
Preliminary Inventory to the Tasker H. Bliss papers

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Folder 1

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Returns memorandum from Major Lawrence Martin to Tasker H. Bliss re steps to be taken regarding fuel shortage in Europe (missing) 1918 December 1

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Assumes paper received from Lewis Strauss is the memorandum discussed at the conference on December 29, 1918, and he is in agreement with the points stated; believes that strong, direct appeal to get Woodrow Wilson to push for relaxation in the blockade against the Central Powers is desirable 1918 December 30

Lewis Strauss to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends report, by direction of Herbert Hoover, re nutritional conditions in Germany (report is attached to original of this letter in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1918 December 30

Lewis Strauss to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends memorandum, by direction of Herbert Hoover (enclosure missing; may be in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1918 December 30

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Asks if Major Poillon could be transferred to Food Service within the next few weeks 1918 December 31

W. B. Wallace to Lewis Strauss, Gives thanks to Herbert Hoover for Nutritional Report on Germany 1918 December 31

Lewis Strauss to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends documents, by direction of Herbert Hoover: 1. provisional draft of memorandum on blockade (enclosure missing); 2. copy of Herbert Hoover's letter to British Food Controller J. R. Clines (attached); 3. copy of Herbert Hoover's letter to the British Ministry of Food (enclosure missing). Missing enclosures 1 and 3 may be in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in Library of Congress 1919 January 3

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Re securing services of Col. Poillon 1919 January 10

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Thanks him for letter of January 10; realizes the value of Col. Poillon's services to Tasker H. Bliss 1919 January 11

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends memorandum re problem of Armistice and needs guidance from the Peace Commission (enclosure is attached to the original memorandum in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress and is entitled "Relief of Liberated Peoples") 1919 February 19

Tasker H. Bliss to the American Peace Commission, Asserts that the U.S. should make it clear it will not offer future military and financial aid to European nations after the signing of the peace with Germany; believes this will be a deterrent to future aggressive moves by Allied Nations in Europe 1919 February 26

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends extracts from correspondence, telegrams, and reports from Trieste, re problem of Italians delaying food shipments to Vienna and Prague (enclosure, "Extracts from Letters, Minutes, and Cabled Reports on Subject of Transportation Difficulties at Trieste," is in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 February 27

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Thanks him for his letter of February 27 with enclosures 1919 February 28

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Encloses copy of memorandum submitted to the American Commissioners re Art. VIII of Armistice (surrender of the German merchant fleet); Mr. Lansing and Major James Brown Scott agree with these terms) 1919 March 10

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends copy of his letter of March 12 to Italian Food Controller S. Crespi, re shipment of foodstuff from Trieste 1919 March 12

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Tells of report received from General Harries, compiled by two medical officers who accompanied a prisoner of war train from Germany to Romania; suggests shortage of rolling stock (railroad) is due to disorganization and not to lack of material 1919 March 27

J. D. Ellis to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of wireless from Lt. Grove in Warsaw (enclosure missing; may be in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 April 2

Hugh Gibson (?) to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends copy of the letter of March 29 from Herbert Hoover to Woodrow Wilson, discussing bolshevism and problems involved in the establishment of a Relief Commission to feed Russia 1919 March 29

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Thanks him for the invitation; has seen Admiral Niblack 1919 April 5

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of his letter of April 14 to Woodrow Wilson (enclosure to the latter letter, a report entitled "Supreme Economic Council," is attached to the original letter in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 April 14

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Thanks him for the copy of the March statement re relief measures 1919 April 15

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Sends report of April 11 by Capt. Joseph C. Green in Bucharest. (enclosure, "ARA Mission to Romania" by Joseph C. Green, is attached to the original letter in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 April 21

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses statement showing foodstuff delivered by ARA to German-Austria in first months of 1919 (enclosure is attached to the original letter in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 May 14

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of cable - a version of Russian reply to Nansen letter; does not differ materially from text intercepted by the French (enclosure attached to original letter is in the Tasker H. Bliss Papers in the Library of Congress) 1919 May 16

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses two-page memorandum by Herbert Hoover, "Another Plan for the Financial Rehabilitation of Europe") 1919 May 16

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses his statement of May 15, 1919, to the Supreme Economic Council, showing total relief effected during the month of April 1919 May 17

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Acknowledges receipt of a number of letters from Herbert Hoover; thinks Herbert Hoover's financial rehabilitation plan is interesting and wants to learn Herbert Hoover's views re lifting blockade in Hungary 1919 May 22

Unknown to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses report, by direction of Herbert Hoover, indicating progress of relief measures for May, and total supplies furnished to European countries from Dec 1 to May 30 (the report, dated 1919 June 2, is from Herbert Hoover to the Supreme Economic Council) 1919 June 24

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of telegram of June 22 from Captain Hanrahan to Herbert Hoover, reporting serious turn in Danzig when Peace terms signed; Herbert Hoover agrees with Capt. Hanrahan that 500 men should be sent to protect millions in goods stored in Danzig) 1919 June 24

Hanrahan to Herbert Hoover, States there is no immediate worry re Danzig, but difficult to foretell because of day to day change) 1919 June 25

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Re possibility of Allied forces occupying Danzig if local police is unable to handle the situation 1919 June 25

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Abstracts report of June 24 from Col. Groome in Libau, re detention of Lieutenants Nixon and Harrington 1919 June 27

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Herbert Hoover dinner called off, since Woodrow Wilson is leaving and many officials will be seeing him off 1919 June 28

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Reports that Lieutenants Nixon and Harrington have reached Riga; Colonel Groome is sending report of incident to Herbert Hoover, who will forward it to Tasker H. Bliss 1919 July 1

B. Bakhmeteff to Tasker H. Bliss, Memo re U.S. aid to anti-Bolsheviks in the Baltic Area 1919 July 8

Henry James to White and Tasker H. Bliss, ("Memorandum Concerning Possible Action At Budapest") 1919 July 17

T. R. Ryan to Tasker H. Bliss, Re wave of militarism in Poland 1919 July 23

Tasker H. Bliss to Herbert Hoover, Encloses copy of letter of July 21 from Marshall Foch to Tasker H. Bliss, re arrest of Lieutenants Nixon and Harrington 1919 July 23

Gibbes Lykes to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses additional dispatches (enclosures missing) 1919 July 26

Unknown to Tasker H. Bliss, Re exchange of Polish potatoes for German coal and steel 1919 August 1

Unknown to Colonel Wallace, Encloses information desired by Colonel Wallace (enclosures missing) 1919 August 4

Unknown to Colonel Wallace, At Herbert Hoover's direction, encloses copy of telegram from Captain Gregory, and copy of telegram from Lieutenant-Colonel Romanetti to Clemenceau (enclosures missing) 1919 August 5

Herbert Hoover to Tasker H. Bliss, Re needed personnel for Colonel W. N. Haskell's staff in Armenia 1919 August 7

W. M. G. Atwood to Tasker H. Bliss, Re materials being shipped to Serbian Government via Italy 1919 August 9

W. M. G. Atwood to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copies of telegrams received from Lieutenant Colonel Causey in Budapest (enclosures missing) 1919 August 9

W. M. G. Atwood to Tasker H. Bliss, Re rail blockade against Serbia 1919 August 12

W. M. G. Atwood to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of a letter from Colonel Causey (enclosure missing) 1919 August 14

W. M. G. Atwood to Tasker H. Bliss, Encloses copy of report of August 4 from Captain Patterson to Colonel Causey, re disturbances in Trieste (enclosures missing) 1919 August 25