Denunciation of Jews in Bucharest
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C.
X-2 Branch

November 8, 1944

Memorandum for: Mr. Orvis A. Schmidt, Foreign Funds Control Treasury

Subject: Denunciation of Jews in Bucharest

1. The following information was received from Caserta by cable on October 27, the source being captured German documents.

2. These documents reveal that one Hans Wolf, a Swiss journalist who is trusted by the Zionists and occasionally acted as courier for them, had denounced many Jews to the Gestapo. These documents also revealed that Willmann, President of the Jewish Center at Bucharest, and one Hanzl, a Swiss (no further identification) had also made many denunciations to the Gestapo against Jews. These records list individual American donations to Jews in Bucharest totaling nearly a half million dollars. This money was sent to Switzerland for relay to Palestine but there is evidence that much of it may have been diverted.

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X-2 Branch

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

7849, November 30, 2 p.m.
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

With due regard for highly confidential nature of information contained in your 3943, November 20 WRB 286, I am making inquiries through channels available to me concerning Hanswelt, Willmann and Hanalia particularly the former. Will report any reliable findings promptly.

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On page one, line 12, delete "(?)ence" and insert "the 
security" making the line read "addressess was summoned to 
the security for question on matters etc."
The following is for your confidential information from
NATO 1 to Public War Refugee Board, Antwerp 127.
Reference is made herewith to Department's cable no. 1060, USB's no. 123.

For some time the Palestine Rescue Committee representatives in Istanbul have known of the dealings of Hans Welti. Welti had been introduced to them as a Swiss journalist who had important contacts and who was able to carry mail to Bucharest and Sofia from Istanbul and vice versa. The services of Welti were used in November 1943 for the first time. After undue delay the letters arrived in Bucharest and one of the addresses was summoned to the Department for questioning on matters which have been mentioned only in the letters entrusted to Welti. Then from reliable sources the Palestinian representatives found out that Welti had been suspected as being a Nazi agent for some time. The Bucharest representatives of Palestinian, accordingly, were warned regarding Welti who was sometimes given harmless letters in order to avoid trouble and suspicion.

26 of the Rescue Committee's active people in Bucharest, in February 1944, were arrested on charges of foreign currency embezzlement and of having been in contact with Tito (see USB's
It was clear to remain arrested during the investigation by Italian and German authorities, that they were being questioned on the basis of material which could have reached the authorities only through Welit.

Proper individuals in Istanbul have been informed of Welit's name and activities.

We do not know here the name of Ullmann, described in your cable as President of the Jewish Center in Bucharest. Can you provide any helpful details?

Here Welit may be the Hanafi whom you mention. He is not known here to receive payments.

STEHNMANN
This is War Refugee Board Bern cable No. 286.

Attention of McClelland.

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(Acting)
CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AT BEIJING FOR MC CLELLAND

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THIS IS W.W.H.P. CABLE NO. 216.

12:30 p.m.
November 20, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Con, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mann, McCormack, Miles

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The cable below for Katski is URB 129.

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CABLE TO AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT AT ANKARA FOR KATZKI

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