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(Free Ports and Emergency Shelter)

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Dear Miss Topp:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning the plan to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees from Europe in the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Your support and interest in this program are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Sally Topp.
President,
Business and Professional
Division of Hadassah,
111 Ellsworth Avenue,
New Haven 11, Connecticut.

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

Dr. Mr. Pehle:

The members of the Business and Professional Division of Hadassah in New Haven, numbering 200, were delighted to learn that the United States, that great and free democracy, is in favor of "free ports" and has already done something about the establishment of such.

It is good to know that the "free ports" proposal will be a means of saving some of our Jews now trapped in Hungary and it will of course make it possible to remove some of the refugees from the congested camps in Italy so as to make room for the additional refugees who are crossing from Yugoslavia into Italy.

We believe that our country's action will have a great moral effect on the people of the satellite countries who will be more disposed to give shelter to Jews if they are convinced of the interest of the United States, and we therefore want to express our thanks to you and your committee for your interest and the splendid work done so far.

Very sincerely yours
(Miss) Sally Topp, Pres.

Miss Sally Topp, Pres.
B. & P. Hadassah
111 Ellsworth Ave.
New Haven 11, Conn.



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

In reply please
refer to: 1462

JUN 27 1944

Dear Miss Bloom:

The President has referred to me your recent communication quoting a resolution adopted by your organization 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 Sara D. Bloom,
Senior Hadassah,
238 Ocean Street,
Lynn, Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

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Senior Hadassah, Lynn, Massachusetts

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We, the officers and membership of
Lynn Senior Hadassah, Lynn, Massachusetts
realizing the desperate situation of refugees
from European countries, and the necessity
for finding a haven or refuge for these
people, desire to record ourselves in favor
of legislation for the establishment of

"free ports" in the United States of America.

By... *Sara D. Bloom* Secretary of President

Address... *738 Ocean St.*

Lynn Mass

June 13, 1944

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JUL 21 1944

Dear Mrs. Tipsitt:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning the plan to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees from Europe in the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I wish also to thank you on behalf of the War Refugee Board for your support and interest in this program.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Charles Tipsitt, President
New Bedford Chapter Hadassah
337 Union Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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"The Healing of the Daughter of My People"

William T.
Secretary to the Chapter

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337 Union St.,
New Bedford, Mass. ✓

To Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;-

At our Annual Meeting held June 12th it was voted to send you a letter of thanks for your efforts in establishing Ports of Entry for Refugees.

Very truly yours,

(miss. char.) Bella C. Lipsitt
Pres. New Bedford Chapter Hadassah

June 19th 1944.

OBJECT IN AMERICA: Fostering Zionist ideals through Jewish education. Participation in American Defense program.
ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE: 1. War Emergency Program; 2. Promotion of public health through development of preventive and curative medical institutions and services in cities and rural districts, culminating in the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital and Medical School; 3. Land redemption and afforestation through the Jewish National Fund; 4. Immigration and colonization through Youth Aliyah.
JUNIOR HADASSAH ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE: Maintenance of Meier Shfeyah Children's Village and Pardess Anna Training Farm.
JOINT ACTIVITY WITH SENIOR HADASSAH: Maintenance of Henrietta Szold School of Nursing; Junior Agency Youth Aliyah.

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Mrs. Ida Siegel,
Political Chairman,
Mosholu-Gun Hill Group of Hadassah,
200 East 205th Street,
Bronx, New York.

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In reply please
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JUN 30 1944

Dear Mrs. Siegel:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 22, 1944, enclosing a resolution adopted by the Executive Board of your organization 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. W. Pehle".

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Ida Siegel,
Political Chairman,
Mosholu-Gun Hill Group
of Hadassah,
200 East 205th Street,
Bronx, New York.

Enclosures.

JUN 30 1944

In reply please
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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Ida Siegel,
Political Chairman,
Mosholu-Gun Hill Group
of Hadassah,
200 East 208th Street,
Bronx, New York.

Enclosures.

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MOSHOLU-GUN HILL GROUP OF HADASSAH

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Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson

200 East 40th Street
Bronx, New York

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William D. Karetz
Secretary to the President

June 22, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

We enclose herewith a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Executive Board of the Mosholu-Gun Hill Group of Hadassah on Monday, June 12, 1944.

We trust that the matter will have your speedy and affirmative consideration.

Respectfully yours

MOSHOLU-GUN HILL GROUP OF HADASSAH

(Encs) Ida Segel
Political Chairman

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Resolution unanimously adapted at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Mosholu-Gun Hill Group of Hadassah held on Monday, June 12, 1944:

WHEREAS, with the opening of the European front by the Allies, the Nazis, facing certain defeat, have intensified their campaign of annihilation of the Jewish communities of Europe, particularly now in Hungary and the Balkan countries, and

WHEREAS, the official policy of the United States Government is to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution, and

WHEREAS, the War Refugee Board established by the President stresses that action must be taken at once to forestall the plans of the Nazis to exterminate all Jews and other helpless minorities in Europe and the immediate need of such War Refugee Board is to procure areas of refuge for those victims of Nazi terror,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Mosholu-Gun Hill Group of Hadassah ask the President of the United States to establish immediately within the United States temporary free ports to be opened to those Jews who can still escape from Nazi murder squads and to maintain such free ports until such time as their destinies may be decided in the coming peace. That the President convey to the British government, the mandatory power over Palestine, that the American people desire the Gates of Palestine be kept open for unlimited immigration of Jews, so that Jews only, of all peoples, will not be denied admission into Palestine only because they are Jews.

(Mrs.) *Charlotte Jacobson, Pres.*
(Signed) MOSHOLU-GUN HILL GROUP OF HADASSAH

Mrs. M. Jacobson
200 E. 205th Street
Bronx, New York



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

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
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Dear Miss Senecoff:

The President has referred to me your resolution 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 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 Sibyl E. Senecoff,
Secretary,
Cortland Chapter of Hadassah,
180 Groton Avenue,
Cortland, New York.

Enclosures.

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WHEREAS, there has been made a proposal to establish free ports to give asylum to refugees who are able to escape the tyranny and cruelty of Hitler dominated Europe, and a number of prominent men and women in public life, including even the president of the United States, have spoken out on behalf of this proposal, and

WHEREAS, a great and free democracy such as the United States, would set a fine pattern for the other countries of the world, by taking the initiative in offering such asylum to some of Europe's homeless, and such an action might influence Turkey to open its frontiers, and

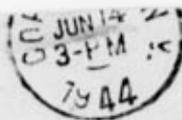
WHEREAS, opening of free ports in the United States would make it possible to remove some of the refugees from the congested camps in Italy, thus making room for more to cross from Yugoslavia into Italy,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Cortland Chapter of Hadassah hereby endorses the proposal to open free ports of refuge in the United States and Urges the president to act on said proposal.

CORTLAND CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Shirley C. Senecoff
Sec'y.

180 Groton Ave.,
Cortland, N.Y.



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

In reply please
refer to: 2026

JUL 29 1944

Dear Members:

The President has referred to me your resolution 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

Sunnyside Chapter of Hadassah,
45-46 43rd Street,
Long Island City, New York.

Enclosures.

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Whereas the Nazis, faced with certain defeat, have quickened their campaign of torture, reprisal and death against the Jewish people, particularly in the hitherto comparatively safe territories of Hungary and the Balkan countries; and

Whereas the President has made it the official policy of the United States, "to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death"; and

Whereas the President has recently established the War Refugee Board consisting of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of War stressing "That it is urgent that action be taken at once to forestall the plan of the Nazis to exterminate all the Jews and other persecuted minorities in Europe"; and

Whereas the great and pressing need of the War Refugee Board today is to procure havens of refuge for those oppressed who can escape the Nazi Reign of Terror, and

Whereas the War Refugee Board has been given one haven of refuge by the President, namely, Fort Ontario, at Oswego, N. Y. which will care for 1,000,

We, the undersigned, convened in meeting of the Sunnyside Chapter of Hadassah, this 20th day of June, 1944, pay homage to the President for his action in setting up the first "Free Port" in this country, which sets an example for other countries, particularly neutrals to follow - and we also petition the President to follow this single refuge haven with others in this country so that a larger measure of hope and encouragement will stand ready for those Jewish people who can flee the Nazi murder squads.

Rose Watters Wrege
Alice H. Schwartz
Elsie Ettinger
Rose Smith
Mary Keahan
Goldwyn Arnold
Dorothy Saper
Bessie Hoffman
Lena Cohen
Rose Lipson
Esther G. Gostman
Lottie B. Middleman
Mollie Wagner
Mary Robbins
Karl Lindner
Hannette Knob

Mrs. & Mrs. Leonard Aberbach
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Sadie R. Levene
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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

JUN 15 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Epstein:

The President has referred to me your telegram of June 5, 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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein,
National President,
Hadassah Zionist Organization
of America,
1819 Broadway,
New York 23, New York.

Enclosures.

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W. R. B.
Director

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

YOUR ANNOUNCED APPROVAL OF FREE PORTS TO WHICH REFUGEES CAN BE TRANSFERRED AND GIVEN A HAVEN WORK AND HOPE DURING THE WAR IS ONE OF THE BEACON LIGHTS IN A SHATTERED WORLD STOP WITH ALLIED VICTORIES MOUNTING AND THE SECOND FRONT IMMINENT MILLIONS MORE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF FASCIST HATE WILL BE ADDED TO THE RANKS OF EUROPE'S DISINHERITED UNLESS ACTION TO SAVE THEM IS IMMEDIATE STOP SPEAKING FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND MEMBERS, HADASSAH THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
1819 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019
TEL: 212-691-1000
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AMERICA AND JUNIOR HADASSAH URGE EMERGENCY STEPS BE TAKEN AT
ONCE TO CHEAT HITLER AND HIS MINIONS OF THEIR HUMAN SACRIFICE
STOP IN LINE WITH OUR LONG TRADITION OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE
OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO LEAD THE WAY TOWARD
THEIR RESCUE AND REHABILITATION AS A LOGICAL BEGINNING OF
OUR POSTWAR GOAL WHICH IS TO MAKE THE FOUR FREEDOMS A REALITY

MRS MOSES P EPSTEIN NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH

1819 Broadway
New York 23, N.Y.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply please
refer to: 2623

JUL 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Levin:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 21, 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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. D. B. Levin,
902 - 25th Street, N.W.,
Canton, Ohio.

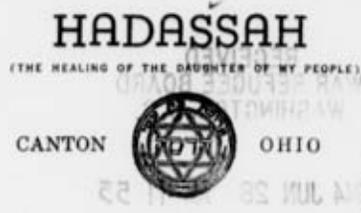
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Canton, Ohio

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

Dear Mr President :- We know you have expressed
 yourself as being in favor of establishing free
 ports to give asylum to refugee's who are able to
 escape the terror of Hitler dominated Europe.

I am speaking for our organization
 of three hundred women whom I say we hope
 you will be sympathetic to the idea of establishing
 such free ports in our own country that we
 too may share in this noble work

Sincerely
 Dorothy W. Lavin (Mrs L. B.)
 902 - 25th St. N.W.

Canton, Ohio

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHITE HOUSE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE BRANDEIS GROUP OF HADASSAH CONSISTING
 OF SEVENTY FIVE MEMBERS AT A MEETING HELD MONDAY JUNE 5TH
 1944 URGE THR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON HIS WAR
 REFUGEE BOARD TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE PROPOSAL
 TO ESTABLISH FREE PORTS FOR REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES
 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

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MRS MARTIN B DABROW PRESIDENT.

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In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Koplika:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 10, 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.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. M. Koplika,
President,
Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah,
228 South 21st Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah
Secretary & the President
1510 NORTH AMERICAN BUILDING - BROAD & SANSON STREETS - PEN. { 4977
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June 10th 1944.

Dear Mr. President

at the final meeting
of the S. Phila. Group of Hadassah
a constituency of the Phila. Chapter
of Hadassah, the Women's Jewish
Organization of America, held at
Kugler's - Broad & Chestnut St. Phila.
Wed. aft. June 7th, 1944, the follow-
ing resolution was unanimous-
ly adopted -

Be it resolved, that we the
members and guests of the S. Phila.
Group of Hadassah, in meeting
assembled this day after D-Day
Wed. June 7th, 1944, in honor and
President of our pledge to support
him in the fight for the liberation
of Europe.

We pledge ourselves individ-
ually and as a Group to do every-
thing in our power to give blood
and get blood donors to aid the
work of the Red Cross and to
work diligently and unceasingly
in the Fifth War Loan Drive.



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Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah

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We will support every War Effort
and so do our share for the
speedy winning of a lasting Peace
that will bring freedom and
justice to all the suffering
peoples of this Earth.

We kindly urge you to support
the resolutions and sending the
establish free Port of Refuge
abroad and particularly in
this country to bring asylum to
the down-trodden and persecuted
peoples of Europe. This is of foremost
importance to all refugees.

With much gratitude and best
wishes.

Very sincerely yours,
(Mrs. M.) Sara Kujawa Pres.
S. Phila. Chapter Hadassah



228 S. 2nd St.
Phila Pa.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Elitsky:

Since my recent letters to you 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. Charles R. Elitsky, President,
Wynnefield Section of Hadassah,
2135 N. Wanamaker Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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JUN 1 1944

Dear Mrs. Elitsky:

The President has referred to me your recent resolution 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

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President,
Wynnefield Section of Hadassah,
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Wynnefield Section of Hadassah



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We, the WYNNEFIELD SECTION OF HADASSAH, consisting of 1018 members, resolved at a meeting held May 22nd, 1944, that the President of these United States and the War Refugee Board, under his jurisdiction, give serious consideration to the establishment of Free Ports for Refugees in these United States for the duration.

The opening of such Free Ports would enable the American People to fulfill their humanitarian desire through an accepted and authorized channel to save as many victims of Nazi horror as can still be saved.

F. M. Elitzky
MRS. CHAS. R. ELITZKY,
President.

Minnie K. Stein
MRS. HARRY J. STEIN,
Secretary.

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Wynnefield Section of Hadassah



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



In reply please
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MAY 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Elitzky:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for a copy of the resolution adopted by the Wynnefield Section of Hadassah on May 22, 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. Charles R. Elitzky,
President,
Wynnefield Section of Hadassah,
2135 N. Wanamaker Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Free Ports

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Wynnefield Section of Hadassah



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"The Healing of the Daughter of my People"

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY WYNNEFIELD SECTION OF HADASSAH.

We, the WYNNEFIELD SECTION OF HADASSAH, consisting of 1018 members, resolved at a meeting held May 22nd, 1944, that the President of these United States, and the War Refugee Board, under his jurisdiction, give serious consideration to the establishment of Free Ports for Refugees in these United States for the duration.

The opening of such Free Ports would enable the American People to fulfill their humanitarian desire through an accepted and authorized channel to save as many victims of Nazi horror as can still be saved.

J. M. Elitzky
MRS. CHAS. R. ELITZKY,
President.

Minie K. Stein
MRS. HARRY J. STEIN,
Secretary.

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Wynnefield Section of Hadassah



War Refugee Board,

Washington, 25,

D. C.

In reply please
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JUN 27 1944

Dear Mrs. Lyon:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 20, 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. Maurice L. Lyon, President,
Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah,
1239 Denniston Avenue,
Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER OF
HADASSAH
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.



1239 Denniston Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa.
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Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah
representing 1950 members respectfully appeal to you
to use your full weight in behalf of establishment of
Areas of Asylum for Refugees.

We ask this in the name of our imper-
iled brethren and in full spirit of traditionally
sympathetic policy of United States to establish these
Free Ports.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. (Maurice L.) Mollie M. Lyon

President

Mrs. (Louis B.) Sadie Brill
Cor. Sec'y

Honorary President
MRS. A. H. VIXMAN

President
MRS. MAURICE L. LYON
1239 Denniston Avenue
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Mrs. M.L.Lyon

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1239 Denniston Ave
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PITTSBURGH, PA. 17



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

In reply please
refer to: 2942

JUL 24 1944

Dear Mrs. Zimmerman:

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. Irving I. Zimmerman,
147 Rebekah Street,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Hadassah

Enclosures.

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MRS. IRVING I. ZIMMERMAN
147 REBEKAH STREET
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The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt,

The Woonsocket, Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah wishes to express its gratitude to you for your establishment of the War Refugee Board and the resulting "free port" plan.

For too many years now, Americans have witnessed their brothers being persecuted and enslaved all over the world.

Yet doors that were once slightly ajar have been deliberately closed in their faces. Palestine is one such example.

However, your action creating the "free-ports" is a beacon of hope to the unfortunate, and a sustainer of morale to the fortunate.

We call upon you therefore to continue to establish "free-ports" to harbor the masses of people who would otherwise be lost in the seas of hate.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Irving I. Zimmerman
Chairman

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2008

Dear Mrs. Bloomberg:

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.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Peabie

J. W. Peabie
Executive Director

Mrs. Arthur Bloomberg,
President,
Hadassah,
311 South Union Street,
Burlington, Vermont.

Enclosures.

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JUL 4 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2647

My dear Mr. Hall:

I have your letter of June 26, 1944, requesting information and a statement of policy concerning the program for giving temporary asylum in this country to refugees.

The only refugee center established in the United States is the recently announced Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. As indicated in the enclosed documents, this operation provides for approximately 1,000 persons, for the most part women and children, to be brought from Southern Italy to the United States outside of the regular immigration procedure, similar to the arrangements by which civilian internees from Latin America and prisoners of war have been brought here. These refugees will be placed in the shelter under appropriate security restrictions, where they will remain until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their homelands.

Other facilities to receive refugees include Camp Marechal Lyautey near Casablanca, a shelter being established in Tripolitania under the joint financial responsibility of the United States and Great Britain, and existing refugee camps in the Mediterranean area which are being expanded. These operations make use of structures originally erected for military or other purposes which are suitable for housing large groups of persons.

The extent to which additional shelters or camps may be established in other areas as they are liberated by the Allied armies will, of course, depend in great measure on military expediency. However, it will be the Board's policy, insofar as circumstances permit, to seek facilities to care for refugees in places as near to their homelands as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Peble

J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Honorable Leonard W. Hall,
House of Representatives.

*Original signed by
Mr. Peble*

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LEONARD W. HALL
1ST DISTRICT NEW YORK
COMMITTED
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

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

June 26, 1944

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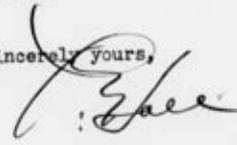
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Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I should appreciate very much any information you can give me as to the establishment of so-called free ports, under the authority of your Board. You know, of course, of the legislative proposal on this question that has been introduced in the House. However, I have seen certain press dispatches to the effect that you have established --for instance, a so-called free port for refugees at Fort Ontario, New York. I am wondering if you have established any others, and if you have any statement of policy on the establishment of these ports and what you propose to do, I should certainly appreciate receiving it. The press reports--those I have seen--were very incomplete, and I should like to get an over-all picture of this particular activity, if possible.

Sincerely yours,



AUG 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3233

Dear Miss Hall:

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

I am sure you will be 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 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

Miss Lucy Hall,
703 Western Avenue,
Watertown, Wisconsin.

Enclosures.

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703 Western Ave.,
Watertown, Wisconsin

Aug. 8, 1944.

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

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Secretary to the _____
Date _____

Dear Mr. President:-

It is with some scruples that I add to your tons of mail, and especially on a subject toward which you have yourself shown a deep concern. I believe that you want a "free port" to be created in the vicinity of New York City as a temporary asylum for refugees.

I am pressing for speed in its establishment, and for the extension of the system to a number of other free ports or rescue camps, so that especially Jews who can escape the terrors of Europe will not be left to despair on the high seas —

and beseeching you to remind the British Government to open Palestine to further settlement by Jews.

I am greatly impressed by the fact that while the Pope was unharmed by the Nazis in Rome, — undoubtedly because the latter could not face the imminent consequences of any other policy —, they could exterminate millions of Jews and other peoples without such fears.

Respectfully
from Lucy Hall

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1436

My dear Judge Halloran:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 5, 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

Honorable John J. Halloran,
Judge of the Ninth Judicial
District of Iowa,
District Court Chambers,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Enclosures.

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DISTRICT COURT CHAMBERS
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA
DES MOINES

JOHN J. HALLORAN, JUDGE

June 5, 1944.

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

Honorable and Dear Sir:

I am advised that you have at present under consideration a plan contemplating the establishment of so-called "free ports" for the admission of refugees into the United States seeking sanctuary from Nazi dominated countries. As the writer understands it, the admission of these refugees would be merely for the purpose of furnishing asylum to said refugees, and that before any of said refugees could establish a permanent residence in the United States they would have to comply with the regular and usual immigration laws and procedure.

With such a plan the writer is in sympathy and feels that it would be a most worthy effort and cause and earnestly solicite favorable action at your hands.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Halloran

*in
Refugee Board*

In reply please
refer to: 3060

AUG 12 1944

Dear Miss Hirsch and Mrs. Murstein:

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Belle Hirsch,
Mrs. Lafe B. Murstein,
The Hamilton Temple Sisterhood,
320 Eaton Avenue,
Hamilton, Ohio.

Enclosures.

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To *The President of The U.S.*
Address *Washington*
City *D.C.*

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William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

In the name of humanity, we urge
you to take the speediest possible
action to establish "Free Ports" for
refugees in our country

ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Committee
Miss Belle Hirsch
Mrs. Kate B. Murstein

Signature *The Hamilton Temple*
Address *Sisterhood*
320 Eaton Ave.
Hamilton, Ohio

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OF THE HEART"
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MESSAGE

to you

FROM
Hamilton Temple
Sisterhood
Hamilton, O.,



The President of the U. S.
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

In reply please
refer to: 3212

AUG 17 1944

Dear Mr. Harada:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 1, 1944, concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, so 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 heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Sam Harada,
Y. M. C. A.,
25 East 16th Avenue,
Denver 2, Colorado.

Enclosures.

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Y. M. C. A. Ans.
25 East 16th Ave.
Denver 2, Colorado
August 1, 1944
Date

Dear Mr. President:

It is very gratifying to hear that you have established a Emergency Refugee Shelter to give "haven" to approximately 1000 refugees, and it is anticipated that great many more Emergency Refugee Shelters will be established here as rapidly as it is feasible to give "haven" to the unfortunate group of people of Europe. It is my hope, Mr. President, that you as the eminent leader of a great democracy will urge other United Nations to do likewise.

I am greatly in sympathy with these unfortunate victims of the Nazi's inhuman treatment of children, women and men; in sympathy as a human being and, above all, as an American who loves and believes in liberty.

With sincere wishes for Mrs. Roosevelt's and your good health.

I remain,

Very grateful to be an American,

Sam Harada
Sam Harada

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

JUN 14 1944

In reply please
refer to: 955

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your recent cards 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

Mr. Z. H. Harris,
1414 - 47th Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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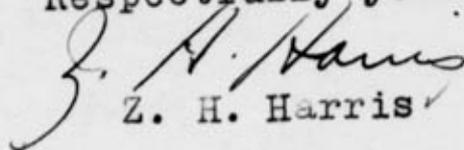
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June 6, 1944

Dear Sir:

Allow me to express my sincere approval of the plan establishing Free Ports for Refugees. Please extend your good offices to see that this great project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours,


Z. H. Harris

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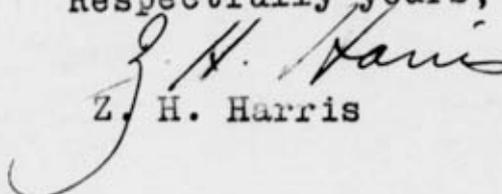
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Z. H. Harris

In reply please
refer to: 827

MAY 31 1944

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 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. Beatrice Harrison,
5237 Diamond Street,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania.

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5237 Diamond St.
Phila. 31, Pa.
May 23, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

I want you to know
that I am earnestly
in favor of establishing
"free ports" in the United
States as temporary havens
for those suffering

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2017

Dear Miss Harrison:

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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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Edith A. Harrison
731 Jackson Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
cc: Mr. Harry Sall,
802 W. Girard,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

*Copy to my Harry Sall
same address*

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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 Edith A. Harrison

Address 731 Jackson Street

Name Harry Tall

Address 802 W. Girard

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HAR SINAI CONGREGATION
FOUNDED 1842 AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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DR. ABRAHAM SHUSTER ~~AND~~ RABBI _____
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6300 PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE
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October 6, 1944

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

Re: 1209

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We wish to express our deep sense of gratification in learning of the establishment of an Emergency Refuge Shelter in accordance with the request of our Congregation.

We are very glad to know that this will offer a haven of refuge to the persecuted peoples under the domination of the Axis countries.

Sincerely yours,

LeRoy Strasburger
LeRoy Strasburger
Secretary

LR:SE

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1209

Dear Mr. Strasburger:

The President has referred to me 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 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
Executive Director

Mr. LeRoy Strasburger,
Secretary,
Her Sinai Congregation,
6300 Park Heights Avenue,
Baltimore 15, Maryland.

Enclosures.

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HAR SINAI CONGREGATION
FOUNDED 1842 AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ✓

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W. R. B.

DR. ABRAHAM RUBINOWITZ, RABBI

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SYNAGOGUE: WILSON AND WILSON STS.

OFFICE: HARBOR CENTER

6300 PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE

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Date

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AND CONSIDERATION

William T. Russell
Secretary to the President

June 7, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Har Sinai Congregation, held on June 5, 1944, a resolution was passed approving the plan of "free ports" advocated by the War Refugee Board whereby temporary haven may be provided for those who otherwise would lose their lives.

We respectfully bring our resolution to your attention and trust that you will do everything in your power to see that these "free ports" will be established.

With the assurance of our highest appreciation,

Very sincerely yours

Leroy D. Strashburger
Leroy Strashburger
Secretary

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1192

Dear Mesdames:

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

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Bar Sinai Sisterhood,
6300 Park Heights Avenue,
Baltimore 15, Maryland.

Enclosures.

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June 8, 1944.

William D. Harrell
Secretary to the President

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

Dear Mr. President:

At the regular monthly board meeting of Har Sinai Sisterhood, held on June 7, 1944, a resolution was passed approving the plan of "free ports" advocated by the War Refugee Board whereby temporary haven may be provided for those who would otherwise lose their lives.

We respectfully bring our resolution to your attention and trust that you will do everything in your power to see that these "free ports" will be established.

We assure you of our deepest appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,
Har Sinai Sisterhood
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington D. C.

In reply please
refer to: 2888

JUL 6 1944

Dear Miss Hathorn:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 26, 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 Nettie B. Hathorn,
5343 Hamilton Avenue,
Cincinnati 24, Ohio.

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The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

My Dear Mr. President:

It seems that notwithstanding the
Emmery, the terrible persecution of the
Germans still continues. We, who are Christians
know something of the debt that we
owe to the Jewish people, its people -
its deathless hope, the cradle of our
Messiah and thus how can America
offer asylum to those who are left?
I know not how or where, but surely
there must be some way.

Very sincerely yours
Emmery Nettie B. Hathorn

In reply please
refer to: 3062

AUG 2 1944

Dear Dr. Hausman:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 17, 1944, and its enclosure, concerning the plight of 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 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 your request that warnings be given the Nazis to stop their slaughter of innocent people, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of the Statement on Nazi atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944.

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 is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands, at the end of the war.

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

Dr. Emil Hausman,
58 West 58th Street,
New York, 19, New York.

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July 17th, 1944

William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

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

My dear Mr. President:-

To my mind, Mr. President, your liberal and humanitarian actions, as head of our great country, has been the greatest single power combatting the forces of economic, political and racial evils that have threatened to overwhelm and destroy our civilization.

Your foresight, your courage, your leadership as Chief Executive of our democracy, has marshalled the understanding and the might of our American citizenry to fight and defeat the enemies of justice and decency; the enemies of America and the civilized world. You have fulfilled the confidence and hope reposed in you by the millions of Americans who elected you and supported your policies.

I take personal pride in the fact that I have voted for you from the very first time of your candidacy for the office of President of the United States. I acutely hope that the majority of my fellow countrymen will return you to office in the coming election, so that you may act in behalf of America to complete your work and responsibilities of winning the war and the peace.

In this letter I have enclosed a petition to you, Mr. President, filled out with names of people. You

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will, of course, receive thousands of these petitions from different individuals and organizations. As you see, it is an appeal to you to rescue the Jews, who are dying at the hands of the Nazi barbarians. You have already done a great deal in behalf of these innocent victims; yet you can do much more.

May I suggest that you pronounce, to the Nazi enemy and their satellites, that if they do not discontinue their slaughter of innocent people, Jews and others of the conquered nations, that when we have won the war and can punish them, we shall execute one Nazi for every murder committed, which is the method of justice in peacetime - a life for a life, as the law and the bible prescribes. Of course, this would require the execution of several million Nazi murderers, inasmuch as they have killed about 3,000,000 Jews and the people of other stock too. I wonder if I am heartless in proposing such a method of punishment? At any rate, it is a suggestion; something must be done to stop the Nazis in their declared intention to pull down Europe in an ocean of blood.

Then, in furtherance of the program of aid to the Jews, the British Government should be influenced to withdraw their obstruction to the admission of Jews to Palestine. They should be reminded that the Jews won this right by their contribution to the victory of the first World War, and it was an international agreement. You, Mr. President, can do this and I believe you will.

EMIL HAUSMAN, D. D. S.
55 WEST 55TH STREET
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I look forward, Mr. President, to the continuance of your work in the protection of our country, and may we see an early victory with more justice in the world.

With every hope for your good health and wisdom to guide you, I am

Very respectfully,

Emil Hausman

JUN 24 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1432

My dear Rabbi Opher:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 15, 1944, enclosing a resolution adopted by your Congregation 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 Congregation 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

Rabbi Ahron Opher,
Hebrew Tabernacle of
Washington Heights,
607 West 161st Street,
New York, New York.

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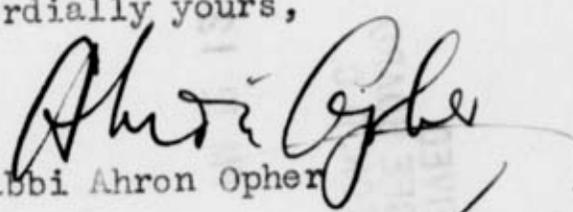
June 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted
by this congregation at its last meeting, held
on June 14th.

Cordially yours,


Rabbi Ahron Opher

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RESOLUTION ON FREE PORTS

Adopted by the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights,
807 West 181st Street, New York 32, N. Y., at its
meeting June 14, 1944.

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America was founded by refugees; by refugees fleeing from religious persecution and racial bigotry. This great nation "conceived in liberty" has been peculiarly sensitive to the cry of its brothers' 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 the traditional haven of those who have been robbed of these precious possessions.

The hour has come when America must once again rise to this, her manifest destiny, when the God who led our early founding fathers to this richly endowed land is calling upon us to "bring forth the prisoner from the prison house and those that dwell in darkness from the dungeon.

We commend the President of the United States for his leadership and vision manifested in championing the cause of the afflicted, not only by words but by forthright deeds. Especially timely has been his recent creation of the War Refugee Board, which has already evidenced its sincere determination to rescue as many as possible of those victims of Nazism otherwise marked out for wholesale slaughter in the extermination chambers of Europe. We heartily endorse the plan of "free ports" advocated by the War Refugee Board, whereby temporary haven may be provided for those who would otherwise be murdered to the last man. We agree that America can do no less for these, our allies and fellow-foes of Nazism, than we do for our enemies who, as prisoners of war, are provided with at least such temporary sojourn and security. We appeal to the conscience of America to respond immediately to this suggestion of the War Refugee Board, and we call upon all of our congregations and their members, as well as upon all our fellow-citizens, to save the lives of thousands and even hundreds of thousands, otherwise destined for mass extermination, by setting up at once such free ports, such islands of temporary rescue, upon the free and cherished soil of America.

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1207

Dear Mr. Katzenstein:

The President has referred to me 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.

The concern of your Association 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. Martin Katzenstein,
Secretary,
Hebrew Union College Student
Association,
The Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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William D. Karetz
Secretary to the President

June 6, 1944

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

Honorable Sir -

The Student Association of the Hebrew Union College,
assembled in full session this sixth day of June, 1944, re-
solves:

1. That we pledge our full support in the task
of creating free ports of entry into the United States, which
ports may be rescue and hope for the refugees of Fascist
oppression.

2. That, in this crucial hour of our country's
history, we call upon the Congress and the President of the
United States to establish free ports as an act of mercy and
justice, and as an example to the free nations of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Katzenstein

Martin Katzenstein, Secretary
Hebrew Union College Student
Association

In reply please
refer to: 3154

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. Heimlich:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 27, 1944, 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. Milton Heimlich,
26 Myrtle Boulevard,
Larchmont, New York.

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

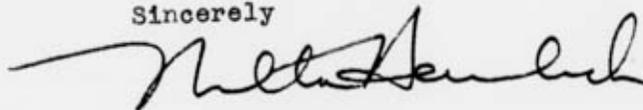
Honorable Sir:

I appeal to you to use your best efforts
for increasing the number of refugees to
be admitted temporarily under the so-called
Free Ports Plan.

So far pathetically little has been done
to help these unfortunates.

Leadership on our part, in this movement,
would stimulate similar actions by other
Western Hemisphere Nations.

Sincerely



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Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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JUN 15 1944

Dear Mrs. Herman:

The President has referred to me 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

Mrs. C. W. Herman,
615 North 16th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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June 5th, 1944

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

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Dear Mr. President: William D. Harwell
Secretary to the President

Please support the
proposal for the establishment of
a "Free Port" in the United States.
It is our duty to provide a
temporary haven for war refugees.

Respectfully yours,
(Mrs. C.W.) Belle R. Harman

615 N. 16th Street
Philadelphia, Pa. ✓

JUN 29 1944

Dear Mr. Herron:

Thank you for your telegrams of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the matter of giving war refugees temporary asylum in this country.

I am sure that you were heartened by the President's action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution and finding havens of refuge for them is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. John S. Herron,
County Commissioner,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1078

Dear Miss Herkinson:

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 Rose Herkinson,
3157 - E - Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York.

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Dear Mr President June 16/1944
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the U.S now sincerely
3157 Rose Herkanson
E Parkway
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In reply please
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JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. Heuman:

Thank you for your recent cards 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

Mr. Fred Heuman,
1525 - 50th Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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Honorable sir:

I urge you to use your good
offices for the establishment of free
ports for refugees.

Respectfully yours
Fred Heuman

1525-50 St. Bklyn 19, N.Y.

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June 6; 1944
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Mr. President:

I urge you to use your
good offices for the establishment of
free ports for refugees.

Respectfully yours
Fred Newman

1525-50 St., Bklyn 19, N.Y.

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Dear Judge Pecora:

May I extend my personal greetings to you and say how happy I am to know that you have recovered from your recent indisposition.

We look forward to your being with us, this Sunday, May 7, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

May I call the following to your attention: The War Refugee Board asked me to convey this message to you. They feel that if it is delivered by you at this time; it would bear great weight—namely—"Free Ports to admit Refugees". No doubt you have read the articles appearing in the current papers.

I am appending printed matter, forwarded by the War Refugee Board which will acquaint you with the situation, also the Editorials from the Tribune and the Times etc. and the reaction of the Nation's Press.

As you read them, you will note the great significance, the ray of hope that can be extended to those in Axis-dominated countries.

Of course the foregoing suggestion is based upon the assumption that you are in accord with the plan.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Lesser
Elizabeth Lesser

"Rescue through Emigration"

In reply please
refer to: 1451

JUL 21 1944

Dear Mrs. Hiron:

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.

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Executive Director

Mrs. Samuel S. Hiron,
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Chestnut Hill, 67, Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

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War Refugee Board

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MRS. SAMUEL S. HIRSON
92 Algonquin Road
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

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The President *June 15th*

Dear Sir, *Wm. C. Sullivan*
Secretary to the President

Thank you for taking the initiative to bring 1,000 refugees to a camp in the United States. Won't you continue your humanitarian policy, and arrange for thousands of refugees to find asylum here?
Sincerely yours,
Helen F. Hirson

JUN 29 1944

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your telegrams of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the matter of giving war refugees temporary asylum in this country.

I am sure that you were heartened by the President's action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution and finding havens of refuge for them is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Henry H. Hill,
Superintendent of Pittsburgh
Public Schools,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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EBTowler:agr 6-27-44

AUG 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3223

Dear Dr. Hirschman:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 4, 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 in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, to the heads of the agencies concerned in 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.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Isidore I. Hirschman,
Suites 323-327,
Guaranty Bank Building,
Huntington, West Virginia.

Enclosures.

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ISIDORE I. HIRSCHMAN, M. D., F. A. C. P.

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William D. French

Secretary to the President Telephone 24135

Suites 323-327
Guaranty Bank Building

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.
August 4, 1944

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

My dear Mr. President:

I want to commend you for your outstanding leadership and vision manifested in championing the cause of the afflicted not only by words but by forthright deeds. I am very much interested in the plan of the War Refugee Board for the entrance of refugees into this country under their set-up. I feel that we could do no less for these unfortunate people than we do for our enemies who, as prisoners of war, are provided with at least such temporary sojourn and security. America has always been a traditional haven for those who have been robbed of the possession of liberty, of the pursuit of happiness, and above all of life.

Very sincerely yours,

I. I. Hirschman
I. I. Hirschman, M.D.

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 875

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Since my reply to your recent telegram to the President 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. M. Hoffman,
1043 Francis,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosures.

In reply please
refer to: 875

JUN 5 1944

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

The President has referred to me your
telegram of May 30, 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

Mr. M. Hoffman,
1043 Francis,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT ✓

WHITE HOUSE

CRITICAL STATUS OF MILLIONS OF EUROPEAN LIVES NECESSITATE
IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY HOMES IN AMERICA AND
OTHER FREE COUNTRIES TO SHELTER THOSE WHO ARE RESCUED. WE
URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR SUCH FREE ✓ PORTS AS RECOMMENDED BY
MESSRS. IRA HIRSHMAN AND J. W. PEHLE

M HOFFMAN ✓ 1043 FRANCIS.

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 914

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

The President has referred to me your letter of May 25, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Since my reply to your letter to me concerning the same matter, 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. Morton H. Hoffman,
6826 Merrill Avenue,
Chicago 49, Illinois.

Enclosures.

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William J. Howell
Secretary to the President

*Similar letter
to POW already
acknowledged.*

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May-25-1944



*Hon. Pres. F. D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington - D. C.
Hon. President -*

*I endorse the
plan for a free port in the United
States to show the sincerity of the
American government in its
promise to rescue as many lives
as possible among those who*

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are victims of nazi terrorism -

Respectfully

Maybel Hoffman
(Mrs Morton H.)

6826 Merrill Ave.

Chicago 49, Ill.

Similar letter
to JWP already
acknowledged.

In reply please
refer to: 850

JUN 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of May 25, 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. Morton H. Hoffman,
6826 Merrill Avenue,
Chicago 49, Illinois.

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May 25-1944

Mr. John W. Bell
Executive Director
of the War Refugee Board
Washington - D.C.
Dear Sir -

I endorse the plan
for a free port in the United
States to show the sincerity

Mrs. Morton H. Hoffman
6826 Merrill Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

JUN 3 1944

LETTER NO. 800
IN LETTER BOX 80

of the American government
in its promise to rescue as
many lives as possible
among those who are victims
of nazi terrorism -

Sincerely
Morton Hoffman
(Mrs. Morton H.)

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Mrs. Morton H. Hoffman
6236 Merrill Avenue
Chicago 42, Illinois

In reply please
refer to: 3107

AUG 12 1944

Dear Miss Hollowell:

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

See # 3107,
Petition circulated
by Emergency
Committee to
Save the Jewish
People of Europe,
etc.

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 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 Grace Baer Hollowell,
R. R. 1,
Edinburg, Texas.

Enclosures.

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GRACE BAER HOLLOWELL
R. R. 1
EDINBURG, TEXAS

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Petition -

While you are already moving Heaven and earth to create the refuge for which we here petition you -

while it is true that all that is humanly possible to achieve the petitioned objective is being done by you and the respective ~~and~~ forms of our petition ~~are~~ being respected by you - (dren in

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GRACE BAER HOLLOWELL
R. R. 1
EDINBURG, TEXAS

the moment of our petition)
still we do petition you
that the good work which
we know will go on
without us —

may as nobly —
as irresistibly —

Card +
petition attached with us — !!!

By —
G-B-Hollowell

Faithfully Yours
"The Petitioners"

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2964

Dear Mrs. Goldman:

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

Mrs. May Goldman,
Corresponding Secretary,
Hollywood Women's Council,
676 Cloverdale Ave.,
Los Angeles, 36, California.

Enclosures.

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Hollywood Women's Council

676 Cloverdale Ave.,
190 1/2 SOUTH LA BREA
LOS ANGELES 36, CALIFORNIA
YOrk 9871

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William V. Bennett
Secretary to the President

June 3, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. President:

A group of 260 women wish to express their sincerest approval for the steps you have recently taken to establish temporary camps for the refugees of war torn Europe. The United States has always been a haven and a hope for the political and economic victims of other nations, and it is on this principle that our democracy is founded. It would be inconceivable that we should send our youth overseas to fight and die for that principle and at the same time close our doors to the persecuted victims of our enemies whose barbarism has probably never been matched in all history. We at home are so removed from the scenes of war that even tho we have loved ones in the service we have no conception of what the horrors of war are like. Even with rationing and the other shortages we are still smug and comfortable, our children are not going hungry nor are their lives being emotionally unstabilized by the Nazi terrorism and destruction of bombs. Perhaps if it is brought closer home to us by having to see and share with those terror stricken children more of us will be moved to vow that we will leave no stone unturned until we have made the advent of another war absolutely impossible.

We urge you to establish as many of these temporary camps as is possible in order to lessen the great suffering in the world to-day.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) May Goldman
Corres. sec'y.

In reply please
refer to: 1287

JUL 21 1944

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

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

Mr. Elias Horowitz,
1138 Ward Avenue,
Bronx 59, New York.

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June 13, 1944

Mr. President

The excellent Message of Mercy
you dispatched to our Congress
came to my attention simultaneously
by radio announcement and by
the page of the newspaper, PM of
the above date, from which the en-
closed petition has been clipped.

I, a Federal employee and Mr.
Schevart, a barber, heard and dis-
cussed the news. We ask:

Can it be true that not only have
we set upon the destruction of the
Oppressor but have, with equal
firmness, determined upon the
liberation of the Oppressed?

I -- and he! Together, we of
the people of the United States a-
wait the deeds that will prove
to us, beyond a reasonable doubt,

that the cause for which our "blood,
sweat, toil, tears" are consecrated is
the cause of freedom, of mercy, of
Democracy.

Elias Horowitz ✓
1138 Ward Avenue ELIAS HOROWITZ
Bronx (59), New York

I, too, pledge my assurance:

"I am with you heart and soul in
your new move to save the victims
of Hitler's terror in Europe. And I
know that you would have not only
my support, but the support of most
Americans, if you could see your
way clear to open additional camps
in which Hitler's victims could
find temporary asylum in this
country."

Elias Horowitz ✓
1138 Ward Avenue
Bronx (59), N. Y.

MAY 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 763

Dear Mrs. Hors:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 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. John Hors,
6825 North Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Mr. John W. Lehle

We urge you to
take action for a
free port in the
United States
for War Refugees.

Sincerely

(Mrs) John Horiz
6825 N. Broad St.
Chula T'a.

Free ports

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June 14, 1944

To: The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary.
From: Legislative Section, Office of the General Counsel.

The following item appeared on page 5979 of the
Congressional Record for June 13, 1944 is called to your attention
for appropriate action.

Bureau or Division Affected: Mr. Pehle

Nature of Item:

Representative Byrne introduced H. Res. 594, a resolution to provide for the temporary admission of political or religious refugees of continental Europe into areas within the United States to be known as free ports for refugees, which was referred to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

House Resolutions
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JUN 29 1944

See Franklin, L.P.

Dear Mr. Howde:

Thank you for your telegram of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the matter of giving War refugees temporary asylum in this country.

I am sure that you were heartened by the President's action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution and finding havens of refuge for them is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. B. J. Howde, Administrator
Housing Authority of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 717

MAY 20 1944

Dear Dr. Howard:

Your telegram of May 15, 1944, to the President,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees, has been referred to me.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Tasker Howard,
Professor of Medicine,
Long Island College of Medicine,
Brooklyn, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for consideration
and acknowledgment.

WILLIAM D. BASSETT
Secretary to the President

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PRES FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

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URGE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS FOR JEWISH REFUGEES
TASKER HOWARD PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE LONG ISLAND
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BROOKLYN NEW YORK.

In reply please
refer to: 2927

JUL 13 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Howe:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 25, 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 interest in the fate of these persecuted people is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howe,
934 - 16th Street,
Santa Monica, California.

cc: Miss Flora D. Suffa

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Santa Monica, June 25. 1944

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

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William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President:

This is to urge you to immediately pass
legislation on the establishment of rescue
centers for the persecuted people of Europe.

Respectfully

Harold A. Howe 934-1654
Flora D. Saffa 934-1654
Anne M. Howe 934-1654
Santa Monica
Calif.

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934 - 16 Sts.
Santa Monica, Calif.



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

In reply please
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JUL 3 1944

Dear Miss Howell:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 24, 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 Anna B. Howell,
151 Grand Street,
Goshen, New York.

Enclosures.

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Refugee Council

June 24, 1944

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151 GRAND STREET
GOSHEN, NEW YORK

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Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Sir,-

A few days ago a pamphlet from "Women's International League for Peace + Freedom" came to me telling of the mass murders + destruction of Jewish Refugees. Of course, I knew about it but never realized before how fiendish + merciless it was.

Won't you do all in your

power to give them a temporary
refuge in this country, even if
the number is beyond the
quota for immigration.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Anna B. Howell

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In reply please
refer to: 1035

JUN 17 1944

Dear Miss Huckins:

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 R. Huckins,
1825 West 24th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Enclosures.

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June 4, 1944
Dear Sir;

I am writing to urge that you will arrange temporary places for Jewish refugees in America during the war. And also, that you will use your influence to bring pressure on the British Government to allow full immigration of Jews to Palestine.

Sincerely,
S. R. H. H. H. H. H.

SEP 2 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3291

My dear Miss Hutchins:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 19, 1944, and its enclosure, 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.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Stella F. Hutchins,
The Wolcott-Lynch Home,
207 Pleasant Street,
Claremont, New Hampshire.

Enclosures.

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William D. Barrett

Secretary to the President

The Wolcott-Lynch Home,
207 Pleasant St.
Claremont, N. H.

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To: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Aug. 19, 1944.
President of the U. S. A. Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

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Date me in

The enclosed petition came directly with the request that I who "seemed to have a real interest in the Jewish problem" circulate it, secure as many signatures as I could, and forward it with my personal letter to you. It seems to me the petition speaks for itself. I do not know how I could make it stronger. I am sorry I could not get all the blanks filled, but I am not in a position to meet many interested people at this time of year.

I personally am free from racial and religious prejudices, but these inherited and cultivated hatreds die hard. Will the day of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men" ever come?

Respectfully yours,
(Miss) Stella F. Hutchings.

(sent)

Shore 7. Hyman
in Brooklyn
Is

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June 7, 1944

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

Hyman

EMERGENCY COM. TO SAVE
THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
1 E. 44TH ST., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.



SAVE HUMAN LIVES

Free Ports

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Brooklyn, June 7, 1944

Dear Mr. President:

I am in favor of Free Ports for Refugees and would ask you to extend your good offices and see that this great project is speedily accomplished

Very respectfully yours

E. Bowles

SAVE HUMAN LIVES



EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE
THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
1 E. 44TH ST., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Free Ports