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TOLSTOY FOUNDATION, INC.

Activities for Refugees from Hungary

The Tolstoy Foundation has placed at the disposal of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration since shortly before the first coordination meeting in Geneva three international staff members, ten local staff, and two cars with drivers.

We have also guaranteed the placement of 500 Hungarian refugees in the United States and are prepared to guarantee further quota placement within the USA quota of 21,500 if necessary. Further, we have arranged with the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees to match assurances on their behalf for approximately 150 cases with the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees guaranteeing reception and placement in the United States.

Modest Tolstoy Foundation cash grants have been made through the Red Cross Branches in Germany and Austria.

4 December 1956.

LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES

PRESENT OPERATIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES
WITH REGARD TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

Present engagements of the League of Red Cross Societies viz-a-viz Hungarian refugees in Austria are as follows:

The League of Red Cross Societies has engaged itself to care for 20,000 Hungarian refugees in Austria for the month of December to provide food, clothing and medical care in 10 camps. Supplementary camp equipment also will be provided to the extent of our ability to do so.

Each one of these 10 camps will be staffed by a National Red Cross team composed of:

- 1 director
- 1 doctor
- 1 nurse
- 1 feeding expert
- 1 housing and clothing expert
- 1 supply officer
- 1 administrative officer and
- 1 recreational director

These teams will be provided by the National Red Cross Societies of:

Denmark
France
Finland
Germany (West)
Great Britain
The Netherlands
Sweden
United States of America

plus 2 additional teams from Canada, Italy, Norway or Monaco.

On **January 1st, 1957**, the League will take on an additional 5,000 refugees.

The cost of this program for one month is estimated at \$500,000.

With the aid of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees the charge of an additional 10,000 refugees also will be assumed on January 1st, 1957, bringing the total to 35,000 refugees.

The League is prepared to assume charge of any number of refugees over and above 35,000 as from January 1st, 1957, provided it is assured of financial support to cover the basic costs in cash or in kind for these refugees.

All personnel services in camps will be assumed by the National Red Cross Societies affiliated in the League.

The value of League services and supplies to refugees up to December 1st, 1956, including contributions received from Governmental Organizations such as the UNHCR, totals approximately \$1,000,000.

The International Red Cross has received in Vienna for relief to Hungary and Hungarian refugees in Austria supplies valued at approximately \$10,000,000.

However, it should be borne in mind that the allocation of these supplies depends on the situation in Hungary and among the refugees and allocation of these supplies will be made upon the urgency of the needs in Hungary and among the refugees.

During the period from November 1st to November 30th National Societies of the Red Cross expended between 20 and 30,000 dollars for telegrams and cables from Hungarians arriving in Austria to members of their families in various countries throughout the world.

The Junior Red Cross Sections of the National Red Cross Societies have allocated \$100,000 to equip 5,000 Hungarian refugee children in Austria with shoes, clothes, and a hat or bonnet as a Christmas present. The cost per child is estimated at \$20.

In addition, the Junior Sections of the Red Cross have appropriated \$10,000 for Christmas parties in the camps for Hungarian child refugees.

December 5th, 1956.

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CHILD WELFARE

Aid to Hungarian Children

The I.U.C.W. delegation is headed by Mr. B.G. McTaggart, Rettet das Kind, Stubenring 1, Zimmer 167, Wien I (tel. U 10590, Ext. 1037), who is working with personnel from the Austrian Society "Save the Children", and other I.U.C.W. member organisations from outside Austria. Mr. McTaggart is in touch with representatives of other agencies working in Austria and notably with Mr. V. Beermann, the U.N.H.C.R. representative. The I.U.C.W. delegation is represented on the Federal Ministerial Coordinating Committee concerned with the maintenance of Hungarian refugees who will be staying in Austria.

At present, the I.U.C.W. delegation is taking care of 2,000 children, the majority together with their mothers, and this number is being increased to 3,000. These children are in institutions in the following provinces:-

Carinthia	150
Lower Austria	400
Higher Austria	350
Salzburg	200
Styria	350
Tyrol	100
Arlberg	50
Vienna	400

Unaccompanied children are going to Heroldeck in Carinthia for the present.

From the financial point of view, the I.U.C.W. estimates that to maintain the 3,000 refugee children for three months, a budget of approximately nine million Austrian schillings is needed (\$352,560).

Appeals in Austria itself, and among the Union's member organisations have met with an immediate response. To date, organisations in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey and the United States have sent financial contributions to the I.U.C.W. delegation, amounting to approximately 3,010,000 schillings (i.e. \$117,912).*

In addition, many gifts in kind have been and continue to be received from organisations and individuals, and others have offered hospitality to Hungarian children.

* Total as at 4/12/56 = \$120,840.

During the past week, the I.U.C.W. has initiated a special sponsorship scheme for Hungarian children in Austria, whereby individuals or groups are undertaking to maintain a child for three months, for the present, by contributing \$105. The response to this appeal is very encouraging.

The Secretary General of the I.U.C.W., Mr. Georges Thelin, and the Deputy Secretary General, Mrs. J.-M. Small, will be in Austria during the week of 3 December to discuss the situation with the Union's delegation, and make plans also for future work in Hungary.

Cooperation is continuing with the office of the U.N.H.C.R., the I.C.R.C. and the League of Red Cross Societies.

30 November 1956.

Overseas Units of ISS

Argentine

Our Headquarters Representative in the Argentine has notified us of her participation in discussion with other agencies as to joint plans which can be made when the official position of the Argentine as to admission of Hungarian refugees has become more definite.

United States

Our American Branch has been participating in meetings with other agencies concerned with this problem toward planning for the Hungarian refugees admitted to the United States. Although not involved in the direct resettlement aspect of their admission, the American Branch has made several concrete proposals, such as that the reception centre in Camp Kilmer include an information section available to refugees and using Hungarian speaking volunteers sensitive to the needs of those refugees who really are seeking some kind of counselling. The Branch has further officially asked that special attention be given at the time of the registration of refugees coming to Camp Kilmer to the presence of any children or youth unaccompanied by their parents or relatives, both for purposes of later tracing and to alert the voluntary agencies to the possible need for social planning for these children. Our American Branch will of course be available for such planning.

Our American Branch has at the same time strongly recommended that temporary placement in countries not far from Hungary be planned for unaccompanied children until it can be cleared whether their parents are alive, whether there are relatives willing and able to take them, etc. In the event however that any such unaccompanied children or youth are admitted to the United States, the Branch has worked out a plan in co-operation with Church World Service for temporary foster or institutional care for children where a permanent plan is not yet indicated. This plan could be put into effect immediately.

Other

Several Branches of ISS are already engaged in providing inter-country services to Hungarian refugee families who have become separated between two or more countries.

4 December 1956.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICEServices on behalf of Hungarian Refugees

In the face of the enormity of the Hungarian refugee problem both quantitatively and qualitatively, it is recognized that the role of ISS may not appear a startling one, that ISS is not a relief organization, that our major contribution lies in the skill and experience of our staff which is being made readily available on several fronts. The service we can give on an individual basis supplements what can be done on a larger scale.

EuropeAustria

As reported in our statement of 23 November, ISS Austria immediately made four caseworkers available for the reception centre Traiskirchen when urgently requested to do so by the UNHCR Representative in Austria. These four caseworkers have been gradually returned to the refugee centres where they were previously assigned and where Hungarian refugees have been subsequently installed, it being felt that the kind of service that they can give could be more constructively used in these centres rather than in the emergency reception centre.

Further service has been given to an appreciable number of Hungarian refugees by the regular offices of ISS Austria.

France

Our French Branch, the Service Social d'Aide aux Emigrants (SSAE), has been associated with the initiatives and decisions of the French Government concerning Hungarian refugees. The SSAE is a member of the Comité National d'Accueil aux Réfugiés Hongrois created by the Government with representatives of the ministries and private organizations, and participates in meetings for the preparation for arrival, accommodation and gradual integration of the refugees.

The emergency basis on which refugees have to be admitted has necessitated their temporary placement in military barracks under the Ministry of National Defence. The SSAE has immediately sought to divide the mass of refugees into a few large categories such as

- men alone
- family groups
- women with children
- women alone
- unaccompanied children and young people

It is the latter group which will need the greatest help. Efforts are being made to have the students amongst them continue their studies when able to do so from the point of view of language in which they will be given necessary help. Efforts will also be made to provide suitable vocational training or employment for apprentices and workers.

In brief, the SSAE is considered to be serving as technical adviser to the Government authorities, is applying individual concepts on an emergency basis, and is working in close co-operation with the Office of the Representative of the UNHCR in France.

Italy

The position of ISS Italy in relation to the Hungarian refugees is a special one in view of its having always been a section of the Italian Red Cross, which has major responsibility for the reception and care of the refugees in the several Red Cross centres in which they are being accommodated. The Italian Red Cross has delegated a special responsibility in carrying out its task to our Italian Branch, as the section of the Italian Red Cross having most experience in dealing with refugee problems. Plans are now underway as to just how ISS Italy will carry out this responsibility and how it will co-ordinate its activities with those of other agencies and responsible bodies.

To this end Mrs. Edna Weber, who recently joined ISS Hqs. staff, is to go to Italy. Mrs. Weber came on our staff for the special project with USEP for Counsellors training. It is felt that her services may be especially helpful at this time in Italy in orientation of any new counselling staff and in working out necessary procedures.

Netherlands

As previously reported, the Director of our Netherlands Branch has been loaned, on the request of those responsible for arrangements concerning refugees, to the Netherlands Federation for Refugee Help to assume the major responsibility for the registration, documentation and distribution in the various centres throughout the country of the refugees admitted to the Netherlands. To date three groups amounting to 2,000 refugees have been received; another 1,000 are expected next week and an additional 2,000 will be passing through en route elsewhere.

Switzerland

ISS Swiss Branch works in close co-operation with the Office Central Suisse d'Aide aux Réfugiés (OCSAR) and has already been referred from official sources a number of cases of Hungarian refugees. ISS Swiss Branch is a member of the Geneva Committee for the reception of Hungarian refugees of which the Director is Treasurer. The experience of the Branch in refugee problems has been helpful in organizing the reception of the Hungarian refugees who will come to Geneva.

Other

Although we have not yet received any specific information from other ISS Branches in Europe, we are confident that useful service is being rendered by other Branches to Hungarian refugees in this emergent period.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE INCORPORATED
HUNGARIAN RELIEF

*This is for
Refugees,
not for relief.*

Contributions received:

IRC had fixed as its object to raise one million dollars for Hungarian relief. This has been achieved.

Summary of activities up to date:

Students relief: Full board and lodging is provided for 200 students in Vienna. The difference between the Government's contribution and subsistence expenses is paid for another 320 students at the Pfeilgasse-hostel, Vienna.

Weekly pocket money of 50 schillings is paid to approximately 1,500 students.

400 beds are being supplied for a new students' home in Hohe Warte, Vienna.

Students' hostels will be opened and/or scholarships provided in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

Emigration: Assurances have been provided for 500 migrants to the United States.

Clothing: Thousands of sets of warm underwear and socks have been distributed to new arrivals at the Hungarian frontier.

Planned activities:

Mr. Joseph Buttinger, Vice-Chairman of IRC, has been appointed European Director for the Hungarian Relief action. He is arriving in Vienna today to plan and co-ordinate further actions.

4 December 1956.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Registration of Hungarian refugees

On November 28, the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva sent the following telegram:

Quote given constant increase and dispersion hungarian refugees international committee redcross considers imperative concentrate full information concerning them at central neutral agency as foreseen geneva conventions stop conforming its traditional activities icrc has therefore decided register all refugees whatever their present residence stop this step will lead to creation central card index geneva allowing subsequent exchange news comma enquiries comma tracing comma identification comma regrouping families stop icrc obliged if would advise soonest whether can count your support inorder obtain with assistance appropriate authorities all necessary personal data required concerning refugees offered asylum your country as per instructions which will receive near future unquote,

to the national Red Cross Societies in the following countries:

Australia	Luxemburg
Belgium	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Denmark	Sweden
France	Switzerland
Germany	United Kingdom
Ireland	United States
Italy	Yugoslavia

which have already offered temporary or permanent asylum or are about to do so.

Subsequently, a similar cable will be sent to national Societies in those countries, more especially overseas, who have offered to resettle refugees as and when the International Committee is informed of the departure of refugees to these countries.

The Red Cross Societies in Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg and Switzerland have already replied favourably and have welcomed the International Committee's initiative in this field.

All necessary instructions have been given in writing to these national Societies as to the fashion in which individual index cards should be filled out and the subsequent use to be made of them. The International Committee has particularly drawn national Societies' attention to the fact that no refugee's address will be communicated by the International Committee without the refugee having previously been consulted and having given his permission. National Societies

have been invited by the International Committee to inform refugees of the above.

In Austria, Mr. E.L. Jaquet, an expert from the International Committee's Central Information Agency, who was detached from Geneva to take part in meetings arranged by Mr. Lauda, the President of the Austrian Red Cross Society, with a view to organising this registration in that country, met with complete understanding and approval of the problem on the part of all authorities and organizations concerned. All useful and necessary steps have now been taken for the registration of all refugees on Austrian soil, this with the assistance of the Austrian Red Cross and the appropriate authorities in that country, as well as the organisations competent and responsible for the administration of refugee reception centres, camps, convoys, etc.

The International Committee has drawn up and printed an individual index card which has already been distributed to national Red Cross Societies and appropriate authorities in Austria as well as in all countries of asylum which have already received or will shortly be receiving refugees. In Austria itself, a proclamation inviting refugees to announce themselves is being posted up in all reception centres, in camps, in ICEM offices, Town and Parish Halls, etc. In order to accelerate the setting up in Geneva of the central card index file planned, the International Committee has accepted and will be happy to receive all existing lists or forms already drawn up by the Austrian authorities and other agencies concerned. The Central Agency of the International Committee in Geneva will then transcribe the information contained therein on the individual index cards for filing and future reference.

The International Committee is also collaborating with the Austrian Red Cross Society in order to enable refugees who have already left Hungary to ascertain whether other members of their family have also sought asylum abroad and where. A stock of Central Agency formulars has already been handed to the Austrian Red Cross Society which will reply directly if in a position to do so and, if not, will send these enquiry forms to the Central Agency in Geneva for subsequent action.

4 December 1956

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

4 December 1956

1. The operation "Welcome" of Caritas in Austria began on 8 November 1956. All the lodgings made available by Caritas are now occupied by refugees, and 2,000 persons are taken care of by the Organization at present. Volunteers visit the refugees lodged in villages. The majority of the refugees belong to large families, a member of which has often remained in Hungary. Since 12 November 1956, in co-operation with the NCWC and the International Red Cross, a registration service has been set up as well as a consultation service for those who desire to be resettled in other countries.
2. In order to empty the camps the Austrian Ministry of the Interior has offered financial help to Caritas on condition that all the dioceses in the country work together to enlarge the welcome programme and assist and place 6,000 refugees in pensions and religious institutions. This enlarged programme has already begun.
3. The various national sections of Caritas Internationalis have collected considerable funds, an important part of which has already been sent to Caritas Vienna for immediate help to refugees.
4. Caritas Switzerland has now collected more than 1,000,000 Swiss francs and food to the value of 660,000 Swiss francs. Geneva alone has contributed 60,000 Swiss francs and three railway trucks of food and clothing.
5. Caritas Catholique has established in various reception centres in Austria a qualified staff which works in collaboration with the Austrian Red Cross and the CCIC to welcome and give guidance to the incoming refugees.

4 December 1956

THE WORLD ALLIANCE
of Young Men's Christian Associations

Report on Joint YMCA and YWCA Work with Hungarian Refugees

Development of the YMCA/YWCA Programme

By agreement with the UNHCR and the Austrian Government we have organized or will shortly initiate the following programme:

- Erection of 5 - 6 barracks to serve as community centres in the camps where they are most urgently needed.
- Appointment of secretaries to be responsible for a comprehensive programme in these YMCA/YWCA centres, as well as in the camp areas.
- Appointment of 6 additional regional secretaries who will be responsible for developing the work for Hungarians in the various provinces of Austria. They will be associates of the existing regional secretaries whose responsibilities include the on-going work with all refugees.
- Appointment of Hungarian-speaking workers in approximately 20 camps where we have rooms or other space, but not large community centres.
- Providing each YMCA/YWCA community centre or room in each camp with the following basic equipment - Tables, Chairs, Bookshelf, Books, Magazines, Radio, Sewing Machine, Typewriter, Blackboard, Table Tennis equipment, Indoor Games, Writing material.
- Appointment of a secretary to be responsible for an extensive programme in the special camp where over 2,000 Hungarian soldiers are interned under the Geneva Conventions.
- Printing and distribution of 30,000 Hungarian-German phrase books and 10,000 Hungarian-English phrase books.
- Organization of German language classes for those staying in Austria, and English classes for those who will migrate to English-speaking countries.
- Collaboration with pastors and priests in distributing Hungarian-language bibles and religious reading matter.
- Distribution of sports material, knitting equipment and wool, writing paper, books and magazines etc. to all camps.

Decision taken by the Executive of the Standing Committee for Work with Refugees and Migrants

Meeting on November 24th under the chairmanship of Mr. Henri Johannot, the Executive Committee devoted a major part of its time to the work for Hungarian Refugees in Austria. It completely endorsed the plans developed by the staff and authorized continuation within the limits of special funds being raised. To accomplish these plans it will be necessary to raise a further \$30,000 in addition to grants already received.

National Movements continue to respond generously

Since publishing the last bulletin (No. 3) many replies have been received to the appeal for special support from National YMCA and YWCA movements:-

Barbados: YMCA has sent £10.0.0.

The YMCAs of the United States and Canada have allocated \$10,000 and are requesting local associations to give special contributions. The first response to this appeal comes from Edmonton, Canada, which has given \$500.

The German YMCA has made available two of its own refugee work secretaries to serve on the World's YMCA/YWCA refugee services staff in Austria.

The Swiss YMCAs and YWCAs have guaranteed S.Fr. 25,000 for the purchase and equipment of the first barrack, erection of which has already begun. They have also collected much equipment and supplies.

The World YWCA has made \$1,000 available.

The YWCA and the YMCA in Finland are going to send a barrack.

In addition to these contributions for work in Austria news received in Geneva indicates that many national movements are taking an active part in receiving and accommodating Hungarians in their countries.

Present Needs

The most urgent need is for money. Most supplies and equipment can be bought for a reasonable price in Austria. They are needed immediately, so that shipping things from distant countries may take too long.

It has been suggested to us that many YMCAs and YWCAs have worked hard to raise money for national funds in favour of the refugees from Hungary. Now that the special YMCA/YWCA programme in Austria is developing so rapidly it may be possible for you to get appropriations from your national funds towards our work. Please advise us of any results in this direction.

We are still short of Hungarian language reading material.

WORLD'S YWCA

REPORT ON JOINT YMCA/YWCA WORK WITH HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

YMCA/YWCA Services

The World YMCA/YWCA Field Secretaries are giving services in almost all installations in Western Austria equipping barracks or other facilities to be used for recreational, cultural, educational and spiritual activities, organizing German language classes, giving information and interpreting services and distributing supplies available.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Austria has requested the World YMCA/YWCA to extend their services also to the reception camps in the Vienna area. The first barrack, a gift of the Swiss YMCA and the Swiss YWCA, bought in Austria, is just now being erected in Traiskirchen, the biggest reception camp, with about 10,000 refugees. Ordinary capacity of camp 1,000! A mobile cinema outfit will give performances in all installations in this area.

The World YMCA/YWCA have been given special responsibility by the Austrian Ministry of Defence to work with the group of military internees in one of the camps in the Salzburg area. This work is to be looked upon as a continuation of the traditional services for internees included under the War Prisoners' Aid during previous wars. The group consists of about 2,000 people.

Another special group being given services by the World YMCA/YWCA is the group of about 200 students and professors from the Odenburg University in Hungary which crossed the border as a unit and which is now staying in an installation not far from Salzburg. Miss Pole, in close contact with the World University Service, is carrying personal responsibility for this centre.

In co-operation with Mr. Bednarek Miss Pole is co-ordinating the Programme and Field work of our joint services in the western part of Austria for the Hungarian refugees.

Urgent Needs

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Standing Committee for work with refugees and migrants of the World Alliance of YMCAs, at which representatives of the World YWCA took part as well, plans for further action were drawn up and approved. It was clearly stated that our services in Austria are a truly joint YMCA/YWCA undertaking with shared responsibility as far as securing of personnel, supplies, equipment and money goes.

Our most urgent need is the following:-

5-6 pre-fabricated barracks containing one hall for about 100-150 people, small office space, small store room, and room for classes	100,000 copy books Wool (unlimited amount) Sewing material 10,000 childrens' toys Illustrated magazines Hungarian literature, religious as well as cultural
30 radios	400 musical instruments
20 sewing machines	250 pairs of sports shoes
20 typewriters	200 footballs
50,000 pencils	
100,000 writing pads	

As the programme material mentioned is needed immediately, the YMCA and YWCA of Switzerland, from where transportation can be easily arranged, have promised to try to secure as much as possible. Many of these items can be bought in Austria if money is available.

National movements of YMCAs and YWCAs have most generously responded to the appeal sent out from the Headquarters of our two World Movements. Each day a number of letters are received with news of collections, joint or separate, already under way and in many instances of promises of fixed sums towards specific items. Thus one movement is giving a grant of \$10,000; another movement is offering to receive 50 children for a period of 6 months; other movements have promised to secure barracks or money contributions towards cost of barracks and barrack equipment. Two movements have officially been asked to take certain responsibility for receiving and caring for Hungarian refugees on arrival in their country.

We know that in many countries National Funds have been raised for aid to Hungarian refugees. It might be possible that your Association, preferably jointly with the YMCA, could approach any such Fund for money for the work for which the World YMCA/YWCA is responsible in Austria.

A number of individuals and firms are often only too willing to help in a situation like this and would, if they are asked to help, welcome this as the opportunity they are looking for.

28 November 1956.

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

Aid for Refugees from Hungary

The World Federation of United Nations Associations is not essentially a fund-raising, relief or refugee organization. Nevertheless, the Federation has always been an active supporter of the work of the International Refugee Organization and subsequently of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. In this critical time, we wish to do everything possible within our capacity to assist with the programme for Hungarian refugees.

I am pleased to report to you that the British United Nations Association, one of our most active members, has already raised £15,000 for aid to refugees, and its campaign is continuing. The Austrian United Nations Association is appealing to other Associations to call on Hungarian immigrants to their countries to help make more places available for resettlement.

We are also approaching the Co-ordinating Committee for International Relief of Hungarian Students and World University Service to offer a very limited number of places at the Masaryk Student Centre here in Geneva to Hungarian refugee students coming to study in Geneva. This Centre was founded by WFUNA in honour of Jan Masaryk, our first President, and such refuge seems a fitting tribute to him.

For the most part, however, the Federation and its Member Associations are not experienced in the fund-raising and refugee field, and we have suggested that, rather than to initiate independent fund-drives, our Members might co-operate with other NGO's that are better equipped for this purpose, by publicizing such fund appeals and emphasizing that they are an important way to support the United Nations at this time. We have also suggested to our Member Associations that they urge their governments to provide more places for refugees.

4 December 1956

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

INTERIM REPORT OF WHO MISSION TO AUSTRIA

CONCERNING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

Very interesting

A WHO team consisting of an epidemiologist, a sanitary engineer and a mental health expert, proceeded to Vienna on 18 November 1956. The team will return on 5 December and a full report will be expected shortly after that date. We have, however, received an interim report dated 26 November, as follows:

"Medical services are the responsibility of the local health authorities of the Länder - most of the work being done on a part time basis by local practitioners, and in few cases by volunteers. The only preventive measure which seems to be applied systematically in the camps, is DDT dusting against body lice - and quite large number of refugees never even come to a camp. Otherwise the services are mainly of therapeutical character.

"Notwithstanding the deficiencies of such a situation, the health level among refugees is high, and no cases of epidemic diseases have been reported so far. This can be probably attributed to the age composition of the refugee population, mainly young men in the 18 to 40 age groups, and to the natural selection due to the difficulties involved in reaching and crossing the border. It is however of the greatest importance to correct and avoid the overcrowding now being experienced in some Austrian provinces, particularly Burgenland and Lower Austria, under sometimes very primitive shelter and hygienic conditions. The standing request by the Austrian Government for rapid and total evacuation of the refugees to other European countries appears fully justified, even from a public health point of view, permitting much better control measures among the refugees than can now be afforded by the local health authorities.

"From a mental health point of view, it is clear that many of the refugees are in a state of shock, shown by undue quietness, inactivity and even depression. This condition, which should be regarded as a mass phenomenon, appears to manifest itself some hours after crossing the border. The difference between groups of refugees at the border itself and the same groups at the early staging point is remarkable. Furthermore, we have noted a considerable difference in this condition between one group and another, and assume that this difference is somehow related to the management and general psychological atmosphere obtaining in the different camps.

"We have been informed by the Austrian physicians that many of the young people required sedatives and that more serious depressive conditions are often manifested in the older persons. The possibility of group disturbances relating to frustration and aggression should not be overlooked. Already we have heard of a hunger strike in one camp and other manifestations

of aggressive behaviour in others. We have advised the appropriate authorities of the need to take some steps to mitigate these unfavourable mental health trends through the provision of better communication between the authorities and the refugees themselves, particularly in the first hours of their refugee status.

"The team has so far dealt with the following points:

- designation of opposite members for each international team member;
- visits to the border and to several camps, advice being given on some technical problems encountered;
- recognition of the need for definite plans for future emergencies, and of the help to be obtained from WHO for their acceptance nationally and internationally;
- gathering of information, data and opinions for recommendations re-future emergencies.

"In respect of the team's further activities, visits to Steyermark and
* Vienna surrounding camps and extension of contacts locally are being envisaged. It should be realized, however, that due to the size of the refugee problem, its complexity, the continuous changes in the organizational procedures locally and abroad, all information which may have been collected in the two weeks of the team's stay in Austria will be only of a sketchy and superficial nature - too much so if definite and detailed recommendations have to be prepared not only for the Austrian Government, but for all European countries, as seems highly desirable since the refugee problem is essentially an international problem."

* These visits have since taken place.

30 November 1956.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Responding to the emergency situation brought about by recent events in Hungary, WUS has appointed a Field Secretary based in Vienna, and together with the Co-ordinating Secretariat of National Unions of Students (COSEC) and the Austrian National Union of Students (Hochschulerschaft) has formed a special Co-ordinating Committee.

Although it is known that there must be many urgent needs among members of the university community in Hungary, ways and means of bringing assistance to them on a basis compatible with the fundamental principles of WUS have not yet been found. The closest contact is being maintained with the Red Cross and United Nations.

Although numbers of students have now left Austria going to countries such as, Germany, Norway, Britain and France, it is estimated that there are approximately 2,500 students still in Austria. Most of these have been registered, and we have dossiers giving an account of their academic record. These are being processed as rapidly as possible, and already the dossiers of half of them have been registered with the missions of countries to which the students wish to emigrate.

By the end of this week, over 700 students will be accommodated in special hostels in or near Vienna. The majority are housed in three hostels operated directly by the Co-ordinating Committee. Four small hostels are being operated in collaboration with the Austrian Catholic Students Association, and one is being operated by the International Rescue Committee, working in collaboration with the Co-ordinating Committee. As previously reported, the IRC operation to provide assistance to refugee students is closely associated with the efforts of the WUS and the Co-ordinating Committee. In the Graz area, contact has been established with six camps and hostels which house 360 students, and the Co-ordinating Committee has provided supplies and supplementary grants to help cover perational expenses. In addition, there are, at St. Wolfgang, 600 students, university teachers and their families from the Odenburg University at Sopron. The 180 students who are interned at Sitzenheim, having crossed the frontier under arms, have all been registered. It is also known that there are 200 students in a camp in Kärnten, and that there are estimated to be 200 students who have been received singly or in groups by private families.

News from other countries can be summarised as follows:

Belgium - It is known that in addition to fund-raising, arrangements are now being made to receive, at least, 50 students.

Canada - WUS Canada is co-ordinating scholarship and resettlement offers and fund-raising throughout the country.

Denmark - A total of Sw.Fr.62,500 has already been made available through WUS. There are offers to receive Hungarian students in Denmark, and other offers to assist them pursue their studies in Austria.

Finland - WUS Finland announces that student efforts sponsored by the National Union of Students have now raised approximately Sw. Fr.31,500. This money has been transferred to the Finnish Red Cross, and special arrangements are being made for relief supplies to be earmarked for Hungarian students and university teachers.

France - Funds and operations are being channelled through a special inter-ministerial committee set up by the Government. Special provision is to be made for assistance to Hungarian students. The National Union of Students (UNEF) is transmitting a special contribution of approximately Sw.Fr.6,000 to the Co-ordinating Committee in Vienna. The Free Europe University in Exile will receive, for a period of six months, 200 refugee students in its college at Strasburg. The International Rescue Committee is arranging to receive 100 students near Paris. WUS is arranging to receive 50 particularly needy students at its rest centre at Combloux in the French Alps.

Germany - WUS and the German National Union of Students (VDS) sponsored a joint national fund-raising appeal, and arrangements are now being made to receive a large number of Hungarian students in Germany. Two Volkswagen buses have already been placed at the disposal of the Co-ordinating Committee in Vienna, and a third is to follow.

Gold Coast - The WUS Committee reports that a spontaneous collection raised over Sw.Fr.1,300 which has been transmitted through the Lord Mayor of London's Appeal.

Great Britain - The National Union of Students organised a special fund-raising appeal in collaboration with the WUS Committee which is responsible for the co-ordination of operations concerning members of the Hungarian university community. A special co-ordinating committee has been established by WUS involving the participation of all major university and student bodies including the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals. Arrangements have been made to receive 150 students, some of whom have already reached Britain. A special reception hostel has been opened in London.

Hongkong - The WUS Committee announces a special fund-raising campaign and has requested that 10% of any funds which might be allocated to it by WUS internationally should instead be used in assistance to members of the Hungarian community.

Korea - The WUS Committee reports a special fund-raising campaign.

Malta - The National Union of Students has raised, and is transmitting approximately Sw.Fr.12,000 to the Co-ordinating Committee, and has shipped large supplies of clothing.

Netherlands - Fund-raising undertaken by the National Union of Students (NSR) and the University Asyl Fonds has produced well over Sw.Fr.270,000. Approximately 100 refugee students have already reached the Netherlands.

Norway - Norwegian students have raised approximately Sw.Fr.40,000 which have been transferred to the Red Cross and the Norwegian Refugee Council. 11 Hungarian students have reached, or are on their way to Norway.

Switzerland - The student bodies of the Swiss universities and the National Union have sent relief supplies to the value of Sw.Fr.500,000 into Hungary. Sw.Fr.200,000 are already available for the assistance of refugee students, and about 100 refugee students are to be received in Switzerland. 60 of these have already arrived, or are on their way from Austria.

Union of South Africa - The National Union of Students announces that special fund-raising for assistance to Hungarian students has been started.

Uganda - The WUS Committee at the University College of East Africa reports that a special fund-raising campaign has been launched.

U.S.A. - WUS New York has so far been able to transmit Sw.Fr.114,500 from its national fund-raising campaign. There are already at least 144 firm scholarship and resettlement offers. Special arrangements are being made in the United States to provide language courses for students on arrival.

The above information is certainly incomplete, and we shall add to it as further news is received in Geneva and Vienna.

5/XII/56.

Incoming cable received 21 November 1956:

Refugee file
GW

HCR 165 for Read

1. Great increase in influx Hungarian refugees to Austria in last 24 hours, 37,511 registered cases plus 6,000 private living unregistered new Hungarian refugees, and in addition 8,000 just arrive Eisenstadt and not yet registered. Soviet infantry has arrived on frontier and opened fire on refugees. Many wounded among the 8,000 at Eisenstadt. Total arrivals since beginning emergency now 51,511. Departure 8,410 leaving caseload 42,111. Departures as follows:

Switzerland	2739
Belgium	1863
Holland	1279
Germany	1154
U. K.	578
Sweden	495
France	242
U. S.	60

2. Approximately 11,000 newly arrived refugees including the 8,000 at Eisenstadt and approximately 3000 more are without accommodation.

Temperature minus ten degrees centigrade. Clothing newly arrived refugees drenched through crossing marshes Neusiedlersee area. Austrian government considering emergency action these 11,000 refugees without accommodation by placing them in hotels, etc. However government does not possess funds to pay this action. Funds from international sources this purpose vital if refugees to be sheltered. Alexander presently discussing HCR contribution this purpose. Have requested Wyruboff obtain immediately from Lord Mayors fund London commitment \$200,000 which would enable 8,000 refugees be accommodated one month. Awaiting reply London.

3. I am also requesting Italy immediately accept 1,000 refugees from

TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MR. LINDT NEWYORK AND MR. READ GENEVA,
16 FEBRUARY 1957, 1237-1312 EST.

FROM GENEVA:

MR READ IS HERE AND READY FOR TELECONF

- I THINK IT CAN WAIT HOWEVER TE XXX THE STAFF THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS IT WITH DESEYNES STOP ACTUALLY THE CICR NEVER SAID THEY WOULD PUT MONEY INTO IT STOP I FEEL MYSELF THAT THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORCED TO PAY FOR ANY REPATRIATION MOVEMENTS BUT WHEN YOU COME TO THE QUESTION OF THE CHILDREN IT IS A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT TO BE DOGMATIC STOP IN ANY CASE IT CAN CERTAINLY WAIT TILL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY STOP SHALL I GO ON TO A NEW SUBJECT QUERY

YES THE ANSWER IS THAT THE CICR HAD A CONFERENCE WITH US ABOUT THIS TWO DAYS AGO AND NOONE SEES WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM ONE SUGGESTION WAS THE HUNGARIAN RELIEF FUND OF THE U N STOP THIS YOU XXX COULD BEST BE EXPLORED BY YOU WHILE IN NEWYORK THERE WAS ALSO THE QUESTION WHETHER THE SECGEN FELT ANY RESPONSABILITY THAT IS ALL THE RE IS TO THE URGENCY - YOU WHERE IN NEWYORK AND COULD DO THE EXPLORING OVER

I AM SORRY THAT I CANNOT CONFIRM THE DUTCH OFFER STOP THIS SEEMED VERY WARM YESTERDAY AND THERE WAS EVEN TALK OF YOUR COMING TO THE HAGUE ON YOUR WAY BACK NEXT WEEK TO RECEIVE THE CHECK STOP NOW HOWEVER THE DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AND THERE IS NO ACTION NECESSARY UNTIL YOU RETURN STOP IT STILL MUST BE KEPT VERY CONFIDENTIAL OF COURSE BUT DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED IT STILL LOOKS PRETTY GOOD STOP

NEW SUBJECT - WOULD YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR INVITING ERA XXX BREMONT AND GRIGG TO THE REPRESENTATIVE S CONFERENCE QUERY OVER -

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH GRIGG INVIEW OF A LETTER FROM HIM TO ME IN WHICH HE SUGGESTS SEVERAL INTERESTING POINTS ABOUT USING OTHER PARTS OF THE U N AND OTHER SPECIALISED AGENCIES IN THE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS PROGRAM FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO DISCUSS IT MAY I INVITE HIM QUERY

BERNARD LEX XXX ALEXANDER HAS HAD TIME TO STUDY YOUR 56 AND 57 TODAY WHILE I HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOWN ON PERSONAL BUSINESS FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS EXTRACTED FROM ROUGH NOTE HE LEFT ME - ONE - AS REGARD THE FORM OF THE APEAL HE DOUBTS WISDOM OF LAUNCHING IT WITHOUT OFFICIALLY NOTIFYING GOVERNMENTS HE SUGGESTS THEREFORE THAT THE PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL OFFICIAL LETTERS GO OUT WHICH WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE DAYS IF YOU APPROVE A DRAFT ON TUESDAY THE PRESS CONFERENCE COULD BE HELD ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOULD THIS BE OK QUERY OVER -

GOOD

- TWO - AS REGARD TEMPORARILY ASSILUM FOR HUNGARIAN S FROM YUGOSLAVIA MR ALEXANDER CONSIDERS IT EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL THAT ANYTHING CAN BE DONE IN ITALY BECAUSE OF LACK OF CAMP ACCOMMODATIONS

WITHOUT FAVORABLE RESPONSE MOREOVER THEY RECENTLY PUT A START
XXX PUT A STOP ON INTAKE OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES DUE TO INCREASED
PRESSURE OF GERMAN REFUGEES . MR ALEXANDER RECOMMENDS THEREFORE
THAT AUSTRIA SHOULD ALSO BE RECONSIDERED . IF THE CAMP POPULATION
THERE FALLS TO 15,000 IT WOULD BE QUITE POSSIBLE TO GET 10,000
IN FROM YUGOSLAVIA PROVIDED CNM S XXX C AND M WERE GUARANTEED
LEAGUE COULD FINANCE SEVENTY CENTS AND AUSTRIAN COULD BE
REBURSED FOR THE 35 CENTS STOP IT MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE
TO GET THE AUSTRIANS TO TAKE SOME REFUGEES FROM YUGOSLAVIA
IMMEDIATELY STOP

- THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF MR ALEXANDER'S SECOND POINT .

THE ADVANTAGE OF IT WOULD ALSO BE THAT THE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES
WOULD PERHAPS CONTINUE TO TAKE PEOPLE OUT OF AUSTRIA WHEREAS
THEY MAY BE RELUCTANT TO DO IT XXXXX TO TAKE THEM FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES . FOR THIS REASON I PASS THIS ON TO YOU AT THE MOMENT
NO REACTION FROM YOU IS NECESSARY BUT YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE
TO GET INFORMAL WASHINGTON REACTION TO THIS IDEA .

- 3 - WHAT IS THE TIMING OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS PROGRAM QUERY
ESSENTIAL FOR US TO KNOW FOR PLANNING

WOULD THE US PAY SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY OR WOULD IT HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUERY

ANOTHER QUESTION - TODAY IN TRIBUNE OF GENEVE WITH NO INDICATION
AS TO SOURCE WE READ THAT A WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE SOLUTION

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SERIAL NO.: 155.

TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE
BETWEEN NEWYORK AND GENEVA.

RECORDS CONTROL
So 534(31(1))
15 MAY 1957

SUBJECT: U.S. COMMITTEE

DATE: 16 JANUARY 1957

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MISS COHN NEWYORK AND MR READ GENEVA,
16 JANUARY 1957, 1146-1225 EST.

FROM NEWYORK:

FOLLOWING FOR MR RAXXX READ :

I HAVE TALKED WITH HOFMAN AS YOU REQUESTED YOUR 19.

HE ONLY KNOWS WHAT REID TOLD HIM AND DOES NOT FEEL HE IS IN A
POSITION TO QUOTE PROBE UNQUOTE FURTHER.

HOWEVER HE CONFIRMS THAT THE REAL DIFFICULTY IS THE WHITE HOUSE,
THAT IS THAT NIXON DISAPPROVAL IS BASED ON A FEAR OF ADDING TO
CONFUSION OF ALREADY CONFUSED SITUATION BY ESTABLISHING STILL
ANOTHER COMMITTEE DEALING WITH ASSISTANCE TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES.

I POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED COMMITTEE WOULD NOT NOW BE INVOLVED
IN FUND RAISING FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGREES AND WOULD NOT AT ALL
BE LIMITED TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES BUT WOULD HAVE BROAD EDUCATIONAL
PURPOSE DEALING WITH TOTAL REFUGEE PROBLEM.

HOFMAN FELT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE WE DID NOT GO THROUGH THE
ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, SECURE THEIR BLESSING
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S. COMMITTEE, AND THEN HAVE
THE ADMINISTRATION ASK A CHAIRMAN TO TAKE ON THAT FUNCTION.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD REID THAT HE DID NOT THINK REID SHOULD
TAKE THE OFFER UNLESS NIXON APPROVED.

HOFMAN FIRST ADVISED THAT WE SHOULD DO NOT DO ANYTHING FOR THE

PRESENT UNTIL THE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT LESS CONFUSED AND
THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE HIGH COM COMES HERE IN THE SPRING TO
DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE DIRECTLY WITH
NOXON
NIXON.

HOWEVER I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING COMMITTEE GOING NOW FOR
REASONS GIVEN BY YOU .

IN VIEW OF THIS , HOFMAN FEELS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO PROCEED WOULD
BE FOR THE H C TO WRITE TO NOXONXXX NIXON, EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE
OF THE COMMITTEE, ASK FOR HIS BLESSING AND EVEN FOR SUGGESTIONS
AS TO A CHAIRMAN, WHO WOULD BE INVITED TO BECOME CHAIRMAN
DIRECTLY BY NIXON.

HOFMAN FEELS THAT AS LONG AS NIXON HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE ACT,
WE MUST NOW GO THRU HIM FOR THE NEXT STEP. HE FURTHER FEELS THAT
ANY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL WOULD BE
QUOTE USELESS AND A WASTE OF TIME. IN THIS CONNEXION YOU
WILL PROBABLY RECALL THAT THE US COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF ACTUALLY
HAD ITS INAUGURAL MEETING IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

IT PROBABLY WOULD BE WELL TO GET PHILLIPS APPROVAL FOR COURSE OF
ACTION SUGGESTED BY HOFMAN.

WE MIGHT PERHAPS ASK PHILLIPS TO TRANSMIT THE LETTER TO NOXON
AT THE SAME TIME, AFTER THE LETTER WAS SENT, WE COULD GET FRIENDS
TO WORK ON NIXON.

OVER PLS

- PROVIDED THAT WE HAVE WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL FOR THE COMMITTEE HE
WILL NOT WITHDRAW, BUT SEES NO POINT IN A COMMITTEE WHICH DOES
NOT HAVE WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL

OVER PLS

-I MIGHT ADD THAT I DID NOT PRESS THIS POINT WITH HIM LEST
HE GIVE A NEGATIVE ANSWER BUT I THINK HIS REMARKS SPEAK FOR
THEMSELVES

OVER PLS

-AGREE.

AT THE POINT WHEN WE APPRISE PHILLIPS OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE
ENCOUNTERING, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE DRAFT LETTER TO
DISCUSS WITH HIM SO THAT HE WOULD KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE
PROPOSING TO NIXON

OVER PLS

PRESENT UNTIL THE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT LESS CONFUSED AND

-NEW SUBJECT

THERE WAS A REPORT IN THE NY TIMES TODAY DATED AUSTRIA
WHICH SAID THAT INFORMED SOURCES IN AUSTRIA EXPECT A NEW
US CONTRIBUTION FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES OF 3 TO 4 MILLION DOLLARS
SHORTLY THRU THE UN.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THIS ? I HAVE NOTHING HERE BUT WILL CHECK
WITH PHILLIPS WHEN I SPEAK TO HIM PROVIDED I RECEIVE THE FIGURES
ON HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN YUGOSLAVIA WISHING TO GO TO THE US
WHICH YOU PROMISED YESTERDAY.

-NO IT WAS AN AP DISPATCH FROM VIENNA IN CONNEXION WITH HELMER'S
APPEAL FOR INTERNTL ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROBLEM, WHICH HE MADE IN
CONNEXION WITH A REQUEST TO ICEM TO MOVE THE PEOPLE OUT FASTER
OVER PLS

-I AM SURE PHILLIPS WILL BE VER Y PLEASED AT TXXX YOUR ALLOCATION
OF THE REMAINING US TWO MILLION. I PERSONALLY FEEL NO FURTHER
US FUNDS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL THE DISPOSITION OF THE
ORIGINAL BRANCH WAS KNOWN.
CAN YOU TELL ME IF YOU ARE GOING TO SEND THE FIGURES FROM
YUGOSLAVIA IN WHICH CASE I WILL WAIT TO CALL PHILLIPS UNTIL
I RECEIVE THEM
OVER PLS

HERE IS HOSRT PRIORITE

UNITED STATES
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HERE IS SHORT PRIORITENATIONS MSG PLS CONTINUE WITH YOUR REMARKS
IN MEANTIME

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MISS COHN NEWYORK AND MR READ GENEVA,
16 JANUARY 1957, 1746-1225 EST.

FROM GENEVA:

NOT YET MIN

MR READ NOW HERE READING TEXT OF MISS COHN

- DO YOU THINK THAT HOFFMAN IS STILL PREPARED TO GIVE HIS
SUPPORT OR HAS HE ALSO DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ?
OVER

- THERE IS NOTHING TO DO FOR THE MOMENT . MY PERSONAL
FEELING IS THAT WE MUST NOW TAKE THE COURSE PRETTY MUCH AS
OUTLINE BY HOFMAN . I ALSO FEEL WE SHOULD NO LOOSE ANY
TIME AND WE SAESEEE SHALL PROBABLY BE DRAFTING A LETTER TO
NIXON TOMORROW MORNING . BEFORE WE SEND IT OFF WE WILL BE
IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN AND IN ALL PROBABILITY HAVE YOU
CHECKED THE IDEA WITH PHILIPPS BEFORE WE SEND HIM A LETTER
FOR THE MOMENT HOWEVER MUM I S THE WORD OK ?
OVER

- WE MAY BE ABLE TO PUT THAT ON ON THE TELETYPE TO YOU
THIS IS ALL I HAVE DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ?
OVER

- WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY THREE OR FOUR MILLION DOLLARS
COMING FROM THE US BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY GLAD TO HEAR SUCH
RUMOURS DID THE STORY HAVE A BYLINE? WAS IT BY FRANKEL ?
OVER

- CASSON SPEAKING NOW -

- WE ARE SENDING YOU THE FIGURES YOU REQUIRE BY TELEGRAM
AND YOU WILL HEAR MORE ON THIS POINT IN ONE MOMENT FROM MR READ
WHO IS CHECKING SOME INFORMATION NOW

- MR READ SPEAKING AGAIN

- BERNARD ALEXANDER HAS RETURNED NOW FROM VIENNA AND WE ARE
THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE PAPER ON THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEES
WE CANNOT SHARE THIS WITH PHILIPPS YET AS IT MUST BE CLEARED FIRST
WITH THE SEC GEN AS TO HOW MUCH WE CAN APPEAL FOR MR LINDT HAS
THE INTENTION TO TRYING TO TALK WITH CORDIER OR SOMEBODY LIKE
THAT PERHAPS DESEYNES OR COHEN PROBABLY TOMORROW OR PERHAPS
THE DAY AFTER IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHOULD KNOW HOWEVER AND CAN
TELL PHILIPPS WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE US TWO MILLION ONE
AND A HALF IS STILL EARMARKED FOR EXTENDING THE LICROSS
COMMITMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE INTO 1957 , TWOHUNDRED AND FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE FOR WORK IN THE BORDER AREA ALSO TO
GO THROUGH LICROSS AND THE REMAINING TWOHUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND
WILL GO TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHING
OF BARRACKS AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION LATTER AMOUNT IS PART OF
A TOTAL OF THREEHUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND WE WILL BE PAYING OVER
TO THE AUSTRIAN S . THIS WILL STILL LEAVE US ONEHUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS OF NON US MONEY FOR HERE WHICH WE WILL ASK THE AGENCIES
TO SUBMIT PROJECTS FOR WORK IN THE NON RED CROSS CAMPS THIS LATTER
ITEM STILL REQUIRES WORKING OUT AS TO WHETHER IT IS NATIONAL
AGENCIES OR INTERNATIONAL AGENIES AND PERHAPS WHETHER IT IS NOT ONLY
FOR AGENCIES WHICH ARE NOT ALREADY RECEIVING USEP HELP THAT IS ALL
OVER

- A CABLE IS COMING SOON ON THIS SUBJECT THATS ALL

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NOTHING EITHER GOOD NIGHT

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE
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15 MAY 1957

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MISS COHN NEWYORK AND MR READ GENEVA,
10 JANUARY 1957, 1213-1237 EST.

FROM NEWYORK:

- HAVE YOU THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS POSITION NOW FOR UNHCR UNDER
NXXXX UNHCR ON TH E NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES PROPOSAL

- THAT CLARIFIES THIS COMPLETELY. HAVE READ MY X EXTENDED
REMARKS ON YUGOSLAVIA TRANSMITTED AFTER YOU LEFT?

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR 8 IN WHICH YOU ASK ME TO OBTAIN U.S.
SUPPORT ETC. PHILLIPS , AS I SAID, WAS QUIEXXX QUITE CLEAR THAT
THE U.S. WILL NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION.
WOULD YOU AGREE THEREFORE THAT I HOLD UP THIS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT.
NOW IAM REPLYING TO YOUR QUESTION , WHICH IN A WAY REPEATS WHAT I
SAID COLON ACCORDING TO PHILLIPS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT
DECIDE ON ANY ACTIONS WHATSOEVER REGARDING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES
IN YUGOSLAVIA UNTIL THEY HAVE MORE INFORMATION

I CANNOT HONESTLY SAY THAT I BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY REASON.

I FEEL, THOUGH THIS IS ONLY A FEELING, THAT THE U.S. XXXXX VIEWS
THE SITUATION OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN YUGOSLAVIA AS A VERY TRICKY
POLITICAL PROBLEM . FOR YOUR VERY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PHILLIPS
TOLD ME THAT THE U.S. WOULD TAKE A QUOTE VERY BEARISH ATTITUDE
UNQUOTE TOWARDS GIVING ANY ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CARE IN
THE COUNTRY . ON OTHER HAND PHILLIPS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE
REQUESTED INFORMATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE USELESS TO ASK THEM TO SUPPORT TRANSFER WITHOUT THIS. IN AS MUCH

AS THE AXXX HC FELT VEYXXX VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE TRANSFER, CAN
YOU TELL ME IF HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND? HE HAS ASKED ME TO DISCUSS
WITH PHILLIPS THE QUESTION OF U.S. PROCESSING INSIDE YUGOSLAVIA,
WHICH THE HC HOPES THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS WILL DO, AND IS ON THESE
BASIS THAT I DISCUSSED THE WHOLE QUESTION WITH PHILLIPS.
OVER-

- CAN I JUST ASK ONE MORE QUESTION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT
PHILLIPS IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT USE WE
INTEND TO MAKE OF THE REMAINING TWO MILLION FROM THE U.S. GRANT.

IN LIGHT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM?
OVER -

- YES THATS FINE I GATHER YOU DONT WANT ME TO INDICATE THIS TO
PHILLIPS AT THIS POINT CORRECT?
OVER -

- FINE THAT IS ALL I HAVE THANKS AND GOOD NIGHT.

END OF CONFERENCE.

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MISS COHN NEWYORK AND MR READ GENEVA,
10 JANUARY 1957, 1213-1237 EST.

FROM GENEVA:

SORRY FOR THE DELAY
WE ARE READY

YES MR. LINDT SAYS THAT HIS POSITION ON THE COMBINED PLEDGING
CONFERENCE REMAINS UNCHANGED OR RATHER HIS PERSONEL OPINION
REMAINS UNCHANGED. HE STILL DOES NOT THINK THAT IT WILL ACCOMPLISH
WHAT ITS PROPONENTS BELIEVE . NEVERTHELESS AS HIGHCOMMISSIONER
HE FEELS IT IS SOMETHING IN WHICH THIS OFFICE MAY GAIN AND
CANNOT LOOSE. IRGO E E E ERGO UNHCR POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED
THAT IS FAVOURING IDEA. IS THAT ALL???

YES

HOVEYDA WILL OBVIOUSLY FIND OUT THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS
MENTIONED. CAN YOU TELL ME FOR OUR CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND
U INFORMATION WHY THE STATEDEPARTMENT SUDDENLY PUT ON THIS FREEZE
AFTER BROWN OF USEP HAD BEEN SO POSITIV AND HELPFUL . ??
IN OTHER WORDS YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO IT
THAN A RELUCTANCE TO ACT WITHOUT FULL INFORMATION??

OVER-

Q CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY FURTHER USEFUL INFIORMATION AT THE MOMENT
I WILL DISCUSS WITH HC AND PAGES WHO IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THIS
OPERATION AND YOU WILL RECEIVE WORD TOMORROW BY CABLE
NO NEED OF DOING ANYTHING MORE TODAY. THAT IS ALL GOODNIGHT
OKOK

TELL HIM MR. ALEXANDER MR. GRIGG ARE IN VIENNA FEVERISHLY
NECOCIATING ON THE TWO MILLION AND KEEPING IN GOOD TOUCH WITH
THOMPSON. FOR YOUR INTEREM INFORMATION IT LOOKS AS ITEEEE IF
THE FOLLOWING MIGHT BE THE BREAKDOWN

1,500 000 MILL TO LEAGUE

XXNIXXXXX 250 000 FOR WORK OF SMALLER VOLONTARY AGENCIES

OVER HERE AGAIN

1 500 000 TO LEAGUE TO EXTEND BASIC COMMITMENTS FURTHER TO JUNE
OR AS FAR AS POSSIBLE
250 000 FOR WORK IN BOARDER AREAS. THIS MIGHT ALSO GO THROUGH

LEAGUE THOUGH AUSTRIAN RED CROSS AND SEVERAL SMALLER AGENCIES

(EUROPEAN) LIKE KNIGHTS OF MALTA ARE ESPECIALLY INVOLVED.

200 000 OR 250 000 TO AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FOR REFURBISHING CAMPS

OK? OVER-

IT IS TOO PROVISIONAL WE ARE AT THE MOMENT TRYING TO GET VIENNA

ON THE LINE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER. AS SOON AS IT IS FIRM YOU

WILL BE INFORMED AND CAN THEN TELL PHILLIPS

OVER-

GOODNIGHT

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12:10 PM
12/21/41

YES

HOVEYDA WILL OBVIOUSLY FIND OUT THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

MENTIONED. CAN YOU TELL ME FOR OUR CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND

U INFORMATION WHY THE STATEDEPARTMENT SUDDENLY PUT ON THIS FREEZE

UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES



NATIONS UNIES
OFFICE DU HAUT-COMMISSAIRE
POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS

18/2/31

Télégrammes : HICOMREF
Téléphone : 33 10 00 33 20 00 33 40 00

Palais des Nations
GENÈVE

23 January 1957

RECORDS CONTROL
So 534/31(1)
31 JAN 1957

Sl. to file
h.l.
Jan. 29

Dear Sirs,

I notice in Bulletin No. 3 (January 1957) that a filmstrip on Hungarian refugees is being prepared at present. If there is any information you would require from our Office we shall be glad to be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Stanley J.C. Wright
Special Assistant to
the High Commissioner

United Nations Film Board,
Film Services,
Department of Public Information,
United Nations, 1821 7th St NW 3:30
NEW YORK.

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SO 534/31(1)

24 JAN 1957 24 January 1957

Dear Pierre,

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I am sending you herewith a copy of a self-explanatory
letter. I assume you will do the necessary.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Myer Cohen
Executive Director for
Relief to the Hungarian People

Mr. Pierre Obez
Liaison Officer for Relief to the
Hungarian People
United Nations
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

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SOA 325/6/06

23 January 1957

Dear Mr. Pelt,

I just received your memorandum of 18 January concerning the forthcoming meeting of the UNREF Executive Committee in Geneva.

I am glad to know that you will attend the meeting personally if time allows. I would like to add that the Office of the Under-Secretary for Relief of the Hungarian People would be grateful if you could also arrange for Mr. Obez to follow the proceedings of the Committee as regards item 9 on the provisional agenda, "The problem of the refugees from Hungary".

Yours sincerely,

Mehdi Vakil
Secretary of the Economic
and Social Council

Mr. Adrian Pelt
Director of the European Office
of the United Nations
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE
BETWEEN NEWYORK AND GENEVA.

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3 - JAN 1957

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MR. COHEN & MISS COHN (NEWYORK) AND MSSRS
ALEXANDER & OBEZ (GENEVA), TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 1956, 1103-1242 EST.

FROM: GENEVA:

MR ALEXANDER IS PRESENT IN OUR OFFICE NW

PSE GA

- DECISION ON WHAT ?

- YES A

- HAS UN GOT THE FOUR MILLION

- LINT AND READ HAVE LEFT FOR VIENNA STOP I HAD A TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH AMBASSADOR TOMPTSON ////
TOMSON IN VIENNA WHO FELT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ACTED
BEFORE THEY HAD RECEIVED HIS LATEST MESSAGES . HE STATED THAT
HE WAS GOING TO GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE HE FELT THAT
THE PROPOSAL THAT WE SHOULD NEGOTIATE FOR A RT// RETURN OF PART
OF THE MONEY WAS NOR // NOT REASONABLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES
HE WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT TWO MILLION WOULD BE HANDED OVER
BY THE UNHCR NEXT THURSDAY IN THE PRESENCE OF VICE PRESIDENT
NIXON TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HE INSISTED THAT IEUCVAS
NECESSARY FOR US TO HAVE SOME MONEY IN HAND TO NEGOTIATE FOR
THE EXTENSION OF THE RED CO/// RED CROSS AGREEMENT UNTIL THE
END OF JUNE .

THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH MR LINT THIS MORNING AND
THE PROPOSALS I HAVE REFERRED TO ABOVE WOULD BE ACD// ACCEPTABLE

- IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE .

- LINT AND READ WOULD BE WILLING TO HAND OVER TWO MILLION WITH
TWO MILLION TO BE RESERVED FOR PROLONGATION OF RED CROSS AGREEMENT
THEY INTEND TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR TOMPSON AS SOON AS THEY CAN
TOMORROW .

OVER.

- AEROPLANE FOR VIENNA HAS BEEN DELAYED AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
LINT AND READ CAN REACH VIENNA BEFORE FOUR OCKLOCK OUR TIME
TOMORROW AFTERNOON. CAN YOU NOT GIVE SOME INDICATION WHETHER
ABOVE PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY .

- IN THE AEROPLANE FLYING OVER BASEL UNCERTAIN WHERE IT CAN
LAND

- I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT MR READ WILL CALL FROM BASEL IN ONE
HOURS TIME . PSE TRY TO GET APPROVALS FOR ABOVE PROPOSALS
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY IF EVERYTHING WAS
TIED UP BEFORE LINT ARRIVE. ORIGINAL PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE
CREATED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN AUSTRIA AND GIVE THE APPEARANCE
THAT THE OFFICE OF THE UNHCR AND THE NEW HCR WERE NOT BACKED UP
BY THE UN . THE ABOVE PROPOSALS OFFER A WAY OUT WHICH THE US
AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS SATISFACTORY.

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THE PROPOSALS I HAVE REFERRED TO ABOVE WOULD BE ACD// ACCEPTABLE
BOTH TO MR LINT AND MR READ.

- LAST NIGHT I UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU WERE REFERRING TO AN AGREEMENT
WHICH WOULD RELATE TO A HAND OVER BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OF
A PART OF THREE AND A HALF MILLION WHICH YOU HAD ORIGINALLY
SUGGESTED SHOULD GO TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DIRECT .

- IT IS OUR ESTIMATE THAT AT LEAST THIS SUM WILL BE REQUIRED
TO GUARANTEE THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FIFTY THOUSAND UNTIL
THE END OF JUNE.

- OK OVER TO OBEZ.

- MY REASON TO SUGGEST THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW WAS THAT
IF YOU WERE INCLINED TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO NOT
TO GO AHEAD WITH DOCTOR VVAHLEN VISIT TO HUNGARY XIT WOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO GIVE SUCH A NEGATIVE ADVICE IF THE RED
CROSS ITSELF WOULD GIVE IT TOMORROW TO MR VVAHLEN HIMSELF .
HOWEVER I XMO NOW HAVE SEEN THE RED CROSS PEOPLE WITH MR SINAL
/// SINARD AND WAS ABOUT TO CABLE YOU THAT CICR WILL GIVE
FAVOURABLE ADVICE TO VVAHLEN TOMORROW FOR HIS PROPOSED IMMEDIATE
VISIT TO HUNGARY. CICR IS ALSO PREPARED TO HELP MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THIS VISIT. I SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH
DIRECTOR GENERAL FAO WITHOUT WAITING ANY FURTHER . WILL HAVE
TOMORROW NIGHT MORE DETAILS ON THE SCOPE OF VVAHLEN VISIT AFTER
I HAVE SEEN HIM WITH CICR PRESIDENT TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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OK THAT ALL FOR ME TKS

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END OF CONFERENCE...

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HE IS AROUND HERE ANYWAY

OK

- ITEM ONE COULD BE AGREED IMMEDIATELY . THE HAND OVER IS LIVELY TO TAKE PLACE ONLY ON THURSDAY STOP DO YOU MAKE IT A CONDITION THAT A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT BE NEGOTIATED AS TO THE USE OR WOULD YOU AGREE TO A HN/// HAND OVER ON THE TERMS I SUGGESTED BEFORE. PLEASE ANSWER ON ITEM ONE BEFORE I DEAL WITH TWO AND THREE.

- THE TIME ELEMENT IS THE DECIDING FACTOR IT IS DIFFICULT O// TO OPERATE SOUNDLY IF ONLY 24 HOURS IS GIVEN TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SPENDING OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS BUT WE WILL CERTAINLY TRY TO DO OUR BEST IN VIENNA ON THIS . IS ITEM ONE THEN AGREED?

- AS REGARDS ITE TWO AND THREE WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO THE RED CROSS BECAUSE THE EXTENSION OF THE COMMITMENT ONLY BEGINS ON MARCH 1 ST BUT WE SHOULD HAVE THE MONEY IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE RED CROSS. I DO NOT SEE THE NEED TO BRING THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT INTO THIS FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RED CROSS . OUR AGREEMENT ON FINANCIAL MATTER IS A DIPARTITE AGREEMENT WITH THE LEAGE OF RED CROSS SOCIETY. THE DEFINITION OF OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN AUSTRIAN IS A TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT . I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE TO SUGGEST THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY WE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN THE CONCENT OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WHO TO ANY PAYMENT WHICH WE WOULD MAKE TO THE LEAGE OF RED CROSS SOCIETY . THE AUSTRIAN GOVERT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS INDICATED THAT THEY CONSIDER THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL FUNDS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EXTENDING THE RED CROSS AGREEMENT . AMBASSADOR TOMPSON INFORM ME TODAY THAT THE FINANCE MINISTER KAMITZ HAD ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT HE AGREED WITH THIS POLICY . MR READ WILL TELEPVHONE ME AT HOME IN TWO HOURS TIME BUT I THINK THAT YOU CAN TAKE IT THAT HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAS SO FAR BEEN SAID . I WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT FOR ITEMS 2 AND 3 THE MONEY SHOULD BE TRANSFERED TO US AND DISBURSED WHEN AND AS THE LEAGE OF RED CROSS SOCIETY ,S COMMITMENT REQUIRED TO BE FINANCED .

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VOVER.

- GOOD DO YOU EXPECT AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER OTHERWISE .

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- THANKS FOR YOUR HELP I APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL HELP IN THIS
MATTER. THEN TO CONFIRM A CHECQUE FOR 2 MILLION DOLLARS SHOULD
BE HANDED OVER BY HCR IN VIENNA TO AUSTRIAN GOVT .

OVER.

- DO YOU AGREE AND WILL THE MONEY BE IN OUR ACCOUNT IN TIME?

- THAT IS FINE THANKS AGAIN.

OVER.

PSE CONTINUE ABT ISRAEL.

- MR READ TOLD VERY BRIEFLY ABOUT THIS MATTER BUT WE DONT KNOW
THE DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE DELEGATE IN NEWYORK
HOWEVER WE HAVE INFORMED POMPE TO SEND US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
INFORMATION ON SITUATION . WILL ASK MR READ TONIGHT ON TELEPHONE
WHAT HE PROMISED TO TELL THE DELEGATE AND WILL INDORM YOU LATER
IF ANY ANSWER HAS TO BE GIVEN .

OVER.

- THANK YOU AND BON APPETIT.

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FROM NEWYORK:

MISS COHN PRESENT OUR END

- I DONOT WANT TO GO INTO SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSALS AND COUNTER PRPOSALS
REGARDING US CONTRIBUTION OF 4 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSED BETWEEN READ AND MYER COHEN. HOWEVER THERE IS A VERY
REAL PRACTICAL PROBLEM. AT THE END OF HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH COHEN LAST NIGHT, READ PROMISED TO LET COHEN KNOW TODAY
WHAT HIS DECISION WAS. NO MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THIS ALL STANDS?

OVER

- I PRESUME YOU ARE ACQUAINTED WITH READS TELECON YESTERDAY
REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF US CONTRIBUION. THE DECISION
READ HAD TO MAKE WAS REGARDING WHETHER UNHCR WOULD TURN OVER
A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT TO AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, IMMEDIATELY,
AND PREFERRABLY UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVT.
BEFORE THE UN WILL TURN OVER ANY OF THE 4 MILLION TO UNHCR
THEY MUST HAVE SOME WORD FROM READ.

OVER

- YES

- HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO STATE DEPT WHO HAS RECEIVED THOMPSONS

AGREE. CAN YOU AFFIRM HOWEVER THAT READ IS WILLING TO TURN OVER
THE 2 MILLION AS YOU OUTLINED? HE WAS NOT WILLING YESTERDAY
TO TURN OVER ANYTHING BEFORE A WEEK OF NEGOTIATION. THIS
IS CRUCIAL PART BUT IT IS HOPED THAT MONEY WOULD BE TURNED OVER
UNDER SOME FORM OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER I DONOT WANT TO
GET INTO SUBSTANCE AS COHEN WANTS TO HANDLE THIS HIMSELF AND HAS
ASKED FOR READS ADDRESS IN VIENNA SO WE CAN REACH HIM.
WHAT IS HOTEL IN CASE WE CANOT REACH THROUGH BRANCK OFFICE?

OVER

- PLS ANEWER ABOUT HOTEL WHERE READ CAN BE REACHED.

I THINK THAT THIS ALL WE CAN DO NOW. NICE TO TALK TO YOU

- WHERE IS RED READ NOW? STILL IN GENEVA?

REGARDING YOUR QUERY IT IS MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT STATE WOULD
CNSIDER PROPOSAL MOST SATISFACTORY BUT QUESTION IS WILL MEYER
COHEN QUERY HOWEVER I WILL USE ALL PRESSURE, INCLUDING MY
INFLUENCE WITH STATE DEPT. IF YOU GET CONTACT FOR READ TONIGHT,
PSE ADVISE SOONEST.

- THAT IS ALL FROM HERE

- I HAVE ONE QUESTION? WOULD THE 2 MILLION TO BE TURNED OVER
TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVT BE UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM? IF SO,
WHAT WOULD THE AGREEMENT COVER? COHEN WILL UNDBOUTEDLY WANT TO
KNOW THIS.

RPT FRM WE NOR THE AUSTRIAN GOVT AFTER WORD GOVT GA

- MEYER COHEN IS COMING DOWN NOW TO THIS OFFICE (TELETYPE) AND WILL
COMMENT DIRECTLY ON YOUR PROPOSAL