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From:

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 6968
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 5/6/47 - 7:18 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 5/6/47 - 7:51 p.m.

Cleveland from Rocks.

Reur 6718, JDC Financing.

1. Headquarters approaching State Department to explore possibility of request to China to provide special exchange rate for volagencies.
2. Also cabling Altmyer to suggest he negotiate with Chinese Government on behalf IRO re permanent arrangements for local currency requirements.
3. Meanwhile you are authorized to negotiate with Chinese Government for inclusion in UNRRA budget of partial financing of JDC local currency requirements. Since total proceeds will not cover total UNRRA program costs, inappropriate to consider this a mandatory charge against proceeds. However in view UNRRA interest in DPs, negotiate for addition this

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item to CNRRA budget, recognizing JDC requirements will be financed out of government contribution to CNRRA rather than out of proceeds.

Drafted by:
Chait/Taflove
(General Counsel)
5 June 1947

Authorized by:
FChait
(General Counsel)

Cleared by:
Taflove
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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 132
TO: Geneva
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 5/6/47 - 6:37 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 5/6/47 - 7:25 p.m.

For Altmeyer

1. JDC encountering currency difficulties in financing its services in connection with DP operations in China, due to fact that official rate of conversion of dollars into CNC does not reflect actual purchasing power. China Office has suggested we negotiate with Government for provision of currency to JDC by UNRRA, to permit continuance of services by JDC without suffering heavy exchange losses.
2. We will authorize discussions on temporary basis from UNRRA viewpoint, but no assurance of success and you may wish more permanent arrangements to be made on behalf of IRO.
3. If you consider it desirable, suggest you discuss with Chinese Government representative in Geneva possibility of China contribution to IRO being made in part in local currency to help finance JDC services in DP operations. Since JDC tantamount to agent of IRO as presently case re UNRRA.

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4. Will advise you progress of discussions here.

Drafted by:
FChait
(Acting Gen. Counsel)
4 June 1947

Authorized by:
FChait
(Acting Gen.
Counsel)

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RRBrown

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*I advise -
do you want?
(End)*

~~Flynn~~

~~Kelly~~

*Jacobs
any thing*

final?

4 June 1947

To: Mr. Richard R. Brown

From: Charlotte T. Lloyd

Subject: Shanghai 6718 re JDC Financing

*nothing new to
report*

One aspect of the problem to be considered at the meeting today in your office on the above subject is the question of currency assistance to all non-indigenous voluntary agencies operating in China. I have been informed by Mr. Fred Preu of the State Department that the State Department representative in China has suggested the possibility that the Central Bank of China might be requested to provide all voluntary agencies with an open market rate. If this possibility were developed, it would be an alternative to the present proposal that UNRRA furnish Chinese currency from the local proceeds of sale for the JDC operations.

Preu is waiting to reply to the U.S. representative until he is informed of UNRRA's position. I told him that I would call him on the matter after our meeting today.

cc: Lamberton
SKJacobs ✓
Swerdlow

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Jordan's
Anything later?*

NUMBER: 6718
FROM: Shanghai (Signed Davis)
DATED: Undated
RECEIVED: 29/5/47 - 12:01 p.m.
VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

*This was
subject of
conference*

For Rocks from Cleveland.

"Further our 6645 regarding JDC financing.

1. Were unable implement your earlier suggestions to offset JDC financing partially through UNRRA contributions on grounds JDC assistance to DP's was UNRRA responsibility because serious inadequacy UNRRA finances over past many months. Jordan was kept informed of this but received fullest possible assistance from China office in other respects.

2. Since central committee action authorizing non-program sale cotton and allocation of proceeds to priority projects in close consultation with CCFE and because of serious reduction in JDC assets due unrealistic legal exchange rate we have prepared paper for CCFE project panel seeking allocation funds for JDC out of cotton proceeds to augment JDC finances. Proposal developed after consultation with Jordan and requests appropriation 615 million CNC per month commencing May 1.

3. In view council resolution 99, paragraph one limiting UNRRA DP operations to June 30 feel our position may not be supportable for continuation this type assistance beyond

June 30 if objections arise before panel committee. Urge you provide us authority negotiate for allocation funds to JDC in line with (Two) above for period beyond June 30. Further deem advisable if you agree that we be delegated act on behalf IRO or interim commission pending full take-over by such successors to negotiate for local finances inasmuch as we believe our bargaining position will be better for purposing insuring such assistance DP's. We assume relationship UNRRA to IRO after June 30 being worked out by headquarters with interim commission. We await instructions.

4. In absence more equitable exchange rates and unless these proposals implemented, two consequences unavoidable, namely JDC hard currency appropriation has to be increased to maintain level of assistance or level of assistance to DP's has to be reduced."

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NUMBER: 6645
FROM: Shanghai (Signed Edgerton)
DATED: 12/5/47
RECEIVED: 12/5/47 - 8:14 a.m.
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Sverdlow from Morcher.

Reur 6684.

Matter under consideration legal counsel. Regret cables not acknowledged. Unable convert US currency except at official rate which presently approximates 50 percent open rate. Recommendation being made CNRRA finance JDC requirements from proceeds sale of cotton.

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voluntary agreement.

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letter to Charlotte

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 4656
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 19/11/46 - 1:29 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 19/11/46 - 2:30 p.m.

Morcher from Howell.

Reur unnumbered cable captioned "Reur 4549 Howell from Burnett"

1. JDC Secretary Moses Leavitt advises unable to furnish \$250,000 but will remit U.S. \$130,000 for present emergency needs for November. We will cable you when processed.

2. This emergency remittance in no way affects subject concerned in our concurrent confidential cable addressed Edgerton from Rocks and Howell.

Drafted by:
NTeflove (Finance Div.)
15 November 1946

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 4549
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 7/11/46 - 4:30 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 7/11/46 - 5:02 p.m.

Burnett from Howell

1. Reference Jacobson to Davidson letter 14 October.
2. We have no objections your providing JDC China required amounts US dollar currency suitable denominations.
3. You determine most desirable method of obtaining required currency whether through Army or otherwise and cable us complete transfer instructions including amount to be paid here and name of depository with indication of net amount to be received by you if other than par.
4. Understand JDC need critical. Cable immediately how to transfer.

Drafted by:
NTaflove (Finance)
7 November 1946

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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NUMBER: 2905
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 2/7/46 - 1:59 a.m.
DISPATCHED: 2/7/46 - 6:00 a.m.

Medsupplies requirement for European DP's in Shanghai received. Being placed in direct procurement. Contact Jordan JDC and furnish him whatever supplies available Shanghai. Replace your stock when their supplies received.

Drafted by:
JCYang (Med. & San. Supply)
28 June 1946

Cleared by:
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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 2133
FROM: Shanghai
DATED: 27/5/46
RECEIVED: 27/5/46 - 3:06 p.m.

File: J.O.C. - China

Reur 2169 and 1926

Statements who blankets and medicines delivered as stated
in accounts all account Jewish Distribution Committee.
Financial documents not received by Accounts Division but
assumed correct total \$13695 due War Department. Liability
established here 31 December.

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

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NUMBER: 863
FROM: Shanghai
DATED: 15/2/46
RECEIVED: 16/2/46 - 6:16 a.m.

Reur 455.

CNRRA states no (repeat no) additional quantities C, K, D, and 10-in-1 rations can be utilized. At present Jewish group requirements for 10-in-1 remain at 180,000. Will inform you soonest additional quantities required to end of program for Jewish group.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

AJDC - Chung

NUMBER: 884
FROM: Shanghai
DATED: 16/2/46
RECEIVED: 17/2/46 - 7:20 a.m.

Reur 683 informed by Jordan Chaplain Fine and Rabbi Askanazi that JDC shipped from New York January 28 1,500 pounds of special flour and 85 pounds of matzo's for Orthodox Jews Shanghai. Should supplies fail reach Shanghai in time we shall arrange production here.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

48 MR - China file

NUMBER: 658
FROM: Shanghai
DATED: 1/2/46
RECEIVED: 2/2/46 - 2:17 a.m.

Supplementing our 483 as of January 25 JDC had received from us total of: 4,925 C rations, 19,004 cases 10 in 1 rations, 1,151,480 lbs flour, 31,000 lbs clothing, of which sufficient rations on hand to assure distribution until February 10. Other items your 315 unchanged from our 483. Have requested FLC and army to advance 30,000 cases 10 in 1 rations, if our next shipment fails to arrive by February 10. Please advise of further shipments.

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J.O.C. - China

NUMBER: 1925
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 1/5/46 - 5:30 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 2/5/46 - 2:56 a.m.

To J.G. Johnson from Lismer.

State Department received request from War Department to pay for Account of Administration \$13,695.96 covering \$119.65 medicine American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, \$13,576.31 blankets and other items received November December, by Frank C. Lawson for UNRRA personnel and refugees. Johnson letters to General Olmstead state reimbursement will be made accordance previous arrangement. Confirm amounts and furnish details such arrangement.

Drafted by:
CVMayne (Finance)
27 April 1946

Cleared by:
Lismer
Bellows
Col. Harris
H. Schenker

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Shanghai & DP
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group

(see LBC R - Shanghai
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 57
FROM: Shanghai
DATED: 10/12/45
RECEIVED: 10/12/45 - 3:19 p.m.

Reur 1425.

1. Hope Kosher food as indicated your 1447 will supplement US Army rations.

2. (A) In addition to JDC we make every effort to enlist cooperation of other agencies and individuals for assistance in establishing those wishing to remain. Doctor Martin Gold, Shanghai, prominent industrialist, promised to employ and to help finding employment for those groups.

(B) You are aware IGC has no representative in Shanghai. We requested Williams Mission to discuss with Hongkong authorities possibility of allowing groups of skilled Shanghai refugees to reside Hongkong. Knowing CNRRA's attitude we shall continue towards early resettlement of these groups and others as opportunity permit.

3. We have already informed you by cable 1333 and letter to Ray of 30 October result of negotiations with CNRRA. Tsiang agreed to pay equivalent on Chinese currency of \$45,000 US monthly in addition to JDC \$100,000. We approaching Tsiang to start payment as of first December.

4. In our opinion this operation does not warrant setting up separate organization and because of necessity close liaison with Chinese Government we feel it should be handled by China office. This matter discussed with Hendrickson and Williams Mission during visits here.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

98 99 - Chung
J. Lee

NUMBER: 56
TO: Shanghai
REPEATED: Chungking 1425
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 29/11/45 - 6:45 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 30/11/45 - 7:00 a.m.

For Hendrickson and Williams.

1. Have considered problem of Shanghai European refugee group in light of your cables 6 and 12, Williams letter of 1 November, and correspondence between JDC and China Office. Authorize emergency feeding this group with ten-in-one rations or other supplies which may be available.
2. In considering UNRRA's general authority for care and repatriation of this group, we would propose inviting cooperation of JDC and IGC as follows:
 - a. JDC to assist in establishing those wishing remain permanently CHINA;
 - b. IGC, JDC, and other interested private agencies undertake resettlement those desiring resettlement.
3. Request you arrange with Kizer for negotiations with Chinese Government to obtain local currency for meeting local expenditures.
4. Washington is considering this operation as part of general Far Eastern operation; form of organization to be determined with Hendrickson on his return to Headquarters.

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5. As soon as your reply on negotiations with Chinese Government received we will proceed immediately to advise you on operating plan approved by Administration.

Drafted by:
FKHoebler (DP)
29 November 1945

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 50
TO: Shanghai
REPEATED: Chungking 1407
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 28/11/45 - 5:30 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 29/11/45 - 1:30 a.m.

For Williams, D/P Mission and Johnson

Further our 25 (1281 to Chungking)

Ten dash one rations earmarked for Shanghai European DP's. These rations average over 4000 calories per person per day. Believe 2600 calories daily ample for refugees. Consequently distribution to be on basis one case rations per fifteen refugees per day. Endeavoring procure and ship additional rations soonest.

Drafted by:
Simpson/Youdin (Displaced Persons)
28 November 1945

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

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Hendrickson
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NUMBER: 1468
FROM: Chungking
DATED: 18/11/45
RECEIVED: 19/11/45 - 2:28 a.m.

During Hendrickson visit here following cable approved but not sent out from here though may have been by Hendrickson after leaving here. If duplicated please regard other copy as official.

"Lehman from Hendrickson number 12. Re my 6. Receipt of US Army 10 in 1 rations in quantity specified below would go far toward temporarily solving food problem for 15,000 Jewish refugees Shanghai. No problem is presented by English marking since large percentage refugees know English. Moreover various food items not unfamiliar to Europeans of their class. Receipt of rations would also permit putting entire relief program of joint distribution committee on a more satisfactory basis by enabling utilization cash resources for non-food aspects of program. Recommend (1) issuance of surplus rations to JDC by Shanghai Office UNRRA which responsible for control; (2) issuance of rations by JDC to family groups and individuals on monthly ration card based on normal 2,000 calories per person, per day, with special allowances in special cases. Quantity required for first 6 months 1946 would be 150,000 cases (which at 49 pounds per case would represent approximately 3750 tons). Important that shipments begin immediately, first shipment to be at least 1,000 tons. However larger shipment could be handled Shanghai.

Policies involved now being cleared with CNRRA. If approved shipment should be consigned so as permit UNRRA Shanghai office take delivery. Williams, DP Mission, concurs in above and emphasizes above mentioned figures for 6 months if minimum requirement but that larger quantities if available could be used advantageously. Rations will of course be distributed without discrimination race".

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UNRRA

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 19
TO: Shanghai
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 15/11/45 - 6:20 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 16/11/45 - 10:50 a.m.

For Williams, DP Mission

Re Hendrickson 6 to Lehman

Food Division endeavoring to procure 10 in 1 rations in Philippine Islands for immediate shipment to Shanghai. Will send detailed information when available.

Drafted by:
CSimpson (Camps)
15 November 1945

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 76
TO: Shanghai
REPEATED: Chungking 1480
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 5/12/45 - 6:40 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 5/12/45 - 1:30 a.m.

For Williams, D/P Mission and Johnson

Further to our Shanghai 50, repeated Chungking 1407, please cable soonest your confirmation that Johnson will meet on arrival S/S Remington ETA Shanghai 13 December S/S Guardia and S/S Bowdoin ETA Shanghai 17 December to take delivery of all ten dash one rations aboard which were procured by UNRRA specifically for the 15,000 destitute Jews in Shanghai.

Drafted by:
GTuckerman/ACairns (Supply)
5 December 1945

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Unless such qualified personnel available best not to send as local refugees may be developed to handle these posts. "We regard this authoritative confirmation of position stated in our 183. However if Volagencies have qualified personnel as suggested and able to finance their transportation, maintenance, etcetera, please advise.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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CHINA OFFICE

Chungking
13 Oct 45

Director, Office for the Far East
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Gay B. Shepperson
Deputy Director, Welfare

Dear Miss Shepperson:

With reference to your cable number 611 of 13 September with reference to help for Jewish refugees in Shanghai, we wish to report the following steps taken to meet this request.

On September 6 and 7, we received notification from Dr. James Watt, a member of our staff, who is now on loan to a United States Army Humanitarian Team, and from Colonel Simmonds, U. S. Army in Shanghai, of the critical conditions of 15,000 Jewish refugees, who were on the point of starvation, due to the interrupted remittance of Swiss franc funds from American Joint Distribution Committee. They estimated that U. S. \$20,000 would enable the refugees to be cared for for approximately ten days.

In the next two days, we tried to verify full facts regarding this matter, and on September 10, we instructed Dr. Watt, by telegram, to make available to representative of American Joint Distribution Committee in Shanghai the sum of US \$20,000 to be reimbursed to us by the American Joint Distribution Committee at a later date. Dr. Watt was to draw these funds from the U.S. Army Disbursing Officer. At the same time, we notified you by our cable number 802 of 10 September, the steps being taken.

Being unable to obtain funds in Shanghai, on 22 September, Dr. Watt returned to Chungking to carry the necessary cash back to Shanghai. He returned to Shanghai with US \$20,000 cash, on 24 September.

Your cable number 611 of 13 September informed us that American Joint Distribution Committee had made available US \$100,000 for the care of these refugees, and that money was being transferred to Shanghai. We understand that this money has been received by the J.D.C. representative in Shanghai. However, we have not yet received any official confirmation, now have we been notified of reimbursement of the \$20,000 advanced by UNRRA.

As requested by your cable number 771 of 1 October, we transmitted your message to Mr. Ernest T. Nash, our representative in Shanghai, asking him to assist

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Rabbis Szmulwicz and Ashkenazi to secure U. S. currency through the U.S. Army Disbursing Officer. Mr. Nash has been instructed to cable us immediately after these payments have been made.

This is the story to date. We shall keep you advised of further developments by cable or letter.

Sincerely yours,

Harry B. Price
Assistant Director
China Office, UNRRA