

SECOND LETTER OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (6 JUNE)

Office, U.S. Representative
Paris Conference on Reparation
for Non-Repatriables
American Embassy, London, W.1

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London

Dear Mr. McNeill:

I think it would be helpful for you to have in writing a summary of the developments which have taken place since I talked with you on the 3rd with regard to the forthcoming Conference on Reparation for Non-Repatriables.

I noted that you were in general agreement with my letter of the first with a reservation, however, concerning the specific project for the resettlement of eligible Jewish children in Palestine which you desired to discuss with Mr. Bevin. Although my government considers that there could be no more appropriate scheme for resettlement within the spirit of Article 8 than this particular one of resettling concentration camp children in Palestine, it appreciates that there are certain public relations aspects of the problem which might prove difficult to your government at this present moment.

I have had the opportunity to hold extended exploratory conversations with the representatives of the French and Jugoslavian Governments and at the suggestion of the French Government drafted the agreement of which you have now a telephonic and a corrected copy. In preparing the draft I have taken into consideration the specific public relations problem referred to above.

Subject to very minor changes the French Government has informed me this date that the agreement as drafted is satisfactory to it. On the basis of my discussions with the Czechoslovakian and Jugoslavian Governments, I have every reason to believe that the agreement is satisfactory to them.

I have just received information from my government to the effect that the Swiss Government has agreed (subject to final approval by the

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Federal Council) to permit the Allied Governments to draw immediately up to fifty million Swiss francs for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action.

In view of this action, in view of the background of the problem outlined in my letter to you of 1 June, and finally in view of the provisional agreement obtained from the other three participating Powers in the forthcoming Conference, I hope that His Majesty's Government will support the proposed draft of the agreement and thereby insure the fulfillment of the obligations placed upon the Conference in an efficient and harmonious manner.

Very sincerely yours,

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U.S. Representative

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