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Exhibit -
Cipher?
Telegrams
received at
Bombay from
Minister Caldwell
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EXHIBIT B

American Legation

Teheran, August 10, 1918
4-p.m.

American Consul
Bombay

Sir,

Please inform Dr. Cook, regarding your cipher telegram of August 8th 4 p.m. that crops are abundant, but nevertheless food stuff is dear. Relapsing fever, typhus and typhoid are epidemic, and medicines, especially quinine, aspirin and neosalvarsan and surgical supplies are of greatest necessity. Present supplies of these goods are almost entirely exhausted. We are expecting to renew relief work in the autumn consisting of quilts, clothing, bedding and food. Passenger automobiles and some trucks, including plenty of accessories, extra tires, tubes, etc., are necessary, but gasoline is unobtainable even at the present prevailing prices.

I have to suggest that the Commission await the arrival of Mr. A. E. Southard, American Consul, at Bagdad for further particulars regarding the needs and conditions of the country.

Please inform me the date of arrival of Professor Judson and the date of leaving Bombay.

Load trucks with supplies, calico for quilts, clothing and material suitable for distribution. Miles of transport from Bagdad to Teheran highly probable. Camping equipment for yourselves enroute required.

Sd) J. L. Caldwell
American Minister.

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Teheran, Persia
August 15, 1918. 5 p.m.

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Please deliver the following message to Dr. J. W. Cook:
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August 12, 1918, 5 p.m.

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August 12, 1918.

Ans

Mrs. Harry Pratt Judson,
1146 - 59th Street, East,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Judson:

The cable from Dr. Judson was sent by him to the State Department at Washington and then forwarded to our office. Our interpretation of the cablegram was that we are to forward all cablegrams to the American Embassy in London, until further notice and that they will be reforwarded to Dr. Judson providing he has left London en route for Egypt.

Your cablegram reading, "Detailed information received through Swift Much pleased All well and lonesome" has been forwarded to Dr. Judson.

Sincerely yours,

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The American Persian Relief Commission
Report to the Director
by the Finance Member

LONDON, August 14, 1918.

REPORT RE PERSIAN AND INDIAN EXCHANGE AND REMITTANCES.

Dear Dr. Judson:-

Upon investigation, I find that the manner in which the Relief Funds of our Committee are at present remitted to Persia is one which --

- (a) may entail considerable delay; and
- (b) has resulted in, and unless changed, will probably continue to result in unsatisfactory rates of exchange.

The present operation is as follows:

Our Committee in New York remits sterling to its London Agent, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, with instructions to remit the equivalent in kran to the Committee's representative in Persia -- say Teheran. The F. L. and T. Co. hands to the main office of the Imperial Bank of Persia in London, a cheque for the sterling amount remitted with similar instructions: The Imperial Bank of Persia cables their branch in Teheran that so and so much sterling has been placed to the credit of such branch on the books of the home office, and directs them to place to the credit of the Committee's representative in Teheran, the equivalent in kran. The Teheran branch then fixes the rate itself and the amount is paid over. The amount yielded is eventually communicated to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company and by them to our Committee in New York.

To above procedure must now be added the necessity which the Imperial Bank of Persia has been placed under, of reporting to the British Government and securing approval for each remittance before it is made. This is due to a recent order of the British Government limiting remittances to Persia to those sanctioned by it. It is this ruling that has lately caused the last two remittances of our Committee, aggregating 42,000 pounds to be held up.

Obviously an arrangement with the British Government is necessary if our remittances are to come through smoothly and at a rate better than that fixed by a bank which enjoys a practical monopoly of the exchange situation.

Upon investigating the kran amount yielded by the last three remittances of our Committee, of which the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company have record, I find them to be as follows:

LONDON, August 14, 1918.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN FOREIGN RELIEF COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Upon investigation, I find that the manner in which the Relief
Fund of our Commission was at present restricted to Paris is one
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(a) any other considerable delay; and
(b) has resulted in, and unless changed, will probably continue
to result in unsatisfactory rates of exchange.

The present operation is as follows:

Our Committee in New York results in the London agent
the "Paris" Loan and Trust Company, with instructions to remit the
fund to the Commission's representative in Paris --
Mr. F. L. and T. C. L. to the main office of the
International Bank of Paris in London, a cheque for the sterling amount
remitted with either instruction: The International Bank of Paris
could then branch in London that no and so much sterling has been
placed to the credit of such branch on the books of the bank office,
and finally then to place to the credit of the Commission's representative
in Paris, the amount in francs. The London branch then
issues the franc itself and the amount is paid over. The amount yielded
is eventually remitted to the "Paris" Loan and Trust Company
and by them to our Committee in New York.

To above procedure must now be added the necessity which the
International Bank of Paris has been placed under, of reporting to the
British Government. This is due to a recent order of the British Government
limiting remittances to Paris to those sanctioned by it. It is this
restriction which has lately caused the last two remittances of our Committee,
each amounting to 2,000 pounds to be held up.

Obviously an arrangement with the British Government is necessary
if our remittances are to come through smoothly and at a rate better
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exchange situation.

Upon investigating the New York amount yielded by the last three
remittances of our Committee, of which the "Paris" Loan and Trust
Company have record, I find them to be as follows:

8/14/18.

<u>1 9 1 8</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Krans</u>	<u>Krans rec'd. to the pound</u>	<u>Cost of Kran in cents</u>
May 23 (\$100,000)	20,989	629,559	About 30	15.88
June 2 "	20,989	587,581	"	17.02
July 15 "	20,989	545,602	"	18.33

The ante-War rate was about 55 krans to the pound (about 8 3/4¢) but as the price of silver has risen since the outbreak of the War from about 27 pence per oz. to about 49 pence, the present lower value of the pound sterling in terms of krans is not as remarkable as the increase of over fifteen per cent. (as above noted) in the cost of the kran, in less than two months time when there have been no variations in the price of silver.

Upon inquiry from the manager of the Imperial Bank of Persia in London I found that their Teheran branch fixes rates by figuring how much bar silver at current prices could be purchased in London for the amount of sterling remitted, how many krans could then be minted from the same in Teheran and from such amount of krans, twenty per cent. is deducted for charges -- such charges to cover the cost of shipment, interest in transit, insurances and coinage, as if the silver were actually to be shipped from London to Teheran. The above is the basic factor in figuring the rate and the Bank accounts for variations in the price of the kran by attributing the same to "demand and supply," but as there is no free kran market in London it would seem that the latter factor is one largely determinable by the Imperial Bank itself.

From the above investigations there appeared two possible courses to correct the situation --

- (a) To have our remittances made to India and to purchase krans there; or
- (b) to arrive at an arrangement with the British Treasury whereby our remittances should be made by them at the rate they obtain from the Imperial Bank of Persia for their own remittances to Persia for military and other purposes.

(a) Remittances via India:

While this course would appear desirable because there is reported to be a free kran market in India and because the deductible charges from the silver equivalent are bound to be less than twenty per cent. on account of the far lesser distance, the method would hardly be practicable because it is just as difficult to secure rupees as it is to secure krans. I am informed by the Treasury here that the only way in which the Imperial Bank secure enough rupees to purchase in India the krans which they sell and of which the largest proportion now goes to the British Government, is because of the allocation to them by the Government, of India Council bills. Furthermore to purchase krans in India we would be in direct competition with the Imperial Bank who, I am told, purchase almost the entire floating supply and undoubtedly know the market very well. The question, therefore, resolves itself into making the Imperial Bank of Persia give us a kran rate in terms of sterling that is on a parity with the kran rate in terms of rupees. When the latter is definitely known it is easy to fix the former, since the rate of sterling to rupees is fixed by the Government

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at one shilling six pence. It is exactly this equalization of rates which I found has not even been accorded by the Imperial Bank to the British Treasury and which they are now taking steps to bring about. This is the case in spite of the fact that the Bank is only able to get kran in India through the aid of the Government and I am informed sells them back to the Government in London at a considerably higher rate.

(b) Arrangement with British Treasury:

Upon inquiry from the proper Treasury officials I am informed that the British Government has also, therefore, become dissatisfied with the kran rate it has received for the sterling it remits to Persia through the Imperial Bank. Only a few days ago the Treasury has demanded from the bank a fixed rate of thirty kran to the pound sterling -- same to be adjusted down, if the Bank could later show cause on the basis of facts or up, in case the Treasury produced facts to warrant same; the essential "facts" being the day to day rate of exchange between the kran and the rupee. The Treasury is now taking steps to have such facts regularly reported and with them as a basis it will then adjust its rates for each remittance, with the Bank. The Treasury has asked me to report to it any facts which I may learn in Persia which bear on this situation. It is evident therefore that the Treasury will in the future secure a kran rate for sterling which will be based on the Indian parity and if we were to be allowed to share in the same it would accomplish exactly the same purpose as if we remitted to India and bought kran there even should we be able to do so. With this in mind I requested that we be allowed to so participate which request was granted. The resulting arrangement is expressed in the letters we have exchanged with the Treasury, copies of which are attached hereto numbered Exhibits "A" and "B".

It was necessary to estimate for the Treasury our kran requirements during the next three months, in order that we might now receive en bloc an authorization for all we needed during that time and save the delay of having each remittance sanctioned. We have estimated the same at a maximum of five million kran (5,000,000). which, at the rate of thirty (30) to the pound, figures about the one hundred and sixty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven (166,667) pounds mentioned in our exchange of letters. The Treasury tells me that the situation after three months will probably not be so bad, so that after that time our requests for further authorization of kran will probably be granted.

The difficulty of obtaining kran in Persia is due first to the large requirements of the British Government for military purposes and, second, to the fact that the usual unfavorable trade balance of Persia does not operate as formerly on account of the interruption of shipping. Practically all the kran that are to be had are for imports from India and as above stated are bought by the Imperial Bank of Persia. I have suggested that, to eliminate once and for all the differential of rate, the India Government permanently commandeer all kran bills in India, fix the price to the Imperial Bank and that the Treasury buy them at the equivalent sterling rate in London less a legitimate commission to the Bank for collection and transfer. The suggestion was favorably received and I am informed that the procedure will shortly be adopted.

Referring to the arrangement effected with the Treasury as described in our exchange letters, the same does not touch the cable delays which must now affect our representatives there and to which we shall also be subject, viz: Our cable to New York for a remittance, N. Y. to London and London to Teheran. This could be obviated by the following arrangement, to which the Treasury has assented:

Our Committee to open a credit for us at the London branch of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company for the full amount of any one kran authorization which we may secure from the Treasury, with instructions to pay over to the British Treasury any amount requested by them upon their presentation of a cable from their Minister in Teheran, Sir Charles Marling, to the effect that we had drawn a given amount of krans, the rate arrangement of course to be the same as above. If such a credit were opened by our Committee the British Treasury would open a credit for us in krans with the Imperial Bank in Teheran against which we could draw, without cabling, any amount we needed up to the authorization. Your letter of August 15th to Mr. Vickrey which I understand accompanies this memorandum, advises this course. If the Committee sees fit to follow it, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company should instruct their Mr. Sayre of the London Branch and he will make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Dudley Ward of the British Treasury. Mr. Ward has stated that if he received word of such action he would be glad to confirm the credit to us by cable. Should the New York Committee approve the procedure, I would advise cable action so that the matter may be arranged by the time we require our first funds in Persia.

RE INDIAN EXCHANGE.

In case it should become necessary for us to purchase supplies in India in any large quantities it would, as before stated, be extremely difficult for our Committee to secure the necessary rupee exchange unless prior arrangements were made with the British Government. The American Government has at its disposal through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York a quantity of rupees but these, according to an arrangement with the British Government, can only be used for import purposes. The India office here controls all rupee offerings in London except scattering amounts at high figures. The rate here has been fixed at one shilling six pence and in New York, I believe, at 35.72¢ (?) Remittances from our committee to India could of course be made either direct from New York or via London, wherever rupee exchange is to be had, and to arrange this matter I called on Mr. Lucas in the financial department of the India office.

I requested that facilities be granted our Committee for the purchase of rupees in case we required them and, as at the Treasury, it was necessary to estimate the amount we would require. The maximum for the next six months was fixed at 30 lacs (or three million rupees -- about a million dollars). Further authorizations can probably be had if necessary later on, the rate of course will be the Government rate. Our request in this matter was confirmed by our letter to the Financial Secretary, copy herewith attached, marked Exhibit "C", and the reply of the Financial Secretary marked Exhibit "D" indicates the consent of the India office to this arrangement. As Mr. Montague, Secretary of State for India, told us in person, the India office is communicating with their representative in New York, Sir Hardman Lever, to determine whether he preferred to have our Committee's possible India remittances taken from the rupees at the disposal of the Federal Reserve Bank in

Referring to the arrangement effected with the Treasury as described in our previous letter, the same does not touch the main delay which must now effect our remittances there and to which we shall also be subject, what our cable to New York for a remittance, N. Y. to London and London to Tehran, this could be avoided by the following arrangement, to which the Treasury has assented:

Our Committee to open a credit for us at the London branch of the Bank of England and to purchase for the full amount of any one year's remittance which we may require from the Treasury, with instructions to pay over to the British Treasury and amount remitted by them upon their presentation of a cable from their Minister in Tehran, the British Minister, to the effect that he has given a given amount of remittance, the rate of exchange of course to be the same as above. If such a credit were opened by our Committee the British Treasury could open a credit for us in kind with the Imperial Bank in Tehran against which we could draw, without cashing, any amount we needed up to the authorized limit. Your letter of August 18th to Mr. Viceroy which I understand has been forwarded to the Treasury, contains this matter. If the Committee is to follow it, the Treasury, I think, will be all right. I should instruct their Mr. Bovey of the London branch and he will make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Bovey head of the British Treasury. Mr. Bovey has stated that if he received word of such action he would be glad to confirm the credit to us by cable. Should the New York Committee approve the procedure, I would advise cable action so that the matter may be reviewed by the time we require our first funds in Persia.

THE INDIAN EXCHANGE.

In case it should become necessary for us to purchase supplies in India in any large quantities it would, as before stated, be extremely difficult for our Committee to secure the necessary funds exchange unless prior arrangements were made with the British Government. The American Government has at its disposal through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York a quantity of rupees but these, according to an arrangement with the British Government, can only be used for import purposes. The India office here controls all rupees offered in London excepting amounts of high figures. The rate here has been fixed at one shilling six pence and in New York, I believe, at 25.75 (1/4) Indian rupees from our committee to India. Some of course of course would like to have it fixed at 25.00 and on the whole, whatever rupee exchange is in the end, and to arrange this matter I called on Mr. Lucas in the financial department of the India office.

I suggested that facilities be granted our Committee for the purchase of rupees in case we required them and, as of the Treasury, if we necessary to authorize the amount we would require. The maximum for the next six months was fixed at 80 lacs (or three million rupees) about 2,500,000 dollars. Further authorization and possibly be had if necessary later on. The rate of rupee will be the government rate. Our present funds will be sufficient for our balance to the financial department, very heavily attached, under Article 10, and the reply of the financial department was "No" and the consent of the India office to this arrangement. As Mr. W. W. W. Secretary of the India office is in New York, the India office is communicating with their representative in New York, Mr. W. W. W. to determine whether he preferred to have our Committee's possible India remittances taken from the rupees at the disposal of the Federal Reserve Bank in

Report re Persian and Indian Exchange continued. 8/14/18.

New York or be sent via London and that his decision would be communicated to our Committee in New York. I understand that you have cabled this matter to New York, so that should we later request them to remit rupees to us, they would be entirely informed as to the method preferred by the India office.

It is, of course, extremely important that the Government rate should be secured for all India remittances since such Indian exchange as is to be had outside Government channels is at very much higher prices. For example, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company informs me to-day that they have just received orders to remit the equivalent of \$100,000.00 in rupees to our party in India. They stated that they could buy them from a private source at one shilling seven pence and only with great difficulty at that. The fact that we have been able to secure them at one shilling six pence (as per correspondence enclosed) has made a difference of approximately \$6,000.00 on this remittance alone.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Maurice Wortheim.

P. S. Enclosed please find copies of letters addressed to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, London, confirming our verbal instructions to their Mr. Sayre.

(Exhibits E & F)

Report to Persson and Indian Exchange continued. 8/12/13.

New York or to call the London and that his decision would be communicated to our committee in New York. I understand that you have called this matter to New York, so that should we later request them to visit us, they would be entirely informed as to the method suggested by the Indian office.

It is, of course, not easy to get the Government rate should be secured for all Indian transactions since such exchange as is to be had outside Government channels is at very much higher prices. For example, the former, loss and trust Company informs me that they have just received orders to remit the equivalent of \$100,000.00 in rupees to our party in India. They stated that they could buy them from a private source at our selling price and still make a profit of about 10% on the face. The fact that we have been able to secure this at a price of 10% below the rate (as per correspondence enclosed) has made a difference of approximately \$6,000.00 on this transaction alone.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Maurice Wertheim

P. S. Enclosed please find copies of letters addressed to the former, loss and trust Company, London, for their information and for our verbal instruction to their N. Y. office. (Initials P. S.)

COPY

Exhibit "a"

August 14th, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
LONDON.

Sir:

In accordance with the conversation had yesterday by Mr. Maurice Wertheim, Finance member of this Commission and Mr. D. Ward of the Treasury, we understand that we are to have the privilege of your assistance in the matter of remittances for our account to Persia and that the following plan is to be submitted for your approval:-

That upon receipt by you of remittances for our account aggregating not more than One hundred and sixty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven, (£166,667) - spread over a period of three months from date hereof, ore made to you thereafter, you will order placed to our credit by cable transfer, in such branch or branches of the Imperial Bank of Persia as may be designated by our fiscal agent in London - at present the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company - Krans to the equivalent of our remittances at the rate of thirty (30) Krans to the pound sterling: Further, that this rate is subject to adjustment according to the rates that you may receive at approximately the same periods for remittances of the British Government to Persia, and that when said rates shall have been established, we shall enjoy the same and our account will either be credited or debited with such differences as may be involved in remittances theretofore made for us?

If agreeable to you, we shall instruct our fiscal agent in London to pay to you or to receive for us such amounts as said adjustment of rates may from time to time involve, upon receipt of statements from you.

Respecting relief funds to be remitted to us after said sums of One hundred and sixty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven (£166,667) is exhausted, but not before November 14th, 1918, it would be our intention to request of you through the Foreign Office, further authorizations of remittances as conditions in Persia may demand.

We shall highly appreciate your favorable action in this matter, which we assure you will greatly facilitate our mission. We remain

Very respectfully yours,

AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

H.P.J.

DIRECTOR

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Exhibit "A"

August 1918, 1918

Secretary of the Treasury
WASHINGTON

Sir:

In accordance with the communication received yesterday by Mr. Maurice Boreau, Finance Minister of this Government, and Mr. E. B. Hale of the Treasury, we understand that you have the privilege of your assistance in the matter of the expenses for the account of France and that the following plan is to be submitted for your approval:-

That upon receipt of your assistance for the account of France, not more than one hundred and fifty francs (150 francs) be submitted and sixty francs (60 francs) be submitted from the date of the receipt of your assistance, you will order placed to the credit of the account of France in each branch or branch of the Imperial Bank of France as may be designated by the financial agent in London - as present the account of France is shown - known to the equivalent of our own franc - known at the rate of thirty (30) francs to the pound sterling. Further, that this rate is subject to adjustment according to the rates that you may receive at approximately the same periods for remittance of the French Government to France, and that when said rates shall have been established, we shall enjoy the same and our account will either be credited or debited with such difference as may be involved in remittance therefrom made for us.

It appears to you, we shall instruct our local agent in London to pay to you or to receive for us such amount as will adjustment of rates may be made to the above, from the date of receipt of your assistance.

Respecting the limit of the amount to be remitted to us for this sum of one hundred and fifty francs (150 francs) and sixty francs (60 francs) is explained, but not before November 1918, it would be our intention to request of you in order for foreign office, further explanations of remittance as credit in its terms may demand.

We shall gladly appreciate your favorable action in this matter, which we assure you will greatly facilitate our relations, we remain

Very respectfully yours,

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKING COMPANY

E. F. A.

NEW YORK

EXHIBIT "C".

14th Aug. 1918.

To
Financial Secretary,
India Office
Whitehall, S.W.I.

Sir,

We wish to confirm herewith the request made today by Mr. Maurice Wertheim, Finance Member of this Commission, to Mr. Lucas of the India Office, that we may be afforded facilities of having rupees remitted to us in case it should become necessary for us to purchase any supplies in India for the relief of famine conditions in Persia.

This Commission is about to proceed to Persia with the object of relieving the distress that exists there. Should we upon arrival in Persia find that we can purchase in that country all necessary supplies, we will manifestly not need Indian exchange; should we, on the other hand, find that some importations from India are required it will be necessary for us to have rupees available.

Our funds are remitted to us by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, C.V. Vickery, Secretary, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City. Our fiscal agent in London is at present the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, 26, Old Broad Street, E.C. 2. The amount we shall require will naturally depend upon conditions in Persia and the extent to which we will be able to take care locally of the needs of that country, but it is possible that we may require, during the next six months, thirty (30) lacs.

May we request you to facilitate for our Committee in New York the remittance to us of rupees to this extent in case we should call upon them to make the same. Would you also be good enough to advise them whether they should make the remittance from New York direct or through London, and in view of the fact that these funds will be spent for charitable purposes, and represent voluntary contributions of the American people we hope it may be possible to secure the Government rate.

We shall highly appreciate your favourable action in this matter, which we assure you will greatly facilitate our Mission.

We remain, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

(signed) H.P.T.
Director.

EXHIBIT "C"

1918 Aug. 1918

Financial Secretary,
India Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

We wish to confirm herewith the request made today by Mr. Justice Verma, Finance Member of this Commission, to Mr. Innes of the India Office, that we may be allowed facilities of having access to us in case it should become necessary for us to purchase any supplies in India for the relief of famine conditions in Persia.

This Commission is about to proceed to Persia with the object of relieving the distress that exists there. Should we upon arrival in Persia find that we can purchase in that country all necessary supplies, we will manifestly not need Indian exchange; should we, on the other hand, find that some importations from India are required it will be necessary for us to have rupees available.

Our funds are remitted to us by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, C.V. Victory, Secretary, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City. Our fiscal agent in London is at present the Bankers' Loan and Trust Company, 22, Old Broad Street, E.C. 2. The amount we shall require will naturally depend upon conditions in Persia and the extent to which we will be able to take care locally of the needs of that country, but it is possible that we may require during the next six months, thirty (30) tons.

May we request you to facilitate for our Committee in New York the remittance to us of rupees to this extent in case we should call upon them to make the same? You also to good wishes to our relief work in Persia, and in view of the fact that these funds will be spent for charitable purposes, and represent voluntary contributions of the American people we hope it may be possible to arrange the Government to make.

We shall highly appreciate your favorable action in this matter, which we assure you will greatly facilitate our mission.

Very respectfully,
Yours,
W. Wilson.

AMERICAN RELIEF COMMISSION

(Signed) W. F. E.
Director

C O P Y

Exhibit C (2)

14th August, 1918.

To
Financial Secretary,
India Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

In further reference to the request contained in our letter of even date, our fiscal agent in London, the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, have just advised us that they are in receipt of a cable from the Committee in New York, requesting them to remit the credit of one of the members of this Commission, in Bombay, the rupee equivalent of about £20,000.

These rupees are to pay for seeds which it has been found necessary to purchase in India and which will be taken to Persia by the member of this Commission to whom the money is being remitted. He is travelling in a group of ten members of the Commission and expects to meet in Bagdad, shortly, the Director and the other members of the Commission now in London.

It would greatly facilitate matters, if you could see your way clear to place at the disposal of our fiscal agent for such remittance, approximately three (3) lacs, against payment of sterling here, said three lacs, of course to be a part of the thirty (30) requested in our letter of even date.

If it is possible for us to be advised of your decision in this matter by Saturday forenoon, we can advise our fiscal agent before our departure, Saturday, at 12m. If not, may we request you to advise them direct.

Thanking you for your kind attention to the above,

We are,

Very respectfully yours,

The American Persian Relief Commission

By (Signed) H.P.J.
Director.

Exhibit 2 (2)

12th August, 1918.

To
Financial Secretary,
India Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

In further reference to the request contained in our letter of even date, our Fiscal agent in London, the Messrs. John & Frost Company, have just advised us that they are in receipt of a cable from the Committee in New York, requesting them to remit the credit of one of the members of this Commission, in Bombay, the rupee equivalent of about £20,000.

These rupees are to be paid to the Committee in New York, and will be used by the member of this Commission to whom the money is being remitted. It is travelling in a group of ten members of the Commission and expects to meet in Baghdad, shortly. The Director and the other members of the Commission are in London.

It would greatly facilitate matters, if you could see your way clear to place at the disposal of our Fiscal agent for such remittance, approximately three (3) lacs, against payment of sterling here, said three lacs, of course to be a part of the thirty (30) lacs requested in our letter of even date.

It is possible for us to be advised of your decision in this matter by Saturday forenoon, we can advise our Fiscal agent before our departure, Saturday, at 12.15. If not, may we request you to advise them direct.

Thanking you for your kind attention to the above,

We are,

Very respectfully yours,

The American Persian Relief Commission

By (Signed) R.P.L.
Director.

EXHIBIT "B".

TREASURY CHAMBERS

15 August, 1918.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 14th instant relative to arrangements proposed for facilitating the remittance of funds to Persia on account of the American-Persian Relief Commission.

In reply I am to inform you that My Lords concur in the arrangements proposed in the letter under reply, namely, that upon receipt of remittances, spread over a period of at least three months dating from the 14th instant, of sums up to a total maximum of 166,667 pounds, They will cause instructions to be given for the equivalent in krans, at a rate of 30 krans to the pound, to be placed at your disposal in Persia at such branch or branches of the Imperial Bank of Persia as may be designated by your agents in London, and further that the above rate of 30 krans to the pound shall be subject to adjustment according to the actual rates at which remittances have been made during the same period on account of His Majesty's Government, your agents in London paying or receiving such sums as are involved by these adjustments on receipt of statements from Their Lordships.

With regard to further remittances, after the exhaustion of the above 166,667 pounds, My Lords will await a further communication from you through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) Robert Chalmers.

H.P. Judson, Esq.
Claridge's Hotel
Brook Street, W.I.

TREASURY CHAMBERS
15 August, 1918.

Sir,

I have this day received the letter of the Joint Commission of His Majesty's Treasury and the Joint Commission of the House of Commons relative to arrangements proposed for facilitating the remittance of funds to Paris on account of the American-Foreign Relief Commission.

In reply I am to inform you that the Joint Commission in the arrangements proposed in the letter under reference, namely, that upon receipt of remittances, spread over a period of at least three months dating from the 1st instant, of sums up to a total maximum of 100,000 pounds, they will cause instructions to be given for the remittance in francs, at a rate of 50 francs to the pound, to be placed at your disposal in Paris at such branch or branches of the Imperial Bank of France as may be designated by your agents in London, and further that the above rate of 50 francs to the pound shall be subject to adjustment according to the actual rates of exchange which may obtain during the same period on account of His Majesty's Government, your agents in London paying or receiving such sums as are involved by these adjustments on receipt of statements from their foreign offices.

With regard to further remittances, after the expiration of the above 100,000 pounds, the Joint Commission will be in a position to consider any further remittance from you through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Yours obedient servant,
(Signed) Robert Selous

H. Selous, Esq.,
Director of the
French Relief Committee,
15, Rue de la Paix, Paris.

EXHIBIT "D".

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. I.

16th August 1916.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 14th August regarding the remittance of funds to India on behalf of your Persian Relief Commission.

Arrangements have been made with the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, 38 Bishopsgate, E. C. 2 for the immediate remittance of three lakhs approximately as desired by you, and it is understood that your London agents, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, 26 Old Broad Street, are being instructed accordingly by Mr. Maurice Wertheim, the Finance Member of your Commission.

In regard to the further remittances which it is stated may be required, up to 30 lakhs within the next six months, for the purchase in India of relief supplies for Persia, the Secretary of State will be glad to secure the necessary facilities for your commission. He understands that you will restrict your requirements to the minimum necessary. The most convenient method of procedure will receive his immediate attention, and a further communication will be made to you in due course,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Frank Lucas.

Dr. H. P. Judson, Claridges Hotel

Refers to the present remittance of \$100,000.

EXHIBIT "B"

INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

14th August 1918.

Sir,

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th August regarding the remittance of funds to India on behalf of your various Relief Commissions.

Arrangements have been made with the Chartered Bank of

India Australia and China, 55 Bishopsgate, E.C. 2 for the

immediate remittance of three lakhs approximately as desired

by you, and it is understood that your London agents, the

Partners, Loan and Trust Company, 25 Old Broad Street, are being

instructed accordingly by Mr. Herbert Tottenham, the Finance

Member of your Commission.

In regard to the further remittance which it is stated

may be required, up to 50 lakhs within the next six months,

for the purpose of India Relief and for other purposes, the

Secretary of State will be glad to secure the necessary

facilities for your Commission. He understands that you will

restrict your requirements to the minimum necessary. The most

convenient method of procedure will receive his immediate at-

tention, and a further communication will be made to you in

due course.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

W. R. L. Jackson, Director General (Signed) Frank Lucas.

Refers to the remittance of 500,000.

EXHIBIT "E"

15th, August 1918.

Messrs The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.
26 Old Broad Street
London, E. C. 2.

Gentleman:-

Enclosed please find copies of letters we have addressed on August 14th to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the Financial Secretary of the India Office - both of which explain themselves.

We have heard from the Secretary of the Treasury consenting to the arrangements as outlined in our letter of the 14th inst. and are this day informed by the Secretary of State for India, that he will see to it that we secure the thirty (30) lacs mentioned in our letter of the 14th inst. should we require them, and it is only a question whether the remittances shall be made direct from New York or Through London. On this point he is cabling to Sir Hardman Lever in New York and will advise our Committee there: hence should we require remittances to India, and should it be decided that they go via London, you will have no difficulty in securing them up to the figure mentioned, at the Government rate, if you will get into touch with Mr. Lucas, the Financial Secretary. It is of course understood that you will not communicate with him on this matter unless the New York Committee requests funds remitted to us in India.

Regarding the manner of the remittances to Persia, we would thank you to act according to the arrangements set forth in the letter enclosed to the Secretary of the Treasury. If upon receipt of remittances instructions from New York, you will get in touch with Mr. Dudley Ward of the Treasury he will attend to the transmission of the Krans to us in Persia. You will no doubt agree with him as to the necessary receipts in exchange for your cheque and also the form of your instructions to him as to the name of the party and the Bank in which our Committee desires the funds placed.

You will notice that Krans will be put to our credit at the rate of thirty (30) Krans to the £ sterling, and there will be an adjustment of such rate some period after each transaction. This adjustment may be either up or down, but in case it should be against us we authorize you to pay to the Treasury such balances as they may claim. Should it be in our favor, kindly receive any balances for our account and advise the Committee in New York. You will note that we are to enjoy the same rate for Kran remittances as the British Government enjoys itself.

We are sending a copy of this letter to our Committee in New York.

Thanking you very sincerely to give these matters your kind attention,

We are

by

Very sincerely yours,
THE AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION
N.P.T. H.P.G.
Director.

18th, August 1918.

Messrs The Partners, Loan & Trust Co.
25 Old Broad Street
London, E.C. 2.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find copies of letters we have addressed
to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the
Financial Secretary of the India Office - both of which explain
the reasons.

We have heard from the Secretary of the Treasury con-
sulting to the arrangements as outlined in our letter of the
14th inst. and are this day informed by the Secretary of State
for India, that he will see to it that we receive the thirty
(30) lacs mentioned in our letter of the 14th inst. should we
require them. It is only a question whether the remittance
shall be made direct from New York or through London. On this
point he is waiting for the decision of the Treasury and will
advise our Committee later; hence should we require remittance
to India, and should it be decided that they go via London, you
will have no difficulty in securing them up to the 15th inst.
should at the Government rate. It is of course understood
that you will not communicate with him on this matter unless the
New York Committee requests funds remitted to us in India.
Regarding the manner of the remittance to Persia, we
would thank you to act according to the arrangements set forth in
the letter enclosed to the Secretary of the Treasury. If upon re-
ceipt of remittance instructions from New York, you will get in
touch with Mr. Bailey Ward of the Treasury he will attend to the
transmission of the funds to us in Persia. You will no doubt agree
with him as to the necessity of receipts in exchange for your cheques
and also the form of your instructions to him as to the name of the
bank and the bank in which our Committee desires the funds placed.
You will notice that funds will be put to our credit at
the rate of thirty (30) lacs to the £ sterling, and there will be
an adjustment of such rate some period after each transaction. This
adjustment may be either up or down, but in case it should be against
us we authorize you to pay to the Treasury such balance as they
may require. This is a very important matter and we will
not let anyone and advise our Committee in New York. You will
note that we are to enjoy the same rate for Iran remittance as
the British Government enjoys itself.

We are sending a copy of this letter to our Committee in
New York.
Thanking you very sincerely to give these matters your kind
attention,
We are

Very sincerely yours,
THE AMERICAN FINANCIAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
111 E. 4th St.
New York.

EXHIBIT "F".

15th August 1918.

Mr. Sayre
Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.
26 Broad St., E. C. 2

Dear Mr. Sayre,

Enclosed please find copy of letter addressed this day to Mr. C. V. Vickrey, the Secretary of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, which will explain to you the arrangements regarding making of remittances to us in Perisa, which is alternative to the one described in our letter of even date.

In case you are advised that the Committee in New York approves this plan, we would be very much obliged if you would take it up with Mr Dudley Ward and make the necessary arrangements. Upon this being done we would like to have this credit telegraphically confirmed to us by the British Treasury. The Foreign Office will know how to reach us- Mr. Oliphant in particular will know our movements.

Trusting it will be possible for you to arrange this matter for us, and thanking you for your courtesy,

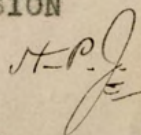
We are,

Sincerely yours,

THE AMERICAN-PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

By

H.P.T.
Director.



18th August 1918.

Mr. Bayne
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.
25 Broad St., N. C. 2

Dear Mr. Bayne,

Enclosed please find copy of letter addressed this

day to Mr. G. V. Vickers, the Secretary of the American

Committee for Relief in the East, which will explain

to you the arrangements regarding making of advances to us

in Persia, which is alternative to the one described in our letter

of even date.

In case you are advised that the Committee in New

York approves this plan, we would be very much obliged if you

would take it up with Mr. Dudley Ward and make the necessary ar-

rangements. Upon this being done we would like to have this credit

telegraphically confirmed to us by the British Treasury. The Per-

sian Office will know how to reach us - Mr. Orphan in Persian

will know our requirements.

Trusting it will be possible for you to arrange this

matter for us, and making your own contribution.

Yours,

Sincerely yours,

THE AMERICAN-PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

A. F. F.

BY

Director.

COPY

August 16, 1918

CHARLES V VICKREY
1 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK

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ROBERT LANSING SECY OF STATE

August 16, 1918

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COPY OF LETTER FROM REV. DR. E. W. MC DOWELL, PERSIAN RELIEF COMM.

Bombay, India
August 20, 1918

COPY FOR DR. MAC CALLUM

Rev. George T. Scott, Sec.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scott:

I am writing to you this morning in your double capacity as related to both the Board and the Relief Committee.

Our journey as far as Bombay was uneventful and slow. We have received many courtesies by the way, from the American and British ambassadors in Japan, from U.S. consuls and British governors all along the way. Newspaper men in various places were "on to us" and begged for "stuff" which was given to them discreetly.

We arrived in Bombay during the week August 5-10. Here also we have found the officials of every class most sympathetic as regards our mission and ready to aid us in every way possible to get into Persia and to accomplish our errand of relief. Three of our number have been invited to visit H.H. the Viceroy and they leave today.

A few days ago we received the word which has doubtless reached you, of the exodus of our people from their homes to the south. This came from Minister Caldwell; not a word was said about the missionaries. We have telegraphed asking for more detailed information.

Our committee is busy now purchasing supplies for clothes and bedding and also supplies of various kinds for our missionaries who may be only less destitute than the people. Every assistance is being given us by the authorities at this end in the matter of transportation. We lunched yesterday with the commander in chief who assured us of his readiness to give us assistance, except that he would not be able to transport our material for us from Bagdad to Hamadan. Our own transport facilities are insufficient to take every thing in at one trip. The rains will make it difficult to do it in relays. Other trucks can be purchased but it is said to be impossible to secure the necessary men to run and care for them. We shall meet the difficulty somehow and get our supplies in, though I fear there will be some delay and consequent suffering for our people. It is understood and accepted by us that this relief we are taking in is to be ministered without respect to race or creed.

I was delighted and grateful to God to find here in Bombay the Allens and the Lemmes. Mr. & Mrs. Allen have been of great assistance to us in planning for the needs of the refugees. Mr. Allen has a wonderful story to tell which ought to thrill those who hear it.

They will reach you as soon as this letter will so I need not speak of the things that have been happening. I am sorry I cannot give you any more definite information with reference

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to recent events. We know only the bare fact of the exodus in large numbers. Of course we shall cable any necessary news we receive. A great task awaits us - the housing, feeding and clothing the great multitude who probably will be able to bring out nothing with them. An in October the rains will be upon them. The commission, as the plans are now, expects to get away from here the last of this month and at the earliest it will be the first week in October before they reach Hamadan. For this reason I have asked and received permission to go on ahead of the party, Mr. Bentley probably going with me, in the hope that I can be of some service or at least give heart to our afflicted people, and learn something definite about our missionaries. I may leave tomorrow or the day after.

August 21st.

Since writing the above we have received the following telegram from Mr. Caldwell:

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This is terrible news. We are cabling this to the committee. The word "others" is ambiguous. It may mean other missionaries or other Syrians.

I leave tomorrow at eleven o'clock. Either Mr. Holmes or Mr. Waynard will go with me. We shall take necessary drugs.

Aside from the epidemics there will be the very difficult problem of locating this great multitude and housing them. There will naturally be opposition on the part of the local government and people. We have no definite knowledge as to whether the missionaries are on their way out with the people or not. If they are they will be in sore straits. We are buying supplies to meet their needs so far as we can estimate them.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to say that Mr. Allen has volunteered his services to the Committee and will go back with us. With his intimate knowledge of the people and workers, the two languages and his great executive ability, his services will be invaluable. Our committee here will take action on it today, subject of course to the approval of the committee in New York. It is no small sacrifice Mr. Allen is making to turn around and go back under all the circumstances and I am exceedingly grateful that we are to have his services in meeting this great emergency.

I am sorry to say that I have no further word about Robert. When the relief workers withdrew from the southern Caucasus he decided to remain with the purpose of working his way south and joining the Syrians in Selmas or the missionaries in Urumia. Mr. Allen says they have no word about him. God knows and has been with him.

Very cordially,

(signed) E.W. McDowell

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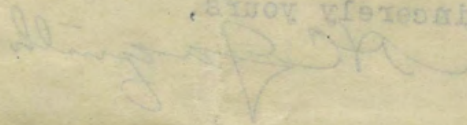
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Rec'd. 24th, 5:20 p.m.

Secretary of State,

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August 22nd, 6 p.m.

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(Sd.) Oscar S. Heizer,
American Consul.

M. Manwarin,
Manager, The eastern Bank Ltd.

David Brown,
Agent, Imperial Bank of Persia.

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AMERICAN
DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND CONSULATE-GENERAL,
CAIRO, EGYPT

August 29, 1918.

Dr. H. P. Judson,
Cairo.

Sir:

I beg to quote as follows two telegrams for you received at this Agency and Consulate-General on the 3rd and 26th instant, respectively:

"From Department of State, Washington, dated August 2nd-

For Doctor Judson from Mr. Creel, Chairman, Committee on Public Information. Mr. Creel says he understands that Leland R. Robinson has stated that he has been authorized by Creel to write articles and reports without any reference to your larger authority. Mr. Creel wishes you to know that he is not acquainted with Robinson and has given no such authorization."

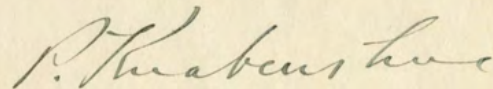
"From American Embassy, Rome, dated August 27th-

For Judson following cable received from New York quote cable when leaving each country well including posts Bettina Judson unquote".

Very respectfully yours,

For Mr. Hampson Gary,
Agent and Consul-General,

By



Secretary.

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Very respectfully yours,

For Mr. Hanson Gary,
Agent and Consul-General.

By

Secretary.

File No.

RS

Plain

Bombay,
Undated.

Rec'd. August 30, 1918, 3:05 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

For Vickrey,

Commission proceeds August 30th to Hamadan
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awaits Judson Bombay. Hereafter remit funds Maynard
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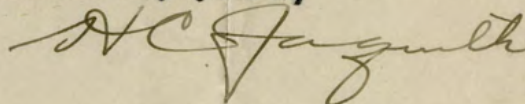
Dear Mrs. Judson:

Following cable forwarded to Dr. Judson at your request with the additional information that we had forwarded \$200,000. for additional supplies to be purchased in India and forwarded to Baghdad.

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PRATT JUDSON, Esq.,
Shepherd's Hotel,
CAIRO.

Sir,

Urgent
General Staff - Intelligence,
2nd Echelon,
G.H.Q., E.E.F.
1st September, 1918.

I enclose herewith a Canal Zone Permit for yourself and your party to proceed to PORT SAID to-morrow, September the 2nd.

I have arranged that Capt. CALLENDAR shall meet you at the station, PORT SAID, on your arrival. *at 3.40pm.*

He will take you to the Divisional Naval Transport Officer who has full instructions for your onward journey.

I have asked Capt. CALLENDAR to do his utmost to arrange accommodation for you as requested, and I hope that he will be successful.

He is also arranging with the Customs for you to receive your pistol before you leave EGYPT.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

W. Tweedy
/s/ Lieut-Colonel, G.S.I.

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Lieut-Colonel, E.S.I.



HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR EGYPT.

THE RESIDENCY
RAMLEH
EGYPT.

August 31st 1918.

(7525)

Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that His Excellency has received the following message for you from Mr. Balfour, with the request that it should be handed to you on your arrival in Egypt.-

"In view of advance of Turks in
"Azerbaijan, vast numbers of Jelus or Assohria
"Christians are fleeing from Bijar in direction
"Hamadan. While Military Authorities are
"arranging for quarters for them outside the
"town, there are thousands of women and children
"and sick and wounded who are entirely destitute
"and starving. A relief Committee is being
"formed, of which H.M. Consul at Hamadan will
"be a member, to assist destitute. Information
"on 16th was to the effect that 40,000 Assohria
"refugees had already passed through Bijar to
"Hamadan. Some had been robbed of everything
"and many had died of sickness and starvation
"on road. A report from Bejar estimates number
"of Refugees will be 80,000, temporary hospital
"has been established at that town and medical
"service and food are being sent from Hamadan.
"While I have authorised H.M. Minister in
"Teheran to expend for relief of these destitutes
"certain sums of money which had been granted for
"famine relief, it is evident that these sums
"will be totally inadequate for relief in
"question. In view, therefore, of the purposes
of

Pratt Judson Esquire,

Chairman, American-Persian Relief Commission,

C/o American Diplomatic Agent, C A I R O .



HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR EGYPT.

THE RESIDENCY
RAMLEH
EGYPT.

"of your Commission, I hasten to bring above
"facts to your notice and feel sure that your
"Commission will do its utmost to alleviate
"suffering and destitution in question, as the
"present juncture appears to afford just such
"an opportunity as your organisation is designed
"to meet.

"I understand United States Minister at
"Teheran has telegraphed direct to those
"members of American Relief Commission who are
"at present in Bombay to hasten their arrival
"at Hamadan.

"I am also informing Archbishop Canterbury
"whose Mission for Nestorians have for many
"years past been interested in those districts".

Mr. Balfour further wishes you to be
informed that the cost of the passage for yourself
and your two friends from Egypt to Bombay amounts
to Forty-four Pounds Sterling each, and to request
you to be so good as to leave a cheque with
Sir Reginald Wingate for the sum of One hundred and
Thirty-two Pounds Sterling, made payable to the
Assistant Financial Secretary, War Office, London.

I am to request you very kindly to forward
this cheque to the Residency through the American
Diplomatic Agency in Cairo; and to add that the
passages for your party from Bombay to Persia will

be

£44.

£132.



HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR EGYPT.

THE RESIDENCY
RAMLEH
EGYPT.

be arranged by the Government of India.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. H. J. H. H.



HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR EGYPT.

THE RESIDENCY
RAMLEH
EGYPT.

August 31st 1918.

Sir,

A further telegram has now been received from Mr. Balfour dated August 30th, requesting the High Commissioner to inform you that majority of unfit Jelus are being sent not to Hamadan but to Baqubah and that in the circumstances it would be far preferable that American-Persian Relief Commission should afford help at latter place and not at Hamadan.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Noel Johnson

Pratt Judson Esquire,

C/o The American Diplomatic Agent,

C A I R O .

The following telegram from Mrs. Charles A. Douglas was intended for the Armenian-Syrian Relief Workers' Conference in New York September 19-20, but arrived after the conference adjourned. Mr. Douglas died of typhus contracted in relief work, and was one of the score of missionaries who have given their lives in relief service, and for whom memorial services were held as the closing session of the conference. Mrs. Douglas likewise contracted typhus, but recovered and had reached the Pacific Coast when she sent the following telegram:

C. V. VICKREY

PERSIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE 1 MADISON AVE. NEW YORK

"IN TEHERAN AND OTHER CITIES MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROSTRATED ON STREETS FROM EXHAUSTION AND DYING. IN HAMADAN HEAD AND ARMS OF TWO CHILDREN REMAINED TO TELL STORY: BODIES WERE PROBABLY EATEN AFTER DYING FROM STARVATION. PEOPLE GATHERED AT SLAUGHTER HOUSE DAILY WITH SMALL VESSELS TO COLLECT BLOOD AS IT FLOWED OUT OF TROUGH. PEOPLE GRAZING IN FIELDS LIKE CATTLE. CHILDREN CAME TO OUR REST HOUSES WITH FLESH HANGING ON BONES LIKE RAGS, VOICE GONE BUT EYES PLEADING AND IMPLORING FOR A CRUST. THE MEMORY OF THEIR EMACIATED BODIES SHALL REMAIN FOREVER WITH ME"

EVA BALLIS DOUGLAS

E. T. Co. : CAIRO.

No.	Words.		Sent at
Date. <u>Aug. 30/18</u>			No. and Circuit
Code Time.	Charge.		By
	£ s. d.		

Via Eastern

Official Instructions

To Receiver's Name SecstateAddress Washington

131 Thirtieth from Judson quote Thank Creel for
 message stop Think Robinson should be recalled
 for military duty stop Following for Vickrey quote
 Cable August twentythird received assume additional
 funds sent Teheran direct suggest further ample amounts
 wait us there by October endquote signed Judson endquote

Gary

Diplomatic Agent

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded subject to the conditions printed on back of this form, by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender

(Not to be telegraphed).

[P.T.O.]

To prevent mistakes attention is called to the importance of legible writing.

All important Telegrams should be repeated. —Quarter-rates extra charged for Repetition.

CONDITIONS.

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September 5th, 1918.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. MacCallum:-

Confirming our telephone conversation this morning, I report the text of the cablegram just received from Dr. W. J. Wanless, one of the missionaries of our Board in India whose hospital is at Miraj:

"Cook has incipient tuberculosis advise
Miraj condition improving favorable outlook
perhaps able proceed Persia next spring.
Suggest family join him."

Very faithfully yours,

RES/C.

(signed) Robert E. Spear

C O P Y

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CHARLES V VICKREY

2 MADISON AVE NEW YORK

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CAIRO QUOTE LEAVING ON THE SECOND
SEPTEMBER BOMBAY IN A FORTNIGHT ADDRESS IN CARE OF THE UNITED
STATES CONSUL AT BOMBAY DIRECT ADVICES PERSIA CONFIRM YOUR
CABLE HOPE LARGE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SENT TEHRAN DIRECT CABLED
COOK NOT WAIT FOR ME SIGNED JUDSON UNQUOTE

ROBT LANSING SECY OF STATE

728PM

Cairo, September 6, 1918.

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C. F. RANNEY, CASHIER

September 11, 1918

Mrs. Harry Pratt Judson
1146 East 59th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. Judson

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is to be in Bombay on the sixteenth.

With very cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Maccullum -

FWM-AP

Mr. Johnson

1890-91

is to be in company on the sixteenth.

With very cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Johnson

1890-91

COPY.

Bagdad, September 12, 1918.

American Consul,

Bombay.

Chauffeurs unobtainable here authorities urge engaging
Bombay please help Maynard every possible way bring six
with him bank office here from Teheran say Bombay or
Bagdad credit good in Persia Suggest leave money Bombay
subject to transfer here or Persia. Three thousand refugees
now Baqubah many more enroute McKowell Hamdan returning
here Sunday.

- Jackson.

P. Secret

D.C.

1045 hrs. 9.12.18

To:- advanced hooperforce.
From:- Britmilat

B.1495

7:

The following message for JUDSON begins:-
as I am going away for a while, whom
do you suggest can take my place on
central section?

CALDWELL. ends.

P. B. Smith

R. C.

114 St. 9. 11

Yr.
Hon.

Dear Sir,

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The following is a list of the
names of the persons who
are now in the
hospital at
Calcutta.

Copy of telegram No.2787 dated 13th September 1918 from
Communication, Basra, to Embarkation, Bombay.

"Mr. Southard United States Consul sailed daylight 12th
September due Bombay 17th September. Please inform Dr.
Judson American Persian Relief Commission as Southard is
most anxious to see Judson."

No.18/4457/E.

Headquarters of the Embarkation
Commandant.

Post Box No.331.

Bombay, dated the 14th Sept. 1918.

From

The Embarkation Commandant,
Bombay.

To

Stuart Lupton Esq.,
Consul for United States,
Forbes Building, Home Str., Bombay.

Memorandum.

Forwarded for information with the request that
Dr. Judson may be informed accordingly.

Sd.

for Brig. General.
Embarkation Commandant, Bombay.

✓
Hadji Amine-Farb vice-président
du Conseil supérieur de Commerce

prie M^r le D^r Judson

de lui faire l'honneur de venir dîner chez lui
le mercredi 20/9^{bre}/918 à 8 heures

R. S. V. P.

CONFIRMATION COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

BOMBAY, INDIA, ^{11 A.M.}
~~September 23, 1918.~~ - ~~P.M.~~

Bagdad, September 20, 1918- 5 P.M.

Amconsul,

Bombay.

For Judson glad you Gosima/our definite plans await your arrival immediate work will center Baqubah where total thirtyfive thousand refugees expected camp organised and controlled by military who urge our cooperation along any lines that we suggest authorities willing small group go Persia carry medicines and study relief needs four may go and return stop pending your arrival general movement into Persia uncertain transport food in quantity impossible petrol a problem but think arrangements may be possible Maynard and Allen neened Baqubah immediately McDowell helping Kermanshah for week please wire your approximate date reaching Basra Jackson.

- Amconsul Bagdad.

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September 26, 1918.

Mrs. Harry Pratt Judson
1146 E. 59th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Judson:

I have received your letter of the twenty-fourth and thank you for it. I enclose copies of reports just received from Persia which show how unspeakably terrible the need there has been. It seems almost beyond belief that such things have been happening in that country, and yet we cannot doubt the testimony of those who write to us.

Mrs. Cook's address is 311 Summit Avenue, Redlands, California. She has heard from Dr. Cook in Miraj, India and the report is very favorable, so much so that Dr. Cook invites his wife to come out to him and she is planning to go. She will sail with the party we are sending to Persia on the sixth of November.

Mrs. Wertheim's address is as follows:-

Wyndygoul, Cos Cob, Connecticut.
Her husband's full name is Maurice Wertheim.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

F. W. MacCallum.

FWM-AP
Enc.

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Mrs. Harry Pratt Judson
1146 E. 59th Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Judson:

I have been conscious, or perhaps fearful that we were failing to improve our full opportunity of getting into the Chicago papers and before the public information that the public desires concerning Dr. Judson's mission and work.

I am at once referring your letter to our Publicity Department, asking that a statement be prepared and sent to the Chicago papers, but enclose herewith a copy of our news bulletin which was sent some time ago to all papers throughout the United States, and to a total mailing list of about 60,000.

Dr. Judson's title is Director of the Commission, and the other members of the party who sailed with Dr. Judson are:

Mr. Maurice Wertheim Dr. Wilber E. Post

In addition to the above the following reinforcements have been appointed to sail early in November:

Miss Lillie B. Beaber	Mrs. Jos. W. Cook
Miss Margaret W. Dean	Miss Helen Easton
Miss Edna B. Guild	Rev. Hugo A. Muller
Miss Theda B. Phelps	Rev. Chas. R. Pittman
Mrs. Charles R. Pittman	

We have no cables from Dr. Judson since the one from Bombay on the 17th, but have a very full and interesting letter concerning financial arrangements with the British Government, the letter having been mailed in Rome. Although the letter is somewhat technical and financial in character, I will see if I can find an extra copy to enclose with this.

Dr. Judson made some exceptionally advantageous arrangements with the British Government, whereby

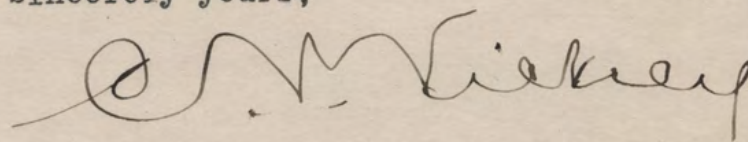
#2 Mrs. Judson
Sept. 30, 18

we can get the benefit of their credit in forwarding remittances to him up to a total of a million dollars.

The magazine "Asia" to which you refer is a high grade magazine, beautifully printed, monthly, twenty-five cents a copy, devoted to the interests of Asia, and we shall be very glad to cooperate in having the article concerning Dr. Judson's work printed by it. We, of course have extra photographs here that we will be very glad to give out for such purposes in case you do not find it convenient to send one from Chicago.

If there are further questions that you desire to ask, please write us freely, for we feel ourselves under a great obligation to you and to the University for having permitted Dr. Judson to go on this important mission, which means more to the cause of humanity and of the Allies than will at once appear.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

CVV-HN

P. S. Below is a list of the people who sailed in advance of Dr. Judson by way of the Pacific, and who are now in Bagdad or Hamadan:

Rev. Livingston Bentley
Prof. A. V. W. Jackson
Harold R. Holmes
Dr. Wilfred M. Post
F. Tredwell Smith

Dr. Jos. W. Cook
Mrs. A. V. W. Jackson
Dr. E. W. Mc Dowell
Leland Rex Robinson
Roland S. Vaile

When you have finished with the enclosed letters from England, we would appreciate having you return them for our files.

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN
MINISTER AT TEHERAN DATED OCTOBER 2, 1918.

The Commission headed by Dr. Judson, on its way to Persia, is scattered along the Pacific at Kermanshah and Harakiri, Seattle and Bombay. Influenza is spreading rapidly and the retail price of a pound of quinine is \$125.00. The American Relief Commission has an enormous supply of medicine which is very much needed, together with a stock of cotton, cotton clothing for the poor, two motors, Ford trucks, etc. The British military forces have requested that headquarters be established in Mesopotamia at Baku Baal between Kermanshah and Bagdad where refugees from the Urumiah district, persons not of military age and women, are being maintained, reported from 30,000 to 70,000; those of military age being pressed into service.

In order to care for the poor and the refugees in Teheran and in other parts of Persia, it can be seen from the foregoing that additional funds and help will be necessary. It has been reported that about 15,000 Armenian refugees have come from Baku to Resht. There are prospects of them returning.

Without further assistance the American missionaries and Legation staff will be unable to carry on the work during the winter, as three of the American missionaries died as result of hard work. Dr. Cook of the Commission is returning to America as he was taken suddenly ill at Bombay.

APPROXIMATELY 100,000 REFUGEES FROM THE ARMENIAN
MINISTERS AT TEBERAN DATED OCTOBER 2, 1918.

The Commission headed by Mr. Anderson, on its way to Persia
is accompanied along the Persian and Armenian and Russian
border and beyond. Influence is spreading rapidly and the
refugee camps are being organized. The American
Relief Commission has an enormous supply of supplies which
is being shipped. Together with a stock of food, clothing,
clothing for the poor, the women, the children, etc. The
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in America as he has taken medical leave at home.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1918.

In reply refer to
NE - 891.49/93 and
891.00/1023

Mr. C. V. Vickrey, Secretary,
American Committee for
Armenian and Syrian Relief,
One Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

There is enclosed, herewith, a paraphrase of a telegram received from the American Legation at Teheran, dated October 2, 1918, regarding the American Relief Commission now en route to Persia with supplies, and giving information relative to the conditions in Persia.

A telegram has been received from the American Minister to Persia dated September 25, 1918, stating that Consul Paddock reported that more than half of the inhabitants at Kasbin are incapacitated on account of an epidemic of influenza, and stating that he is investigating a report that about ten indigent Americans have come from Baku to Resht.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Paraphrase of telegram #16, from
Teheran, dated October 2, 1918.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1918.

In reply refer to
RE - 891.49/93 and
891.00/10M3

Mr. C. V. Whitney, Secretary,

American Committee for

Armenian and Syrian Relief,

One Madison Avenue,

New York City.

Sir:

There is enclosed, herewith, a paraphrase of a telegram received from the American Legation at Tashkent, dated October 2, 1918, regarding the American Relief Commission now en route to Persia with supplies, and giving information relative to the conditions in Persia.

A telegram has been received from the American Minister in Persia dated September 25, 1918, stating that Consul Peabody reported that more than half of the inhabitants of Kaskin are incapacitated on account of an epidemic of influenza, and stating that he is investigating a report that about 200 indigenous Americans have come from Bak to Kaskin.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:
Paraphrase of telegram 416, from
Tashkent, dated October 2, 1918.

Paraphrase of telegram.

Teheran, October 7th, 1918.

American Consul,

Bagdad.

The American Committee of Teheran desires to bring to the attention of the American Persian Relief Commission the following things;

FIRST, It is imperative some members of the Commission come to Teheran immediately, understand from the situation and lend assistance.

SECOND. Transport, supplies, medicines, money, needed.

THIRD. Financial situation here impossible, drafts unsaleable. If possible bring large quantities gold coin.

FOURTH. We can supply Hamadan no further funds at the present moment.

CALDWELL

American Minister.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION WAR TRADE BOARD.

From Consul

Teheran, Persia.

October 7, 1918.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD COMPTROLLER FOR TEHERAN.

The Persian Cabinet has recently announced the appointment of Mr. Lambert Molitor, a Belgian subject, as food comptroller for Teheran and district, upon whom has been conferred full power to deal with the food situation.

An effort is being made to fill the government granaries, and to that end an order has been issued requiring half of all the grain brought into Teheran to be turned over to the food comptroller at the current market price. Grain is being bought as rapidly as possible in the provinces, and those farmers who do not sell to the government will forfeit 10% of their grain each month.

A supply of flour is delivered to bakers daily and the price of bread has been fixed at 3 krans (kran - .179) per man (6 1/2 lbs.). The normal price of bread is 1.1 krans per man. The yield of grain being good this year, it is believed that with proper and timely governmental control the price of bread will be kept at the price named and a repetition of the deplorable food situation of the past year will be avoided.

N. C. 331.

Chicago, April 1, 1919

Dear Mr. Vickrey:

In further reference to the cablegrams received February 13th last via commercial lines from Tiflis, and signed Elmer, Arroll, Maynard, I again call your attention to my note on that subject dated February 18th, and, further, enclosed letter from Dr. Wilber E. Post to me under date of March 26. Dr. Post had the closest contact with British authorities of any of the Commission, and knows absolutely what he is talking about.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. C. V. Vickrey
1 Madison Avenue
New York City

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AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION.

Hotel Maude, Baghdad.
October Eighth, Nineteen Eighteen.

Dear Dr. Judson:-

May I suggest three matters on which I would appreciate your advice, if you are able to give them any consideration at present?

(1) Dr. Cook asked me, at the time of his arrival in Japan, to become Secretary of the Commission, and I have been serving since that time. I assume that former arrangements will either be reaffirmed by you, or changed, in the near future.

Baghdad Section
Do you wish me to continue Secretary of the Commission?

If so, should your Commission papers, and those of Dr. Post and Mr. Wertheim, be combined (in separate personal files, or in the general files) with other records of the Commission to date?

If another is to serve as permanent Secretary, to whom, and at what time, do you wish me to deliver the files?

Are there any Commission papers or records which I might compile especially, and give to you at the present time? or any special reports which I could make for you?

No
(2) The Publicity Department of Mr. Vickrey's Committee asked me to report the Persian situation for the Associated Press. The publicity secretary and I conferred with Melville Stone, with whom an agreement was made that news cables of the Persian situation should be regularly sent, over my name, through the Associated Press, London, at the expense of the Associated Press. Awaiting your arrival, I have sent no Associated cables to this time. If you consider these news reports wise in our work, and wish to use me in a different capacity, arrangements could be made with Mr. Stone to transfer this to another member of the Commission.

No
(3) The Committee on Public Information, Washington, (through Will Irwin, director of foreign publicity) appointed me its representative in Persia, - to use, within reasonable limits, what funds of the Committee my colleagues in relief work might deem wise in interpreting the good will of America towards Persia. The arrangement was

#2 Dr. Judson.

to employ Commission funds, to be reimbursed to the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in America, by the Committee on Public Information. To the present, of course, I have taken no steps in this matter.

We are very happy in the prospect of the coming assignment of duties.

Sincerely yours,

Clara Rex Robinson

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
Baghdad.

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

October 14, 1918.

In reply refer to
NE - 891.00/1027

Mr. C. V. Vickrey, Secretary

American Committee for

Armenian and Syrian Relief,

One Madison Avenue, New York City.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of the following telegram dated Bombay, September 29, 1918, from Professor Harry P. Judson, which he desires to have transmitted to you.

"Sail Basra today, thirty-five thousand refugees Baqubai, shall cooperate British authorities there and then proceed with small party Teheran. I have bought large quantity clothing refugees, the last two hundred thousand deposited Bombay Bank three percent interest, balances possible Indian purchases. I have to suggest two hundred thousand more immediately my order Hamadan or Teheran. Years budget including rehabilitation as at present advised not less than three millions, it may be double, good crops this year will help."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) William Phillips

Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, October 16th, 1918.

Mr. C. V. Vickrey, Secretary,
American Committee for Armenian
and Syrian Relief,
One Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

The following telegram has been received from Professor
Harry Pratt Judson through the American Consulate at Bagdad.

"Arrived sixth, all very well. Accept our thanks
for new remittance two hundred thousand Hamadan leave
soon small party Teheran (?) cooperating with British
authorities refugee camp Bagubah near Bagdad. Twenty-
four thousand there now, ten thousand more are expected.
Two thirds Syrian, rest Armenians. I will cable again
departure. Cable abd write me here unless otherwise
advised consul will forward."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

William Phillips

Assistant Secretary.

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October 19th
1918

Mrs. Harry Pratt Judson
1146 East 59th Street
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My dear Mrs. Judson:

I give you herewith the full text of the telegram received yesterday from Dr. Judson, the substance of which I wired you last night. I do not know just how long it will take him to get to Teheran, but should think he might be there by this time, except for the fact that Dr. Judson in his cable said he would wire us when they left Baghdad, and we have received no second telegram since the one yesterday reporting the arrival on the 6th at Baghdad. It looks to me as though the cables from Busrah had been delayed.

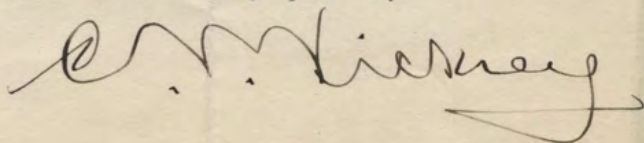
I have no later information as to when the party is likely to return.

Your message as given in your letter of October 15th was included in the cablegram which we sent to Dr. Judson yesterday, the exact text of which follows:

"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED YOU FULL POWERS ADJUDICATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS BAGHDAD RELIEF. APPROPRIATION NUMBER FORTY-SIX NOVEMBER DECEMBER FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AVAILABLE AS NEEDED. DRAW THROUGH BRITISH TREASURY CHANNELS. POST LEAVES HONG KONG NOVEMBER FIRST. MRS JUDSON WRITES UNIVERSITY CABLES RECEIVED. GRACE HERE. ALL WELL. CAPTAIN IN FRANCE."

We likewise have had no letter since the one from Rome in which they give us the full report of arrangements with the British Government concerning finances.

Very sincerely yours,



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American Persian Relief Commission.

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Reverend J.W. Hawkes missionary of the Presbyterian Board, invited to attend, was also present.

The Director called the meeting to order and outlined in general the purposes and scope of the work to be done by the Commission under the auspices of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, formerly the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. He said that a charter was being obtained from the United States Government when he left America under the new name. He was appointed Director of the American Persian Relief Commission. The Commission was coming to Persia to study the conditions, organize relief work and report to the Committee in New York the conditions with recommendations for reconstruction.

The Director called for a report from Dr. Post. Dr. Post reported first on the conditions at Yange Kand hospital. He said the conditions were in general good, the bedding and wards were clean, the condition of the patients on the whole comfortable and praised the work of Captain Sampey very highly in stamping out Typhus and Smallpox. He recommended that money should be appropriated for the pay of certain of the employees and for clothing and medicines. After discussion it was unanimously voted that 70000krans be appropriated for this purpose and the Director ordered that this sum be appropriated, on condition the military pay other expenses. Dr. Post then took up the question of a hospital in Hamadan for the sick of the city. He recommended that if possible the present hospital with enclosures to be built in the adjacent yard be used for the destitute sick of the city irrespective of religion, under the direction of Dr. Funk of the Presbyterian Mission. This to be done as soon as it is evacuated by the military and contingent upon its release by them for that purpose. After discussion it was decided to do this and the Director ordered that 150,000 krans be appropriated for this purpose.

The Director ordered Mr. Holmes to act as secretary and sub-treasurer for the Hamadan district, Mr. Allen to be alternate in his absence.

Mr. Wertheim presented a budget prepared by Mr. Holmes as follows:

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Running expenses for the relief rooms	5000	"

Mr Wertheim explained his financial arrangements with Mr. Holmes as follows:

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W. P. Johnson
Oct 23. 1914