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Miss Marguerite Liffand,
White House,
Washington D.C.

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Dear Miss Liffand:

I am writing you because you may have an opportunity to convey my feelings, which are representative of so many Americans, to the President.

The Jewish problem. Does the President realize the strong feeling which is growing in this country against the Jews? We read every day of hundreds of Refugees, mostly Jews, pouring into our country, outcasts of Hitler. Why must we take them? One can walk up Fifth Ave. in N. Y. without becoming increasingly alarmed and I must say - disgusted.

We are ready to fight Hitler and take the terrible burden of war but not to make our country free for Jews, who think only of one thing -

money - Please, Miss LeHand,
 try and understand that the
 backbone of America are resenting
 this flow of Jewish refugees. At the
 point that even the Jews who have
 been born here are beginning to
 be hated. The feeling will grow -

I can see it becoming worse all
 the time. They are in the Government
 in Washington, they are running our
 Labor organizations, they are getting
 a strangle hold and we don't
like it.

We are 100% behind the President
 but please let him know that
 the country is getting strongly anti-semitic.

I was born in Connecticut, my family
 for generations lived and farmed in that
 state, I am a legal, true American
 but please understand how I feel and
 so many others with me and they and
 ted the Roosevelt to watch it for us. Sincerely X
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At this tragic hour in modern civilization I extend to the Jewish people of America my sincere greetings for the New Year, in the confident hope that the temporary darkness which appears to encompass the world shall not extinguish the light of liberty and the blessings of peace and freedom. Accordingly, with a united devotion to the just cause of tolerance and peace, we must rededicate ourselves to the task which lies before us in order that all peoples may live as equals.

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