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December 28th, 1942

Mr. Roy Veatch,
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Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Roy:

Clarence has asked me to forward to you the following series of cablegrams concerning the extension of the work of the American Friends Service Committee in North Africa. The last one quoted, received today, seems in Clarence Pickett's judgment to indicate the approval of Mr. Robert Murphy of an undertaking by Friends under the direction of Leslie Heath. Leslie Heath himself as you will note from the earlier cables has asked for immediate assistance in this undertaking in the person of two of the Service Committee delegates now waiting in Lisbon.

Dated from Lisbon - November 26th:

"LESLIE HEATH U. S. CONSULATE CASABLANCA REPORTS COULD USE TWO DELEGATES IMMEDIATELY AND PROBABLY TWO ADDITIONAL SOON STOP WE EXPLORING QUESTION PASSPORT EXTENSION VISAS ANY TRANSPORTATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

(The appointment of two delegates to Casablanca was immediately approved from Philadelphia).

A confirming cable from Casablanca - dated November 28th reads:

"CIVILIAN RELIEF NECESSITATED BY WAR RECEIVING OUR ATTENTION IN ADDITION TO CAMPS STOP TELEGRAPHED PHILIP CONARD CAN USE TWO ADDITIONAL MEN IMMEDIATELY AND TWO MORE SOON"

Dated from Lisbon - December 13th:

"LESLIE HEATH CALLING AGAIN FOR TWO DELEGATES (KENDALL KIMBERLAN) DAVID HARTLEY AFTER GROUP CONFERENCE ACCEPTED WORK MOROCCO STOP AMERICAN CONSULATE CASABLANCA LISBON HAVE CABLED REQUEST WASHINGTON PASSPORT EXTENSION THEY SUGGEST YOU SUPPORT REQUEST.

(This recommendation was immediately approved by Philadelphia)

No filing date from Lisbon - Received Philadelphia December 28th:

"LESLIE HEATH CABLES MESSAGE FROM ROBERT MURPHY CONSUL GENERAL ALGIERS ANSWERING HEATH QUOTE FROM MURPHY 32 16th YOUR 3rd UNABLE TO VISIT CASABLANCA IMMEDIATELY BUT I AM IN ENTIRE ACCORD TO YOUR UNDERTAKING