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This message is supplementary to my 2460, April 20, and is sent by R with a request that W be informed.

"In reply your cable March 15 relief scheme proposed by us and International Red Cross was definitely rejected by German authorities insofar as Poland other eastern countries under German occupation including Baltic States are concerned. Therefore WOS letter Tartakower of December 17 not suitable. However, German authorities accepted scheme of Red Cross collective despatches there Sienstadt. First considerable dispatch to which we largely contributed now being forwarded by International Red Cross. Red Cross intend obtain same possibility for labor camps in Upper Silesia, Auschwitz, Sosnowitz, Birkenau, Jawischowitz other places where many young deportees concentrated. Wide rescue action equally possible for Rumania especially Transmistria provided necessary amounts available. This action could be undertaken through intermediary Red Cross or directly. Rumanian Jews proposing special commission composed Fildermann, Wilhelm Fischer, Benvenis. Working letter of Jewish central organization which strictly controlled by authorities.

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