names) of war criminals already punished by the Russians would heighten the effect.

The facts should be as telling as possible.

(c) Then, too, another type of pamphlet would be necessary for the Army - the Wehrmacht, the Landsturm and the Volksturm.

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As there is intense antagonism between the regular forces and the S.S. and Gestapo, here "involving" as well as facts would be of advantage.

"Germany was respected in every quarter before this war. Now the S.S. and Gestapo have spoiled her reputation throughout the whole world. Her massacres of helpless civilians (give details); her concentration camps with their record of fiendish brutality; all have tarnished Germany's name and made her an object among civilized races.

Will you, the Regular Army of Germany, tolerate this and participate as you have been made to do, in the organized transport for the massacre of helpless men, women and children?"

Points to avoid in these leaflets.

1. Encouraging Internos and Foreigners to open rebellion.
2. Encouraging soldiers or S.S. to mutiny.
3. Offending the fanatical patriotism of the Germans, as a whole, as distinct from the S.S. or Gestapo.
4. Threatening Germany as a state - or painting gloomy pictures of the fate awaiting Germany, as distinct from individual war criminals.

NOTE: One of Goebbels' chief weapons to spur on the flagging Nazis was large placards on the walls depicting the fate awaiting them with captions such as "see what will happen to us if we do not win".

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Details told by Polish Officer on Special Aspects of Prison.

1. Composition of the P.O.

Part of the P.O. is definitely amenable to propaganda. At Heugones Concentration Camp (Hungary) of 300 P.O. (Germans only 45 to 50 were pure Germans about 20-30 were tough Ukrainians (hated by all), and the remainder were White-Russians - men of former German origin brought in from the Baltics, including Croatia, the Baltic States, Russia, Hungary, Poland and elsewhere - many of whom see no future for themselves anywhere - and who fear for their families left behind.

Due to shortage of man-power, similar dilution among the P.O. exists in most camps.

2. Reply to "Intercom" during last week(s) of the War.

A conversation with some P.O. men revealed that there is a belief the German authorities might perpetrate unprecedented measures during the final days of the war.

In the word "Intercom" are included Foreign Workers - forced and voluntary. Even regulars of the Allied Forces have been murdered in Belgium recently, despite the 1929 Convention.

This makes it the more necessary to "soften" all those who can be made amenable to help in lessening harsh treatment.

3. Reliability of writing on the motive of self-interest.

Hitler's Allied propaganda has particularly used the weapon of threats, stressing the penalties awaiting war criminals.

Clearly it will continue thus in communications addressed to Germany as a whole.

Now there is an offer of some hope to P.O. and other well-doers which should bring in some percentage of fruitful results.

It has been argued that the offer of such hope is detrimental to our prosecution of the war.

Should the effort to secure a degree of clemency for United Nations victims in Germany be pursued, if it involved some degree of clemency later on to well-doers among the enemy?

The Polish Officer, speaking as one of the millions who had had experience of the unparalleled brutality of the Nazis, did not doubt of the reply.

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From: Department Date: December 29, 11 p.m., 1944
No: 4386
Code: Brown Received: December 30, noon

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Any special purpose?
this transfer.

For Daymont from Allen.

\$175,000 being made available to you in Swiss francs through the Swiss National Bank for Roswell D. McClelland, War Refugee Board, on the basis of voucher submitted this office. Do not reflect in your accounts but take receipt from McClelland for later attachment to voucher. Advise McClelland funds are confidential.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: December 30, 1944

No.: 84278

Code: Clear (MLT)

Charged to: Compte 161 (Mr. McClelland)

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From Daymont Reference Legation's 7855 November thirtieth.
December payments advanced from Contingent for reimbursement
by agency as follows:

November Telegrams	\$ 1,479.61
Travel & per diem November	\$ 288.94
Gross salary and overtime	\$ 594.02
TOTAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,362.57

Voucher Numbers 305, 306 and 342 respectively.

Foreign Service Pay Adjustment not paid since June thirtieth
owing to lack of allotment.

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Copy sent to Mr. McClelland

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: December 30, 4 p.m., 1944
No: 4400
Code: WRB Received: December 31, 11 a.m.
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WMB 348. For McClelland from Pehle.

We are transferring one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars to you for use at your discretion in furthering the programs of the War Refugee Board. These funds are not subject to usual government disbursement procedure and you will be responsible to me alone for their expenditure. You should, however, keep careful record of expenditures and obtain receipts where possible.

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In duplicate to files

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Administrative & Financial
June, July & August 1944.

From: [illegible] night, 1944
Code: Brown noon

Allotment of six hundred dollars granted
War Refugee Board to cover Foreign Service pay
adjustment on McClelland's salary and per diem.
Legation authorized to make such payments through
June 30 on a reimbursable basis.

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FOR MR. McCLELLAND

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: June 9, midnight, 1944
 No: 1988
 Code: Brown Received: June 10, noon

Allotment of six hundred dollars granted War Refugee Board to cover Foreign Service pay adjustment on McClelland's salary and per diem. Legation authorized to make such payments through June 30 on a reimbursable basis.

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Minister
WRB - RRM
Rep. Aug. 11/44
No. 5195

From: Department  . Date: June 10, 7 p.m., 1944
No: 1994
Code:  Received: June 11, 10 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB 38. For McClelland.

We are sending you at once, in response to your recent requests for funds, the sum of \$125,000. The remainder of \$125,000 will be remitted when it is needed.

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In triplicate
re

Copy in file
(Copy sent to accounts)

T 300 Ser. 3390, May 27, 44
"War Rel. Board"

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at the War Rel. Board

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State Dept. Ltr. 1-11-72
By R. H. ... SEP 26 1972

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: June 14, 10 p.m., 1944
Code: [REDACTED] No: 2048
Received: June 15, 9 a.m.

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(C.I.)

PARAPHRASE

For McClelland from the War Refugee Board.
No. 41.

Reference is made to telegram No. 1994, of
June 10, 1944, from the Department.

On June 15 the funds indicated in the telegram
referred to above will be transferred. These funds
are not subject to the usual government disbursing
requirements but a careful record should be kept and,
wherever possible, receipts should be obtained. You
are accountable for their expenditure only to J.W.
Fahle. However, they should not be used for
administrative purposes of a routine character.

HULL

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in quadruplicate
(in duplicate to A.I.)
Copy in F.A. Jun 15, 1944

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

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(CI) FOR MR. McCLELLAND

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Funds received

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From: Department Date: June 22, 1944
No: Bern, June 20, 1944.
Code: Clear Received: June 23, 9 a.m.

Swiss National Bank,
- Bern.

Mayer and McClelland both Attention Mr. Burkhardt:

Sirs: (your 3741 June 12).

This will acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of June 15, 1944, advising me of a credit for my account of an amount of Swiss Francs 536,020.58, received from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In reply to your request for instructions for the disposition of the above mentioned amount, please be advised that this amount should be held in cash for payment to Mr. L. J. Daymont, the Legation's Disbursing Officer and that the present letter will serve as my receipt for this payment.

Very truly yours,

Leland Harrison
American Minister

6/20/44
Dear Mr. McClelland:
A free account and deposited in Special account today.
Hd

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(C.L.) FOR MR. McCLELLAND

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From:	Department	Date:	June 22, 1944
		No:	2129
Code:	Clear	Received:	June 23, 9 a.m.

Mayer and McClelland both entitled to overtime pay (your 3741 June 12).

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Mr. McClelland and accounts
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Bern, July 1, 1944.

Dear Mr. Vigier:

I wish to thank you for your recent kindness and helpfulness in arranging matters with the League of Nations Library so that my Research Assistant, M. Hamori, could obtain certain maps and books which particularly interested us. I can assure you that making the wealth of material at present in the League Library available to us is appreciated by the Legation. If from time to time in the future we need further material, I trust that it will be possible for M. Hamori to avail himself again of the help and guidance of Dr. Breycha-Vautier.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Henri Vigier,
Secretariat of the League of Nations,
Geneva.

Dr. A. C. Breycha-Vautier,
Librarian, League of Nations,
Geneva.

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From: Department of State
Date: July 1, 8 p.m., 1944
(Filed July 2)
No: 2241
Received: July 2, 8 p.m.

Bern, July 1, 1944.

Dear Dr. Breycha-Vautier:

I wish to thank you for your kindness and helpfulness in placing certain maps and books which particularly interested us at the disposal of my Research Assistant, M. Hamori. I can assure you that making the wealth of material at present in the League Library available to us is appreciated by the Legation. I trust that it will be possible for M. Hamori to avail himself once more of your kind help and guidance.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. A. C. Breycha-Vautier,
Librarian, League of Nations,
Geneva.

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Letters to all organizations 7/7/44

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Please consult with
Mr. [unclear]

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: July 1, 8 p.m., 1944
(Filed July 3)
No: 2241
Code: [redacted] Received: July 3, 8 p.m.

WRB 2241 5/14/44
Action R 211
dated July 10/44
No. 4387

PARAPHRASE

C.L.

WRB No. 85. For McClelland.

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

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

Please obtain estimate if exact figures are not available.

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By R. R. [unclear] SEP 26 1972

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To: Department
Date: July 10, 7 p. m., 1944.
No: 4387
Code: [REDACTED] (10)
Charged to:

Paraphrase

Reference is made to the Department's 2241 of July 1.

The requested information is being collected. In this respect it is pointed out that the section referring to the sending of free currency into territory of the enemy is A(3) rather than 1(c) according to prototype license issued to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (see the Department's 229 of January 22). Also, the license issued to the World Jewish Congress is Y-2115 rather than W-2115 (please see Department's 197 of January 20 in latter connection).

Foregoing is from McClelland for the War Refugee Board.

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MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1944

FA
Mr. Laing:

Will you please check up and let me know the action taken on the following at the very earliest

Gal...

American Committee for Christian Refugees (1)

Dr. A. Freudenberg ✓
41, rue de Champel
Geneva.

License W-2150 } Letter of March 16, 1944.
Paragraph A (3) ✓

International Rescue & Relief Committee (2)

Rene Bartholet
Wassstr. 14
Zürich

License W-2138 } Letter of March 16/44.
Paragraph A (3) ✓

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MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1944

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Mr. Laing:

Will you please check up and let me know the action taken on the following instructions at the very earliest

Jewish Labor Committee
 Dr. B. Tschlenoff (3)
 Union OSE
 15, rue Mont-Blanc
 Geneva

&

Prof. Leifman Hersch (1)
 18 Ave. Pierre-Odier
 Geneva

Jewish Labor Committee
 License W 2126 } letter of Feb 22/44.
 Paragraph A (3) } by purchasing

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

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MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1944

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Mr. Laing:

Will you please check up and let me know the action taken on the following instructions at your very earliest

④ Joint Distribution Committee
Mr. Saly Mayer
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Geneva ✓
Licence W-2106 } Letter of
Paragraph A (3) } Feb. 12th/44.

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... you please check up and let me know the action
... on the following instructions at your very earliest
convenience:

Visa of Orthodox Rabbis

(5) Mr. Isaac Sternbuch
Villa "Les Colondalles"
Montreux (Vaud)

License No. W-2117 } Letter of
Paragraphs A (3) } Jan 26 /44

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Mr. Laing:

Will you please check up and let me know the action taken on the following instructions at your very earliest convenience:

- (1) Department's 2023, June 13, regarding visas for refugee children (McClelland).
- (2) Department's circular of June 14 addressed to me from WRB regarding Fort Ontario refugee camp.
- (3) Department's circular of June 15--Action to be taken with regard to President's message respecting ill treatment of Jews.

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Secretary General
World Jewish Congress
37, Quai Wilson
Geneva

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July 3, 1944

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Mr. Laing:

Will you please check up and let me know the action taken on the following instructions at your very earliest convenience:

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- (2) Department's circular of June 14 addressed to me from WRB regarding Fort Ontario refugee camp.
- (3) Department's circular of June 15--Action to be taken with regard to President's message respecting ill treatment of Jews.
- (4) Department's 2131, June 22, 8 p.m., regarding hospitalization in neutral countries of ill civilians held in Germany and occupied territory--an inquiry from the Friends Service Committee (McClelland).
- * (5) Department's 2149, June 24--Desire that protecting power and ICRC visit camps in Germany and other occupied countries to locate alleged holders of USA and other Latin American passports (McClelland, also possibly AI).
- (6) Department's circular of June 28--Publication of House Foreign Affairs Committee resolution regarding Jews (McClelland and OWI).
- (7) Department's 2196, June 28, directing me to take the action outlined in the final sentence of the Department's 1498 of April 29 (McClelland and also AI).
- (8) Department's 2197, June 28, transmitting a message from Henry Leiper to Visser't Hooft (McClelland).
- (9) Department's 2198, June 28--Plan for delivering food parcels to camps in Germany and occupied territory through ICRC; action to be concerted with British (McClelland and CA-DJR).
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✓ (10) Department's 2206, June 29, in which WRB requests to be informed which of two conflicting reports regarding attitude of Rumanian Government with respect to permission for entry of Jews is in our opinion correct (McClelland).

L. H.

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- 1 Children's Hour Dept's 2023 of June 13 - Answered July 6th.
Am preparing an answer to go out this week since I was only able to talk to Tolson Gov. at the end of last week.
- 2 Dept's Circular - Fort Ontario Affair June 14
- 3 Dept's Circular of June 15 President's message regarding ill-treatment of Jews.
- 4 Letter to ^{AFSC} Dr. E. de Haller, July 1, 1944
- 5 AI sent note No. 3857 to DFI-FPB on July 3rd./44.
- 6 Will leave man action to GMM. Will have text sent into Home clandestinely for underground press use. Home In. Affairs Card 112
- 7 See memo attached & draft wire. | Dept's 2196 of June 28 - answered. Small sentence of Dept. 4498 of Apr. 29.
(Tels. 3144, 3147 May 17, Dep. 8203 May 17)
- 8 Letter to Dr. Visser 't Hooft July 1, 1944
- 9 Matter taken up gently by Dr. Livingston. No action & FBI with ICRG afternoon of July 6th. Preliminary answer from ICRG will be received Sunday, July 9th. I will submit memo today.
- 10 Answered on July 1st (draft answer submitted to Mr. Huddle.)
Rumanian Gov. letting in Jews - reliable in note

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: DEPARTMENT Date: JULY 31, 1944.
Code: CLEAR (MIT) No: 4903
Charged to: RB - Compte No. 161

From Daymont Reference Department's 4151 June Thirtieth.
July payments advanced from Contingent by Agency as follows:

Gross salary and overtime July.....	\$ 594.02
Office Equipment.....	\$ 440.18
Cartage.....	\$ 2.75
June telegrams.....	\$ 556.76
Total for Reimbursement.....	\$1,593.71

With reference Department's 1988 June Ninth Payment of Foreign Service Pay Adjustment withheld owing to lack of advice of allotment.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: August 11, 10 a. m., 1944.
Code: [redacted] No: 5195
Charged to:

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Paraphrase

From McClelland for WRB with reference to the Department's 1994 of June 10th.

The remittance in the near further of the remaining \$125,000 WRB funds would be appreciated since the first installment is practically exhausted and the coming months will be critical.

HARRISON

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: August 19, 8 a.m., 1944
No: 5389
Code: [redacted] Charged to:

PARAPHRASE

(C.L.)

From McClelland for Pehle WRB.

Reference Department's telegram No. 2805, of August 15, 1944.

I much appreciate your kind and encouraging expression of appreciation of the work I am doing. I regret that there has been no possibility for me to bring about more far-reaching and concrete results in the efforts which we are making here in Switzerland to bring ^{to safety} people in danger of their lives in so many European countries occupied by the Nazis. But it is difficult to achieve tangible results in view of the impossibility of direct relations with reliable contacts in enemy territory and in territory occupied by the enemy. There may be even greater difficulties for us during the coming critical months when Nazi repression promises to intensify in ruthlessness. In spite of all this, the effort of the American Government, through the WRB, to aid victims of Nazi persecution continues visibly to encourage a large number of sorely tried people to hold out until effective ~~relief~~ relief can be brought to them by us.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: August 23, 8 p.m., 1944
Code: [REDACTED] No.: 2898
Received: August 24, 2 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

(C.I.)

WRB 134. For McClelland.
Legation's 5195 August 11.
We are remitting through regular banking channels the sum of \$125,000 for your account.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: August 28, 11 p.m., 1944

No.: 2973

Code:  (CL)

Received: August 29, 3 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

WRB No. 148. For McClelland.

Personal and ~~confidential~~ from Pehle.

The source of the special fund of \$250,000 which you received in two installments of \$125,000 each was the Joint Distribution Committee. They have been kept informed of your reports on the use to which this money is put. Joint Distribution has given its approval to these expenditures and to the continued use of the fund for the programs mentioned by you.

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Received WRB Aug 30 1944
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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 26 1972

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Department C.I. August 31, 1944
Clear (NLT) 5684

From Daymont Reference Legation's 4903 July Thirtyfirst.
August payments advanced from Contingent for reimburse-
ment by Agency as follows:

Travel and per diem July.....	\$ 504.25
July telegrams	\$ 2,860.05
Gross salary and overtime August.....	\$ 594.02
Total for reimbursement	\$ 3,758.32

Voucher Numbers 67, 70 and 87 respectively.

Would appreciate allotment to permit payment Foreign
Service Pay Adjustment.

HARRISON

LJD/gac

Copy sent to Mr. McClelland.

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TELEGRAM SENT

Dutch
see telegram } file.
Zurich, 1945

To Department
Code CLEAR

(C) No. 493

LEGATION.

Bern, January 11, 1945.

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January through April
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Sincerely yours,

Well D. McClelland
Social Assistant to
the American Minister.

The Swiss National Bank
Dept. of Accounts.

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TELEGRAM SENT

Dutch
see Belgian } file.
Zurich, 1945

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(C) No. 483

LEGATION.

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CLEAR

Bern, January 11, 1945.

The Swiss National Bank

Bundesplatz,
For WRS from McClelland,
B e r n.

With the Board's consent I should very

Sirs:

much like to take a short vacation between
I should appreciate it if you would
kindly send me a statement of the present state
of the account which you are holding in my name
covering the various transactions in the course
of 1944 since its inception.

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Sincerely yours,

In duplicate - Copy in 81.

Roswell D. McClelland
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

The Swiss National Bank

Dept. of Accounts.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: January 25, 1945

Code: CLEAR *net* No: 483

Charged to:

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For WRB from McClelland.

With the Board's consent I should very much like to take a short vacation between either January 29 and February 6 or latter date and February 14.

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From: Department Date: January 26, 10 p.m., 1945
No: 442
Code: WRB Received: January 27, 1 p.m.

TO
Received WRB Jan 27 1945 ADM
For Action
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649 WRB GENERAL (R. McClelland's vacation)

The following for McClelland from Pehle is WRB 386.
Reference your No. 483 of January 23.
We, of course, have no objection to your taking a
well earned vacation between either of the dates mentioned
by you. I assume that you have made arrangements for the
handling of War Refugee Board work during your absence.

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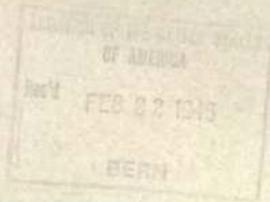
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JAN 26 1945

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Dear Mr. McClelland:

The copies of your accounts of expenditures made from discretionary Board funds which you sent to us with your letter of November 27, 1944, have been studied with considerable interest.

With respect to your request to be advised as to whether or not the record is sufficiently detailed, we have found the accounts with the supporting receipts and the supplementary information which you submitted entirely satisfactory. We are pleased with the manner in which you have handled the funds and with your report of the way in which they were utilized.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Peble
J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Representative of the
War Refugee Board
United States Legation
Bern, Switzerland

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department Date: January 27, 1945
(Filed Jan. 28)
No: 467
Code: Clear Received: January 29, 8 a.m.

Received WRB Jan 29 1945
10:10 AM
Answered
By

The cable below is for McClelland from War Refugee Board.

The following is text of press release to be issued by Board on January 28, 1945 announcing Mr. Pehle's resignation as Executive Director of the Board and the appointment of Brigadier General William O'Dwyer as his successor.

"The War Refugee Board announced today that John W. Pehle has resigned as Executive Director of the Board. The Board made public Mr. Pehle's letter of resignation and the Board's acceptance. Mr. Pehle was designated Acting Executive Director of the Board shortly after its creation on January 22, 1944. Later, on March 24, 1944, the Board with the approval of the President designated him permanent Executive Director. As explained in the letter of resignation, Mr. Pehle resigned because of the increasing burden of new duties which have been assigned to him as Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury. At the same time the Board announced the selection of Brigadier General William O'Dwyer as the new Executive Director. General O'Dwyer is being returned to inactive status by the War Department to handle this assignment. General O'Dwyer is district attorney for Kings County, New York, on leave, and recently returned to the United States from Italy, where he served as Vice President of the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy with the personal rank of Minister."

Following is personal from Pehle.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you again my personal appreciation for the excellent work you have done for the Board during the period I served as Executive Director. I am confident that General O'Dwyer can rely on your continued service and devotion to the work of the Board.

Sent to Bern, repeated to London for Mann, Stockholm for Olsen, Ankara for Katzi.
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648 WRB ORIGINAL (Pehle's resignation)

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Feb 16/45

(C.T.)

L'aide des Etats-Unis aux réfugiés d'Europe

de Genève - No 40

le 16 Jan 1945

Notre cahier de New-York :

Lors d'un meeting organisé à New-York par France-Forever, en hommage aux trois millions de Français prisonniers et déportés en Allemagne, plusieurs personnalités de la colonie française passèrent en revue l'aide apportée par les organisations américaines pour soulager ces infortunés.

M. Dornano, qui dirige la mission française aux Etats-Unis chargée de ces problèmes, parla de l'aide apportée par la Croix-Rouge américaine et l'administration de la loi « Prêt et bail », sous forme d'envois de colis, de vivres, de vêtements, de trousseaux médicaux, et d'autres articles d'une urgente nécessité. Plus de neuf millions de colis et de vivres furent envoyés en 1944, ainsi que 600.000 colis de vêtements et 90.000 trousseaux médicaux, dont chacune était suffisante pour répondre aux besoins médicaux normaux de cent hommes pendant un mois.

Le travail tenace, patient des organisations américaines, comprenait notamment l'aide aux émigrants, l'établissement de camps de réfugiés pour les victimes du fascisme, et l'entretien de camps aux Etats-Unis pour les réfugiés. Des milliers de civils français, chassés temporairement par l'avance des armées alliées en France, furent évacués grâce à l'aide américaine. Puis on essaya par tous les moyens d'évacuer des populations civiles sinistrées, soit aux Etats-Unis, soit dans d'autres pays d'Amérique. Enfin, les offices américains organisèrent des camps de réfugiés dans le Proche-Orient et en Afrique du Nord pour les gens qui ne pouvaient pas rester chez eux par suite des circonstances de guerre.

L'organisation la plus importante est l'Office des réfugiés de guerre, institué le 22 janvier 1944 par un décret du président Roosevelt. Ses buts étaient bien définis : « prendre toutes mesures pour sauver les victimes de l'oppression ennemie, leur porter secours le plus rapidement possible, assumer leur sauvetage, leur transport et leur entretien et les établir. »

Deux mois après, M. Pehle, le directeur de l'Office des réfugiés de guerre, pouvait déjà établir un rapport: Quarante mille réfugiés juifs furent sauvés du danger des persécutions en Transistrie, grâce à la pression diplomatique exercée sur le gouvernement roumain. Des routes d'évacuation barrées furent rouvertes aux réfugiés. Des navires torrés furent prêtés pour emmener des milliers de personnes. Au moyen des voies diplomatiques, l'Office en question avertissait certains Etats que les Etats-Unis les tiendraient pour responsables de continuer la politique de persécution.

L'Office des réfugiés de guerre intervint également au moyen d'intermédiaires neutres auxquels

ou demanda de relâcher le contrôle sur leurs frontières et d'accepter des réfugiés. De nombreuses opérations d'évacuation furent entreprises, notamment en faveur de Juifs hongrois évacués par l'Espagne. Bon nombre de ces réfugiés arrivèrent finalement aux Etats-Unis ou sur le sol d'autres républiques américaines.

En juillet 1944 on pouvait établir que l'U.N.R.A. sauvait 5000 Yougoslaves par mois. Ces malheureux furent transportés en Egypte et en Italie, où on s'occupa d'eux. A cette date, 54.000 réfugiés grecs et yougoslaves étaient logés dans six camps en Afrique du Nord où leur entretien se faisait pour la grande partie grâce aux produits envoyés d'Amérique et distribués gratuitement. Environ 8000 personnes s'échappaient chaque mois des Balkans et recevaient l'aide américaine dans les camps italiens ou en Afrique du Nord.

Les réfugiés s'occupèrent de l'entretien des camps, de travaux manuels. Les familles furent logées ensemble; chaque camp avait un conseil d'administration composé de réfugiés. Ceux-ci furent initiés au service social, les femmes comme infirmières, les hommes comme artisans.

Les organisations américaines privées participèrent également activement à l'aide des réfugiés. En septembre de l'année dernière, le président européen du American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee déclara qu'au cours des neuf premiers mois, 8000 Juifs avaient pu être sauvés des Balkans.

Un des exemples les plus intéressants des opérations communes entreprises par l'Office des réfugiés de guerre fut l'établissement d'un camp dans l'Etat de New-York pour les victimes de l'oppression nazie. Un millier de réfugiés de dix-neuf nationalités, surtout amenés des camps d'Italie libérée, y furent amenés des camps d'Autriche, de Yougoslavie et d'Allemagne y furent amenés des camps d'Italie libérée. Ils restauront leur retour. Ces réfugiés reçoivent des vivres, un logement, une allocation mensuelle en espèces, des vêtements, des soins médicaux. Très peu d'Américains sont employés au camp.

Les organisations privées aux Etats-Unis, en particulier des groupes religieux, ont fourni l'aide aux réfugiés. Ceux-ci ont monté leur propre hôpital, publié un journal, joué des pièces, organisé un orchestre et créé des œuvres artistiques, dans de nombreux domaines.

Comme le disait un Américain qui s'occupe du camp: « C'est probablement la seule communauté aux Etats-Unis où plus de 75% des adultes vont à l'école. »

Quand il prit connaissance des activités de l'Office des réfugiés, le public américain l'exhorta à poursuivre sa tâche.

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The following to Harrison and McClelland from O'Dwyer is WRB 440.

Reference Department's No. 819 of February 25, 1945.

Since my trip to Switzerland has been delayed for the time being, I have decided to send Herbert Katzki to Switzerland temporarily to assist Mr. McClelland in developing program approved by Board members at a meeting on February 20. Mr. Katzki has just returned from Ankara, Turkey, where he was special representative of the Board and is expected to leave United States for Switzerland very shortly.

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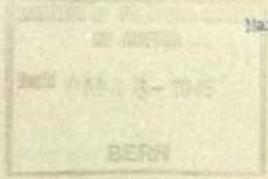
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 13, 1945



C.I.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Dear Mr. McClelland:

This letter is your authority whenever requested to pay Mr. Herbert Katzki for personal expenses from confidential funds at your disposal, a sum not to exceed \$25.00 per day. In addition you are to provide Mr. Katzki the necessary money to pay for whatever travel he may be called upon to make in the interests of the War Refugee Board. Such transportation will also include his return passage to the United States. When Mr. Katzki is ready to return, please give him a copy of your receipts covering all advances made to him for personal use only.

Please keep a record of all expenditures made in connection with Mr. Katzki's mission, both personal advances and transportation costs, for submission with your final accountings.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

David White
David White
Administrative Officer

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland
Special Representative
War Refugee Board
Bern, Switzerland

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WRB No. 466. For McClelland.

Please report urgently amount of unexpended
War Refugee Board funds you have on hand.

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Answered on
March 21st/45.
6:15 pm

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To: Department Date: March 21, 1945, 7 p.m.
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For WRB from McClelland.
Department's 1132, WRB's 466, March 20
I have on hand 1,257,810 Swiss francs in
unexpended WRB funds.

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To: Department

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For O'Dwyer of WRB from McClelland,
Department's 998, WRB's 438, March 9 and 1090,
WRB's 455, March 16.

Many thanks for your telephone call of March 21.
I regret that illness prevented me from going to Paris
immediately on receipt your 998, but I was laid up with
flu until March 20.

It would be most helpful to have Katski in Paris
in first place to actively follow up negotiations with
SHAEP concerning allocation trucks, tires and fuel for
IGRC-WRB relief and evacuation work in Germany, and
secondly to accelerate evacuation from Switzerland of
"Hungarian" group of 1,672 refugees as well as some 700
stateless from Theresienstadt convoy. Slowness with which
this has been moving is beginning to have unfavorable
reaction in dealing with Swiss. It is most important at
this critical time that at least a few hundred of these
refugees be moved on as promptly as possible in view of
conceivable arrival in Switzerland shortly of unknown
numbers of new evacuees. Katski could perform most valuable
service as WRB liaison man to handle such matters now and
in future with SHAEP in France, AMIQ in Caserta and UNRRA.

If I had someone to do this outside work who could
assist me in Switzerland for a week or two from time to time
I could continue swinging the job at this end without need
of your sending a special WRB man to assist me full time here.

I shall discuss this whole question with Katski and
would appreciate your opinion. Please wire me in Paris.

HIMcC.

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By A. H. Paris Date SEP 26 1972

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To: Department

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US URGENT

For O'Dwyer of WRB from McClelland,
Department's 1148, WRB's 468, March 21, 7 p.m.

According your instructions I shall leave
for Paris at soonest possible moment although
with prevailing transportation difficulties I
probably cannot reach there before March 25 or
26.

I will contact Brigadier General Maurice
Gillard of SHAEF G-4 immediately on arrival.

Kindly advise me care Embassy Paris
of approximate date of Katski's arrival.

HARRISON

RDMcC.

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State Dept. Order, 1-11-72
By R. H. [unclear] Date SEP 26 1972

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To: Department

Date: March 31, 1945

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Charged to:

From Payment Legation's 1296 February Twentyeighth.

March payments advanced from Contingent for reimbursement
by agency as follows:

Purchase equipment	\$	13.03
Repairs to equipment	\$	2.68
February travel and per diem with FSPA	\$	308.69
Payroll for March with FSPA	\$	717.37
February telegrams	\$	1,760.62
TOTAL		\$2,802.39

Voucher Numbers 517, 518, 526, 552 and 556 respectively.

HARRISON

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Copy sent to Mr. McClelland.

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