

The Chase National Bank

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS-CHASEBANK

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
SIEGFRIED STERN
VICE PRESIDENT

New York

June 7, 1939

*Jan & Mary
Germany
Ref in Cuba
St Louis*

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letters of June 7th, which we quote below verbatim:

"The undersigned, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., requests you as our Agent to notify the Cuban Government that you are authorized on our behalf to submit to the Cuban Government the following proposal:

"The Committee will provide a \$500. deposit for each of the refugees who have not already made such deposit, on board the SS ST. LOUIS, to permit their immigration into Cuba under the appropriate Cuban regulations, and a like amount for each refugee aboard the SS FLANDERS and the SS ORDUNA, it being understood that it is not a condition of the offer that it be accepted in respect of the last two steamers; this deposit of \$500. in each case to be made with the Government against the issue of a landing permit and Treasury receipt, the Treasury receipt to be delivered to Chase National Bank, Havana.

"You will kindly advise the Cuban Government that you are authorized to make this offer and that you have the funds available for such purpose.

"You will also please advise the Cuban Government that in addition to the foregoing, this Committee guarantees that none of the foregoing refugees will become a public charge to the Cuban Government. This last is the responsibility of our Committee and not of The Chase National Bank."

"Referring to our letter of June 7, 1939 with respect to the deposit with the Cuban Government of \$500. cash for each of the refugees on board the SS ST. LOUIS, FLANDERS and ORDUNA, we hereby authorize you to set aside from our balance with you the amount necessary for any payments which you may have to effect under the above authorization to the Cuban Government, including all expenses incident to this transaction.

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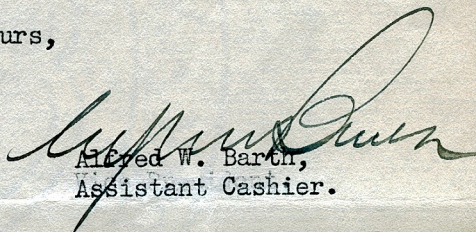
"With respect to the deposit of \$500. for each refugee, we request that you endeavor to arrange that this deposit may be made in Cuban currency. If this is not acceptable to the Cuban Government, you are authorized to make the deposit in United States currency."

In line with the authorization contained in the above mentioned two letters, we have authorized our Havana Branch to submit your offer to the Cuban Government and to confirm to the Cuban Government that our branch will pay the Cuban Government a \$500. landing deposit for each of the refugees who have not already made such a deposit and who are on board the SS ST. LOUIS, the SS FLANDERS and the SS ORDUNA, against the issuance of a landing permit and a Treasury receipt which receipt is to be delivered to The Chase National Bank, Havana, for safekeeping for your account.

We have authorized our Havana Branch to proceed along the foregoing lines without consultation before payment and our Havana Branch will reimburse itself for its outlays by drawing on us accompanied by a duplicate of the Treasury receipt.

We have been pleased to cooperate with you in connection with the above, it being understood of course that in doing so we are acting as your Agent and that you agree to hold us harmless from any and all consequences arising therefrom. Will you kindly countersign the attached copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,


Alfred W. Barth,
Assistant Cashier.