

On 23 October 1941 the Reich Security Main Office forbids the emigration of Jews to third countries¹

Letter (marked 'confidential') from the Reich Security Main Office (IV B 4 b (Rz) 2920/41g (984)), signed p.p. Müller,² to the representative of the Chief of the Security Police and the SD for Belgium and France, for the attention of SS-Brigadeführer Thomas, Brussels, dated 23 October 1941 (copy)³

Re: emigration of Jews

The Reichsführer SS and Chief of the German Police⁴ has ordered that the *emigration* of Jews is to be prevented with immediate effect. (The evacuation operations are not affected by this order.)

I would be grateful if you could inform the relevant internal German authorities in the area of service there of this order.

Only in *very special individual cases*, e.g. if there is a positive benefit for the Reich, can the emigration of individual Jews be permitted, subject to a prior ruling to this effect by the Reich Security Main Office.⁵

1 Mémorial de la Shoah, XXVb-7. This document has been translated from German.

2 Heinrich Müller.

3 An additional copy was sent to the office of the representative of the Chief of the Security Police in Paris for information.

4 Heinrich Himmler

5 At the end of the document is the annotation 'Checked for accuracy, Bastgen' and the stamp: 'The representative of the Chief of the Security Police and the SD for Belgium and France'.