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Letter No. 3

Kendall Kimberland (Care E.R. Fryer)  
Care of American Consulate  
Algiers, Algeria

Dear Kendall:

We have been talking with Hugh Jackson of OFRRO about an arrangement by which you would have a new responsibility, for the distribution of funds for the benefit of Anti-Fascist Spanish groups in North Africa.

We understand that a license to transmit up to \$5,000 a month to you as our representative is about to be granted to Dr. Barsky of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in New York. Your responsibility will be to know that the committees who receive funds from you for distribution to the ultimate beneficiaries are responsible and so organized as to be without political color. This is presumably to be achieved by having representatives of various Spanish factions on the committees.

The matter will be made clear by the following quotations from a letter addressed to Dr. Barsky over the signature of Hugh Jackson. It is in the interest of this Committee that no public notice xxx be given with respect to our part in this transaction.

"The Refugee Section of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, which is staffed in part by representatives of the American Friends Service Committee, is now assisting in the organization of committees of welfare of the Spanish Republican group in Casablanca Oran and Algiers, the main centers of refugee concentration. These committees are made up of representatives of each of the four principal political divisions of the Spanish Republican group: the Liberal Movement, the Socialists, the Republicans, and the Communists. Each party division chooses two members as a part of the non-political welfare committees. We understand that these committees are being recognized by the French authorities as organizations of 'entraide et bienfaisance' and as such have the right to spend the money granted to them.

"It is suggested that if private agencies in this country desire to contribute toward the relief of the Spanish Republican group that funds be sent to the American Friends Service Committee delegates for distribution to these organizations. The money turned over to the committees would be spent as follows:

- "1. Employment of a Spanish secretary-representative chosen by the Spanish committee in each center. This representative would work closely with the French and Allied authorities in matters of employment, health care and protection.
- "2. Miscellaneous relief expenses to individual cases, such as medical care, financial assistance in times of unemployment, or full support in certain exceptional cases.
- "3. Financial support for the centers for mutilated, old and sick, which are now set up in Algiers and Casablanca.

"4. Support of other cooperative self-help projects as may be set up in the future and for other allied expenses.

"It would, of course, be necessary for our organization to consult with the American Friends Service Committee in this country as to their willingness to agree to the sending of funds to their representative in North Africa for this purpose. If they are to be sent they should be forwarded to Mr. Kendall Kimberland, in care of the Office of Foreign ~~KXKXKX~~ Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, APO ..., Postmaster, New York City."

Sincerely yours,

James ~~MXXX~~ G. Vail