

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
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My dear Rabbi Wise:

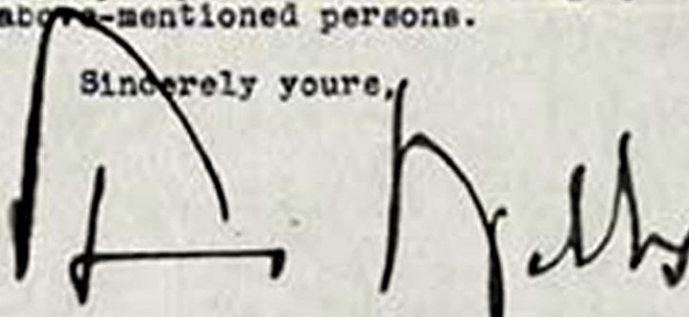
Reference is made to the letter from this Department dated November 19, 1942 enclosing four communications addressed to you by Mr. Gerhart M. Riegner, the Secretary of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, giving information he received from various private sources in Europe on the cruel persecution of Jews at the hands of the brutal Nazis.

Mr. Riegner and Mr. Richard Lichtheim recently asked the American authorities in Switzerland if they could again avail themselves of the exceptional privilege of using official channels to forward to you an additional report on the sad plight of Jews in Axis-controlled countries based on sources available to them.

You will understand that, in this case as well as in the case of the enclosures to the Department's letter of November 19, 1942, the Department of State cannot assume any official responsibility for the information contained in these reports, since the data is not based on investigations conducted by any of its representatives abroad.

I am pleased to be of assistance to you in this matter and enclose a paraphrase of this telegraphic report from the above-mentioned persons.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure:  
As stated above.

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