Funds for Relief Work in Switzerland
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2. Licenses Issued by this File - 2274
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: August 28, 1944

SECRET

FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION ONCE RECEIVED.

Reference your No. 4904 of July 31, 1944 and Department's
No. 5895 of August 22, 1944, (TB No. 132).

Board assures that any work you are doing for relief of
families of the enquis is closely coordinated with OSS and
that in areas where they take over our activities will cease.

Here is our understanding with War Department here.

This is under TB No. 5895.

HULL

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R.H. Parks Date SEP 27 1972
CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your No. 4904 of July 31, 1944 and Department's No. of (WRB No. 138).

Board assumes that any work you are doing for relief of families of the Maquis is closely coordinated with OSS and that in areas where Army takes over our activities will cease. Foregoing is our understanding with War Department here.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 147

3:05 p.m.
August 26, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DaBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

[Signature]
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Immigration, Bern
D.T.D: August 23, 1944

FOR YOUR PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

Special fund of $250,000 sent to you in two installments of
$125,000 each was made available by the JDC which has been kept
advised of your reports on the use of such fund. JDC approves
such expenditures and the continued use of the fund for the
programs mentioned by you.

THIS IS THE CASE TO BILL NO. 148.

HULL

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 27, 1972
CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR McCLELLAND FROM PEIBLE

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Special fund of $250,000 sent to you in two installments of $125,000 each was made available by the JDC which has been kept advised of your reports on the use of such fund. JDC approves such expenditures and the continued use of the fund for the programs mentioned by you.

THIS IS WEB CABLE TO BERN NO. 148

3:06 p.m.
August 26, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files
Dear Mr. McCloy:

I have received your letter of August 23, 1944, concerning assistance rendered by our representative in Bern to Conseil de la Resistance for the relief of families of the Maquis.

You are quite correct in assuming that the Board does not intend to go into this type of work extensively. I enclose for your information a copy of a cable received by the Board from Mr. McClelland in which he explains his part in this program. We are advising Mr. McClelland at once to coordinate any work in this field with the activities of OSS. The Board, of course, has no intention of facilitating relief operations of this kind in areas where the Army has taken over.

I appreciate your calling this matter to my attention and I assure you that every effort will be made to insure no overlapping of activities in the refugee relief field.

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J. W. Peble

J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Honorable John J. McCloy,

Assistant Secretary of War.
War Department
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Washington, D.C.

23 August 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I noticed in your summary of War Refugee Board report for the week of July 31 to August 5 that your representative McClelland has furnished funds to Conseil de la Resistance to assist families of the Maquis. I understand that OSS has done something in this regard and of course in areas where the Army comes in arrangements are made through the Civil Affairs people to help out.

I do not suppose that you contemplate going into this field to any great extent but if you do I make the suggestion that it might be advisable to coordinate what you are doing with other agencies as we may get too many in the field.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Stamp] Confidential

[Stamp] Victory - Buy U.S. Bonds and Stamps
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: August 23, 1944
NUMBER: 2395

THE FOLLOWING FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Board approves your support (including financial aid) of the two programs reported in your No. 4904 of July 31 and your No. 5343 of August 17. You are authorized to continue such support as long as you deem it advisable.

This is War Bern Call No. 138

HULL

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R.H. Parks Date SEP 27 1972
CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MOOLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEES BOARD

Board approves your support (including financial aid) of the two programs reported in your No. 4904 of July 31 and your No. 5343 of August 17. You are authorized to continue such support as long as you deem it advisable.

THIS IS WARBERN CABLE NO. 128.

1:25 p.m.
August 22, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 25, 1944
NUMBER: 288

FOLLOWING FOR McCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD:

Reference your number 5195 of August 11, 1944.

Remittance of 125,000 dollars being made through regular banking channels to Minister Harrison for your account.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE No. 134.

HULL
CABLE TO HARRISON, BEIR, FOR MCKEELAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your number 5195 of August 11, 1944.

Remittance of $25,000 dollars being made through regular banking
channels to Minister Harrison for your account.

THIS IS WIRE BEING CABLE NO.______

Model 13th 8/17/_____

[Signature]
McKeelands sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

In view of the fact that the coming months will be critical ones and first installment WRB funds is practically exhausted remittance of remaining 1/25,000 funds in the near future would be appreciated.

The foregoing refers to the Department's June 10 cable No. 1994.

HARRISON
This message is from McCalland to WSB.

Refer to 5390 of the twenty seventh of May and Department's 1994 of the tenth of June.

During the past few months I have been in close contact with several responsible members of the French "Conseil dela Resistance" and in particular with the head of their relief or "Service Social" section.

In the attempt of the Social Service to keep alive the families of combatants in the Maquis, innocent civilians, executed patriots and of hundreds of thousands of political prisoners in prisons and camps, it has had to take on an ever increasing responsibility.

Such scantly required relief work has been lacking in adequate financing.

The Service Social has had to accomplish its best under this great burden with a mere five million francs a month, in spite of the fact that the minimum budget requirement is twenty million French francs each month, which is four hundred Swiss francs, roughly speaking.

On the twenty fourth of June I contributed two hundred thousand Swiss francs to their budget for an unspecified length of time.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Patino Date Sep 27, 1972
time and since have financed one small corps of medical supplies
to the southern regions for the relief of civilians, although not
falling wholly within WAE's scope of prescribed field of activity.
Such contribution was primarily made to mitigate the bitter need
of the French themselves and, in small part, to secure the cooperation
and good will of the NRA, which is necessary in carrying out
successfully any relief operations on behalf of foreign refugees
in France. Other sources must furnish financial aid for them.

Moreover, I hesitate to continue without specified approval regular
support from WAE funds. The Minister, other members of the Legation
and myself on the other hand urgently recommend that such aid
be continued on indeniable humanitarian, as well as military
and political basis. The morale of the civilians is at a low ebb
and the work of reorganization at a later date would most assuredly
be facilitated by anything which we can do to raise it.

HARRISON

Dated:
8-1-44
Mr. Farke
Miss Hodel

The War Refugee Board recommends the immediate issuance of a Washington License to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, permitting it to pay, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, $125,000 to the Treasurer of the United States for transfer to Roswell D. McClelland, War Refugee Board Representative at Bern, Switzerland. The date of the License should be June 6, 1944. The file on the License should be sent to your secret files.

July 25, 1944

Miss Hodel
7/25/44
The sum indicated in Department's 1994 of June 10 will be transferred on June 15 and is for the confidential purposes outlined in your 3390 of May 27. These funds are not subject to usual government disbursing requirements, but you should keep careful record and obtain receipts wherever possible. They should not be used for routine administrative expenses and you are accountable only to J. W. Pehle for their expenditure.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 41.

HULL
CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON, BERN, AND MCGILLAND

The sum indicated in Department's 1994 of June 10 will be transferred on June 15 and is for the confidential purposes outlined in your 3990 of May 27. These funds are not subject to usual government disbursing requirements, but you should keep careful record and obtain receipts wherever possible. They should not be used for routine administrative expenses and you are accountable only to J. W. Peble for their expenditure.

THIS IS THE BERN CABLE NO. 41

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June 4014, 1944
$180 p.s.

[Signature]

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 11-12
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 24 1972

L. S. L. J. D.
From: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATE: June 10, 1944
NUMBER: 1994

Refugee Board to Harrison for McClelland

Arrangements being made to send you $125,000 at once for urgent relief and rescue work. Balance of $125,000 will be sent to you through same channels when needed.

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 38.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)
CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison for McClelland

Reference your no. 3390, May 27, 1944.

Arrangements being made to send you $125,000 at once through channels indicated for urgent relief and rescue work. Balance of $125,000 will be sent to you through same channels when needed.

THIS IS THE BERN CABLE NO. 3B.

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June 7, 1944
2130 p.m.

cc: Sady, Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Stewart, Central File, Cable Control File.

Fhilab 6/8/44
Mr. John V. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In accordance with our conversation, we take pleasure in enclosing herewith our certified check No. 10563 in the sum of $125,000, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. It is our understanding that this sum will be used for rescue and relief of Jews through the War Refugee Board.

Yours sincerely,

Moses A. Leavitt
Secretary

This sum is to be used in accordance with our understanding through the War Refugee Board’s representative.

June 6th, 1944.
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to Mr. Lesser

from J. W. Pehle

I discussed with the JDC Board yesterday the McClelland cable, No. 3390. The JDC is willing to put up the $250,000 beginning with one-half that amount. They would not like McClelland to know where the funds are coming from. The cable to McClelland should be cleared with Leavitt after we have agreed upon it. McClelland should, of course, be instructed to check carefully with Saly Mayer and other persons so that the purposes for which he uses funds do not overlap but effectively supplement the use of funds by private agencies such as the JDC. McClelland should, of course, to the extent possible, keep detailed records of the use of the funds, but such records need not be sent to the United States at this time. He should also be advised that, to the extent possible, the funds should be used within the framework of the Treasury Department license, but he may deviate to the extent of his best judgment.

The JDC would like it kept quite confidential that they are furnishing funds for such purposes.

JWP
June 6, 1944

Mr. Lesser

J. W. Pehle

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JWP
In his cable of May 27, McClelland at Bern, indicates that arrangements have been made with the French underground, and the Spanish underground, operating along the Franco-Spanish border, for the relief and evacuation of foreign refugees, particularly Jews, now in France. He also indicates that arrangements have been made with French tirailleur partisans in June and Haute Savoie looking to the evacuation of refugees into Switzerland. McClelland further disclosed that he is endeavoring to secure the collaboration of Communist groups in Austria, northern Italy and Hungary.

McClelland expresses a high opinion of the JDC - financed work in Holland and of the wide-spread activities of the Kachalutzim which the JDC also finances. He also indicates that he has put Spanish resistance groups in France in touch with the JDC, and that through this contact, Jews are being smuggled across the Spanish border and the Spaniards are receiving some compensatory financing. On the other hand, McClelland has a not uncommon complaint. JDC finances Oeuvre des Secours aux Enfants and WJC finances Federation des Organizations Chives, both in France -- McClelland thinks a lot more could be done if the French Societies would work together.

McClelland makes it clear that the work now being done could be greatly expanded by a more liberal supply of funds. He also makes it clear that the program he has mapped out cannot be effectuated without ample funds. He, therefore, requests that $250,000 be placed at his disposal at once.

In a cable dated May 17, MacVeagh at Cairo says that Eamik of the JDC suggested that a lot could be done for Jews still in Greece if the aid of the EAM were secured and gold made available to them. His idea is that evacuation to Turkey could be facilitated, and relief brought to Jews in hiding if our military who are in touch with the EAM would undertake to secure their cooperation and deliver the
necessary funds. Conversations have already been had with our military and they are awaiting word from their people on the spot as to the practicability of the suggestion. If it is found to be practicable, it is estimated that at least $100,000 will be needed at once.

You will also recall that Olken at Stockholm has requested $150,000 to carry out rescue projects in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, $10,000 a month for rescue and relief in Norway and $7,000 a month for the relief of Christian Jews in occupied areas.
McClelland sends the following for the War Refugee Board.

The following conclusions are reached after the past three weeks examination of rescue relief and maintenance possibilities for continually increasing number of victims of Nazi and satellite oppression in occupied Europe:

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

2. Money constitutes the principal tool which WRB can most effectively and quickly use to secure whatever results possible at this late date, as relief supplies such as clothing, medicines and food are hard to buy in sizeable quantities in Switzerland and even more difficult to transport out of the country especially if going to resistance groups. In affected regions funds must be provided for (1) extrication of imperiled persons and (2) sustenance of victims detained or in hiding and can effectively be disbursed through secret channels of agencies described hereafter.

3. With reference to message dated March 14 sending message for Stols from OSS to Garbo, Switzerland, which states that all necessary funds will be provided, it is recommended by me that initial fund of $50,000 be placed at my disposal for urgent relief and rescue work.

4. If funds are available, they should not be sent openly in my
name as in case 10,000 discretionary fund but anonymously if possible via
general remittances to the Legation to be secretly identified. If known
to the Swiss authorities, serious contacts with an assistance to underground
resistance groups capable of rescuing and maintaining many in danger of
death are liable to be compromised. Reluctance to allow certain compensation
operations 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 World Jewish Congress
or Joint Distribution Committee representatives here. And if funds are to
be effectively used through underground groups manipulation by me of such
monies must be strictly secret.

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

For rescue relief in France reliable resistance channels are open
to use: (A) Through various groups united under Conseil National de la
Resistance (B) with Spanish Comité d'Union National whose partisans,
active along the Pyrenees boarder, could greatly facilitate passing refugees
and other endangered persons into Spain (C) with franco tirour partisan
Haquis in both Jura and Haute Savoie which could aid in getting refugees
into Switzerland. As far as relief to their own people is concerned,
these groups are all pathetically under-financed and if aided could render
valuable assistance to foreign refugees in France, especially Jews.
Rescue relief possibilities of Jewish organizations would be enhanced by cooperation between them and such Jewish relief organizations in France as Oeuvre des Secours aux Enfants which the Joint finances and Federation des Organisations Juives which the World Jewish Congress finances. I have already put some Spanish resistance group in touch with WJC as it has been engaged in promoting rescue of young Jews across the Pyrenees into Spain on condition that WJC help Spaniards financially for relief to Spaniards who are in danger in France.

Also satisfactory are underground contacts with Holland, especially as regards relief to Jews. JDC is financing this work to extent possible but activity could be considerably expanded with additional funds. Working to secure collaboration Communist resistance channels into Hungary, northern Italy and Hungary as these groups especially well-organized and informed.

Have excellent contact with Jewish Hechalutz left Zionist organization with headquarters in Geneva which has been carrying on pioneer rescue work within limits its own young peoples groups since outbreak of war in Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Yugoslavia. It is a courageous and well-disciplined organization, having regular communication channels to and from the Balkans and Switzerland. Joint finances Hechalutz almost exclusively at present time but if more funds were available it could expand to valuable rescue work especially in the Balkans.

Kindly let me know at the earliest possible moment if funds can be made available in the amount suggested.

HARRISON
MEMORANDUM

For attachment to:
FRC Letter No:
Date: AUG 18 1944
Project No:

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Retractive license issued to JDC

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum from Miss Model dated July 23, 1944, dealing with a retractive license authorizing payment by JDC of $126,000 to Treasurer of the United States for transfer to Mr. Roswell D. McDowell, War Refugee Board representative at Bern.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

F. Model
For the War Refugee Board

Action:
Basic license No. W-2274 issued August 14, 1944 (Letter No. 78825)
Remittance license No. issued
Other:

Date:

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control
Dear Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has requested, on your behalf, the issuance of a retroactive license authorizing the payment by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of the sum of $125,000 to the Treasurer of the United States for transfer to Mr. Leopold M. McComb, War Refugee Board representative at Bern, Switzerland.

This letter will serve to license, retroactively, to June 6, 1944, the transaction described above, as far as Executive Order No. 8200 is concerned, and notwithstanding the provisions of General ruling No. 11.

Very truly yours,

Ervin A. Schmidt
Acting Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.
In reply please refer to: 75525

Dear Sirs:

The War Refugee Board has requested, on your behalf, the issuance of a retroactive license authorizing the payment by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of the sum of $125,000 to the Treasurer of the United States for transfer to Mr. Hoewell D. McClelland, War Refugee Board representative at Bern, Switzerland.

This letter will serve to license, retroactively to June 6, 1944, the transaction described above, so far as Executive Order No. 8369, as amended, is concerned, and notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11.

Very truly yours,

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

HBParkw1jch 8-18-44
MEMORANDUM

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control
FROM: War Refugee Board
Subject: Retroactive license issued to JDC

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Remarks:

Action:
Basic license No. W- issued
Remittance license No. W- issued
Other: License No. W-2274 issued

Date:

For the War Refugee Board

Liaison Officer
Foreign Funds Control