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I am responding to your October 26, 2000 inquiry concerning whether payments made through the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future" to compensate forced laborers (and certain others) who suffered at the hands of German companies during the National Socialist era and World War II are excluded from income and resources in determining Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and benefit amount.

Regulations at 20 CFR 416, Appendix to Subpart K, Part V(g) provide that payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution are excluded from income for SSI purposes, pursuant to section 1(a) of the Victims of Nazi Persecution Act of 1994, Public Law 103-286 (108 Stat. 1450).

Regulations at 20 CFR 416.1236(a)(18) provide that payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution are excluded from resources for SSI purposes, pursuant to section 1(a) of the Victims of Nazi Persecution Act of 1994, Public Law 103-286 (108 Stat. 1450).

Thus, payments made through the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future" to compensate forced laborers (and certain others) who suffered at the hands of German companies during the National Socialist era and World War II are excluded from both income and resources in determining SSI eligibility and benefit amount. This exclusion applies to both non-Jewish as well as Jewish recipients of such payments.

Sincerely,

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