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Mr Taylor

ROUTING SLIP

TO Mr. Philippe de Seynes,
Under-Secretary,
Dept. of Economic & Social Affairs
U.N. Hqs.

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DATE 25.4.57

FROM
Clinton A. Rehling
External Relations Officer

550-8.55-20.000

UNITED NATIONS

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

NATIONS UNIES

OFFICE DU HAUT COMMISSAIRE POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS

Avec les compliments

du

Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies

pour les Réfugiés.

Please file (Refugees) — 6/V K.W.S.

RECORDS CONTROL
So 534/32 Austria
15 MAY 1957

Translation from German

REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

Federal Ministry for the Interior

Agreement on Assistance to Hungarian Refugees in Austria

In the endeavour to provide effective assistance to the refugees from Hungary during their stay in Austrian camps, the following agreement is concluded between the Federal Ministry for the Interior on the one hand, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter referred to as "the High Commissioner") and the League of Red Cross Societies (hereinafter referred to as "the League") on the other hand.

1. For the period from 1 March 1957 to 30 June 1957 the League will assume responsibility, at its own expense and sole charge, for the feeding, (2,400 calories per person per day) clothing and medical care of all refugees who, in connection with events in Hungary since 23 October 1956, have crossed the Austrian frontier and are accommodated in the Austrian camps listed in the Annex to this agreement.

Moreover the League, in the light of necessity, will endeavour to foster the interests, abilities and potentialities of those refugees who will remain in Austria for a longer period, by the planning and execution of various occupational, educational and recreational programmes so far as resources are available. These programmes will be planned and executed in agreement with the competent Austrian authorities.

In principle, the activity of other agencies in the execution of the occupational, educational and recreational programmes is welcome. In view of the need for co-ordination, however, such activity may only be carried out with the consent of the three parties to this agreement.

2. Changes in the list of camps in which the League has assumed or will assume responsibility for feeding, clothing and medical care and for the execution of occupational, educational and recreational programmes, may be made at any time, including changes in the stated capacity, with the consent of the parties to this agreement.

3. Any expenditures incurred by the Federal Ministry of the Interior after 1 March 1957 in the agreed camps for feeding, clothing and medical care within the meaning of this agreement as a result of non-fulfilment of the said agreement shall be refunded to the Republic of Austria by the League.

On the other hand the Republic of Austria undertakes to refund to the League all expenses arising out of the non-fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Republic of Austria under this agreement.

4. In the camps taken over by the League in accordance with Articles 1 and 2, the kitchen installations and other equipment required for the performance of its duties shall, insofar as the competent Austrian authorities have the right to dispose of such installations and equipment, be placed at the disposal of the League free of charge. The League shall restore all such equipment to the competent Austrian authorities in good condition as soon as it terminates its activities within the meaning of this agreement.

This provision does not apply to the camps at Stadl-Paura, Enns and Ebelsberg, which were taken over by the League without kitchen installations.

Existing stocks of food, clothing and medical supplies in the above-mentioned camps at the date of taking over by the League shall, insofar as the competent Austrian authorities have the right to dispose of them, also be handed over to the League free of charge. On termination of its activities the League shall in turn hand over to the competent Austrian authorities all similar existing stocks in the said camps.

5. The League shall establish such services as it considers necessary to carry out its tasks. These services shall be under the sole direction of the League.

The rooms needed by the services of the League to carry out their tasks will be placed at their disposal in the camp precints. So far as possible living quarters will also be provided for these services within the camps.

6. It is understood between the parties to this agreement that all the camps listed are under the competent Austrian administrative authorities and that the activities of all the organisations and services operating in these camps are subject to Austrian law.

7. In an endeavour to promote cordial co-operation between all organisations and services concerned with the care of refugees from Hungary in the camps, the following division of responsibility has been agreed upon:

(a) The League assumes the expense and risks of all the domestic arrangements in the camps connected with its responsibility for feeding and clothing the refugees from Hungary.

(b) The medical care to be provided by the League shall consist exclusively of first aid and the treatment of sick persons not requiring hospitalisation insofar as it can be carried out within the limits of the camp. All other medical care, including treatment by specialists and dentists and the provision of prosthetics of all kinds including spectacles and other remedial aids, falls within the competence of the Austrian authorities concerned, according to the relevant legal regulations.

The medical care provided by the League shall be confined to refugees in camps. It is agreed that sanitary measures concerning the person will be carried out by the camp doctors appointed by the League and their assistants. Other sanitary measures, such as the disinfecting of buildings, the construction and maintenance of adequate washing and toilet installations, are the responsibility of the competent Austrian administrative authorities.

(c) The competent Austrian authorities shall be responsible for all other official and administrative matters, and in particular for the following:

Police duties connected with the refugees and camp management including the counting and registration of the refugees, camp guard and all other security duties;

the transport of refugees to and from camps;

the installation and maintenance of the camps; the provision of water, lighting and heating throughout the camp area, including the kitchen, the storerooms, the office and lodgings of the Red Cross personnel as well as all rooms required for the execution of the "occupational, educational and recreational programmes", and also the recruitment of voluntary workers from among the Hungarian refugees in the camps.

8. The High Commissioner shall have the right to inspect the camps under the care of the League and to check the use of the funds contributed by him.

9. The parties to this agreement agree to settle among themselves all problems arising out of the agreement and other eventualities not provided for in the agreement.

The Federal Minister for the Interior:	For the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:	For the League of Red Cross Societies:
Dr. Oskar Helmer	A. R. Lindt	illegible R.T.Schaeffer
28 February 1957	28 February 1957	28 February 1957

ANNEX

Camps maintained by the League of Red Cross Societies

Burgenland:	Kaisersteinbruch I	2.500		(to be given up by 1.4.1957)
	Kaisersteinbruch II	1.500		
	Eisenstadt	500	4.500	
Carinthia:	Karawankenhof	550		
	Annabichl	500		
	St. Martin	650		
	Feffernitz	800	2.500	
Lower Austria:	Judenau	800		
	Spratzern	2.300		
	Traiskirchen	3.500		
	Wr. Neustadt I	700		
	Wr. Neustadt II	1.000		
	Korneuburg	700		
	Hyrtl'sches Waisenhaus	1.000		
	Klosterneuburg	1.500		
	Stockerau	1.800		
	Wöllersdorf	1.000		
	Schloss Liechtenstein	500		
	Bad Neuhaus	500	15.300	
Upper Austria:	Bad Kreutzen	1.000		
	Ried i.I.	2.500		
	Wels-Fliegerhorst	1.000		
	Steyr	1.150		
	Enns and Ebelsberg	1.000		
	Stadl-Paura	1.000		
	Haid, Niedernhart and Jägermayer	2.100	9,750	
Salzburg	Siezenheim		4.500	
Tyrol	Wörgl A and B	700		
	Speckbacherkaserne Hall	800		
	Imst	750	2.250	
Vienna	Kaiser-Ebersdorf	1,500		
	Rothschildspital	1.000		
	Brigittaspital	500	3.000	
			41.800	

Extension programme

			41.800	
Lower Austria:	Altkettenhof bei Schwechat	1.000		by 15.2.1957
	Hirtenberg	1.200	2.200	" 1.3. "
Styria?	Kapfenberg I/III	800		" 1.3. "
	Kapfenberg II	600		" " "
	Eisenerz	500		" " "
	Judenburg	500		" 15.3. "
	Tfefaisch	600	3.000	" " "
Vienna:	Albrechtskaserne	2.000		" 1.4. "
	Kagraner Kaserne	3.500		" 1.5. "
		5.500		
	Less camp Kaisersteinbruch I to be given up by 1.4.1957	2.500	3.000	
			50.000	

DRAFTER Weissmann

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5 - JUN 1957

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ERNEST WEISSMANN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENT UNATIONS NY 7 - MAY 1957

HCR387 FURTHER OUR TELEX CONVERSATION OF LAST NIGHT STOP

HIGH COMMISSIONER WELCOMES YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO ASSIST US ON DATES

YOU SUGGEST STOP HOPING SEE YOU GENEVA ABOUT 20 MAY AND THAT

YOU CAN PROCEED VIENNA SOON THEREAFTER STOP WE WILL ATTEND TO

P2/10

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT

READ

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

E.W.

O.K. — prepare note from me to be signed on this with copy to Coates. JH

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GVA MR WEISSMAN HAS NOW ARRIVED

.....

MISS HENDERSON SUGGESTED CORNWELL WHO WORKED IN AUSTRIA WITH THE DISPLACED PERSONS PROGRAM DURING UNRA OPERATIONS THERE SINCE THEN CORNWELL WAS UN HOUSING EXPERT IN EQUADOR AND JAMAICA HE IS NOW UN TAB RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBIA STOP MR CORNWELL WILL BE PASSING THROUGH NEW YORK NEXT WEEK AND WE COULD THEN ASSERTAIN HIS AVAILABILITY STOP MR DOXIADES WILL ALSO BE IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK AND WE WXX COULD THEN ASCERTAIN HIS AVAILABILITY STOP A FURTHER POSSIBILITY IS MR ROBERT FITZAURICE HOUSING EXPERT AND COUXXX CONSULTING ENGEENXX ENGENEER NOW LOCATED IN CYPRUS STOP HE HAS BEEN CONSULTING FOR THE U.N. ON MANY OCCASIONS STOP HIS NATIONALITY IS UK HE WAS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ECE HOUSING COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS STOP HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH AUSTRIAN HOUSING STOP WOULD ALSO SUGGEST YOU CONSULT ECE ABOUT AVAILABILITY MR HONNEGER GENEVA WHO IS EXCELLENT HOUSING EXPERT STOP

WITH RESPECT TO MY AVAILABILITY FIRM COMMITTMENTS ELSEWHERE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO UNDERTAKE A SIX MONTHS ASSIGNMENT STOP IF I UNDERSTAND WELL POSITION THERE EXISTS A PROBLEM OF DEFINING A GENERAL POLICY AND OF ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR THIS PROGRAM IN NEGOTIATION WITH THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS CONCERNED STOP A FURTHER PROBLEM IS IN MY OPINION SETTING UP AN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION INCLUDING SELECTION OF REQUIRED PERSONNEL TO UNDERTAKE THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM STOP I WOULD THINK THAT THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED IN A MUCH SHORTER TIME SAY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS STOP IF THIS IS CORRECT I COULD BE AVAILABLE AS MISS HENDERSON ALREADY STATED STOP I COULD ALSO MAKE A RETURN VISIT AT SOME LATER STAGE OF THE PROGRAM

- OVER -

I HOPE TO BE ABLE LEAVE NEW YORK IN BETWEEN TWO TO THREE WEEKS IF YOU CONSIDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT USEFUL

- OVER -

I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO STAY UNTIL THE END OF ~~JULY~~ JUNE AND HELP YOU IN THE MEANTIME TO FIND A CONSULTANT FOR THE SIX MONTHS REQUIRED

- OVER -

THANK YOU GOOD BYE..

UNITED
1957 MAY -
TELEGR

R READ IS HERE NOW FOR WEISSMANN.

YOU KNOW OF MR LINDT ,S CONVERSATION WITH JULIA HENDERSON ON FRIDAY LAST . MISS HENDERSON SAID THAT SHE MIGHT OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR US FOR A CONSULTANT WHO COULD DIRECT OUR HOUSING PROGRAM IN AUSTRIA FOR SIX MONTHS. HAVE YOU SUCH SUGGESTION ?
-OVER-

YOU ARE OF COURSE THE MAN WE REALLY WANT. HOWEVER, THE PROGRAMME AND THE ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS THE POLICY IS SOMEWH X X X X IS FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD THAN YOU ASSUME. THE PL POLICY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS BY YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BY OUR STAFF ALREADY IN VIENNA . IT IS ALSO TRUE HOWEVER THAT IT IS A BIG PROGRAMME INVOLVING NEARLY 4000 HOUSES AND A TOTAL COST (INCLUDING AUSTRIAN SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS) OF SOME 15 MILLION DOLLARS . YOUR SUGGESTION HOWEVER, THAT YOU MIGHT AVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS TO START WITH , AND THEN FOR A RETURN STRETCH, IS HEARTENING. I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH THE HICOM AND THE STAFF. IN THE MEANTIME, COULD YOU LET ME HAVE NOW SOME SUGGESTED DATES THE SOONER THE BETTER OF COURSE.
-OVER-

THIS IS A GOOD THOUGHT TO START WITH . IN THE MEANTIME/
IF YOU WERE ABLE TO COME ABOUT MAY 20TH HOW LONG COULD YOU STAY. YOU KNOW THE TEMPO IN VIENNA IS NOT QUITE THAT OF NEW YORK.
-OVER-

I WILL TALK THIS OVER HERE AND SEND YOU A CABLE TOMORROW. THANKS EVER SO MUCH. THAT IS ALL , GOOD NIGHT.

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MAY 5 PM 1:27
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IS YR PARTY READY FOR TELECONF NW ?

MR ANDERSON

HR MR READ INQUIRING

UN NY DE UN GVA

DID U GET MY NOTE

OK

OK ALSO MR READ ON HIS WAY TO OUR OFFICE

HERE THE START OF THE CONF FOR HER

V

HERE MESSAGE FOR MISS HENDERSON IN NYK FROM DR.A.R.
LINDT

1. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CONSULTANT WHO CAN HELP OUR AUSTRIAN BRANCH OFFICE IN THE HOUSING PROGRAMMME IN AUSTRIA.

2. OUR HOUSING PROGRAMME IN AUSTRIA IS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND WE ARE ON THE POINT OF SUBMITTING TO THE UNEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGESS LIKELY TO REMAIN IN AUSTRIA, THE VALUE OF WHICH WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF 3,000,000 DOLLARS.

3.
WE HOPE TO FIND SOMEBODY WHO IS CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING THE NECESSARY MEGOTIATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS LANDER AUTHORITIES AND WHO IS ALSO CAPABLE OF DRAWING UP THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES AND SUPER VISING THE BEGINNING OF THE CONSTRUCTION. IN ADDITION WE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME WITHIN THE NORMAL UNREF PRO GRAMME IN AUSTRIA AND EXPERT ADVICE WOULD ALSO, IN THIS CON- NECTION , BE MOST USEFUL.

US E ERNIE GRIGG. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU NOW ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR SECONDING WEITZMAN TO US FOR SIX MONTHS
BUT WITH US PAYING THIS TIME
OVER

- I LIKE VERY MUCH YOUR FIRST SENTENCE STOP THE TROUBLE IS THAT
WE SHOULD NEED THE CONSULTANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT
THE PERIOD SHOULD BE LESS ///// SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN A MONTH
//// LESS THAN SIX MONTHS . WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT ?
OVER.

- ECE SUGGESTED EXACTLY YOUR MAN . DAVID OWEN SUGGESTED CORNWALL
IN COLOMBIA DO YOU KNOW HIM ?
OVER.

BKBKBKBKK
PSE START AGN
LINE OCERLINED
IN LEBANON . ETC...

- I CERTAINLY WILL BUT IN THE MEANTIME I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO
REMARKS . THE HOUSING IN AUSTRIA IS RATHER OF A PERMANENT NATURE
AS THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACCEPT REAL EMERGENCY BUILDINGS . ON
THE OTHER HAND OUT MAN MUST HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN AS
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THIS LANGUAGE.
OVER...

BKBKBK

PSE SATART AGN OCERLINED
- FROM OWEN I LEARNED THAT CORNWALL SPEAK SOME SORT OF GERMAN
OVER.

PSE RPT LAST WORK AFTER CONTACT HERE DOXBWDES

- THANK YOU FOR THE VERU/// VERY USEFUL CONVERSATION . CAN WE
CONTINUE MONDAY AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME ?
OVER.

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MAY 3 PM 2:19
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GOOD BYE ...
- MAKE IT SIX OCKLOCK MONDAY OUT TIME LET SAY 1700Z

MISS HENDERSON NOT JEXXX HERE YET WILL PHONE AND ADVISE MIN PLS

MISS HENDERSON ON WAY DOWN

H

FOR MR LINDT

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I HOPE WE CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS PROBLEM . WEITZMAN IS RETURNING TODAY FROM A MISSION TO PORTORICO AND WILL BE REQUIRED IN NEWYORK FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS UNTIL OUR DISCUSSIONS ON HIS FIELD ARE COMPLETED IN THE SOCIAL COMMISSION . I KNOW THAT WE ARE COMITTED TO SEND HIM TO ICELAND TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT IN JULY THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE A ONE MONTH MISSION I FORSEE THEREFORE THAT AN EARLY SECONDMENT TO YOU FOR A SIX MONTHS PERIOD IS NOT POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL LET ME KNOW THE LATEST DATE ON WHICH YOU MUST HAVE YOUR CONSULTANT FOR AUSTRIA AND THE SHORTEST PERIOD FOR WHICH SUCH A LOAN WOULD BE USEFUL I WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AND LET YOU KNOW ON MONDAY.

OVER =

DO YOU HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FROM ECE ?

OVER =

YES WE BELIEVE CORNWALL IS AN EXCELLENT MAN BOTH FROM A TECHNICAL POITXXXX POINT OF VIEW AND ALSO AS A NEGOTIATOR AT MXM HIGH GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS IF YOU WILL GIVE ME UNTIL MONDAY HOWEVER WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A SUITABLE CANDIDATE WHO IS MORE FAMILIAR WITH EUROPEAN PROBLEMS AND WITH EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAMMES . SO FAR AS I KNOW CONRWAXXX CORNWALL HAS NOT DEALT SPECIFICALLY WITH EMERGENCY HOUSING PROJECTS. WE HAVE A XXX AN OFFICER IN LEBANON WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN DEALING WITH EMERGENCY HOIWUXXX WHXXX HOUWING XXX HOUSING PROBMEXX PROBLEMS AFTER THE EATXXX EMERGENCYXXX ATXX AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN EL SALVADOR AND AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN LEBANON . HE (WILSON GARCES) IS HOWEVER JUNIOR TO CONXXX CORNWALL AND WOULD NOT BE AS EXPERIENCED

IN LEBANONM

IN LEBANON. HE (WILSON GARCES) IS HOWEVER JUNIOR TO CORNWALL AND WOULD NOT BE AS EXPERIENCED AS CORNWALL IN GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS . WOULD YOU WAIT UNTIL MONDAY FOR FURTHER WORD FROM ME .

BOTH CORNWALL AND GARCES

THAT IS USEFUL INFORMATION WE MAY ALSO CONTACT DOXIADES

WHO HAS DONE MUCH HOUSING CONSULTINGXXX CONSULTING FOR US

THAT IS SUEFUL INFORMATION WE MAY ALSO CONTACT DOXIADES

WHO HAS DONE MUCH HOUSING CONSULTING FOR US AND IS HEAD OF

A BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH FIRM IN ATHENS •

HE IS VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL AT MIT

IN BOSTON THIS YEAR HE MAY HAVE USFXXX USEFUL SUGGESTIONS •

OVER =

I WILL BE IN THE SOCIAL COMMISSION BUT WILL ASK WEITZMAN TO

BE HERE FOR CONTINUATION OF THIS NEGOTIATION THANK YOU

GOODBYE

UNITED NATIONS
MAY -3 PM 2.19
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XXX OK CONFIRMED 1700Z MONDAY

END OF CONFERENCE

I SUSPECT THAT THE QUALIFICATION ON GERMAN MAY ELIMINATE
BOTH CORNWALL AND GARCES
THAT IS USEFUL INFORMATION WE MAY ALSO CONTACT DOXIADES
WHO HAS DONE MUCH HOUSING CONSULTINGXXX CONSULTING FOR US

THAT IS SUEFUL INFORMATION WE MAY ALSO CONTACT DOXIADES
WHO HAS DONE MUCH HOUSING CONSULTING FOR US AND IS HEAD OF
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OVER =

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BE HERE FOR CONTINUATION OF THIS NEGOTIATION THANK YOU
GOODBYE

UNITED NATIONS
MAY -3 PM 2:19
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EXBX OK CONFIRMED 1700Z MONDAY
END OF CONFERENCE

VIA POUCH

Mr. Martin Hill,
Deputy Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs, GENEVA

1 May 7

K. W. Taylor

RECORDS CONTROL
So 534/32 Austria
15 MAY 1957

Importation of dangerous drugs into Austria

1. I enclose the following:

a. a copy of a memorandum to you from Mr. Atzenwiler dated 17 April;

b. a draft letter to Mr. Atzenwiler for your approval and signature;

c. a copy of a memorandum to you from Miss Aline Cohn, dated 19 April; and

d. a copy of a memorandum I have sent to Miss Cohn.

2. As you will see from the above, I saw Dr. Haromy of the Austrian Mission yesterday afternoon and showed him the correspondence from Mr. Atzenwiler and Miss Cohn. Dr. Haromy was impressed with the fact that the action taken by the High Commissioner and Mr. Atzenwiler was even more formal than he had previously expected. He said that an official letter to the Mission, confirming that this action had been taken, would not be required.

cc: Mr. de Seynes

CONTROL
SO 534/32 Austria
1 - MAY 1957

Miss Aline Cohn,
Representative, UNHCR

30 April 7

K.W. Taylor 2226

Importation of dangerous drugs into Austria

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 19 April concerning the action taken by the High Commissioner, in conjunction with Mr. Atzenwiler, Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board, ... relating to the Austrian complaint. I attach for your information a copy of a memorandum dated 17 April from Mr. Atzenwiler to Mr. Hill.

2. I met this afternoon with Dr. Haromy of the Austrian Mission to inform him of the steps that have been taken, and I am happy to inform you that he expressed satisfaction with this action.

cc: Mr de Seynes

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865 MARTIN HILL YOUR 890 ONE PORTUGUESE CONSULGENERAL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY FROM LISBON TO HIS LETTER CONCERNING YOUR PROJECTED TRIP BUT ASSUMES THAT YOU WILL BE MET AT LISBON AIRPORT STOP SHOULD YOU NOT BE MET HE SUGGESTS YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH FRAGOSO HEAD OF =

P2/24 =

UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AT FOREIGN OFFICE STOP TWO TAYLOR IS SHOWING ATZENWILERS LETTER TO AUSTRIAN DELEGATION AND WILL INFORM YOU FURTHER BY LETTER =

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UNGVA 890 VAKIL ONE PLEASE CABLE RESULTS ANY FURTHER CONTACTS WITH PROTUGUESE DELEGATION INCLUDING NAMES ANY OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED IN LISBON STOP TWO UNDERSTAND LETTER CONCERNING CONSULTATION WITH NGOS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO ME BY ATZENWILER STOP AT YOUR DISCRETION CONTENTS THIS LETTER MIGHT BE COMMUNICATED TO AUSTRIAN DELEGATION

HILL

29 APR 1957

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REFERRAL SHEET

CONTROL

15 MAY 1957

TO: Mr. Philippe de Seynes

FILE REF. SO 534/32

FROM: K. W. Taylor K.W.T.

SUBJECT: Action taken on Austrian complaint concerning importation of dangerous drugs with supplies for refugees in Austria.

DATE: 23 April 1957

1. The attached memorandum of 19 April from Miss Aline Cohn indicates the action taken by the High Commissioner at Mr. Hill's request.

2. Another memorandum dated 17 April, attached, from Mr. Atzenweiler, Secretary of the Permanent Central Opinium Board, indicates the action taken by him.

3. The original Austrian complaint dated 21 March and Mr. Hill's letter dated 9 April may also be found in the attached file.

4. You may wish to inform the Austrian Delegation (ambassador Matsch is away) (or should I?) of the action taken with regard to their complaint. It seems that this action was even more formal than that which Mr. Hill had offered to arrange and of which he informed Ambassador Matsch in his letter of 9 April.

5. I feel that a further formal letter to the Austrians is unnecessary, unless the Delegation should request it.

~~Mr Walrov.~~

6. I showed the correspondence to Mr. Baroony of the Austrian Mission, who expressed satisfaction with the action taken, and said that no further letter from the S/G. was reqd.

29/V K.W.T.

PLEASE RETURN TO SENDER WITH YOUR COMMENTS

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BRANCH OFFICE FOR THE UNITED STATES
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

DELEGATION POUR LES ETATS UNIS
HAUT COMMISSARIAT POUR LES REFUGIES

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

RECORDS CONTROL
So 534/32
15 MAY 1957

TO: Mr. Martin Hill
Deputy Under-Secretary, ESA

FROM: Aline Cohn
Representative, UNHCR

SUBJECT: Importation of dangerous drugs into Austria 19 April 1957

I have just been informed by my Geneva Headquarters that pursuant to the cabled correspondence between yourself and Geneva, the High Commissioner has met with the voluntary agencies concerning the Austrian charges.

You recall that the High Commissioner agreed that our Office would inform the voluntary agencies concerning the regulations in respect of the importation and international control of dangerous drugs, and bring to their attention the necessity of conforming to the regulations. A meeting was held with the agencies on 16 April, at which copies of Articles 12 and 13 of the Convention of 19 February 1925 were distributed to the agencies.

Mr. L. Atzenweiler also spoke to the group and elaborated on the Convention. In addition, copies of the Annex to the statistical forms prepared by the Permanent Central Opium Board which list the narcotic drugs falling under the international conventions, were distributed.

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To : Mr. Martin Hill,
Deputy Under-Secretary, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Headquarters, New York

From : L. Atzenwiler,
Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board

Subject : Complaint by the Austrian Government regarding the shipment of narcotic drugs to Austria by Refugee Relief Agencies

Reference: Your cables to Mr. G.E. Yates and to the High Commissioner for Refugees

Geneva, 17 April 1957

I should like to inform you that it was agreed between the High Commissioner, Mr. Yates and myself that I should address a meeting of Refugee Relief Agencies representatives on the above-mentioned subject. This meeting took place on 16 April, in the Palais des Nations, and was attended by some forty representatives of these agencies.

The question was introduced by Mr. W.A. Pinegar, of the Office of the HCR, who stated the complaint addressed by the Austrian Government to the Secretary-General. In my turn, I explained (a) that the possession, handling and export of narcotic drugs were governed by certain rules and restrictions, national and international, of which I gave a summary; (b) that failure to abide by these rules constituted both an offence under national laws and a breach of international Conventions, and might therefore result in the drugs being seized as merchandise moving in illicit traffic; and (c) that, as pointed out by the Austrian Government, in the rare cases where medical treatment of refugees justified the use of narcotic drugs, the substances necessary could easily be obtained on the spot and through the proper channels. I also recalled that soon after the last war, certain quantities of narcotic drugs supplied by relief agencies for use in camps for displaced persons and other similar establishments eventually found their way into the illicit traffic. I concluded by inviting the representatives to request their respective organizations to refrain in the future from including narcotic drugs in relief shipments.

The Office of the HCR had reproduced in mimeograph form Articles 12 and 13 of the International Convention of 19 February 1925 on narcotic drugs, and these texts were distributed to the representatives together with a comprehensive list of all narcotic drugs at present subject to international control under the Conventions of 1925 and 1931 and the Protocol of 1948.

I hope that what was done at this meeting may induce the offending agencies to put an end to a practice which, very justifiably, the Austrian Government deprecates.

L.A.

Copy to : The High Commissioner for Refugees
Mr. G.E. Yates

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9 April 1957

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 686-A/57 of 21 March 1957 addressed to the Secretary-General, in which you state that "some of the relief-shipments which are sent to relief organizations in Austria from various agencies abroad for assistance to Hungarian refugees, from time to time contain narcotic drugs for which neither an Austrian import license, nor an export license of the competent authority abroad has been issued."

Following informal consultations with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, in your absence, with Dr. Haromy and Dr. Wolte of your Mission, I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary-General is requesting the High Commissioner to remind the voluntary agencies working for refugees of the relevant general provisions of the International Convention Relating to Dangerous Drugs of 19 February 1925.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Martin Hill
Deputy Under-Secretary
for Economic and Social
Affairs

His Excellency
Dr. Franz Matsch
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
3a East 69th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

K. W. Taylor

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TO: Mr. Martin Hill

Date: 1 April 1957

FILE NO.:

FROM: K. W. Taylor K.W.T.

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION:

SUBJECT: Austrian letter of 21 March 1957.

1. Mr. Yates has replied to your cable No. 545 which requested him and Lindt to consult and advise. Mr. Yates' reply No. 578 to our 545 is attached.

2. The reply suggests two alternatives:

(a) To ask the Austrian Delegation to name the organizations and agencies which have contravened the rules contained in the Narcotics Convention, and on the basis of this information, the Secretary-General would remind the organizations concerned of their "obligations";

(b) The High Commissioner would be willing to remind the collaborating agencies of the relevant general provisions, without in any way connecting that reminder with the present problem.

3. I suggest that, before sending a formal reply, you discuss the problem with the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Matsch. It seems that it could have been, and should now be handled on a much less formal basis than he has requested in his letter of 21 March.

4. I suggest that you offer to implement the procedure indicated in alternative (b), i.e. either Lindt or the Secretary-General's representative (Pelt or Palthey) could raise the question with the President of the Standing Conference of Voluntary Agencies working for Refugees, in Geneva, and ask him to remind the agencies working in Austria, or the Conference as a whole, of the appropriate regulations.

5. If necessary, you might try to convince Mr. Matsch, first of the political desirability of limiting the scope of his intervention — that is, not to insist on informing "the Governments of Member States", and secondly, that the more direct and less formal procedure suggested above would probably have speedier and more effective results.

-X- Discussed today with Dr. Hasonay & Wolff, in the absence of Dr. Matsch. They agreed we shd ask Dr. Lindt to remind the relief agencies of the provisions of the Conventions, through the Standing Conference of Geneva. We shd reply to the Austrian Mission that this is being done. If Austria does not [illegible] the Government may ask for other steps to be taken.

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EXPORT OF NARCOTIC DRUGS TO AUSTRIA BE PERMITTED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPORT LICENCE ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY ON BASIS OF AN AUSTRIAN IMPORT CERTIFICATE UNQUOTE STOP KINDLY CONSULT AND ADVISE =

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AUSTRIAN MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
EAST 69TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.
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TO Mr. de Seynes
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☒ - Acknowledged
☐ - No Action Required
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No. 686-A/57

March 21, 1957

& Ref. to Narcotics Liaison Office.

Teleprinter Monday to Lindt and Yates asking them to confer and advise

Sir,

I have the honor to request your assistance in the following matter:

Some of the relief-shipments which are sent to relief organizations in Austria from various agencies abroad for assistance to Hungarian refugees, from time to time contain narcotic drugs for which neither an Austrian import license, nor an export license of the competent authority abroad has been issued.

Since medical care for Hungarian refugees merely in few cases requires the use of narcotic drugs, such medicines are needed to a very limited degree only. The quantities that are needed can easily be supplied in Austria. It is not desirable to have narcotic drugs shipped to Austria, even though done with the best of intentions for relief purposes, without an Austrian import license and without an attached list of the narcotic drugs contained in the shipment, in accordance with the international regulations regarding the export and import of narcotic drugs.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
United Nations
New York, N. Y.

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If these provisions are not being complied with, the drugs - apart from the fact that they escape control by the competent Austrian authorities - could get into the hands of unauthorized persons, especially in cases where such medicines have been sent together with other goods like food or clothing.

In view of this situation I have the honor to request you, Sir, to inform the Governments of Member-States to see to it, that, in accordance with the provisions of article 13, par. 1 and 2 of the convention of Geneva of 19 February 1925, the export of narcotic drugs to Austria be permitted only if accompanied by an export license issued by the competent authority of the exporting country on the basis of an Austrian import certificate.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

F. Matsch

F. Matsch
Ambassador

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THE OVERLAND CORPORATION

TOLEDO 4, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 2, 1957

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11 JAN 1957
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Mr. Myer Cohen
Executive Director for
Relief to the Hungarian People
United Nations
New York City

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I appreciate your letter of December 27 acknowledging my letter to the Secretary General and I need not assure you of my very great continued interest in the activity of our country in this tremendously important task.

Sincerely yours,

Ward M. Canaday

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SO 534/32 27 December 1956

Dear Mr. Canaday,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 17 addressed to the Secretary-General, enclosing a copy of a letter you have received from Vienna concerning Hungarian refugees.

Your interest in bringing this matter to our attention is very much appreciated as well as the efforts you are making to send blankets and other help in support of the programme of aid for the Hungarian refugees.

I am bringing your letter to the attention of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Sincerely yours,

Myer Cohen
Executive Director for
Relief to the Hungarian People

Mr. Ward M. Canaday
The Overland Corporation
Toledo 4, Ohio

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29 November 1956

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 26 November 1956 addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement concerning the recent development with regard to the situation of Hungarian refugees in Austria. The statement has been brought to the attention of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. May I assure you that this development is receiving urgent attention and that the new data contained in the statement is being fully taken into account in preparing further appropriate steps in accordance with resolution A/RES/409.

The Secretary-General and the Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees have today addressed an appeal to governments, a copy of which is attached. In this appeal, they stressed the substantial increase in the number of Hungarian refugees entering Austria, their condition, and the difficulties created for the Austrian authorities as described in your statement.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Relief to the Hungarian People

H.E. Dr. Franz Matsch
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
Austrian Mission to the United Nations
31 East 69th Street
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cc: Mr. Myer Cohen
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(enclosure)

New York, Nov.26th, 1956

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Sir,

With reference to resolution A/RES/409 adopted by the General Assembly on November 21st, 1956 recognizing the urgent need of the Hungarian refugees for care and resettlement, and requesting the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for refugees to continue their efforts, I have the honor to transmit to you enclosed a statement concerning the recent development with regard to the situation of Hungarian refugees in Austria; the statement also contains suggestions regarding measures to facilitate and expedite assistance to those refugees.

I hope that the given data in this statement will be useful to you in preparing further appropriate steps in accordance with resolution A/RES/409.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration,

F. Matsch

F.Matsch
Ambassador

The Secretary-General
of the United Nations
To the attention of Mr.Philippe de Seynes
United Nations
New York, N.Y.