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International Committee for
The Red Cross (ICRC)
Geneva, Switzerland
Box 1

War Refugee Board
American Legation
Bern, Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE
RED CROSS: JEWISH RELIEF

January through December
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of the Red Cross (ICRC)
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Feb. Interview with Mr. Meyer Feb 17/45

MEW always said "No" in principle - now with



ICRC

Communiqué No 292 b

Geneva, August 7, 1945

Swiss Relief Supplies for Vienna, Budapest and Bucarest

The following statement has been issued by the International Committee of the Red Cross:

Inaccurate information from a foreign source having appeared concerning the caravans of trucks sent out by the International Committee and conveying relief stores to Eastern Europe, the said Committee publish the following details.

On July 25, 1945, a caravan of 22 motor-trucks left Switzerland, carrying 29,5 tons of medicaments, 147,5 tons of food-stuffs and five tons of clothing to Vienna, Budapest and Bucarest. Thanks to the courtesy shown and facilities granted by the American, French and Russian occupying authorities, the caravan has safely reached its first stage, Vienna. The Committee have as yet no details about the further progress of the caravan.

These relief stores were placed at the disposal of the International Committee by various welfare organizations, and through the intermediary of the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross. They are ear-marked for liberated deportees and prisoners of war, for the civilian population, especially for children, and for various civil and military hospitals.

With this end in view, the Rumanian Red Cross supplied medicaments for sick and wounded Rumanian nationals: the American Joint Distribution Committee contributed goods for Jewish and non-Jewish populations: the Swiss Red Cross, Child Relief Section, gave milk for under-nourished children. Furthermore, the European Student Relief and several Jewish welfare organizations contributed gifts in kind and in money. Lastly, the Swiss Relief Fund took advantage of this opportunity to send a stock of medicaments to the hospitals and the poor among the civil population of Vienna and Budapest.

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To Hon. Max Huber Jan. 29 mk
Rep. Jan. 29/44
Jde. No. 838

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Mr. Meyer
838
CA

From
Code

Mr. Meyer
OHB

.m., 1944

9 a.m.

OHB-

For action. It looks as though
this may result considerable
correspondence on this subject.
WE shall probably have to handle
it in the Chancery, since it is
not American interests - nor
does it properly appertain to
Economic & CA.

However, both CA &
AI should be advised of
developments, especially CA,
because of transactions involving
enemy interests.

I have by message to
ICRC in still off to
have them reply. JH

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To Hon. Max Huber Jan. 29 mk
Rep. Max. 2/44
Tel. No. 838

Handwritten initials and marks:
Meyer
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department
Code: Brown

Date: January 27, 11 p.m., 1944
No: 279
Received: January 29, 9 a.m.

US URGENT

(C.L.)

For the International Red Cross, Geneva, from the War Refugees Board.

We are familiar with the report (contained in your cable 571, of October 12, 1943, to your Washington delegation) concerning possible feeding programs in Rumania, Theresienstadt, Slovakia and Croatia, and the need of funds therefor. We desire immediate information concerning what areas you could operate in right now, assuming that necessary funds are made available to you to provide food and medicines to Jews and other persecuted groups in German occupied areas who are denied the facilities available to the rest of the population. Please advise where food, medicines and other supplies can be purchased and how much money is needed. We are prepared to see that funds are made available at once for necessary operations.

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Mr. Mayer
Dec 17/45

MEW always said 'No' in principle - now with
considerable delay - L. 1.

Bern, January 29, 1944

The Honorable
Max Huber,
President, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Geneva.

Sir:

I have the honor to convey to you the following
message for the International Committee of the Red Cross
transmitted by telegraph by the Department of State, Wash-
ington, on behalf of the newly organized War Refugee Board
of the United States Government:

"We are familiar with the report (contained
in your cable 571, of October 12, 1943, to your
Washington delegation) concerning possible feeding
programs in Rumania, Theresienstadt, Slovakia and
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occupied areas who are denied the facilities avail-
able to the rest of the population. Please advise
where food, medicines and other supplies can be
purchased and how much money is needed. We are pre-
pared to see that funds are made available at once
for necessary operations."

In transmitting the foregoing message to you, I desire
to add that I would, of course, be pleased to forward by
telegraph any reply which the Committee may desire to make
to the War Refugee Board's inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Leland Harrison,
American Minister.

DFB/mk
Copy to CA
Copy to AI

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gen purum, 2.000 g Radix Valerianae, 1.000 Schachteln Entlausungs-
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Feb 17/45

MEW always said "No" in principle - now with
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Background

Jews in POLAND
Mendel's Food Relief
File: ICEK Jewish Relief.

"JUS"
Jüdische Unterstützungestelle
für das Generalgouvernement
KRAKAU, Józefinska 2a, Postfach 211

Tätigkeitsbericht Nr. IV.
für die Monate Januar-März 1944.

Mit den Monaten Januar-März 1944 findet das erste Geschäftsjahr der erneuten Tätigkeit der JUS seinen Abschluss. Noch im Mai 1942 begann unsere Hilfstätigkeit für die Juden in den Arbeitslagern, sie wurde im Dezember unterbrochen und konnte im Mai 1943 wieder aufgenommen werden. Während in der Zeit vom Mai bis November 1942 die Lager von uns 65 Zuwendungen erhielten, betrug die Zahl der Zuteilungen in den Monaten Mai-Juli 1943: 81, August-September: 136, Oktober-Dezember: 199 und stieg in den Monaten Januar-März 1944 auf 232, wovon auf Medikamente, Verbandstoffe und Desinfektionsmittel: 88, Stärkungsmittel /Kondens- und Trockennmilch, Lactocao u. dgl.: 51, Nahrungsmittel /Mehl, Brot, Trockensuppe, Grütze/: 74, Bekleidung und Beschuhung: 19 entfallen. Im ganzen Geschäftsjahr 1943-44 gingen insgesamt 649 Sendungen an die Arbeitslager ab.

In der Berichtszeit entfiel auf unseren Anteil an den vom Internationalen Roten Kreuz für die nichtdeutsche Zivilbevölkerung im Generalgouvernement eingelangten Liebesgaben: 93 Kisten /a 25 l kg-Büchsen/ gesäusete Trockenmilch "Lactissa", 270 kg reines flüssiges Paraffin; 96,3 kg Lysol; 72,5 kg Pulvis liquoritiae, 53 kg Desogen, 40 kg Neocid, 30 kg Bismuthum subgallicum, 20 kg Tanninum albuminatum, 15 kg Bismuthum subnitricum, 10 kg Tanninum dimethylenatum, ferner Tabletten: 26.650 Redoxon, 25.300 Cibazol, 15.990 Ferro-Redoxon, 13.230 Becozym, 11.300 Ferro-Phytin, 11.250 Entero-Vioform, 6.650 Benerva, 5.650 Resyl, 5.000 Aspirin, 5.000 Barbitol, 5.000 Hexamethylentetramin, 5.000 Hydrargyrum chloratum, 5.000 Phenobarbital, 4.500 Phenacetin, 4.300 Irgafen, 3.300 Thiozol, 3.060 Benicot, 2.950 Relamin, 2.925 Allisatin, 2.800 Codeinum phosphoricum, 2.000 Phyridacil und kleinere Mengen: Thyroxin, Medomin, Corphylamin, Euphynal, schliesslich Amuppen: 2.668 Strophosid, 2.823 Calcium Sandoz, 2.598 Coramin, 2.250 Irgamid, 1.120 Cibazol, 1.118 Cibalgin, 665 Redoxon-forte, 650 Digilaniid, 560 Resyl, 485 Lobelin, 465 Benerva-forte, 460 Coagulen, 455 Esilandron und geringere Mengen Amp.: Narconumal, Latocyclin, Corphylamin, Ovocyclin endlich: 3.150 cc Coramin liq., 2.600 cc Digilaniid liq., 1.105 cc Adrenalin liq., 5.250 g Irgamid-Salbe, 3.600 g Rhenasept-Salbe, 3.175 g Irgamid-Augensalbe, überdies 500 Komplett Impfstoff gegen Fleckfieber.

Von den jüdischen charitativen Organisationen sandte uns Arbeitsticket für Hjälp at Europas Judar in Stockholm: 1.600 kg Zellstoffwatte, 4.000 St. Papierbinden, 197 Papierwesten und 100 Papierbettdecken. Von der Gesellschaft "OSE" in Genf erhielten wir am 31.III.1944 67 Kollis pharmazeutischer Produkte und Stärkungsmittel im Bruttogewicht von 3.376 kg. /Ein Verzeichnis des Inhalts im folgenden Bericht/. Aus Portugal langten Ende März 761 Päckchen Genussmittel ein, die gegen Mehl, Mehlprodukte, Hülsenfrüchte und Marmelade umgetauscht werden.

Durch Umtausch und zusätzlichen Ankauf konnten wir unsere Vorräte u.a. ergänzen mit Tabletten: 60.000 Aspirin, 8.330 Salol, 6.850 Natrium salicylicum, 4.000 Redoxon, 3.300 Antineuralgica cum Coffeino, 3.300 Vichy, 2.200 Chinosol, 2.000 Codeinum phosphoricum, 1.500 Alacet, 350 Ampullen Natrio-camph, 48 Amp. Eutropyl, 7.500 g Capsiment, 2.500 g Magentropfen, 2.000 g Ichthyolum purum, 2.000 g Radix Valerianae, 1.000 Schachteln Entlausungscreme, 20 kg Cuprex, ferner: 50 kg Wundwatte, 66 kg Zellstoffwatte,

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Chèques postaux 1.5027
Téléphone 4 22 05
Télex "INTERCROIXROUGE"

Rappeler dans la réponse:
G.59/2 G.85 G.59/7

GENÈVE, 8 février 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

M. V. L.
CA-IPR
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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
RECD FEB 9 1944
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Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre du 29 janvier 1944, par laquelle vous avez bien voulu me transmettre, de la part du War Refugee Board of the United States Government, un message concernant le problème des secours aux différentes catégories de personnes dans les pays occupés par l'Allemagne.

Nous profiterons volontiers de votre aimable offre de transmettre une réponse de notre part au Département d'Etat; cette réponse toutefois nécessitera quelques jours

Département
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ICRC - Jewish Relief
February 1944

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Son Excellence
M. Leland Harrison
American Minister,
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
BERNE

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M. M. D. W. L. S. Files

International Committee
of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Basle

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse:

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Cheques postaux 1.537
Téléphone 4 23 05
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GENÈVE, 8 février 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

M. Huber
CA-IPR
Huber

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Nous nous félicitons de l'intérêt que le Département d'Etat témoigne à l'égard de ce problème et nous vous prions d'agréer, Excellence, l'assurance de notre haute considération.

Max Huber

Max HUBER
Président

Son Excellence
M. Leland Harrison
American Minister,
Légation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
BERNE

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International Committee
of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Palais de la Paix
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Feb. 17/45
Instructions with
Mr. Meyer

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Let to Huber and Mayer 2/11/44

CASE FILE

ET. CA - 878 For action

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From: Department Date: February 9, noon, 1944
No: 437
Code: [redacted] Received: February 10, 4 p.m.

PARAPHRASE

Following is for the Minister from War Refugee Board.
You are requested to transmit following urgent message to the International Red Cross, in Geneva:

"Please refer to our recent cable in which information was requested relating to possible relief operations on behalf of Jews and other persecuted groups. We have examined the proposal which you made through your London delegation in December to the Intergovernmental Committee, in which you requested that there be placed at your disposal the sum of 300,000 Swiss francs for carrying out the indicated relief program in Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Theresienstadt and such other relief actions as may become feasible. The funds needed for this project are being made available to you immediately by Joint Distribution Committee, which has been granted by the Treasury Department a license authorizing transmission to you of the equivalent in Swiss francs of \$100,000 for this purpose. You are authorized under the license to employ the funds for buying food and other supplies in Hungary, Rumania and neutral countries and otherwise to carry out the relief activities which are mentioned above. Please keep the War Refugee Board fully advised of the action you take, and also indicate to the Board what other assistance is required in order to carry out this and similar operations."

The Legation should extend to InterCross and the Joint Distribution Committee representatives its full cooperation in this matter. Please transmit promptly to Saly Mayer a copy of the above message.

* See attached copy of this report.

HULL

Received CALL/2/10/44 DJR For Action Answered No.

In triplicate re

DECLASSIFIED State Dept. Order, 1-11-72 By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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9 décembre 1945.

Wrote by Schwarzenberg.

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Monsieur le Directeur
du Comité intergouvernemental
pour les Réfugiés
11, D. Regent Street
LONDON SW 1.

Par avion.

Monsieur le Directeur,

Nous avons été informés par notre délégation à Londres que, à la suite d'un appel du World Jewish Congress, les gouvernements américain et anglais ont chargé le Comité intergouvernemental pour les réfugiés d'examiner s'il y a lieu de mettre éventuellement certains fonds à la disposition du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge pour qu'il puisse acheter en Europe des secours destinés à certains groupes d'Israélites nécessiteux en Allemagne, dans les pays occupés et en Europe centrale. Nous tenons à exprimer notre gratitude pour ce geste généreux dans lequel nous voyons une marque de confiance et un précieux encouragement aux efforts que nous poursuivons pour venir en aide à toutes les victimes de la guerre.

A ce sujet, nous nous permettons d'attirer votre attention sur le point suivant :

Lorsque le World Jewish Congress nous avait informés, il y a quelques mois, de son intention de lancer un appel aux gouvernements alliés pour leur demander de mettre des fonds importants à la disposition du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge en vue d'une action de secours en Europe, nous avions été très heureux de constater que cette action devrait être entreprise en faveur des victimes civiles de la guerre, sans distinction de race ni de religion. Or, il semble que ce projet initial a été abandonné et qu'il a été décidé que l'action envisagée serait limitée à certains groupes d'Israélites en Europe centrale. Nous constatons avec regret que cette limitation rend extrêmement difficile, sinon illusoire, la réalisation de ce projet, qui aurait eu plus de chances d'être accepté par la partie adverse si les secours envisagés avaient pu être organisés dans le cadre d'une action générale. Nous sommes persuadés que vous comprendrez notre remarque d'autant mieux que votre Comité, lui aussi - comme le fait supposer un article du "Times" du vendredi 15 octobre - aurait l'intention d'étendre son activité à toutes les populations qui pour des raisons de race, de confession ou de politique, ont dû quitter leur domicile.

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International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC)
Paris

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Mr. Mayer

MEW always said 'No' in principle - now with
moral and legal basis

At Mr. Mayer's request this
letter was sent to him to
Hotel Cornavin, Geneva.

File Copy

Bern, February 11, 1944

Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerborgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Legation's
letter of today's date to the Honorable Max Huber of
the International Red Cross, Geneva.

In accordance with instructions received from the
Department of State, the Legation will be pleased to
offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,
Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

"Please refer to our recent cable in which
information was given regarding possible
relief operations for Jews and other
persecuted groups. We have examined the proposal
submitted through your London delegation in
December 1943. The Intergovernmental Committee, in
which you requested that there be placed at your
disposal the sum of 300,000 Swiss francs for
carrying out the indicated relief program in
Greece, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary, and Theresien-
stadt and such other relief actions as may become
feasible. The funds needed for this project are
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Distribution Committee, which has been granted by
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transmission to you of the equivalent in Swiss
francs of \$100,000 for this purpose. You are
authorized under the license to employ the funds
for buying food and other supplies."

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A true copy
of the signed
original: ✓

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TELEGRAM SENT

Bern, February 11, 1944.

Rumania, and neutral countries and otherwise to carry out the relief activities which are mentioned above. Please keep the War Refugee Board fully advised of the action you take, and also indicate to the Board what other assistance is required in order to carry out this and similar operations.

The Honorable Max Huber, President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.

In view of the association of the Joint Distribution Committee with the activity outlined in the telegram from the War Refugee Board, as quoted above, I am taking the liberty to refer to the Legation's letter of January 29, 1944, which transmitted to you a message from the War Refugee Board, and to your reply of February 8. In this connection the Legation has been requested by the Department of State to transmit to the International Red Cross the following telegraphic message from the War Refugee Board:

"Please refer to our recent cable in which information was requested relating to possible relief operations on behalf of Jews and other persecuted groups. We have examined the proposal which you made through your London delegation in December to the Intergovernmental Committee, in which you requested that there be placed at your disposal the sum of 300,000 Swiss francs for carrying out the indicated relief program in Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary, and Theresienstadt and such other relief actions as may become feasible. The funds needed for this project are being made available to you immediately by Joint Distribution Committee, which has been granted by the Treasury Department a license authorizing transmission to you of the equivalent in Swiss francs of \$100,000 for this purpose. You are authorized under the license to employ the funds for buying food and other supplies in Hungary, Rumania,

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MEW always said "No" is original - now with

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: February 13, 11 a. m., 1944.

No: 891

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to: (C.I.)

Paraphrase

In a letter dated February 11 this Legation transmitted to Judge Max Huber, President of the International Red Cross, the message contained in your 437 of February 9. On the same date a copy of the Legation's letter was sent to Saly Mayer.

HARRISON

DJR:RCG:nf

In triplicate

DECLASSIFIED State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72 By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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February 15, 1944

Memorandum for the files.

Telephone conversation between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Saly Mayer (Joint Distribution Committee)

Mr. Mayer telephoned this noon to tell Mr. Reagan that he has been in Geneva for the past few days waiting to see the appropriate person at the Red Cross with whom he has now had an interview. The Red Cross was interested in his propositions and will consider them, he will be given an answer at the end of the week. In the meantime he will go back to St. Gallen and may stop in Bern on his way. If so, he will telephone for an appointment.

Husted

DJR/CH

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Mr. Meyer
Feb 17/45

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- MEW always said "No" in principle - now with
our advice on how far he can go.

Requested \$500,000. Now receiving more,
apparently.

Delivered copy of memo to Inter-Sec Committee.
Draw our attention to first program originally came
from W.D.C.

Emphasized necessity of discretion. Publicity
would result in closing-up of possibilities.

Must be no disclosure of means or extent of
relief planned. States he considers \$100,000
discrete. W.D.C., however, a political organization.

W.D.C. - emigration. IRC doesn't want to
intervene in ^{operations} this - has no confidence in
organizations in Turkey and Rumania - people
there interested in making money. IRC's only
interest is in obtaining safe-conducts. Now
trying to obtain for a boat ready. British
have answered, Germans have given no
definite reply but indicated through
Rumanians would interfere. Russians
not yet heard from but boat will
probably go with Red Cross but
no IRC insignias - can be used only
when all safe-conducts given.

S. doubts Washington can get Jewish
gangs to work together - against religious
fringes. Recent found proposed junction
of ships - W.D.C. & Joint would work
together. Salary money from Switzerland
- not sure about K. Egner.

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Efforts of this character would be submitted to Mixed Commissions.

Will buy the present \$100,000 separate for employment in belligerent countries - a rare opportunity - possibilities of buying in neutral countries very slight.
Can buy sugar, fats, meat in Hungary, Rumania, and Slovakia. Will give report.

Jews interested mainly in Polish relief. when chances very slight. Now have received appeal from Cracow for drugs; this will be test case. Would be better to use other funds for this, since drugs can be bought here. Will see if props of delivery which can be presented are sufficient.



Would like someone here to who could give final word on questions proposed. Who will it be? Saly Mayer?
Mr. Feagun unable to state. Must have someone to whom books and props can be presented.

Rumania }
Poland } negotiations
Theresienstadt }
Cracow }
Westbury (Holland) } eventually
Upper Silesia }

Silesia - could War Refugee Board send parcels in stead of money - warm underwear above all needed. Parcels easier to handle. Undoubtedly some of money is

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Paris

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going to benefit enemy.

Blocked dollars - I.R.C. might be able to buy on basis of blocked dollars. Thinks it a possibility. But Romanians may prefer to buy black market dollars. DOR said would suggest.

Individual parcels could be sent to Upper Silesia - Thousands of Jews in work camps permitted to get food parcels. Would be sent from there - not all would arrive. DOR thought best way to try.

At once all clothes and underwear needed according to I.R.C. delegate who visited Transnistria. ~~Easy~~ Can get it there and distribute self. - This commodity not available in Europe. Parcels necessary.



Transport available on Red + boats

All possibilities change from day to day. Stocks essential here under our control. Early proposal can't be referred to Washington - would be too late.

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④ Those that can be reached

- Thuseenstadt 80 - 100,000
- Westalogy 10,000 - (20,000) Westabook - Holland
- Upper Silesia - Several tens of thousands, and all be reached
- Poland - 10,000's reachable. Possibly 250,000 still alive - strictly off the record.
- Rumania - ? - was about 80,000 in Transylvania - in movement. Some being returned.
- A total refugees in Hungary not returning - possibly 17 - 18,000.
- Croatia - 2 - 3000
- Belgium & France - no idea how many there. Very few left in Belgium. Belgium is best of all.

Other persecuted groups? What does it mean. Who else can be helped. Is it genealogy. Children in Serbia and Croatia in need. Concentration camps in Germany with Allied Political Prisoners - Dutch, Belgians, Norwegians - in opinion of IRC deserve help more than all others. Situation in camps appalling - dying like flies. Bear us memorandum which now out of date. As to several hundred Jews on new system of control on # our responsibility. End meet IFFW's demand that these people come under Prisoners of War status.

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: February 17, 8 p. m., 1944.

No: 995

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

Paraphrase

Please refer to your no. 437 of February 9.

On February 17 Schwarzenburg, member of the Secretariat of the Interross Committee, called at the Legation in connection with the above telegram. S. stated that Interross will report shortly to the Legation the action it proposes to take. The necessity for surrounding the program for relief action with complete secrecy was emphasized by him; he stated that publicity would doubtless prompt German measures to thwart relief. Schwarzenburg requested that this aspect be brought to the attention of groups in the United States who are participating in the program for relief.

Mr. Saly Mayer is in contact with Interross with regard to the program for relief.

HARRISON

DJR:reg:nf
In triplicate

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

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GENÈVE, February 17th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

REC'D FEB 18 1944

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Sir,

The message from the War Refugee Board of the Government of the United States of America, which you were so kind as to forward us on 29 January, and relating to the possible transfer of relief in cash, was for us a matter of special satisfaction since for several months past our most earnest concern has been to draw the attention of Allied Authorities to the almost tragic condition of various categories of civilians in Europe.

Subsequently the Legation of the United States of America has been good enough, in a letter of 11 February, to inform us of the transmission of USA\$100,000.- for the purpose of purchasing foodstuffs and other relief without the relevant licence containing any geographical restriction concerning the utilisation of this sum.

We should be very much obliged to the Legation of the United States of America if it would be so kind as to convey to the War Refugee Board the expression of our deep gratitude for this proof of confidence and the assurance that, on our side, we shall do everything in our power, in close co-operation with the Joint Relief Commission and taking into account the wishes of the donors, to draw up a programme of relief action which will be submitted to the War Refugee Board in the near future.

We shall not fail to make in due course further suggestions of a practical character concerning the development of this action and the initiation of other similar operations. In this connection we should much

His Excellency
Mr. Leland Harrison
American Minister
Legation of the United States
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appreciate if the Legation of the United States of America could indicate the name of a member of its staff with whom we could get into touch in the future with a view to mutual consultation as to the expediency of any given proposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

very truly yours,

Max Huber

Max HUBER
President.

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To: Department

Date: February 18, midnight, 1944.

No: 1028

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Paraphrase

We have now received a letter from the Committee of the International Red Cross in which it is stated that the message from the War Refugee Board was a matter of special satisfaction, since their most earnest concern for several months past has been to draw the attention of Allied authorities to the almost tragic condition of various categories of civilians in Europe.

The CICR, after acknowledgement of the receipt of our letter of February 11 which transmitted the message contained in the Department's 437 of February 9, asks us to convey their deep gratitude to the War Refugee Board for this proof of confidence and the assurance that everything in their power would be done in close cooperation with the Joint Relief Commission and taking into account the wishes of the donors to draw up a program of relief action that will be submitted in the near future to the War Refugee Board. In due course, the CICR will also make further suggestions of a practical character with regard to the development of this action and the initiation of other operations of a similar nature.

Department's no. 279, January 27 and Legation's 838, February 10 and 891, February 13.

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Bern, February 21, 1944

COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIGNE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
4 COURS DES BASTIONS
GENEVE

The Honorable
Max Huber,
President, International Committee
Projet de report of the Red Cross,
Geneva.
Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale à Genève

Sir: intention de la Légation des Etats-Unis à Berne
concernant le projet de report de la Commission Mixte de
Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale à Genève
I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of
February 17th, file No. G.59/7 G.86/2 G.86 JES/HL, in
response to my letters of January 29th and Febru-
ary 11th last, and take pleasure to inform you that
I have not failed to convey your message as requested
to the War Refugee Board.
In reply to the inquiry contained in the last para-
graph of your letter under acknowledgment, I am happy
to name Mr. Daniel J. Reagan, Commercial Attaché of the
Legation, for such informal consultation as suggested
by you.

Very truly yours,

Le Service "Vivres et vêtements" propose d'utiliser
la somme de sFr. 359'000.-
mise à sa disposition, comme suit :

1/ Un montant de sFr. 100'000.- en faveur des déportés américains Leland Harrison, ministrie et en Bessarabie.	sFr. 100'000.-
2/ Un montant de sFr. 119'000.- en faveur des déportés israéliites à Theresienstadt.	sFr. 119'000.-
3/ Un montant de sFr. 100'000.- en faveur des oeuvres d'assistance aux israéliites à Cracovie.	sFr. 100'000.-
4/ Un montant de sFr. 40'000.- aux fins de réserves en faveur des déportés les différents camps de Hollande et de Haute Silésie.	sFr. 40'000.-
Total:	sFr. 359'000.-

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COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIGUE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE 4, COURS DES BASTIONS GENEVE

Application au Service de Pharmacie et de Vêtements de la Croix-Rouge Internationale

Projet de répartition établi par la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale à Genève à l'intention de la Légation des Etats-Unis à Berne concernant un don de 100'000 dollars en faveur de déportés israélites de différents pays.-

Nous suggérons de répartir la contrevaletur de ce don de 100'000 dollars, représentant en francs suisses une somme de sFr. 429'000.- en : sFr. 70'000.- pour le Service pharmaceut. et sFr. 359'000.- pour le Service : Vivres & Vêtements. sFr. 429'000.-

Le Service "Vivres et Vêtements" propose d'utiliser la somme de sFr. 359'000.- mise à sa disposition, comme suit :

- 1/. Un montant de sFr. 100'000.- en faveur des déportés israélites en Transnistrie et en Bessarabie.
2/. Un montant de sFr. 119'000.- en faveur des déportés israélites à Theresienstadt.
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Total: sFr. 359'000.-

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not relief to unaccompanied persons in German controlled areas.



COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Enclosure No. 4 to despatch No. 7454

Happeler dans la réponse dated March 2, 1944 from the American

G. 59/2 G. 8 Legation, Bern. JES/HL

GENEVE, February 29th, 1944.

Palais du Conseil-Général

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Télex "INTERCROIXROUGE"

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC'D - 1. MAR 1944
• BERN •

Dear Mr. Reagan,

There it is, the long long letter almost a book. I wonder whether we made our point sufficiently clear. I do hope so. May I add some personal remarks:

Enclosure No. 4 to despatch No. 7454 dated March 2, 1944 from the American Legation, Bern.

1. Discretion in all this matter has proved to be of the utmost importance. All the Jews in Switzerland seem to have heard about money being suddenly available and they all come to us with personal claims. I am almost out of wits and do not know how to stop this continual flow of visitors.

2. The "Joint" being the donor of the \$100,000 transferred to us, we are wondering whether it is up to us alone to decide what is to be done with the money or whether Saly Mayer, as Swiss representative of the "Joint", is to handle the matter. We have not informed Saly Mayer of the enclosed proposals about how to use the money as we should like to have your opinion first. Luckily we always got on very well with Saly Mayer and we trust that he will agree on principle with our scheme, provided that you approve it. So please let us know soon how we are to proceed.

3. In our scheme we have done our best to spend as little money as possible in Axis countries, and this could be still diminished if the War Refugee Board would accept our suggestion of letting us have parcels. I do hope you will find it possible to support this scheme.

4. We beg you most earnestly to consider the enclosed letter as confidential, i.e. to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. It would make things for us extremely difficult. Therefore, we hope that you will be able to have the substance of our proposals ciphered to Washington. Should you consider this as impossible we could send a copy of the letter by bag to Lisbon where it might be handed to your Legation for reforwarding to Washington. That is just a suggestion. I do not know whether you would think it of

Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America
BERN

By R. H. Pook's Date SEP 25 1972

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Forgive us for being so long in answering your letter, and believe me, dear Mr. Reagan,

sincerely yours,

J. E. Schwarzenberg

(Dr. J.E. Schwarzenberg)

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Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
 General Secretary
 American Red Cross
 1700 M Street, N.W.
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of contact with basic letter concerning whole question of relief to assimilated persons in German controlled areas.
COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

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GENÈVE, February 29th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

LEGATION OF THE
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This resulted in development of whole WRB-ICRC parcel program for concentration camps situated in Germany & German-controlled territory.

Dear Sirs,

Following upon our letter of February 17th, 1944, to H.E. the American Minister in Bern, we venture to submit for your consideration the following particulars concerning relief action in regard to which the support of the War Refugee Board of the United States would be highly desirable.

The War Refugee Board, in accepting a suggestion made by us to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees in London last autumn, was good enough to notify us that the equivalent in Swiss francs of 100,000 dollars would be available free from restrictions as to geographical areas, for use in Hungary, Rumania and neutral countries, and that the licence had been issued under the name of the "Joint Distribution Committee".

The International Committee have just been credited with the sum of 429,000 Swiss francs through the Swiss National Bank, on behalf of the "Joint", and we assume that it will be mainly a matter for Mr. Saly Mayer to discuss with us particulars for the utilization of this sum. We feel, however, that it may be useful to send you herewith a scheme which has been drawn up by the "Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross (Commission Mixte)". Subject to an agreement being reached with the "Joint Distribution Committee", this scheme would provide for the utilization of a sum of 429,000 Swiss francs for the benefit of groups of Jews whom we consider to be in great need. This scheme aims at speedy action, without awaiting the putting into effect of any projects which might be evolved subsequently.

To the
Legation of the United States
of America,

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We have thought it advisable to apply certain rules in drawing up this programme.

I. Relief for Jews.

1. The peculiar position of Jews in the Axis countries is not a crystallised one, and the possibilities of extending relief to them which exist at any given moment may suddenly disappear. It is therefore necessary to proceed by test cases in the absence of any basis which is firmly established by international law. We have been able more than once, by means of tests, to open up fresh channels for the distribution of relief, the facilities offered to us being very variable and differing from one area to another. We should therefore very much appreciate if a certain proportion of the sums which are placed at our disposal was to be set aside for test consignments the despatch of which would be attempted through hitherto untried channels. Whereas we are able to state almost with certainty that relief consignments to Rumania, to Theresienstadt and to the "Jüdische Unterstützungsstelle" in Cracow will reach the beneficiaries, we cannot vouch in the same way for the delivery of relief to, say, the Jews in the camp at Westerbork (Netherlands), in the camps in France and in certain camps in Upper Silesia, where we should like to make the test.

2. Being apprised of the views of the blockade authorities as regards transfer of currency to Axis countries, we shall endeavour to reduce to the lowest possible minimum any purchases which may have to be made in Hungary and Rumania, and to procure goods as far as possible in the neutral countries of Europe (pharmaceutical products and some foodstuffs, which have however become very rarefied). In this connection, we should like to know if we could count on additional funds if they were to be used exclusively in Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden and possibly Turkey.

3. In order, however, to limit as far as possible the purchases which would be made in Hungary and Rumania, we wonder if the War Refugee Board would consider shipping from overseas relief in kind which we propose to stock in Geneva, and upon which we would draw according as supplies were required. This method would have the advantage of enabling us to seize as they occur certain opportunities of despatching relief supplies, without having to send out fresh appeals on each occasion. The stock which would thus be built up in Switzerland could remain under the control of the War Refugee Board which, through their representative

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check if relief possible
from West to East
by a Silesian*

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at the American Legation in Bern, would authorize us to draw upon these reserves to the extent of the amounts proposed in the schemes and projects which would be submitted by us.

The articles which are most urgently required are:

a) warm clothing and underwear. Certain groups of Jews in Transnistria, for instance, whom our delegate has been able to visit, are practically completely deprived of clothing.

b) boots (large sizes for men).

It would meet one of the most urgent needs if, as the War Refugee Board proposes to do, we had several thousand parcels available, containing each an assortment of clothing, underwear and possibly a pair of strong boots (parcels made up separately according as they are intended for men, women or children (not infants)).

4. The same system of warehousing could usefully be applied for food parcels, perhaps several tens of thousands of these of a maximum weight of 2 Kg. 1/2. The distribution of relief to Theresienstadt is most easily carried out in the form of standard parcels. These should contain only articles which will keep some time (canned goods, sugar, condensed milk, ovaltine, etc.). These parcels could be sent also to the camps in Upper Silesia (if this is found to be possible), Croatia, the Netherlands and France. If, on the other hand, the War Refugee Board, do not see their way to entertaining our proposal that clothing and food parcels be sent to us from overseas, we should be compelled to make them up ourselves, which would unavoidably entail the purchasing of certain foodstuffs in Hungary and Rumania, and this would mean transfer of Swiss francs to Axis countries.

Should the question of tonnage be an obstacle in the way of the War Refugee Board accepting our proposal to place food parcels at our disposal, we should be willing to have these consignments conveyed, against reimbursement of the freight charges, and in so far as the available tonnage would permit, by the ships which are at present plying under the sign of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and which carry supplies for the allied prisoners of war between the United States, Canada and Lisbon, on the one hand, and Lisbon-Marseilles (Geneva), on the other.

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5. As a general rule, we should like to stress that in this matter of relief for Jews, we proceed very discreetly, and that we endeavour to avoid any form of publicity as far as our own work is concerned. The reasons for this are

a) the fact that the various Jewish associations, for certain reasons, prefer to act independently the one from the other, and it would seem impossible to succeed in centralizing the various relief undertakings which are organized by each of these groups. It is therefore not in the interest of the aim in view to reveal to one Jewish organization what is done by another.

b) Neither is it in the interest of the Jews whom we wish to rescue from a critical situation to draw too much attention to the proposed relief action. In view of certain tendencies, it is to be feared that authorizations which already exist might be withdrawn and new difficulties raised if this plan to save certain groups of Jews were exploited for propaganda purposes.

II. Relief for concentration camps in Germany.

This desire to avoid as far as possible attracting attention to our scheme has led us to propose relief work for certain groups of civil war victims, irrespective of race and religion. The War Refugee Board willingly agreed to this principle, and we are therefore venturing to mention certain groups who, we feel, are deserving of assistance by the War Refugee Board in like manner to the Jews.

These groups include nationals of allied countries (Belgians, Dutch, Norwegians, Poles, Greeks, Czechs, etc.) who have been deported and are detained in the prisons and concentration camps in Germany.

Political prisoners are detained in Germany in concentration camps which are under the control of the secret police. The régime is more severe than in the prisoner of war and civil internment camps, and all the information we receive corroborates that the food in these camps is inadequate. The International Committee therefore, in response to the urgent appeals which they received from these political prisoners and from their next-of-kin, applied on many occasions to the allied authorities and Red Cross Societies, with the object of obtaining permission to reforward food parcels to these concentration camps, as is done for allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in Germany. To their great regret, the blockade authorities firmly refused to authorize these

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consignments, insisting, as an essential condition, for such an authorization that these detainees should be assimilated with prisoners of war, i.e. that the stipulations of the Geneva Convention should be applied to them. Such a measure depends, however, upon the German authorities, which refuse to allow this assimilation. The International Committee regret that the blockade authorities should have laid down this condition which makes relief entirely dependent upon a decision to be taken by the detaining authorities and prevents the detainees from receiving what are very necessary food supplies.

Judging that the blockade authorities are not opposed on principle to this category of peculiarly afflicted war victims receiving assistance, but that they are concerned chiefly with preventing the detaining country from deriving any benefit from the foodstuffs, the International Committee have endeavoured to discover some means of guaranteeing the safe distribution of relief in these camps. At the same time, they have sought to provide the blockade authorities with guarantees which would be equivalent (if not superior) to the means of control which are provided for under the Conventions of Geneva, the latter being unfortunately inapplicable in the present instance.

These guarantees are the following: thanks to certain small sums which have been received in Switzerland, we have been able to send some parcels to the principal concentration camps in Germany and even to certain camps and prisons in the occupied countries, asking that acknowledgments be returned to us personally by the beneficiaries. In certain camps (Oranienburg and Ravensbrück), our delegates have been able to ascertain on the spot that the parcels were actually delivered, and that there was no reason to fear they had been misappropriated. We are thus able at present to send parcels to Norwegian (also to the students from Oslo), Dutch, Polish, Belgian, Greek, Czech and other deportees in Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg, Ravensbrück, and in certain other camps, but for lack of funds and parcels, we are not in a position to develop this relief action on the scale which would be necessary; at present it is still in the stage of a test process undertaken to furnish the blockade authorities with evidence that the scheme is feasible, and that fully adequate guarantees could be supplied and which we should be ready to submit for the attention of the representative of the American Legation, should the latter be interested in these various test cases.

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Although the detaining authorities decline to supply the International Committee with the names of political prisoners and even with information on the strengths of the camps, this action has had a noteworthy result. The parcels which we have nevertheless been able to deliver to certain detainees have as a matter of fact acted as a snowball, and the next-of-kin, in the home countries of the deportees, having doubtless been notified by letters from the camps, are now advising us spontaneously of the names and addresses of the deportees. Thus we possess the names - and we would ask you to treat this as strictly confidential - of nearly all the Norwegians, Dutch and a large number of Poles who are political prisoners in the concentration camps. Consignments could therefore be organized systematically and we would even be in a position to receive acknowledgments from the prisoners' representatives - similarly to the procedure applied in prisoner of war camps - for any collective consignments which might be despatched.

The present problem would be to send food supplies by means of standard parcels to several thousand political prisoners (approximately 1450 Norwegians, a thousand Dutch men and women, or thereabouts, and as many Polish men and women). We do not know the strengths of the other nationalities, but feel convinced that we would have their names communicated to us if we were able at last to undertake this relief action.

We are profiting by the opportunity afforded us by the War Refugee Board, thanks to their generous support, of drawing their attention once more to this very urgent problem, and of warmly recommending that they contribute to supplying a particularly deserving and severely stricken category of war-victims with relief which might be instrumental in saving the lives of many of them.

III. Relief for children war-victims, particularly in Serbia and Slovenia.

From accurate information received from Belgrade we hear that there are at present in Belgrade and several other Serbian towns more than 80,000 children who have escaped from the areas which used to be included formerly in Yugoslavia, and which are now attached to Croatia. These refugee children are in a particularly critical condition; they are under-nourished and require clothing. Their health condition is pitiful. It would be necessary to organize emergency relief action for their benefit.

The same may be said of children in Slovenia (the northern section of Yugoslavia). This area was first

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annexed by Italy which undertook to supply it. The situation which was already serious has become worse since the events in Italy in the summer of 1943. More than 100,000 children are suffering from malnutrition. Products such as milk, sugar, chocolate, ovaltine and other strengthening foods are entirely lacking. Here too relief consignments are urgently required. We enclose a distribution plan in case it should prove useful.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Joint Relief Commission (Commission Mixte) undertake to apply in any future action - as in the past - measures of control as strict as possible, and to prevent any misappropriation of relief consignments. We shall proceed to carry out relief only when we have gained the conviction as far as possible that the detaining authorities will not derive any direct benefit from the relief supplies. We shall submit to the War Refugee Board - if possible through their representative at the American Legation in Bern - all the evidence which we can gather vouching for the safe arrival of relief supplies, and reports on their distribution, in all cases where our delegates have been able to be present. Thus the War Refugee Board will be in a position to judge whether it is possible to carry out a specific undertaking or not.

Further we do not think that rigid regulations for control are expedient; we have already mentioned the example (cf. point II) of political prisoners in German concentration camps to whom the blockade authorities do not consider it permissible to send relief parcels so long as they are not assimilated with prisoners of war. The criterion to be selected for control should, in our opinion, be as flexible as the relief action itself; one principle must however be strictly applied, i.e. that relief must benefit only those for whom it is intended.

We are at the entire disposal of the War Refugee Board to supply them with any additional information they may desire to receive.

Yours truly,

Carl J. Burckhardt
Carl J. Burckhardt
Member of the International Committee
of the Red Cross.

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Translation

Scheme of distribution drawn up by the "Joint Commission of the International Red Cross in Geneva" (Commission Mixte) for the American Legation, Berne, concerning a donation of 100.000 dollars for Jewish deportees of various countries.

We suggest apportioning the equivalent of this donation of 100.000 dollars representing a sum of Sw.fr.429.000.

Sw.fr. 70.000.- for the Pharmaceutical Service and Sw.fr.359.000.- for the Food & Clothing Section of the "Commission Mixte"

Sw.fr.429.000.-

The Food & Clothing Section proposes to utilize the sum of Sw.fr.100.000. to be placed at its disposal as follows:

- 1/. A sum of Sw.fr.100.000 for Jewish deportees in Transnistria and Bessarabia.
- 2/. A sum of " 119.000. for Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt.
- 3/. A sum of " 100.000. for Jewish relief organisations in Cracow.
- 4/. A sum of " 40.000. to build up a reserve stock for deportees in the various camps in the Netherlands and Upper Silesia.

Sw.fr.359.000

1. Consignments of Hungarian standard parcels (the goods to be purchased in Hungary and the parcels made up at the Port Franco in Geneva)

a). Consignment of about 4000 parcels containing foodstuffs partly requiring preparation, composed of:

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International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Relief

500 gr. plum jam
500 gr. macaroni (or similar) with broth
1/. Relief work for Jewish deportees in Transnistria
and Bessarabia. -

Sw.Fr. 100.000.-

This part would cost, inclusive of
share of the administrative expenses of the
Joint Commission Sw.Fr. 2.12.-

To be spent abroad Sw.Fr. 21.520
Rumania being herself in a position to supply
all the requisite foodstuffs as well as clothing, foot-
wear excepted, we consider it would be a mistake to
proceed to buy foodstuffs in Switzerland with the object
of forwarding them to these deportees. Experience has
proved that Mr. Kolb, delegate of the International
Committee of the Red Cross in Rumania, is able to procure
clothing on favourable terms. We know that the Jewish
deportees have no clothing and we therefore suggest that
the Treasury of the International Committee of the Red
Cross place the sum earmarked for the relief for these
persons at the disposal of their delegate in Rumania,
requesting the latter to be good enough to make the purchases
and distribute the clothing under his own control and
that of the Rumanian Red Cross which has the necessary organ-
isations at its disposal. Sw.Fr. 100.000

Amount to be spent abroad Sw.Fr. 100.000

To be spent in Switzerland Sw.Fr. 100.000
2/. Relief work for Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt

Sw.Fr. 119.000.-

Since the responsible German authorities do
not permit collective consignments to be sent to Jewish
deportees in Theresienstadt, we propose to use the sum
of Sw.Fr. 119.000.- which has been earmarked for this
purpose, for individual consignments in the form of
standard parcels of Hungarian origin. We submit two
proposals :

I. Consignments of Hungarian standard parcels

(the goods to be purchased in Hungary and
the parcels made up at the Port Franc in
Geneva.)

- a). Consignment of about 4000 parcels containing
foodstuffs partly requiring preparation,
composed of:

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- 500 gr. plum jam
- 500 gr. macaroni (or similar) with broth
flavouring for soups.
- 300 gr. biscuits
- 1 kg. sugar.

This parcel would cost, inclusive of
share of the administrative expenses of the
Joint Commission and packingSw.fr.9.13.-
To be spent abroadSw.fr.24.520
To be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr.12.000 36.520.-

b). Consignment of about 5500 parcels
containing foodstuffs which do not
require preparation, composed of:

- 500 gr. plum jam
- 500 gr. biscuits
- 2 tins of canned meat, i.e.
1 of 250 gr. chicken paste
- 1 of 250 gr. venison paste
- 1 kg. sugar.

This parcel would cost, inclusive of
share of administrative expenses of the Joint
Commission and packingSw.fr.13.89
To be spent abroadSw.fr.59.895
To be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr.16.500.- 76.395.-
Total Sw.fr.112.915.-

Proviso for costs purchasing,
conveyance, insurance, to be
spent in SwitzerlandSw.fr. 6.085.-
Total 119.000.-

If the first proposal is adopted, the
expenditure would therefore be :
in SwitzerlandSw.fr.34.585
AbroadSw.fr.119.000.-

This proposal is subject to agreement by the
Swiss appropriate authorities, in particular those of
the Swiss National Bank as regards the fund to be ex-
pended in Hungary.

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II. Parcels containing partly Swiss products and partly products of Hungarian and Slovak origin. The scheme would include about 9000 parcels which would cost Sw.fr.12,80 per parcel, packing and share of administrative charges of the Joint Commission inclusive, the contents being :

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can unsweetened condensed milk
- 1 carton cheese
- 1 can roast veal hash
- 1 can medium green peas
- 1 kg sugar
- 1 kg macaroni or such like

Amount to be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr.85.050.-
 Amount to be spent abroad 30.150.- 115.200.-

Proviso for costs purchasing, conveyance, insurance, to be spent in Switzerland 3.800.-
 Total Sw.fr. 119.000.-

If the second proposal is adopted, the expenditure would therefore be
 In Switzerland Sw.fr.85.050.-
 Abroad 33.950.-
 Sw.fr.119.000.-

As in the first instance, this second proposal is subject firstly to agreement by the Swiss National Bank as regards Hungarian and Slovak products, and secondly to the export licence for Swiss products which has to be issued by the appropriate authorities. These products could, if necessary, be forwarded from the Port-Franc of Geneva Cornavin where they could be packed into parcels which would be grouped in crates, twentyfive packages in each crate, and sent in the form of a collective consignment without any personal address.

3/. Relief work for Jewish relief organisations in Cracow
Sw.Fr.100.000.-

According to information which has reached us, the responsible German authorities have once more authorized consignments of pharmaceutical products to Cracow. We could therefore send these persons vitaminized milk LACTISSA, which is recognized as strengthening food.

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Paris

Exp. Sw.fr. 145.182.-

The sum of Sw.fr. 100.000.- earmarked for the purpose of the above work would permit of sending about 12.000 kg. of LACTISSA at Sw.fr. 7,75 per kg = Sw.fr. 93.000.-
 Proviso for share of administrative expenses, insurance, freight . . . Sw.fr. 7.000.-
Sw.fr. 100.000.-

Amount to be spent in Switzerland: Sw.fr. 100.000.-

4/. Reserve Stock to be built up for the camps in the Netherlands and Upper Silesia.

Sw.fr. 40.000.-

As regards ^{possible} consignments of parcels for the various deportee camps in the Netherlands and in Upper Silesia, i.e. a sum of Sw.fr. 20.000.- for the Netherlands, and an equal amount for Upper Silesia, we propose to send standard food parcels of Hungarian origin, viz. parcels of food not requiring preparation, at Sw.fr. 13.89 the parcel, including packing and share of the Relief Commission's charges, which would permit of two shipments of 1350 parcels each, that is a total of 2700 parcels, representing a sum of Sw.fr. 40.000.- of which would be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr. 8.000.- and Abroad " 29.400.-
 total 37.503.-

Proviso for cost, purchasing, conveyance, insurance 2.497.-
 total Sw.fr. 40.000.-

Distribution for the utilisation of funds

1st Proposal :

To be spent in Switzerland
 1/. Bessarabia and Transnistria 34.585.-
 2/. Theresienstadt 100.000.-
 3/. Cracow
 4/. Netherlands and upper Silesia 10.597.- Sw.fr. 145.182.-

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To be spent abroad

1/. Bessarabia and Transnistria . .	Sw. fr. 100.000.-	
2/. Theresienstadt	84.415.-	
3/. Cracow		
4/. Netherlands and Upper Silesia	Sw. fr. 29.403.-	Sw. fr. 213.818.-
		<u>Sw. f. 359.000.-</u>

Geneva, 15th February 1944.

Second proposal:

To be spent in Switzerland

1/. Bessarabia and Transnistria	85.050.-	
2/. Theresienstadt	100.000.-	
3/. Cracow		
4/. Netherlands and Upper Silesia	10.597.-	195.647.-

To be spent abroad

1/ Bessarabia and Transnistria	100.000.-	
2/ Theresienstadt	33.950.-	
3/ Cracow		
4/ Netherlands and Upper Silesia	29.403.-	Sw. fr. 163.353.-
		<u>Sw. fr. 359.000.-</u>

Foreign pharmaceutical products:

Pharmaceutical specialities and products of foreign origin, according to the enclosed list (Annexes 1, annex 2), or properly mentioned (from Depot Sanitaire);

Synthetic Surgical dressings:

Synthetic gauze and cotton, manufactured in Switzerland and which can be exported.

PROPOSITIONS.

1. For Refuges in Transnistria

Swiss pharmaceutical products:	
50'000 Polyvitaminic tablets	Fr. 2'500.-
50'000 Vitaminic tablets	" 3'200.-
5'000 Glac-25 capsules	" 1'700.-
10'000. Magnin tablets	" 1'000.-
Foreign pharmaceutical products:	
50'000 white insulin	" 500.-
Synthetic Surgical dressings:	" 1'000.-
Total:	Fr. 10'900.-

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Geneva, 28th February 1944.

Note
to the attention of the American Legation, Berne.

Propositions on the purchase of Medical supplies and surgical dressings for relief action in favour of Jewish refugees (Fr. 100'000.-- from War Refugees Board).

A. GENERALITIES.

A sum of Fr. 70'000.-- would be necessary for the purchase of medical supplies and surgical dressings. These purchasing propositions have been established on the basis of relief consignments which we send on account of other donors; this programme may be subject to modification due to conditions of purchase.

An explanation is necessary for the following items:

- Swiss pharmaceutical products:

Pharmaceutical specialities and products manufactured in Switzerland, according to the enclosed list (Assortment A, annex 1), or properly mentioned;

- Foreign pharmaceutical products:

Pharmaceutical specialities and products of foreign origin, according to the enclosed list (Assortment B, annex 2), or properly mentioned (from Depot Sanitaire);

- Synthetic Surgical dressings:

Synthetic gauze and cotton, manufactured in Switzerland and which can be exported.

B. PROPOSITIONS.

1. For Refugees in Transnistria:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

50'000 Polyvitamin tablets	Fr. 2'300.--
50'000 Vitaquin tablets	" 3'200.--
3'000 Olec-Bi ampoules	" 1'700.--
16'000 Phytin tablets	" 1'000.--

Foreign pharmaceutical products:

80'000 units Insulin	" 800.--
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Synthetic Surgical dressings:	" 3'000.--
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Total:	Fr. 12'000.--
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Report: Fr. 12'000.--

2. For Theresienstadt and camps in the neighbourhood:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:		
100'000 Polyvitamin tablets	Fr. 4'600.--	
Foreign pharmaceutical products:	"	200.--
20'000 units Insulin	"	300.--
2 kgs Mercurochrome	"	2'600.--
Synthetic Surgical dressings:		
Total:	Fr. 7'700.--	

3. For Jüdische Unterstützungsstelle Cracow and camps in the neighbourhood:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:		
two Assortments A	Fr. 14'000.--	
150'000 Polyvitamin tablets	"	6'900.--
Foreign pharmaceutical products:	"	2'000.--
two Assortments B	"	3'100.--
Synthetic Surgical dressings		
Total:	Fr. 26'000.--	

4. Reserve for camps in Holland and Upper Silesia:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:		
two Assortments A	Fr. 14'000.--	
Foreign pharmaceutical products:	"	2'000.--
two Assortments B	"	1'600.--
Synthetic Surgical dressings:		
Total:	Fr. 12'000.--	
Total:	Fr. 63'300.--	
Emergency reserve	"	6'700.--
	Fr. 70'000.--	

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ASSORTMENT A

List of Swiss pharmaceutical products.

	1 kg tabl.	Acid. ascorbinic. 0,05 (Vitamin C)
40 x	100 tabl.	Becozym (Vitamin B-Komplex)
20 x	100 tabl.	Benerva (Vitamin B ₁)
3 x	25 amp.	Benerva-forte (Vitamin B ₁)
6 x	25 amp.	Larostidin
2 x	250 tabl.	Saridon
6 x	25 amp.	Redoxon-forte (Vitamin C)
100 x	125 tabl.	Ferro-Redoxon
10 x	25 tabl.	Thiocol
100 x	100 gr	Laroson
	2000 tabl.	Spasmolytic (Atropin-Papaverin)
20 x	50 tabl.	Nitroglycerin 0,0005
	500 amp.	Coffein. natr. salicylic. 0,2
	1000 tabl.	Coffein. natr. salicylic. 0,25
	2000 tabl.	Natr. salicylic. 0,5
	1000 tabl.	Naphtol. benzoic. 0,25
	3000 tabl.	Codein. phosphoric. 0,02
15 x	150 tabl.	Calcium Sandoz
20 x	500 gr	Calcium Sandoz granulated
20 x	10 amp.	Calcium Sandoz 10% 5 cc
20 x	200 tabl.	Digilanid
25 x	10 com	Digilanid liquide
4 x	100 com	Digilanid liquide
30 x	1/2 tube	Baum Panthesin
5 x	250 tabl.	Felamin
6 x	250 tabl.	Ipedrin
6 x	50 amp.	Strophosid 1 ccm
6 x	50 amp.	Strophosid 0,5 ccm
5 x	100 tabl.	Gynergen
3 x	50 amp.	Gynergen 0,5 ccm
10 x	250 tabl.	Entero-Vioform
20 x	20 amp.	Coramin 1,7 ccm
150	fl.	Coramin liquid 15 ccm
4 x	250 tabl.	Cibalgin
5 x	1000 tabl.	Cibazol
2 x	250 tabl.	Cibazol
10 x	10 gr	Cibazol powder
20	fl.	Merfen "solution aqueuse"
20	fl.	Merfen "teinture coloré"
100	fl.	Merfen "solution nasale" 10 ccm

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20	jars	Merfen ointment 500 gr
2	jars	Merfen ophthalmic ointment
10 x 500	gr	Desogen
1	kg	Bismuth. subgallic.
2	kg	Bismuth. subnitric.
10 x 250	tabl.	Irgafen
10 x 50	amp.	Irgafen
50	tub.	Irgamid nasal ointment
250	gr	Coffein. pur.
500	gr	Kalium chloricum
5	kg	Magnes. sulfuric.
1	kg	Phenacetin
1	kg	Vasolimentum liquidum
4000	tabl.	Acid. acetylosalicylic. 0,5
1000	tabl.	Barbital 0,5
5000	tabl.	Di-pyrini 0,3
1000	tabl.	Hexamini 0,5
1000	tabl.	Tannini albuminati 0,5
2000	tabl.	Theobromino-natr. salicylic. 0,5
20/1	tub.	Calmitol ointment
10/1	flac.	Calmitol liquid
1	kg	Ungt. hydrargyri praec. alb. cum. vasel. artific. 10%
2	kg	Pasta zinci cum vasel. artif.
5	kg	Pulvis adpersor. zinci.

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ASSORTMENT B

Foreign pharmaceutical products

- 20'000 i.u. Insulin
- 2 kg Mercurochrome
- 500 amp. Dextrosum 50% 20 ccm
- 500 amp. Perhepar

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COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIQUE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE 4, COURS DES BASTIONS GENEVE

Genève, le 28 février 1944.

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Propositions relatives à une action éventuelle de secours en faveur des enfants sous-alimentés, en Serbie et en Slovénie.

Tenant compte de la situation particulièrement alarmantes de plusieurs milliers d'enfants en Serbie et en Slovénie, nous nous permettons de soumettre un projet concernant une action de secours en faveur de ces déshérités.

Les envois seraient adressés au délégué du C.I.C.R. à Belgrade, pour distribution, sous son contrôle et celui de la Croix-Rouge serbe, aux dits enfants.

Nous proposons donc l'envoi de produits suisses, auxquels nous pourrions ajouter du sucre slovaque et des pâtes hongroises, pour une somme de: Frs.s. 200'000.--, à répartir par moitié pour chacune des deux actions envisagées, soit:

1) à destination de la Serbie, pour distribution aux enfants de réfugiés dans ce pays:

300 caisses de lait condensé sucré	Frs. 18'600.--
300 " " " n/sucré	" 15'450.--
10'000 kgs. de sucre	" 11'500.--
5'000 " pâtes	" 11'000.--
10'000 boîtes de fromage	" 17'500.--
5'000 kgs. de farine pour potages	" 11'500.--
2'000 " de marmelade de pommes	" 6'000.--
	Frs. 91'550.--
Provision pour frais d'assurances, de transitaires et participation à nos frais d'administration	" 8'450.--
	Frs. 100'000.--

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2) À destination de la Slovénie, pour distribution aux enfants de ce pays.

300 caisses de lait condensé sucré	Frs. 18'600.--
300 " " " n/sucré	" 15'450.--
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Montant à dépenser en Suisse	Frs. 155'000.--
" " " à l'étranger	" 45'000.--
	Frs. 200'000.--

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Commission Mixte de Secours de
la Croix-Rouge internationale:
Service: Vivres et Vêtements.

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Geneva, 28th February 1944.

Note
to the attention of the American Legation, Berne.

Proposition on the purchase of medical supplies and surgical dressings for relief actions in favour of Refugee children in Serbia and Slovenian children.

1. For children in Slovenia.

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

Calcium Sandoz	Fr. 1'600.--
Phytin-tablets	" 1'400.--
Ferro-Redoxon	" 1'600.--
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--
Diphtheria Antitoxin	" 1'200.--
Laroson	" 1'800.--
Neocid disinfectant	" 1'800.--

Synthetic Surgical dressings:

" 3'700.--

Total:

Fr. 20'000.--

2. For Refugee children in Serbia.

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

Calcium Sandoz tablets	Fr. 1'600.--
Phytin tablets	" 1'000.--
Ferro-Redoxon tablets	" 1'600.--
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--
Vitaquin tablets	" 3'200.--
Diphtheria Antitoxin	" 1'200.--
Neocid disinfectant	" 1'800.--
Laroson	" 1'700.--

Synthetic surgical dressings:

" 1'000.--

Total:

Fr. 20'000.--

Fr. 40'000.--

Joint Relief Commission
of the International Red Cross
Pharmaceutical Services

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No. 7454

Bern, March 2, 1944.

Subject: Proposed Program of the International Committee of the Red Cross for the relief of Jewish Refugees and other Persecuted Groups in Enemy Territory.

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ICRC - Jewish Relief
March 1944

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's telegrams no. 279 of January 27, 1944, and 437 of February 9, 1944, which contained messages from the War Refugee Board which the Minister was requested to transmit to the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.

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German-occupied areas who are denied the facilities available to the rest of the population. The Red Cross was further requested to advise the War Refugee Board as to where food, medicines, and other supplies could be purchased and how much money was needed. The War Refugee Board stated that it was prepared to see that funds were made available at once for the necessary operations.

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Enclosed with this despatch is a letter dated February 29, 1944 addressed to the Legation by Dr. Carl J. Burckhardt, Member of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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The letter from Dr. Burckhardt constitutes the reply of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the Department's telegrams nos. 279 of January 27 and 437 of February 9, 1943. A summary of this letter is being telegraphed to the Department. Dr. Burckhardt's letter treats generally with the problems and possibilities of relief of Jewish refugees "and other persecuted groups in German-occupied areas who are denied the facilities available to the rest of the population" and proposes two definite relief programs: a) for the expenditure of the Swiss franc equivalent of the \$100,000 made available by the Joint Distribution Committee for the relief of Jewish refugees in Transnistria, Bessarabia, Theresienstadt, Cracow, and different camps in Holland and Upper Silesia; b) for the relief of children war victims in Serbia and Slovenia. For the latter relief action funds have not yet been provided. Annexed to Dr. Burckhardt's letter are detailed schedules of the proposed expenditures.

It is believed that the Department and the War Refugee Board will be particularly interested in the proposal made by the International Committee of the Red Cross in paragraph 3 section I of Dr. Burckhardt's letter that to as large an extent as possible purchases of food and clothing in enemy territory be replaced by the assembly in Geneva of a depot of relief articles shipped from overseas. In an interview on February 17 Dr. J. E. Schwarzenberg, the member of the secretariat of the International Committee of the Red Cross who was charged with the preparation of the reply to the War Refugee Board's inquiry, indicated that he was fully aware of the dangers implicit in the expenditure of foreign exchange in enemy territory and requested that the Legation favorably recommend to the Department and the War Refugee Board the comparative advantages of shipping relief articles from overseas. In the Legation's opinion, the expenditure of foreign exchange in enemy territory is likely to result in unpreventable abuses by the enemy which may endanger the relief program and which will certainly handicap the prosecution of our economic warfare. Dr. Schwarzenberg has since renewed his plea for the despatch of relief parcels from overseas.

The Legation also commends to the particular attention of the Department and the War Refugee Board section II of Dr. Burckhardt's letter, which proposes relief for Norwegians, Dutch, Poles, Belgians, Greeks, and Czechs who, incarcerated in German concentration camps and prisons under severe German secret police control, are enduring privations. Dr. Schwarzenberg has informed the Legation that, in his opinion, these individuals who are suffering for their political beliefs or for resistance to the enemy

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from American Legation, Bern, on the subject
are among those of the persecuted groups in most urgent
need of assistance. He expressed his deep regret that
up to the present time the British blockade authorities
have refused to authorize relief for these groups because
the Germans will not recognize these imprisoned persons
as being prisoners of war and as such subject to the
Geneva Convention. He requested that the Legation second
the plea of the Red Cross that these unfortunate people
likewise be granted assistance by the War Refugee Board.

Max Huber, Respectfully yours,
President, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Geneva.

Leland Harrison
American Minister.

Sir: I have the honor to convey to you the following
Enclosures:
1. Legation's letter of January 29 to Mr. Huber.
2. Legation's letter of February 11 to Mr. Huber.
3. Legation's letter of February 11 to Mr. S. Mayer.
4. Letter dated February 29 from Dr. Burokhardt.

(With original only)
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where food, medicines and other supplies can be
purchased and how much money is needed. We are pre-
pared to see that funds are made available at once
for necessary operations.

In transmitting the foregoing message to you, I desire
to add that I would, of course, be pleased to forward by
telegram my reply which the Committee may desire to make
to the War Refugee Board's inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Leland Harrison
American Minister.

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Geneva, Switzerland
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from American Legation, Bern, on the subject of
"Proposed program of the International Committee
of the Red Cross for the Relief of Jewish Refugees...etc."

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Bern, January 29, 1944

The Honorable
Max Huber,
President, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
President, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Geneva.

Sir: I have the honor to refer to the Legation's
letter of January 29, 1944, which transmitted to you

I have the honor to convey to you the following
message for the International Committee of the Red Cross
transmitted by telegraph by the Department of State, Wash-
ington, on behalf of the newly organized War Refugee Board
of the United States Government:

"We are familiar with the report (contained
in your cable 571, of October 12, 1943, to your
Washington delegation) concerning possible feeding
programs in Rumania, Theresienstadt, Slovakia and
Croatia, and the need of funds therefor, and desire
information as to the areas in which you could
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are made available to you to provide food and medi-
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Very truly yours,

Leland Harrison
American Minister.

In accordance with instructions received from the
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offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

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from American Legation, Bern, on the subject of
"Proposed program of the International Committee
of the Red Cross for the Relief of Jewish Refugees...etc"

COPY Bern, February 11, 1944.

The Honorable
Max Huber,
President, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Geneva.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Legation's
letter of January 29, 1944, which transmitted to you
a message from the War Refugee Board, and to your
reply of February 8. In this connection the Legation
has been requested by the Department of State to transmit
to the International Red Cross the following telegraphic
message from the War Refugee Board:

"Please refer to our recent cable in which
information was requested relating to possible
relief operations on behalf of Jews and other
persecuted groups. We have examined the proposal
which you made through your London delegation in
December to the Intergovernmental Committee, in
which you requested that there be placed at your
disposal the sum of 300,000 Swiss francs for
carrying out the indicated relief program in
Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary, and Theresien-
stadt and such other relief actions as may become
feasible. The funds needed for this project are
being made available to you immediately by Joint
Distribution Committee, which has been granted by
the Treasury Department a license authorizing
transmission to you of the equivalent in Swiss
francs of \$100,000 for this purpose. You are
authorized under the license to employ the funds
for buying food and other supplies in Hungary,
Rumania, and neutral countries and otherwise
to carry out the relief activities which are
mentioned above. Please keep the War Refugee
Board fully advised of the action you take,
and also indicate to the Board what other
assistance is required in order to carry out
this and similar operations."

In accordance with instructions received from the
Department of State, the Legation will be pleased to
offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

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of the Red Cross for the relief of Jewish Refugees...etc"

In view of the association of the Joint Distribution
Committee with the activity outlined in the telegram from
the War Refugee Board, as quoted above, I am taking the
liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Saly Mayer,
representative of the Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerborgstrasse 26, St. Gallen.

Bern, February 11, 1944
Very truly yours,
For the Minister:

Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerborgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

Daniel J. Reagan, Esq.,
Commercial Attaché,
St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Legation's
letter of today's date to the Honorable Max Huber of
the International Red Cross, Geneva.

In accordance with instructions received from the
Department of State, the Legation will be pleased to
offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

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Tigerborgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

Daniel J. Reagan, Esq.,
Commercial Attaché,
St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Legation's
letter of today's date to the Honorable Max Zuber of
the International Red Cross, Geneva.

In accordance with instructions received from the
Department of State, the Legation will be pleased to
offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

Enclosure as stated.

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the Red Cross for the Relief of Jewish Refugees and
other persecuted groups in enemy territory.

COPY SOURCE: International Committee
of the Red Cross, Geneva.

COPY COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL Bern, February 11, 1944

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre
Geneve, February 29th, 1944.
Mr. Saly Mayer,
American Joint Distribution Committee,
Tigerborgstrasse 26,
St. Gallen.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Legation's
letter of today's date to the Honorable Max Huber of
the International Red Cross, Geneva.

In accordance with instructions received from the
Department of State, the Legation will be pleased to
offer you all possible cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

The War Refugee Commission is making a suggestion
made by us to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees
in London last week. We wish to notify you that
the equivalent in \$1,000,000 dollars could be
available free from the geographical areas,
for use in Hungary, Rumania and neutral countries, and that
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The International Committee have just been credited
with the sum of 425,000 Swiss francs through the Swiss
National Bank, on behalf of the "Joint", and we assume
that it will be mainly a subsidy for Mr. Saly Mayer to
discuss with us particularly the utilization of this
sum. We feel, however, that it may be useful to send
you herewith a scheme which has been drawn up by the
"Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross
(Commission Mixte)". Subject to an agreement being
reached with the "Joint Distribution Committee", this
scheme would provide for the utilization of a sum of
425,000 Swiss francs for the benefit of groups of Jews
whom we consider to be in great need. This scheme also
of speedy action, without awaiting the putting into effect
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SOURCE: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

Genève, February 29th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général.

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Dear Sirs,

Following upon our letter of February 17th, 1944, to H.E. the American Minister in Bern, we venture to submit for your consideration the following particulars concerning relief action in regard to which the support of the War Refugee Board of the United States would be highly desirable.

The War Refugee Board, in accepting a suggestion made by us to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees in London last autumn, was good enough to notify us that the equivalent in Swiss francs of 100,000 dollars would be available free from restrictions as to geographical areas, for use in Hungary, Rumania and neutral countries, and that the licence had been issued under the name of the "Joint Distribution Committee".

The International Committee have just been credited with the sum of 429,000 Swiss francs through the Swiss National Bank, on behalf of the "Joint", and we assume that it will be mainly a matter for Mr. Saly Mayer to discuss with us particulars for the utilization of this sum. We feel, however, that it may be useful to send you herewith a scheme which has been drawn up by the "Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross (Commission Mixte)". Subject to an agreement being reached with the "Joint Distribution Committee", this scheme would provide for the utilization of a sum of 429,000 Swiss francs for the benefit of groups of Jews whom we consider to be in great need. This scheme aims at speedy action, without awaiting the putting into effect of any projects which might be evolved subsequently.

To the Legation of the United States of America,
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We have thought it advisable to apply certain rules in drawing up this programme.

I. Relief for Jews.

1. The peculiar position of Jews in the Axis countries is not a crystallised one, and the possibilities of extending relief to them which exist at any given moment may suddenly disappear. It is therefore necessary to proceed by test cases in the absence of any basis which is firmly established by international law. We have been able more than once, by means of tests, to open up fresh channels for the distribution of relief, the facilities offered to us being very variable and differing from one area to another. We should therefore very much appreciate if a certain proportion of the sums which are placed at our disposal was to be set aside for test consignments the despatch of which would be attempted through hitherto untried channels. Whereas we are able to state almost with certainty that relief consignments to Rumania, to Theresienstadt and to the "Judische Unterstutzungsstelle" in Cracow will reach the beneficiaries, we cannot vouch in the same way for the delivery of relief to, say, the Jews in the camp at Westerbork (Netherlands), in the camps in France and in certain camps in Upper Silesia, where we should like to make the test.

2. Being apprised of the views of the blockade authorities as regards transfer of currency to Axis countries, we shall endeavour to reduce to the lowest possible minimum any purchases which may have to be made in Hungary and Rumania, and to procure goods as far as possible in the neutral countries of Europe (pharmaceutical products and some foodstuffs, which have however become very rarefied). In this connection, we should like to know if we could count on additional funds if they were to be used exclusively in Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden and possibly Turkey.

3. In order, however, to limit as far as possible the purchases which would be made in Hungary and Rumania, we wonder if the War Refugee Board would consider shipping from overseas relief in kind which we propose to stock in Geneva, and upon which we would draw according as supplies were required. This method would have the advantage of enabling us to seize as they occur certain opportunities of despatching relief supplies, without having to send out fresh appeals on each occasion. The stock which would thus be built up in Switzerland could remain under the control of the War Refugee Board which, through their representative at the American Legation in Bern, would authorize us to draw upon these reserves to the extent of the amounts proposed in the schemes and projects which would be submitted by us.

The articles which are most urgently required are:

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a) warm clothing and underwear. Certain groups of Jews in Transnistria, for instance, whom our delegate has been able to visit, are practically completely deprived of clothing.

b) boots (large sizes for men).

It would meet one of the most urgent needs if, as the War Refugee Board proposes to do, we had several thousand parcels available, containing each an assortment of clothing, underwear and possibly a pair of strong boots (parcels made up separately according as they are intended for men, women or children (not infants)).

4. The same system of warehousing could usefully be applied for food parcels, perhaps several tens of thousands of these of a maximum weight of 2 kg. 1/2. The distribution of relief to Theresienstadt is most easily carried out in the form of standard parcels. These should contain only articles which will keep some time (canned goods, sugar, condensed milk, ovaltine, etc.). These parcels could be sent also to the camps in Upper Silesia (if this is found to be possible), Croatia, the Netherlands and France. If, on the other hand, the War Refugee Board, do not see their way to entertaining our proposal that clothing and food parcels be sent to us from overseas, we should be compelled to make them up ourselves, which would unavoidably entail the purchasing of certain foodstuffs in Hungary and Rumania, and this would mean transfer of Swiss francs to Axis countries.

Should the question of tonnage be an obstacle in the way of the War Refugee Board accepting our proposal to place food parcels at our disposal, we should be willing to have these consignments conveyed, against reimbursement of the freight charges, and in so far as the available tonnage would permit, by the ships which are at present plying under the sign of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and which carry supplies for the allied prisoners of war between the United States, Canada and Lisbon, on the one hand, and Lisbon-Marseilles (Geneva), on the other.

5. As a general rule, we should like to stress that in this matter of relief for Jews, we proceed very discreetly, and that we endeavour to avoid any form of publicity as far as our own work is concerned. The reasons for this are

a) the fact that the various Jewish associations, for certain reasons, prefer to act independently the one from the other, and it would seem impossible to succeed in centralizing the various relief undertakings which are organized by each of these groups. It is therefore not in the interest of the aim in view to reveal to one Jewish organization what is done by another.

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b) Neither is it in the interest of the Jews whom we wish to rescue from a critical situation to draw too much attention to the proposed relief action. In view of certain tendencies, it is to be feared that authorizations which already exist might be withdrawn and new difficulties raised if this plan to save certain groups of Jews were exploited for propaganda purposes.

II. Relief for concentration camps in Germany.

This desire to avoid as far as possible attracting attention to our scheme has led us to propose relief work for certain groups of civil war victims, irrespective of race and religion. The War Refugee Board willingly agreed to this principle, and we are therefore venturing to mention certain groups who, we feel, are deserving of assistance by the War Refugee Board in like manner to the Jews.

These groups include nationals of allied countries (Belgians, Dutch, Norwegians, Poles, Greeks, Czechs, etc.) who have been deported and are detained in the prisons and concentration camps in Germany.

Political prisoners are detained in Germany in concentration camps which are under the control of the secret police. The régime is more severe than in the prisoner of war and civil internment camps, and all the information we receive corroborates that the food in these camps is inadequate. The International Committee therefore, in response to the urgent appeals which they received from these political prisoners and from their next-of-kin, applied on many occasions to the allied authorities and Red Cross Societies, with the object of obtaining permission to reforward food parcels to these concentration camps, as is done for allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in Germany. To their great regret, the blockade authorities firmly refused to authorize these consignments, insisting, as an essential condition, for such an authorization that these detainees should be assimilated with prisoners of war, i.e. that the stipulations of the Geneva Convention should be applied to them. Such a measure depends, however, upon the German authorities, which refuse to allow this assimilation. The International Committee regret that the blockade authorities should have laid down this condition which makes relief entirely dependent upon a decision to be taken by the detaining authorities and prevents the detainees from receiving what are very necessary food supplies.

Judging that the blockade authorities are not opposed on principle to this category of peculiarly afflicted war victims receiving assistance, but that they are concerned chiefly with preventing the detaining country from deriving any benefit from the foodstuffs, the International Committee have endeavoured to discover some means of guaranteeing the safe distribution of relief in these camps. At the same time, they have sought to provide the blockade authorities with

of drawing their attention once more to this problem, and of warmly recommending that they guarantees

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guarantees which would be equivalent (if not superior) to the means of control which are provided for under the Conventions of Geneva, the latter being unfortunately inapplicable in the present instance.

These guarantees are the following: thanks to certain small sums which have been received in Switzerland, we have been able to send some parcels to the principal concentration camps in Germany and even to certain camps and prisons in the occupied countries, asking that acknowledgments be returned to us personally by the beneficiaries. In certain camps (Oranienburg and Ravensbrück), our delegates have been able to ascertain on the spot that the parcels were actually delivered, and that there was no reason to fear they had been misappropriated. We are thus able at present to send parcels to Norwegian (also to the students from Oslo), Dutch, Polish, Belgian, Greek, Czech and other deportees in Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg, Ravensbrück, and in certain other camps, but for lack of funds and parcels, we are not in a position to develop this relief action on the scale which would be necessary; at present it is still in the stage of a test process undertaken to furnish the blockade authorities with evidence that the scheme is feasible, and that fully adequate guarantees could be supplied and which we should be ready to submit for the attention of the representative of the American Legation, should the latter be interested in these various test cases.

Although the detaining authorities decline to supply the International Committee with the names of political prisoners and even with information on the strengths of the camps, this action has had a noteworthy result. The parcels which we have nevertheless been able to deliver to certain detainees have as a matter of fact acted as a snowball, and the next-of-kin, in the home countries of the deportees, having doubtless been notified by letters from the camps, are now advising us spontaneously of the names and addresses of the deportees. Thus we possess the names - and we would ask you to treat this as strictly confidential - of nearly all the Norwegians, Dutch and a large number of Poles who are political prisoners in the concentration camps. Consignments could therefore be organized systematically and we would even be in a position to receive acknowledgments from the prisoners' representatives - similarly to the procedure applied in prisoner of war camps - for any collective consignments which might be despatched.

The present problem would be to send food supplies by means of standard parcels to several thousand political prisoners (approximately 1450 Norwegians, a thousand Dutch men and women, or thereabouts, and as many Polish men and women). We do not know the strengths of the other nationalities, but feel convinced that we would have their names communicated to us if we were able at last to undertake this relief action.

We are profiting by the opportunity afforded us by the War Refugee Board, thanks to their generous support, of drawing their attention once more to this very urgent problem, and of warmly recommending that they contribute to

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supplying a particularly deserving and severely stricken category of war-victims with relief which might be instrumental in saving the lives of many of them.

We are at the entire disposal of the War Refugee Board to supply them with any additional information.

III. Relief for children war-victims, particularly in Serbia and Slovenia.

From accurate information received from Belgrade we hear that there are at present in Belgrade and several other Serbian towns more than 80,000 children who have escaped from the areas which used to be included formerly in Yugoslavia, and which are now attached to Croatia. These refugee children are in a particularly critical condition; they are under-nourished and require clothing. Their health condition is pitiful. It would be necessary to organize emergency relief action for their benefit.

The same may be said of children in Slovenia (the northern section of Yugoslavia). This area was first annexed by Italy which undertook to supply it. The situation which was already serious has become worse since the events in Italy in the summer of 1943. More than 100,000 children are suffering from malnutrition. Products such as milk, sugar, chocolate, ovaltine and other strengthening foods are entirely lacking. Here too relief consignments are urgently required. We enclose a distribution plan in case it should prove useful.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Joint Relief Commission (Commission Mixte) undertake to apply in any future action - as in the past - measures of control as strict as possible, and to prevent any misappropriation of relief consignments. We shall proceed to carry out relief only when we have gained the conviction as far as possible that the detaining authorities will not derive any direct benefit from the relief supplies. We shall submit to the War Refugee Board - if possible through their representative at the American Legation in Bern - all the evidence which we can gather vouching for the safe arrival of relief supplies, and reports on their distribution, in all cases where our delegates have been able to be present. Thus the War Refugee Board will be in a position to judge whether it is possible to carry out a specific undertaking or not.

Further we do not think that rigid regulations for control are expedient; we have already mentioned the example (cf. point II) of political prisoners in German concentration camps to whom the blockade authorities do not consider it permissible to send relief parcels so long as they are not assimilated with prisoners of war. The criterion to be selected for control should, in our opinion, be as flexible as the relief action itself; one principle must however be strictly applied, i.e. that relief must

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benefit only those for whom it is intended.

We are at the entire disposal of the War Refugee Board to supply them with any additional information they may desire to receive.

Yours truly,

(signed) Carl J. Burckhardt
Member of the International Committee
of the Red Cross.

Sw. Fr. 75,000.- for the Pharmaceutical Service
and Sw. Fr. 250,000.- for the Food & Clothing Section
of the "Humanitarian Work"

Sw. Fr. 425,000.-

The Food & Clothing Section proposes to utilize
the sum of Sw. Fr. 250,000
to be placed at its disposal as follows:

- 1/ A sum of Sw. Fr. 100,000
for Jewish deportees in Transnistria
and Bessarabia.
 - 2/ A sum of 119,000
for Jewish deportees in Rumania.
 - 3/ A sum of 100,000
for Jewish relief organizations in Greece.
 - 4/ A sum of 46,000
to build up a reserve stock for deportees
in the various camps in the Balkans and
Upper Silesia.
- Sw. Fr. 355,000
- 1/ Relief work for Jewish deportees in Transnistria
and Bessarabia.
- Sw. Fr. 100,000

It being necessary to purchase
all the requisite footwear, clothing, and
wear adopted, we desire to request you to
proceed to buy footwear in Bessarabia with the object
of forwarding same to those deportees. It has been
proved that Mr. Kolt, Director of the Rumanian
Committee of the Red Cross in Rumania, is well in a position
clothing on favourable terms. It has also been proved that
the Jewish deportees have no clothing and we therefore request that
the Treasury of the International Committee of the Red
Cross place the sum earmarked for the relief for these
persons at the disposal of their delegates in Rumania,
requesting the latter to be good enough to make the purchases
and distribute the clothing under his own control and
that of the Rumanian Red Cross which has the necessary
organizations at its disposal.

Amount to be spent abroad Sw. Fr. 100,000

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2/. Relief work for Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt

Scheme of distribution drawn up by the "Joint Commission of the International Red Cross in Geneva" (Commission Mixte) for the American Legation, Berne, concerning a donation of 100,000 dollars for Jewish deportees of various countries.

We suggest apportioning the equivalent of this donation of 100,000 dollars representing a sum of . . . Sw.fr. 429,000.

Sw.fr. 70,000.- for the Pharmaceutical Service and Sw.fr. 359,000.- for the Food & Clothing Section of the "Commission Mixte" Sw.fr. 429,000.-

The Food & Clothing Section proposes to utilize the sum of Sw.fr. 359,000 to be placed at its disposal as follows:

- 1/. A sum of . . . Sw.fr. 100,000. for Jewish deportees in Transnistria and Bessarabia.
2/. A sum of . . . 119,000. for Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt.
3/. A sum of . . . 100,000. for Jewish relief organisations in Craacow.
4/. A sum of . . . 40,000. to build up a reserve stock for deportees in the various camps in the Netherlands and Upper Silesia.
Sw.fr. 359,000

1/. Relief work for Jewish deportees in Transnistria and Bessarabia - Sw.fr. 100,000.-

Rumania being herself in a position to supply all the requisite foodstuffs as well as clothing, footwear excepted, we consider it would be a mistake to proceed to buy foodstuffs in Switzerland with the object of forwarding them to these deportees. Experience has proved that Mr. Kolb, delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Rumania, is able to procure clothing on favourable terms. We know that the Jewish deportees have no clothing and we therefore suggest that the Treasury of the International Committee of the Red Cross place the sum earmarked for the relief for these persons at the disposal of their delegate in Rumania, requesting the latter to be good enough to make the purchases and distribute the clothing under his own control and that of the Rumanian Red Cross which has the necessary organizations at its disposal. Amount to be spent abroad . . . Sw.fr. 100,000

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2/. Relief work for Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt
expenditure was Sw.Fr. 119.000.-

Since the responsible German authorities do not permit collective consignments to be sent to Jewish deportees in Theresienstadt, we propose to use the sum of Sw.Fr. 119.000.- which has been earmarked for this purpose, for individual consignments in the form of standard parcels of Hungarian origin. We submit two proposals:

- I. Consignments of Hungarian standard parcels (the goods to be purchased in Hungary and the parcels made up at the Port Franc in Geneva.)
- II. Consignments of Hungarian standard parcels (the goods to be purchased in Hungary and the parcels made up at the Port Franc in Geneva.)

a). Consignment of about 4000 parcels containing foodstuffs partly requiring preparation, composed of:

- 1 can 500 gr. plum jam
- 1 can 500 gr. macaroni (or similar) with broth
- 1 carton cheese flavoured for soups.
- 1 can 300 gr. biscuits
- 1 can 1 kg. sugar

This parcel would cost, inclusive of share of the administrative expenses of the Joint Commission and packing Sw.Fr. 9.15.-

To be spent abroad Sw.Fr. 24.520

To be spent in Switzerland Sw.Fr. 12.000

36.520.-

b). Consignment of about 5500 parcels containing foodstuffs which do not require preparation, composed of:

- 500 gr. plum jam
- 500 gr. biscuits
- 2 tins of canned meat, i.e.
- 1 of 250 gr. chicken paste
- 1 of 250 gr. venison paste
- 1 kg sugar.

This parcel would cost, inclusive of share of administrative expenses of the Joint Commission and packing Sw.Fr. 13.89

To be spent abroad Sw.Fr. 59.895.

To be spent in Switzerland Sw.Fr. 16,500.

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Total Sw.Fr. 112.915.

Proviso for costs purchasing, conveyance, insurance, to be spent in Switzerland. . . . Sw.Fr. 6.085.

Total " 119.000.

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3/. Helio If the first proposal is adopted, the expenditure would therefore be:

in Switzerland	Sw.Fr. 100,000.-	Sw.Fr. 34,585.-
Abroad	"	84,415.-
		<u>Sw.Fr. 119,000.-</u>

According to information which has reached responsible German authorities have once more authorized this proposal is subject to agreement by the Swiss appropriate authorities, in particular those of the Swiss National Bank as regards the fund to be expended in Hungary.

II. Parcels containing partly Swiss products and partly products of Hungarian and Slovak origin. The scheme would include about 9000 parcels which would cost Sw.fr. 12,80 per parcel, packing and share of administrative charges of the Joint Commission inclusive, the contents being:

1 can sweetened condensed milk	
1 can unsweetened condensed milk	Fr. 100,000.-
1 carton cheese	
1 can roast veal hash	
1 can medium green peas	
1 kg sugar	
1 kg macaroni or such like	

4/. Reserve for the camps in the Netherlands

Amount to be spent in Switzerland	Sw.fr. 85,050.-
Amount to be spent abroad	" 30,150.-
	<u>115,200.-</u>

As regards possible consignments of parcels for the various countries, it is proposed to provide for costs purchasing, conveyance, insurance, to be spent in Switzerland and the Netherlands, and an equal amount for Upper Silesia, we propose to send standard food parcels of Swiss origin, viz. parcels of food not required at Sw.fr. 13.83 the parcel, including packing and share of the Helio. If the second proposal is adopted, the permit of two such consignments would therefore be at a total of 2700 parcels, representing a sum of Sw.fr. 40,000.- of which would be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr. 85,050.- Abroad Sw.fr. 33,950.- Total Sw.fr. 119,000.-

Proviso for cost, purchasing, conveyance, insurance. 2,497.-

As in the first instance, this second proposal is subject firstly to agreement by the Swiss National Bank as regards Hungarian and Slovak products, and secondly to the export licence for Swiss products which has to be issued by the appropriate authorities. These products could, if necessary, be forwarded from the Port-Frano of Geneva Cornavin where they could be packed into parcels which would be grouped in crates, twentyfive packages in each crate, and sent in the form of a collective consignment without any personal address.

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3/. Relief work for Jewish relief organisations in Cracow
to be spent abroad
Sw.Fr.100.000.-

According to information which has reached us, the responsible German authorities have once more authorized consignments of pharmaceutical products to Cracow. We could therefore send these persons vitaminized milk LACTISSA, which is recognized as strengthening food.

The sum of Sw.Fr. 100.000.- earmarked for the purpose of the above work would permit of sending about 12.000 kg of LACTISSA at	Sw.Fr. 213.818.-
Sw.Fr. 7,75 per kg =	Sw.fr. 93.000.-
Proviso for share of administrative expenses, insurance, freight	Sw.Fr. 7.000.-
	Sw.Fr.100.000.-
Amount to be spent in Switzerland:	85.050.-
Upper Silesia	10.597.-
	195.647.-

4/. Reserve Stock to be built up for the camps in the Netherlands and Upper Silesia.

Sw.Fr. 40.000.-	Sw.Fr. 40.000.-
As regards possible consignments of parcels for the various deportee camps in the Netherlands and in Upper Silesia, i.e. a sum of Sw.fr.20.000.- for the Netherlands, and an equal amount for Upper Silesia, we propose to send standard food parcels of Hungarian origin, viz. parcels of food not requiring preparation, at Sw.fr.13.89 the parcel, including packing and share of the Relief Commission's charges, which would permit of two shipments of 1350 parcels each, that is a total of 2700 parcels, representing a sum of Sw.fr.40.000.- of which would be spent in Switzerland Sw.fr. 8.100.- and Abroad " 29.403	33.950.-
Total	" 37,503.
Proviso for cost, purchasing, conveyance, insurance.	2,497.
	Sw.Fr. 40.000.-

Distribution for the utilisation of funds

1st Proposal:

To be spent in Switzerland	
1/. Bessarabia and Transnistria	34.585.-
2/. Theresienstadt	100.000.-
3/. Cracow	
4/. Netherlands and Upper Silesia	10.597.-
	Sw.Fr.145.182.-

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 Rep. Sw. Fr. 145.182.-
 Geneva, 20th February 1944.

To be spent abroad

1/.	Bessarabia and Transnistria	Sw. fr. 100.000.-	
2/.	Theresienstadt	" 84.415.-	
3/.	Cracow	" - - - -	
4/.	Netherlands and Upper Silesia	" 29.403.-	
			Sw. Fr. 213.818.-
			Sw. fr. 359.000.-

A. GENERALITIES.
 Second proposal:

A sum of Fr. 70'000.- would be necessary for the purchase of surgical dressings. These purchasing propositions have been established on the basis of relief of 1/ Bessarabia and Transnistria and 2/ Theresienstadt by subject to modification due to conditions. 3/ Cracow and 4/ Netherlands and Upper Silesia for the following items:

<u>Swiss pharmaceutical products:</u>			
To be spent abroad			
1/.	Bessarabia and Transnistria	100.000.-	
2/.	Theresienstadt	33.950.-	
3/.	Cracow	- - - -	
4/.	Netherlands and Upper Silesia	29.403	Sw. Fr. 163.353.-
			Sw. fr. 359.000.-

Synthetic Surgical dressings:
 Synthetic gauze and cotton, manufactured in Switzerland and which can be exported.

B. PROPOSITIONS

<u>1. For Refugees in Transnistria:</u>			
Swiss pharmaceutical products:			
Swiss pharmaceutical products:			
	30'000 Polyvitamin tablets	Fr. 2'300.-	
	30'000 Vitagala tablets	" 3'200.-	
	5'000 Glac-Bi ampoules	" 1'700.-	
	15'000 Phytin tablets	" 1'000.-	
Foreign pharmaceutical products:			
	90'000 units Insulin	" 800.-	
	Synthetic Surgical dressings:	" 3'000.-	
	Total:		Fr. 12'000.-

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Geneva, 28th February 1944.

2. For Theresienstadt and camps in the neighbourhood: Note to the attention of the American Legation, Berne.

Propositions on the purchase of Medical supplies and surgical dressings for relief action in favour of Jewish refugees (\$100'000.- from War Refugees Board).

A. GENERALITIES.

A sum of Fr. 70'000.-- would be necessary for the purchase of medical supplies and surgical dressings. These purchasing propositions have been established on the basis of relief consignments which we send on account of other donors; this programme may be subject to modification due to conditions of purchase.

An explanation is necessary for the following items:

- Swiss pharmaceutical products: 2'000.--
Pharmaceutical specialities and products manufactured in Switzerland, according to the enclosed list (Assortment A, annex 1), or properly mentioned;
- Foreign pharmaceutical products:
Pharmaceutical specialities and products of foreign origin, according to the enclosed list (Assortment B, annex 2), or properly mentioned (from Depot Sanitaire); 2'000.--
- Synthetic Surgical dressings: 1'600.--
Synthetic gauze and cotton, manufactured in Switzerland and which can be exported.

B. PROPOSITIONS

1. For Refugees in Transistria:

Swiss pharmaceutical products: Fr. 70'000.--

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

50'000 Polyvitamin tablets	Fr. 2'500.--
50'000 Vitaquin tablets	" 3'200.--
3'000 Oleo-B1 ampoules	" 1'700.--
15'000 Phytin tablets	" 1'000.--

Foreign pharmaceutical products:

30'000 units Insulin	" 800.--
Synthetic Surgical dressings:	" 3'000.--

Total: Fr. 12'000.--

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2. For Theresienstadt and camps in the neighbourhood:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:
 100'000 Polyvitamin tablets Fr. 4'600.--
 1 kg tabl. Acid. ascorbinic. 0,05 (Vitamin C)
 Foreign pharmaceutical products:
 20 x 20'000 units Insulin "Vitam" 200.--
 5 x 25 2 kgs Mercurochrome "Vita" 300.--
 6 x 25 amp. Iarostidin
 Synthetic Surgical dressings: " 2'600.--
 6 x 25 amp. Redoxon-forte (Vitamin C)
 100 x 125 tabl. Ferro-Med Total: Fr. 7'700.--
 10 x 25 tabl. Thiozol

3. For Jüdische Unterstützungsstelle Cracow and camps in the neighbourhood:

Swiss pharmaceutical products:
 20 x 50 tabl. Nitroglycerin 0,005
 two assortments A'fein. nat. Fr. 14'000.-- 0,25
 150'000 Polyvitamin salicylic. 0,5
 1000 tabl. tablets. " 6'900.--
 Foreign pharmaceutical products:
 15 x Two Assortments B'cium Sandoz" 2'000.--
 20 x 500 gr. Calcium Sandoz granulated
 Synthetic Surgical dressings: " 10'3'100.--
 20 x 200 tabl. Digilanid
 25 x 10 com Digilanid Totalis Fr. 26'000.--
 4 x 100 com Digilanid liquide

4. Reserve for camps in Holland and

Upper Silesia:
 6 x 250 tabl. Ipedrin
 Swiss pharmaceutical products:
 6 x two Assortments A'phosid 0, Fr. 14'000.--
 5 x 100 tabl. Synergen
 Foreign pharmaceutical products:
 10 x ducts two Assortments B'efarm" 2'000.--
 20 x 20 amp. Coramin 1,7 com
 Synthetic Surgical dressings: " 15'1'600.--
 4 x 250 tabl. Cibazol
 5 x 1000 tabl. Cibazol Total: Fr. 12'000.--
 2 x 250 tabl. Cibazol
 10 x 10 gr. Cibazol Total: Fr. 63'000.--
 20 fl. Merfen "solution aqueuse"
 Emergency reserve: " 6'700.--
 20 fl. Merfen "solution nasale" 10 com
 20 jars Merfen ointment 500 gr Fr. 70'000.--
 2 jars Merfen ophthalmic ointment: =====
 10 x 500 gr Desogen
 1 kg Joint Relief Commission of
 2 kg the International Red Cross
 Pharmaceutical Service:
 10 x 250 tabl. Irgafen
 10 x 50 amp. (signed) K. Feinstein
 50 tub. Coffein. pur. Boehinger.
 250 gr Kalium chloricum
 500 gr Magnes. sulfuric.
 5 kg Phenacetin
 1 kg Vasolimentum liquidum
 1 kg

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ASSORTMENT A		
4000	tabl.	Acid. acetylsalicylic.
1000	tabl.	
5000	tabl.	
1000		
1000		
2000	tabl.	Theobromino-estr. salicylic. 0,5
20/1	1 kg tabl.	Acid. ascorbinic. 0,05 (Vitamin C)
40 x	100 tabl.	Beccozy (Vitamin B-Komplex)
20 x	100 tabl.	Benerva (Vitamin B)
3 x	25 amp.	Benerva-forte (Vitamin B1)
6 x	25 amp.	Larostidin
2 x	250 tabl.	Saridon
6 x	25 amp.	Redoxon-forte (Vitamin C)
100 x	125 tabl.	Ferro-Redoxon
10 x	25 tabl.	Thiocol
100 x	100 gr.	Laroson
	2000 tabl.	Spasmolytic (Atropin-Papaverin)
20 x	50 tabl.	Nitroglycerin 0,0005
	500 amp.	Coffein. natr. salicylic. 0,2
	1000 tabl.	Coffein. natr. salicylic. 0,25
	2000 tabl.	Natr. salicylic. 0,5
	1000 tabl.	Naphtol. benzoic. 0,25
	3000 tabl.	Codoin. phosphoric. 0,02
15 x	150 tabl.	Calcium Sandoz
20 x	500 gr.	Calcium Sandoz granulated
20 x	10 amp.	Calcium Sandoz 10% 5 cc
20 x	200 tabl.	Digilanid
25 x	10 ccm	Digilanid liquide
4 x	100 ccm	Digilanid liquide
30 x	1/2 tube	Baum Panthesin
5 x	250 tabl.	Pelamin
6 x	250 tabl.	Ipedrin
6 x	50 amp.	Strophosid 1 ccm
6 x	50 amp.	Strophosid 0,5 ccm
5 x	100 tabl.	Gynergen
3 x	50 amp.	Gynergen 0,5 ccm
10 x	250 tabl.	Entero-Vioform
20 x	20 amp.	Coramin 1,7 ccm
150	fl.	Coramin liquid 15 ccm
4 x	250 tabl.	Cibalgin
5 x	1000 tabl.	Cibazol
2 x	250 tabl.	Cibazol
10 x	10 gr.	Cibazol powder
20	fl.	Merfen "solution aqueuse"
20	fl.	Merfen "teinture coloré"
100	fl.	Merfen "solution nasale" 10 ccm
20	jars	Merfen ointment 500 gr
2	jars	Merfen ophthalmic ointment
10 x	500 gr	Desogen
1	kg	Bismuth. subgallic.
2	kg	Bismuth. subnitric.
10 x	250 tabl.	Irgafen
10 x	50 amp.	Irgafen
50	tub.	Irgamid nasal ointment
250	gr	Coffein. pur.
500	gr	Kalium chloricum
5	kg	Magnes. sulfuric.
1	kg	Phenacetin
1	kg	Vasolimentum liquidum

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4000	tabl. Acid. acetylosalicylic. 0,5
1000	tabl. Barbital 0,5
5000	tabl. Di-pyrini 0,3
1000	tabl. Hexamini 0,5
1000	tabl. Tannini albuminati 0,5
2000	tabl. Theobromino-natr. salicylic. 0,5
20/1	tub. Calmitol ointment
10/1	flac. Calmitol liquid
1	kg Ungt. hydrargyri praec. alb.
2	kg Paste sinci cum vaseli. artific. 10%
5	kg Pulvis adpersor. zinci. 10%

Tenant compte de la situation particulièrement Annex 2
alarmante de plusieurs milliers d'enfants en Serbie
et en Slovaquie, nous avons le plaisir de soumettre un
projet concernant une action de secours en faveur de
ces enfants: Foreign Pharmaceutical products

Les envois de 20'000 i.u. Insuline au délégué du C.I.C.R.
à Belgrade, pour 22 kg. Mercurochrome contrôlé et
celui de la Croix 500 amp. Dextrosun 50% 20 conts.
500 amp. Parhepar

Nous proposons donc l'envoi de produits suisses,
auxquels nous pourrions ajouter du sucre slovaque et
des pâtes hongroises, pour une somme de: Fr. S. 200'000.--,
à répartir par moitié pour chacune des deux actions
envisagées, soit:

1) à destination de la Serbie, pour distribution aux
enfants de réfugiés dans ce pays:

300 caisses de lait condensé sucré	Fr. 18'600.--
300 " " " n/sucre	" 15'450.--
10'000 kgs. de sucre	" 11'500.--
5'000 " pâtes	" 11'000.--
10'000 boîtes de fromage	" 17'500.--
5'000 kgs. de farine pour potages	" 11'500.--
2'000 " de marmelade de pommes	" 8'000.--
	<u>91,550.--</u>

Provision pour frais d'assurances, de
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frais d'administration

Fr. 100'000.--

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COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE
2) à destination de la Slovaquie, pour distribution
aux enfants de 4, Cours des Bastions
Genève

300 caisses de lait condensé sucré
Fr. 18'600.--
n/sucre
Fr. 15'450.--
10'000 kgs. de sucre
Fr. 11'500.--
5'000 " pâtes
Fr. 17'500.--
10'000 boîtes de fromage
Fr. 11'500.--
5'000 kgs. de farine pour potages
Fr. 6'000.--
2'000 " de marmelade de pommes
Fr. 91'550.--

Tenant compte de la situation particulièrement alarmante de plusieurs milliers d'enfants en Serbie et en Slovaquie, nous nous permettons de soumettre un projet concernant une action de secours en faveur de ces déshérités.

Les envois seraient adressés au délégué du C.I.C.R. à Belgrade, pour distribution, sous son contrôle et celui de la Croix-Rouge serbe, aux dits enfants.

Nous proposons donc l'envoi de produits suisses, auxquels nous pourrions ajouter du sucre slovaque et des pâtes hongroises, pour une somme de: Frs.s. 200'000.-- à répartir par moitié pour chacune des deux actions envisagées, soit:

Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale

1) à destination de la Serbie, pour distribution aux enfants de réfugiés dans ce pays: Vivres et Vêtements.

300 caisses de lait condensé sucré	Fr. 18'600.--
300 " " " n/sucre	" 15'450.--
10'000 kgs. de sucre	" 11'500.--
5'000 " pâtes	" 17'500.--
10'000 boîtes de fromage	" 11'500.--
5'000 kgs. de farine pour potages	" 6'000.--
2'000 " de marmelade de pommes	" 91'550.--

Provision pour frais d'assurances, de transitaires et participation à nos frais d'administration " 8'450.--
Fr. 100'000.--

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2) À destination de la Slovénie, pour distribution aux enfants de ce pays.

to the attention of the American Legation, Bern.	
300 caisses de lait condensé sucré	Fr. 18'000.--
300 " " " n/sucre	" 15'450.--
10'000 kgs. de sucre	" 11'500.--
5'000 " and pâtes	" 11'000.--
10'000 boîtes de fromage	" 17'500.--
5'000 kgs. de farine pour potages	" 11'500.--
2'000 " de marmelade de pommes	" 6'000.--
	Fr. 91'550.--

1. Provision pour frais de transitaires, d'assurances, et participation à nos frais d'administration " 8'450.--

Calcium Sandoz	Fr. 1'600.	Fr. 100'000.--
Phytin-tablets	" 1'400.	-----
Ferro-Redoxon	" 1'600.--	
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--	
Montant à dépenser en Suisse	" 1'200.	Fr. 155'000.--
" " " à l'étranger	" 1'800.	" 45'000.--
Seccid disinfectant	" 1'800.--	
Synthetic Surgical dressings	" 3'700.	Fr. 200'000.--

Total:

Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge internationale:

2. For Refugee children in Serbia.
Service: Vivres et Vêtements.

Swiss pharmaceutical products:
(signatures illegible)

Calcium Sandoz tablets	" 1'600.--
Phytin-tablets	" 1'400.--
Ferro-Redoxon tablets	" 1'600.--
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--
Vitaquin tablets	" 3'200.--
Diphtheria Antitoxin	" 1'200.--
Seccid disinfectant	" 1'800.--
Larosan	" 1'700.--
Synthetic surgical dressings:	1'000.--

Total: Fr. 20'000.--

Swiss Pharmaceutical Association, Fr. 40'000.--

Joint Relief Commission
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Pharmaceutical Service:

(Signed) E. Feinstein, Secretary.

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Geneva, 28th February 1944

Note
to the attention of the American Legation, Berne.

Proposition on the purchase of medical
supplies and surgical dressings for relief actions
in favour of refugee children in Serbia
and Slovenian children.

1. For children in Slovenia.

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

Calcium Sandoz	Fr. 1'600.--
Phytin-tablets	" 1'400.--
Ferro-Redoxon	" 1'600.--
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--
Diphtheria Antitoxin	" 1'200.--
Laroson	" 1'800.--
Neocid disinfectant	" 1'800.--
Synthetic Surgical dressings	3'700.--
Total:	Fr. 20'000.--

2. For Refugee children in Serbia.

Swiss pharmaceutical products:

Calcium Sandoz tablets	Fr. 1'600.--
Phytin-tablets	" 1'000.--
Ferro-Redoxon tablets	" 1'600.--
Polyvitamin tablets	" 6'900.--
Vitaquin tablets	" 3'200.--
Diphtheria Antitoxin	" 1'200.--
Neocid disinfectant	" 1'800.--
Laroson	" 1'700.--
Synthetic surgical dressings:	1'000.--
Total:	Fr. 20'000.--

Total: J. Reegen, Commercial Attaché. Fr. 20'000.--

Fr. 40'000.--
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Pharmaceutical Service:

(Signed) K. Feinstein Boehinger.

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reworked for tel to follow.
In Caruth/Mannstein work
I.C.R. report + one despatch - file
attached. - J.R.

For the time in your telegram, cover any
points he makes in your despatch as well
statement. Please phrase reports
to omit reference nos. etc. (copy 2 - 4)
and it would be preferable to make reports
for my signature.

If you agree suggest you call up
S. and request in your reply
letter of March 3 (see page 2) to omit
copying his letter to work. It will be
subject of Mannstein's approval letter & its
reference to transmitted as proposed.

Hope something can be done for the
children in hospital.

J.H.

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Geneva, Switzerland

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I would like to refer to
your letter of 2/28/5 as personal and as
you have said in your program, even my
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If you agree suggest you call up
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letter of March 3 (see paragraph 2) to omit
copying his letter to reach. It would be
appreciated if Blankinship's approval letter & its
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I hope something can be done for the
situation in Yugoslavia.

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Bern, March 3, 1944

Dr. Carl J. Burckhardt,
Member of the International Committee
of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
Geneva.

Dear Dr. Burckhardt:

I wish to acknowledge on behalf of the Legation the receipt of your letter of February 29, 1944, in reply to the Legation's letters of January 29 and February 11 which transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross messages from the War Refugee Board.

A summary of the proposals for relief action contained in your letter is being telegraphed to the Department of State, Washington, D.C., for transmission to the War Refugee Board and the Legation will not fail to inform you as soon as further word is received from Washington.

Mr. Peter your delegate in the United States. May I express the Legation's appreciation for the promptness and completeness with which the International Committee of the Red Cross has supplied the information requested by the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.
In accordance with the necessity of the American authorities and you may be certain that the Legation will treat very precautionary to treat Dr. Burckhardt's letter as strictly confidential.

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A minor question arises in connection with the foreign pharmaceutical products designated as "Assortment B" in Annex 2 to Dr. Burckhardt's letter. I should be grateful if you would inform me of the precise origin of these products and whether or not they are a Member of the Secretariat of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Palais du Conseil-Général, Geneva.

Dear Dr. Schwarzenberg: J. Reagan, Commercial Attaché.

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 29, 1944, with which you enclosed Dr. Burckhardt's letter of the same date in reply to the Legation's letters of January 29 and February 11 which transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross messages from the War Refugee Board.

A summary of the report and proposals contained in Dr. Burckhardt's letter has been prepared and is being telegraphed to the Department of State at Washington D.C. for transmission to the War Refugee Board. Nonetheless I believe it might be helpful if you could send copies of your letter and Dr. Burckhardt's letter via courier to Mr. Peter your delegate in the United States.

The question you raise in the second paragraph of your letter as to whether the International Committee of the Red Cross or Mr. Saly Mayer is to have the final authority in the administration of the funds donated by the Joint Distribution Committee has been referred to the War Refugee Board and I shall not hesitate to inform you as soon as a reply has been received.

In accordance with your observation concerning the necessity of discretion, this fact has again been brought to the attention of the American authorities and you may be certain that the Legation will take every precaution to treat Dr. Burckhardt's letter as strictly confidential.

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Dr. J. E. Burckhardt
Resident of the Swiss
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Bern, Switzerland

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Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

Your no. 279, January 27 and 437 February 9 and our no. 1028 of February 16.

1. The information requested in the Department's no. 279 is furnished in a letter dated February 24 submitted by the International Committee of the Red Cross; the letter also details the Committee's proposed expenditures of the equivalent in Swiss francs of 100,000 dollars (\$45,000 Swiss francs) received from Joliet. The Intercomex proposes to expend this sum in the following manner:

- (A) Bessarabia and Transnistria: 100,000 francs to be put at the disposal of the Intercomex delegate in Ruzsica to purchase and to distribute clothing available in Ruzsica to Jewish refugees in cooperation with the Russian Red Cross;
- (B) Theresienstadt: The following two alternative proposals for the expenditure of 119,000 francs for parcels of food:
 - (a) 9,500 food parcels to be prepared in free port at Geneva from materials purchased in Hungary; for materials 84,400 francs to be spent in Hungary and for labor packing, freight, etc. 24,600 francs to be spent in Switzerland;
 - or (b) 9,000 food parcels containing materials of Slovakian, Hungarian and Swiss origin: 30,000 francs to be spent in Hungary and Slovakia and 89,000 francs to be spent in Switzerland. Intercomex states that the execution of the first plan is dependent upon the receipt of authorization from the National Bank for expenditures in Hungary and the second is dependent upon bank and Swiss licenses for export.
- (C) Cracow: The shipment of pharmaceutical products in Cracow has recently been authorized by the authorities. 12,000 kilos of vitamin fortified milk would be despatched by Intercomex at a cost of 20,000 francs; the overhead would cost 2,000 francs.

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(D) The Jews in camps in Upper Silesia and Holland: 40,000 francs to be spent for 2700 parcels of food of Hungarian origin - 1350 parcels for each destination; 29,500 francs are to be spent in Hungary and the balance in Switzerland. This is again subject to the National Bank's authorization.

(E) For Swiss and foreign pharmaceutical products and Swiss surgical dressings 70,000 francs are to be spent. This material will be distributed as follows: to Transnistria 12,000; to Theresienstadt 7,700; to the Judische Unterstutzungsstelle Gracow, 2600; for Upper Silesia and Holland 12,000 and for emergency reserve 6700. Total 5300 of these drugs foreign origin (perhepar, merchurochrome, insulin and dextrosum), the balance of Swiss origin.

2. Before it discusses details of the above plan with Saly Mayer, Intercross inquires of the War Refugee Board whether it has discretionary authority subject to advice from Mayer or whether he has the final word on the use of funds which the Joint supplies.

3. The letter from Intercross warns strongly against the exploitation of relief action for the purposes of propaganda by interested groups and states that publicity is likely to result in the withdrawal of channels for relief which are open at the present time.

4. There follows in a separate telegram the summary of the reply from Intercross to the questions raised in telegram no. 279 from the Department.

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Your 279 January 27 and 437 of February 9 and our 1334 of March 4.

In addition to detailing proposed expenditures of funds donated by the Joint Distribution Committee, a letter dated February 29 from the International Committee of the Red Cross includes the following information which was requested by the War Refugee Board in the telegrams from the Department mentioned above: A) the general possibilities and the proposals for relief of Jewish refugees and other persecuted groups; B) the proposals for relief for prisoners from occupied countries in concentration camps in Germany; C) the plan for relief of children war-victims in Slovenia and Serbia.

A. 1) Intercross states that it is almost certain relief consignments to the Judische Unterstutzungsstelle in Cracow, to Theresienstadt and Rumania would reach their destinations; it is uncertain about Westerbork in Holland and camps in Upper Silesia and France, but Intercross proposes that a certain proportion of the sums put at its disposal be devoted to test shipments through channels as yet untried.

2. Intercross states that it will endeavor to keep any purchases made in Hungary or Rumania at the lowest possible minimum and will try to procure goods in neutral countries as much as possible. Intercross inquires whether it can count on additional funds on condition that they be expended in neutral countries exclusively within the limited possibilities available.

3. In order to avoid expenditures in enemy territory (Intercross is apprehensive of the dangers of enemy abuse entailed by the expenditure of foreign exchange in enemy territory), Intercross proposes that stocks of relief materials be shipped from overseas for deposit in Geneva. As opportunities arise for despatch to relief centers, these stocks could be drawn upon. Immediate action (opportunities for relief are often of short duration and cannot be

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anticipated with certainty), without the necessity for fresh appeals on each occasion would be permitted by a reserve depot. Intercross proposes that the depot be under the control of a WRB representative. According to Intercross, warm clothing, underwear, and men's large-sized boots are the articles most urgently required in Transnistria. Intercross suggests that several thousand parcels be made up separately for men, women and children (not infants), each of these parcels to contain an assortment of clothing, underwear and a pair of strong boots. Intercross proposes depot to contain several tens of thousands of relief food parcels of overseas origin; such parcels not to weight over two and one-half kilos and to contain non-perishable articles including sugar, ovaltine, condensed milk, canned goods, etc. Intercross is prepared to transport, against reimbursement, via Red Cross ships sailing from the United States and Canada to Marseilles and Lisbon, if the question of tonnage presents difficulties.

4. Intercross states that cooperation among the various Jewish relief groups seems impossible and observes not in interest of aim in view that it be revealed to one Jewish relief organization what other organizations are doing. Intercross urgently requests that plans for relief be kept strictly secret.

5. The importance that the relief program include oppressed groups "irrespective of race or religion" is stressed by Intercross and it expresses gratification that the WRB agreed to this principle willingly. In the belief of Intercross a broad relief program to assist various groups is less likely to arouse enemy opposition than one which is confined to the assistance of Jewish refugees exclusively. Relief to Allied nationals in German concentration camps and children in Yugoslavia is proposed by Intercross as a beginning. (Please see headings B and C hereunder.)

B.1 Intercross proposes, in accordance with A5 above and if funds are made available, the immediate extension of relief to Czechs, Belgians, Dutch, Greeks, Poles, Norwegians and other Allied nationals who are enduring privation in German concentration camps and prisons under severe control of the secret police. (Through informal channels, Intercross has obtained names of nearly all Norwegians, Dutch, and a large number of Poles who are detained in German prisons and concentration camps and urgently requests that this fact be kept strictly secret.) According to Intercross, the British blockade authorities, who insisted as condition that the Germans recognize these prisoners as prisoners of war and subject to the Geneva Convention, have prevented organized relief up to the present time. Intercross states that it

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has made successful test shipments of individual relief parcels to these prisoners. The parcels were personally acknowledged by the recipients. In several camps delegates of Interross were able to verify on the spot that shipments reached the persons intended. Interross is prepared to submit evidence of the success of these operations and, as a start, proposes that food parcels be made immediately available for 1,000 Polish men and women, 1,450 Norwegians, and 1,000 Dutch men and women in German camps and prisons. The risks of benefiting the enemy are far less than if free exchange were expended in enemy territory for relief in Transnistria.

C.1 According to Interross, the situation of two groups of children in Yugoslavia is particularly alarming. As they are undernourished, need clothing and their health condition is pitiful, 80,000 children evacuated from Croatia to Belgrade and other Serbian towns are a particularly critical problem. The same applies to Slovenia, where conditions already bad during the Italian occupation have since last summer become increasingly serious and where 100,000 children are suffering from malnutrition as the result of a complete lack of fortifying foods such as ovaltine, sugar, milk and chocolate.

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2. Interross proposes, to alleviate this situation, that the WRB assign 220,000 francs of which 20,000 for medical relief and 200,000 for food to be divided equally between the children in Slovenia and Serbia. 45,000 francs would be used for the purchase of Slovakian sugar and Hungarian alimentary pastes and the balance of 200,000 francs (less 17,000 francs for administration, transportation, etc.) for the purchase of Swiss food products. 20,000 francs would be used for the purchase of Swiss pharmaceutical products and surgical dressings. It is proposed by Interross that these relief goods be shipped to the delegate of Interross in Belgrade for distribution in cooperation with the Red Cross of Serbia.

If the Department desires, the Legation can telegraph further details of the above proposals. The Legation will endeavor to forward a copy of the letter from Interross. IRC is sending copy of this letter through its facilities also.

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GENEVE, March 7th, 1944.

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Dr. J. E. Schwarzenberg,
Member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
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Dr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
States of America,
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I should like to refer to our telephone conversation this morning concerning the relief program you propose to undertake in accordance with the message from the War Refugee Board transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Legation's letter of February 11, 1944.

With regard to the use of the equivalent in Swiss francs of the \$100,000 made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross by the Joint Distribution Committee in accordance with a Treasury license, the message from the War Refugee Board states:

"You (the International Committee of the Red Cross) are authorized under the license to employ the funds for buying food and other supplies in Hungary, Rumania, and neutral countries and otherwise to carry on the relief activities which are mentioned above."

The Legation interprets this statement to mean that the International Committee of the Red Cross requires no further authorization to proceed with the relief program in question.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

GENEVE, March 7th, 1944.

Palais du Conseil-Général

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Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America,
BERN

Dear Mr. Reagan,

May I thank you for your letter of March 3rd and for the information you were kind enough to give me by telephone in the subject of the War Refugee Board's action in favour of Jews.

We are sending on our letter of February 29th, ref. G.59/2 G.85, to Mr. Peter, our delegate in the United States, with a copy for transmission to the War Refugee Board.

Answering to your question contained in the last paragraph of your letter, the "Service Pharmaceutique" of our Committee gives the following information:

The 4 pharmaceutical products designated as Assortment B are actually at the Port-Franc Cornavin in Geneva and are of foreign origin, i.e.

- insulin = Canada or Denmark
- mercurochrome = France
- dextrosum = Hungary
- perhepar = Hungary.

Sincerely yours,

J.E. de Schwarzenberg

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GENÈVE, March 13th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

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We pointed out that the International Committee of the Red Cross could not contemplate the possibility of partaking in certain actions with the object of getting Jews out of Axis countries, such actions necessitating methods which are not considered legal by the detaining authorities. Being fully aware of the humanitarian aim of this type of activity - and in this case the means would seem to justify the end - the International Committee of the Red Cross, considering its manifold other activities which are based on the confidence of all governments concerned, cannot launch into a new field of activity where it would sooner or later come into conflict with the detaining powers. This would be contrary to its interests and to its traditions of absolute neutrality. We believe that Mr. Saly Mayer understood our point of view, and the fact that we have to discriminate between the vast activities which are the province of the various Jewish organizations, and the narrow limits within which the International Committee of the Red Cross is able to offer its services without jeopardizing the task which devolves upon it as a result of tradition and the Geneva Conventions.

Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
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For these reasons the International Committee has decided to limit its work in favour of the Jews and other persecuted groups of civilians in Europe to relief work, building up of a Central Card-Index for Dispersed Families and a certain limited co-operation in the emigration problem.

The latter consists in helping to procure tonnage and to protect ships which might transport Jews from Rumanian or Bulgarian ports to Palestine. We shall probably have to reduce our work in this case to protection of the ships (asking the belligerents for safe-conducts), all the more so as the British authorities prefer to pass through the channel of the Protecting Powers in all questions concerning emigration.

We have, however, asked Mr. Mayer to make practical suggestions as to what, in his opinion, the International Committee of the Red Cross could do for Jews in addition to the above-mentioned ~~two~~ points. We shall be glad to examine his suggestions and see whether we can discover a means of rendering assistance.

Concerning the utilization of the 100,000 dollars, Mr. Saly Mayer seems to approve our plan except for certain minor changes which could be easily made. His main objection however is that this action is put on too modest a basis and that we ought to ask for higher contributions.

This is however for the War Refugee Board to decide. If we have been reluctant to embark upon a large-scale plan, it is partly because we do not know exactly how far and in what way the War Refugee Board wishes us to proceed. The proposals contained in our letter of February 29th ~~at~~, by the way, at an amplification of our activity; especially our scheme of having a large stock of parcels in Switzerland under control of the War Refugee Board, opens the door, in our opinion, to relief on a far larger scale.

We feel we have indicated to the War Refugee Board -- and this we explained to Mr. Mayer -- where and how the International Committee of the Red Cross could be entrusted with the continuation and enlargement of a scheme which might lead to a really effective relief action on behalf of certain groups of persecuted civilians in Europe. And relief in the case of Jews and the other categories mentioned in our letter of February 29th is, in our opinion, a means too -- if somewhat different -- of "saving lives".

Sincerely yours,

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No. 7555 Bern, March 16, 1944

Subject: Transmission of letter from International Committee of the Red Cross concerning relief program for Jewish Refugees in enemy territory.

The Legation's despatch no. 7454 and tele-
gram of March 4, 1944, informed the
Department of the plan in which the International
Committee proposed to utilize the funds made avail-
able by the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Department and the War Refugee Board will
note from the enclosed letter that, according to
the Red Cross, Mr. Saly Mayer approved the relief
program as proposed "with the exception of certain
minor changes which could easily be made".

The Legation desires to call the Department's
attention to Mr. Mayer's proposal that the scope
of relief operations be enlarged and to the
observations of Mr. de Schwarzenberg in this
connection.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Sir: Island Harrison,
American Minister.

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
telegrams no. 279 of January 27, 1944 and 437 of
February 9, 1944, and to the Legation's despatch
no. 7454 of March 2, 1944, concerning the relief
of Jewish Refugees and other persecuted groups in
enemy territory through the agency of the Inter-
national Committee of the Red Cross.

1/ In this connection, the Legation encloses
for the information of the Department and the War
Refugee Board a copy of a letter dated March 13,
1944, addressed to the Legation by Dr. J. de
Schwarzenberg, member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross, which
reports a discussion with Mr. Saly Mayer, re-
presentative in Switzerland of the Joint Distri-
bution Committee, concerning the employment for
relief purposes of the Swiss franc equivalent of
\$100,000 donated by the Joint Distribution
Committee, which funds, according to the message

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Enclosure no. 1 to despatch no. 7555, March 16, 1944, from American Legation, Bern.

From the War Refugee Board contained in the International Committee of the Red Cross, Bern, 1944, were to be employed for the carrying out of a relief program for Jewish refugees in Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Theresienstadt. The Legation's despatch no. 7454 and telegram no. 1334 of March 4, 1944, informed the Department of the manner in which the International Committee proposed to utilize the funds made available by the Joint Distribution Committee.

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Respectfully yours,
Leland Harrison,
American Minister.

Enclosure:

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Mr. Daniel J. Neagan
Commercial Attaché of the
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Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre
Genève, March 13th, 1944
Palais du Conseil-Général.

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result of tradition and the Geneva Conventions.
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 For these reasons the International Committee
 has decided to limit its work in favour of the Jews
 and other persecuted groups or civilians in Europe
 to relief work, building up of a Central Card Index
 for Dispersed Families and a certain limited co-
 operation in the emigration problem. It means too
 if somewhat different - of "saving lives".

The latter consists in helping to procure
 tonnage and to protect ships which might transport
 Jews from Rumanian or Bulgarian ports to Palestine.
 We shall probably have to reduce our work in this matter
 case to protection of the ships (asking the belligerents
 for safe-conducts), all the more so as the British
 authorities prefer to pass through the channel of the
 Protecting Powers in all questions concerning emigration.

We have, however, asked Mr. Mayer to make
 practical suggestions as to what, in his opinion,
 the International Committee of the Red Cross could
 do for Jews in addition to the above-mentioned points.
 We shall be glad to examine his suggestions and see
 whether we can discover a means of rendering assistance.

Concerning the utilization of the 100,000
 dollars, Mr. Saly Mayer seems to approve our plan
 except for certain minor changes which could be
 easily made. His main objection however is that this
 action is put on too modest a basis and that we ought
 to ask for higher contributions.

This is however for the War Refugee Board to
 decide. If we have been reluctant to embark upon a
 large-scale plan, it is partly because we do not
 know exactly how far and in what way the War Refugee
 Board wishes us to proceed. The proposals contained
 in our letter of February 29th aim, by the way, at
 an amplification of our activity; especially our
 scheme of having a large stock of parcels in Switzer-
 land under control of the War Refugee Board, opens
 the door, in our opinion, to relief on a far larger
 scale.

We feel we have indicated to the War Refugee
 Board - and this we explained to Mr. Mayer - where
 and how the International Committee of the Red Cross

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Mr. Saly Mayer
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Bern, March 18, 1944

could be entrusted with the continuation and enlargement of a scheme which might lead to a really effective relief action on behalf of certain groups of persecuted civilians in Europe. And relief in the case of Jews and the other categories mentioned in our letter of February 29th is, in our opinion, a means too - if somewhat different - of "saving lives".

Sincerely yours,

Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

For the International Committee of the Red Cross,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 13, 1944, concerning your discussions with Mr. Sely Mayer of the relief program to be signed: J. de Schwarzenberg which have been made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross by the Joint Distribution Committee.

I was pleased to note that with the exception of certain minor changes which you are able to effect, Mr. Mayer agreed with your program for the expenditure of these funds.

I believe that your letter would be of interest to the War Refugee Board and wonder if it would be possible for you to forward it to the United States as was done with the International Committee's letter of February 29, 1944.

Washington is, of course, very interested in the execution of the relief program and it would be much appreciated if you could inform me of any developments which have taken place since your letter of March 13.

I am very sorry to have missed you during my brief visit to Geneva this week but hope to see you soon either here or in Geneva.

Very truly yours,

Harold J. Reagan, Jr.
Commercial Attaché

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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Bern, March 18, 1944

Dr. J. E. de Schwarzenberg,
Member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
Geneva.

Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

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Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché

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From: Department Date: March 20, 8 p.m., 1944
No: 916
Code: [redacted] Received: March 21, 9 a.m.

Received CA #22/2/1944 DJR
Action word March 23/44
9. 1774

PARAPHRASE

With reference to your telegram No. 1334 of March 4, 1944, the Department requests you to deliver the following message from the War Refugee Board to the International Red Cross at Geneva.

"With reference to your letter of February 29, No. 199, addressed to the American Legation at Bern, with regard to the equivalent of \$100,000 in Swiss francs received from the Joint Distribution Committee: The Joint Distribution Committee has informed the War Refugee Board that full discretion with regard to the use of the funds under reference has been placed in the International Red Cross but the Joint Distribution Committee hopes that the International Red Cross will, after consultation with Saly Mayer, coordinate the proposals set forth in the letter of February 29 with the feeding program at present being carried out in Turkey and with the work which is being done by Saly Mayer. The Joint Distribution Committee assures the International Red Cross that no exploitation for purposes of propoganda will be made of this relief action."

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In triplicate
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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Bern, March 22, 1944.

Saly Mayer. The Joint Distribution Committee assures the International Red Cross that no exploitation for purposes of propaganda will be made of this relief action.

Dr. J. de Schwarzenberg,
Member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
Geneva:

814.2 I.R.C. JEWISH RELIEF
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Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

Reference is made to paragraph 2 of your letter of February 29, 1944, and to the Legation's letter of March 7, 1944, concerning the authority of the International Committee of the Red Cross to administer the expenditure of the Swiss franc equivalent of the \$100,000 for relief purposes made available to the International Committee by the Joint Distribution Committee.

In this connection, the Legation has been requested to deliver to the International Committee the following message from the War Refugee Board:

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GENERAL COORDINATION OF JEWISH RELIEF

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INTERNATIONALE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
12, COUR DES BASTIONS, GENÈVE
TELEPHONE 55 11 11

DEPART DE LA DEFENSE
BUREAU DE LA COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
12, COUR DES BASTIONS, GENÈVE

TOP SECRET

INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
BUREAU CENTRAL DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE
VI relief supplies in Portugal

GENÈVE, MARCH 25, 1944
BUREAU DE LA COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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Saly Mayer. The Joint Distribution Committee assures the International Red Cross that no exploitation for purposes of propaganda will be made of this relief action."

You will note that this message confirms the interpretation of the original instructions which was made in the Legation's letter of March 7.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

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Do you think you could ask the War Reliefs Board in the following...
In Central Europe - and these will be...
difficulties of obtaining information...
In certain countries which are further...
that certain food products might be...
of fact, the blockade authorities...
to transfer funds from overseas...
to be devoted to purchases in...
countries. The Jewish organizations...
for our use forthwith...
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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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Télex "INTERCROIXROUGE"

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Re: projet de punche relief supplies in Portugal
COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse:

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GENÈVE, March 23, 1944

Palais du Conseil-Général

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
24 MARCH 1944
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TELEGRAM (14)
Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the
United States of America
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Re: Aff. tel.
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Dear Mr. Reagan,

Do you think you could ask for the support of the War Refugee Board in the following matter?

In view of the growing difficulties of purchasing foodstuffs in Central Europe - and these will be considerably increased by present events in Hungary - we have endeavoured to obtain information as to purchasing possibly in certain countries which are farther distant. We hear that certain food products might be found in Portugal. As a matter of fact, the Blockade authorities give permission to transfer funds from overseas more easily when these are to be devoted to purchases in neutral countries. The Jewish organisations would be able to make funds available for our use forthwith in Portugal with the object of supplying food to certain Jewish groups who were not included in our scheme of 29 February. We should, as an example, like to send foodstuffs to Jews who are interned in three camps in Croatia and who, according to reports received from our Delegate in Zagreb, are in an extremely precarious condition as regards food.

The following difficulty, however, arises: railroad transportation from Portugal is very expensive and, moreover, fairly uncertain because of the railroad situation in Spain. For these reasons, the International Committee of the Red Cross were led to initiate a shipping line between Lisbon and Marseilles to convey the large cargoes of parcels for

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AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE



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American and British prisoners of war in Germany.
These ships are, however, allowed to carry only goods
for which the Blockade authorities have issued navicerts.

Hitherto we have never been able to obtain navicerts
for shipments intended for the categories of persons, in-
cluding Jews, whom we hope to be able to help within the
sphere of the scheme which has now been started thanks to
the support of the War Refugee Board.

We should therefore be extremely grateful if you
could approach the War Refugee Board with the object of
finding out whether they could secure navicerts from the
Blockade authorities which would enable the goods intended
for the groups of persons indicated in our letter of 29
February to be shipped on board the International Committee's
ships from Lisbon to Marseilles.

With many thanks in advance for your kindness in
this matter and as the question appears to be an urgent
one, we should be most grateful for an answer as quickly
as may be. Copy of this letter is forwarded to our delegate
in Washington.

We are, dear Mr. Reagan,

Yours sincerely,
Pour le Comité International

J.E. Schwarzenberg
(J.E. Schwarzenberg)

P.S.-Referring to your kind letter of March 18th, par.3,
I may add that my letter of March 13th has been
forwarded to our Washington delegation with instructions
to contact the War Refugee Board.

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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CASE FILE
TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department
Date: March 23, 11 a.m., 1944
No: 1774
Code: [REDACTED]
Charged to:
PARAPHRASE

Please refer to the Department's telegram 916 of March 20.

After discussions with Saly Mayer Intercross states that Mayer has approved "with the exception of certain minor changes which could be easily made" the Intercross relief program.

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DJR/RCG/mjb
In tripl. to CA

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State Dept. Letter, 8-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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L DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

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JES/HL

GENÈVE, March 24th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

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Téléphone 4 23 00
Télé. "INTERCROIXROUGE"

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REF 1 25 MARS 1944
• BERN •

Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America,
B e r n

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Many thanks for your letter of March 22nd, 1944
by which you were kind enough to transmit to us a message
from the War Refugee Board concerning the Joint's opinion
on the utilisation of \$100,000. We have seen Mr. Saly
Mayer and are in agreement with him.

*Following German
occupation on
March 19th.*

On the other hand, events in the Balkans have
developed recently in a way which necessarily must change
our entire plan of action. As a matter of fact, I don't
see how we shall be able to get any more foodstuffs out of
Hungary now. I shall write to you on this subject in a
few days.

Sincerely yours,

A. Schweitzer

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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314.2 I.R.C. SWISS RELIEF

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: March 24, midnight, 1944

No: 1828

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PARAPHRASE



Reference Department's 916 dated March 20, and previous. The following is a summary of an inquiry for the War Refugee Board from the ICRC:

Intercross desires, in view of the increasing difficulties in purchasing food in Central Europe which is further complicated by recent events in Hungary, that if funds can be made available by Jewish organizations, to purchase certain food products in Portugal for the relief of groups of Jewish refugees not included in the plan transmitted in the Legation's telegram 1334 of March 4th. In particular Intercross desires to assist three refugee camps in Croatia where food conditions reported precarious by their delegate. Intercross proposes to ship from Lisbon by Marseilles via Intercross ships since transportation from Portugal is expensive and slow. Intercross inquires whether the War Refugee Board could obtain approval of the blockade authorities. Navicerts would be necessary.

HARRISON

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In tripl. to CA

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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314.2 I.R.C. JEWISH REFUGEE

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The Red Cross Jewish Relief
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TELEGRAM SENT

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To: Department

Date: March 25, 7 p.m., 1944

No: 1850

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

PARAPHRASE

Following refers to the Legation's 1774 of March 23rd.

Stated by Intercross that the recent developments in the Balkans necessitate a change in the entire plan of action and express doubt as to whether it will be possible to obtain from Hungary any more foodstuffs. Further report will be made in a few days by Intercross.

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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The Red Cross
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Vol 1

Medicinal Supplies - proposed purchase - within

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**L DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE**

GENÈVE. March 27th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

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*Please
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the summary
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814.2 I.R.C. - SWISS RESERVE

The latest events in Hungary and the rumours about a possible occupation of Slovakia and Rumania will of necessity influence considerably the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross on behalf of war victims in those parts of Europe. Moreover, the last possibilities of securing foodstuffs in noteworthy quantities within Europe seem to be dwindling away. The Commission Mixte will inform you of these growing difficulties in purchasing and that certain adjustments will have to be made as far as the Joint's 100,000-dollar scheme is concerned.

We are sure that the War Refugee Board will agree with us when we say that rapid action is essential if the United States Government's intention of rescuing certain particularly stricken groups of refugees is to be put into effect. The latest events have shown once more that what would have still been feasible a few months ago has now been rendered impossible because action has come too late.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has experienced this over and over again during this war, and that is the reason why we so very strongly urge the necessity of accepting our suggestion to send us as rapidly as possible a considerable stock of parcels of food and underwear. As we have suggested, we would hold these in reserve in Geneva and we would draw upon them according to requirements, but only after having contacted the War Refugee Board's representative at Bern to whom we would supply all information and control vouchers he may desire.

Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America,
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Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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THE RED CROSS
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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

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JES/HL

GENÈVE, March 27th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC'D 28 MARS 1944
• BERN •

Dear Mr. Reagan,

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Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America,
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FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS

Int. Sect.
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COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS

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It is with the prospect in view that the situation of refugees may become still worse in Europe and that nothing ought to be left undone to save human lives -- we again point out the necessity of helping detainees in concentration camps and particularly children in certain parts of Europe -- that we ask the American Legation to support our scheme, providing it agrees with it, and to lay particular stress on speedy action. By suggesting that we put before the Legation all material it may desire, we believe that we have taken into due account the reserves which the Economic Warfare might make towards our activities.

Thanking you in advance, dear Mr. Reagan, for all the trouble you are taking in this matter, we are

yours sincerely,

(Dr. J.E. Schwarzenberg)

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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MRB
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Red Cross
Int. Ref. Div.
Box 1

Medical Supplies - proposed purchase - worth
\$10,000. -

Tele. Sect.
April 6/44

COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS

TELEGRAM SENT

Bern, April 1, 1944

To: Department

Date: April 1, midnight, 1944

No: 2031

Code: Dr. J. E. de Schwarzenberg,
Member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général
Geneva.

Please refer to our 1950 March 25.

Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

I should like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 27th, 1944. A summary of the observations you make in your letter has been telegraphed to the Department of State for the attention of the War Refugee Board. I shall not fail to inform you when the Legation has received

a reply. War Refugee Board's plans to rescue certain particularly stricken groups. Very truly yours,
too late rapid action is necessary. Reference paragraph three of the Legation's 1365 of March 6, necessity of accepting suggestion to send 11 parcels of food and underwear urged by Interross. The parcels would be stored in Geneva and dispatched. Daniel J. Reagan,
the representative of the Commercial Attaché
vouchers could be supplied together with full information.

3. Reference paragraphs 21 and 22 of the Legation's 1365, necessity of aid to prisoners in concentration camps and children in certain parts of Europe emphasized by Interross.

Acceptance of Interross proposals strongly recommended by Legation.

HARRISON

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: April 1, midnight, 1944

No: 2031

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Charged to:

PARAPHRASE

Please refer to our 1850 March 25.

There is given below a summary of a letter dated March 27 from ICRC:

1. Activities of InterCross on behalf of war victims in Hungary and Slovakia will be affected by events in Hungary and the possible occupation of Hungary and Slovakia. It is furthermore stated that the last possibilities of obtaining relief of foodstuffs within Europe is apparently dwindling and certain adjustments in Joint 100,000 dollar relief program necessary.
2. If War Refugee Board's plans to rescue certain particularly stricken groups of refugees are not to be too late rapid action is necessary. Reference paragraph three of the Legation's 1366 of March 6, necessity of accepting suggestion to send it parcels of food and underwear urged by InterCross. The parcels would be stored in Geneva and dispatched only after the concurrence of the representative of the War Refugee Board to whom control vouchers could be supplied together with full information.
3. Reference paragraphs B1 and C1 of the Legation's 1366, necessity of aid to prisoners in concentration camps and children in certain parts of Europe emphasized by InterCross.

Acceptance of InterCross proposals strongly recommended by Legation.

HARRISON

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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**COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE**

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE — LIQUE DES SOCIÉTÉS DE LA CROIX-ROUGE



GENÈVE, le April 3rd, 1944
4, COURS DES BASTIONS

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Daniel J. Reagan, Esq.,
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America
Berne

Dear Sir,

We wish to submit to you four lists of medical supplies and surgical dressings which we have been asked to purchase and send to the Jewish refugees in Rumania, Theresienstadt, Cracow, Holland and Upper Silesia.

The sum required for the purchase of these supplies has been put at our disposal by the Joint Distribution Committee and this action has the support of the War Refugee Board.

The same letter has been sent to Mr. Sullivan, Commercial Secretary of the British Legation, in Bern.

Yours sincerely,

The Joint Relief Commission of
the International Red Cross

Feinstein Boehming

Enc.: 4 lists

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

2000-11437

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

2000-11437

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*Medical Supplies - proposed purchase - written
JSC \$ 100,000 -*

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April 6/44*

*Act. April 7/44
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814.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE RED CROSS
General Relief
Part 1

COMMISSION
DE LA CROIX
ROUGE INTERNATIONALE

April 3rd, 1944

List
of medical supplies and surgical dressings
for the Jewish refugees in Rumania

	<u>Swiss francs</u>
→ 50'000 Polyvitamin tablets	2'300.--
→ 50'000 Vitaquin tablets	3'200.--
3'000 Oleo-Bi sap	1'700.--
16'000 Phytin tablets	1'000.--
2'600 synthetic gauze 5cm/5m	507.--
2'000 " " 10cm/5m	750.--
900 parcels synthetic cotton wool = 225 kg	1'732.50
<u>From the In-Bond Warehouse :</u>	<u>800.--</u>
X → 80'000 units insulin	11'989.50

614.2 I.R.C. - JEWISH REFUGEE

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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900.--

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

with ..

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The Red Cross
Jewish Relief
Part 1

April 3rd, 1944

Pharm

List of medical supplies and surgical dressings
for Theresienstadt and camps in the neighbourhood

		<u>Swiss francs</u>
		4'600.--
		390.--
		675.--
		1'540.--
<u>From the In-Bond Warehouse:</u>		
		200.--
		300.--
		Swiss Francs 7'705.--

- 100'000 Polyvitamin tablets
- 2'000 synthetic gauze 5cm/5m
- 1'800 " " 10cm/5m
- 800 parcels synthetic cotton wool = 200 kg

- X → 20'000 units insulin
- 2 kg Mercurochrome

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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194.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF

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The Red Cross Jewish Relief

April 3rd, 1944

Pharm

List of medical supplies and surgical dressings
for the "Jüdische Unterstützungsstelle" Cracow
and camps in the neighbourhood

Swiss francs

6'900.--

150'000 Polyvitamin tablets

2 kg Acid. ascorbinic. 0,05 (Vitamin C)

100 x 100 tabl. Becosym (Vitamin B-Complex)

40 x 100 tabl. Benerva (Vitamin B1)

6 x 25 amp. Benerva-forte (Vitamin B1)

12 x 25 amp. Larostidin

4 x 250 tabl. Saridon

12 x 25 amp. Redoxon-forte (Vitamin C)

200 x 125 tabl. Ferro-Redoxon

20 x 25 tabl. Thiocol

200 x 100 gm Larosan

4'000 tabl. Spasolytic (Atropic-Papaverin)

40 x 50 tabl. Nitroglycerin 0,0005

1'000 amp. Coffein.natr.salicylic. 0,2

2'000 tabl. Coffein.natr.salicylic. 0,25

4'000 tabl. Natr. salicylic. 0,5

2'000 tabl. Naphtol.benzoic. 0,25

6'000 tabl. Codein.phosphoric. 0,02

30x 150 tabl. Calcium Sandos

40 x 500 gm Calcium Sandos granulated

40 x 10 amp. Calcium Sandos 10% 5 cc

40 x 200 tabl. Miglanid

50 x 10 cc Miglanid liquid

8 x 100 cc Miglanid liquid

60 x 1/2 tube Baum Panthesin

10 x 250 tabl. Felasin

12 x 250 tabl. Ipedrin

12 x 50 amp. Strophosid 1 com

12 x 50 amp. Strophosid 0,5 com

10 x 100 tabl. Synergen

6 x 50 amp. Synergen 0,5 com

20 x 250 tabl. Entero-Vioform

40 x 20 amp. Coramin 1,7 cc

300 fl. Coramin liquid 15 com

Swiss Fr. 6'900.--

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

with ..

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
I.R.C. - SWISS SOCIETY

Telephone: 39333, 39334

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Your Reference: - -

Our Reference: 62/7/23/44

LEGATION OF THE
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BRITISH LEGATION,
COMMERCIAL SECRETARIAT,
BERNE

5th April, 1944.

*John 2122 J.R.C. Jewish Relief
under a-324 April 6
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L.R.*

(C.I.)

Dear Reagan,

The Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross inform me that they have written to you in the same terms as to me regarding a list of purchases of medical supplies and surgical dressings which the Commission has been asked to purchase and send to the Jewish refugees in certain occupied territories.

As the funds for this purpose have been put at the disposal of the Commission by the Joint Distribution Committee with the support of the War Refugee Board, I take it that this is a matter which is governed entirely by the issue of a licence from the U.S. Authorities enabling the Joint Distribution Committee to deal freely with their funds.

N.S.

I am, therefore, inclined to regard these purchases of medical supplies as outside my competence and as not being subject to the established procedure regarding Allied relief purchases or the new procedure regarding International Red Cross purchases generally.

I should, however, be grateful for your views before replying to the Joint Relief Commission.

Yours sincerely,

W.J. Sullivan
(Commercial Secretary.)

D.J. Reagan, Esq.,
U.S. Commercial Attaché,
Berne.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
I.R.C. - JEWISH RELIEF
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COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS

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Copy sent Bern.

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: April 6, 11 a. m., 1944.

No: 2122 (London: 539)

Code: [REDACTED]

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Charged to:

PARAPHRASE

US URGENT

Reference is made to the Legation's 1334, March 4, paragraph #1 (E).

As outlined in the above telegram, a list of medical supplies and surgical dressings for purchase shipment Jewish refugees has been submitted by the Mixed Relief Commission of Interoixrouge to this and the British Legations. Insulin and what appears to be narcotics are among the supplies. Is the Legation correct in its belief that, since the purchase is from funds from the Joint Distribution Committee turned over to the Red Cross under license from the Treasury with full leaway, the list aforementioned is not subject to the joint approval of this and the British Legation and that narcotics and insulin are not required to be referred to London jointly under instructions contained in the exchange of telegrams between MEW and the British Legation (please see London's 44 of February 25 to Legation in this connection)?

As a reply to the Mixed Relief Commission is being withheld by this Legation, the early instructions of the Department are requested.

Repeated to London as Bern's no. 539.

HARRISON

LDR:nf
In quintuplicate

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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The Red Cross Jewish Relief

COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Department

Date: April 8, 7 p.m., 1944

No: 1198

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: April 9, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

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Received CA 10/3/44 DIR
Action RG
dated Apr 22/44
No. 2581

Following message from the War Refugee Board is for the Minister:

Reference is made to your telegram No. 1828, of March 24.

Please deliver the following urgent message from the War Refugee Board to the International Red Cross with regard to the proposed purchase of food in Portugal by the International Red Cross to aid three refugee camps in Croatia.

"In order that the licensing of the necessary remittances may be expedited, please advise the War Refugee Board at once with regard to the following points:

1. The nationality and the number of persons in the three camps to whom aid is to be extended;
2. An estimate of the cost which would be involved;
3. The type of food to be purchased for packaging in Portugal, and
4. Assurance that such food supplies will be received by the intended beneficiaries".

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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814.2 INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS - JEWISH RELIEF

814.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Red Cross Jewish Relief

Refugee camps in Croatia
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**COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE**

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIGUE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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Bern, April 11, 1944. 12th April 1944.

Telephones: 5 88 33
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Address: 4, Cours des Bastions, Genève
Compte de chèques postaux: 179

Mr Daniel J. REAGAN
Commercial Secretary to the
Legation of U.S.
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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
13 AVR 1944
BERN

Service: EV/ms

Mr William John SULLIVAN
Commercial Secretary to the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
Geneva.

SERVICE VIVRES & VÊTEMENTS
10, Rue Charles-Dorville
Téléphone 15075

SERVICE PHARMACEUTIQUE
4, Rue Charles-Dorville
Téléphone 15075

Re: gift of 100,000 dollars in aid of Jewish
and refugees in various countries.

Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1944, concerning the proposal to purchase in Portugal foodstuffs to be supplied to three internment camps in Croatia. A summary of your proposal was telegraphed to the American authorities and a reply has now been received. The Legation is requested to transmit to you the following message from the War Refugee Board:

"In order that the licensing of the necessary remittances may be expedited, please advise the War Refugee Board at once with regard to the following points:

1. The nationality and the number of persons in the three camps to whom aid is to be extended;
2. An estimate of the cost which would be involved;
3. The type of food to be purchased for packaging in Portugal, and
4. Assurance that such food supplies will be received by the intended beneficiaries."

It would be appreciated if you would forward your reply to the above inquiry to the Legation for transmission to the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Reagan,
Commercial Attaché.

4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

A true copy
of the original

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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814.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF
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The Red Cross Jewish Relief



**COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE**

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SERVICE PHARMACEUTIQUE
4, Rue Charles-Bonnet
Téléphone 5 63 53

GENÈVE, le 12th April 1944.
4, COURS DES BASTIONS

Mr Daniel J. REAGAN
Commercial Secretary to the
Legation of U.S.A.
B e r n

Mr William John SULLIVAN
Commercial Secretary to the
British Legation
B e r n

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RECEIVED 13 AVR 1944
• BERN •

Re: gift of 100'000 dollars in aid of jewish
deportees and refugees in various countries.-

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty to apply for
your agreement concerning purchases to be made
by means of the above gift.

Owing to the present difficulties of
making purchases in Hungary, we have been ob-
liged to alter slightly our original purchase
program and to contemplate ordering Swiss mer-
chandise on a larger scale, so as to avoid any
delay.

We intend to utilize the sum of
100'000 dollars = 429'000 Sw. Francs

as follows :

Pharmaceutical products	Sfr. 100.000 .-,
Regarding which our Pharma- ceutical Dept. is getting into touch with you.	
<u>Transnistria and Bessarabia</u>	" 100.000.-,
which will be transferred to the Delegate of the IRC at Bucarest for local purchases.	
<u>Cracovia</u>	" 100.000.-,
entirely intended for buying Swiss products which will be sent in one consignment.	
	<u>300.000.-</u>

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

*sch. April 14/11
J.L.*

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Linda April 13
J.L.*

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Paris on
with letter
in possession
of Mr. J. J. J.*

above letter

DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
COMMISSION MIXTE

Sfr. 300.000.-
" 89'000.-,

Theresienstadt
of which Sfr 40'000 would be used
for purchases in Switzerland. The
goods would be placed in our bon-
ded warehouse at Geneva for despatch
together with foreign merchandise.

" 40'000.-,

Camps in France and Upper Silesia.
which we are temporarily retaining
as a reserve for intended purchases
of Hungarian commodities at a sub-
sequent date.

Sfr. 429'000.-

As you will see from the foregoing, it
is our intention to buy Swiss products to the value
of approx. Swiss Francs 140'000.-

and we should appreciate your confirmation that this
plan meets with your approval.

Awaiting your kind reply, for which we
thank you in anticipation, we beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly
Joint Relief Commission of
the International Red Cross:

Klein *Stewart*

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
814.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF
The Red Cross
General Relief
PAR 1

CASE FILE
ack 4/21/44

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
CENTRE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

CASE FILE

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: April 13, 9 p. m., 1944.
Code: [REDACTED] No: 2305 (London: 589)
Charged to:

US URGENT

TO

Paraphrase

The following telegram has been repeated to the Embassy in London as no. 589.

With reference to Bern's no. 1334 of March 4, the whole of the projected purchase scheme from \$100,000 which the Joint Distribution Committee gave has now been referred by the Joint Relief Commission to the Commercial Attaché and his British colleague for approval.

An early reply to its 2122 of April 6 is requested by Bern. Latter telegram was repeated to London as no. 539.

HARRISON

LDR:nf

In quadruplicate
→ Copy for Mr. Randall's attention

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
814.2 I.R.C.-JERISH RELIEF

The Red Cross
Swiss Relief
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CASE FILE In response of this matter
ack 4/21/44



COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :

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JES/HL

(C.I.)

GENÈVE, April 19th, 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

Chèques postaux 1.0357
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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC-13 20 AVR 1944
• BERN •

Mr. Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Legation of the United States of America,
B E R N

Dear Mr. Reagan,

May I thank you for your letter of April 11th concerning the purchase of foodstuffs in Portugal to be supplied to Jewish internees in Croatia. We shall answer the questions put to us by the War Refugee Board as soon as possible and I am glad to note that its attitude seems to be favourable to our proposal. It will be easy to give a positive answer to points 1), 2) and 4). I am awaiting additional information under point 3), because, to simplify matters, we thought it expedient that the "JOINT" in Lisbon should proceed itself to buy foodstuffs, which would be handed over to our delegation there for shipment. Thus, no transfer of funds would be necessary, and we hope that the Joint people in Lisbon will be able to secure the appropriate merchandise in that country.

Hoping to be in a position to give you an answer soon, I am

sincerely yours,

A. L. Wayenberg

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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814.2 I.R.C.-JEWISH RELIEF

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Red Cross
General Relief

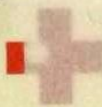
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Central mission for Theresienstadt.



COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE

Bern, April 21, 1944

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIGUE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC 22 AVR 1944
• BERN •

GENEVE, le 21st April 1944
4 COURS DES BASTIONS

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Dr. J. E. de Schwarzenberg,
Member of the Secretariat of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Palais du Conseil-Général,
the Legation
Geneva.

Dear Dr. de Schwarzenberg:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 19,
1944, concerning the purchase of foodstuffs in
Portugal for Jewish internees in Croatia.

Your suggestion that the Joint Distribution
Committee purchase the foodstuffs in Portugal and
deliver them to your delegate in Lisbon has been
transmitted by telegram to the War Refugee Board
for its consideration. I shall not fail to inform
you as soon as a reply has been received by the
Legation.

I am looking forward to receiving your further
report concerning the other points of inquiry raised
by the War Refugee Board. I am concerned concerning the above
gift and wish to inform you that we have to-day
submitted Very truly yours, export applications
to the "Section Importations et exportations du
Département Fédéral de l'Economie Publique" :

- a) 60 cases each containing 100 cans
middle-line green peas - total value
sfr. 9'000.-
- b) 100 cases each containing 60 cans
middle-line green peas - total value
sfr. 6'840.-

These goods are intended for despatch to
Theresienstadt.

Seeing that this merchandise forms part
of a plan which met with your approval,
we be very obliged if you would use your influence
as a member of the "Mixed Commission" in order to
back up our applications.

We take the liberty to rely upon your
intervention and hope that our applications will

A true copy
of the signed
original:

Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

with ..

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF A McLELLAND

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(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
Swiss Relief
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Initial purchase for Theresienstadt.



**COMMISSION MIXTE DE SECOURS
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE**

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - LIGUE DES SOCIÉTÉS DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC'D 22. AVR 1944
• BERN •

GENÈVE, le 21st April 1944-
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Mr William H. SULLIVAN
Commercial Secretary to
the British Legation
B e r n

*Acct. April 24/44
No. 262 to
Sept 1675 to London
7/44*

Re: Two applications for export of merchandise forming part of the purchase program in connection with the gift of 100,000 dollars in aid of Jewish deportees and refugees in various countries.

Dear Sir,

We beg to refer to our letter of the 12th inst. notifying you of the alteration made in our original purchase program concerning the above gift and wish to inform you that we have to-day submitted the following two export applications to the "Section importations et exportations du Département Fédéral de l'Economie Publique" :

- a) 60 cases each containing 100 cans apple jam - total value sfr. 9'000.-
- b) 100 cases each containing 60 cans middle-fine green peas - total value sfr. 6'840.-

These goods are intended for despatch to Theresienstadt.

Seeing that this merchandise forms part of a plan which met with your approval, we should be very obliged if you would use your influence as a member of the "Mixed Commission" in order to back up our applications.

We take the liberty to rely upon your intervention and hope that our applications will

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Adresser la correspondance à la Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale,
4, Cours des Bastions, Genève

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R McLELLAN

814.2 I.R.C. JEWISH RELIEF

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
Jewish Relief
Part 1

thus be granted without delay.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, we beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Joint Relief Commission of
the International Red Cross:

E. von W. Wehinger

with ..

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
General Relief

Vol 1

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Telephone: 39333, 39334

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BRITISH LEGATION,
COMMERCIAL SECRETARIAT,
BERNE

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC 3 24 AVR 1944
• BERN •

Your Reference: - -
Our Reference: 62/7/23/44

22nd April, 1944.

Letter to Joint Comm
w/nc copy to B.L.
5/11/44 4/24
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Dear Reagan,

You will no doubt have received a further letter from the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross dated the 21st April regarding exports of apple jam and green peas for Jewish relief under the 100,000 dollar programme financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

May I suggest, in order to speed up a reply on your earlier telegrams, that you should refer this case also to your authorities, drawing attention to your previous telegrams.

As in the two previous instances, I am not acknowledging the communications of the Joint Relief Commission just yet.

Yours sincerely,

W.J. Sullivan

W.J. Sullivan
(Commercial Secretary.)

D.J. Reagan, Esq.,
U.S. Commercial Attaché,
Berne.

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

allows unlimited discretion to purchase in enemy territories and generally override blockade regulations. It would therefore only be logical to treat the purchases made there- with ..

814.2 I.A.C. - JEWISH RELIEF (Jews in Croatia)
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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND
(S. Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Jewish Relief)
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DJR/LDR/mla
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TELEGRAM SENT

Copies to Dr. Hotz
and British Legation

File Copy

Bern, April 24, 1944.

A copy of this letter goes to Mr. Sullivan and
one to Dr. Hotz.

(C.I.)

Joint Relief Commission of
The International Red Cross,
4 Cours des Bastions,
Geneva.

Dear Sirs:

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

I should like to acknowledge the receipt
of your letters of April 21, April 12 and April
3, 1944, in which you request our approval for the
program of purchases both in Switzerland and else-
where of relief goods to be paid for out of the
gift of \$100,000 from the Joint Distribution Com-
mittee. In your letter of April 21, you specifical-
ly ask that the Legation support your request for
a Swiss export license for 60 cases of apple jam
and 100 cases of canned green peas.

Since the United States Treasury licensed the
Joint Distribution Committee to turn over the \$100,000
to the International Red Cross for the relief purchase
of food and other goods either in Switzerland or else-
where, my British colleague felt that the operations
carried on by you under this gift are not subject to
our approval or reference to London as with other re-
lief purchases made in Switzerland. My colleague bas-
ed his opinion on the fact that the Joint Distribution
Committee's gift was already licensed by one of the
Allied Powers.

I have referred the matter to Washington and Lon-
don for clarification and regret that as yet I have re-
ceived no answer. I am telegraphing again today request-
ing an urgent reply. I shall write you again at the

earliest

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
Swiss Relief
PAR 1

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The Director General
of the International
Relief Commission
Geneva
1944

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In view of this matter
not having been properly
dealt with the British.

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TELEGRAM SENT

Department GL Date ²⁻ April 24, 7 P. M., 1944.
No: 2612 (London: 678)

Code XXXXXXXXXX earliest possible moment.

A copy of this letter goes to Mr. Sullivan and one to Dr. Hotz.
US URGENT

Reference is made to the Legation's letter of April 13 and 2122 of April 6.

Yours very truly, nos. 2503

1. Referring to former letters, the Joint Relief Commission requests the Legation's support for a Swiss export license for specific foodstuffs purchased in Switzerland from the Joint Distribution Committee.

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

2. In reply the Commercial Attaché has stated that neither he nor the British Secretary feels that the program of the International Red Cross with respect to purchases under this \$100,000 need be referred for approval to the Legations under the system now being discussed in London for relief purchases in Switzerland. The CA added, however, that the matter has been referred to the American Embassy in London and to the Department of State, pending receipt of definite instructions from the latter.

3. According to the interpretation of the Legation, the IRC may purchase any and all types of products in Switzerland without our prior approval or reference to London, under the latitude of the Treasury License to the Joint Distribution Committee. Is this a correct interpretation?

4. The Legation respectfully requests early instructions in order that a definitive reply can be made to the Joint Relief Commission in view of the urgency of the Department's cable no. 279 of January 27 and others.

Repeated to London as Bern's 678, with reference to latter's 589 of April 13 and 539 of April 6.

HARRISON

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In quadruplicate

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Date: Dec 1, 1994
By: S. H. [unclear]

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
Swiss Relief
Part 1

CASE FILE

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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

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Date: April 24, 7 p. m., 1944.

No: 2612 (London: 678)

Code: [REDACTED]

Charged to:

Paraphrase

US URGENT

Reference is made to the Legation's cables nos. 2305 of April 13 and 2122 of April 6.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross
Swiss Relief
Feb 1

LDR/mla #5
814.2 27 APR 1944
BERN

INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

Bern, April 26, 1944.

With the compliments of
The Commercial Secretariat
Your Ref: 62/7/23/44
The British Legation, Bern

C.I.

Dear Sullivan:

In reply to your letter of April 22, 1944, regarding the relief activities of the International Red Cross with \$100,000 provided by the Joint Distribution Committee under United States Treasury license, I am enclosing a copy of the Legation's telegram No. 2612 April 24 (repeated to London as the Legation's 678 of the same date).

D. J. Reagan
U.S. Commercial Attache
BERN

This makes our third urgent telegram on the same subject. You will receive under separate cover our letter of April 24, to the Committee. I did not feel that we could let all their letters go unanswered. If we have no reply or no instructions within a short time, I believe this Legation would be justified in informing the I.R.C. that, for lack of instructions to the contrary, we must assume that their purchases under the Treasury license to the Joint can be made without prior approval by us and may include any and all products. I would then inform the Department of our action.

Sincerely yours,

Lee D. Randell
Secretary of Legation

Enclosure.

William J. Sullivan, Esquire,
Commercial Secretariat,
British Legation,
Bern.

A true copy
of the signed
original: [Signature]

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. MCELLENDON

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Emergency Relief)
Part 1

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REC 27 AVR 1944
• BERN •

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

File : 62/7/23/44
ALLIED RELIEF DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE.

D.J. Reagan, Esq.,
U.S. Commercial Attaché,
Berne.

The Joint Relief Committee
of the International Red Cross,
4, Cours des Bastions,
Geneva.

INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
LE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

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GENEVE, 27th April 1944.
26th April, 1944.

allied
soldiers,

Your letters of the
11 on the subject of
ammes financed by the
(Distribution.)

I am grateful if you would
reply to you of April 24th
and the letters under reference.

A copy of this letter to
the Committee has been able to see
the Committee for Zurich. I shall
be delighted if you care to see me
Yours sincerely,
I shall call your office after 9

W.J. Sullivan
(Commercial Secretary.)

Sincerely yours,

W. Sullivan

State Dept. Letter 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND
(Switzerland)
The Red Cross
General Relief
PAR 1

INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
CENTRE CENTRALE DES SERVICES

GENEVA, 27th April 1944.
Public de l'Union postale

wjs/rva

(CI)

26th April, 1944.

62/7/23/44
Messrs. Chaudronniers,
GENEVA

R 70 APR 1944

Gentlemen,

May I refer to your letters of the 3rd, 12th and 21st April on the subject of certain purchase programmes financed by the Joint Relief Committee (Distribution.)

I should be very grateful if you would take Mr. Reagan's letter to you of April 24th as my reply to the three letters under reference. I don't ring as usual on Monday at Mr. Reagan's office after 9.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Reagan and to Dr. Hotz.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely yours,
W.J. Sullivan
(Commercial Secretary.)

The Joint Relief Committee
of the International Red Cross,
4, Cours des Bastions,
Geneva.

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(Switzerland)
The Red Cross Geneva
General Relief
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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Rappeler dans la réponse :
JES/HL

GENÈVE, 27th April 1944.
Palais du Conseil-Général

...ques postaux 1.507
Téléphone 4 23 05
Téleg. "INTERCROIXROUGE"

Mr. Roswell Mc Clelland
7, rue des Chaudronniers,
GENÈVE

R 27 AVR 1944

10:20

Dear Mr. Mc Clelland,

I am very sorry not to have been able to see you to-day as I am leaving for Zurich. I shall be back Friday night and will be delighted if you care to see me on Saturday. If you don't ring me up Saturday morning at Nr. 5.51.30, I shall call your office after 9.

Sincerely yours,

W. Schwegler

State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
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(Switzerland)
The Red Cross (Geneva)
General Relief
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Telephone: 39833, 39834

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Your Reference: 814.2
Our Reference: 62/7/23/44

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BRITISH LEGATION,
COMMERCIAL SECRETARIAT,
BERNE

27th April, 1944.

*File 2
L.A.*

Dear Randall,

Many thanks for your letter of April 26 on the subject of the purchase and export programmes of the Joint Relief Commission, the financing of which is undertaken by the Joint Distribution Committee.

As regards the suggestion which you make in the second paragraph, I have no personal objection, but would we not be placed in rather a difficult position if the State Department subsequently inform us that these transactions must be dealt with under the International Red Cross purchases procedure? I cannot help feeling that the more prudent course is to remain inactive until you receive the official reaction to your three telegrams. It is not we who are holding up these exports, but the scrupulous Joint Relief Commission and the State Department.

Yours sincerely,

W.J. Sullivan
W.J. Sullivan
(Commercial Secretary.)

Lee D. Randall, Esq.,
Secretary of Legation,
U.S. Legation,
Berne.

814.2 I.R.C. JEWISH RELIEF

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
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(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Switzerland)
Jewish Relief
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TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department

Date: April 29, noon, 1944

Code: [REDACTED]

No: 2726 (No. 710 to London)

Charged to:



PARAPHRASE

U S URGENT. Repeated to London as Legation's 710.

The Commercial Attaché, in the absence of a reply to his 2612 of April 24, 2305 of April 13, and 2122 of April 6, and in view of the last paragraph of the Department's 856 of March 15, has now supported, in reply to a telephonic request from the Joint Relief Commission, with the Swiss authorities, export license application referred to in the Legation's 2612 paragraph one, being specifically 100 cases canned peas valued francs 6840 and 60 cases apple jam valued francs 9,000 which Theresienstadt urgently requires.

However, the Commercial Attaché stated that his approval of the remainder of the program under the Joint Distribution gift is, pending clarification and instructions in reply to the Legation's three telegrams under reference, being withheld.

HARRISON

LDR/mjb
In triplicate to GA

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

314.2 I.R.C. JEWISH RELIEF

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Jewish Relief) Part 1

DIR/123/44

April 27, 44

File: MC/3/15/44 (3 extra copies)

TELEGRAM

COPIES TO:

H. M. Minister
U. S. Commercial Attaché ✓
28.8.44

814.2 T.R.C. JEWISH REFUGEE

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

File : 62/7/23/44

Allied Relief Distribution
 Committee.

D.J. Reagan, Esq.,
 U.S. Commercial Attaché,
 B e r n e .

United States Embassy inform us that prop. on behalf of American Jewish Joint Dis- referred to you and your U.S. Colleague the amount 100,000 dollars were remitted

that this programme should be cleared as

at discretion to approve in this case even stand to be referred here. You need refer exceptionally would seriously compromise ting with Swiss. In that case please do so

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ated in the Embassy's telegram No. same procedure apply to exports with funds remitted at the instance of the War Refugee Board as is applied at present to other Red Cross exports.

*Consistent
 with
 May*

The difficulty in the present case of requesting the British to approve lists of exports which have been seen neither by the British nor by us will be readily appreciated by you. We should not wish to make a similar request again. Furthermore, in view of the excellent cooperation which we have been receiving from the Ministry of Economic Warfare in putting control of relief shipments from Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, etc. on a joint basis, we should not wish to suggest that War Refugee Board exports, unlike all other relief exports, be subject only to the approval of the United States..

WINANT

/nm
 in triplicate

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 State Dept. Order, 1-11-72
 By E. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

Received CA 115/44 DIR
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 Forwarded May 2/44
 No. 2793/100.736

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE OF R McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross General Jewish Relief

LDR/DIR/mla

April 27, 44

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

ARFAR No. 1523
27th April
From M.E.W.
K

H. M. Minister
U. S. Commercial Attaché ✓
28.4.44

814.2

IMPORTANT My tel. 1455. United States Embassy inform us that programme of purchases by I.R.C. on behalf of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has been referred to you and your U.S. Colleague for approval. ~~Some~~ Funds to the amount 100,000 dollars were remitted from US some time ago.

- 2) (?U.S. Govt.) is anxious that this programme should be cleared as quickly as possible.
- 3) You have therefore widest discretion to approve in this case even items which would normally stand to be referred here. You need refer only if approval even given exceptionally would seriously compromise general line we have been taking with Swiss. In that case please do so urgently and state particulars.

S. of S.

It is urged, as indicated in the Embassy's telegram No. 3185, of April 18, that the same procedure apply to exports from Switzerland financed with funds remitted at the instance of the War Refugee Board as is applied at present to other Red Cross exports.

The difficulty in the present case of requesting the British to approve lists of exports which have been seen neither by the British nor by us will be readily appreciated by you. We should not wish to make a similar request again. Furthermore, in view of the excellent cooperation which we have been receiving from the Ministry of Economic Warfare in putting control of relief shipments from Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, etc. on a joint basis, we should not wish to suggest that War Refugee Board exports, unlike all other relief exports, be subject only to the approval of the United States.

*Consistent
with
May 1944*

WINANT

/nrm
in triplicate

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Action
Covered May 21/44
No. 2793/499.736

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Germany)
Jewish Relief
PAR 1

LDR/DJR/mla

Copy for the British Legation

Bern, April 29, 1944.

Bern, April 29, 1944.

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Dear Dr. Hotz:

Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross, 4 Cours des Bastions, Geneva. to my letter of April 21, 1944, and to your telephone call of yesterday's date by which you asked the Legation to support your application for an export license for 60 cases of apple jam and 100 cases of canned green peas which you are purchasing for relief from the \$100,000 gift to you from the Joint Distribution Committee. The \$100,000 were licensed by the American Government. The Legation has not yet received an answer. In view of the urgency which you expressed and of the nature of the goods in question, I have today written to Dr. Hotz of the Federal Department of Public Economy to support your request. With regard to the rest of the program under the \$100,000, however, I wish to refer you to my letter of April 24, on the subject. Since that date I have sent another telegram to the Department of State at Washington and to the American Embassy at London asking for instructions. The substance of this letter, while stating that I have not as yet approved of the remainder of the program pending its further instructions.

Yours very truly,

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché
Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

Mr. Jean Hotz,
Director, Division of Commerce,
Department of Public Economy,
Bern.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF A McLELLAND

614.2 I.A.C. BRITISH LEGATION

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Geneva)
Swiss Relief
Vol 1

DJR/lDR/mld

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*ICRC - Jewish Relief
May 1944*

Bern, April 29, 1944.

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Dear Dr. Hotz:

I should like to refer to my letter of April 24, to the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross regarding the relief purchase program it intends to carry out with \$100,000 given to it by the Joint Distribution Committee under license by the United States Treasury; a copy of this letter was sent to you.

You will have noted that the Joint Relief Commission desired the Legation to support its request for an export permit for 60 cases of apple jam and 100 cases of canned green peas. As I stated in my letter under reference I have referred the matter to Washington and to London as to whether the approval of the American and British Legations or reference of any items to London are necessary in this case since the \$100,000 were licensed by the American Government. The Legation has as yet received no reply, but the Joint Relief Commission asked by telephone that the request for export licenses for the apple jam and green peas be treated urgently.

Since the two aforementioned products would in any case be approvable by us, I should like to take this opportunity to request you to be so good as to consider favorably the request of the Joint Relief Commission. I have informed my Government of the substance of this letter, while stating that I have not as yet approved of the remainder of the program pending its further instructions.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jean Hotz,
Director, Division of Commerce,
Department of Public Economy,
Bern.

Daniel J. Reagan
Commercial Attaché

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. MCLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Geneva)
Jewish Relief
Page 1

ICRC - Jewish Relief
May 1944

From:

Code:

PARAPHRASE

Reference Legation's cables 1334 March 4,
2122 of April 6, and 2305 April 13.

Following is from FEA.

We are asking the Ministry of Economic Warfare
to give its approval at once to the entire list of
medical supplies and foodstuffs, and to instruct
your colleague accordingly. Prompt action should
be taken, subject to London's confirmation.

HULL

Received CA-151-018
For Action *HLK*
Answered
No. *no action re*

In triplicate
re

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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814.2 I.R.C. JEWISH RELIEF

814.2 INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS - JEWISH RELIEF

1380
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. MCELLEND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Switzerland)
Jewish Relief
FBI

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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L.R.*

From: Department

Date: May 1, 2 p.m., 1944

No: 1508

Code: [REDACTED]

Received: May 2, 8 a.m.

PARAPHRASE

Reference Legation's cables 1334 March 4, 2122 of April 6, and 2305 April 13.

Following is from FEA.

We are asking the Ministry of Economic Warfare to give its approval at once to the entire list of medical supplies and foodstuffs, and to instruct your colleague accordingly. Prompt action should be taken, subject to London's confirmation.

HULL

Received CA	DIR
For Action	<i>L.R.</i>
Answered	
No.	<i>No action re...</i>

In triplicate
re

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

Answer
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814.2 I.R.C.C. JEWISH RELIEF

814.2 INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS - JEWISH RELIEF

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF R. MITCHELL AND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Switzerland)
Jewish Relief
PAR 1

CASE FILE

TELEGRAM SENT

To: Department Date: May 2, 10 p. m., 1944.
 MOST IMMEDIATE No: 2793 (London:736)
 Code: [REDACTED] Charged to:

Paraphrase

Reference is made to London's 97 of April 28 to the Legation repeating its telegram to the Department in answer to the Department's no. 3325 of April 26 to the London Embassy.

1. MEW's ARFAR no. 1523 has been received by the British Commercial Secretary. This telegram gives my British colleague wide discretion to approve in this case even those items which normally require to be referred to London. My British colleague has informed London in reply that he is prepared to give such approval.

2. This Legation, unless it receives instructions to the contrary, will inform the International Committee of the Red Cross that it approves of the total purchase program of \$100,000. The Legation takes this withholding action in anticipation of Departmental instructions with regard to the question of policy raised in the Legation's no. 2122 of April 6, no. 2612 of April 24 and London's telegram indicated above.

Foregoing has been repeated to London as Bern's no. 736 of May 2.

HARRISON

LDR:nf
 In quadruplicate

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 By R. H. Parks Date SEP 25 1972

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DRB
 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
 OF R. MCDLELLAND
 (Switzerland)
 The Red Cross (Geneva)
 Soviet Relief
 Vol 1

N.B.

Mr. Sullivan and his office

wja/rva 1.5.44

MC/3/15/44

Telegram

H.M. Minister

to

M.E.W.

File: MC/3/15/44

Arfar No..... Red Cross
Purchases.

cypher

Copy to Mr. Reagan.

*SK
2/12*

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to **IMPORTANT.**

Your telegram 1523.

Joint Relief Commission have so far

only presented the following programmes of

purchases

(a) pharmaceutical products (including insulin

out of bond, some narcotics and a number of

specialities not previously referred to you

under the allied relief purchases scheme.) Val

Value roughly Sw.Frs. 63,000.

(b) Apple jam and peas Sw.Frs. 15,800.

2. I have informed my U.S. Colleague that I am prepared to approve the above if requested. Products in themselves cannot be said to give rise to a compromising situation vis à vis the Swiss.

3. The fact that we are waiving the general conditions envisaged in your telegram 1455 paras 2 (2) and 3 ^{may} does not in my view compromise the general line. This would be avoided if the suggestion made by my colleague in his telegram to London 539 of April 6 were adopted, namely that all these purchases should be regarded as being outside our terms of reference and therefore as not requiring ^{any} approval. I understand the funds for these purchases have been transferred to the I.R.C.C. under a licence of the U.S. Treasury which allows unlimited discretion to purchase in enemy territories and generally override blockade regulations. It would therefore only be logical to treat the purchases made there- with ..

614.2 I.R.C.C. (INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMISSION)

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE OF A McLELLAND

(Switzerland)

The Red Cross (Switzerland) General Relief

therewith as equally free from control. This would avoid giving the impression of adopting a contradictory attitude towards one class of I.R.C. transactions while pressing in other direction for the observance of conditions which create difficulties for that organisation (my telegram 1858.)

I am conscious of a certain anomaly between the latitude given to the Joint Distribution Committee under the U.S. Treasury licensing procedure and the control which we are required to exercise in the case of other I.R.C. relief purchases.

I have informed my U.S. Colleagues that I am prepared to approve the above if requested. Products in themselves cannot be said to give rise to a compromising situation vis à vis the

The fact that we are waiving the general conditions envisaged in your telegram 1858 - para 2 (b) and 3 does not in my view compromise the general line. This would be avoided if the suggestion made by my colleagues in his telegram to London 229 of April 6 were adopted, namely that all these purchases should be recorded as being outside our terms of reference and therefore as not requiring our approval. I understand the facts for these purchases have been transmitted to the I.R.C.C. under a license of the U.S. Treasury which allows unlimited quantities to purchase in many territories and generally overrides local regulations. It would therefore only be logical to treat the purchases with these

Handwritten notes:
The file is in the hands of Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear] at the moment.
I.R.C. relief purchases.
File: M/C/12/15/44
International Red Cross
D.J. Reagen, Reg. 1.1.17
U.S. Commercial, Reg. 1.1.17
D. J. Reagen, Reg. 1.1.17

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
M. M. STELLAND
(Switzerland)
The Red Cross (Geneva)
General Relief
Part 1

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Sullivan said his source is correct on the \$100,000 Swiss gift - if Hoty or I.R.C. want his written consent, they will get in touch with him.
L.J.R.

File: 3/16/44 (Copy to Mr. Reagan)
U.S. Commercial Attaché
3-5-X

Relief Commission have so far of purchases:-
insulin out of bond, some previously referred to you
Value roughly Sw.Frs.63,000
I am prepared to approve the
cannot be said to give rise
Swiss.

File : MC/3/15/44
International Red Cross
Purchases.

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