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Certain comments with regard to proposals contained in Department's 1889, August 7, have been supplied by Dr. Riegner.

In his opinion it is worthwhile to attempt financing of Jewish refugee evacuation from France to North Africa and Spain pursuant to the arrangements and subject to the conditions outlined by Treasury. Twenty-five thousand dollars is the amount suggested by him as an initial deposit.

Paragraph 2. According to Dr. Riegner between ten and twenty thousand Jewish refugees in the part of France formerly occupied by Italy are threatened with persecution by the Gestapo. A question is presented by him as to whether these persons may be evacuated to Switzerland under the financial arrangements proposed by Treasury. (In the Legation's opinion concurrence of the Swiss authorities should be obtained prior to evacuation into Switzerland.)

Paragraph 3. Advice is also requested by Dr. Riegner as to whether purchase of French francs from persons in Switzerland against blocked funds is permissible under the proposed arrangements (see 4989 from Legation, 16th of