

CENTRAL LOCATION INDEX, INC.

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ADDRESS: 165 West 46th Street
New York 19, New York

DIRECTOR: Miss Deutsch

MEMBER AGENCIES: Am. Christian Com. for Refugees
Am. Friends Service Committee
Am. Jewish Joint Distrib. Committee
HIAS
International Migration Service
International Rescue & Relief Committee
Nat. Council of Jewish Women
Unitarian Service Committee

FUNCTION: Designated by the President's War Relief Control
Board as the Central Agency for cooperation in
the United States with UNRRA Central Tracing
Bureau in Germany.

See Also: - International Red Cross files
WP file

NUMBER 15369
to; London
Repeated Arolsen 812
Received &
Despatched 9/10/46 - 4.08 p.m.

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Reur 11603 - Arolsen Savings 329

Headquarters has been negotiating with Advisory Committee for
Voluntary Foreign Aid State Department to establish U.S. Tracing Service.
Hope definite arrangement in near future. Will advise.

Drafted by;
M Flynn (Acting Dir. Repat.)
9 October 1946

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(Tracing)

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

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FROM: London
DATED: 24/9/46
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previously distributed.
Correction is underlined.

At your request EPO represented UNRRA at International Conference of Tracing Bureaux at Brussels.

1. Consulted with government representatives at their request but did not participate in any final recommendations.
2. Conference consisted of representatives of National Tracing Bureaux, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Poland, and as observers representatives of International Committee of Red Cross, Central Tracing Bureaux Germany US Zone Tracing Bureaux and UNRRA ERO.
3. Government representatives prepared a report recommending establishment of an International Tracing Service to coordinate activities of National Tracing Bureaux, centralise all documents, and administer bureaux in Germany and Austria.
4. Report further recommends:
 - (A) That this International Tracing Service be attached to United Nations,
 - (B) That it be located in Europe in a place accessible to all interested nations and if possible in a country having suffered from the war,

(C) That a General Council be directing body composed of one delegate from each National Tracing Bureau,

(D) That this council nominate a Director General subject to approval of Secretary General of United Nations,

(E) That Director General choose personnel on basis qualifications established by council making utmost use of existing qualified personnel,

(F) That United Nations undertake financing of International Tracing Service.

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6. This report was unanimously approved by government representatives and agreed that each representative recommend to his government that a request be made for immediate consideration by United Nations in order to ensure continuity of tracing activities.

7. In view of UNRRA's present responsibility for tracing in Germany and fact that we may not be able to continue these responsibilities and in view of apparent reluctance of Allied Control Authority to take Central Tracing Bureau over, UNRRA may wish to draw attention of ESC to this report and urge action.

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23 July 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles H. Alspach

FROM: Molly Flynn *M.F.*

AUG 6 - Rec'd

I reported to Mr. Arthur Ringland by telephone the fact that the Central Location Index has officially notified us they will not act as the National Tracing Bureau and asked Mr. Ringland if this was not a matter to come before the new committee on Voluntary Aid. He agreed that it was a matter for their consideration and a letter was forwarded to Mr. Ringland enclosing the letter from the Central Location Index, asking that the need for a National Tracing Bureau be presented to the committee.

In the course of the conversation, Mr. Ringland said there had been a series of meetings in General Hildring's office and that "our people in the American zone" were being very realistic about some immediate work on resettlement. He stated that there were some very definite proposals from South America which I presume means the I.G.C. Brazilian Refugee Immigration project. He said the State and War Departments were approaching the situation very realistically and it is possible that the United States will go forward on special projects with the aid of UK.

I pointed out to him that this kind of activity made the need for a National Tracing Bureau even more immediate and he suggested that perhaps the responsibility should be given to the I.G.C. I again pointed out that this was a national problem for the United States and not necessarily an intergovernmental problem.

I am passing this conversation on merely for your information. We hope that Mr. Ringland will take early action on the letter that went forward.

cc: ✓ Mr. Van Hyning
Tony Sender

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FROM: Arolsen
DATED: 10/6/46
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Lilly from Bruskin

Following information available for Colliers article on UNRRA's Central Tracing Bureau. Fate and location alive and dead of more than 180008000 persons discovered by Tracing Bureau in Germany and of these 58000 reunited inside Germany. Nine hundred others sought by families found dead. Additional information furnished to Tracing Bureaus of Poland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Italy and other over-run countries has led to an unknown number of reunited unofficially estimated about 5008000 with work only just beginning and organization nearly completed. Story sent airmail to you last week with photographs of letters expressing gratitude mailed 2 days later.

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MYER COHEN, DIVISION OF DISPLACED PERSONS

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AJDC INFORMS US APO NUMBERS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO THEM.
IS THIS ALSO TRUE OF UNRRA GERMANY AUSTRIA OR MAY WE USE
YOUR APO NUMBERS FOR AJDC REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE ADDRESSES
ARE CARE OF UNRRA

CAROLIN A FLEXNER CENTRAL LOCATION INDEX INC

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6/26 Answered by phone -

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May 27, 1946

*Mr. C. F. I.
Central Location
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Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Ringland
Acting Executive Director

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CC: Mr. More

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CC: Mr. More

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NUMBER: 2572
FROM: London to Washington
REPEATED: USFET Arolsen 747
DATED: 1/3/46
RECEIVED: 1/3/46 - 8:19 a.m.

22/3/46 - CORRECTED COPY - Please
substitute for copy previously
distributed as 2571.

1. Reour 1206 and reur 1183. Policy developed here in consultation Colonel Bowring on tracing approved Administrative Council and transmitted General Morgan for action 23 February. Following is summary:

- (A) UNRRA can accept responsibility for tracing persons falling under the definitions of the council resolutions as eligible for UNRRA care. This includes persons at present receiving care from UNRRA in Germany, persons eligible for but not in receipt of such care and persons technically eligible for Sout now dead.
- (B) UNRRA cannot accept responsibility for tracing any Germans except victims of Nazi persecution.
- (C) Pending establishment of direct channels to appropriate agencies, UNRRA can accept responsibility for routing enquiries regarding persons who may not be eligible.

- (D) The Chief of Operations in Germany is responsible for negotiations with the Allied Control Council regarding UNRRA functions for tracing and their relationship to the total activities for tracing in Germany.
- (E) The ERO is responsible for co-ordinating UNRRA policy with the policy of National Tracing Bureaux, in so far as it concerns those persons eligible for UNRRA care.

2. Gale has requested Morgan to negotiate immediately with Allied Control Council regarding our present sphere of responsibility and redefinition UNRRA relations with the Central Tracing Policy Board. Immediate action for implementing this policy is requested. Among ERO recommendations for implementation are following:

- (A) The establishment of an UNRRA tracing unit activities of which will be limited to policy outlined above.
- (B) The establishment of a German tracing unit supervised by Allied Control Council to handle all other enquiries.
- (C) A mail intake office under Allied Control Council supervision to receive and sort all incoming enquiries and transfer to respective tracing unit concerned.
- (D) Relationships between UNRRA tracing unit and National Tracing Bureaux of other countries will include direct communications with National Tracing Bureaux in order to clarify procedures. Any questions relating to general policy should be cleared with ERO before release since ERO is responsible for formulation of general policy.
- (E) Pending assumption of responsibility for receipt and sorting of enquiries by a mail intake unit under military see (C) above UNRRA tracing bureau may continue to act as a Central clearing house for all enquiries. Note temporary character of arrangement and this activity will not (repeat not) involve searching or follow up by UNRRA but merely channelling all communications at present essential because of absence of German incoming and outgoing civilian postal service.

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3. Reur 596 ERO policy items 1 and 2. Answer your three points regarding Arolsen 31.

4. Reur 618. Misunderstanding of IRC quoted in Prague to London 212 Presiding now cleared up.

(A) Prague states IRC now understands Czechoslovakia National Tracing Bureau will continue tracing functions not (repeat not) mission.

(B) Bowring told us here he and IRC had oral agreement on two points:

(1) that IRC does no tracing because it has no field searching facilities and therefore uses National Tracing Bureaux as needed;

(2) that IRC will send their enquiries relating to non-military on which they have taken no action to appropriate National Tracing Bureaux.

(C) Bowring states IRC in process of sorting these records in Geneva and sending appropriate records to National Tracing Bureaux for assistance location their nationals.

5. Radin bringing full letter to Morgan from Gale regarding tracing bureau functions and organisation and other pertinent material.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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NUMBER: 596
TO: London
REPEATED: Arolsen 27
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 11/2/46 - 3:45 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 11/2/46 - 4:45 p.m.

Refer No. 31 from Arolsen to Washington and your 1206 to Washington.

1. We note that Central Tracing Bureau is handling enquiries which do not involve tracing of United Nations Nationals or victim of Nazi persecution, namely those referred to in Paragraph 6, (2) A and B; and military personnel referred to in Paragraph 3A of Cable 31 Arolsen to Washington.
2. It is our considered view UNRRA funds and personnel may not be used for these purposes, and we request that appropriate instructions be issued by you to General Morgan with whom these matters were discussed in Washington.
3. We recognize practical advantages of use of central records by all tracing groups in Germany - UNRRA, Military authorities, German Red Cross - and have no objection to this. However actual tracing activities of UNRRA should be confined to civilian United Nations Nationals or victims of Nazi persecution.

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MCohen (DDP)
6 February 1946

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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NUMBER:

618

TO:

London

RECEIVED CABLE SECTION:

11/2/46 - 6:15 p.m.

DISPATCHED:

12/2/46 - 5:10 a.m.

Referring Prague to London 212 Presiding.

Please forward full information re agreements International Red Cross UNRRA on tracing.

Drafted by:
SLSommer (DP)
8 February 1946

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ISS - Italy

NUMBER: unnumbered (SVC 125)
FROM: London
DATED: 11/2/46
RECEIVED: 12/2/46 - 8.25 a.m.

Your 538.

Following is repeat our 202 to Rome.

"1. IGC here has consulted us on proposed agreement with UNRRA Italy discussed between Beckelman and Sorieri for movement 300 refugees from Spain to Italy and their repatriation there-after to countries of which they are nationals. We have copy draft memorandum by Beckelman which we understand was given to Sorieri.

2. Any such proposal must be cleared with ERO before commitments by Mission.

3. Please report immediately on status proposed agreement or negotiations.

4. UNRRA Italy should take position that entry of these refugees into Italy should be, is, matter to be arranged officially between IGC and Italian Government, UNRRA participating in discussions as necessary. UNRRA cannot assume transportation costs Spain to Italy. Its responsibility begins only after entry of refugees into Italy and only for those eligible for UNRRA care."

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NUMBER: 1183
TO: London
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 20/2/46 - 4:10 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 20/2/46 - 5:45 p.m.

Reference to discussions on Central Tracing Bureau. May we have summary and your policy recommendations.

Drafted by:
MCohen (DDP)
18 February 1946

Cleared by:
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General Rooks

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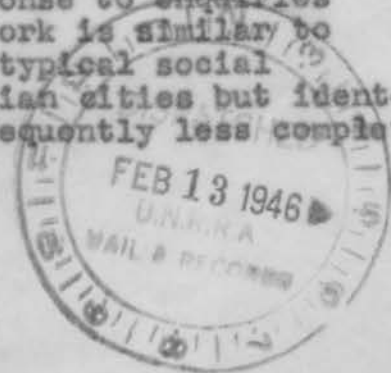
13 February 1946

Miss Charlotte Owen
American Council of Voluntary Agencies
for Foreign Service, Inc.
122 East 22nd Street, Room 701
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Owen:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation regarding the subject of voluntary agency personnel for use in connection with the Central Tracing Bureau in Germany. Sir Michael Creagh, when he was here in December, discussed this matter with you and with the agencies interested in the Displaced Persons Program in Germany. We are in receipt of the following communication from Sir Michael in this connection.

- "1. Subject is request for Vol Socy. Personnel for UNRRA Tracing Bureau in Germany they would welcome following services of Vol. Agency personnel urgently needed and which I raised on my visit to Washington.
2. Fifteen registrar clerks fluent in German capable of studying and searching official civil documents and records of many kinds extracting and copying relevant information for identification determination of civil status nationality and other circumstances of living or deceased persons. English and German language qualifications essential. A third language always valuable.
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6. Desire to emphasise that though services of this kind might appear to be unimportant or of a routine nature Vol. Agencies by providing reliable assistance for this type of work would make a significant contribution to the whole operation."

There is question on my part as to the attitude of agencies toward the provision of personnel of certain types listed above. I should appreciate your consideration of this matter and I will discuss it with you in New York early next week.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard L. Henninger
Deputy Director Welfare
In Charge Voluntary Agency Liaison

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 31
FROM: Arolsen
DATED: 30/1/46
RECEIVED: 31/1/46 - 6:01 p.m.

Your 201.

- (1) No informational material sent to National Tracing Bureau other than information about their missing nationals.
- (2) No directives are issued by Central Tracing Bureau to Zonal Bureau. Each zone commander is responsible for the operation of his own Zonal Bureau.
- (3) Policy of CBT initiated by Central Tracing Policy Board formed by representatives of PW and DP Division Quadripartite Control Commission for Germany. The objects of the Tracing Service which consists of all National Tracing Bureaus CIB and Zonal Bureaus as defined by CTPB are
 - (A) To search for and trace military and civilian missing of the United Nations.
 - (B) To establish where possible the fate of those missing who cannot be found alive.
 - (C) To locate, collect and preserve all available records regarding Displaced Persons in Germany.
 - (D) To serve as a link to bring interested persons into communication with each other.

(4) Addresses of National Tracing Bureaus are being forwarded by air mail.

(5) Effective 1 February German Red Cross commencing tracing of German Nationals under the supervision of IA and C Division Allied Control Commission for Germany. Director CTB meeting Director German Tracing Bureau 6 February. No details organisational scope German TB yet available but will be forwarded after meeting.

(6) CTB accepts and transmits to zones enquiries initiated by United Nationals and victims Nazi persecution in accordance with following instructions issued by CTPB.

(1) The Central Tracing Policy Board agreed that enquiries concerning missing persons would be accepted and dealt with provided the persons were included in the categories defined below and on the condition that such persons came from one of the United Nations. If a request for the service of the bureau originates from an ex-enemy or enemy it will in no case be accepted or a reply given thereto unless the person making the request has been the object of persecution because of race, religion or because of his activities in favour of the United Nations has been placed in concentration.

(2) The categories of persons which the bureau will undertake to trace have been fixed as follows

(A) Persons who are subject of enquiries emanating from public authorities of the United Nations

(B) Persons who are the subject of enquiries from some individual such as a near relative by birth or marriage."

Large proportion enquiries from USA relate to German Jews and are accepted because these were victims of Nazi persecution. CTB does not act as a message passing centre. Letters received from Allied Nationals for Germans are passed to postal authorities to await reopening international post. Large number American soldiers call CTB asking help locate close German relatives eight Central Location Index New York Official National Tracing Bureau for United States all enquiries originating from USA should be channelled through that office. Your letter 29 December signed Hoehler refers.

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London to Washington

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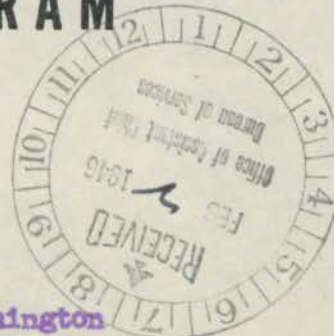
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DATED:

30/1/46

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30/1/46 - 8:01 a.m.



Your 101 Frankfurt repeated London 10409

Subject Central Tracing Bureau and Repatriation Assistance Section.

Reference items A1, A2, A4, A5, instructing Arolsen to despatch to you. Reference item A3 ERO Committee Department of Relief Services now preparing directive on policies and activities CTB for discussion Arolsen. This will define policies on intake and authorized scope of tracing bureau. Will cable position on B after consultation with Arolsen.

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Tracing Bureau

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167 from
Prague - 30/1/46

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 1159
 FROM: London
 DATED: 29/1/46
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6. Desire to emphasise that though services of this kind might appear to be unimportant or of a routine nature Vol. agencies by providing reliable assistance for this type of work would make a significant contribution to the whole operation.

Given to Sir Michael in its report
he wants to talk with Agencies re suitable
personnel (suggestions)

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MEMORANDUM

8 December 1945

TO: Sir Michael Greagh

FROM: Mrs. Morris

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THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
WASHINGTON BUILDING
WASHINGTON



TO ALL REGISTERED WAR RELIEF AGENCIES:

(1) The President's War Relief Control Board, with the advice and concurrence of UNRRA, hereby designates the Central Location Index, Inc., of 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York, as the central agency for cooperation in the United States with UNRRA's Central Tracing Bureau in Germany.

(2) The Central Tracing Bureau is a facility operated by UNRRA for securing, coordinating and making available information as to refugees and displaced persons. It has been accepted for that purpose as the agent of the Allied Control Council in Berlin and will operate on behalf of the U.S., British, U.S.S.R. and French Zone Commanders.

(3) The Central Tracing Bureau will deposit with the Central Location Index, Inc. all available records and information as to refugees and displaced persons in the same manner as in the case of national tracing bureaus established in various European countries. The Central Tracing Bureau, in order to minimize the confusion, duplication and delay resulting from transmission to Germany of individual inquiries which might be answered by clearance with a national tracing bureau, will accept unofficial civilian inquiries from the United States only if transmitted by the Central Location Index after proper clearance with its files in New York.

(4) The Central Location Index, Inc. is a private, non-sectarian agency sponsored and supported by a group of American war relief organizations concerned with refugees and displaced persons. Its facilities for handling inquiries are available through its member agencies and through UNRRA's headquarters office in Washington.

(5) Information about procedures for initiating inquiries should be addressed to the Central Location Index, Inc.

THE PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
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James Brunot
Executive Director

Approved December 10, 1945

Central Location Index
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CHANGE OF SPEAKER - UNRRA STAFF LUNCHEON

24 July 1945, at 12:25 P. M.
Barker Hall, Y. W. C. A.
17th and K Streets, N. W.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg will be unable to appear at the UNRRA Staff Luncheon.

We have been fortunate to obtain Mrs. Cecilia Razovsky Davidson as the speaker for the luncheon.

Mrs. Davidson's work with refugees began in 1934, when she served as Executive Director, National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany in cooperation with the High Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations. Mrs. Davidson has just returned from a nine-months' stay abroad, where she organized a Personal Service Division in France for the Joint Distribution Committee dealing with special problems affecting displaced persons in France. Later she visited the concentration camps and assembly centers in France and in Alsace Lorraine, and assisted in planning for the temporary asylum for children coming out of the concentration camps.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Central Location Index

NUMBER: 2078
FROM: London to Washington
REPEATED: SHAEF Main for Rhatigan 8; Cairo 404; Athens 362;
Caserta 212
DATED: 14 July 1945
RECEIVED: 16 July 1945 - 9:00 a.m.
Clear

Reference your 1786 and 2337.

Now setting up central food bureau of displaced persons (a) To assist existing national bureaux with tracing, and to coordinate them, (b) To prepare register of displaced persons cared for by UNRRA in Germany and the Country Missions. It will be located in Germany. Eyre Carter now Germany making survey of bases and availability of German records. Parker appointed chief of record section FRO. He has developed plan which Rhatigan, who went to Germany yesterday, will consider in setting up German operations. Small staff under Miss De La Pole already established and at work at SHAEF Main.

It is intended to feed existing records in camps outside Germany into Central Record Bureau.

Discussions have been held with British and Czech Red Cross, who will cooperate in arrangements proposed. It is intended to hold a conference of all National Bureaux and Voluntary Societies represented in London to explain new machinery as soon as plan is ready to operate.

Held conference with IGC 11 July and explained plan in general terms emphasizing that it was being set up primarily for UNRRA purposes, but we would endeavour incorporate information they wish.

Target date for operations is September 1st.

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Expect semi-permanent camps will be fully formed in about 6 weeks. The SHAET have agreed to a census being taken in them and the results turned over to us.

Important that it should be understood that all enquiries must first be directed to the National Tracing Bureau of the country from which the individual sought was displaced. If unable to trace, they will consult the UNRRA Record Bureau.

The Bureau will not concern itself with tracing of other than United Nationals; all other enquiries should be addressed to International Red Cross. Important not encourage hopes that Bureau can deal speedily with large numbers of enquiries. The task may prove gigantic, and our beginning must be cautious.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 1075
TO: London
DATED: 1 May 1945
DISPATCHED: 1 May 1945 5:20 p.m.
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Central Location Index

Your 872.

Suggest you refer questions to Cecelia Davidson who helped set up Central Location Index. Presently supported by eight American volagencies historically among most prominent in tracing service. Inquiries submitted by member agencies cleared through Index. Services individuals seeking information about relatives in occupied and liberated areas. American Red Cross cooperating and advisory but not member. Has helped CLI particularly occupied countries also use of regulation Red Cross tracing cards. ARC National Headquarters instructing local chapters refer all tracing inquiries to member agencies of Index. When Index fails to locate subject, inquiry referred to International Red Cross, Geneva. Paris Committee your message planned as pipeline to American headquarters. CLI sent approximately twenty five hundred inquiries to Paris Index. ARC has agreed not to do any work in this field upon termination of war.

Drafted by:
TMCoolley (Displaced Parsons)
30 April 1945

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27 Apr.45

REFERRED BY: OWEN, CHARLOTTE E.

REGARDING: Paris Central Location Index.

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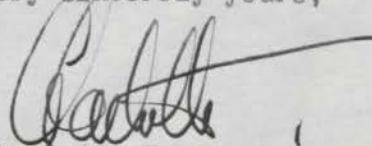
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Mr. Max Silverstein
Welfare Division - UNRRA
Dupont Circle Building
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Max:

I hope that you and Mr. Leavitt of the JDC got together yesterday in regard to the Paris Central Location Index. I had talked with Miss Deutsch of the Central Location Index here, who advised me that Mr. Leavitt knows more of the details than perhaps anyone else. By the way, she told me that the Central Location Index here had sent approximately 2,500 inquiries to the Paris Index and that about a fourth of the inquiries made here in New York are cleared with Geneva.

From Miss Larned of the International Migration Service I learned yesterday that an agreement has been reached with the American Red Cross to the effect that the ARC will not undertake to do any work in this field in Europe upon termination of the war. I believe Phil Ryan is the person with whom the consultations were held.

Very sincerely yours,



Charlotte E. Owen
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Displaced Persons
Central Location Index*

NUMBER: 872
FROM: London
DATED: 23 April 1945
RECEIVED: 23 April 1945 - 8:30 p.m.
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Have you been able to establish coordination regarding tracing on lines of conversations with Eyre Carter in London? We hear from Paris that American Council of Voluntary Societies for Foreign Service has formed subcommittee in Paris to coordinate the efforts of Foreign Societies in respect of tracing under the J.D.C. Search Bureau. Chairman of their subcommittee Mrs. Davidson states that this council has set up American equivalent of National Tracing Bureau known as Central Location Index at 1560 Broadway New York City. Please cable essential details particularly relation to American Red Cross. Letter of November 13 from Leavitt J.D.C. New York to Greenlight J.D.C. representative in Paris sets out position. Important to have details as UNRRA representative may attend meetings in Paris.

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July 3, 1945

Mr. Joseph Hoeffner
Welfare Div. of UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Ave.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoeffner:

Through Miss Dieskow of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies, we received a card which is signed by one, S. Ornstein from Holland and which is addressed to apparently a member of her family by the name Hadassa Ornstein, whose address in this country she did not know.

As I wrote to Miss Dieskow, I have sent this card on to the National Refugee Service, one of the member agencies of the Index. That organization has a National Index and not infrequently, American relatives are known to them. They will, therefore, see if they have any idea of a Miss H. Ornstein and if not, they will do whatever is possible to locate her on behalf of the person in Holland.

The Index received, among the thousands of names which come to it from all sources, the name of Sipora Ornstein on a list of persons in liberated Holland, but that list gave no clue as to American relatives. I feel sure, however, that by passing this matter on to the National Refugee Service, that to the extent it is possible, the family in Holland will be given such assistance as can be rendered in finding the relative in this country.

You will recall that the post card mentioned above had two address: one is care of Yugoslavia Refugee Camp in Egypt and the other is the Child Welfare section of UNRRA at 120 E. 75th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours,

CENTRAL LOCATION INDEX, INC.

Etta Deutsch

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