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My dear Mr. Leavitt:

I desire to confirm and to give you for your records certain information which has been received from Dr. Donald Lowrie.

The condition of the Jews in France becomes progressively worse. As an example, in Nice the deportation of more than 5,000 razzias continues. In Marseille and Nimes and Perpigan, hundreds of families have been sent to Drancy. At Toulouse the French militia are collaborating with the German police in chasing the Jews and several Jews have been executed after every assassination by French partisans. Mass arrests have occurred and many Jewish families have been compelled to abandon apartments [and] given German families from barred districts in Dordogne, Creuse and Haute Vienne.

All Jews who were seriously ill and detained at the St. Louis Hospital, Perpigan, as well as old people, women and children residing in centers foreigners social service have been deported. East-bound transport comprised 1,500 persons from Drancy was noted on November 20. The Gestapo persecutes Jewish social organizations and UGIF in state dissolution.

After Lambert Baurstora, the late General Director, Gaston Kahn and many high employees were transported to Drancy; the Gestapo arrested Zadoc Kahn, the Director of Rothchild's Hospital, Heilbronner, Consistary President with their families and camp commissioner, Sister Onin Corpore. Five social assistants of OSE were lost while attempting to save children at Nice and "Ell" deported.

According

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
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Committee,
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According to the last news received on December 9, the childrens help activities will ~~(form new or)~~ be continued in unofficial form; homes are in dissolution. It is estimated that private families have received some 6,000 children.

It is urgently necessary to save additional 1,500 newly abandoned children, placing them with families. The local finance organizations have been totally destroyed and Dyka and Maurice are in hiding.

In order to facilitate rescue activities, we desire to repeat an earlier request and to endeavor to obtain promises of visas for several thousand children hidden in France or refugee Switzerland.

Dr. Lowrie suggests that Lisbon should be kept fully informed.

The information contained in the above telegram is not good news but I want you to know that anything the Department can do to assist in rescuing these poor people will be done and as I have mentioned to you verbally, we are continuing our efforts on behalf of the children.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Howard K. Travers

Howard K. Travers
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