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1/ Mr. Kuchan 4/12
2/ Mr. Dalback.

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15th May, 1946.

To: Frances Kernohan.

From: Mrs. Mitchell.

1. The letter from General Stawell appears in my report on page 5. Only the signature and heading of the original letter are omitted.
2. Mr. De Maerel will telephone tomorrow morning the countries under items 1,2,3,4,5, of table 4.
3. Could regroup headings of table 3 so as to help indicate political implications back of table 3, but think best to await raw data. Combination of 3 and 5 will show countries of repatriation, countries of transfer, but not emigration.

Emigration

(GRANTS)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY.

Telephone LEMGO 731

Reference IC/GRANTS

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Zone Headquarters
66 H.Q., C.C.G., Lemgo
B.A.O.R.

Date May 8, 1947

P.A. De Maerel, Esq.
Repatriation & Resettlement Assistance Branch
UNRRA
H.Q., DP Operations
Hotel Majestic, Evenue Kleber
PARIS 16

Subject: Emigration to South Africa

Dear Mr. De Maerel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter South Africa (882-885) dated April 14th and addressed to Mr. Rickford who is away from Lemgo at present.

I have talked with the Consular Section of Commonwealth House in Berlin concerning the unexplained telegram read over the telephone to Mrs. Hugo of UNRRA team 13 in February. I am informed that none of the 12 names stated to be in possession of permission to go to South Africa are even listed as having made application. South Africa House in London has been written to in case the applications have gone there but so far no answer has been received.

Since Commonwealth House in Berlin is responsible ultimately for information of this sort I am afraid it can only mean that the a/m telephone message was not strictly accurate. It remains mysterious but I fancy an explanation can only come from Miss Bourrins at Kassel herself.

I am writing Mrs. Hugo, Director of Unrra Team 13, giving her the above information and saying that if we can help this party of people at any time in the future we shall be glad to do so.



BT
Copy to Field Ops.

Beth Tomalin
for Zone Director, I.G.C.R.
(Mrs. Beth Tomalin)
Selection Officer

S. Africa
GRANTS 883



Telephone: WHITEHALL 4488.

Telegraphic Address:—
"OPPOSITELY, LESQUARE, LONDON."

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
LONDON, W. C. 2

10th April, 1947

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd March, 1947, and to inform you that a search has been made of the records of this Office but no trace of the application forms of the persons mentioned in your letter can be found. I would suggest that you approach the South African Immigration Commission, c/o The South African Legation, Alexander Gogelweg 2c, The Hague, who may have some knowledge of the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Political Secretary.

Mr. P.A. De Maerel,
Unrra D.P. Headquarters,
Hotel Majestic,
Avenue Kleber,
Paris 16.

GRANTS

Ext. 3183.

Ref: South Africa (882-885).

14th April, 1947.

Mr. C.C.K. Rickford,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
Lengo,
British Zone, Germany.

Dear Mr. Rickford,

Emigration to South Africa.

1. There is attached hereto letter received from UNHRA Team 13 dated 17th February, which we sent to South Africa House, London for clarification.
2. We received a reply to this letter from your office in London (copy attached).
3. We would appreciate it very much if you could clarify this matter for us as the reply does not seem very clear; we are still not in a position to inform our Camp Director whether or not the message was genuine.
4. Please advise this office at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

F.A. De Maerel
Repatriation & Resettlement Assistance Branch.

Enclosures: 2.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

DEPARTMENT OF MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT

Our Ref: 802/76
KJWL/HS

19, HILL STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

Your Ref:

20th March, 1947.

UNRRA D.P. Headquarters,
Hotel Majestic,
Avenue Kleber,
PARIS XVI ème



Subject: Emigration of D.P.'s to East Africa.

1. Your PDEM/JAB of 21st February addressed to the Political Secretary South Africa House, London, has reached this Committee through the medium of the Colonial Office, who have asked us for comments and guidance.
2. Before we are in a position to do this, we must establish the following facts which kindly obtain:
 - a) Names and location of the individuals in Germany;
 - b) Names and degree of relationship of the relatives in Africa.
3. When obtaining these details from UNRRA team 147, which according to our information is located at PEINE near Hanover, kindly suggest that the matter should at the same time be referred to the IGCR representative in Hanover, Lt. Col. Green.

H. J. Lane
H. J. LANE
Assistant Director.

Registered
31/3/47.

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Tel: Kleber 3600
Ext. 3183.

UNRRA D.P. HEADQUARTERS,
HOTEL MAJESTIC,
AVENUE KLEBER,
PARIS 16.

Ref: South Africa (882-885)

3rd March, 1947.

TO: South Africa House,
London.

SUBJECT: Emigration to South Africa.

1. We have been advised by our UNRRA Team No.13 at Hameln that they have received from South Africa a telegram addressed to Dr. Grants, Medical Officer of the Team, which we quote hereunder:-

"12 persons from Hameln are chosen to go to South Africa:

Herta and Woldemar FULIS,
Dr. GRANTS, wife and two children,
Janis JAKANS and his wife,
Oskar and Mirdza JIRGENSONS and two children.

"Each of these persons who want to go must pass a week in UNRRA
"Sick Bay for observation. The doctor must check on them every
"day, test on the blood must be made and X-Rays. A result of
"this examination must be stated in writing by the chief doctor and
"signed and countersigned by the Medical Officer.

"On the 20 February a commission will come and the doctor of the
"commission will check all the papers and the results given. Each
"person must prepare a form giving the following information:
"Name, Surname, Date of birth, Family Status, Address in Germany,
"Member of Boy scout yes or no. Duplicate in Hospital, original
"in Sick Bay. On the 20 February each of these persons must
"decide whether he is going definitely or not. It is expected
"that the journey will take place at the end of April. For
"information: London, House of the Consulate for South Africa".

2. In view of what precedes, we would be extremely grateful if you could advise us at your convenience whether this message should be considered as genuine, and if you have any information on this emigration scheme.

P.A. De Maerel
Repatriation & Resettlement Assistance Branch.

PDeM/JAB.

UNRRA Team 13

Telephone Hameln
27 33 (Office)
26 56 (Director)
25 45 (Residence)

FO PAD
Hameln/BAOR

3 February 47
Ref: 968/8
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To: UNRRA C.H.Q. 310
Arolsen

Subject: Emigration South Africa.

Miss Bourrins, (French) from the H.Q. in Kassel phoned the following telegram, she had received from South Africa, to Dr. Grants, Medical Officer of Team 13

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Do you know anything about this emigration?
Must we consider it as genuine?

Zina Hugo

Zina HUGO, Director
UNRRA Team 13

Received 17/2/47

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Rocks from Gale STOP

Reference Washington to London 19567 STOP

Grateful for further explanation from you regarding initiation and
objects of new committee STOP Have no knowledge of 17 January meeting
referred to in para 4 STOP Agree we should have as far as possible
same policy in all zones but do not at present see how this will be
facilitated by US/UNRRA Committee STOP

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Office of the General Counsel

Mr. Dudley Ward
24th January 1947



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ACTION: OFFICE OF P.R.D.G.
D.P.
MISS GIFFORD

WASHINGTON.....TO.....LONDON

No. 19567

(en clair)

Dated: 21st January 1947
Rec'd: 21st January 1947
18.44 hrs.

Repeated Arolsen 1201
Vienna 1645
Rome 5313

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1. Repatriation Committee has been created consisting of Director General, Assistant Secretary of State Hildring, and Assistant Secretary of War Peterson, who is Chairman.
 2. Committee will direct its efforts toward informal action concerning the repatriation and resettlement of D.P's. from U.S. occupied areas, including initiating repatriation and resettlement policy, encouraging voluntary repatriation and undertaking high level trouble shooting on repatriation and resettlement questions. Committee will meet semi monthly.
 3. While U.S. members must limit scope to U.S. Zones, Director General wishes to draw on experience and to extent possible have same policy in effect all Zones.
 4. Action necessary as result 17th January meeting will be communicated separately.

DISTRIBUTION: MISS RADIN
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P.R.D.G.

RESETTLEMENT POLICY DIRECTIVE

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20 18 December, 1946.

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To: Chief of UNRRA Mission, Germany 5410
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Middle East 2683

From: P.R.D.C.



Subject: Resettlement Policy Directive

I enclose herewith several copies of a Policy Directive on UNRRA's responsibility with regard to resettlement of displaced persons.

You will appreciate that this is a difficult subject on which to specify UNRRA's policy since it is a matter of reconciling two functions which superficially may seem contradictory. However, I feel sure that you will interpret the Directive in a realistic way, realizing that while repatriation must, strictly speaking, according to our Resolutions, remain our "main task", we must also give active assistance to those dealing with resettlement which has to be recognized as an essential part of the general task of dealing with displaced persons.

13th December, 1949.

Copy to: UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

POLICY DIRECTIVE

UNRRA's responsibility with regard to resettlement of

Displaced Persons

1. Basic Policy

a) According to UNRRA Council Resolution 10, 46, 47, 57, 60 and 71, the Administration was charged to repatriate the Displaced Persons who come within its competence. The only reference to resettlement which can be connected with these Resolutions is in para. 10 of Sub-Committee 4 of Committee IV at the First Council Session, as follows:-

"Another organisation with which the closest co-operation will be necessary is the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.... UNRRA will assist in the care and repatriation of such of those persons as can, and are willing to return to their countries of origin or former residence. The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees has the function of finding places of settlement for such of them as fall within its competence and as cannot and do not desire to be so repatriated."

b) Resolutions 92 and 99, while specifying steps which the Administration shall take to encourage and hasten repatriation, refer to resettlement for the first time in the following terms:

Resolution 92

".... efforts shall be made to devise ways and means to facilitate resettlement...."

Resolution 99

".... may enter into agreements, or co-operate in whatever way seems most appropriate, with governments, voluntary agencies, individuals and such bodies as the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, with a view to assisting in the work of resettlement".

c) It will thus be seen that while, by implication, the Administration is not itself to undertake, or expend its funds on resettlement, it is charged to devise ways of facilitating, and assisting other bodies engaged in such work. The dividing line between "assisting" or "facilitating" or "co-operation", and "undertaking" is apt to be somewhat indistinct in practice. The purpose of this Directive, therefore, is to specify the ways in which UNRRA can give practical effect to the policy of co-operation in the general task of resettlement.

d) The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees is the official international organisation concerned, among other functions, with emigration and resettlement. For various reasons the practical programme of the Committee, previous to 16th July, 1946, did not include, in areas where UNRRA was operating, the emigration and resettlement of displaced persons, other than the stateless, who were unable or unwilling to be repatriated. However, by a decision of the Executive Committee of I.G.C.R. on 16th July, 1946, the programme was extended to cover such persons; and in accordance with this decision, I.G.C.R. has under active consideration substantial plans for emigration and resettlement. Some private agencies are also assisting in this field, either in collaboration with I.G.C.R. or independently.

e) As stated above, UNRRA is charged to assist and co-operate with the organisations undertaking resettlement which in Resolutions 92 and 99 is recognised as a growing part of the over-all endeavour to dispose of the refugee problem. It is admittedly difficult to reconcile this function with the prosecution of repatriation, which under the relevant UNRRA resolutions, must continue to have priority as far as UNRRA itself is concerned. Theoretically UNRRA cannot recognise any displaced person in its care other than the stateless as being unrepatriable. In practice, however, there are obviously certain individuals or groups, who, because of religion, race, or past history, or through having personal connections in other countries, are determined never to return to their former homes, however long they have to wait for a chance to settle permanently elsewhere. It would be wrong to hamper any efforts being made to resettle such people; though it is only common sense that these efforts should be directed in the first place at those who are the most certain never to accept repatriation. In other words, UNRRA's objective must be to co-operate actively in the matter of emigration and resettlement, but in such a way as to soften the latter's deterrent effect on its continuing and priority function of repatriation.

f) Some points should be especially observed. Firstly, UNRRA is not the only body involved in deciding to which displaced persons resettlement proposals may be made. Apart from the clear mandate and functions of I.G.C.R., in Germany and Austria the military authorities are also concerned in such decisions. UNRRA can only specify where it will give active assistance, and express its disagreement, where necessary, with placing emigration proposals before such displaced persons as it thinks would still probably agree to repatriation if such counter-attractions were not presented.

Secondly, it is well realised that even though emigration offers may be made directly only to certain individuals or groups, news of these proposals and possibilities will quickly spread through all camps. It must therefore be accepted that, however much limitations are placed on such approaches, initiation of any resettlement activities will inevitably have some general deterrent effect on repatriation efforts.

Thirdly, it must be remembered that camp populations and opinions among displaced persons are not static. Therefore, decisions as to where UNRRA can or cannot assist, must be constantly reviewed in order that resettlement activities are not hampered where in fact they should be assisted.

g) The basic decision which UNRRA has to make is a difficult one - namely, whether, when it is proposed by other organisation to place resettlement offers before certain camps, groups or individuals, it shall give active assistance or express its disagreement. This decision must therefore be reserved to senior officials who are in a position to appreciate the broad situation and the cross-currents affecting it.

2. Prohibitions

UNRRA shall NOT:

a) Expend funds directly on resettlement or emigration. This particularly relates to cost of consular documents and visas; shipping or transport outside the country in which UNRRA is caring for the displaced persons; escorts outside the country of care; and, of course, expenses in the country to which the displaced persons emigrate.

- b) Officially sponsor or recommend emigration and resettlement schemes, or information, publicity and statements on such schemes, produced by receiving countries or agencies engaged on them.
- c) Select individuals for resettlement.
- d) Allow any of its staff to initiate suggestions to any displaced person of resettlement as an alternative to repatriation.

3. Policy for the Field

- a) The decision as to where UNRRA shall assist in resettlement activities shall be made not below Zone, or Mission Headquarters, in the light of para. 1 above. Subordinate Headquarters and field officials shall not make such decisions for themselves, or assist in such activities except on authority from Zone or Mission Headquarters.
 - b) When making such a decision and before the approach to certain camps or groups is actually made, Zone and Mission Headquarters shall inform the accredited representatives of the country whose nationals are to be approached, in order that they may be aware of the information being provided.
 - c) UNRRA channels of communication will be made available for the distribution of information and proposals on resettlement in cases approved by Zone or Mission Headquarters and always subject to para. 2(b) above.
 - d) UNRRA will assist resettlement agencies in locating displaced persons who desire resettlement, either under para. 3(a) above, or when an individual displaced person has evolved a plan for the emigration of himself and his family through personal connections in the receiving country.
 - e) UNRRA may also assist in cases authorised by Zone or Mission Headquarters with:
 - i. Developing and encouraging occupational training appropriate to resettlement.
 - ii. Making statistics and records of personal particulars of displaced persons, available to resettlement agencies.
 - iii. Helping displaced persons to complete the necessary forms, interpreting and interviews, transport to consular and resettlement agency offices, communication with relatives, and preparation of travel plans. These services, however, shall only be provided in the field as resources permit and as necessity arises due to shortage of staff in the resettlement agencies, and not as a routine function.
 - iv. Normal administrative services, such as are provided to all agencies under UNRRA's co-ordination and general control.
 - v. Planning with the appropriate authorities for transport of emigrants from camps or present residence to embarkation points.
- N.B. It is desirable that displaced persons who have been definitely selected for resettlement or whose individual plans are completed, shall be segregated from the rest in special centres.
- vi. Arrangement of the necessary Health and Welfare measures, and provision of escorts, for the journey to embarkation points.
 - vii. Organisation and administration of such staging camps as may be necessary between present camps or residence and embarkation points.

4th December, 1946.

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OAKS. No 5274.

16 December, 1946.

To: Acting Chief of D.P. Operations,
Arolsen, Germany.
(Attention: Department of Field Operations)

From: Selene Gifford,
Director, D.P. Division, E.R.O.

Subject: Charges in connection with resettlement

We refer to a recent telephone conversation between Mr. Linney and Mr. DeMaerel on the question of payment for cables which displaced persons wish to send in connection with resettlement plans.

Technical Instruction No. 11 deals wholly with costs and accounting in connection with repatriation and makes no mention of resettlement. Though Council Resolutions give no specific guidance on this point, the fact remains, in practice, that UNRRA may not expend its funds directly on resettlement and emigration. If therefore, a displaced person who has evolved for himself some emigration plan, needs to send a cable to the potential country of settlement, UNRRA cannot bear the costs.

Such cost should be referred to the nearest I.G.C.R. Office. I.G.C.R. Headquarters confirm that this is the sort of expense which they can properly be asked to bear; but naturally they can give no guarantee that they would in fact put in any particular case until it has been examined on its own merits.

In case you have not got the complete list of I.G.C.R. Offices and Officials we enclose three copies.

The above does not, of course, preclude referring such questions also to Voluntary Agencies who are engaged on resettlement.

Selene Gifford
Director D.P. Division

Copy to: Mr. Linney



MRL/rt

October, 1946.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

Our Ref.: IC/1250/76

Your Ref.: HWE/EMS.

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19, HILL STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

9th December, 1946.

Dear Miss Gifford,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 4th December, 1946, with which you enclosed two copies of the Policy Directive which you propose to send to the field on UNRRA responsibility with respect to resettlement of displaced persons. The Directive, as you say, is an UNRRA instruction directed only to UNRRA staff, and as such cannot be regarded as necessarily representing a policy to which the Intergovernmental Committee can subscribe. Where, for instance, there is a difference of opinion between UNRRA and the Military Authorities, the Intergovernmental Committee must inevitably attach very great weight to the wishes of the latter, who, as the Directive says, will have the final word. In this connection I would suggest that 1 (g) of the Directive should be linked more closely with the first paragraph of 1 (f). The former might be amended on the following lines:-

"The decision is a difficult one, whether, in respect of camps, groups or individuals, UNRRA should on the one hand give active assistance, or on the other, express its disagreement with resettlement proposals. The decision must, therefore, be reserved to senior officials who are in a position to appreciate the broad situation and the cross currents affecting it."

Also, for purposes of formal accuracy, I suggest that paragraph 1 (a) should mention UNRRA Council Resolution 10; and that the second sentence of that paragraph should be revised in the light of paragraph 10 of the report of Sub-Committee 4 of Committee IV of the first session of the UNRRA Council - which report is specifically mentioned in

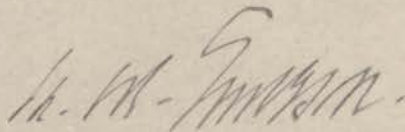
Miss Selene Gifford,
Displaced Persons Division,
U.N.R.R.A.,
11, Portland Place, W.1.



the explanatory note prefacing the record of that session, as necessary to complete Resolution 10.

Subject to these comments, and the general reservation, there is nothing further I can suggest. I greatly appreciate the extent to which you have been able in the revised Directive to meet the views expressed by us at the informal discussion which took place on the 29th November, and I believe that any practical difficulties that may arise will be capable of solution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. W. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Director.

Miss Selene Gifford,
Displaced Persons Division,
U.N.R.R.A.,
11, Portland Place, W.1.

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26 June 1946 C

Hon. James F. Byrnes
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Since I assumed office we have had several conferences with your Department on the problem of Displaced Persons in the various camps of Germany, Austria and Italy. We are now not far from the point when repatriation will virtually end. The most optimistic estimate would indicate that the residue of DP's who are not and could not be repatriated will amount to more than 630,000 people.

This problem cannot be left in abeyance. It must be settled. Unless these people are given an opportunity to be gainfully and usefully employed, they will soon be entirely unemployable. Having reached the limit of repatriation, there is but one method left for solving this problem. Everyone agrees that these unfortunate people cannot be turned loose in Germany. They should be resettled in countries where they will have an opportunity of working and earning their living.

I am appealing to all countries to give consideration to the possibility of admitting a number of these DP's. Such a plan would provide a fair distribution, creating no problem for any one country and yet solving the entire matter once and for all.

My specific recommendation to the United States is that all unused immigrant quotas should be pooled and applied for a period of six months to any DP's otherwise qualified to enter the United States, regardless of country of origin.

There are now 120,000 unused immigrant quotas available. The bulk of these are from two or three



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countries that are not using and have no present intention of utilizing these quotas. Such a plan would not increase the number of immigrants now permitted to enter under the law. It would not place at a disadvantage those countries from which the quotas are taken, for should there be any applications they could be granted. The quotas would recur to such country the next year.

I do not believe that a material and permanent change in the law is necessary. Authority could be given by Congress to the President of the United States for a limited period to use such quotas as above indicated.

May I respectfully urge prompt consideration of this suggestion. I am sure that favorable action on the part of the United States would pave the way for other nations to do likewise. I am hopeful, too, that if the United States were to take the lead in a constructive plan to end this difficult problem, the United Kingdom might reconsider its decision, as recently expressed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sir Ernest Bevin, in regard to the recommendation of the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

Brazil has already given this matter consideration and advanced to a point of beginning operation in a short time. Other South American countries have expressed interest.

I need not point out that UNRRA terminates on December 31, 1946, and I would like to get this plan well under way in the shortest possible time. The physical condition and morale of these unhappy people are rapidly deteriorating. Hence all the more reason for a sensible, constructive and humane approach.

Very truly yours,

/s/
F. LaGuardia
Director General

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ATTENTION: R.S.DEPT.
MISS GIBBONS.

WASHINGTON.....TO.....BUDAPEST.

NO.87.
EN CLAIR.
Repeated LONDON 7641.

Dated 5th June.1946.
Rec.5th June.10.30 hrs.

Your 57 not repeated London.

- (i) IGC Representative Austria issues tentative travel document approved by Allied Control Commission in Austria only, also IGC asking Member Governments adopt International travel document soon. Meanwhile no, repeat no. inter-Governmental Agency now issuing identification papers Internationally to this war's stateless persons.
- (ii) Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela, have indicated willingness to accept immigrants, but no conditions priorities etc., specified.
- (iii) Director General has addressed identical letters 48 Members Governments asking for information re any resettlement programmes will inform you developments.
- (iv) Suggest prospective emigrants be referred appropriate Consulates if any.
- (v) Foregoing checked with BIEHLE IGC.

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Extn. 132

15th June 1946

L.M. Hacking, Esq.,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
19 Hill Street,
London, W. 1.

Dear Hacking,

Mr. Carter has passed to me your note of the 26th April concerning the operations in the International Zone in Tangier. This will confirm his verbal statement to you that UNHRA cannot undertake operations in the International Zone of Tangier.

Yours sincerely,



K. A. AXOLIN
LEGAL ADVISER

KAA/ARP



Telephone : GRO. 4636-7-8-9.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

Our Ref. : IC/786/118

HGD/BW

Your Ref. :

19, HILL STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

26th April, 1946.

Dear Mr. Carter,

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation this morning when you informed me that after consulting your legal Division, it appears that your administration is precluded from operating in the International Zone of Tangier. As this would be a policy decision, which would have a very material bearing on any operations which might be undertaken in the future by this Committee, we would very much appreciate it if you could arrange for the decision to be conveyed to us in writing by the Legal Division.

Yours sincerely,

L. Michaelbach

for H. G. Dehn.

J. R. Carter, Esq.,
Welfare and Repatriation Division,
U.N.R.R.A.,
European Regional Office,
11 Portland Place,
W. 1.



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28th March 1946

To : UNRRA Central H.Q. for Germany,
Attention: Chief Repatriation Officer

From : European Regional Office, UNRRA, London

Subject: Petition from a Latvian group addressed to
H.M. the King of England.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st March enclosing the above Royal petition, and would advise you that we have sent this document forward through the correct channels.

We will advise you of any information we may receive arising out of this petition.

Conrad Van Hynning,
Director,
Welfare & Repatriation Division.

Copy to Mr. Van Hyning

WR 17/52 |;

21st March 1946.

D. MacKillop, Esq.,
Relief Department,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

My dear MacKillop,

The enclosed petition has been forwarded to us from the Director of District Office No. 1 (U.S. Zone) through our Central Headquarters for Germany.

I send it on to you for any further action which you may think desirable.

Yours,

7 Ward

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UNRRA
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR GERMANY
APO 757 OR BAOR
Tel : Arolsen 344

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1st March 1946

TO : E.R.O London - Mr. Conrad Van Hyning, Director,
Welfare and Repatriation Division

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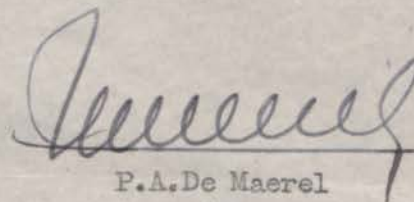
FROM ; Chief Repatriation Officer

SUBJECT : Petition from a Latvian group addressed to the King of England

There is attached hereto petition from a group of Latvians which is addressed to the King of England, and has been transmitted to this office from the Director of District Office No 1 (U.S.Zone)

Your assistance would be very much appreciated in transmitting this petition through channels to his Majesty the King.

We should also be very glad if you would send to these Headquarters any information you might obtain on this subject.



P.A. De Maerel
for
Carl H. Martini
Assistant Director
(Relief Services)

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YOUR REF: IC/625/134

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28th January, 1946.

Sir Herbert W. Harrison,
Director,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
19, Hill Street,
London, W.1.

Dear Sir Herbert,

This is in reply to your letter of 14th January concerning the ability of UNRRA to pay the cost of transportation of a family of Jewish stateless refugees from Nyasaland to Palestine.

As UNRRA can take responsibility in the case of stateless persons only for their return to their places of settled residence, and as the case to which you refer is one of resettlement, UNRRA is unable to accept any liability for transportation in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Gibbons
Deputy Director General
Department of Relief Services

Telephone : GRO. 4636-7-8-9.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

Our Ref. : IC/825/134

HWE/EMS.

Your Ref. :

19, HILL STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

14th January, 1946.

Dear Miss Gibbons,

The Intergovernmental Committee has had an application to assist towards the cost of transportation of a family of Jewish stateless refugees from Nyasaland to Palestine. The family consists of two adults and two children. They were evacuated during the war, and as a result of the war, from Cyprus to Nyasaland. Under the scheme of assistance by the Intergovernmental Committee recently approved by the Executive Committee, the Director has to satisfy himself in each case that UNRRA is not responsible for any of the cost of transportation. I shall be grateful, therefore, if you will let me know whether UNRRA will accept liability for any part of the cost in the present case, and if not, the reason why it cannot do so.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. H. H. H.

Director.

Miss Mary Gibbons,

Deputy Director General,

European Regional Office,

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration,

11, Portland Place, W.1.