MEMORANDUM RE: **Chronological Facts Relating to Financial Program for Evacuation of Jews from France and Rumania.**

(1) As early as April, 1943, cables were exchanged between Minister Harrison in Berne and the State Department concerning certain proposals discussed by Harrison with Riegner of the World Jewish Congress relating to the evacuation of Jews from Axis-occupied Europe. In a cable from State of May 25, 1943 (1249) the question of financial arrangements was discussed and a tentative proposal for financing the evacuation of Jews from Rumania was set forth. In a reply from Berne, dated June 14, 1943, (3657) Harrison indicated that the matter had been discussed with Riegner and he set forth certain considerations which were involved. In this cable he indicated that the Riegner plan offered many possibilities of abuse and might even facilitate the transfer of enemy funds, stating that the supervision of the operation of accounts by the Legation did not appear practical in view of the inability of the Legation to control the collection of funds in Rumania, the lack of control of the disbursement of funds in France and in Rumania, and the possibility that deposits in the United States or Switzerland might be assigned in Rumania. He further raised for consideration in this cable the question of whether or not the Riegner plan would have to be cleared with the British.

(2) In letters of June 25 and June 28, 1943, Bernard Meltzer, Acting Chief of Foreign Funds Control of the State Department, forwarded to Mr. Pehle the above mentioned cables of May 25 and June 14 and a cable of June 22 (3567) from Harrison transmitting information from the representatives of the International Red Cross Committee. Meltzer expressed a desire to discuss the matter with the Treasury, after we had had an opportunity to study the cables.

(3) On July 1, 1943 Dr. Mahun Goldman and Mr. James Wise of the American Jewish Congress discussed with Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Pehle in a preliminary way a plan involving the