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Taft, Robert A.



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22 JAN 1947

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The Honorable
Senator Robert Taft
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator Taft:

I have your letter of January 10th in which you set forth the request of Rabbi S. Gourary with respect to his forthcoming tour of Europe. We had already received a request from the Agudas Chasidei Chabad regarding Rabbi Gourary and I am attaching hereto a copy of our reply to them, which sets forth our policy in the matter, for your information. I regret that we are unable to assist Rabbi Gourary in this matter but our agreement with the Military regarding UNRRA's responsibility in relation to persons or agencies wishing to enter Germany does not make the request possible.

If there is any further information which you feel is necessary, we would be glad to have you advise us.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

Attachment
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18 Jan. 1947

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X-060 - Gourary, Rabbi S.

FORM AD-2

(15 MAR 45) UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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To:

Florence Black

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For reply as we discussed
in light of prior precedents.
In view of Davidson's note, would
you clear three yardline and
this office.

From:

C. T. Lloyd

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FORM AD-2

(15 MAR 45) UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ROUTE SLIP

To:

CHARLOTTE LLOYD
~~DAVID LLOYD~~

DATE

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REMARKS

I should like very much to do what can be done to comply with Senator Taft's request. Would you speak to Youdin and see what precedents there are for this kind of thing.

From:

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ROOM NO.

ROBERT A. TAFT
OHIO

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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L. JACK MARTIN
SECRETARY

January 10, 1947

GC. - Davidson

060 - Taft, Robert

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Lowell W. Rook, Director General, UNNRA

1334 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

JAN 15 1947

Dear Mr. Rook:

Rabbi S. Gourary, Chairman of the Executive Committee of United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh, is very anxious to be accredited as an UNNRA representative to go to Europe to administer to the needs of the Jewish people that he represents.

I shall appreciate your examining Rabbi Gourary's application and giving it every possible favorable consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Taft

אגודת חסיד חב"ד בארצות הברית וקנדה

AGUDAS CHASIDEI CHABAD

OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

770 EASTERN PARKWAY

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

060-Taft, Robert
December 31, 1946ב"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א מליובאוויטש
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הרב שמרי' גורארי'

סגן ראשון

הרב מנחם מענדיל שניאורסאהן

סגן שני

ר' חיים זלמן קרעמער

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ר' אברהם בער קרעמער

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Miss Florence Black
UNRRA Building
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Black:

Our esteemed first vice-president and chairman of the executive committee, Rabbi Samarius Gourary has been designated by the AGUDAS CHASIDEI CHABAD OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA to visit the many thousands of our members who are in Europe with the view of iministering to their spiritual needs.

Our organization, the main spring of the World Agudas Chasidei Chabad, comprises 200,000 members with 200 synagogue affiliates in America, and is a branch of the World Agudas Chasidei Chabad which flourished so expansively in Europe, prior to World War II.

Countless requests by members in Europe for personal visitations by a leading member of our organizations' clerical hierarchy have driven the AGUDAS CHASIDEI CHABAD OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TO its task of saving the spiritual lives of the thousands of seekers of our assistance. While much of this work is being effected through personal letters and publications, the task will remain unfilled unless this is implemented by personal visitations.

In view of the urgency of the demands made upon us, we are addressing this letter with the hope that you will accredit our Rabbi Gourary as an UNRRA representative in order that he may be permitted to visit the American-occupied zone in Europe in the course of his two-month visit to Europe.

We shall appreciate your giving this matter your earliest attention and shall be humbly grateful for any courtesy that you may extend to him.

Very truly yours,

Rabbi Joseph Schneersohn

Rabbi Joseph Isaac Schneersohn
President

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060-Taft, (Sen) Robt. A.

2 JAN 1947

Brig. C. M. Drury
Chief of Mission
UNRRA
Hoza 35
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Mr. Drury:

The attached correspondence by the UNRRA Headquarters and Senator Robert A. Taft is forwarded for your information.

You may wish to have a field agent investigate the situation in which Captain Persowski finds himself. This investigation would be for the purpose of assuring yourself that there has been no discrimination in the distribution of supplies in this case.

Copy of our letter to Senator Taft is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rocks,
Deputy Director General

Enclosure

Chief Executive Officer

Cleared by:
E.R. Henson
Karl Borders
General Counsel

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19 Dec. 1946



060-Persowski, (Capt) Thaddeus
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12 AUG 1946

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Hon. Robert Taft
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 August addressed to Mr. Roy F. Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson recently resigned from this Administration and is taking a well-earned rest.

With reference to your inquiry, I am informed by our supply people that no kraft wrapping paper has been shipped to any of the UNRRA receiving countries, and that none is scheduled to be shipped.

I trust that this gives you the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Clearances: *15*
Borders
General Counsel *AWL*

Lowell W. Rooks
Acting Director General

PK Kelly/em
8 August 1946



X-758 (wrapping paper)

ROBERT A. TAFT
OHIO

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SECRETARY

AUG 6 1946

August 2, 1946

J. Borders

Mr. Roy F. Hendrickson
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

If you have figures readily available, I shall be greatly obliged if you will give me some information with respect to the quantities of craft wrapping paper which have been shipped to foreign countries by your Organization. If you have the breakdown by countries and years, that would be helpful.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert Taft

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FORM AD-87
(25 FEB 1946)

UNRRA

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE

23 May 1946.

CROSS INDEX

060 - Taft Robert (Senator)

TO

Senator Robert A. Taft, United States Senate. Wash D.C.

FROM

F. LaGuardia

SUMMARY regarding the desire of Rabbi El Silver to go to Germany. etc...

RECORD FILED

060 - Silver Louis El (Rabbi)

TYPIST

mhs

DATE

28/5/46

723.2 (Export)
22 April 1946

060- Honorable Robert C. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colleague:

I should like to acknowledge your letter of 15 April in which you quote from the Wall Street Journal a statement regarding UNRRA preventing the export of meat from Denmark.

I attach a copy of a release from the Office of Public Information of UNRRA to the Associated Press. I am sure that the attached statement will convince you that you shouldn't believe everything you see in the Wall Street Journal.

I cannot condone the irresponsible journalism involved in this Associated Press dispatch.

Yours sincerely,

F. LaGuardia
Director General

Enclosure

Clearance

KBorders
DWeintraub
Public Information

cc: KBorders
RGAJackson

DLMacFarlane:djw
20 April 1946



Denmark-723.2 (Export)

FORM AD-87
(25 FEB 1946)

UNRRA

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE

1 April 1946

CROSS INDEX

060 - Taft, Robert A. (Senator)

Germany - 734 -

TO

Mr. A. W. Schwartz
East High School
Youngstown, Ohio

FROM

Dan A. West
Div. of Contributed Supplies

SUMMARY

Request for information regarding shipment of clothing to Germany.

RECORD FILED

070 - School, East High

TYPIST

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DATE

9 April 1946

FORM AD-87
(25 FEB 1946)

UNRRA

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE

21 March 1946

CROSS INDEX

Germany - 734

060- Taft, Robert A.

TO

UNRRA
Dept. of State
Washington, D.C.

FROM

Robert Taft

SUMMARY

Regarding letter...Etc.

RECORD FILED

060 - Schwartz, A. W.

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DATE

April 16, 1946

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

September 26, 1945

060 Sept. Roberts (H.M.)

PR- Mr. Morse Salisbury,
Director of Public Information,
United Nations Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration,
1344 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Salisbury:

I have your letter of September twenty-second. I regret very much that by reason of the fact that I am giving a reception for Senator Burton and the other Republican Senators on Thursday evening, I cannot be present at the National Press Club. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Taft

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060 - Honorable Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

In answer to your letter of 6 September 1945, I am glad to tell you of our policy in relation to the employment of husbands and wives in the work of USMRA abroad. This policy applies to United States citizens as well as to nationals of other countries.

Under this policy, the Head of the Mission or Office must first agree to the principle of employing husband and wife in his Mission or Office. Employment may then be offered on the basis of the individual qualifications of the couple, providing they are not placed in positions where one will supervise the other. When employed for field assignments, both must understand and agree that the assignment of each will be determined by operational requirements and that they must be prepared to serve wherever assigned.

I trust that this information is satisfactory. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Howell
Acting Director of Personnel

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by Howell*
Thompson/Whitelaw/mb



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United States Senate

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CHRISTIE B. KENNEDY, CLERK

September 6, 1945

Mr. William F. Howell,
 Acting Director of Personnel,
 United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
 Administration,
 1344 Connecticut Avenue,
 Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howell:

My attention has been called to the fact that husbands and wives who are nationals of other countries are permitted to be employed in the work of UNRRA, abroad. In view of this, I am wondering whether the same policy is now applicable with respect to our own citizens.

I shall appreciate receiving information from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robt. D. Taft

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 RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
 ADMINISTRATION
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 SEP 8 - 1945
 PERSONNEL CORRESPONDENCE

Previous *ru 27*
 Requested for *How*
 Application *27R*
 Date *8 Sept*

UNITED NATIONS
 RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
 ADMINISTRATION
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 SEP 8 1945

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*060 Liefenthaler Ludwig
e.c.*

The Honorable
Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

2 AUG 1946

Dear Senator Taft:

With further reference to our letter of 15 July concerning Mrs. Philip Steinmetz' letter, we wish to inform you that we have now received a detailed report from our Austrian Mission. It states:

"The UNHRA postal service conducted at 97 Währinger Gürtel is designed for all Allied D.P.s in Vienna, for the transient Jewish D.P.s who pass through the Rothschild Camp, and for persecuted Jews of Vienna. The service is not available to other Austrians nor to ex-enemy D.P.s in accordance with Administrative Order No. A4, HQ, U.S. Zone, 11 January 1946. In order to obtain a postal form, D.P.s living in Vienna are required to identify themselves by showing their D.P. registration card.

"The D.P. Section, Vienna Area Command are unable to locate anyone by the name of Ludwig Liefenthaler being registered as a D.P.

"The D.P. in charge of the office is conscientious and there is no reason to believe that any statement would have been made that the Service was for Jews only.

"There have been several instances of Volksdeutsche and of Yugoslavs living in ex-enemy D.P. Camps in Vienna making application for the postal forms. There are large numbers of Yugoslavs in the ex-enemy D.P. Camp at Cobenzl, although no one by this name is registered there.

"If the address of Mr. Liefenthaler could be ascertained, a further investigation will be made if desired."

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Alspach
Acting Director
Repatriation and Welfare Division



✓-060 Steinmetz Philip
TSender:cl
1 August 1946
Room A-306

060 - Liefensthaler, Ludwig

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15 JUL 1946

The Honorable
Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

Reference is made to your letter of 24 June 1946 enclosing a letter from Mrs. Philip Steinmetz.

We have received a report from our UNRRA Mission in Austria, stating that 97 Waehringerstrasse Germany, to which Mr. Ludwig Liefensthaler was applying for Postal Form No. 1, is a Jewish center and that UNRRA has no record of Ludwig Liefensthaler on their roles.

However, effective 5 July, parcel post service has been re-opened to Austria which makes it possible for your constituent to mail parcels to Mr. Liefensthaler. Information on this service may be obtained at her local post office if she will refer to Postal Bulletin of 2 July 1946.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Alspach
Acting Director
Repatriation and Welfare Division

MFlynn/amw
12 July 1946



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✓ 060 - Steinmetz, Philip -
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JUN 27 1946

060-Liefenthaler Ludwig
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The Honorable
Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

Your letter forwarding a communication from Mrs. Philip Steinmetz has been received. As regards the eligibility of Mr. Ludwig Liefenthaler for the use of Postal Form #1, we are not in a position to make any decision. Postal Form #1 is available to any displaced person in the American zone of Vienna who is eligible for UNRRA assistance. It is not limited to use by Jewish displaced persons.

Since this Headquarters cannot determine Mr. Liefenthaler's eligibility, we have forwarded the information to the Chief of the UNRRA Mission at Vienna and will notify you what action is taken.

The letter from Mrs. Steinmetz is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Myer Cohen
Director
Repatriation and Welfare Division

Enclosure

MFlynn/amw
26 June 1946



xv-060 Steinmetz Philip

UNRRA

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

060 - Liefenthaler, Ludwig

NUMBER: 698
TO: Vienna
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 27/6/46 - 12:42 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 27/6/46 - 1:30 p.m.

Senator Taft reports that Ludwig Liefenthaler displaced Yugoslav in Vienna has twice applied 97 Weringer Gurtel for Postal Form One and informed these issued only to Jews. Please investigate and advise.

Drafted by:
M Flynn (Repatriation & Welfare)
26 June 1946

STANDARD DISTRIBUTION

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UNRRA

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

060 - Liefenthaler, Ludwig

NUMBER: 954
FROM: Vienna
DATED: 6/7/46
RECEIVED: 6/7/46 - 9:30 a.m.

Reur 698.

97 Waehringerstrasse Jewish DP center. No record of Ludwig Liefenthaler, many DP's living outside camp and none in American zone Vienna come to center for this service which is available only for DP's living in American zone.

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060-Persowski (Capt) Thaddens

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8 MAR 1947

Senator Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

This is with further reference to your inquiry regarding Captain Thaddaus Persowski and his desire to receive tractors and plows for his farm, and household goods for his family. As I wrote you in my letter of 2 January 1947, we referred the matter to our Chief of Mission in Poland, asking him to investigate the situation of Captain Persowski and report on the possibility of rendering him assistance through UNRRA.

The Mission has now sent us the requested report, a copy of which is attached for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Hooks
Director General

Attachment

Drafted *by* *Alen 7*
CHWillson/HMFranc:hg
6 March 1947

Cleared by:
Karl Borders
Fred Chait

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February 12, 1947

Mr. Lowell W. Hooks
Director General
UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hooks,

Reference is made to your letter of January 2 and attached correspondence with Senator Robert A. Taft, respecting the situation of Captain Persowski. A member of the UNRRA Mission to Poland has personally investigated this case, and we wish to advise that there is no evidence of discrimination in the distribution of UNRRA supplies.

Captain Persowski has a contract to purchase, but no title as yet, 29 hectares of land, with fairly good buildings, formerly owned by a German. His livestock consists of one horse and another one that was reported to have come with the estate. At the present time, a suit is filed against him by a neighbor, claiming this second horse as his property. In addition to the horses, he has 2 cows, 1 heifer, 4 small pigs, 20 chickens and 3 ducks.

From last fall's crop he has, so far, threshed 42 quintals of rye, and 20 of mixed grain, and harvested 25 quintals of potatoes from 12 hectares. One difficulty that he is facing is that he owes a considerable amount of money for seed, taxes, and insurance. Since he will need the grain and potatoes for home use and seed he therefore, at the moment, has nothing that he can sell. Milk from the cows is also used at home. Last spring he made application for an UNRRA horse but none was allotted, since he already had two horses, and, furthermore, this area not being a devastated one, only 12 UNRRA horses have been allotted for the entire county. These 12 horses went to peasants who had no livestock.

Besides Captain Persowski and his wife, there is a married son employed on the farm, and another man and woman who work part-time. He has another son at college in Poznan, and a daughter at a high school.

He attempts to help them all he can. He has applied for extra food and clothing to the local authorities but has received none, as the needs has been so great in the devastated areas. He receives 182 zlotych per month, in the form of government aid, as a war invalid captain. His eldest daughter also lives with him and teaches at a local school, for which she receives 3,000 zlotych per month. She also has a Class I ration card, which entitles her to purchase food at the controlled prices. She received the last issue of UNRRA food packages.

Although Captain Persowski's circumstances appear rather difficult, by our standards, mainly because of his debts, his family nevertheless have sufficient food to keep going. When considering the fact that there are literally hundreds of thousands of farmers without even a single horse or cow, living under wretched conditions in rural areas devastated by war, we feel that Captain Persowski's situation is relatively favorable in comparison, and that UNRRA assistance should first go to those whose needs are so much greater.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ M.E. Hays
for
Donald R. Sabin,
Chief of Mission.

Senator Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Taft:

This is with reference to your recent correspondence concerning Captain Thaddeus Persowski in which our attention was called to his desire for tractors and plows for his farm, and clothes, bedding, etc., for his family. In my letter to you dated 2 January 1947, I assured you that this matter will receive our earnest consideration and that we would write to our mission in Poland for an investigation of the possibility of assistance to Captain Persowski.

We have now received a report from our Polish mission a copy of which is attached. This information and that set forth in my letter of 2 January, I trust, will justify our action in regard to Captain Persowski.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell E. Rooks
Director General

Cleared by: *WHS*
C. H. Willson
Karl Borders
General Counsel

C.H. Willson/mcf
5 March 1947

FORM AD-2

(15 MAR 45)

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
ROUTE SLIP

To:

Cliff Willson

DATE

26/2/47

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Please prepare the
letter to Senator Taft, to
clear up Borders and
General Counsel,

From:

Hull House

ROOM NO.

A-632

FORM AD-2
(25 MAR 45)

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ROUTE SLIP

To:-

DATE

25 Feb

ROOM NO.

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MR. BORDERS

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REMARKS

In reply to a letter
drafted by Mr. Benson.
For appropriate action.

From:

F. WEISL

ROOM NO.

520

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

PM/AR/1

VIA AIR MAIL

February 12, 1947.

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Mr. Lowell W. Rooks,
Director General,
UNRRA,
1344 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rooks,

Reference is made to your letter of January 2 and attached correspondence with Senator Robert A. Taft, respecting the situation of Captain Persowski. A member of the UNRRA Mission to Poland has personally investigated this case, and we wish to advise that there is no evidence of discrimination in the distribution of UNRRA supplies.

Captain Persowski has a contract to purchase, but no title as yet, 29 hectares of land, with fairly good buildings, formerly owned by a German. His livestock consists of one horse and another one that was reported to have come with the estate. At the present time, a suit is filed against him by a neighbor, claiming this second horse as his property. In addition to the horses, he has 2 cows, 1 heifer, 4 small pigs, 20 chickens and 3 ducks.

From last fall's crop he has, so far, threshed 42 quintals of rye, and 20 of mixed grain, and harvested 25 quintals of potatoes from 1½ hectares. One difficulty that he is facing is that he owes a considerable amount of money for seed, taxes, and insurance. Since he will need the grain and potatoes for home use and seed he therefore, at the moment, has nothing that he can sell. Milk from the cows is also used at home. Last spring he made application for an UNRRA horse but none was allotted, since he already had two horses and, furthermore, this area not being a devastated one, only 12 UNRRA horses have been allotted for the entire county. These 12 horses went to peasants who had no livestock.

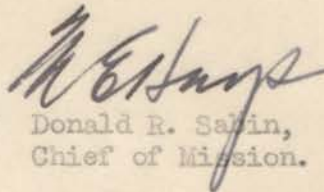
Besides Captain Persowski and his wife, there is a married son employed on the farm, and another man and woman who work part-time. He has another son at college in Poznan, and a daughter at a high school.

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He attempts to help them all he can. He has applied for extra food and clothing to the local authorities but has received none, as the need has been so great in the devastated areas. He receives 182 zlotych per month, in the form of government aid, as a war invalid captain. His eldest daughter also lives with him and teaches at a local school, for which she receives 3,000 zlotych per month. She also has a Class I ration card, which entitles her to purchase food at the controlled prices. She received the last issue of UNRRA food packages.

Although Captain Persowski's circumstances appear rather difficult, by our standards, mainly because of his debts, his family nevertheless have sufficient food to keep going. When considering the fact that there are literally hundreds of thousands of farmers without even a single horse or cow, living under wretched conditions in rural areas devastated by war, we feel that Captain Persowski's situation is relatively favorable in comparison, and that UNRRA assistance should first go to those whose needs are so much greater.

Yours sincerely,

for 
Donald R. Salin,
Chief of Mission.

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2 JAN 1947

Brig. C. M. Drury
Chief of Mission
UNRRA
Hoza 35
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Mr. Drury:

The attached correspondence by the UNRRA Headquarters and Senator Robert A. Taft is forwarded for your information.

You may wish to have a field agent investigate the situation in which Captain Persowski finds himself. This investigation would be for the purpose of assuring yourself that there has been no discrimination in the distribution of supplies in this case.

Copy of our letter to Senator Taft is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks,
Deputy Director General
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

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2 JAN 1947

Senator Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

We have the letter from Captain Thaddeus Persowski and note his desire for tractors and plows for his farm and clothes, bedding, etc. for his family.

In the area in which Captain Persowski is located in western Poland there are more than a million farms to which people have recently moved. These are almost wholly lacking in buildings, equipment, livestock, etc. Into this area a fairly large portion of UNRRA's supplies have gone. While the 8,000 tractors with equipment and 150,000 head of work animals shipped bulk large in comparison to other movements, hundreds of thousands of farmers in this area are still left without individual equipment or livestock of their own. Normally, two or three farms share a single horse or cow and funds will not permit any further expansion of UNRRA help. We will write to our UNRRA personnel in Poland and ask them to investigate the possibility of assistance to Captain Persowski.

It is possible for individuals in this country to procure and ship goods to individuals in Poland if they so desire. Help in this kind of undertaking will be given by Mr. Eugene Wisniewski of the Polish Supply and Reconstruction Mission in North America, 2224 Wyoming Avenue, Washington, D. C.

May we assure you that this matter will receive our earnest consideration. At the same time, we must say that we cannot, as a matter of policy, exert pressure for distribution of UNRRA goods to particular individuals.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks,
Deputy Director General
Chief Executive Officer

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23 MAY 1946

The Honorable
Senator Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

We have your letter of May 10th regarding the desire of Rabbi El Silver to go to Germany. As you know, he talked with our Voluntary Agency Liaison Office, which in turn has contacted our European Regional Office in London outlining Rabbi Silver's interest in this visit. That office is taking the matter up with UNRRA and the Military in Germany and has advised us that they believe the proposal for the visit would be favorably received.

We hope that we may shortly be in a position to make the final arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

F. La Guardia
Director General

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Rabbi Silver has been proposed for work Germany on UNRRA approved VAAD HAHATZALA D.P. Program there. Still awaiting clearance for Germany. No commitments of any kind were made regarding Poland. At request German Mission all Vol-agency personnel wear UNRRA uniforms with addition of own agency insignia. Against regulations volagency personnel to wear UNRRA uniform without agency identification. Silver's Polish trip has no connection with UNRRA according our understanding here as he is going as representative Union Orthodox Rabbis, not VAAD.

Drafted by:
FBlack (Voluntary and International Agency Liaison)
1 July 1946

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