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From: COMITE JUIF ALGERIEN
D'ETUDES SOCIALES
2, IMPASSE BRESNIER
ALGIERS.

To: THE CHIEF RABBI
LONDON.

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Date of letter: 21st January, 1943.

Language: FRENCH

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Original letter:

Submitted to:
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of 5.2.1944*

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Operating Unit LONDON. Section S.E.4. Exam 4848 D.A.C. Date 26.2.43.

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE ANTI-SEMITIC LEGISLATION STILL ACTIVELY IN FORCE IN ALGERIA.

A number of documents drawn up by leading members of the Jewish community in Algiers, setting forth in some detail the racial laws which have been in force since the French Armistice of 1940. These reports are intended both as a summary of the present situation and as an appeal to the Allied powers for reparation of past injustices and for the complete restoration of citizen rights.

Note. The packet was brought to this country by hand and was handed over for Censorship examination. It was transferred to this Department by the Air Section.

The cover is open and is addressed to:
Monsieur le Grand Rabbin de Londres.

Its contents consist of 11 other packets, all open and addressed to different individuals, obviously intended for separate posting.

These packets can be divided into 3 separate groups.

I. The first group consists of four larger packets, addressed to:

The Chief Rabbi of London
Dr. Stephen Wise, World Jewish Congress, New York;
Mr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Zionist Organisation,
c/o The Chief Rabbi of London;
Mr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, New York.

The contents of each of these covers are identical and consist of documents which are numbered 1, 2 & 3 on the attached

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From MLD, Counter Intelligence Group, Censorship Branch.

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- attached translations, viz. 1. Report on the Racial Measures of which the Jews of Algeria are the Victims;
2. Report on the Present General Situation of the Jews in Algeria;
3. Appendix: consisting of copies of Correspondence by the Chief Rabbi of Algiers and others to the Governor General of Algeria, Admiral Darlan, General Giraud, etc.

II. The second group consists of five packets, addressed respectively as follows, the first three being enclosed in envelopes bearing the superscription: "Keren-Hayessod", Comite d'Alger, 19, Boulevard Carnot.

Mr. Chaim Weismann, c/o Keren Hayessod Committee,
75, Great Russel Street, London, W.C.1.
Mr. Stephen Wise, c/o Palestine Foundation Fund Keren
Hayessod, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Mr. Nahum Goldman, c/o Palestine Foundation Keren Hayessod
111, Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.
Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, President, New Zionist Organi-
sation of America, c/o "Aufbau"
New World Club Inc., West 44th Street,
New York City.
Mr. Meir Grossman, President of the Jewish State Party,
c/o New World Club Inc.,
West 44th Street, New York City.

The contents of these are identical and consist of documents which are numbered respectively 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the attached translations, viz:

4. Identical covering letter, addressed personally to each.
5. Summary of a Report by the Algerian Jewish Committee of Social Studies on the Situation of the Jews of Algeria;
6. Copy of a newspaper paragraph from the Algerian daily press of 18.1.43.
(In some cases, an actual newspaper cutting is enclosed; in others, a typed copy).
7. Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E.L. Taylor, Psychological Warfare Division, Algiers, 21.1.43.

III. The third group consists of two packets, addressed respectively to

Senator Elbert, D. Thomas
Utah. c/o Washington

Mr. Emile Bessis
37.12.74 Street Jackson Heights
Long Island, New York.

The contents of the first packet consist of a covering letter, numbered 8 on the attached translations, together with a copy of the above mentioned letter addressed to Mr. E.L. Taylor, of the Psychological Warfare Division, Algiers, numbered 7 on the attached translations

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The second cover contains only a personal handwritten note from B.HELIER, Engineer, 19 Boulevard Carnot, Algiers, which is of no interest, except in so far as it may provide a reason for the choice of route of the present correspondence.

Translation Extract:

I have tried vainly up to now to get into contact with you. I do not know what has happened to my letters, probably in some pigeon-hole. Perhaps by this route, I shall get into touch with you. If so, you would much oblige me by sending me a cable acquainting me with the safe receipt of this letter and further indicating what possibility there is for me and the friends to communicate directly with you..... All goes well here and we hope better since our friends have landed. We expect, however, a more decisive betterment, our patience is being put to a heavy test.... Happy men who breathe the air of liberty in a free country!

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