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Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

The FBI has forwarded to me for declassification review and release determination two documents which they have identified in their files as responsive to your FOIA request. The FBI case number assigned is 280,521.

I am pleased to inform you that there is no objection to the release to you of these two documents--Office of Censorship intercepts of letters to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landau, April 26, 1945. The reproductions forwarded by the FBI to me for review are enclosed.

Sincerely,

EDWIN A. THOMPSON
Director
Records Declassification Division

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1945.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. W. J. Powell

I enclose photostatic copies of two communications; (1) from Kurt Steinfeld, Buenos Aires, Argentina to Mr. Jacob Landau, 101 Park Avenue, New York, (2) from Carroll Colvin, Mexico, D. F. to Mr. Jacob Landau, 101 Park Avenue, New York. These are forwarded to you in accordance with your Special Watch Instructions regarding the traffic of Landau.

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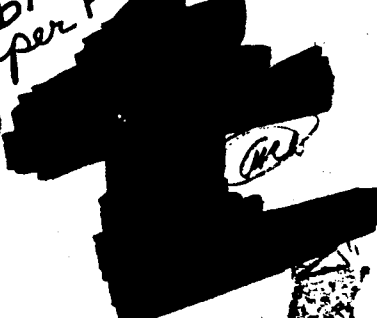
J. P. Wolgemuth
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Buenos Aires, April 26, 1945

Mr. Jacob Landau
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Landau:

First I have to present you my excuses for my last letter. It had been dictated to somebody in the office whose English is not very good, and it has been my fault that it has been dispatched without correcting.

J T A: As I wrote you in a previous letter, I have asked Dr. Lissin, who says you know him, to take care of the JTA-office. I am sure we could have found a better man, but considering the relatively small amount we can offer and the fact that he practically has to build up his own position, he is probably the best man who could have been taken under these conditions. He has a good reputation, good contacts, knows Jewish life in Argentina, is not too close to any of the antagonistic groups, has good recommendations from Schuster, Teubel and Hirshman. He has a lot of energies, although it seems to me that he is losing too much of his time with details. He is certainly pleasant to work with, and I hope he will have success, as your correspondent and as the local manager of the JTA. In case you want to start a financial campaign in Argentina, I would advise you by all means to send a man from somewhere else. The proverb: A prophet is nothing in his own country, is more valid in Argentina than anywhere else. What we are doing is certainly an excellent preparation for a future drive-informing people about the existence and the activities of JTA. I shall have Lissin write to you directly.

Please send 200 dollars for March and 200 for April for JTA-expenses as soon as possible. Although JTA started only in the second week of March, we spent more than 150 dollars that month because we had to buy furniture and had to deposit three months' rent in advance as a guarantee, when we rented the office. The remaining 200 pesos I had to give to Dr. Lissin. I have also advanced JTA-expenses during April and I shall have to give to Dr. Lissin what remains of the 800 pesos. As the salary only starts with May and I have not taken any salary from JTA, he will have enough money to handle the expenses from now on until he gets the next 200 dollars directly from you, but I would appreciate if you could send me some or as possible the 400 dollars I advanced from my own pocket.

We have been issuing the Spanish and German bulletin for a very limited number of people, whom we have informed that it is only a try-out and that after a short period we shall have a regular service with JTA-cables. In it, meanwhile we have not asked for any payment for a subscription. When I started the bulletin, of course, I had no idea that it would take much more than a month until we would be able to get the cable-service.

A P A: As Mrs. Vitero and I were going, I have inspected the AFA-finances in a way that AFA practically can do completely without support. We can do without the 400 dollars you sent. I am completely sure, with the income he will have from the daily bulletin, from the cable-service and individual supporters, will not only be able to support the office as it is today but will be able to do so during the next few months. His plans should be not much different. He will give to the office a few minutes of recognition, but I hope that will not be necessary. By all means I am decided not to allow the AFA to have a further deficit. I prepared eventually, so that the AFA-bills will be paid for the month of May while I am away in Chile. I have the money in my pocket, so all right.

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

Mr. Jacob Landa

Buenos Aires, April 26, 1945

By time in Buenos Aires and Montevideo, try to make new improvements, get new customers, etc. As it looks right now in Buenos Aires and Montevideo, we have practically all the clients we could get, but in June the situation might have changed again to our favour, there might be more news-print available, through the papers which publish our service now, CMA will be more well known and the fact that we get a regular number of features by radio, will help us to get new clients, as soon as I start a new campaign in June.

A P L A: As we told you I have arranged that most of the money you send us will be available for expansion. The coming month it will be at least 300 Dollars out of the 500. But within three months I hope that the whole of the 500 Dollars will be at my disposal. To develop APA, APN and ANP and to make them more or less self-supporting, as they are now, we have spent about 25,000 Pesos.-3,500 Dollars came from you. The rest I have invested since I began to work with Glas one year ago. Of course, we have paid some "Lohn-geld" and the experiences will help us in our work in other countries. On the other hand, APA had already some financial basis when I, and later you, walked in. But I think it won't be a big mistake when I suppose that a similar amount - about 6,000 dollars - will be necessary to organize and support the organizations in the rest of Southamerica until all of them become self-supporting. So what I should like to hear from you, that you will - if not something extraordinary changes the situation - that 500 dollars will be available for APLA for 12 more months. In return for this, you will expect that at the end of these twelve months not only the whole organization will be self-supporting, but that countries like Argentina and Uruguay, where we started first, will already bring some benefits.

What we personally concenra, as Mrs. Vitebo and I wrote you, I would like to be sure that during this period I can count with a regular salary of 250 Dollars monthly, paid besides of the 500 dollars. I have been investing money of my own. I have been working without any payment. I think I can say that my work has been effective and successful. Now, when I shall be travelling, I shall be losing the last little and occasional income I had here in Buenos Aires from other sources, and as my wife will mostly not be able to accompany me when I am travelling, I shall have to continue with my household in Buenos Aires. My plan for the coming twelve months is to go to the different Southamerican countries, stay in one country as long as it is necessary to be sure that everything will march also without my presence; then go back to Buenos Aires, stay there for a couple of weeks and leave again to a new country. For example: 4 weeks Chile, 4 weeks Buenos Aires; after this 6 to 8 weeks to organize Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador; go back to Buenos Aires; stay there 4 weeks; after this, if the situation in Brazil has changed so that there is a chance to establish a local news service in Rio and Sao Paulo, go to Brazil. If not, make Colombia and Venezuela, come back, etc.

We need more clippings for our feature service. What we need especially are articles written by famous people, even if what they say is not very important. What happened to "The World"? Have it you the rights for reproduction? Why don't you send them to us by air mail? Could you get other publications for us to reproduce? What about the "New York Times"? Sometimes, although very seldom, they publish interesting articles. Could you get us articles from "The Call" and similar publications? Sometimes they have interesting stuff. Also publications like "The American Magazine", "Pick", from back-copies of "Click" or any other kind of magazin carrying the kind of articles we reproduce. We need a good number of clippings with financial and economic news-items, but have no use at all for book-reviews or American theatre news and very little news about movies. We have also opened up the catholic press for CMA. We have now "El Pueblo" of Buenos Aires, "Los Principios" of Cordoba, "La Verdad" of Junin. There are many

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

...the field, Peru, but of course, we need a special type of ... have to tell you what organized Catholicism in ... especially Argentina, means. They continue to be arch- ... although today they try to appease their bad conscience by ...

... don't Ben's Jewish or other Jewish organizations publish some material ... for the Catholics? Please send us as little as possible U.S. ... news. It is not yet the time to make them interesting; and no clippings ... which are definitely old after ten to fifteen days of travelling. Please ... try to double, or if possible triple the material Stanley Ross used to send. ... will bring us new customers and new income.

... I hope that in the next few days the Teleco reception will finally work. ... I would like to make the experiment for two months and try to sell the fea- ... tures you are going to send us by wireless. We had to find out that it is ... impossible at the moment to sell the cable service at a decent price to a ... paper in Buenos Aires, which would cover the expenses you had for it by ... sending it by wireless. The papers in Buenos Aires have UP, AP, but no ... space for any other cable news.

... The papers in the interior get the service late anyhow. It is the same to ... them, if they get in the airmailed bulletin. May be I shall find a client ... who can pay for 3, 5 or 7 features radioc to Buenos Aires. To be frank, ... I am not too optimistic. If it is possible, I shall advise you by the end ... of June to stop CMA-cabling for a couple of months, save the money and re- ... initiate the cabling only after the situation has changed, the papers have ... more news-print, more space and more money.

... Sometimes I have the impression that you are too careless in your finan- ... cial relations with me. Remittances of money are always late. The first ... of every month I have to pay more than 2,000 pesos for salaries. The money ... from New York comes only between the 10th and 15th. As I told you I had ... to advance money for JTA for 2 months. I think it is natural, that if you ... start something new, you ought to send money for it. The same about the ... 5,000 Pesos from Mr. Teubal. I have received them, but I wrote to you that ... I was sending them to Montevideo to get finally the capital on the account ... of APLA to satisfy the legal requirements. The money is there and can not ... yet be disposed of and probably will have to remain there for one or two ... weeks. So again I shall have to use my money to advance salaries etc. Be- ... sides I have written to you that you cannot book all the money in your fa- ... vour. Elia - uhal had been contributing 200 Pesos a month and Nasser Teu- ... bal has promised us a contribution which, I am sure, would have been around ... 200 Pesos a month. With the 5,000 Pesos they paid me, they considered enough ... money from their side has been given to us for quite a while - I had to ... protest twice before they paid the 5,000 because they wanted to deduct ... 1,200 Pesos, which Elia Teubal had given us last year -. So it will be ... just it, of the 5,000 Pesos you deduct 600 Dollars as having been raised ... locally. Of the remaining 650 Dollars I shall take 500 Dollars for this ... month and 150 Dollars for next month, so that next month I expect to re- ... ceive from you only 350 Dollars. Please send them and try to send in time. ... The 500 Dollars shall go for APLA expansion, but of course for quite a ... while I shall have to place them at the disposal of AFA, as soon as they ... arrive, in order to pay salaries etc., being repaid from the income from ... newspapers and individual subscribers who always keep us waiting.

I hope I shall be able to send you good news from Chile soon. Many thanks ... for your letters of introduction which, I am sure, will be very useful.

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

Mr. Jacob Lardou

Bureau of War Relocation Authority, April 26, 1943

When I look through my copy of the Japanese War Relocation Authority, I am the
impression of a fine administration, in which the Japanese War Relocation
Authority has been established. The Japanese War Relocation Authority is
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I hope you find this information helpful. I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Hiram Price

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Director

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HIRAM PRICE, Director.

Buenos Aires, April 26, 1945

Mrs. Ida Landau
Overseas News Agency
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Landau:

Many thanks for your letter of April 17th. I am very satisfied of what you write about the situation of the JTA with the U. S. and in other nations, because it is exactly what I have been thinking about. I continue to have the best relations with the U. S. as well as with the other side. As you will see from the correspondence with Mr. L. S. I am working with a Mr. L. S. (the name of David) and I have a feeling that he was excitedly for me. I had a feeling about it that he wanted to do a little double dealing, but still he is a good devil and will continue to be useful to us.

I think your analogy between the foreign language papers in the States and the Latin American papers does not hold in a double sense: first, post-war possibilities of Latin American papers are much more serious, for different reasons it is still more difficult to obtain Latin American papers for the services they get than for any American papers. For example: in American papers we get from the British, French, Dutch, German, etc., the Argentine governments, from America through the different channels, from the British through four different channels. Besides the propaganda for the Catholic church, the Moscow Press, the Communist, Russian, and Catholic and a good number of others. The British, French, and Argentine often even get a lot of advertising. I don't think you saw the same situation in U.S.A. but I perfectly agree with your other principles, including that of censorship. If countries have to be avoided by all means. But I want to draw your attention to the following: we do not, nor did we employ unskilled employees with the exception of five or six, and we never have unpaid bills. For principal reasons I pay all my expenses after two weeks after they have been presented to me. If AFA has been working all these months with a deficit, as it really was, it was because I was perfectly decided to come up for this deficit, not a word paid but as an investment for the future. I consider AFA as a FFL partly my own, and whatever other business I would have practiced, I would have had to invest money.

I feel, like you, that the organization of offices in liberated Europe is of very great importance, especially because as soon as I have finished my work in Latin America, I want to go over there. So, if you think you could save from us for this purpose without ordering our papers for expansion, for example stop the radio transmissions immediately without which we could certainly go for several months, as I explained to Mr. Landau. It would be perfectly alright for me.

I am glad you like our work here and it is not modesty when I say that our success is only due to the high quality of the material you send us. Here is a little example: INS which previously covered only papers in Buenos Aires, impressed by our success with the papers in the interior, offered their service to be taken in the interior, one month free, regular conditions to be discussed later. Of the 40 papers, 34 are our clients and none of them published one line from INS. Of the remaining

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

Mrs. Ida Landau

Buenos Aires, April 26, 1945

6, 5 are papers we never offered our service for their reactionary position, 2 of them now use TBS, the fifth, which by some mistake has not been sent to us, I offered immediately our service at a rather cheap price of contribution. He accepted our service, is now using TBS and OPA but promised me to contract our service exclusively, immediately after the time of probation for TBS has expired.

I hope to hear from you ever after Mr. Landau is in New York and remain

Sincerely Yours

Kurt Steinfeld

Kurt Steinfeld

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

CARROLL COLVIN

Warren Correspondent
Cleveland, Ohio, Spring
St. Anthony, N.Y.
March 1947



CARROLL COLVIN

Warren Correspondent
Cleveland, Ohio, Spring
St. Anthony, N.Y.
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4/20/47

Mr. Joseph Linton, Director,
Censorship News Agency
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Linton:

I've had some talks with members of the exiled German group here - including the Communist, trade unionists, former Wehrmacht members, etc. etc. etc. - the writer, and others - on the basis of which I am going to write some short pieces for CNA.

If you don't know the organization, they are the ones behind the FRONT PAGE PUBLISHING CO., out of a brief issue the German monthly and the weekly elsewhere.

Ludwig Renn had asked my permission for them to reprint the Donald Bell feature article which was released on 4/20/47 - under the title of "Intermission." I told them I had blanket instructions to consult the N.Y. office for reprint rights on all CNA material, but they use it?

I took my copy down to show Renn and ask him if he agreed with Bell's point of view and that he thought of the article. He thinks it's an excellent job and agrees with Bell on everything except one point - that of being ready for the delivery of Nazis, which he believes will attract the worst kind of agents - the nucleus for a new Gestapo group. I am including this reaction of his as part of an interview I had with him on what that Germany Do? .. (On this, I also plan to query a couple of well-known profs here)

I told Renn I thought I could let him know inside of 10 days re the reprint rights of the Bell piece for El Correo Democratico.

With my best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

Carroll Colvin

Carroll Colvin

P.S I think it would be an excellent idea to offer the republication rights of an article Bellmann wrote called "Curbing Reich's war Potential" .. (my copy bears no date, but

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BIGON PRICE, Director.

(This recent) to one of several business magazines here,
read by the industrialists. Don't May 17.. I'd do it
through Domingo Layla, president of the Chamber of Processed
Industries, Eduardo Villagor or some such person I know.

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