

Internal telegram that advises not to accept the Swiss
initiative to evacuate 5000 Jewish children to Palestine,
Berlin 1943

Berlin, 13 February, 1943

Secretary Luther

Legation Secretary

Subject: Emigration of 5.000 Jewish children to Palestine

Concerning telegram No. 176 of 4 February 1943

Please inform the Minister President now already that we urgently advise against agreeing to the offer of the Swiss protective power regarding emigration of 5.000 Jewish children to Palestine. Our experiences give rise to the fear that, under British influence, these 5.000 Jews would be turned into 5.000 propagandists against our anti-Semitic measures. Moreover, the smallest concession in this question would be interpreted as weakness by the enemy powers, and at once exploited propagandistically. In addition, such a measure would not be in line with our policy towards the Arabian peoples.

Please emphasize that it is of great importance to express the rejection in a courteous manner in order that Germany cannot be accused of inhumanity by enemy propaganda. For this reason we must act before an official offer of the protective power is made.

Signature: Bergmann

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