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OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS
APO 759

SPANISH
FUNDS

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Col. D. A. Reekie, Acting Chief of Mission

FROM : Thomas Pym Cope, Regional Chief - APO 759

ATTENTION : K. G. Kimberland

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1. Mr. Johnson and I refer to your memo of October 26 on the above subject.

Yesterday we received the accounts of the Spanish Amical for November. The total expenses were 12,337 Francs. This money was paid out of funds advanced from the American Friends Service Committee. We attach a copy of these accounts for your records. Please inform us if they are satisfactory for you or if you wish any changes for next month.


We are at present holding in our office the approved receipts for these payments. In your above mentioned memo you suggest that these receipts be sent to Mr. Kimberland for reimbursement to the American Friends Service Committee account here. We agree however, that this procedure is not desirable, because of the danger of losing the receipts in question, because it unnecessarily complicates the administration of the funds, and because it means that the receipts are removed from the area where those who signed them reside, thus making future checking impossible.

We suggest that a simpler system would be to open a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee account in Casablanca in the name of Eric W. Johnson, delegate American Friends Service Committee, and to transfer a proportion of the 250,000 Francs to this account each month. Mr. Johnson could then make payments for Spanish Refugee Welfare directly to the Amicale from this account.

These funds will be accounted for in detail to Mr. Johnson, who, as delegate of American Friends Service Committee, will approved all expenditures at the end of the month. This detailed account will be sent to Mr. Kimberland each month, together with a general report on how the funds were used. Mr. Kimberland will then be able to report directly to the donors.

This plan would seem to be in accord with the wishes of the donors as expressed in OFRRO's letter to Dr. Barsky quoted in J.G. Vail's letter #3 Sept. 16 to K.G. Kimberland, where OFRRO says that funds should be "sent to the American Friends Service Committee delegates for distribution" to the Amicales.

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us ~~where~~ you have sent money down here to Mr. Johnson's
account. Meanwhile, we shall act on the assumption
based on Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Kimberland's telephone
conversation of this afternoon, that the plan will meet
with your approval.


Thomas Pym Cope.