

Admission of Refugees to U.S.
(Free Ports and Emergency Refugee Shelter)

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Mr. J. W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: (800)

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In the absence of Secretary Maurice Bisgyer from the city, I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of June 19 with enclosure.

Mr. Bisgyer will return to the office next week, at which time I shall bring your communication to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Benny Rothschild

Office Manager

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Dear Mr. Bisgyer:

Since my reply to your recent letter concern-
ing temporary havens in the United States for refugees,
the President has taken action for the establishment of
an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Port Ontario, Oswego,
New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading
the attached copies of the President's recent message
to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador
Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same
date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of
the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again
for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer,
National Secretary,
Washington B'nai B'rith,
1003 "K" Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures.

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Mr. John Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

In the name of B'nai B'rith, we endorse the proposal to create free ports of entry for refugees from Nazi persecution for the duration of the war, so that they can be assured of the elemental necessities of human life until other arrangements can be made for them.

We believe this action necessary because at the present time refugees encounter almost insurmountable legal restrictions in the immigration regulations of democratic countries. The present situation will rapidly make the rescue of refugees an academic matter if steps are not taken now to preserve the minority populations in Nazi-occupied Europe from the steady decimation to which they are being subjected.

It is probable that if the United States establish one or several havens for refugees, other countries will be encouraged to follow our example or, at least, give refugees shelter and grant them transit. For this and many other reasons, the establishment of a sanctuary in the United States by the War Refugee Board will be a great service to humanity.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ MAURICE BISGYER
National Secretary

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In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Schwartz:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens in
the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the
President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee
Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of
his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Amba-
sador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8,
1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the
execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and
your interest in the problem of providing places of
asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Harry Schwartz,
President,
B'nai B'rith Women of
Atlantic City,
7300 Ventnor Avenue,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Enclosures.

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7300 Ventnor Ave.

June 7th, '44

The War Refugee Board
Washington
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Gentlemen:

We, the Atlantic City B'nai B'rith Women, consisting of two hundred and fifty members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

We are

Very sincerely yours,

ATLANTIC CITY B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

MRS. HARRY SCHWARTZ

President

Belle F. Schwartz

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7300 Ventnor Ave.
June 7th. '44

To the President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
William D. Russell
Secretary to the President

Mr. President:

We, the Atlantic City B'nai B'rith Women, consisting of two hundred and fifty members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

May we add that we regard you as a great humanitarian whose sympathies are with those whom this proposal will benefit, and that we pray for your continued strength to guide our nation through these crucial War days to a just and lasting peace?

We are

Very sincerely yours

ATLANTIC CITY B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

MRS. HARRY SCHWARTZ.
Bill F. Schwartz
President

In reply please
refer to: 2895

JUL 6 1944

Dear Madam:

The President has referred to me your telegram of June 27, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate of refugees and its interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

B'nai B'rith Womens Auxiliary.
Kingston Chapter,
Kingston, New York.

Enclosures.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 26, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
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and acknowledgment.

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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WE URGE SPEEDY ACTION ON FREE PORT POLICY FOR REFUGEES.

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JUN 27 1944

Dear Mesdames:

Thank you for your letters of June 15, 1944, to the President and to me concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. C. Miller, Secretary,
Boulevard Women's Auxiliary of B'nai B'rith,
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June 15th, 1944.
 Phila. Pa.

War Refugee Board,
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We, the Women's Blvd. Chapter of B'nai B'rith consisting of eighty members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

Sincerely yours,

Clara Miller

Mrs. G. Lipschutz (Pres.)
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June 15th, 1944.
Phila., Pa.

The Honorable,
The President of United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We, the Women's Blvd. Chapter of B'nai B'rith consisting of eighty members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

We feel that your past performances to help suffering humanity will not fail us in this great need.

Sincerely yours,

Claire Miller

Mrs. G. Lipschutz (Pres)
Mrs. C. Miller (Secy)
4824 C Street.

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1217

Dear Mrs. Carson:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 8, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(mirrored) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Harold M. Carson,
President,
The Charter Chats,
2036 N. Park Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bruce Smith

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Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt
 President of the United States
 Washington, D. C.

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William S. Howell
 Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President:

We, Charter Chapter of
 B'nai B'rith Women of Philadelphia
 consisting of 163 members, urge
 you to give serious consideration
 to the proposal to establish
 Free Port-of-Far Refugees in the
 United States for the duration.

Yours respectfully,
 Mrs. Harold M. Carson
 President.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: (853)

Dear Mr. Frankel:

Since my reply to your recent telegrams concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Robert Frankel,
President,
Philadelphia B'nai B'rith Council,
709 N. Franklin,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Frankel:

I have your telegram of May 25, 1944, to the
President and to me, concerning the establishment of
temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Robert Frankel,
President,
Philadelphia B'nai B'rith Council,
709 N. Franklin,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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May 26, 1944

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Secretary to the President

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PRESIDENT F D ROOSEVELT ✓

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THE PHILADELPHIA B'NAI B'RITH COUNCIL URGES THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A SYSTEM OF FREE PORTS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD
PROVIDE A TEMPORARY HAVEN FOR WAR REFUGEES WHO CANNOT AT
PRESENT ENTER THIS COUNTRY UNDER EXISTING IMMIGRATION LAWS

PHILADELPHIA B'NAI B'RITH COUNCIL ROBERT FRANKEL ✓

PRESIDENT LEONARD ORLOFF SECRETARY.

PHILADELPHIA, D.C.
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In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Katz:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 1, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate of refugees and its interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. William Katz,
President,
B'nai B'rith Women,
Germantown Chapter,
1831 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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B'nai B'rith Women - Germantown Chapter

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1200 12th St
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Meetings held Third Monday of the month
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would greatly appreciate if you would give serious consideration to the proposal to establish free courts for refugees in this country for the duration. Positive action by you on this will be greatly appreciated.

Gratefully
Frank G. Katz
B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN
GERMANTOWN CHAPTER
PRESIDENT

(150 women comprise the membership of the Germantown Chapter.)

JUN 15 1944

In reply please refer to: 945

Dear Mr. Levin:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Herbert S. Levin,
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Hillel Lodge, No. 1513,
B'nai B'rith,
210 Lafayette Building,
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THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315
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HILLEL LODGE, NO. 1510

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210 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
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B'nai B'rith

June 5, 1944.

War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We, the Hillel Lodge of B'NAI B'RITH, consisting of 50 members, urge you to give serious consideration of the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration of the present war.

Respectfully yours,
HILLEL LODGE

By: Herbert S. Levin
President

Ned L. Hirsh
Secretary

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JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1425

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens in
the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the
President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee
Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of
his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Amba-
sador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8,
1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the
execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate
of refugees and its interest in the problem of providing
places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Herman R. Goldberg,
Secretary,
Lincoln Lodge, No. 780,
E'm-i B'rith,
6036 N. 13th Street,
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

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HERMAN R. GOLDBERG, Secretary
6036 N. 13th St. Philadelphia 4, Pa.
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June 14th, 1944

Chairman,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the Lincoln Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, consisting of 400 members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

We know of your humane attitude to all suffering refugees, and urge your immediate action.

Yours very respectfully,

Albert Quell

 ALBERT QUELL, President

Herman R. Goldberg

 HERMAN R. GOLDBERG, Secretary

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HERMAN R. GOLDBERG, Secretary
6036 N. 19th St. Philadelphia 4, Pa.
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June 14th, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable President:

We, the Lincoln Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, consisting of 400 members, urge you to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration.

We know of your humane attitude to all suffering refugees, and urge your immediate action.

Yours very respectfully,

Albert Quell
ALBERT QUELL, President

Herman R. Goldberg
HERMAN R. GOLDBERG, Secretary

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In reply please
refer to: 1698

JUN 27 1944

Dear Mrs. Davis:

The President has referred to me your recent communication concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Peble

J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Mrs. B. W. Davis,
B'nai Israel Temple Sisterhood,
1116 St. George Street,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

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To *President Franklin D. Roosevelt,*
Address *Washington, D.C.*
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"... SPEECH IS
THE MESSENGER
OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

We urge that you use your
influence to reestablish "Free Ports"
for the relief and refuge of
harassed minorities of Europe.

Signature *Bnai Israel Temple Sisterhood*
Address *East Liverpool, Ohio*

Mrs. E. W. Davis
1116 St. George St.

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Sincerely yours,

U. V. Lewis

Executive Director

Mr. E. W. Davis
1118 St. George Street
East Liverpool, Ohio

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JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1206

Dear Mrs. Wolens:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 9, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate of refugees and its interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Walter Wolens,
President,
B'nai Zion Temple Sisterhood,
3501 Greenway Place,
Shreveport 64, Louisiana.

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TO THE
DIRECTOR OF THE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FROM THE
MEMBER OF THE
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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President F. D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Harsh
Secretary to the President

Dear President Roosevelt:

On Thursday, June 8th, 1944,
our organization passed a resolution
calling upon the United States
government to establish "Free Ports"
for refugees.

In the name of humanity, we
hope you will take the speediest
action.

Thanking you, we are

Sincerely yours,

B'nai Zion Temple Sisterhood

(Mrs. Walter) Celia M. Wolens
President

MAY 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 754

Dear Mrs. Bobman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mrs. S. Bobman,
2877 Kensington Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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LETTERS FOR ANSWERS
BY SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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Hon. John W. Pehle

Dear Sir:

The newly proposed idea of free ports for refugees I consider an excellent one.

I hope that you will use your indulgence in every way possible to see that it is carried out.

Very truly yours
Mrs. S. Robman

2977 Kensington Ave. Phila. Pa.

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- * TAMARA MILLER

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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JUN 15 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1015

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bochner:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's recent action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. David Bochner,
1538 - 47th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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David Bochner
1538-47th Str.
Brooklyn N.Y.

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War Refugee Board
John W. Fehle
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in favor of Free Ports for Refugees and ask you to extend your good offices and see that this great project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours
David and Dora Bochner
David and Dora Bochner.

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*From
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David Bochner
1538-47th ✓
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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To the President of the United States of America,
Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
William V. Harrell
Secretary to the President

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JUN 10 1945

Dear Mr. President,

We are in favor of Free Ports for Refugees and
ask you to extend your good offices and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours
David and Dora Bochner
David and Dora Bochner

In reply please
refer to: 2007

JUL 26 1944

Dear Mrs. Bodek:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Your support for this program and your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy oppression are deeply appreciated.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue these persecuted people and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Lillie Bodek,
1705 49th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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War Refugee Bd

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1705 49 St
Brooklyn New York
June 18, 1944

President Roosevelt
Washington D.C.
Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for
establishing a haven
for one thousand war
refugees in uptate New
York. This is very en-
couraging, and a good
start. But you know
there are hundreds of
thousands more war-
stricken people who
are looking prayerfully

people of our time
have power to
your noble heart
and your kind deeds.
(Mrs) Jessie Drake
Very respectfully,
Yours

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to your noble heart and
kind hand.

Will you please
make every effort to
establish many many
more of these havens
very very soon for
these sorely oppressed
people, over whose heads
truly hangs the sword
of Damocles?

I am one, of prob-
ably millions, who
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More power to
your noble heart
and your kind deeds.
Very respectfully yours,
(Mrs) Lillie Bodak

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JUN 23 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Bodek:

Thank you for your communication of June 14, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. L. Bodek,
1705 - 49th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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1705 49 St
Dear Mr. Tolson: ~~NY 6/14/44~~
We are in favor of
Free Ports for Refugees and
ask you to extend your good
offices and see that this
great project is speedily
accomplished.
Respectfully Yours,
Mrs. L. Bodie

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2022

Dear Miss Boehm:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 17, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Margaret D. Boehm,
5709 Roland Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Enclosures.

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5709 ROLAND AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ✓

June 17, 1944.

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The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President -

Like many humane Americans I am deeply concerned about the extermination of the European Jews - so deeply concerned that I am taking the liberty of writing to you to urge that all that can be done to save them be done quickly, for in this task of salvation, speedy action is absolutely essential. Your War Refugee Board is an important step in the right direction. It is composed of fine and able but busy men, who perhaps have not done all that is possible to provide asylum, permanent or temporary, for those who

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can escape. I understand that even under the present quota system many more refugees could be admitted to this country, if our immigration laws were administered in a more liberal spirit. I am a housewife & would gladly contribute the present rationing ten years to share our abundance & save those poor people from starvation.

Assuming you of my enthusiastic support along these lines, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Miss) Margaret D. Boehm.

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L. V. Lewis
Executive Director

Miss Margaret D. Boehm,
2325 Belmont Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

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In reply please
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AUG 26 1944

Dear Miss Bonsteel:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 26, 1944, urging immediate action to save the refugees of Europe.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, where approximately 1,000 refugees, who had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, are being cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

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With respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews, I enclose a copy of a joint statement recently issued by the United States and British Governments which I am sure will be of interest to you.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Ruth M. Bonsteel,
200 Todd's Lane,
Wilmington, Delaware.

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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
YOUR ACTION
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460 TODD'S LANE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
WILLIAM W. [initials]
Secretary to the President

July 28, 1944

Dear President Roosevelt,
I believe this
is my second letter to you
regarding the rescue of
the refugees of Europe.
I may I urge
you again to take
immediate action with the
Allied Powers to save the
countless lives.
The Hungarian
Jews are disappearing fast

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because of our delay.
The free ports in
this country offer
the possibility of a
plan that can save
many people.

Sincerely
Ruth Bonstedt.

In reply please
refer to: 650

MAY 19 1944

Dear Miss Brainerd:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Miss Eveline W. Brainerd.

Haddam, Connecticut.

Temporary Havens

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Mr. John W. Pihler
Director,
War Refugee Board,
Dear Sir

Could not have more public-
ity be given the pro-
posal for "free ports"
in the U. S. for War Refu-
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The editorial in the
Times this morning is a
help, but gives no
information as to the
bill (if it be a bill) re

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John W. Fehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please extend your good offices in favor of "Free Parts for Refugees", and see that this great project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) *Ada Brenner*

No address.

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3006

Dear Chaplain Brill:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Chaplain Mordecai L. Brill,
Camp Chapel,
Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

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July 12, 1946

Dear Sir :-
President *W. R. B. Smith*
Secretary to the President

I strongly urge that more camps be opened in this country as "free ports" for the uprooted humanity of Europe who through no fault of their own find themselves at death's door.

I also hope you will be able to ask other countries such as Turkey to establish "free ports"

With every good wish and with faith in your leadership

M. L. Brill
Camp Forrest Tenn. *chaplain*
ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

MAY 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 768

Dear Mrs. Brilliant:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. S. Brilliant,
5831 Webster Street,
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania.

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May 17, 1944

Hon. John W. Pehle,
Com. Civ. War Refugee Bd.
Wash. 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I believe the more free ports for unfortunate refugees an excellent move.

Kindly use your good offices in every way possible to see to the government's approval of the free use of ports for refugees.

5831 Websterst yours truly,
Phila. Pa. (Ms) L. Brillant

Rev. John *[unclear]*
Exec. Dir. War Refugee Bd.
Washington, 25, D. C.



BRITAIN'S 'FREE PORT' FOR REFUGEES

The report that the U. S. Administration is considering establishing a system of "free ports" in the U. S. A. for the admission of war refugees, who would be otherwise barred from entrance by immigration laws, suggests a plan almost identical to that put into operation by the British Government in 1939 at the famous "Richborough Camp" for refugees.

This camp, a few miles from the port of Dover, was established by voluntary refugee organizations in Britain, to rescue thousands of Germans and Austrians who were being held in Nazi concentration camps while awaiting their turn under the U. S. immigration laws, a wait of about two years.

The British Government allowed these transmigrants to enter the British camp, without giving them any status in Britain, in addition to the thousands admitted under normal visas. "Richborough" represented salvation to the poor refugees who had no friends to give financial guarantees for them. Many of these refugees are today in the United States; the remainder are playing their part in the British war effort.

At the same time, it is interesting to recall the statement of Mr. Peake (Under Secretary for Home Affairs) on May 19, 1943, that "no refugee who reaches Britain without a visa has been turned back", and that "many thousands of refugees from enemy-occupied countries have arrived, and are still arriving without visas."

Britain's record as a refuge for the victims of the Nazis is one that should not be allowed to become forgotten. It is particularly notable when the size of the island, and the wartime conditions are remembered - stringent restrictions in food and clothing, overcrowding with Allied troops, and total preoccupation with the prosecution of the war. Despite these conditions, Britain admitted some 60,000 non-British refugees between May 1940 and April 1943, since when, according to announcement made last December, they were still being admitted at an average rate of 800 a month.

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JUN 15 1944

In reply please
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Dear Dr. Brown:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's recent action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. A. J. Brown,
1928 North Seventh Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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DR. A. J. BROWN
1928 N. SEVENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director of the War
Refugee Board, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free" ports in the United States for refugees from stricken lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in congress, and we sincerely urge you to speak favorably on them

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Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director of the War Refugee Board
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Dear Mr. Green:

Since my reply to your recent letter concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Green, Secretary,
Cardozo Lodge No. 400
416 Walnut Street,
Commercial Union Bldg.,
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.

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Letter for Mr. Green
to be by mail

Dear Mr. Green
I am glad to hear from you
and hope you are well
I am sure you will be
interested in the work
of the American Friends
Service Committee
in the relief of
refugees.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 1944,
and its enclosure, concerning the establishment of
temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Typed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Green, Secretary,
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May 18, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am enclosing herewith copy of
resolution pertaining to the matter of Free Ports
for Refugees in this country. Your assistance in
this humanitarian effort will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,
/s/ Samuel Green

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RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that we, Cardozo Lodge No. 400, Brith Sholom, consisting of 625 members, at a meeting held May 17th, 1944, urge the President of the U. S. and his War Refugee Board to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the U. S. for the duration. The establishment of such Free Ports would translate into action the humanitarian desire of the American people to save as many victims of Nazi brutality as can still be saved.

/s/ Samuel J. Marks President Samuel Green Secretary

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS FOR THE DURATION AND SAVE MANY UNFORTUNATE REFUGEES. HUMANITY LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR HELP.

MRS IDA BRUDER

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In reply please
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JUL 13 1944

Dear Mrs. Brummer:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 3, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Orville Brummer,
530 Penning,
Wood River, Illinois.

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MISS MATHILDE BERG
Treasurer
2425 North 22nd Street
Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin

530 Penning ✓
Wood River, Ill., ✓
July 3, 1944.

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I think we should provide temporary asylum in this country
under carefully controlled conditions, for political
refugees, with special attention to the Jewish people.

Sincerely,

Flora Brunner
(Mrs. Orville) Brunner
Chairman Spiritual Life Dept.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1003

Dear Mr. Bruner:

Thank you for your recent card concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's recent action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. J. Bruner,
215 North Easton Road,
Glenside, Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free ports" in the United States for refugees from stricken lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in Congress and we sincerely urge you to speak favorably on them.

Name Joe Bruner
Address 215 N. Easton Rd. Glenside
Name J. Michael
Address 2117 N. Easton Rd. Glenside Pa.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 938

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brylawski:

Thank you for your recent card concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brylawski,
The Lenox, 13th and Spruce Streets,
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

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Mr. John W. Pule
Dear Sir,

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free ports" in the United States for refugees from other lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in Congress & we sincerely urge you to speak favorably in them -
Respectfully,
J. & M. Edward Brylawski

The Leav, 13th & Spruce Sts. Philadelphia 7, Pa -

June 12, 1944.

My dear Mr. Buckley:

Thank you very much for your fine letter of June 10. You may be sure that the War Refugee Board is striving in every way possible to rescue and protect civilians in danger of death from the enemy.

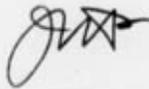
Since the date of your letter, the President has taken action in this matter. I am enclosing for your information a copy of the White House press release indicating the action taken.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Charles A. Buckley,
House of Representatives.

Enclosure



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CHARLES A. BUCKLEY
230 Dist. New York

HYMAN KORN
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 10th, 1944.

Hon. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am deeply concerned and have been contacted by many people with the problem of the establishment of a free port in the United States for the rescue of those unfortunate human beings who now face death abroad.

I know that The President is sincerely interested in the problem and I would be deeply grateful to you if you would advocate the opening of such a port in the United States.

I am in favor of this and will cooperate with you, in any way possible, to bring it about.

The lives of thousands of refugees depend upon our doing something at this time.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Buckley
Charles A. Buckley.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Buff:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Buff,
1223 Linda Ross Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

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Dear President Roosevelt:

That idea of having a temporary refuge for the Jews in this country, that Grafton spoke of in his column, seems the very least we can do, in my humble opinion. I am not a Jew, nor an ardent friend of Jews in general,-- although an ardent friend of some Jews- and hope that this little 1940 refugees will be increased soon to many thousands. It isn't much, but at least it is a gesture.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Buff
Mary Maud Buff

In reply please
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burdett:

Your letters of April 16 and 18, 1944, to the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., concerning the possibility of bringing Jewish refugees to this country, at least on a temporary basis, has been referred to me.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the Executive Order establishing the Board, the White House Press Release of the same date, and the Statement on Nazi atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944.

The duties and authority of the Board are defined in the Order, which declares it to be the policy of this Government to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford such victims all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

The Board is doing everything in its power to achieve the great humanitarian objectives for which it was created.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Burdett,
2 Grace Court,
Brooklyn, New York.

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The Hon. Edward P. Stettinius,
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stettinius,

The people of America are concerned over the plight of the Jewish Refugees.

Cannot this Government act at once to provide for them at least a temporary haven in this country?

We urge you to act before it is too late!

Yours very sincerely,
Owen L. Burdett

April 18, 1944.

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The Hon. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.
Department of State,
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Dear Mr. Stettinius,

The people of America are concerned over the plight of the Jewish Refugees.

Cannot this Government take action at once to provide at least a temporary haven for them in this country?

We urge you to take action before it is too late!

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth White Burdett.
(Mrs. O. L.)

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MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Burtman:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Rose F. Burtman,
5443 Lebanon Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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May 17, 1944.
Honorable John W. Pehle
Dear Sir -

Since you
are the very able Executive Director
of the War Relocation Authority + of course
a democratic idealist, I think
it would be a blessing for you to
use your influence in advocating
Pahoa as a harbor or camp for
the forgotten ^{hundreds of} refugees of the War.
Thank you

Sincerely
Mrs. Paul Gutman
5443 Lehigh
Phila. Pa.

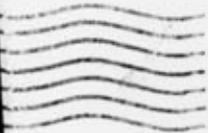
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Honorable John W. Pehle
Exec Director, War Relocation Authority



Washington, D.C. 205

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Butterworth:

Thank you for your recent communication concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Francis J. Butterworth, Jr.,
West Prospect Avenue, R #1,
North Wales, Pennsylvania.

Copy to: M. S. Axelrod

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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Name Francis J. Buttenworth J.

Address W. Prospect Ave - R#1
North Wales, Pa

Name M. S. Aselrod

Address 4952 N. 9th St.
Phila. 41. Pa.