Eddie Cantor

Offers estate for refuge

Sec 100
8/15/40
Sent to Dr. Kingdon

Maria Catalo
162 State St., Brooklyn - can't get any information about sister - tried Red Cross

Sisters Maure and Parisay
Toute De Berville
Bure, France
August 21, 1940

Miss Malvina Thompson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of two letters which you forwarded concerning refugees that had been received by Mrs. Roosevelt.

One letter was from Mrs. Lilly Panick, the Jewish Aid Committee, Bloomsbury House, Bloomsbury Street, London. I have turned this letter over to Miss Razovsky of the National Refugee Service asking if she can do anything in the matter. We, ourselves, are powerless to help Mrs. Panick as our Committee must be concerned exclusively with persons who are particularly endangered because of their writings or activities against fascism. That means primarily writers and other intellectuals and people engaged in political activities who would almost certainly face the firing squad if they were caught by the agents of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco.

The other letter came from Mrs. Maria Catalo, 162 State Street, Brooklyn. She is concerned about getting in touch with her two sisters in France. They apparently do not come in the category of those whom we are able to assist either.

I am writing Mrs. Catalo, suggesting that she continue her contact with the Red Cross in the hope that they will be able to locate her sisters.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Hentig and wife refuge - came to this country four years ago - the Prof. of Geology at Cal - offered some aid of Youth Movement by Hitler - refused - finally had to leave - not a Jew - father legal advisor to Sindermann. He was work in Washington on parole system - her husband at Yale and other colleges. Hope of professorship at Colorado did not materialize - is living in cabin in mountains given by friends - very cruel and sensitive and beginning to feel bitter about his situation. Sends papers before national society but not job ever come out of his activities.
Sent to Em. Rescue Com.

Betti Hicner
Kate Fischler

22 Westgate Road
Newbury, Berks, Eng.

Four German Jewish refugees stranded in England - want to come to America