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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,430

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00:00:09,430 --> 00:00:12,190

It's the deportations
of the Jews

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00:00:12,190 --> 00:00:19,750

from Hungary to Auschwitz
started roughly around 15th

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00:00:19,750 --> 00:00:24,280

of May 1944.

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00:00:24,280 --> 00:00:31,690

Between the 15th of May 1944
and the beginning of July,

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00:00:31,690 --> 00:00:38,710

about 400,000 Hungarian
Jews perished in Auschwitz.

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00:00:38,710 --> 00:00:39,820

Were gassed.

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00:00:39,820 --> 00:00:42,130

and what is
absolutely remarkable

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00:00:42,130 --> 00:00:47,350

about this is that Germany
itself and the world

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00:00:47,350 --> 00:00:52,270

news that Germany had
already lost as the war,

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00:00:52,270 --> 00:00:56,860

and the world knew
exactly to what

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00:00:56,860 --> 00:01:00,670
was the meaning of
these deportations.

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00:01:00,670 --> 00:01:05,459
Everybody knew that Auschwitz
was a killing center

14
00:01:05,459 --> 00:01:09,880
and that the deportations
meant sure death

15
00:01:09,880 --> 00:01:16,195
for 95% of the people
who were shipped there.

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00:01:16,195 --> 00:01:22,810
One of the most urgent
and dramatic request,

17
00:01:22,810 --> 00:01:28,660
which was made at the time
by the Jewish organizations

18
00:01:28,660 --> 00:01:31,450
under Jewish leaders
who were caught

19
00:01:31,450 --> 00:01:34,630
in the hands of the
Nazi, I mean the Jews

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00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:38,650
from Hungaria, the
Jews from Slovakia.

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00:01:38,650 --> 00:01:42,790
And this request was
dispatched in the Western world

22
00:01:42,790 --> 00:01:45,980
through different
underground channels.

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00:01:45,980 --> 00:01:51,160

But it went rather fast was
the request for the bomb being

24

00:01:51,160 --> 00:01:57,670

of the railroads leading to
Auschwitz of the bridges,

25

00:01:57,670 --> 00:02:02,090

and even as a bomb being over
the killing center itself

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00:02:02,090 --> 00:02:06,840

or the murder installation.

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00:02:06,840 --> 00:02:15,140

The crematorium and the
whole system of killing.

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00:02:15,140 --> 00:02:22,420

I think that the first request
was made after a two Slovakian

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00:02:22,420 --> 00:02:26,250

Jews succeeded to
escape from Auschwitz

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00:02:26,250 --> 00:02:29,490

and delivered for
the first time.

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00:02:29,490 --> 00:02:34,140

Full, extensive, and complete
report about Auschwitz.

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00:02:34,140 --> 00:02:37,240

They explain what
the Auschwitz was

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:40,860

and they even drew
a map of Auschwitz.

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00:02:40,860 --> 00:02:43,060

A plan of Auschwitz.

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00:02:43,060 --> 00:02:48,160

Well, we will not enter into
the details of the dispatching

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00:02:48,160 --> 00:02:55,060

but the War Refugee
Board was informed

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00:02:55,060 --> 00:02:59,770

for the first time in April
about the preparation which

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00:02:59,770 --> 00:03:05,650

was made by the railroad
authorities, Slovakia

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00:03:05,650 --> 00:03:11,470

and Hungaria and German about
the shipment of the Jews.

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00:03:11,470 --> 00:03:15,950

With the Hungarian
Jews to Auschwitz.

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00:03:15,950 --> 00:03:26,680

In the war, you got a
specific request in June

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00:03:26,680 --> 00:03:29,470

by your letter of
Jacob Rosenheim who

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00:03:29,470 --> 00:03:36,670

was the president of the Jewish
religious orthodox organization

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00:03:36,670 --> 00:03:37,660

in New York.

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00:03:37,660 --> 00:03:39,790

Was he asked to the
board specifically

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00:03:39,790 --> 00:03:43,560

to intervene for the
bombing of Auschwitz.

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00:03:43,560 --> 00:03:50,710

And I think that the letter was
sent to the secretary of war,

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00:03:50,710 --> 00:03:56,800

Stimson to Morgenthau, who was
the Secretary of the Treasury,

49

00:03:56,800 --> 00:04:00,988

to Cordell Hull who
was secretary of state.

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00:04:00,988 --> 00:04:02,530

And this, of course,
because you were

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00:04:02,530 --> 00:04:05,470

the acting director,
the War Refugee Board,

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00:04:05,470 --> 00:04:06,590

came into your hands.

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00:04:06,590 --> 00:04:10,390

Can you explain what
happened at that time?

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00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:16,959

When this was first raised
with us in June 1944,

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00:04:16,959 --> 00:04:21,940

the staff of the board was
very skeptical about this.

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00:04:21,940 --> 00:04:25,510

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00:04:25,510 --> 00:04:30,400

We anticipated that
militarily this would

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00:04:30,400 --> 00:04:34,480

be a very difficult project.

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00:04:34,480 --> 00:04:41,470

We felt that the railroad lines
are very readily repaired,

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00:04:41,470 --> 00:04:43,900

and that if you go in
and bomb a railroad line,

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00:04:43,900 --> 00:04:47,530

the experience had been within
a few days they, can put it

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00:04:47,530 --> 00:04:50,680

back together again.

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00:04:50,680 --> 00:04:54,190

Nevertheless, we did call this
to the attention of the war

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00:04:54,190 --> 00:04:56,110

department.

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00:04:56,110 --> 00:05:00,970

But with some hesitancy because
when the War Refugee Board was

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00:05:00,970 --> 00:05:06,030

established it was
made clear that we

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00:05:06,030 --> 00:05:08,820

were to take every action
that could be taken consistent

68
00:05:08,820 --> 00:05:10,560
with the war effort.

69
00:05:10,560 --> 00:05:17,100
And we had some real doubts
as to whether bombers

70
00:05:17,100 --> 00:05:23,190
should be diverted from
pursuing a war for this purpose.

71
00:05:23,190 --> 00:05:25,760

72
00:05:25,760 --> 00:05:27,130
Yes.

73
00:05:27,130 --> 00:05:31,310
There are several points which
I would like you to make clear.

74
00:05:31,310 --> 00:05:35,570
You say that the railroads
can be easily repaired?

75
00:05:35,570 --> 00:05:36,980
That was our understanding.

76
00:05:36,980 --> 00:05:37,710
Yes.

77
00:05:37,710 --> 00:05:40,340
This is true but
precisely the Jews

78
00:05:40,340 --> 00:05:42,610
who requested the
bombing of the railroads.

79
00:05:42,610 --> 00:05:45,460
I think, for instance,

about Rabbi of Nitra,

80
00:05:45,460 --> 00:05:49,040
of Weissmandel knew
this very well,

81
00:05:49,040 --> 00:05:52,460
and he asked for
constant bombing.

82
00:05:52,460 --> 00:05:54,020
Yes.

83
00:05:54,020 --> 00:05:55,790
Of the railroads.

84
00:05:55,790 --> 00:05:59,570
And he asked, too, for
the bombing not of the--

85
00:05:59,570 --> 00:06:02,510
bombing of the railroads
near the concentration

86
00:06:02,510 --> 00:06:06,226
points from where the
Jews were shipped.

87
00:06:06,226 --> 00:06:08,120
This is one point.

88
00:06:08,120 --> 00:06:09,450
The second thing.

89
00:06:09,450 --> 00:06:12,320

90
00:06:12,320 --> 00:06:19,315
You said this bombing could have
a divert from the general war

91
00:06:19,315 --> 00:06:26,030

effort but it was very
traumatic situation.

92
00:06:26,030 --> 00:06:26,960
Yes, it was.

93
00:06:26,960 --> 00:06:31,310
And I know this of great deal
of interest in this field

94
00:06:31,310 --> 00:06:34,270
and in this question.

95
00:06:34,270 --> 00:06:39,470
Some time ago when I went to
McGill University in Canada

96
00:06:39,470 --> 00:06:43,460
to talk on the anniversary
of the Holocaust,

97
00:06:43,460 --> 00:06:48,260
many of the questions that
I got after my statement

98
00:06:48,260 --> 00:06:50,700
had to do with the bombing.

99
00:06:50,700 --> 00:06:52,430
There's a lot of
feeling, apparently,

100
00:06:52,430 --> 00:06:59,780
that much that should have been
done in this area was not done.

101
00:06:59,780 --> 00:07:04,010
I can only try to reconstruct
our feeling at the time.

102
00:07:04,010 --> 00:07:07,520
And as non-military
people, we were

103
00:07:07,520 --> 00:07:11,660
hesitant to press
the war department

104
00:07:11,660 --> 00:07:17,480
to send bombers which would
otherwise be used to bomb

105
00:07:17,480 --> 00:07:22,040
German cities for this purpose.

106
00:07:22,040 --> 00:07:27,770
We were concerned about the
reaction of the American people

107
00:07:27,770 --> 00:07:34,250
if troops that had been
drafted into the army this war

108
00:07:34,250 --> 00:07:37,580
died in this sort of expedition.

109
00:07:37,580 --> 00:07:39,980
That was our
feeling at the time.

110
00:07:39,980 --> 00:07:42,500
Does this means that the
Auschwitz and the railroads

111
00:07:42,500 --> 00:07:46,080
leading to Auschwitz, that
was the whole question,

112
00:07:46,080 --> 00:07:49,050
this was not considered as
a time as a military target?

113
00:07:49,050 --> 00:07:53,510

114

00:07:53,510 --> 00:07:55,040
Apparently not.

115
00:07:55,040 --> 00:07:57,380
Apparently not considered
a military target.

116
00:07:57,380 --> 00:08:01,940
Later on I understand
that Auschwitz was bombed,

117
00:08:01,940 --> 00:08:04,610
but not at that point.

118
00:08:04,610 --> 00:08:05,940
No.

119
00:08:05,940 --> 00:08:07,460
But, let's say --

120
00:08:07,460 --> 00:08:09,320
The death installations
the death camp

121
00:08:09,320 --> 00:08:10,690
itself was never bombed.

122
00:08:10,690 --> 00:08:12,850
What was bombed were the--

123
00:08:12,850 --> 00:08:15,080
Factories --

124
00:08:15,080 --> 00:08:20,440
In August-- in August
and in September, twice.

125
00:08:20,440 --> 00:08:23,780
And this was a Buna
plant, factory--

126
00:08:23,780 --> 00:08:24,622

Yeah, IG Farben.

127
00:08:24,622 --> 00:08:25,830
--belonging to the IG Farben.

128
00:08:25,830 --> 00:08:28,560

129
00:08:28,560 --> 00:08:32,210
This means that Auschwitz
was within the range

130
00:08:32,210 --> 00:08:36,350
of the bombers.

131
00:08:36,350 --> 00:08:40,940
Well, as you know, after
some time had passed

132
00:08:40,940 --> 00:08:44,070
and more people
took the position

133
00:08:44,070 --> 00:08:47,570
that not only should
the rail lines be bombed

134
00:08:47,570 --> 00:08:51,660
but that the crematoria
themselves should be bombed.

135
00:08:51,660 --> 00:08:57,680
We went into this matter further
and with much soul searching,

136
00:08:57,680 --> 00:09:01,550
because we were very
concerned that going in we

137
00:09:01,550 --> 00:09:07,850
would kill a number of
Jews who were there.

138

00:09:07,850 --> 00:09:11,570

Our mission was not to do this.

139

00:09:11,570 --> 00:09:16,880

We felt that the Germans could use this as a propaganda thing.

140

00:09:16,880 --> 00:09:18,860

But nevertheless,
the time came where

141

00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:22,250

we felt that the situation
was so desperate that we

142

00:09:22,250 --> 00:09:25,720

should ask the war department
to do it, and we did.

143

00:09:25,720 --> 00:09:27,590

Yes.

144

00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:33,300

I think it's interesting
to follow the documents

145

00:09:33,300 --> 00:09:35,960

and to show how, for
instance, you in your case,

146

00:09:35,960 --> 00:09:39,350

you're own opinion changed.

147

00:09:39,350 --> 00:09:40,600

It did.

148

00:09:40,600 --> 00:09:42,620

During the time.

149

00:09:42,620 --> 00:09:44,210

And there's this
other point, you

150
00:09:44,210 --> 00:09:48,590
said that it was a big concern
the idea to kill the Jews,

151
00:09:48,590 --> 00:09:50,250
but anyhow, they were doomed.

152
00:09:50,250 --> 00:09:51,960
The Jews who were Auschwitz.

153
00:09:51,960 --> 00:09:53,510
Yes, that's true.

154
00:09:53,510 --> 00:09:55,490
That's true and we knew that.

155
00:09:55,490 --> 00:09:58,070
But nevertheless, we
were hesitant to do it.

156
00:09:58,070 --> 00:10:01,520
Now, there was some division
in the staff of the War Refugee

157
00:10:01,520 --> 00:10:03,000
Board on this.

158
00:10:03,000 --> 00:10:07,430
And Dr. [? Axon, ?]
particularly, urged

159
00:10:07,430 --> 00:10:09,980
that we go ahead, but
most of the people

160
00:10:09,980 --> 00:10:14,270
felt that this was an area
that we shouldn't get into.

161
00:10:14,270 --> 00:10:15,840
This was on the

staff of the board,

162

00:10:15,840 --> 00:10:22,220

this is not a position that
was taken by Mr. Stimson or Mr.

163

00:10:22,220 --> 00:10:26,280

Hull or Mr. Morgenthau, this was
the staff of the board itself.

164

00:10:26,280 --> 00:10:26,780

Yes.

165

00:10:26,780 --> 00:10:30,390

But after you received the
first request for the bombing,

166

00:10:30,390 --> 00:10:32,300

this was in June.

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00:10:32,300 --> 00:10:37,730

You went to meet the assistant
secretary of war, John McCloy.

168

00:10:37,730 --> 00:10:41,890

You express yourself, your
doubts, about the bombing.

169

00:10:41,890 --> 00:10:45,170

And what was his position?

170

00:10:45,170 --> 00:10:48,210

He said that they would consider
it, but when they came back,

171

00:10:48,210 --> 00:10:50,620

they said it was not feasible.

172

00:10:50,620 --> 00:10:53,960

And what was the
reasons he gave?

173

00:10:53,960 --> 00:10:58,760

The reasons he gave was
that the light bombers

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00:10:58,760 --> 00:11:02,090

that they had available wouldn't
be effective against such

175

00:11:02,090 --> 00:11:02,720

a target.

176

00:11:02,720 --> 00:11:06,530

And the heavy bombers that
would be sent from the United

177

00:11:06,530 --> 00:11:08,780

Kingdom, couldn't--

178

00:11:08,780 --> 00:11:11,564

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00:11:11,564 --> 00:11:14,820

(film slating)

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00:11:14,820 --> 00:11:18,180

After receiving the first
request for the bombing,

181

00:11:18,180 --> 00:11:21,090

this was in the
second half of June,

182

00:11:21,090 --> 00:11:22,950

you went to meet,
you went personally

183

00:11:22,950 --> 00:11:28,070

to meet the assistant
secretary of war, John McCloy.

184

00:11:28,070 --> 00:11:31,500

And you express your
own doubts but you

185
00:11:31,500 --> 00:11:38,220
left him to explore the matter.

186
00:11:38,220 --> 00:11:41,640
What was not only answer
McCloy but in your opinion,

187
00:11:41,640 --> 00:11:48,210
what was the deep feeling of
McCloy about the whole affair?

188
00:11:48,210 --> 00:11:53,320
McCloy was secretary
Stimson's immediate assistant,

189
00:11:53,320 --> 00:12:00,680
and his time and energy and
attention was on the war.

190
00:12:00,680 --> 00:12:06,360
And although he acted as
Stimson's representative

191
00:12:06,360 --> 00:12:10,290
on the War Refugee
Board, his main concern

192
00:12:10,290 --> 00:12:13,830
obviously was the war
and all its problems.

193
00:12:13,830 --> 00:12:16,380
And therefore, it was
very difficult to get

194
00:12:16,380 --> 00:12:19,490
him to focus on anything else.

195
00:12:19,490 --> 00:12:19,990
Yes.

196

00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:25,930

197

00:12:25,930 --> 00:12:29,180

Because the position of
McCloy never changed.

198

00:12:29,180 --> 00:12:29,680

No.

199

00:12:29,680 --> 00:12:31,690

He was already against this.

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00:12:31,690 --> 00:12:32,630

He was against it.

201

00:12:32,630 --> 00:12:34,360

He felt that wasn't feasible.

202

00:12:34,360 --> 00:12:36,760

He thought that
it would be using

203

00:12:36,760 --> 00:12:43,880

military personnel for something
other than pursuing the war.

204

00:12:43,880 --> 00:12:44,380

Yes.

205

00:12:44,380 --> 00:12:49,280

And your own position, did
your own position, from month

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00:12:49,280 --> 00:12:52,570

to month, did your
position change?

207

00:12:52,570 --> 00:12:55,840

Yes, it did.

208

00:12:55,840 --> 00:13:00,670

Our first impression was we
shouldn't even request the war

209
00:13:00,670 --> 00:13:02,950
department to look into this.

210
00:13:02,950 --> 00:13:05,170
We should just advise them.

211
00:13:05,170 --> 00:13:08,050
Later, we took the position.

212
00:13:08,050 --> 00:13:09,700
We asked, we liked
the war department

213
00:13:09,700 --> 00:13:11,830
to see whether
this could be done

214
00:13:11,830 --> 00:13:15,040
but the same time we
carefully said that we weren't

215
00:13:15,040 --> 00:13:16,480
prepared to recommend it.

216
00:13:16,480 --> 00:13:20,320
We were just exploring
it in effect.

217
00:13:20,320 --> 00:13:23,330
What is striking when one
reads the documents of the War

218
00:13:23,330 --> 00:13:27,080
Refugee Board is that you said
your personal position that

219
00:13:27,080 --> 00:13:29,290
were very hesitant.

220

00:13:29,290 --> 00:13:29,890
Very what?

221
00:13:29,890 --> 00:13:31,690
Hesitant.

222
00:13:31,690 --> 00:13:33,550
That you hesitated.

223
00:13:33,550 --> 00:13:34,420
Yes, we were.

224
00:13:34,420 --> 00:13:35,260
We were.

225
00:13:35,260 --> 00:13:40,420
Maybe from now looking back,
we shouldn't have been,

226
00:13:40,420 --> 00:13:41,380
but we were.

227
00:13:41,380 --> 00:13:44,510
We were quite hesitant
until in November.

228
00:13:44,510 --> 00:13:47,810

229
00:13:47,810 --> 00:13:51,520
We came to the position that
we had to recommend this

230
00:13:51,520 --> 00:13:53,300
and that it should be done.

231
00:13:53,300 --> 00:13:55,000
And not only should
the rail lines

232
00:13:55,000 --> 00:13:58,930
be bombed but the crematoria

should be bombed, too.

233

00:13:58,930 --> 00:14:01,947

We wrote a strong
letter to Mr. McCloy.

234

00:14:01,947 --> 00:14:04,030

I would like to know why
did your position change.

235

00:14:04,030 --> 00:14:07,930

236

00:14:07,930 --> 00:14:10,480

The emergency.

237

00:14:10,480 --> 00:14:13,990

Maybe we felt more
confident in our own ability

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00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:16,135

to take this position.

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00:14:16,135 --> 00:14:19,180

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00:14:19,180 --> 00:14:21,430

Maybe it was partly
because of the pressure

241

00:14:21,430 --> 00:14:22,720

that had been brought upon us.

242

00:14:22,720 --> 00:14:25,260

I can't reconstruct
that, that well.

243

00:14:25,260 --> 00:14:29,830

But there is a tragic irony, in
a way, when you say an urgency.

244

00:14:29,830 --> 00:14:30,860

Because in November--

245
00:14:30,860 --> 00:14:32,660
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

246
00:14:32,660 --> 00:14:34,520
The bombing, as
a matter of fact.

247
00:14:34,520 --> 00:14:38,850

248
00:14:38,850 --> 00:14:41,490
The gassing didn't take
place anymore in Auschwitz.

249
00:14:41,490 --> 00:14:43,030
It was almost finished.

250
00:14:43,030 --> 00:14:45,250
Maybe.

251
00:14:45,250 --> 00:14:46,860
This gap in the--

252
00:14:46,860 --> 00:14:47,360
Yeah.

253
00:14:47,360 --> 00:14:52,310

254
00:14:52,310 --> 00:14:53,480
In any event--

255
00:14:53,480 --> 00:14:53,980
Yes.

256
00:14:53,980 --> 00:14:54,980
We finally--

257
00:14:54,980 --> 00:14:59,360

Yes, but I ask you
precisely what was origin

258
00:14:59,360 --> 00:15:00,500
of the changing of your--

259
00:15:00,500 --> 00:15:05,960
I have given you the best
explanation I can of this.

260
00:15:05,960 --> 00:15:07,880
Yes.

261
00:15:07,880 --> 00:15:13,460
It's not possible to go back
this many years and to say,

262
00:15:13,460 --> 00:15:16,500
this is how I felt and this
is why I changed my mind.

263
00:15:16,500 --> 00:15:17,000
No.

264
00:15:17,000 --> 00:15:20,850
But My question is not
a polemic question.

265
00:15:20,850 --> 00:15:22,160
No, I know, but--

266
00:15:22,160 --> 00:15:28,300
I have read your letter of
November eight to McCloy

267
00:15:28,300 --> 00:15:30,710
and it's a very impressive
and [INAUDIBLE]..

268
00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:32,720
But you asked why
didn't, in the fact,

269

00:15:32,720 --> 00:15:35,210

why wasn't that
position taken earlier,

270

00:15:35,210 --> 00:15:36,890

and I have tried
to explain to you

271

00:15:36,890 --> 00:15:41,690

as best I can the
development of our thinking.

272

00:15:41,690 --> 00:15:44,990

Now, it may very well
be that it's tragic,

273

00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:47,960

that we didn't take this
position in the first place.

274

00:15:47,960 --> 00:15:50,690

But that is the fact.

275

00:15:50,690 --> 00:15:51,440

Yes.

276

00:15:51,440 --> 00:15:55,670

Could you read this
excerpt of this letter?

277

00:15:55,670 --> 00:16:00,390

Now, on November eighth
1944 I wrote to Mr. McCloy,

278

00:16:00,390 --> 00:16:03,590

assistant secretary of war.

279

00:16:03,590 --> 00:16:07,640

I send you here with copies
of two eyewitness descriptions

280

00:16:07,640 --> 00:16:09,800

of the notorious
German concentration

281
00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:13,850
and extermination camps
of Auschwitz and Birkenau

282
00:16:13,850 --> 00:16:15,680
and upper Silesia
which we have just

283
00:16:15,680 --> 00:16:18,530
received from the board's
special representative in Bern,

284
00:16:18,530 --> 00:16:21,060
Switzerland, Roswell McClelland.

285
00:16:21,060 --> 00:16:21,930
But is it --

286
00:16:21,930 --> 00:16:25,790
I cut you now because it's
tragic, the whole story.

287
00:16:25,790 --> 00:16:28,760
Because these two people,
these two Slovakian Jews,

288
00:16:28,760 --> 00:16:32,170
escaped from Auschwitz
seventh of April.

289
00:16:32,170 --> 00:16:35,840
They reached Slovakia
in the 21 of April.

290
00:16:35,840 --> 00:16:41,890
They immediately delivered
the famous report on the map.

291
00:16:41,890 --> 00:16:45,020
And what is tragic is that

the full report, which

292

00:16:45,020 --> 00:16:48,930
struck you very much obviously,
reached you only in November.

293

00:16:48,930 --> 00:16:49,600
Yes.

294

00:16:49,600 --> 00:16:54,320
Until now, you had
only very dry excerpts.

295

00:16:54,320 --> 00:16:55,980
Well, I would put
it a different way.

296

00:16:55,980 --> 00:16:59,470
I would say that once we
had come to this conclusion,

297

00:16:59,470 --> 00:17:06,349
we use whatever material was
available to argue with the war

298

00:17:06,349 --> 00:17:07,130
department.

299

00:17:07,130 --> 00:17:07,960
Which conclusion?

300

00:17:07,960 --> 00:17:08,770
The bombing?

301

00:17:08,770 --> 00:17:10,069
Yes.

302

00:17:10,069 --> 00:17:16,430
And that it wasn't just the fact
that these reports came late.

303

00:17:16,430 --> 00:17:20,420

It was the fact that
our conclusion came only

304
00:17:20,420 --> 00:17:22,220
at this time that
we should do it.

305
00:17:22,220 --> 00:17:22,970
Yes.

306
00:17:22,970 --> 00:17:24,240
This is your conclusion.

307
00:17:24,240 --> 00:17:25,040
That's right.

308
00:17:25,040 --> 00:17:26,270
Which came late.

309
00:17:26,270 --> 00:17:30,200
I say, no report of
Nazi atrocities received

310
00:17:30,200 --> 00:17:33,500
by the board has quite
caught the gruesome brutality

311
00:17:33,500 --> 00:17:36,620
of what is taking place
in these camps of horror

312
00:17:36,620 --> 00:17:39,770
as have these sober factual
accounts of conditions

313
00:17:39,770 --> 00:17:41,600
in Auschwitz and Birkenau.

314
00:17:41,600 --> 00:17:44,210
I earnestly hope that you
will read these reports.

315

00:17:44,210 --> 00:17:47,080

316

00:17:47,080 --> 00:17:48,820

Then we go on to
say, the destruction

317

00:17:48,820 --> 00:17:50,530

of large numbers of
people apparently

318

00:17:50,530 --> 00:17:51,857

is not a simple process.

319

00:17:51,857 --> 00:17:53,440

The Germans have
been forced to devote

320

00:17:53,440 --> 00:17:55,690

considerable
technological ingenuity

321

00:17:55,690 --> 00:17:58,120

and administrative
know-how in order

322

00:17:58,120 --> 00:18:01,870

to carry out murder on
a mass production basis

323

00:18:01,870 --> 00:18:04,600

as the attached
reports will testify.

324

00:18:04,600 --> 00:18:07,300

If the elaborate murder
installations at Birkenau

325

00:18:07,300 --> 00:18:11,530

were destroyed, it seems clear
that the Germans could not

326

00:18:11,530 --> 00:18:14,530

reconstruct them for some time.

327

00:18:14,530 --> 00:18:17,140

Until now despite pressure
from many sources,

328

00:18:17,140 --> 00:18:20,680

I have been hesitant to urge
the destruction of these camps

329

00:18:20,680 --> 00:18:23,080

by direct military action.

330

00:18:23,080 --> 00:18:24,880

But I am convinced
that the point has now

331

00:18:24,880 --> 00:18:28,330

been reached, where such
action is justifiable

332

00:18:28,330 --> 00:18:32,760

if it is deemed feasible by
competent military authorities.

333

00:18:32,760 --> 00:18:34,840

And then I go on
to suggest that it

334

00:18:34,840 --> 00:18:37,360

has military implications too.

335

00:18:37,360 --> 00:18:40,300

This means that
what struck you when

336

00:18:40,300 --> 00:18:45,120

you got the full
report was, that says,

337

00:18:45,120 --> 00:18:46,990

the mass production
of the killing.

338
00:18:46,990 --> 00:18:47,703
Yes.

339
00:18:47,703 --> 00:18:49,120
It was like a
factory in that way.

340
00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:50,150
That's right.

341
00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:52,660
But if the crematorium
would be destroyed.

342
00:18:52,660 --> 00:18:55,990
It would be very difficult
for the Germans to kill.

343
00:18:55,990 --> 00:18:58,720
As a matter of fact, what is
interesting is that I have

344
00:18:58,720 --> 00:19:01,720
seen the escapee of Auschwitz.

345
00:19:01,720 --> 00:19:04,070
Vrba and he will
be in this film.

346
00:19:04,070 --> 00:19:07,180
And he says that
according to him,

347
00:19:07,180 --> 00:19:08,770
the destruction
of the crematorium

348
00:19:08,770 --> 00:19:10,670
was not so important.

349
00:19:10,670 --> 00:19:15,250

Because the Germans were in such
a hurry to kill at the time,

350
00:19:15,250 --> 00:19:18,190
so the crematorium
couldn't fulfill.

351
00:19:18,190 --> 00:19:20,100
There were too many
people to be killed

352
00:19:20,100 --> 00:19:26,740
and they had to kill them
in big pits at that time.

353
00:19:26,740 --> 00:19:30,730
But why do you write to
McCloy that you earnestly hope

354
00:19:30,730 --> 00:19:32,290
that he would read the report?

355
00:19:32,290 --> 00:19:39,190
Because we hoped that it would
have a strong emotional effect

356
00:19:39,190 --> 00:19:40,420
on him.

357
00:19:40,420 --> 00:19:43,040
But were you sure
he would read it?

358
00:19:43,040 --> 00:19:44,420
We asked him to.

359
00:19:44,420 --> 00:19:46,180
Were we sure he would read it?

360
00:19:46,180 --> 00:19:47,220
I would assume he would.

361

00:19:47,220 --> 00:19:47,720
Yes.

362
00:19:47,720 --> 00:19:48,520
Did he?

363
00:19:48,520 --> 00:19:49,150
I don't--

364
00:19:49,150 --> 00:19:50,800
He did?

365
00:19:50,800 --> 00:19:53,875
I assume so.

366
00:19:53,875 --> 00:19:54,375
Yes.

367
00:19:54,375 --> 00:19:57,840

368
00:19:57,840 --> 00:20:01,590
So we recommended that
this be considered,

369
00:20:01,590 --> 00:20:04,380
and that not only
the crematoria be

370
00:20:04,380 --> 00:20:08,340
bombed but the
factories adjoining

371
00:20:08,340 --> 00:20:10,470
the crematoria be bombed too.

372
00:20:10,470 --> 00:20:13,500
And what was the answer
of McCloy to this letter?

373
00:20:13,500 --> 00:20:16,620
That was November eighth,

and on November 18,

374

00:20:16,620 --> 00:20:22,110

we obtained a negative
reply from Mr. McCloy.

375

00:20:22,110 --> 00:20:24,360

He refers to our letter.

376

00:20:24,360 --> 00:20:27,420

He said that the operations
staff of the war department

377

00:20:27,420 --> 00:20:30,720

has given careful consideration
to your suggestion

378

00:20:30,720 --> 00:20:33,940

that the bombing of these
camps be undertaken.

379

00:20:33,940 --> 00:20:36,180

The following points
were brought up.

380

00:20:36,180 --> 00:20:38,910

First, positive
destruction of these camps

381

00:20:38,910 --> 00:20:41,010

would necessitate
precision bombing,

382

00:20:41,010 --> 00:20:43,740

implying heavy or
medium bombardment

383

00:20:43,740 --> 00:20:47,160

or attacked by low flying
or dive bombing aircraft,

384

00:20:47,160 --> 00:20:49,200

preferably the latter.

385

00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:53,610

The target is beyond the maximum
range in medium bombardment,

386

00:20:53,610 --> 00:20:56,910

dive bombers or fighter
bombers located in the United

387

00:20:56,910 --> 00:20:59,460

Kingdom, France, or Italy.

388

00:20:59,460 --> 00:21:03,330

Use of heavy bombardment
from United Kingdom bases

389

00:21:03,330 --> 00:21:06,330

would necessitate a
hazardous roundtrip flight,

390

00:21:06,330 --> 00:21:10,360

unescorted of approximately
2,000 miles over enemy

391

00:21:10,360 --> 00:21:10,980

territory.

392

00:21:10,980 --> 00:21:13,425

What is interesting
is that this letter

393

00:21:13,425 --> 00:21:16,620

is from the 18 of November
'44, and they were already

394

00:21:16,620 --> 00:21:18,960

two bombing of
the factory plants

395

00:21:18,960 --> 00:21:22,550

of IG Farben in Auschwitz
in August and September.

396

00:21:22,550 --> 00:21:30,840

This means that this is beyond
the range of the heavy bomb.

397

00:21:30,840 --> 00:21:32,213

It was not.

398

00:21:32,213 --> 00:21:34,380

You're talking about bombing
from the United Kingdom

399

00:21:34,380 --> 00:21:35,150

or from Italy?

400

00:21:35,150 --> 00:21:35,870

Italy.

401

00:21:35,870 --> 00:21:36,430

From Italy.

402

00:21:36,430 --> 00:21:38,555

The 15th, therefore,
it was completely--

403

00:21:38,555 --> 00:21:40,800

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404

00:21:40,800 --> 00:21:42,060

That's what I understand now.

405

00:21:42,060 --> 00:21:44,760

We didn't know
that at this time.

406

00:21:44,760 --> 00:21:48,360

In any event, the war department
said it was not feasible.

407

00:21:48,360 --> 00:21:51,270

Based on the above, as well
as the most uncertain if not

408

00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:55,170

dangerous effect, such a
bombing would have on the object

409

00:21:55,170 --> 00:21:57,270

to be attained,
the war department

410

00:21:57,270 --> 00:21:59,850

has felt it should not,
at least for the present,

411

00:21:59,850 --> 00:22:01,945

undertake these operations.

412

00:22:01,945 --> 00:22:07,470

Did he say that he has read
the report in this letter?

413

00:22:07,470 --> 00:22:08,880

No, he doesn't say that.

414

00:22:08,880 --> 00:22:11,340

And the enclosure
is the report which

415

00:22:11,340 --> 00:22:12,690

looks like it came back to me.

416

00:22:12,690 --> 00:22:14,118

He sent you back the report?

417

00:22:14,118 --> 00:22:17,330

418

00:22:17,330 --> 00:22:21,250

I tell you frankly,
what I think.

419

00:22:21,250 --> 00:22:24,250

Because I have seen McCloy.

420

00:22:24,250 --> 00:22:28,500

And I am not sure he
has read the report.

421

00:22:28,500 --> 00:22:32,402

422

00:22:32,402 --> 00:22:35,096
(film slating)

423

00:22:35,096 --> 00:22:44,620
I think that one of the,
no one but as a basic idea

424

00:22:44,620 --> 00:22:51,330
was to concentrate everything
on the war effort which

425

00:22:51,330 --> 00:22:54,720
leaded to the idea that
the rescue of the people

426

00:22:54,720 --> 00:22:56,590
could be possible.

427

00:22:56,590 --> 00:23:00,300
Only this was a
victory that everything

428

00:23:00,300 --> 00:23:07,810
had to be done in order
to get a complete victory,

429

00:23:07,810 --> 00:23:11,110
that afterwards
people would be saved.

430

00:23:11,110 --> 00:23:15,010
But it has proven to be
untrue, as a matter of fact.

431

00:23:15,010 --> 00:23:21,460

Because the victory happened
and there was never doubt.

432
00:23:21,460 --> 00:23:27,130
Let's say starting in
'42, about the issue.

433
00:23:27,130 --> 00:23:34,600
But in what regard the
destruction of the Jews,

434
00:23:34,600 --> 00:23:36,310
it was too late for them.

435
00:23:36,310 --> 00:23:38,910
That's true.

436
00:23:38,910 --> 00:23:43,140
To me that the idea
that everything

437
00:23:43,140 --> 00:23:51,120
is subordinate to the war
effort is most illustrated

438
00:23:51,120 --> 00:23:54,480
by the idea of
unconditional surrender.

439
00:23:54,480 --> 00:24:00,540
This is something that, I
think, President Roosevelt first

440
00:24:00,540 --> 00:24:06,060
enunciated as our policy, and
Churchill and Stalin agreed.

441
00:24:06,060 --> 00:24:10,680
There would be no deals and
we would fight until Germany

442
00:24:10,680 --> 00:24:14,160
unconditionally surrendered.

443
00:24:14,160 --> 00:24:18,990
In retrospect,
one could conclude

444
00:24:18,990 --> 00:24:23,690
that not making any
deals of any kind

445
00:24:23,690 --> 00:24:26,670
continued the war
for a long time,

446
00:24:26,670 --> 00:24:28,920
or at least from some time.

447
00:24:28,920 --> 00:24:30,760
And that during the--

448
00:24:30,760 --> 00:24:31,640
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449
00:24:31,640 --> 00:24:35,850
The fact that they refused to
make any deal, any compromise,

450
00:24:35,850 --> 00:24:36,900
prolongated.

451
00:24:36,900 --> 00:24:38,400
Prolongated the war.

452
00:24:38,400 --> 00:24:44,250
And when we got to Japan,
we did make arrangements.

453
00:24:44,250 --> 00:24:48,160
We agreed that the emperor
continue, for example.

454
00:24:48,160 --> 00:24:50,070
In Germany, however,

we took the position

455

00:24:50,070 --> 00:24:52,890

that we had to have
unconditional surrender.

456

00:24:52,890 --> 00:24:56,190

If it did prolong the
war, and I believe it did,

457

00:24:56,190 --> 00:24:59,790

that means that a
lot of people died

458

00:24:59,790 --> 00:25:01,450

during the last
months of the war

459

00:25:01,450 --> 00:25:03,420

because we took this position.

460

00:25:03,420 --> 00:25:06,000

But it's very similar
to the position

461

00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:09,030

of everything is subordinate
to the war effort.

462

00:25:09,030 --> 00:25:11,205

Nothing else should
be looked at.

463

00:25:11,205 --> 00:25:13,080

What do you mean when
you say a lot of people

464

00:25:13,080 --> 00:25:15,790

died during the last month?

465

00:25:15,790 --> 00:25:17,580

Well, I mean soldiers died.

466

00:25:17,580 --> 00:25:22,185

My brother died in France
rather late in the war.

467

00:25:22,185 --> 00:25:24,810

468

00:25:24,810 --> 00:25:28,680

And no one knows
whether the war would

469

00:25:28,680 --> 00:25:32,220

have ended sooner if we
were willing to negotiate.

470

00:25:32,220 --> 00:25:32,868

Yes.

471

00:25:32,868 --> 00:25:33,410

I understand.

472

00:25:33,410 --> 00:25:38,350

Maybe one could say that this
strengthened too, let's say,

473

00:25:38,350 --> 00:25:40,660

the unity of the Germans.

474

00:25:40,660 --> 00:25:44,820

They remained united
until the end.

475

00:25:44,820 --> 00:25:47,010

That's right.

476

00:25:47,010 --> 00:25:48,570

Yes.

477

00:25:48,570 --> 00:25:52,920

But I think that this ideology
of [? rescues ?] to victory

478

00:25:52,920 --> 00:25:55,790

was a good argument,
too, for the people who

479

00:25:55,790 --> 00:26:01,440

were opposed because they
were to any form of a rescue.

480

00:26:01,440 --> 00:26:03,420

I don't say to any
form of rescue.

481

00:26:03,420 --> 00:26:08,670

You're now talking about using
military troops and equipment

482

00:26:08,670 --> 00:26:10,290

to rescue.

483

00:26:10,290 --> 00:26:12,960

These people weren't
necessarily saying

484

00:26:12,960 --> 00:26:15,660

that private
organizations shouldn't

485

00:26:15,660 --> 00:26:20,130

continue their operations, that
money shouldn't be sent in.

486

00:26:20,130 --> 00:26:25,200

We're talking now about whether
troops in uniform and airplanes

487

00:26:25,200 --> 00:26:28,560

should be used for this purpose.

488

00:26:28,560 --> 00:26:29,510

Yes.

489

00:26:29,510 --> 00:26:33,570

But I think this
could lead us, again,

490
00:26:33,570 --> 00:26:39,480
to the negotiations with the
Germans apropos Hungarian Jews.

491
00:26:39,480 --> 00:26:40,950
Right.

492
00:26:40,950 --> 00:26:42,350
What is your
position about this,

493
00:26:42,350 --> 00:26:48,120
that says the mission of Joel
Brand the exchange of goods

494
00:26:48,120 --> 00:26:53,670
first against material
for the German war effort?

495
00:26:53,670 --> 00:26:56,100
And later on dealing with money.

496
00:26:56,100 --> 00:26:58,650

497
00:26:58,650 --> 00:27:06,030
Well, as the war went on,
there were various plans

498
00:27:06,030 --> 00:27:09,970
made coming out of
Switzerland, generally.

499
00:27:09,970 --> 00:27:14,730
Rumors that we could save
people by negotiating

500
00:27:14,730 --> 00:27:15,880
with the Germans.

501

00:27:15,880 --> 00:27:17,200

To buy people?

502

00:27:17,200 --> 00:27:17,700

What?

503

00:27:17,700 --> 00:27:18,600

To buy people?

504

00:27:18,600 --> 00:27:22,875

To buy people, to provide
the Germans with trucks.

505

00:27:22,875 --> 00:27:25,470

506

00:27:25,470 --> 00:27:28,890

Being not a military
vehicle, but which they

507

00:27:28,890 --> 00:27:32,580

needed for military operations.

508

00:27:32,580 --> 00:27:37,050

The War Refugee Board was
very cautious about this,

509

00:27:37,050 --> 00:27:38,940

particularly since
the Russians were

510

00:27:38,940 --> 00:27:43,050

known to be very suspicious
of the Western powers having

511

00:27:43,050 --> 00:27:46,740

any negotiations
with the Germans.

512

00:27:46,740 --> 00:27:52,440

But we felt that by having
these negotiations indirectly

513
00:27:52,440 --> 00:27:56,850
through people in
Switzerland, we could delay,

514
00:27:56,850 --> 00:28:00,720
we could play for time,
and that's what we did.

515
00:28:00,720 --> 00:28:08,520
And we had negotiations going
on both for trucks and for money

516
00:28:08,520 --> 00:28:13,470
after the war in an
effort to gain time.

517
00:28:13,470 --> 00:28:15,060
Yes.

518
00:28:15,060 --> 00:28:17,940
This was Saly Mayer.

519
00:28:17,940 --> 00:28:18,640
Yeah.

520
00:28:18,640 --> 00:28:25,740
Saly Mayer was a prominent
Jewish merchant in Switzerland,

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00:28:25,740 --> 00:28:30,120
very devoted to anything that
could be done in this area.

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00:28:30,120 --> 00:28:32,780
And he was the intermediary
for some of these negotiations.

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00:28:32,780 --> 00:28:33,330
But why?

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00:28:33,330 --> 00:28:35,288

I would like to understand
because the Germans,

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00:28:35,288 --> 00:28:37,980
as a matter of fact,
wanted to negotiate

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00:28:37,980 --> 00:28:44,910
with the major Jewish
organizations and through them

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00:28:44,910 --> 00:28:48,795
with let's says, allied powers.

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00:28:48,795 --> 00:28:51,750
You never permitted
that Saly Mayer

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00:28:51,750 --> 00:28:56,880
could be introduced to them
as a representant, let's say,

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00:28:56,880 --> 00:29:04,850
of the American organizations,
even the War Refugee Board,

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00:29:04,850 --> 00:29:10,500
but as the head of the
Jewish Swiss community.

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00:29:10,500 --> 00:29:11,580
Yeah.

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00:29:11,580 --> 00:29:15,030
This is part of the hesitancy
we had in this whole field

534
00:29:15,030 --> 00:29:22,230
of not doing something that
the Russians would feel

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00:29:22,230 --> 00:29:24,720
that they were being undercut.

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00:29:24,720 --> 00:29:26,670
And what is striking
in these negotiations

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00:29:26,670 --> 00:29:30,420
is that the hands of
Saly Mayer were tied.

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00:29:30,420 --> 00:29:33,780
To some extent,
I'm sure they were.

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00:29:33,780 --> 00:29:39,600
Just as there were no
large amounts of money

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00:29:39,600 --> 00:29:42,660
that changed hands.

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00:29:42,660 --> 00:29:45,030
They were always talking
about block funds--

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00:29:45,030 --> 00:29:46,870
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:29:46,870 --> 00:29:48,320
The funds were always blocked.

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00:29:48,320 --> 00:29:49,000
Yes.

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00:29:49,000 --> 00:29:50,700
The money was never given.

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00:29:50,700 --> 00:29:53,220
That's right.

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00:29:53,220 --> 00:29:58,710
Nobody was willing to
pay top German officials

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00:29:58,710 --> 00:30:01,500

money that could be used
against us in the war.

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00:30:01,500 --> 00:30:04,350

But what do you think, because
it's a very difficult question.

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00:30:04,350 --> 00:30:09,090

Do you think what was
the reason or the reasons

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00:30:09,090 --> 00:30:11,880

for this offer of the Germans?

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00:30:11,880 --> 00:30:15,595

Do you think that
they were serious?

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00:30:15,595 --> 00:30:18,420

What did they want
to achieve because it

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00:30:18,420 --> 00:30:26,220

has been always one of trend
of the Nazi policy to negotiate

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00:30:26,220 --> 00:30:28,700

the Jews for money?

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00:30:28,700 --> 00:30:36,050

They started this 1939 with the
famous [INAUDIBLE] discussions.

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00:30:36,050 --> 00:30:37,560

And it went on.

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00:30:37,560 --> 00:30:40,680

It went on in Slovakia
with Weissmandel

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00:30:40,680 --> 00:30:49,620
in 1942, and afterwards in
1944 for the Jews of Hungary

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00:30:49,620 --> 00:30:51,990
The Brand mission.

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00:30:51,990 --> 00:30:53,160
Do you think that the Nazi--

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00:30:53,160 --> 00:30:55,590
I think towards the end,
there were individuals

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00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:59,670
near the top of the
Nazi hierarchy who

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00:30:59,670 --> 00:31:03,870
were looking for their own
skin and trying to preserve

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00:31:03,870 --> 00:31:05,560
something for after the war.

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00:31:05,560 --> 00:31:07,520
You think this is
the main reason?

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00:31:07,520 --> 00:31:09,457
Yes.

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00:31:09,457 --> 00:31:09,957
Yes.

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00:31:09,957 --> 00:31:12,360
It's probably true,
the famous letter

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00:31:12,360 --> 00:31:18,020
of Himmler to his
masseur to Kersten

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00:31:18,020 --> 00:31:23,470
which is very astonishing.

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00:31:23,470 --> 00:31:26,250
This means that you don't think
that there would have been

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00:31:26,250 --> 00:31:28,990
a real possibility
of rescuing people

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00:31:28,990 --> 00:31:33,480
through this money bargaining?

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00:31:33,480 --> 00:31:35,700
No, I don't think so.

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00:31:35,700 --> 00:31:38,480
You're saying it was doomed to
failure at the very beginning?

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00:31:38,480 --> 00:31:40,970
It might had some
delaying effect.

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00:31:40,970 --> 00:31:46,080
It may have had to the extent
that you encourage people

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00:31:46,080 --> 00:31:49,230
near the top of
the Nazi hierarchy,

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00:31:49,230 --> 00:31:54,060
that they might get some
benefit after the war.

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00:31:54,060 --> 00:31:56,190
It might slow them down.

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00:31:56,190 --> 00:31:59,160
Nobody here in this

country took this,

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00:31:59,160 --> 00:32:03,530

nobody in charge of this
problem took this seriously?

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00:32:03,530 --> 00:32:05,095

This offer?

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00:32:05,095 --> 00:32:05,970

No, I don't think so.

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00:32:05,970 --> 00:32:09,990

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00:32:09,990 --> 00:32:11,290

It's very difficult to answer.

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00:32:11,290 --> 00:32:14,180

I see it's an open question.

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00:32:14,180 --> 00:32:15,003

Perhaps, yes.

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00:32:15,003 --> 00:32:19,170

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00:32:19,170 --> 00:32:27,720

Now about the ways the board
the acted or tried to act.

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00:32:27,720 --> 00:32:31,290

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00:32:31,290 --> 00:32:36,100

What were the institutions
or the personalities

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00:32:36,100 --> 00:32:46,030

that you tried to involve in
the achievements of the board?

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00:32:46,030 --> 00:32:49,590

For instance, what did
you do with the Red Cross?

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00:32:49,590 --> 00:32:52,080

International Red Cross, I mean.

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00:32:52,080 --> 00:32:55,880

My recollection is that we never
got a great deal of assistance

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00:32:55,880 --> 00:32:57,255

from the International
Red Cross.

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00:32:57,255 --> 00:33:00,060

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00:33:00,060 --> 00:33:04,590

They pretty well stayed
away from this problem.

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00:33:04,590 --> 00:33:06,180

Why?

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00:33:06,180 --> 00:33:08,890

Now you're asking people's
motives and I don't know.

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00:33:08,890 --> 00:33:10,900

Not peoples.

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00:33:10,900 --> 00:33:12,061

Institution.

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00:33:12,061 --> 00:33:13,350

Institutional motives.

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00:33:13,350 --> 00:33:15,480

I don't know.

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00:33:15,480 --> 00:33:16,980

We know that at
the beginning, they

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00:33:16,980 --> 00:33:21,735

said that they were dealing
mostly with the war prisoner.

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00:33:21,735 --> 00:33:26,550

[INAUDIBLE] this was a
question of internal policy

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00:33:26,550 --> 00:33:30,030

in which they
couldn't be involved.

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00:33:30,030 --> 00:33:36,590

But I know that you appealed
rather frantically--

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00:33:36,590 --> 00:33:47,031