

TIL CONSTANTINE GOULKÉVITCH,

Lysaker 11th January 1930,

Monsieur Goulkévitch,

6 Chemin Dumas,

Champel-Geneve

My dear friend,

Mr. Lodge has been here a few days ago, and we have gone very carefully into all matters concerning the refugee work, and also concerning our private fund. I am extremely sorry to have to tell you that we came to the conclusion that it was not possible at present to meet the demands made upon this fund, as it would then disappear at once. Mr. Johnson wants it for the office in Berlin, for a hospital for Russian invalids in Bulgaria, for the evacuation of Constantinople, and now you want it for Mrs. Loomis' work for the Tuberculosis etc., but in addition to all this the Jewish organization has by Lucien Wolf asked for the repayment of a loan which they gave our organization, I believe it was in 1921, and which I did not expect we should have to repay.

Under these circumstances we have to be extremely careful with our means. The fund is an emergency fund and should only be used for quite special things of urgent importance.

The first thing we have to do is to come to a final arrangement about the loan of the Jewish organization, and this has not been possible yet. Lodge has given Johnson some money for the evacuation of Constantinople, and we cannot possibly go further now. We have to find out exactly where we stand and what the future demands will be.

I am extremely sorry that I cannot answer you better than this, but you will know that I am anxious to do all I can to serve our cause in the best way, and let us hope that something worth doing can be done, though we may be short of money in various directions.)

With my hearty good wishes for 1930.)

Yours very sincerely,

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