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Resht, Persia December 4, 1919

Gordon Paddock, Esquire American Consul Kasvin, Persia

My dear Mr. Paddock:

As it is quite necessary for me to be in Paris early in January I am leaving for that city. as you know, by way of Baku and Constantinople, accompanied by Mr. Wertheim, Treasurer of the Commission, and by Dr. Wilber Post, as well as by Professor and Mrs. Jackson. In the absence of the Director and Treasurer the Commission will be continued throughout the winter, and the general direction of its affairs will be confided to the Central Section of the Commission, which I have established at Teheran. This Section consists of Mr. J. L. Caldwell, American Minister, Chairman: Mr. A. C. Boyce, a teacher in the American School at Teheran, Treasurer; and Dr. Wilfred M. Post, one of the medical members of the Commission, who, I was informed, sailed from Bombay for Bassorah on the first instant, Executive Secretary. All matters, therefore, connected with the Azerbaijan Committee you will be kind enough to conduct through the Central Section at Teheran. On general matters you will confer with the Chairman. Matters of finance may be taken up directly with the Treasurer. Mr. Wertheim, Treasurer of the Commission, has made important financial arrangements which will make it highly advantageous for all the committees to conduct their financial transactions through Teheran rather than directly with New York.

when you depart for Tabriz I would suggest that you inform the Central Section and request a remittance in order that on reaching Tabriz you may be in funds. Later remittances can be made through the winter for work in Tabriz itself. Beanwhile preparations should be made for carrying on the work in Urumia, which I suppose will begin in the spring. It is expected that the main repatriation of refugees in that province will be made from Baqubah through the West and not through Persia. It is my expectation that Dr. McDowell, Mr. Allen and others will accompany the repatriation. Dr. McDowell, as Chairman of the Baqubah Section, I shall advise to inform you by wire as soon as arrangements are perfected.

If anything occurs which may make it desirable I shall be glad to have you confer telegraphically with me. I can be reached in Paris at the American Embassy until about the end of January, after that through the Headquarters of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. C. V. Vickrey. Secretary, I Madison Avenue, New York City. The cable address is "Laymen, NewYork". Mr. Vickrey will forward me any message at the University of Chicago.

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EXELBIT F: 2. Letter to Dr. H. A. McDowell, Baqubah.

Resht, Persia December 4, 1918

Dr. E. A. McDowell & American Consul Bagdad

My dear Dr. mcDowell:

You have doubtless had my long telegram explaining the plan of organization for the coming winter and spring. It is quite important that I should be in Paris as early as possible and therefore 1 am leaving at once via Baku and Constantinople, accompanied by Mr. Wortheim. Dr. Wilber E. Post and Professor and Mrs. Jackson. The Commission will be continued through the winter, as you have been informed, and in the absence of the Director and Treasurer, general supervision of the work of the Commission will be in the hands of a Central Section of the Commission which I have established at Teheran. This section consists of Er. J. L. Caldwell, American Minister, Chairman; Br. A. C. Boyce, of the American School, Treasurer, and Dr. Wilfred M. Post, Executive Secretary. pr. Post I understand will take charge of the american Hospital in Teheran and will facilitate the transport of supplies, especially medical stores, from Baghdad, in accordance with Dr. Wilber Post's telegram.

The Central Section will direct the work of the various committees which I have established. Besides the Bagubah section which was arranged as one of these committees there are formal committees at Hamadan, Teheran, and Resht, and informal committees in Kermanshah and Meshed. There is also particular work for the military authorities at Kasvin and Wnzeli and the committee will be established for relief in Azerbaijan, including work in connection with repatriation The Azerbaijan committee will consist of Mr. in Urumia. Gordon Faddock, American Consul at Tabris, Chairman, the Manager of the Tabriz branch of the Imperial Bank of Persia as Preasurer and as other Tabriz members Americans, British and possibly some Persians in that city, to be designated by the Chairman. The Urumia branch of the committee will include the American missionaries in that city and any members of the Commission not missionaries who may accompany you on the repatriation. It is understood that you will act as Chairman of the Grumia branch of the Azerbaijan Committee. Conduct all business of the repatriation with the Chairman of the committee in Tabriz. Funds will be supplied from Tabriz. It is understood that such funds will be employed to aid in rehabilitation only supplying absolute needs to carry people through until the next erop It is not by any means expected that funds of comes in. the Commission will replace losses farther than may be necessary to prevent starving. The committee will use its best endeavors therefore in the distribution of funds to see that they are limited to such things as I have indicated. I am writing this particularly because certain Syrians whom I met in Hamadan seem to have the idea that the Americans are to recoup them for all their losses. Their idea seems to be that America is a happy hunting ground for them.

AMERICAN PERCIAS RELIEF COURSESSION

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I am informed that Hr. Gifford signed certain of these military orders in Hamadan. I am at a loss to know what was his authority for such action, and I apprehend that those holding such orders may have difficulty in securing payment from the British. Of course they, in common with all other military orders, will not be paid from our relief funds.

I asked you by wire to send me a report at Paris in care of the American Embassy. It may not be that it will reach me before I reach America, but on the other hand it may, and if not it will be forwarded to me at home.

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EXHIBIT F: 3. Letter to Mr. Harold Holmes, Hamadan.

Resht, Persia December 4, 1918

Mr. Harold Holmes
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My dear Mr. Holmes:

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With sincere regards to all the friends at Hamadan, I remain,

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Mr. Harrison Maynard American Commission Resht

Dear Mr. Maynard:

I am not sure whether you will reach here before we leave. We shall go to Baku on the 5th instant and be there a few days only. Then we shall go West and expect to get to Paris soon.

I hear from Erivan that there is great suffering owing to the fact that the Turks have carried off everything on which they could lay their hands and that food is lacking so that starvation is imminent. All this you doubtless heard before you left Ruz. We shall make inquiries on the situation while in Baku and shall leave you definite word as to what is to be done. The present probability is that order must be established before food can be imported. all events I am hoping that you and Mr. Elmer may be able to go into that work. Doubtless you will have to go to Erivan. I will cable to New York from Baku as to the needs and how they can be supplied and will leave definite advice for you so that you will know just what can be done, how you can get ahold of funds and what to do with them. The emergency at Enzeli is pressing, and while no doubt you could be serviceable there, at the same time the armenian situation in the vicinity of Brivan seems, so far as I can now see, very imperative. Therefore, unless you hear to the contrary, on your arrival here report to General Thomson, who will have a letter for you from me and will also give you further directions.

We are taking with us to Baku 150,000 rubles in gold as well as some paper. Whatever we have left of this after leaving Baku, we expect to place to your credit with Mr. Eldrid who is opening a branch of the Imperial Bank of Persia at Baku. In our letter left for you with General Thomson the exact amount will be stated, together with any further financial advice which we may be able to give before leaving. In case of any unforeseen financial emergency, pending the arrival of funds from New York, you might communicate with Mr. A. C. Boyce, Treasurer of the Central Section of the American Persian Relief Commission at Teheran, who will make you advances as needed. Such advances can be repaid to him from Caucasus funds sent from New York. I may add that in the absence of the Director and Treasurer the general work of the Commission is in charge of the Central Section at Teheran, consisting of Mr. John L. Caldwell, American Minister, Chairman; Mr. A. C. Boyce of the American School, Treasurer, and Dr. Wilfred M. Post, Secretary.

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Very truly yours,

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EXHIBIT F: 5. Letter to Hon. J. L. Calawell, Teheran.

Resht, Persia December 4, 1918

The Honorable

John L. Caldwell

American Mission

Teheran

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

Herewith I am enclosing copies of the letters I am sending to Mr. Paddock in Kasvin, Mr. Holmes, the Treasurer of the Hamadan Committee, and to Mr. McDowell, Chairman of the Baqubah section. These letters I think will be explanatory of some of the work to be carried on in those places. I may say that when Mr. Paddock is ready to go to Tabriz he ought to be provided with Commission funds for immediate relief work in that city. There will be work there among Persians and also among various Urumia refugees whom I am informed have taken refuge in Tabriz.

We are sending back to Teheran touring car No. 2, which will belong to Mrs. Galdwell, and van No. 8, for which I understand you have arranged with Mr. Wertheim. We will send what petrol we can, and we are instructing the driver of the van to carry over the freight which reached Kasvin from Kermanshah. I suspect that there is still another consignment of freight too, which has not yet reached Kasvin. Of course Mr. Holmes at Hamadan can inform you on that subject. Mr. Wertheim will write you definitely about the petrol situation here.

With best regards to yourself and your good wife, and again thanking both for all that was done to make our stay in Teheran so interesting and so successful, I am,

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Teheran, December 1, 1918

Bagdad

For Dr. Wilfred Post, American Commission, on arrival:

General management Persian relief is left in hands of Central Section of Commission, Teheran: American Minister, Chairman: Boyce, Treasurer; yourself, Executive Secretary. Wilber Post advises following directions for all our medical and surgical supplies in Bagdad, including those brought by you. Absolutely essential bring with you by motor transport sterilizers, ligatures, surgical instruments, neosalvarsan. Omit entirely placebo tablets, most of washing soda and sugar. Divide remainder into four portions for animal transport if your motor transport insufficient. First portion for yourself, Teheran, from which Meshed to be supplied. Include laboratory supplies in this shipment. Second portion for Mr. Funk, Hamadan. Third portion for Dr. Frame, Resht, from which Tabriz to be supplied. Include sterilizers for Tabriz. Fourth portion for Urumia. Start first three portions at once. Leave Urumia portion in charge McDowell, to be taken via Mosul. Most important medicines in each portion are quinine, asperin, bismuth, neosalvarsan, opium or derivatives, and disinfectants."

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