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

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In reply please
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JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Garber:

Thank you for your letter of June 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

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Garber,
1321 W. Roosevelt Boulevard,
Philadelphia 40, Pennsylvania.

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1321 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia 40, Pa.
June 3, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

There is a project now afoot for the practical and humane answer to the problem now facing thousands of homeless Jewish people. An immediate solution to their desperate position is indeed essential in order that their lives may not be NEEDLESSLY and wantonly destroyed. This project provides for a TEMPORARY establishment of these people in the free, democratic countries of the world. It is obvious - and proper - that these United States will have to make the first move.

I, as an individual, can do little about this plan. However, you, in your position as head of the War Refugee Board, can do something. That is why I am appealing to you.

The shameful White Paper must be rectified as much as possible. Although at the time, this may have been deemed the greatest good for the greatest number, we, nevertheless, cannot now entirely ignore the thousands of Jewish people whose plight at the present time is absolutely hopeless - unless those who can help, do help. We hold in our hands, the lives of these forsaken people and the moral obligation must be heeded.

On behalf of the principles for which we are fighting, and in order that our Declaration of Independence - which provides for all peoples "LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" - may not be a farce, I am asking that you do whatever is in your power to establish "Free Ports" (temporary havens) for the Jewish people who are so tragically and in such immediate need of them.

Very respectfully and sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Garber

M. S. Garber
C. W. Garber

Mr. M. S. Garber
1321 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia 40, Pa.

John W. Pehle
Executive Director of War Refugee
Board

Washington, D. C.

In reply please
refer to: 2025

JUL 21 1944

Dear Miss Garbo:

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

Miss Nettie Garbo,
83 Intervale Avenue,
Burlington, Vermont.

Enclosures.

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His Excellency
President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. President, never being eloquent in speech, nor gifted in writing, my plea will come in common every day language, but from the bottom of my heart.

I have read in the papers where there are to be allowed 1000 refugees into the Ports of United States. Please, Mr. President, use your utmost influence to multiply manifold that number. America is the land of plentiful, there is land and food and much work to be done. Let us throw open the doors to them as a temporary haven before it is too late. None of us must ever forget the reason why we are here, it is because all our ancestors were refugees.

Let us give them life, for to give is to receive.

Most Hopefully,

Nettie Garbo

JUL 29 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3064

Dear Miss Garwood:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 18, 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 with the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your interest in the fate of these persecuted people is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Viola E. Garwood,
25 Euclid Avenue,
Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Enclosures.

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Secretary to the President

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

My dear Mr. President,

Surely the Jewish refugee should find refuge in the land with the motto "In God is our trust".

Can Christian America better express her faith, and love for that transcendent Jew - Jesus of Nazareth - than by making the immigration laws accomodate the extreme emergency now facing Jews in Europe?

Certainly temporary asylum can be given and lives saved, which would otherwise be lost, if we do not act.

My prayer is that you may use your influence to this end.

Sincerely yours
(Miss) Viola E. Garwood,
25 Euclid Ave.,
Haddonfield, N.J.

In reply please
refer to: 2974

JUL 14 1944

Dear Mrs. Geiger:

Thank you for your letter of July 9, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to see the accounts 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 providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Lewis B. Geiger,
72-17 34th Avenue,
Jackson Heights, New York.

Enclosures.

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MRS. LEWIS B. GEIGER 72-17 34th AVENUE JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Dec 9, 1944

War Refugee Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am definitely in favor of opening free ports in our country to the Jewish Refugees of Europe. It is astonishing that this has not been done before. The ideals that my husband and so many millions of others are fighting for now are just as many words if they can not be applied to practical use in this way. Therefore, I believe we should offer immediate temporary refuge to these people, and with a minimum of red-tape.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Beverly Geiger

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To War Refugee Committee
Washington,
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JUN 19 1944

In reply please
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Dear Miss Gensburg:

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Betty Gensburg,
1869 Park Place,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 6, 1944

Dear Mr. President,
You to open the U S now. We urge free portsin

Sincerely
Betty Greenberg
1869 Park Pl
Bklyn, N Y.

JUN 5 1944

In reply please
refer to: 831

Dear Dr. Gerber:

I have your letters 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. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Philip Gerber,
1808 South 65th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia, Pa.
Saratoga 4946

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May 25, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am writing you to beg your aid in the establishment of Free Ports in the United States - both in the interest of humanitarianism and to uphold the traditions that have made our Country the greatest and the finest in all the world. The United States has always been a haven for the oppressed - therein lies much of its strength. I would appreciate greatly whatever you can do toward the establishment of Free Ports by the United States, which would be a blessing to those who would be able to make use of such Ports of Freedom, and which would at the same time extend to others what our forefathers had extended to them.

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Thanking you for your interest in this urgent matter, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,
Philip Gerber, M.D.
Philip Gerber, M.D.

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PHILIP GERBER, M. D.
1808 South 65th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.
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May 25, 1944

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

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Very respectfully yours,

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In reply please
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JUL 4 1944

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 22, 1944, urging immediate action by the War Refugee Board to save the Jewish people in 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 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 numerousmeasures 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 persuade 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 recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which will be equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees for the duration of the war or until they can be returned to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Lucia Fessenden Gilbert,

Malone, New York.

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To the Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,

Your Excellency:

Let me respectfully implore you to take immediate steps to alter the administration of the immigration laws so as to speed the rescue of the persecuted Jews of Europe.

While our enemies have been the robbers to strip these helpless sufferers, wound them, and leave them half dead, our nation has acted the part of the priest and Levite and passed by on the other side. The War Refugee

Board has been set up by you. If this is to be the Good Samaritan, I beseech you to speed him on his way before the sufferers are all dead - They are dying in agony every day.
The Good Samaritan made no delay, put himself to expense, trouble, and personal risk, and translated his compassion into efficient rescue - He did this for a stranger, one belonging to an alien and unpopular race -

The Divine command was to go and do likewise -
That same sufferer is on the road today, and he is dying before our eyes. If, by hesitation and delay, we disobey such an explicit command, how can we, as a nation, dare pray for the approval and blessing of God?

Very respectfully yours,

Lucia Foomden Gilbert -

Malone, N. Y.
June 22, 1944.

JUN 28 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2047

Dear Miss LaVan:

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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Irene LaVan,
6851 Ogontz Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

cc: Miss Sally Gill,
1227 N. 7th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2631

Dear Miss Gimbel:

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

Miss Ruth Gimbel,
75 Archibald Street,
Burlington, Vermont.

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Secretary to the President

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June 20, 1944

His Excellency
President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

May I take this opportunity to express to you my own personal thanks for your kindness and humaneness in moving to give a temporary refuge to 1,000 unfortunates, who are not so very unfortunate, because, after all, they are being assisted in coming here.

The world looks to our United States for guidance. In your attempt at bringing relief even to so small a number, other doors may be left open to help save those who will surely be decimated. As our own splendid troops get closer to Berlin, the enemy's fury at its own helplessness will mount, and it will concentrate even more on completely wiping out all little people.

Your message to Congress has been one of hope and thanksgiving for us. I am sure that you will do all in your power to help open up other free ports to take in more than a thousand. I am confident that America's idealism and interest in the little people will help towards bringing more refugees into a land that is truly a refuge--the land of the free; the home of the brave.

Respectfully,

Ruth Gimbel

(Miss) Ruth Gimbel
75 Archibald Street
Burlington, Vermont

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Dear Miss Ginsburg:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 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

Miss Beatrice G. Ginsburg,
1441 South Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Hon. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25 DC.

Dear Sir:

I should like to ask you to do all within your power to bring about the opening of a free port for war refugees into the United States. I am very much interested in this and feel it is an important and humanitarian act for us to undertake immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beatrice G. Gerstung

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WAR REFUGEE BOARD

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
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In reply please
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JUN 14 1944

Dear Mrs. Ginsburg:

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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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J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

Mrs. G. Ginsburg,
1401 - 58th Street,
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[signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. G. Ginsburg,
1401 - 58th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Mr John Pehle. June 7/44

Dear Sir, I am in favor of free Ports for Refugees and ask you to extend your good offices and see that this great project is speedily accomplished.

Sincerely G. Ginsburg
Mrs L. Ginsburg
1401 – 58 St Brooklyn

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The President Roosevelt
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 accomplish

Sincerely
Mrs L Cita

In reply please
refer to: 2000

JUL 26 1944

Dear Miss Girard:

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

Miss Mabel Girard,
140 West 71st Street,
New York, New York.

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140 West 11st Street
N. Y. City
June 18,

President Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr President,

I think your proposal for temporary free entry for 1,000 refugees is a noble one. I hope also you will back the proposal to establish a system of free ports which will give all war refugees from Nazi terrorism temporary asylum.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs) Mabel Gruf

In reply please
refer to: 1464

JUN 24 1944

Dear Miss Girard:

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

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[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Mabel Girard,
140 West 71st Street,
New York 23, New York.

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MABEL GIRARD 140 WEST 71 STREET NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

June 18,

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

My Dear Mr Pehle, I want to go on record as approving the proposal for a system of free ports for temporary asylum for war refugees.

Very truly yours
(Miss) Mabel Girard

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1051

Dear Miss Glichman:

The President has referred to me 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.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Rose Glichman,
1130 Lenox Road,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 6 1944

Dear Mr. President

We urge you to open Free ports in the United States Now

Sincerely

Rose Glickman
1130 Lenox Road N. Y.

AUG 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3208

Dear Mr. Glick:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 2, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to know of the President's action in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads 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. H. A. Glick,
Home Furniture Co. Inc.,
1025 Third Avenue,
Huntington, West Virginia.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

August 2, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting of the Ohev Sholom Congregation, held June 6, 1944, the following resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted:

Resolved that Free Ports be established for entrance of Refugees advocated by the War Refugee Board. This great nation "conceived in liberty" has been peculiarly sensitive to the "cry of its brother's blood" wherever and whenever they have been enslaved and persecuted. Particularly because of its deep religious heritage and character believing that men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these being Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness, and above all Life. America has been a traditional haven of those who have been robbed of these possessions.

We commend the President of the United States for his outstanding leadership and vision, manifested in championing the cause of the afflicted not only by words but by forthright deeds.

We appeal to the conscience of America to respond immediately to this suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. Glick

H A Glick
M Glick

SEP 2 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3290

Dear Sirs:

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

I am sure you were glad to know of the President's action in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of 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 are enclosed.

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, 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

S. H. Glick and Sons,
Star Furniture Company,
839 Fourth Avenue,
Huntington, West Virginia.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Our Dear President:

We would like to see that Free Ports be established in this country as advocated by the War Refugee Board. People in other countries have been persecuted in terrible ways. Liberty, religion and rights to an enjoyable life have been taken away from amny people. America has always been a place that offered such freedom to a man, and this country has traditionally been a haven for such people.

We commend you for being so outstanding in your judgment. You have been a champion for freedom and have always looked in favor of the underdog.

We hope that you will heed to the advocation of the War Refugee Board and do all that you can to help the people that are afflicted.

Yours respectfully,

S. H. Glick and Sons
839 Fourth Ave.
Huntington, W. Va.

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SEP 2 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3243

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 28, 1944, urging the establishment of temporary havens in this country for refugees.

I know you were glad to learn of the President's action in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is caring for approximately 1,000 refugees who had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. I am enclosing for your information copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8 to the heads of the agencies responsible for the execution of the project.

I wish to assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything possible to rescue these victims of Nazi persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety for the duration of the war. I am sure you will also be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other places of refuge in areas nearer to their own countries.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. David H. Goldberg,
The Princess Shop,
911 Third Avenue,
Huntington, West Virginia.

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PHONE 2-1161
911 THIRD AVENUE
HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

July 21, 1944.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

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

My dear Mr. President:

I wish to convey to you my feelings in regard to Free Ports being established for entrance of refugees advocated by the War Refugee Board.

This great nation "conceived in liberty" has been peculiarly sensitive to the "cry of its brother's blood" wherever and whenever they have been enslaved and persecuted. Particularly because of its deep religious heritage and character believing that men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these being Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness, and above all Life. America has been a traditional haven of those who have been robbed of these possessions.

We commend the President of the United States for his outstanding leadership and vision, manifested in championing the cause of the afflicted not only by words but by forthright deeds.

We agree that America can do no less for these, our allies and fellow-foes of Naziism, than we do for our enemies who as prisoners of war are provided with at least such temporary sojurn and security.

We appeal to the conscience of America to respond immediately to this suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

Respectfully,

David H. Goldberg
DAVID H. GOLDBERG

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In reply please
refer to: 849

JUN 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Goldberg:

Thank you for your communication of May 24, 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. Edmund R. Goldberg,
1019 Hyde Park Boulevard,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

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May 24 -

MRS. EDMUND R. GOLDBERG
1019 Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago 15, Illinois

John W. Pehle -
Dear Sir - I endorse the plan for a Free Port in the U.S. to save the lives of innocent victims of Nazi terrorism - Mrs E.R. Goldberg

JUN 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1052

Dear Miss Golden:

The President has referred to me 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

Miss Anna Golden,
374 Saratoga Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 6, 1944

Dear Mr President
We urge
to open Free Ports in the
United States new
Sincerely
Anna Soldin 324 Saratoga
ave. Brooklyn N.Y.

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Date 6/14/44

Hon John W. Pehle
Dear Sir.
I am in favor
of free ports for the
Refugees that have fled
the Nazi horrors.
I hope you will
use your influence
to see that such ports
be set up.
Sincerely
Ada F. Friedman

no address
on Child's Rev
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Free Ports

In reply please
refer to: 3042

JUL 25 1944

Dear Miss Goldman:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 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 with 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 Rose Goldman,
150 East 49th Street,
New York 17, New York.

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MISS ROSE GOLDMAN
150 EAST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK

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Secretary to the President

July 14, 1944.

My dear Mr. President:

This is to appeal to you to use the power of your office to hasten the establishment of temporary rescue camps in this country for the European Jews who, with a Nazi defeat imminent, are again the special victims of reprisal. If we do this, we shall hardly be refused by those Powers of whom we ask the same measures. The need is urgent — tragically so — for immediate humanitarian action!

Yours respectfully —

Rose Goldman

JUN 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1441

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goldner:

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. and Mrs. Abraham Goldner,
6811 North Broad Street,
Philadelphia, 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 Mrs. Rose Goldner

Address 6811 N. Broad St., Phila.

Name Abraham Goldner

Address 6811 N. Broad St. Phila.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 908

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

Since my reply to your recent card 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

Mrs. Bertha Goldstein,
343 E. Louden Street,
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania.

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In reply please
refer to: 908

JUN 9 1944

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

Thank you for your communication of June 1, 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. Bertha Goldstein,
343 E. Louden Street,
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania.

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June 1. 1944

Dear Sir:

I am highly in favor of opening the ports of United States for refugees, to escape Nazi persecution. I certainly hope these plans materialize!

Mrs. Bertha Goldstein
343 E. Louden Street
Philadelphia 20, Pa.

In reply please
refer to: 2935

JUL 13 1944

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

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

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Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Jesse N. Goldstein,
1521 - 67th Avenue,
Philadelphia 26, Pennsylvania.

Copy to: Mr. M. A. Zebooker
1539 Champlost Ave.
Phila. 43, Pa.

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Dear Sir:

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Name Jesse N. Goldstein

Address 1521-67th Ave Phila 26 Pa

Name M. A. Zeboolen

Address 1539 Champlost Ave Phila 43 Pa

Free Ports

EPHRAIM R. GOMBERG
139 CENTRE STREET
NEW YORK

May 22, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein
Treasury Department
253 Broadway, Room 801
New York City, N.Y.

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the President of the United States by Dr. Israel Goldstein. This letter was released to the press on May 12 by the Synagogue Council of America.

Cordially,

Ephraim R. Gomberg

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

My dear Mr. President:

Conscious of the basic moral issues of this war and cognizant of your repeated emphasis upon these issues, we the Synagogue Council representing all religious branches of American Jewry appeal to you in behalf of the surviving remnant of Israel in Europe.

We are confident that all Americans who believe in justice and humanity will support your historic declaration of March 24th in which you called upon the free people of Europe and Asia temporarily to open their frontiers to victims of oppression and in which you declared that havens of refuge would be found for them.

The zero hour now approaches for the Jews trapped in the Balkans. Heroic measures must be taken to save the small remnant that can still be rescued.

We urgently plea for the establishment of "free ports" that is, temporary emergency refugee camps, in the United States in which refugees may find a sanctuary for the duration of the war. This will not only assure life for those who can escape from the Nazi hangmen and can be brought here, but it will prove an effective instrument for the implementation of your March 24th statement. It will encourage the people of Europe and Asia to resist Nazi savagry and it will in addition serve as an example to other nations who may be influenced to follow America's leadership and establish similar havens.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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____Mr. Paul

____Mr. White

____Mr. E.M. Bernstein

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

EPHRAIM R. GOMBERG
139 CENTRE STREET
NEW YORK

May 22, 1944

Mr. Albert Abrahamson
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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In reply please
refer to: 2894

JUL 6 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gooding:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 23, 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 appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Gooding,
2247 Gaver Street,
Los Angeles 28, California.

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June 23, 1944

The President of the United States

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President:

I am moved to write to you by an advertisement I have just seen in a local newspaper asking for help in saving from slaughter thousands, perhaps, millions, of people of Jewish faith in Europe.

Cannot something be done, and quickly, to remove these people to places of refuge or at least a temporary basis? Surely something can be accomplished by prompt, vigorous action through your good offices to secure temporary ~~homes~~ in several countries, as well

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as in the United States. In this country perhaps some army camps which have now been practically abandoned could be used for that purpose. Certainly no time should be lost now, before the criminal Nazis can fulfill their threats to destroy all the Jews in Europe.

Respectfully yours
Charles M. Gooding
May T. E. Gooding

2247 Gower Street
Los Angeles 28 Calif.

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June 9/1944

Dear Mr. Pettle,

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,
Mr. Ike Goodman

No address

JUN 15 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1124

Dear Mrs. Goodman:

Thank you for your communication 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.

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. Sara Goodman,
706 Ocean Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 9, 1944

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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. Sara Goodman

706 Ocean Parkway

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1688

Dear Miss Gordon:

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

Miss Anna R. Gordon,
22 Sheldon Street,
Springfield, Mass.

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Respectfully referred for acknowledgment and consideration
William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

22 Sheldon St.
Springfield Mass.
Flag Day June 14, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt
Will you kindly do your utmost about having the doors open for more refugees to come into the United States.
Helpers of all sorts are needed here. There is plenty of food here which if not wasted could

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feed a great multitude.
A home in the United States would bring peace to many, I trust.

Respectfully,
Annie R. Gordon (God's child)

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 933

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Gordon:

Thank you for your recent letters 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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Gordon,
662 East Town Street,
Columbus, 15 Ohio.

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DOCTORS FORMAN & GORDON
394 EAST TOWN STREET
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Honorable John W. Pehle
Executive Director of the War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We are vitally interested in the proposal now being discussed to establish a system of "free ports" in United States which would provide a temporary haven for war refugees. We also believe our providing this refuge will set an example for other countries, which may have important effect.

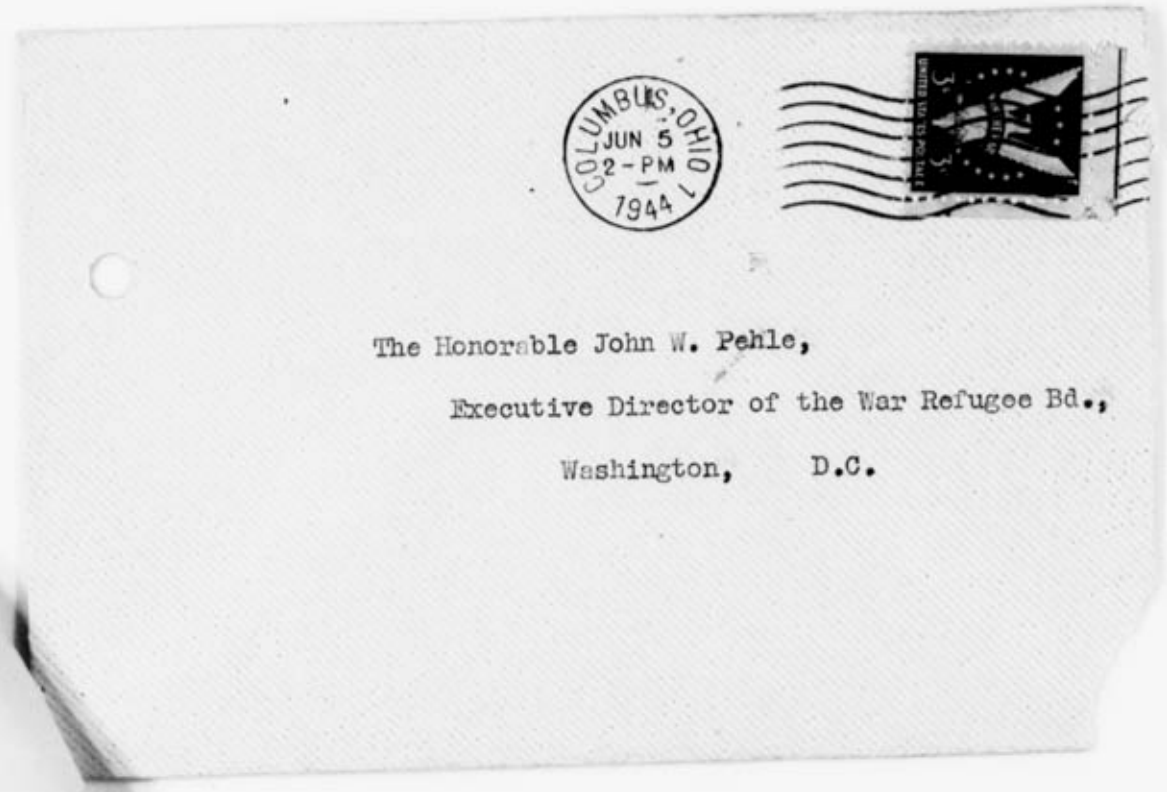
In the name of human decency, we beg the adoption of this proposal. We know that you are as interested in the welfare of humanity as we are, therefore, we have every hope the plan for "free ports" will soon be established.

Thanking you most kindly for your interest in this cause, we are

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. J. Gordon

Dr. E. J. Gordon



The Honorable John W. Pehle,

Executive Director of the War Refugee Bd.,

Washington, D.C.

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394 EAST TOWN STREET
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William D. Hassett II
Secretary to the President

The Honorable President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. J. Gordon

Dr. E. J. Gordon

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In reply please
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Dear Miss Gordon:

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.

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Helen A. Gordon,
771 West End Avenue,
New York 25, New York.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

June 16, 1944

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

First, I wish to state that I am with you completely in your efforts to save the victims of Hitler's terror in Europe. I feel sure that you would have the support of most Americans if you found it possible to open additional camps in which these victims of Hitler's ruthlessness and barbarism could find temporary asylum in our country.

Secondly, as the sweetheart of a man in our armed forces overseas, I am keenly aware of all trends toward inflation and I wish to express my profound gratitude for all your efforts to see that the OPA is continued - without limiting amendments.

Cordially yours,

Helen R. Gordon
GORDON

771 West End Avenue
New York 25, N. Y.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 976

Dear Miss Gornish:

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 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 Mollie Kall Gornish,
524 North 2nd Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Mr. John W. Pehle
Ex. Director of War Refugees
Washington D. C.

June 7, /

Dear Sir

I respectfully urge you to do ~~all~~ that is in your power to establish a system of Free Ports in the U. S. which would provide a temporary haven for war refugees who cannot at present enter the country under existing immigration laws.

This is the answer of democracy & humanitarianism to fascism & barbarism

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mollie Kail Gornish
524 No 2nd St
Phila Pa.

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Mr. John W. Pehle
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Board
Washington D. C.

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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.

MR HERMIN GOULD

Free Ports

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

In reply please
refer to: 3068

JUL 29 1944

Dear Mr. Gouled:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 19, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Peter Gouled,
115 Elm Street,
Montclair, New Jersey.

Enclosures.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

July 19, 1944

His Excellency
Franklin Delano Roosevelt
President of the United States
of America
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

Being full-heartedly in favor of establishing, without delay, temporary Rescue Camps within the United States for those unfortunate peole, the Jews of Europe, who can flee the German murder gangs, I appeal to Your Excellency in the name of every one of my five adult members of our family circle to lend this emergency matter Your kind and effective support.

While I shall be deeply grateful for a word of assurance that our humble Petition will be given due attention, I believe, You, Mr. President, will agree with me that the lives of those hounded Jews can be saved only by speedy a c t i o n.

Most cordially Yours,

Peter Gouled

PETER GOULED

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May 22, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Before the United States can justifiably request the neutral nations of Europe to grant refuge to Jews who escape from certain death, we must provide temporary havens of rescue such as refugee ports.

The guilt for the massacre of millions of innocent rests upon those who shut their minds and hearts to the agonized cries of countless doomed souls. Will you work immediately for this plan for rescue?

Very truly yours

T. Norman Jourse

Free Ports

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

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Gourse:

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

Mr. N. Gourse,
S.W. Corner Broadway & Thomas,
New York, New York.

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June 23, 1944

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

The effort to bring in to America a few remnants of refugees is highly commendable. Those whose hearts are not calloused to suffering of indescribable character will pray that America will expand this humanitarian program to save many more than this group of 1000 -- by opening more camps.

Very truly yours

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Hon. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

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NG:RS

N. Gourse
S.W. cor B'way & Thos
New York City.

In reply please
refer to: 2048

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. Gourse:

I have your communication of June 23, 1944, in support of House Resolution No. 576 concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to see the accounts 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 with the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Willard Gourse,
1 Wall Street,
Room 1330,
New York, New York.

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Dear Sir: 6/28

Believe everyone of good faith should favor H 576 (Cong. bill of Dickstein) to do more refugee-help work than the Pres. announced.

Willard Journal, 1 Wall, Rm 1330

SAMUEL GRAFTON WMCA Broadcast No. 10.

COMMENTARY

WOR - Sunday, April 23, 1944 - 7:45 P.M.

Good evening: Last week, for a change, we had some good news on the refugee front.

The War Refugee Board of the United States, of which Mr. John W. Pehle is director, disclosed that the idea of establishing what are called "free ports for refugees" is being seriously considered by the administration.

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It is important that we understand just what a "free port" is. We have long had, in this country, free ports for goods. There has been one on Staten Island, in New York City, for a number of years. A free port is a bit of land, a reservation, with a fence around it, into which foreign commodities may be brought without payment of customs duties. There are warehouses in a free port, and, even, factories, so that the foreign goods brought into the free port can be stored, and even worked upon. Now if, at some later time, the owner of the goods decides to reship his merchandise to some foreign country, he does so, and he will never have paid any tariff or customs duty to this country. So long as the goods stay in the free port zone, they are not considered to be in the country, and this is a very handy legal fiction, because, in normal times, it gives a shipper a place to put his merchandise down while he makes up his mind what he wants to do with it, and it gives our own citizens storage business and factory employment they might otherwise not have had.

Grafton, Samuel

Now, we do not have any free ports for refugees, as yet. But the thought that we could have them is based on exactly the same legal fiction.

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Those who are supporting the idea of free ports for refugees point out that we could take a few acres of land somewhere in the country, say an abandoned Army camp, but a fence around it, have it constantly guarded, and permit refugees, even refugees without visas or papers of any kind, to come to that haven for temporary refuge. By exactly the same legal fiction which we use to set up free ports for goods, these refugees would not be considered to be on American soil at all. They would acquire no legal rights of any kind. Their entrance into a free port zone would not be considered legal entry into America, and their stay in a free port would not be considered legal residence in America. In other words, we would be conferring no rights whatever on these refugees, except the right to sit down; but to a family which has been hounded by the Gestapo and pursued by the Nazi murderers, that is a very precious right, indeed.

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A number of newspapers around the country have taken up the free port idea. It is hard to see how there can be any objection to it. Those among us who make a political living for themselves by being anti-refugee could have the satisfaction of knowing that the refugees were not legally in the country, while those among us (and I believe it is a larger group) who are stirred by ordinary human feeling could have the satisfaction of knowing

that the refugees were being cared for, and so each group could be happy, according to its kind.

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Of course, it shouldn't be against the law, exactly, to give someone in a free port a glass of water, and it is even possible that some milk could be furnished to a few children without destroying the majesty of our legal structure. The important thing is that we would have a place in which to put refugees down, and that we would give up our present monstrous notion that if refugees cannot satisfy all immigration requirements, there is absolutely nothing to be done except to invite them to float in the air somewhere until the war ends. But refugees cannot float in the air, and the alternative, whether we admit it to ourselves, or not, is death, not self-levitation.

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The refugees would not go into the free ports to live there forever. These would simply be temporary storage depots, so to speak, where they could be kept until they could be sent home. And if we look around, we will find more precedents than one for this type of rescue effort. We have, at this very moment, 130,000 Nazi prisoners of war in this country, and these Germans, fascists almost to a man, have been taken in without reference to whether they had quota numbers or not. We don't worry about what we are going to do with these Nazis afterward; we know what we are going to do with; we are going to send them back. And it will be a very odd thing if we cannot give our friends, the refugees, something like the same limited right of haven and refuge that we

give to our enemies, these prisoners of war. It is an odd situation, really, when our friends, the refugees, have to beg and plead to be treated only as well, no better, only as well as we treat prisoners of war. They don't ask for our best; they just beg us for a little of our worst, and how can we deny them that?

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It seems to me that this proposed solution, of free ports for refugees, is in harmony with the traditional ingenuity and resourcefulness of Anglo-Saxon law-making; we are an ingenious people when it comes to making law; we are masters of constructive legal fictions, and there never was an opportunity for a more constructive one than in this field. Hitler has made millions of people stateless. Well, let us answer him, not by fine words, but by setting up free ports, a kind of temporary stateless state for stateless humanity. The great final point is that once we have established free ports for refugees, we can go to the other United Nations, and to the neutrals, and ask them to do so also; and they will have to follow this example; whereas, if we don't set up free ports and ask the other countries to do so, we shall be answered only with a low, leering laugh or perhaps a mocking whistle.

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The free port idea is not beautiful. But it will save lives. That is its only merit, but that is a merit great enough to rouse us to action.

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In reply please
refer to: 2605

Dear Mrs. Grant:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 23, 1944, concerning the establishment of the War Refugee Board and urging immediate action to rescue the persecuted minorities of Europe.

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 persuade 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 recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which will be equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees for the duration of the war or until they can be returned to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. David Grant,
318 North Maple Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

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Mrs. David Grant - 318 North Maple Avenue - Oak Park, Illinois

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The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House,

Dear Sir -

You are to be commended for setting up "A War Refugee Board" and I am writing to urge you to call for immediate action to help to rescue the persecuted minorities of Europe. Open up ways for rescuing the Jews.

Sincerely

Florence L. Grant

In reply please
refer to: 1411

JUN 24 1944

Dear Miss Graub:

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

Miss Pearl Graub,
945 N. Franklin Street,
Philadelphia 23, 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 Perri Gaub

Address 945 N. Franklin St.

Name Phila. 23 Pa

Address

AUG 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3147

Dear Mrs. Graves:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 26, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to learn of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Very truly yours,

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

Mrs. Henrietta L. Graves,
R. D. #1,
Cedar Grove, Maine.

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Cedar Grove, Maine, R.D.1
July 26, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am heartily in sympathy with the purposes of your War Refugee Board.

Cannot something be done to so modify the strict interpretation of our immigration laws that refugee Jews may

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enter this country in larger numbers and find asylum here?

The fate of these suffering people is shocking to every thoughtful American. Can we as a nation hold ourselves blameless in their deaths if we fail to do all in our power to prevent the slaughter?

I have the honor to remain
Most respectfully yours,
Henrietta L. Graves

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 693

Dear Mr. Frenyear:

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. Marion Frenyear, Secretary,
Committee of Christian Fellowship,
The Greater New York Federation of
Churches, Inc.,
71 West 23rd Street,
New York 10, New York.

Enclosures:

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MAY 22 1944

In reply please
refer to: 693

Dear Mr. Frenyear:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Marion Frenyear,
Secretary,
Committee of Christian Fellowship,
The Greater New York Federation of
Churches, Inc.,
71 West 23rd Street,
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THE GREATER NEW YORK FEDERATION OF CHURCHES, INC.

71 West 23rd Street
New York 10, N. Y.
Gramercy 5-2073

May 12, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The formation of the War Refugee Board with you as executive has brought hope to concerned people appalled by the plight of refugees in Europe. We have been seeking for something immediate and effective we here in the United States can do to actually save lives and restore hope and faith in these hunted people. It has seemed to us that free ports for refugees is such a plan. With the U. S. doing this, it will then be possible for our Board to suggest that other countries take similar action.

For these reasons the Committee of Christian Fellowship of the N. Y. Council of Church Women wishes to register its hearty approval of the plan for free ports for refugees and to urge you to do all in your power to set such a plan in operation.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Marion Frenyear

Marion Frenyear
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Committee of Christian
Fellowship.

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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

President Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.
White House
Honorable Sir:-

World Jewry is a people, and a people they will remain. They are not sheep or cattle who must be slaughtered by Hitlers of yesterday, to-day and to-morrow; therefore, honorable Sir, you having the power as President of one of the greatest Republic of the world, could do all what is in your power to see that the doors of Israel's homeland in Palestine is now opened to the fleeing Jews , excaping from their hells. By so doing you, honorable Sir will gain everlasting fame by God and man. I hope you will look into this important matter now. Thanking you in advance.

I remain,

Yours Very Truly

Harry Greenberg
1568 Sterling Place
Brooklyn, 13 N. Y.

Copy of Petition to President (#2611)
(Emerg. Com. to Save the Jewish People)
read with this letter

Harry Greenberg
1568 Sterling Pl.
Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
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President F. D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1080

Dear Miss Greenshner:

The President has referred to me 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.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Rose Greenshner,
545 Schenck Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 11, 1947

Dear Mr President

We urge you to open Free Ports in the U S now.

Sincerely
Rose Greenshner
545 Schenck Ave
Brooklyn N. Y.

In reply please
refer to: 3329

SEP 22 1944

Dear Reverend Grime:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of September 8, 1944, concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter recently established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Your support of this program is indeed appreciated.

Copies of the President's message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed as a matter of interest to you. I am sure you will also 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

Rev. William Grime,
Rector,
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church,
70 Grace Avenue,
Great Neck, New York.

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Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
REV. WILLIAM GRIME, RECTOR
70 GRACE AVENUE, GREAT NECK, N. Y.

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

The President of the United States.

Dear Mr. President:

There are many religious in our community both Christian and Jews who ~~trust~~ you will do all you can to establish a more temporary refuge camps for Jewish people who have been compelled to flee from the Nazi Murder squads.

This would be good Christianity as well as good humanitarianism.

Respectfully yours.

William Grime

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JUN 17 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Griswold:

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 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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[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. L. Griswold,
1415 Prospect Avenue,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

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June 7th.

1415 PROSPECT AVENUE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Dear Mr. Pehle.

I am very much interested in the refugee problem and would be so happy to see free ports established in this country. It seems like one of the solutions of a desperate problem —

Yours very truly.

Mrs. M. L. Griswold

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

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Gross:

Thank you for your recent communications 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.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Lewis Gross,
2432 East 17th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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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.

Lewis Gross
2432 E. 17
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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.

Lewis Gross

In reply please
refer to: 3269

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Dear Miss Gruber:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of August 16, 1944, urging action to save the Jewish people in Nazi occupied 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 are being cared for until they can be returned to their homelands, 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.

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 Clara Gruber,

1053 East 13th Street,

Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosure.

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Clara Gruber,

1053 East 13th Street,
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William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

War Refugee Board

Hon. F.D.Roosevelt, President
of the U.S.A.,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Mr.President,

This is an appeal to you as the great humanitarian leader to help save the Jewish people of Europe from the special cruelties for which they are singled out by the common enemy.

Please use your good offices

1) to have as many Rescue Camps as possible established in the United States,

2) to induce the other Allied Powers to do the same,

3) to induce the British Government to permit free entry of the Jewish people into Palestine.

Very respectfully,

Klara Gruber

In reply please
refer to: 3047

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Dear Mrs. Grundwerg:

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

Mrs. Samuel M. Grundwerg,
1236 Drexel Avenue,
Miami Beach 39, Florida.

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

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William D. Hassett II
Secretary to the President

My dear Mr. President,

The shelter which you have extended to the thousand refugees of my faith is a deed that Heaven only can repay.

I cannot help but wonder what is to happen to the very many thousands who are still seeking relief from Nazi and Facist terror? Won't you please extend your further efforts to open

more shelters for these harassed unfortunates.

May the Almighty in his infinite wisdom and mercy continue to bring success to all your endeavors. That you may enjoy best health and that speedy surrender may come from our enemies, is my ardent prayer.

Very truly yours,

Pauline S. Gruenberg

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