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Campobello Island  
New Brunswick, Canada  
August 3, 1947

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

After our conversation in Los Angeles, I communicated your interest in the refugees to people in New York who are working on that problem.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which has just come to me. The fact that the Stratton Bill did not pass, means there will not be many refugees for a while at least.

Very cordially yours,

*Sanders, E.*

**MRS. DAVID M. LEVY  
300 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.**

July 21, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mrs. Levy thought you might be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Reuben Resnik of the United Service for New Americans regarding the proposal made by Mrs. Edwin Sanders.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to Mr. Lessing Rosenwald.

Sincerely yours,

*Ann Whitman*  
Secretary.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park,  
New York.

*Send this to Mrs. Sanders*

Sanders, [Jane]

June 10, 1947

Dear Mr. Altmeier,

There is a group in California which has become very much concerned as to what arrangements will be made to receive and start off the people who may come to this country if the Bill is passed allowing them to come in.

They are anxious to know what the present plans are and if private organizations could be interested and adopt a family in every city and town and village and look after them until they are well started.

Mrs. Edward Sanders, 739 Harvard Street, Claremont, California, came to see me when I was in Los Angeles recently. If you could ask someone to send her whatever information you think would be helpful, I shall be most grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur Altmeier  
Preparatory Commission  
International Refugee Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland

*E. Sanders*

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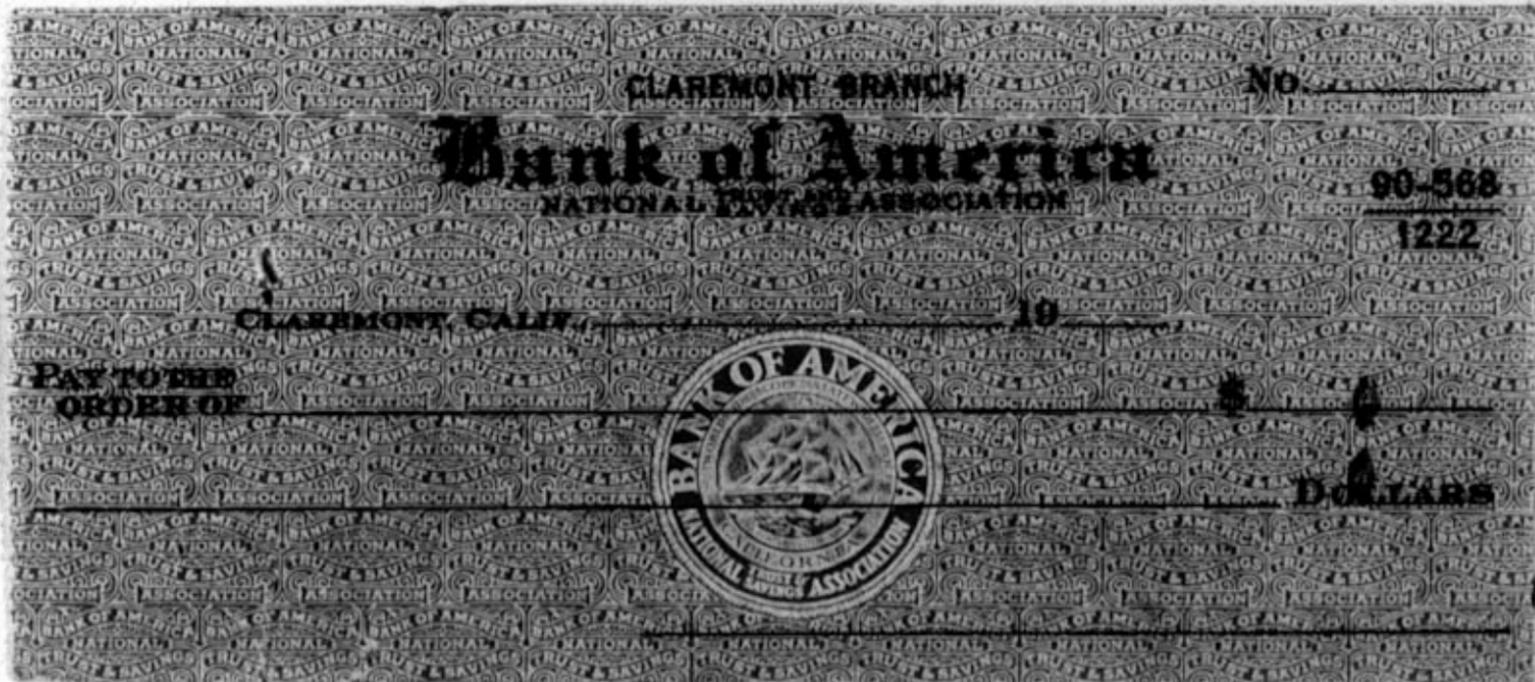
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LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

Sanders  
Jane

June 21, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Yesterday Adele handed me the communication which you sent to her, and I have written Mrs. Sanders in accordance with the enclosed carbon copy. I shall keep you posted as matters progress.

Many thanks for your continued interest in this work, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Lessing J. Rosenwald*

enc.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Apartment 15-A,  
29 Washington Square, West,  
New York City, 11.

June 21, 1947

Mrs. Edward Sanders,  
739 Harvard Street,  
Claremont, California.

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

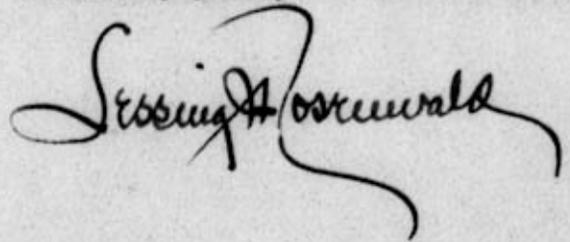
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has informed me that you are eager to be helpful in establishing and starting new refugees who are allowed to come to this country. She has requested me to communicate with you.

First, please allow me to express my appreciation for your proffer of help, and to thank you for your willingness to be of assistance. It would be of great help if you would write to me specifically what you have in mind in this respect, and I, in turn, will endeavor to find out how your services might be made available through various organizations which are dedicated, or may become stimulated to this type of work. Some of the organizations are fairly well set-up, while others could be vastly improved.

I have advised Mrs. Roosevelt of my letter to you.

Once more my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eleanor Roosevelt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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Thank you for your letter of  
I had heard from Mrs  
about your visit & I am  
glad you found it worth while to  
take so much of your precious time  
for this contact - I hope something  
good comes out of it

Looking forward to seeing  
you before long, I am

LEBBING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

September 3, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

While on a recent trip to California, I went to Claremont where I spent a most enjoyable day with Mrs. Edward Sanders and Mrs. Carter, discussing with them the project about which Mrs. Sanders wrote to you.

I think that Mrs. Sanders has an idea which might well prove to be extremely useful, if the project which she has recommended can be integrated with the various church agencies. I proposed the following to Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Carter, and they were in agreement that they would undertake, through the Co-ordinating Council of Claremont, without commitment, to furnish me with a theoretical, detailed proposal as to how a town like theirs might "adopt" an individual, a couple, or a family, as the case might be. (Inasmuch as Claremont is a college town, and they were eager for the college to take an active part in the proposed program, they may devise two plans: one for a community in which there is a college, and another for one in which there is none.)

Upon receipt of such a plan, it is my intention to ask Dr. Chamberlain to call a meeting of the various religious groups who undertake the settlement of immigrants belonging to their own religious faiths. At this meeting the theoretical plan proposed by the Claremont Co-ordinating Council would be submitted to the group. After giving the matter consideration, it is hoped that these various church groups will accept, modify, or implement the Claremont Plan insofar as it might supplement the work of their organizations. It is not expected that this can be done at the first meeting.

When the church groups have met and made their recommendations, it is then proposed to send the revised plan back to the Claremont Co-ordinating Council to try to get them to accept such recommendations as the church groups may have made. If we can hit upon a plan which would be mutually agreeable, the opportunities for publicity would be so great that I have no doubt but that countless communities throughout the

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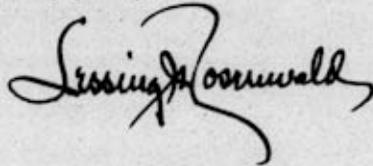
nation would be anxious and willing to take similar steps.  
I will keep you posted as to developments.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Mrs. Sanders  
and to Dr. Chamberlain.

Enclosed also is a letter recently received  
from Mrs. Sanders.

With very kindest regards, and hoping to see  
you soon, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loring Roosevelt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park,  
New York.

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September 3, 1947

Mrs. Edward Sanders,  
739 Harvard Avenue,  
Claremont, California.

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 28th with its interesting information. I am glad that you are finding the Davies' book useful to you, and that the pamphlets are serving so helpful a purpose.

We arrived home last Sunday after a pleasant trip and a good rest. Let me take this opportunity of thanking you for your gracious hospitality in Claremont. Under separate cover I am sending you three reprints that were made of books from the Rosenwald Collection in the Library of Congress. I hope that you will enjoy them.

I am enclosing with this copies of letters I have today written to Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. Chamberlain, which are self-explanatory.

Will you please tell Mrs. Carter that I spoke to Hiram Kingsley at Sears, Roebuck and Co. about the material which she needed, and he said that he would be glad to give the matter his personal attention if she would write to him. He had not heard from her at the time I spoke with him.

Please give my kindest regards to Dr. Sanders.

Very sincerely yours,

*Leslie S. Rosenwald*

enc.

September 3, 1947

Dr. Joseph P. Chamberlain,  
Legislative Drafting Research Fund,  
Columbia University, 510 Kent Hall,  
New York 27, New York.

Dear Doctor Chamberlain:

While in California I met with Mrs. Edward Sanders, and I have just written a letter regarding this meeting to Mrs. Roosevelt, a copy of which is enclosed. I hope the proposed method meets with your entire approval.

As soon as I hear from Mrs. Sanders, I will get in touch with you and we will then arrange a meeting with the church groups.

With kindest regards, and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

enc.

739 Harvard Ave.,  
Claremont, Calif.  
August 28, 1947

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald,  
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

You will be glad to know that the book by Maurice Davies which you so kindly mailed to me, as well as the other material which followed shortly after, have already been of use to me in a number of ways. The pamphlets have been going the rounds, propagandising several members of our Coordinating Council, and thanks to the fact that I had happened to read the right page of the book the day before meeting a local sociologist who represents the colleges on the Council, I could give a persuasive response to his chief objection.

Yesterday and the day before I accompanied my husband on a trip to Santa Barbara. The book went along, and I found it most interesting reading. While in Santa Barbara we visited with the administrators of a fund for educating gifted children from abroad in American colleges. Again the book served to answer some questions of theirs. It gives one a great feeling of satisfaction to have at hand the essential facts and figures, and I am most grateful to you for taking the trouble to supply me with them.

I find that as president of the local League of Women Voters for the coming year, I am automatically a member of the Coordinating Council, an angle of the situation which I hadn't realized before; so now I can set about boring happily from within.

We appreciated very much the effort you made in coming out to Claremont, and we enjoyed greatly the opportunity of meeting you. I hope the opportunity will come to make use of the preparatory work you have done. It was an inspiration to hear from you the story of how a "Cause" is promoted and fought for, and encouraging to us to know that, if needed, our town may have a small part in the general plan.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edward Sanders  
Signed: Jane G. Sanders

Mrs. DAVID M. LEVY  
800 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

July 9, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought the enclosed correspondence would be of interest to you in view of the fact that you brought the matter to my brother's attention via me. Please don't bother acknowledging it.

I am so glad that you are going to write David Dubinsky. I hope that with this added impetus he and Harry Brandt will really go places and that Wiltwyck will weather this crisis, which seems to be a very real one.

We had such a happy few hours with you at Hyde Park. Both Dr. and Mrs. Sulsberger were touched beyond words by the usual Roosevelt atmosphere, and by the sight of the Wiltwyck boys on their very best behavior and having withal such a wonderful time!

My warm greetings to Tommy and my devoted love to you,

Affectionately,

*David*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park,  
New York.

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY

300 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

July 9, 1947

My dear Mr. Beck:

When Mrs. Roosevelt was on the West Coast a month or so ago, she met Mrs. Edward Sanders of Claremont, California. Mrs. Sanders was very much interested in the problem of bringing to the United States some proportion of the displaced persons of Europe, and their assimilation into the life of America. At Mrs. Roosevelt's request, I took the matter up with my brother, Mr. Lessing Rosenwald.

Mr. Rosenwald has received the enclosed letter from Mrs. Sanders describing her plan of the "adoption" of refugee families by towns throughout the United States. He has asked me to secure from you your opinion or suggestions regarding this idea. Would you be good enough to let me know your reaction to Mrs. Sanders' letter? My brother is going to California the latter part of this month and plans to see Mrs. Sanders then, and would like to hear from you before that time. Both he and I will be grateful for whatever comments you have on this proposal.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Joseph Beck,  
United Service for New Americans,  
105 Nassau Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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Leevining, Mono County,  
Calif.,  
June 27, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald,  
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I apologize for inflicting this paper on you; we are on vacation in the Sierras and it is the only typewriter material available. Thanks for your prompt reply to Mrs. Roosevelt's communication of our interest in refugees. As you are doubtless aware, the League of Women Voters of the United States is interested in the passage of the Stratton Bill; and after our Calif. Convention of the League several weeks ago, where the issues behind this bill were discussed, some of us began wondering what plans the Preparatory Commission for the I.R.O. had developed for the assimilation of the refugees to be admitted by it.

It occurred to us that if towns, as such, throughout this country could be persuaded to "adopt" one or more of these refugee families, the job of assimilation could be done economically, and with wider public interest, than if left to separate organizations such as the Catholic Church, the Rotary Club, Jewish organizations, the Red Cross, or what-have-you. The town could underwrite transportation within this country, secure housing, make the first job contacts, aid in the integration of the children in the local school system, and in general assist such a family to become a productive and socially adjusted unit in its locality.

We set about inquiring as to how communities, as such, could do this. Our own small town has a "Coordinating Council", with representatives from most of the civic organizations in it, whose duty it is to instigate action on just such community endeavors and to turn over aspects of the job to the member organizations. Such councils are common in this area, there being 70 or more in Los Angeles County alone. Although many communities do not have such councils, we believe that they could still be stimulated to such a project in other ways. There are over 9,000 members in the American Municipal League, not to mention the International City Managers' Association and the United States Conference of Mayors. All these organizations have periodicals through which city councils, city managers and mayors could be advised of such a movement if it once started rolling. Although they might not legally carry out such a project themselves, they could appoint citizens or groups to do so.

After talking to a number of civic leaders in our town, who would be responsible for such an undertaking, we were surprised at the unanimous interest and enthusiasm which they registered, and were led to believe that it would be a relatively simple matter to "sell" our town and neighboring communities on the idea. We also tried to consider carefully the difficulties

to be met (which would be present no matter by what process these displaced persons are settled), e.g. language hurdles, religion, emotional disturbances. But we presumed that the I.R.O. would provide a central personnel office which could help to educate those who would deal with the problems, and which could also do the sifting process to place refugees in a suitable economic and cultural setting. There is a small town near us where a number of Polish families are living successfully, and where language and cultural barriers would be lowered for an immigrant Polish family. If a central personnel office had this and similar information from many towns "applying" for a family to adopt, it should facilitate the assimilation process.

Our own League of Women Voters' "Memo on Displaced Persons" has given us good answers to the commonest arguments of business and labor against admitting these people. And this process of adoption by towns furnishes more ammunition: business men would have more faith in expenditures supervised locally to make a family productive than in large sums spent to maintain them as paupers abroad. Labor would have difficulty pointing to any perceptible disruption of the labor market with such a wide dispersal of families whose working members would presumably fill local needs.

You indicate that there are a number of organizations already dedicated to this work, and I wonder if there might not be mutual stimulation; if a town takes it up, some organization might be moved to go further, and vice versa. A California town, Santa Barbara, has "adopted" a French village, and has found that town pride has boomed the project. Should our own community take in a family, there are four colleges in Claremont whose officials would be interested in doing likewise to fill staff needs (maintenance and caretakers, etc.) and whose student bodies would prefer to contribute to a more personalized kind of welfare work than much of the haphazard clothes drives, etc. in which they have participated in the last few years. Probably you have plans for a central personnel office which would provide regulations to indicate to what extent paternalism should extend, what is the responsibility if a family wishes to move to another community, or simply could not adjust, etc.

At the suggestion of our state International Relations Chairman of the League I have written to Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, to get her comments on whether the League might aid in the public education process and the promotion of the idea in towns among those who would be qualified to carry on such a project. Of course, in the meantime we write our Congressmen in support of the Stratton Bill. Thank you for your patience in reading this extended letter. Any information you can send us on the plans of the I.R.O., and any comments of yours on the usefulness or weaknesses of this program will be valued.

Sincerely,

(Jane G. Sanders)

(Mrs. Edward Sanders  
739 Harvard Ave.  
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LEBBING J. ROSENWALD  
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With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Lebbing J. Rosenwald*

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29 Washington Square,  
New York, N. Y.

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My dear Mrs. Sanders:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of June 27th, which I have read with a great deal of interest.

I think that your idea may be a capital one, and one which could have great beneficial potentialities if it were carried out in a thorough-going, business-like way. I believe the difficulty would be in setting up a working organization that would prove practical.

Inasmuch as I will be in Los Angeles the first of August, I think it would be far better if I could call you and arrange a meeting where we could discuss this matter in detail. In the meantime I will try to get the views of various interested persons as to methods prior to my visit with you. In any event, I think much more could be accomplished in this manner than by correspondence.

I am sending a copy of your letter, as well as this reply, to Mrs. Roosevelt for her information.

Please accept my thanks once more for your great interest in this cause, and let me assure you that your very splendid idea will be carefully considered.

Very sincerely yours,

CC - Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt ✓

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