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Secretary Morgenthau

Randolph Paul

James Wise came to see John Pehle on Wednesday, August 11, 1943 and showed him a letter, dated August 6, 1943, which Rabbi Wise had received from Sumner Welles. A copy of such letter is attached for your information.

Wise said that he believes the source of the information contained in the letter with regard to the number of Jewish victims to be a reliable one. James Wise indicated that Rabbi Wise had seen the President recently and asked him to make a public statement warning the satellite countries, particularly Hungary and Rumania, where the great bulk of the Jews still living in Europe reside, of the result of their continued persecution and execution of Jews. Rabbi Wise is hopeful that the President and Churchill may make a joint statement on this matter.

With respect to the remittance of $10,000 to Switzerland, to aid in the escape to Switzerland of certain Jewish social workers from the Italian occupied zone in France, Wise said that a cable was being sent to Switzerland asking what the money is to be expended for and how the expenditures are to be made. He will get in touch with Pehle as soon as a reply is received.

Incidentally, Wise pointed out that at the same time as Mussolini resigned, all of the anti-Jewish legislation in Italy was revoked.

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