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

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In reply please
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JUN 24 1944

Dear Mrs. Kahn:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Mrs. Ely Jacques Kahn,
970 Park Avenue,
New York 28, New York.

Enclosures.

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MRS. ELY JACQUES KAHN
970 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cehle,

May I add my strong plea
for all possible speed in urging the
opening of the system of fuel ports as
rapidly as can be done. This seems
the only way immediate asylum can be
given the war refugees from Nazi
terrorism.

Sincerely yours

Beatrice S. Kahn

Thurs.

MRS. ELY JACQUES KAHN,
970 Park Avenue,
NEW YORK, N. Y.



Mr John W. Pehle Ex Di
War Refugee Board
Washington

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In reply please
refer to: 744

MAY 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Kahn:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 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. Eva Kahn,
1755 N. 57th Street,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania.

Free Post

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1755 N. 57th St.
 Phila 31, Pa.

May 18, 1944

Hon. John H. Pehl,
 Since I have
 learned that our
 government is seriously
 considering setting
 four ports for refugees
 fleeing Hitler's Europe,
 I feel certain that we
 will set an excellent
 precedent for other
 nations to follow.

I hope that you
 will do everything
 in your capacity to

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see that these free
ports are established.
Very truly yours,
(Mrs) Eva Kahn.

JUN 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1426

Dear Mr. Kamerman:

Thank you for the petitions which you recently forwarded to the President and to me concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. David Kamerman,
217 Broadway,
New York 7, New York.

Enclosures.

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

June 7th, 1944.

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Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

Lucius Weissman - 34 E 32nd St. NYC
 Saul Cohen 1320-51 St., Brooklyn NY
 Louis Kovel 1139 E 10 St " "
 Edward J. Kueh - 139-31 230 St. Queens, NY
 Harold Rosenthal 217 Broadway
 M. Y. C.
 Miron Chodosh 1315-48 St. Brooklyn
 Esther Neibart 217 Broadway, N. J. C.
 Felda Margulies, 1018 E. 17th St. Bklyn
 Jack J. Elkin 1596 E. 16 St. Bklyn.
 David N. Wohl 217 Bury. NYC.
 Milton Koenig 217 Bury NYC
 Mordecai Kamenev 175 Cent. Pk. W. NYC.
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 217 Broadway NYC
 Edward Gordon 709 96th St

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War Refugee Board

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

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

Samuel Schwartzman	710 West End Ave.	N.Y.C.
Melvin W. Gurdell	431 E 26 St	N.Y.C.
Henry L. Sam	37 W. 72 St	N.Y.C.
William Smith	666 West End Ave	N.Y.C.
Saul Karmark	845 West End Ave	N.Y.C.
Joseph W. Smdru	7 Balfour Pl.	Bklyn.
Saul S. Sayer	215 W. 90 St	N.Y.C.
Samuel S. Sauer	245 W. 104 St	N.Y.C.
Anna Brown	941 Juno Ave, Bx	N.Y.C.
Michael Golman	150 Bennett Ave	N.Y.C.
Arthur G. Greenberg	3031 Bx 13 St	Bklyn
Russ Morris	233 W 77 St	N.Y.C.
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217 Broadway

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June 7th, 1944.

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

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217 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.



President F. D. Roosevelt

White House

Washington, D. C.

MAY 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 720

Dear Mr. Kammal:

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

Mr. Lester Kammal,
868 East 7th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE WASH DC

MY DEAR MR PRESIDENT I WRITE THIS MESSAGE TO HUMBLY ASK YOU TO
ENDORSE THE FREE PORTS FOR REFUGEES PLAN IN TIME FOR IT TO BE OF
SOME GOOD TO THE UNFORTUNATES

A CITIZEN LESTER KAMMEL 868 EAST 7 STREET BROOKLYN NY.

JUN 29 1944

See Franklin, S. P.

Dear Mr. Kane:

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 J. Kane, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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JUN 23 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1200

Dear Mrs. Kanig:

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

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Port 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. J. Kanig,
1625 - 67th Avenue,
Philadelphia 26, Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

Name Miss Karig

Address 1625-67th Avenue Phila 26 Pa

Name _____

Address _____

In reply please
refer to: 793

MAY 29 1944

Dear Miss Kaplan:

Thank you for your letter of May 21,
1944, concerning the establishment of temporary
havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appre-
ciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Flora Kaplan,
3029 Diamond Street,
Philadelphia 21, Pa.

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Hon. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, 25, D.C.

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May 21, 1944

Dear Sir:

Please do all in your power to have
United States opened as a free port for refugees.
Thank you very much for your effort.

Sincerely,

Flora Kaplan ✓
3029 Diamond St.
Phila., 21, Pa.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
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Dear Miss Karp:

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

~~Signature of J. W. Pehle~~

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Molly Karp,
391 Atkins Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Karsch:

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

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. J. Karsch,
1678 - 54th Street,
Brooklyn 4, New York.

Enclosures.

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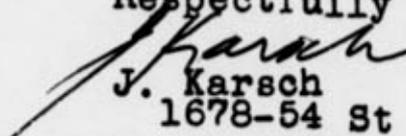
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June 7 1944

Honorable Sir:

I am in favor of Free Ports for
refugees, and ask you to extend your
Good offices to accomplish this end.

Respectfully yours


J. Karsch
1678-54 St
Brooklyn 4 N Y

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June 7 1944

Honorable Sir:

I am in favor of Free Ports for refugees
and ask you to extend your good offices
to see that such project is accomplished.

Respectfully yours


J. Karsch

In reply please
refer to: 1422

JUN 24 1944

Dear Mrs. Katz:

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

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Selma Katz,
90-20 - 148th Street,
Jamaica, New York.

Enclosures.

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Jamaica, June 25, 1944

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Secretary to the President

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Dear President Roosevelt,

For the sake of the humanity to which we profess, let us do as much and no more for the hunted and tortured Jew of Europe as we ^{are} doing for the murderous Nazi war prisoners here in the U. S.

I didn't think I'd have to write this letter of entreaty for Free Ports for the escaping refugees. If we are not merciful then we are not human. I refuse to believe the former. Why then does it take so long to act? Is it because we have no faith in the future establishment of a decent world and a lasting peace. Or are we merely paying lip service to our aspirations?

We owe a tremendous debt to all those people of the world, who have been crushed and beaten while we stood by and did nothing, believing that it had nothing to do with our own security. That attitude is long past, we know now our future is wrapped up in the future of the lowliest among us.

Let us begin now to make up for our past cruelty and do-nothing attitude.

Action is what is now needed, the time is past for just words.

Our soldiers are courageously fighting and dying, losing limbs, their sight and their minds, so that cruelty will never again be the dominant force of any governing group. Let us then follow their example and do all in our power to rescue the few we can out of the grasp of the tyrant.

I am sure that when the war is won, the few Jews we will give asylum to, will be able to go back to their country and live in peace and security.

Most Sincerely
(Mrs) Selma Katz ✓
90-20-148 St.
Jamaica, N.Y.

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In reply please
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JUL 29 1944

Dear Miss Keith:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 18, 1944, 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 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

Miss M. Helen Keith,
393 Washington Street,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

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393 WASHINGTON STREET
BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 18, 1944

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

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William D. Farrell
Secretary to the President

President Roosevelt:

To do what one humble voter may,
I am addressing to you a request that the
United States do something to counteract
the unbelievably inhuman Nazi treatment
of Jews.

1. Can anything be done to check it?
2. Can we not, at least, do something to
aid Jewish refugees — (a) by opening our
doors as wide as may safely be done by a
more liberal administration of our quota
system, (b) by stimulating in our people

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a willingness to treat them fairly, and (c) by lending a hand in some way specifically to refugees who apparently are overburdening European free countries?

3. Can we in this matter, possibly, be a leader to South American countries and others of the United Nations?

Respectfully,

(Miss) M. Helen Keith ✓

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In reply please
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AUG 12 1944

Dear Miss Kenner:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Dorothy Kenner,
211 West 106th Street,
New York, New York.

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War Refugee Bd. 211 West 106 St.
New York, June 23, 1944

Dear Mr. President, NY

I am wholly in support of Senator Guy M. Gillette's Resolution 279. To open many Emergency Refugee Shelters in the United States.

In my opinion it is as much a part of fighting the war as sending our troops to fight the Nazis.

Yours truly,
Dorothy Kemmer

In reply please
refer to: 858

JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. Rothman:

Since my reply to your recent letters 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. Abe Rothman,
President,
Kesher Chain Association,
300 S. Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Enclosures:

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JUN 5 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Rothman:

I have your letters of May 23, 1944, to the President and to me, quoting a resolution adopted by your organization 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. Abe Rothman,
President,
Kesher Chaim Association.
300 S. Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Kesher Chain Association

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Philadelphia, Pa., May, 3rd, 1944

War Refugee Board;
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen;

We submit for your consideration the following resolution.,

Be it resolved that we the Kesher Chain Ass'n. of the City of Philadelphia, State of Penna. consisting of 116 Families, at a meeting held on Sunday 21st, day of May 1944, urge the President of the U.S. and his Refugee Board to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the U.S. of America, for the duration The Establishment of such Free Ports, would translate into action the consideration desired of the American people to have is many victims of Nazi brutality as can still be saved.

Very truly yours,

Kesher Chain Ass'n
Al Rothman Pres.

Sol Topkis Sec'y

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William J. Smith
 Secretary to the President

Philadelphia, Pa.,... May 23rd.....1944

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

Dear Hon. Mr. President;

We submit for your consideration the following resolution,
 Be it resolved that we the Kesher Chaim Ass'n. of the City of
 Philadelphia, Penna. consisting of a Membership of 115 Families,
 at a meeting held on Sunday 21st, day of May A.D. 1944, urge the
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Very truly yours,

KESHER CHAIM ASS'N

Alf Rothman PRES.
Sol. Topkis SEC'Y

*No such
name in Dir*

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

Francis D. Keim

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By B. B. Bowler

Date 6/19/44

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

Francis K. Kuby

Free Ports

JUN 29 1944

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Franklin, L.P.*

My dear Reverend Kinsolving:

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Reverend Arthur B. Kinsolving, II,
Calvary Episcopal Church,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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EBTowler:agr 6-27-44

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1153

Dear Mrs. Kivitz:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Fannie Kivitz,
803 West Girard Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

Name Mrs. Fannie Lutz
Address 803 W. Girard St., Phila., Pa.
Name Abraham Lutz
Address 116 W. Girard St. Phila., Pa.

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The White House
Washington

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ✓

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 902

Dear Mrs. Klein:

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

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

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Joseph Klein,
530 Center Street,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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JUN 8 1944

In reply please
refer to: 902

Dear Mrs. Klein:

Thank you for your communication of June 1,
1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens
for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Joseph Klein,
530 Center Street,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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June 1, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

We urge you to effect speedy
action in the support of
a "free port" in the
United States in which
refugees would be given a
haven for the duration.

Very truly yours,

.....
Mrs. Joseph Klein
530 Center St.
Bethlehem, Pa.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1201

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Klein:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Klein,
4804 W. 13th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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Mr. Lewis Klein
4804 N. 13th St.
Mrs. Lewis Klein
4804 N. 13th St.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 830

Dear Mr. Zaroff:

Since my recent letter 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

Mr. Max Zaroff,
President.
K. Mark's Beneficial Association
of Philadelphia,
5172 Pennway Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 830

JUN 5 1944

Dear Mr. Zaroff:

I have your resolutions dated May 22, 1944,
to the President and to me, concerning the establishment
of temporary havens for refugees.

The interest of your organization in this
problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Max Zaroff,
President,
K. Mark's Beneficial Association
of Philadelphia,
5172 Pennway Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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K. MARK'S BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION



OF PHILADELPHIA

MEETS EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH

L. FAGAN, SECRETARY
 1202 W. DAUPHIN ST. 5172 Pennway St.,
 PHONE: FREmont 4992 GEssex - 3376

PHILADELPHIA, PA. May 22, 1944

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Be it resolved that we, K. Mark's Beneficial Assn.,
 consisting of 250 members, at a meeting held
 May 22nd, 1944, urge the President of the United States,
 and 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 establishments of such free ports would translate
 into action the humanitarian desire of the
 American people to save as many victims of
 Nazi brutality as can still be saved.

Max Garoff, Pres. L. Fagan, Secy

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L. FAGAN, SECRETARY
1202 W. DAUPHIN - ST. 5172 Remway St.
PHONE: FRMont-4832 Cum.-3276

PHILADELPHIA, PA. May 22nd 1944

Be it resolved that we, K. Marks Beneficial Assn., consisting of 250 members, at a meeting held May 22nd, 1944, urge the President of the United States, and 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 establishments of such 'free ports' would translate into action the humanitarian desire of the American people to save as many victims of Nazi brutality as can still be saved.

Max Zaroff, Pres. Louis Fagan, Secy

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MAY 23 1944
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 654

Dear Mr. Sussmann:

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

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

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Hyman Sussmann, Secretary,
Knee Pants Makers Union,
31 West 15th Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosures:

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MAY 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 654

Dear Mr. Sussmann:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens
for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Hyman Sussman,
Secretary,
Knee Pants Makers Union,
31 West 15th Street,
New York, New York.

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May 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

As early as last September, a delegation of American labor, headed by President William Green, of the A. P. of L., and President Philip Murray, of the C.I.O., submitted a memorandum to the State Department, appealing "to our Government and to the governments of the United Nations, to admit to all territories, under their control, Jewish refugees who may succeed in escaping from the Nazi hell."

Today, seven months later, Hitler stands on the brink of disaster. The German legions are in retreat everywhere. But the sufferings and the persecutions of the Fascist victims have not been halted. According to recent reports, the Nazis have, in desperation, intensified their bestial terror. Grave danger threatens millions of people in tortured Europe. Only swift action can save them now. Not words, or even tears, will have the power to restore or save their lives.

We have learned that the War Refugee Board has under serious consideration a plan to establish "free ports" in the United States, where refugees from Hitlerism can find shelter until they are settled in permanent homes. The proposal has been endorsed by leading newspapers throughout the country.

We consider the establishment of "free ports," which would give innocent victims of the raging halocaust, the privilege we now accord Axis prisoners, a most practical and feasible one.

The plan would not only provide temporary human "free port" zones, and safe refuge, and thereby save the lives of innocent people fortunate to escape the claws of the Gestapo, but would also demonstrate most dramatically to the whole world the dogged determination of the American Government and the American people to spare no effort in saving as many of the sufferers as possible.

Moreover, we believe that the adoption and the effectuation of the plan will help stay the brutal Nazi hand and will further encourage the ever-growing resistance to German barbarism.

The plan has the wholehearted support of the 1800 members of our Organization and we respectfully urge its immediate adoption.

Respectfully yours,

Hyman Sussman

HYMAN SUSSMAN, SEC'Y

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JUN 20 1944

In reply please
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My dear Dr. Knight:

President Roosevelt 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. William A. Knight,
Minister,
Highland Park Church of Christ,
Sixth and Clinton,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Enclosures.

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Highland Park Church of Christ

WM. A. KNIGHT, MINISTER
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June 6, 1944

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William J. Harrell
Secretary to the President

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am very much interested in the plan of es-
tablishing of refugee rescue camps, so called "free
ports", in our country. The understanding is that
these are to be for the duration of the war.

I trust that you will give it your special
attention and support. Certainly we need to do
everything possible to keep human values in their
rightful level.

Sincerely,

Wm A. Knight

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUN 10 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1136

JUN 15 1944

Dear Mr. Kopiloff:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. L. Kopiloff,
435 No. Gardner Street,
Los Angeles, California.

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

MR M L KOPILOFF

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In reply please
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JUL 6 1944

Dear Miss Kornblum:

Thank you for your communication of June 29, 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 Anne Kornblum,
1250 Morrison Avenue,
New York 59, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 29, 1944
My dear Mr. Peck:

I am writing to tell you of my complete faith in the plan for the Free Port For Refugees.

I hope you will do all that you can to support this plan -- every real American feels that the United States should establish free ports so that other countries will be encouraged to follow our example.

Sincerely
Anne Kornblum

AUG 12 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3162

Dear Mrs. Koval:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 29, 1944, 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 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. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. J. Koval,
3537 Antisdale Avenue,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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3537 Antisdale Ave.,
Cleveland Heights Ohio.
July 29, 1944.

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

In the name of all that is good
which you so nobly champion in the midst of so much evil,
I humbly add my voice to that of my people to implore
that you do all in your power to save whatever is left
of the Jews in Europe from utter destruction. May Provi-
dence bless and give you strength and courage to accom-
plish this end.

Very sincerely yours,

Lillian B. Koval
(Mrs. J)

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1145

Dear Mrs. Kramer:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Ida Kramer,
1359 - 45th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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— June 7, 1944 —

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

Mrs. Kramer

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Mr. John W. Pehle - _____ June 6, 1944
Dear Sir: -
We are in favor of Free Ports for
Refugees and ask you to extend your
good offices and see that this great
project is speedily accomplished
Yours truly,
Mr & Mrs. H. L. Krauschar

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Hon. Pres. F. D. Roosevelt,
Dear Sir:-

June 6, 1944

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

Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Krausner

Free Ports.

In reply please
refer to: 3091

JUL 26 1944

Dear Mrs. Krouman:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 18, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

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

Your 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. Esther Krouman,
201 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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William C. Farrell
Secretary to the President

201 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn N. Y. R. B. 3091
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To Franklin Delano Roosevelt
President of the United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President

As our great leader who has brought hope to the oppressed all over the world will you please hasten the establishment of temporary rescue camps in the United States for those Jews and all other persecuted peoples who can escape Hitler's murder squads. Would you also appeal to our allies that they do likewise. If we set the example they must surely cooperate.

Could you also appeal to the British Government to open the gates of Palestine, a country that has been so much improved and cultivated by Jews and the closing of which to Jews only is surely a great degradation and blot on democracy.

It is terrible to contemplate democracy shutting its doors to people

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who are being openly and brutally
murdered.

Let the United States lead the way
and hasten the opening of these Greek
Ports.

Respectfully yours
(Mrs.) Esther Krounan ✓

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply please
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AUG 17 1944

Dear Dr. Kruger-Golin:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 3, 1944, concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter 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 13, 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

Dr. A. Kruger-Golin,
1605 Nelson Avenue,
Bronx 53, New York.

Enclosures.

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DR. A. KRUGER - COLIN ✓

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William V. Barrett Aug. 3, 1944
Secretary to the President

My dear Mr. President:

I congratulate you in your efforts to provide a haven here in this country for Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe. Keep up the good work; we need hundreds of "free ports" here in this country if we are really to accomplish our aim of saving these people; and, I know we can depend on you to continue this magnificent work.
Yours truly
A. Kruger - Colin

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1101

Dear Mr. Krumbein:

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.

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron Davis Krumbein,
1319 - 51st Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 7, 1944.

Honorable Sir,

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

Yours very truly,

James Davis Krumbein

1319-51st St. Brooklyn 19, N. Y.

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Honorable Sir,

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

Yours very truly,
Garon Davis Krumbein

1319-51st St. Brooklyn 419, N.Y.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1120

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Krumbein:

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.

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. J. Krumbein,
1319 - 51st Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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I am in favor of Free Ports for Refugees
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see that this great project is speedily
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Simon J. Krumbein

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In reply please
refer to: 1202

Dear Mr. Krupnick:

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

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Sydney R. Krupnick,

Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

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Copy to: Mrs. H. Krupnick

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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 Sidney R. Krupnick

Address Mt. Holly, N.J.

Name Mrs. S. Krupnick

Address Mt. Holly N.J.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1148

Dear Mr. Kunken:

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

Mr. L. Kunken,
207 Wyena Street,
Brooklyn 7, New York.

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— June 9, 1944.
Dear Sir - I urge
you to do all in
your power to see
that the "free ports"
project for refugees
be put into effect as
soon as possible. There
is an immediate and
urgent need for same.

Very truly yours,

L. Kuntze

207 Wyona St.

Bklyn, N.Y.

In reply please
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kurtsberg:

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurtsberg,
723 North 7th Street,
Philadelphia 23, Pennsylvania.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Kurzman:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 1, 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, where approximately 1,000 refugees, who had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, are being cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. 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 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 until 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

Mr. M. Kurzman,
314 Ninth Street,
Huntington, West Virginia.

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HUNTINGTON, W. VA. ✓

August 1, 1944

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William D. Harrell

Secretary to the President

President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

M. Kwizman
M. Kwizman ✓

