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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have noted with great satisfaction that you always stand for the right and humaneness even when it is hard. Therefore in my deep concern, I know of no one else to whom to turn for help.

A policy is now being pursued in the State De- ^{+ 20}
partment which makes it all but impossible to give refuge ^{x 3186}
in America to many worthy persons who are the victims of
Fascist cruelty in Europe. Of course, this is not openly
avowed by those responsible for it. The method which is
being used, however, is to make immigration impossible by
erecting a wall of bureaucratic measures alleged to be
necessary to protect America against subversive, dangerous
elements. I would suggest that you talk about this question
to some well-informed and right-minded person such as Mr.
Hamilton Fish Armstrong. If then you become convinced that
a truly grave injustice is under way, I know that you will
find it possible to bring the matter to the attention of
your heavily burdened husband in order that it may be re-
medied.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Einstein.

Professor Albert Einstein.

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*Tell Mr. Einstein I will bring her
letter about to the President*

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Respectfully referred by memorandum for consideration and acknowledgment.

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President.

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WEAKS, C. M. Rural Route 2 Francesville, Ind. 2/15/42 Telegram to the President. Asking for a deferrment for Robert Weaks. Sent to Director Selective Service.

ASTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Charles A. Reynolds President. Astoria, Ore. 2/14/42 Telegrams to the President. Arrests of enemy Aliens in this area indicate possibility of sabotage of shipping and industrial installations here. Strategic position of Lower Columbia area suggests that shipping facilities may all be sorely needed as Pacific war progresses. Enemy Aliens in this area now idle and a burden to taxpayers. Most would welcome removal to areas where they could safely be permitted employment. Sent to Justice Dept.

BORGESE, G.A. and Albert EINSTEIN, Bruno Frank, Thomas Mann, Arturo Toscanini; Bruno Walter: Santa Monica, Calif. 2/12/42 Telegram Draw attention to a large group of natives of Germany and Italy who by present regulations are erroneously characterized and treated as enemy Aliens. They fled their country and sought refuge in the U.S. because of persecution and have been deprived of their former citizenship. Draw line between the potential enemies of American democracy on the one hand, and the victims and sworn foes of totalitarian evil on the other. Sent to Justice Dept.

Telegrams sent to the President and referred to State Dept.

SANTIAGO, Andres N.Y.C. 2/14/42 Pledge utmost effort to cooperate with the Government to the end. Thirty Organization of Harlem, N.Y.C. Defeat of Hitlerism stands the Liberation of Oppressed peoples.

HURD, H. Detroit, Michigan 2/16/42 It is time to get tough grab that French fleet now or destroy same beat them to the punch at lease once.

STAFFORD, W.S. New York, N.Y. 2/15/42 Telegram Churchills speech great disappointment to many think Americans His please for continued support based on Russias success and our entry into war with which he and his government had nothing to do. If his statement that Naval losses at Pearl Harbor were of such magnitude as to shift to Japan the balance of Naval Power in the Pacific the American people dont know it and are entitled to be told. Regard ignoring escape German ships increasing greatly bombing hazard to our coastal cities. Sent to State Dept.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
6-10-37

The attached for acknowledgment and your consideration.

M.H. McIntyre

--Telegram to the President 6-8-37, from American Board of Guardians for Basque refugee children, Albert Einstein, Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Helen Hall, Mrs. William Brown Meloney, James T. Shotwell, Mary Simkhovitch, Mary E. Woolley, William E. Dood, Jr., ~~Pauline Bennett~~, New York, New York. "Answering the appeal of the Duchess of Atholl who organized removal of 8,792 Basque refugee children to France, 4,000 to England, etc. *** the American of guardians for Basque refugee children has undertaken to bring 500 children to the United States to be cared for here for duration of civil war" Asks the President to intercede on behalf of these unfortunate children thus making possible American participation in this great work of mercy.

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