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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Foreign Funds Control

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL  
70 Pine Street, New York

OCT 20 1941

John E. Pohle, Esquire,  
Assistant to the Secretary,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

## Re: - REMITTANCES TO GERMANY

Reference is made to your communications dated June 20 and August 6, 1941, the latter transmitting copy of Despatch No. 2010, relative to the above subject.

## SUMMARY

The various travel agencies and similar organizations in the metropolitan area of New York City, which were visited, and which are handling money remittances to Germany, are agents of either Postal Telegraph Company or American Express Company; or both, and orders accepted by said agents, so far as could be ascertained, are transmitted through the principals named.

The principals named purchase wire through two Swiss banks, i.e., Union Bank of Switzerland and/or Banque Commerciale de Geneve, both of Zurich. Counter values in dollars are deposited to the blocked accounts of these banks, in New York City.

There is strong suspicion in the market that certain of the agents in question transmit wires direct by cable on their own account and that such remittances represent sums in excess of the allowances specified in General License No. 32. In order to operate such a business the agents would keep two sets of books.

It is also believed in the market that remittances to blocked countries, without license, are being forwarded through South America.

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Visits were made to several representative firms and individuals, as follows, during the period August 15 - 29, 1943, in order to ascertain the manner in which their business is conducted:

American Express Company  
 American & Company, W. L.  
 Express Exchange (G. Lichten)  
 German American Shipping Agency  
 German American Travel Bureau  
 (agents for "Fertra")  
 German Travel Bureau  
 (Reiter & Reiter)  
 Salomon & Company, Inc.  
 Breuer & Company, Alex  
 Lloyd Hamburg  
 Metz & Company, Carl  
 Pippert Travel Bureau  
 Bureau Company  
 Postal Telegraph Company  
 Schriber's Travel Bureau  
 Trapp, Hans  
 Armstrong & Forshey

A separate report covering Alex Breuer & Company is being submitted.

All of the firms visited that are conducting an active exchange business in sums to Germany are agents of either the American Express Company or Postal Telegraph Company, or both, and each such agent stated emphatically that all remittances made by them were submitted via one of the two principals named.

Several sources in the market suggested that certain of the agents are transmitting direct by cable on their own account sums of money exceeding the amount specified in General License No. 32. The customers for these larger transmissions could be well known to the agents and could therefore be traced. It is believed the agents in question cable direct to Swiss correspondents who in turn advise the Deutsche Bank to make delivery and cable advice of

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delivery to the said agents. Also, in order to operate this scheme the agents in question keep two sets of books, so that when State Inspectors take periodic inspections they can be shown one set indicating transactions only with American Express or Postal Telegraph.

One source that should be familiar with methods designed to defeat the restrictions on foreign exchange transactions indicated that remittances of Pesos by cable to the Banco de la Nacion at Buenos Aires in favor "Intamis" (cable address of Italian Institute of Exchange), Banco, for account of Credito Italiano, Milan, could be made. It is believed the informant had in mind particular transactions, and that the firm of Powers Company, 10 Broadway, New York City, may be involved.

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**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY**

These firms are licensed as "banks" for purposes of the Executive Order and are currently engaged in foreign exchange business, including gift or export marks, etc. Both firms operate in the same manner as indicated below.

The American Express Company appoints sub-agents under contract. The "sub-agents" are usually firms or individuals who operate travel agencies or similar businesses. Postal Telegraph appoints "agents" in the same manner. The principals regularly quote rates to these agents and sub-agents for marks and other currencies, (Exhibit "A" herewith). Up to a few months ago the rate for gift marks was \$21 per 100 marks, plus \$1.50 cable charge and/or 20¢ remittance fee, a total of \$23. The agents expect a commission on each transaction which is usually \$2, so that the customer pays to the agent \$25 per 100 marks. The total amount collected from the customer by the agent must be shown on the official receipt form, but the agents deduct their commission before remitting to their principals. In the instant case the agent would remit \$23 to the principal and itemize same on duplicate receipt form (see Exhibit "B").

The two companies are now charging a rate of \$20.50 per 100 marks, plus the cable charge and remittance fee, or a total of \$22.50.

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There are transmitted herewith as Exhibits "B" and "C" lists of agents of Postal Telegraph and sub-agents of American Express Company in the metropolitan area of New York City, who are regularly accepting orders for their principals for remittances of marks to Germany. The two companies named have other agents in this area who accept orders for the transmission of money to countries other than Germany and the may occasionally transmit marks, but their business in this currency is practically nil.

Postal Telegraph transmits orders for marks by cable to either the Union Bank of Switzerland or Banque Commerciale de Lausanne, both of Zurich, depending upon the rates quoted, and deposits the counter-value in dollars to the credit of the blocked accounts of these banks maintained with the Chase National Bank, New York City.

American Express Company deals exclusively with the Union Bank of Switzerland for marks, in the same manner as Postal Telegraph.

The two companies handle approximately 10 - 12 thousand marks daily. The total of such marks handled to the market daily is estimated at 50 - 60 thousand.

Agents of the two companies must follow the procedure outlined below in accepting orders for remittances abroad:

- (1) Fill out application form giving pertinent data relative to the person and his family, said form including a statement signed by the remitter relative to the ownership of funds remitted.
- (2) Complete section A of form 173-132 and forward same with the application blank to the principal.
- (3) Issue receipt to client for full amount collected and send copy thereof to the principal.

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Copies of forms utilized by American Express and Postal Telegraph are transmitted herewith as Exhibits "W" and "Y", respectively.

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**G. L. BREITLING & COMPANY**  
**52 Broadway**  
**New York, New York**

Mr. Walter Bauer, a partner of G. L. Breitling & Company was interviewed at the above address, and he stated that this concern was a sub-agent of the Postal Telegraph Company in the matter of remittances of foreign funds and transacts its business through the Express Exchange, which he referred to as the general agents.

At the present time they value the telegram at 40¢ and, therefore, a 100 Ratchmark transmission would cost as follows:

Value of 100 Ratchmarks .....	\$.21.00
Transmission Charge.....	1.00
Remittance Fee varies according to amount .....	.50 (average)

See ("Express Exchange" and )  
("Postal Telegraph")

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**EXPRESS EXCHANGE**  
**52 Wall Street**  
**202 East 36th Street -**  
**New York City.**

Mr. S. Rybtzin is the owner of this business. In addition to the head office and the branch at 202 East 36th Street, this firm formerly had a number of agents in New York City and State as well as in other parts of the United States for the purpose of securing business in the remittance of money to various countries, including Germany which was the most important.

In respect to the head office and the branch office the firm had on deposit with the State Banking authorities

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at Albany the sum of \$750,000 in accordance with a state law that requires a deposit of \$100,000 for each firm and branch thereof except banks, brokers, etc. that accepts money on behalf of clients for transmission abroad, etc. This law was evidently designed to control City-bright concerns set up to solicit emigrants and others.

Apparently without warning the state authorities advised Express Exchange that \$100,000 would have to be deposited in respect of each of its agents in the State of New York. The firm could not meet this demand and was forced to advise all agents that no further remittances could be accepted. At this point Express Exchange was limited to acceptances of money by its branch and the head office. The opinion was expressed in certain banking quarters that this action of the State was brought about by certain influential competitors of Express Exchange.

Thereafter, Epstein contacted the Postal Telegraph and suggested that its foreign exchange business could be increased considerably if it would appoint the former agents of Express Exchange as agents of Postal Telegraph. The arrangement was agreed to and Epstein arranged with his former agents to become agents of Postal. In order to compensate Epstein, Postal agreed to transmit through Express Exchange all business accrued from the former agents of Express Exchange.

Subsequent to the issuance of Executive Order 8999, Express Exchange held license No. 40726. This license was later revoked and the firm's funds blocked. The arrangement was then made whereby Express Exchange gave its foreign exchange business from the branch and the head office to Postal Telegraph. Cash only to be handed to Postal by Express Exchange for such business.

As Express Exchange was equipped to handle all details respecting foreign remittance, it is understood that the staff of this firm has continued to operate the business for Postal Telegraph.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN SHIPPING AGENCY  
1532 First Avenue  
New York, New York

This firm operates a small office with but one employee, a woman, who did not seem to know too much about the business. There was a new, fresh sign on the window reading, "Geschenk nach Gold sendungen werden hier wieder ungenommen". Most of the business of this place is in domestic money orders, Western Union telegrams, and RCA messages. This firm is also a sub-agent for the American Express Company. The applicant fills out one of the American Express Company forms, and pays \$23 for 100 marks. The application and the money is then forwarded by the sub-agent to the American Express. Business so far has averaged two or three orders a day. The average for each order is 100 marks. The woman here told the investigator that if she depended upon the mark business, she would starve to death.

GERMAN-AMERICAN TRAVEL BUREAU  
1473 Third Avenue  
New York City

Mr. Joseph Halstein is the owner of this business. He stated that he is an agent of the American Express Company and that all remittances for Europe are sent by him to that company for transmission.

Mr. Halstein stated that at one time he acted as forwarding agent for Portra, Inc., a food package business formerly located at 61 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Halstein stated that Portra, Inc., is no longer in business.

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WILLIAM HOLTZMAN and COMPANY  
120 Cedar Street  
New York City

This firm claims that it deals only in the purchase and sale of foreign currency. In case it desired to make remittances abroad, this firm would route through American Express or Postal Telegraph.

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ALEXANDER BREUER and COMPANY  
44 Beaver Street  
New York City

A separate report on this firm is being submitted. This firm was found to be a flagrant violator of the Executive Order in respect to currencies other than German and was associated with one Michael L. Beck who is also the subject of a separate report.

Mr. Alexander Breuer, owner of this business stated that he was unable to deal in German currencies because of the very keen competition met with in the market and which he presumed was due to activities of "refugee" dealers on the "Black Market".

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LLOYDS EXCHANGE  
692 Springfield Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

The premises at 692 Springfield were found to be vacant. A notice on the office door indicated that the firm had removed to 260 S. Main Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey.

At the Irvington address, an apartment house, a card on the mailbox of Apt. No. 4 bore the name A. H. Peppel - Lloyd's Exchange. There was no response to repeated ringing of the bell. This firm had apparently ceased business and no further visits were made.

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**CARL MARES and COMPANY, INC.**  
50 Broad Street  
New York City

See report No. 1-246, October 8, 1941. This firm has not transacted business in German currency since June 14, 1941.

**PAPENDORF TRAVEL BUREAU**  
1452 Myrtle Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

This establishment is a medium sized store managed by Mr. H. Birnbaum. The principal business is securing transportation accommodations and arranging trips. The business was founded in 1923. Mr. Birnbaum stated that Papendorf was a sub-agent for the American Express Company in sending marks to Germany. Papendorf charges \$23.35 for 100 marks. The American Express Company rate is \$21.00 per 100 marks, but \$1.50 is added for the cost of the cable, and 75 cents for office fees. Mr. Birnbaum stated that he receives an average of 4 or 5 orders daily, and the average amount sent is 100 marks.

**PERARA COMPANY**  
10 Broadway  
New York City

Mr. J. Manfra, Assistant to Mr. Perara was interviewed.

The principal business of this firm is the purchase and sale of foreign currency. They accommodate a few customers in the purchase of stocks and bonds.

The firm is an agent of the American Express and as such, but prior to June 14, 1941, handled about two remittances per day of marks. Since June 14, 1941, the firm has not handled one transaction in foreign exchange.

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SCHREIBER'S TRAVEL BUREAU  
60-62 Myrtle Avenue  
Ridgewood, New York

This is a fairly large establishment. The firm has four employees. Schreiber's does quite a business in travel tickets and money orders. There is also a large mortgage department. Schreiber's is a sub-agent of the American Express for the sending of marks to Germany. The business of sending marks was stopped in June of this year, and resumed about the first of September. Schreiber's receives about six orders a day, each order for about 100 marks. Schreiber's charges \$20 for 100 marks. The marks are sent, in nearly all cases, by servant girls and small salaried working people to their relatives in Germany. It is customary for the volume of this business to be small before Labor Day. The volume increases thereafter, and reaches a peak at Christmas time.

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HANS TRUSS  
60-61 Catalpa Avenue  
Ridgewood, New York

This address is a private house. There is no sign outside to indicate that Trupp resides there. Mrs. Trupp was interviewed and stated that Mr. Trupp had operated his own travel agency until about June 15th. On August 11, 1941, Mr. Trupp became a sub-agent of the Postal Telegraph Company for the sending of marks to Germany. Since that date Trupp has received four orders for marks. The charge is \$25 per hundred marks. Mr. Trupp mails the application and money to Postal Telegraph at 250 Broadway. The average amount of each order has been \$15.

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WEIER AND WEIER  
formerly  
210 East 87th Street  
New York City

This firm was operated by Henry Weier and his wife, Frieda.

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The small office at 210 East 87th Street has been closed. Weier and his wife were interviewed on August 16, 1941, at their apartment No. 68, at 5204 East 86th Street, New York City, where they have been living for some time.

Mr. Weier is a German national and has resided in the United States for the past 16 years. He stated that his wife has been a naturalized citizen for the past five years. Weier, according to his statement applied for his first papers but because he was moving around so much in his business he failed to follow through within the required time and now is barred.

Weier stated that he was a banker in Germany, but has not followed that line of work in this country. He worked as a machinist for the Vilter Company of Milwaukee and as an agent for Brown Young Company, stock brokers, located in New York but now out of business.

For the two years of 1939-40 and part of 1941, Weier stated that his business consisted of transferring funds to people in Germany through Amerop Trading Service, 400 Madison Avenue, New York. These transfers were in the form of money orders and travel checks. For several months prior to the freezing order affecting Germany on June 14, 1941, a small office was opened up at 210 East 87th Street, New York, for the purpose of taking orders for packages of groceries to be shipped to the interior of Germany.

These packages consisted of assortments of Tea, Coffee, Cheese, Ham, Bacon, etc. The packages ranged from \$2.50 to \$17.00 each and the orders were placed with the following for delivery:

Amerop Travel Service      400 Madison Avenue, New York  
Anchor Food Company      Broadway, New York (now moved)

These orders were cabled to Hamburg or Bremen, Germany, and the shipments were forwarded by mail from these points to the individuals in Germany. No shipments were made direct from the United States or to any other country than Germany.

He stated that since the foods such as were sent to

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these people, were restricted and difficult to obtain, their friends in the United States arranged for these shipments to supplement what they were able to get in their own country.

According to Weier no shipments have been made since June 14, 1941, and his place of business for this purpose is now closed. He has had no work since that time. He supports his wife and mother-in-law.

He is a typical German, about six feet in height, weighing approximately 200 pounds, well built, about forty years old and speaks English with a pronounced German accent.

The apartment where they are now living is in the business section of the German section of New York. It is well furnished and one would gather the opinion that their income has been sufficient to enable them to live in good circumstances.

Weier is the type one would expect to see as a band leader or organizer. However, he stated that he did not belong to any subversive organizations or clubs of any kind, not even a singing club.

He has very definite ideas about the possibility of Hitler's success and the ultimate victory of the German nation in defeating the countries of Europe. Underlying his volunteered statements it was plain that he is a student of the German Plan and loyal to his country. He stated that he received uncensored mail direct from Germany written in his own language which gave him a secret confidence in the activities of the German people and their ultimate victory.

While Weier answered the questions asked, it was plain that he had been questioned before, perhaps many times, and was careful not to elaborate too much on any of his activities and somewhat reluctant to state where he worked or exactly what he was doing. The investigator was not convinced that the answers given were in accordance with the facts.

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ZIMMERMAN and PORSHAY  
170 Broadway  
New York, New York

Mr. Zimmerman, owner of the firm was interviewed and stated he is an agent of Postal Telegraph and sub-agent of the American Express.

At the date of the interview, gift marks were quoted at \$ .205 with transmission charge \$1.50 and \$.60 average remission fee which varies according to the amount remitted.

Respectfully,

CHARLES R. REWARD,  
Treasury Representative.

Respectfully forwarded:  
APPROVED:

S. J. KENNEDY,  
Treasury Representative,  
Acting-in-Charge.

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FROM: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.  
FOREIGN TRAFFIC DEPT.  
65 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK  
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TO: PINTO BASTO & CO. LTD.  
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AMERICAN PROPERTY IN LISBON AWAITING SHIPMENT TO U. S. A.

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BR Carbon copy letter dated 9/10/42 discloses that George H. Schellens, (Y3579) c/o Portugal-America Corp., Room 1404, 67 Wall St., N.Y.C. is still awaiting shipment from Lisbon of 2 trunks and one case of oriental rugs.

BP

CAA Sender states that Mr. Schellens has indicated that he has now arranged to leave the rugs in Lisbon, but wishes to know the present status of his two trunks, still expected.

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Examiner's Note: George Schellens, a name similar to that of the owner of the property, with address at 55 Wall St., N. Y. C., or Groton, Conn., is suspected of being a Nazi agent.

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65 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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1. SWISS SECURITIES SOLD IN NEW YORK FOR PALESTINE ACCOUNT

2. PALESTINE RESIDENTS OWNING U.S. SECURITIES

1- Cover contains credit advices sent by the American express Company in ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, to addressee, via the American Express Company Inc. in New York, covering the following items:

Remittance from the American Express Company New York for account of addressee of Fr. 24,356.70 being 45% of face value Fr. 52,000.- 2% Societe De Gestion De La Banque De Geneva plus 30 coupons and 1% interest on Fr. 52,000 and less taxes, commission and postage. According to instructions received from the American Express Company in New York, this amount has been transferred to the SWISS BANKING CORPORATION, ZURICH for account of BARCLAYS BANK D.C. & O. JERUSALEM in favor of the authorized dealers of the government of Palestine.

Remittance from American Express Company, New York for account of addressee of Fr. 288.15 being dividends on Swiss and Chilean securities.

2- Cover also contains withdraw notices shewing that interests, represented by address: CBN  
215 shares of U.S. stocks and \$2,000-Bond Southern Pacific Co.

These securities were held by sender and are now transferred to Meers. J.S. BACHE & CO., NEW YORK  
BARCLAYS BANK, NEW YORK and BROWN BROS, HARRIMAN & CO., NEW YORK. There is no indication that a license authorizing this transfer has been obtained.

Cover further contains advices of dividend collections on U.S. securities owned by a number of persons presumably residents of Palestine.

ENCLOSURES: Numerous; credit advices  
letters  
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Balance of communication has been examined and appears to be harmless.

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TO: Mr. Ruben Rodriguez  
 c/o ARMANDO TORRES  
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## SECURITY

I. POSSIBLE EMIGRATION FROM LISBON TO UNITED STATES  
 II. CABLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BERLIN & NEW YORK RE. TRANSFERENCE OF FUNDS  
 III. MISAPPROPRIATION OF SPONSOR'S FUNDS

I. Possible Emigration from Lisbon to United States

Writer asks clarification of transactions concerning the bringing of Minna Lachman and Arthur Zwirn from Lisbon to U. S.

Pg. 1, Par. 1, L. 6 "It seems that \$1200.00 were sent by the sponsor in this country to Lisbon, to pay for their passage, and that Minna Lachman used \$600.00 of this money and came to America, but Arthur Zwirn was unable to travel because he could not obtain the necessary visa and, in view of that fact, you retained \$600.00 and gave Minna Lachman a receipt signed by you saying that you had retained this \$600.00 which was not used for the passage money of Arthur Zwirn."

III. Misappropriation of Sponsors Funds

Pg. 2, Par. 1, L. 1 Writer has now received word from Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co. (Examiner's Note: G.E. 4900) who advise that addressee, before he left Lisbon, handed Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co., \$600.00 on account of the passage of Wilhelm Altman.

Writer knows of no connection between the two parties (Lachman-Zwirn and Wilhelm Altman) and states:-

Pg. 2, Par. 5, L. 1 "It is not at all clear to me why you transferred \$600.00 which belonged to the sponsor of Arthur Zwirn to Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co., to pay for the passage of Wilhelm Altman... and you did not have confirmation from New York that the Sponsor of Wilhelm Altman had paid this money in the United States".

Par. 2, Par. 6, L. 1 Writer is not clear when this money was paid to Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co. He asks if it was at the time Altman sailed on S.S. Navemar. Points out that if payment was made after Altman sailed on S.S. Navemar, it would seem that Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co. Honored Berlin's Exchange Order without any confirmation from New York that the sponsor of Wilhelm Altman had paid this money in the United States.

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TO: I.L. FEUCHTWANGER GENERAL COMM. BK.  
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### FUNDS AND SECURITIES HELD IN N.Y. FOR PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS

Sender's statement as of October 31-1942 reveals a credit balance of \$18799.52 as well as securities held for the account of addressee and various individuals as listed below:

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30	" Am. Power & Light a/c F. Levinger
25	" C. & O. Rwy a/c Abraham Maklev
45	" Am. Pow & Light a/c H. & R. Sternberger
60	" Same a/c E.J. & Mrs. K. Joseph
83	" All'd Stores Corp. a/c F. Levinger
20	" Un. Pac. R.R. Pfd. " R. Adler
25	" Com. Inv. Tr. a/c E.R. J. & I. Davidson
10	" Same " M. & Mrs. B. Strauss
432	" Ches. & Ohio Ry. Co.
195	" Same
35	" Eastern Gas & Fuel Ass'n.
20	" Union Carbide & Carb. Corp.
17	" Comm. Inv. Tr. Corp.
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FTC	5	"	Same F. & M. Schloss
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C/O ESCUELA COMERCIAL  
"ARMANDO VORALEK"  
AVE. MADERO, 10  
MEXICO, D.F.

TO:

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
MR. F. A. SMALL  
ASSISTANT TO TREASURER  
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Writer states he is trying to answer to the best of his recollection questions received in addressee's letter of Oct. 30. The sailing of the S.S. Navemar to which writer and addressee refer took place in August, 1941. The Navemar has since been sunk.

Writer states \$1,200.00 was sent to Messrs. Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co., Lisbon, from New York, to cover the passages of Minna Lachman and Arthur Zwirn on the sailing of the above mentioned ship. Minna Lachman was granted the required visa to travel but Zwirn could not obtain his. While the ship was waiting to sail a Mr. J. Sena, representing the firm of Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co. went on board bringing money to many of the passengers including Minna Lachman. Sena received a receipt for Lachman's passage \$600, and \$600 in cash.

Since many of the bookings made by the Berlin office remained unsettled, writer immediately turned over Lachman's unused portion of \$600 to Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co. and did not wait until he himself sailed from Lisbon, Dec. 12, 1941.

Writer feels since this Co. handled all accounts concerning the Navemar affair they alone can explain why the money (\$600) was used to cover Wilhelm Altman's passage rather than waiting for addressee's disposal instructions. Writer states he never saw the Exchange Order issued by Berlin to Altman.

## EXAMINER'S NOTE:

The American Express Co. has recently been reported to be sending messages destined for enemy territory which function is only allowed to the Red Cross. It also arranged passage on the Drottningholm for the German spy, Herbert Karl Fredrick Bahr, and has dealings with Nazi firms in Chile.

J. Sena is probably Juliao Sena (BE 3533,4900) a share holder in Siemens Reiniger S.A.R.L., Rua de Santa Maria 141-143, Lisbon & Rua Candido Dos Reis 123 Oporto, Portugal, German dealers in medical apparatus and instruments. They are a branch of Siemens Reiniger Werke A.G. of Berlin. Sena is to be considered suspicious. Writer does not indicate type of currency; it is probably U.S. ENCLOSURES: 1 - 1 copy of same letter to be forwarded to Chester Merrill, Ramos & Co., Lisbon.

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1 - In letter addressed to G. S. Cole, Pro. agent, and titled, "Immigration Refund," sender states that in the matter of the original deposit of \$650.00 for Lola Kuerti nee Schueler, they (sender) have transferred to New York through Chase National Bank \$631.12, amount left after expenses were deducted, to be refunded to Mr. Josua Torczyner (y5084) 270 West 95th St., N. Y. C.

2 - In regard to "passage for Joss Maribona" sender states: "on Dec. 9th we received cable from Chester Merrill-Ramos to accept \$1400.00 from Alfredo Cano for passage money of Mr. Jose Maribona on the same date we wrote a letter to Mr. Cano and on Dec. 14th he came to the office and deposited with us \$1,400.00 which we credited to the New York office on our DSSA #415018 and we cabled Chester Merrill-Ramos that the amount involved had been deposited with us and that we were crediting to New York." Sender advises that a deposit of \$50.00 was collected to cover cable expenses, transfers, etc.

Sender also informs addressee that William H. Reese, former vice-president of the Paris branch of the Chase National Bank and now stationed in Havana, is coming to the United States in January.

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SECURITIES PURCHASED FOR ENEMY NATIONALS BY SWISS FIRM THROUGH  
NEW YORK OFFICE

The writer encloses an advice dated Nov. 14, 1942 advising the addressee that they will have received for safe custody from Hirsch, Lilienthal & Co., (Y 4358) New York, 20 Shares Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y.

Value Nov. 17, 1942 \$328.50.

Purchaser: Clara Brust, German,  
Meggen Near Lucerne, Switzerland.

In another advice dated Nov. 14, 1942, the writer acknowledges addressees cable No. 339 advising the purchase for writers account on the New York Stock Exchange of the 13th inst.

200 Shares Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co. Common @ 3-7/8 \$792.50

Purchaser: Emanuel Grigoriu,  
Citizen of Roumania,  
Lucerne, Switzerland.

No evidence of Treas. License is indicated.

ENCLOSURES: Numerous advices. No covering letter.

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Authority NWD 968103  
By KG NAPA Date 6/6/04

EXCERPT FROM IMPERIAL CENSORSHIP SUMMARY  
RE: FINANCIAL TRENDS, BERMUDA INTERCEPTS,  
F.T.S., DATED APRIL 16, 1943:

(8) In 7012 is a letter from Lisbon to the American Express New York, covering affidavits on claims on the addressees for refund on dollar travellers cheques either stolen from the owners by the German authorities or lost during escape from France.

<u>Para.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Communication.</u>	<u>Writer.</u>	<u>Addressee.</u>
8.	7012	10 Feb. 1943	Chester Merrill Ramos y Cia, Lisbon.	American Express Co., N.Y.

cc: 5/21/43 Messrs. Gewirtz, Glaser For Information Only

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American Express Co.  
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE 11/11/42

TO Mr. Orvis A. Schmidt

FROM Paul Grinitz

Re: American Express Company

Supplementing Bobernheim's memorandum of January 22, 1943 addressed to Mrs. Hella Schwartz, the following additional violations of the Neutrality Act are noted: a number of items of the record show that American Express Company has been closely following and monitoring closely the operations of American Express Company.

1. About November 1942 American Express Company, New York received from Hirsch Lillenthal & Co., New York, 20 shares of Consolidated Edison Company of New York common stock valued at \$115.50 which were purchased on the account of Clara Brust, a Swiss national. No Treasury license was obtained. (NY 281627) Shortly after this transaction, American Express Company received a license (NY 42159) authorizing the purchase of Chilean bonds in behalf of Clara Brust. The application described her as a Swiss national.

2. On November 11, 1942 American Express Company transferred to the account of Emanuel Grigorev, a Russian citizen, resident in Switzerland, 200 shares of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company common stock at a price of \$792.50. No Treasury license was obtained. (NY 281627). On November 16, 1942 American Express Company received a license (NY 481476) authorizing the purchase of Brazilian bonds in behalf of Grigorev. A statement undated November 12, the date of the unlicensed purchase.

3. In November 1942 the Zurich branch advised American Express Company, New York that the branch had not heard whether Miss Helfer, who had been traveling through Paris, had returned to Geneva, but remitted a cablegram from New York (NY 42572-43) authorizing payment to be held at her disposal. (No 42572-43)

4. On November 12, 1942 the Zurich branch wrote, with respect to a cable transfer of \$200.00 from New York on October 16, 1941 for the account of Emil Holler, that payment could be effected on November 5, 1942. (NY 42572-43) This statement seems to indicate that the payment was made. A strong possibility exists that the funds were actually paid to Emil Zeller, Zurich, who was placed on the Proclaimed List on February 7, 1942. No Treasury license was obtained. (No 42572-43)

5. A statement dated November 20, 1942 from Zurich listed cabled £1000.00 from American Express Company, New York to become due the

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Members, including his payments to him \$756.16 and \$1,111., respectively,  
had been distributed to the benefitaries under the above-mentioned  
action of Municipal Life Insurance Company, New York, and nothing has been remitted  
to him as to the compensation of the agent employed by the U. S. Government  
or any other person holding property from which he received his  
payment. Credit is given to Mr. A. J. Miller, a licensed real estate  
agent, who was engaged in the transaction, and further information will be  
supplied as soon as possible.

On January 1, 1972, the State of Florida, through its Department of Conservation and Development, who runs the state's conservation parks, exhibited at the 1972 Winter Haven Fish Show a collection of 1971-72 game fish specimens which had been collected by the state's Game Warden Division. The specimens were displayed in a glass case in the main hall of the show. The specimens were all taken from the state's waters and were not imported. The specimens were all taken by the state's Game Warden Division and were not imported. The specimens were all taken by the state's Game Warden Division and were not imported.

On April 6, 1941, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 217 to 17, passed a resolution calling for a national emergency to be declared in view of the Nazi financial penetration of the American economy, the Nazi's efforts to dominate the world market, and the Nazi's systematic efforts to undermine the foundations of the American Republic. The Senate, by a vote of 73 to 17, passed a resolution to declare a national emergency in view of the Nazi financial penetration of the American economy, the Nazi's efforts to dominate the world market, and the Nazi's systematic efforts to undermine the foundations of the American Republic. On April 11, 1941, the House of Representatives, by a vote of 217 to 17, passed a resolution calling for a national emergency to be declared in view of the Nazi financial penetration of the American economy, the Nazi's efforts to dominate the world market, and the Nazi's systematic efforts to undermine the foundations of the American Republic.

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**MEMORANDUM**

November 18, 1943

Re: NY 578120,  
 578121,  
 578126,  
American Express Company  
 578127,

Three of these applications, via. NY 578121, 578126 and 578127 request the release from the provisions of General Ruling No. 5 of \$380, \$515 and \$350 respectively which amounts were originally remitted by cable transfer to applicant's Lisbon agents in May and June 1941 to cover cost of transportation to the United States, and were returned from Lisbon by mail dated February 9, 1942 and June 3, 1942 because they could not be utilized for this purpose. The money was held by the Colonial Treasury, Hamilton, Bermuda, and was recently allowed to come forward to New York, where it was impounded by the United States Customs Service on September 23, 1943.

When applicant's Lisbon agents received the advice to transfer these funds, they undoubtedly converted the dollars into Escudos at the official rate. The transfers were made in May and June 1941 and about eight months to one year later, actual dollars were mailed to the applicant. This method of refunding the dollars rather than by transfer through normal banking channels was employed, in our opinion, because dollars could be purchased in Lisbon at a substantial discount from the official rate of exchange. These facts lead us to the conclusion that the dollars were purchased on the black market and the applications are therefore denied.

Application NY 578120 differs from the three outlined above in that the dollars (in this case \$1350) were not remitted by cable transfer from the U. S. to Lisbon, but were purchased by a citizen of the United States through the American Express in Marseilles to cover cost of passage from France to the United States via Lisbon. American Express Company's Lisbon agents stated that Clipper fare could only be paid in dollars in the United States and cabled American Express, New York, to make the necessary arrangements. The Lisbon agents, however, did accept the dollars and under date of June 20, 1942 shipped them to the applicant.

The origin of these dollars together with the method of transmission to the United States dictates that the application be denied.

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