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

General M-N

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In reply please
refer to: 3201

AUG 30 1944

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

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 had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, and urging action to save the Jews of Hungary.

Details of the plan to establish the Emergency Refugee Shelter 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.

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

I assure you that the 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. Brendan Mitchell,
Acting Chairman,
Post War World Council,
112 East 19th Street,
New York, 3, New York.

Enclosures

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William D. Mitchell
Secretary to the President:

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

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of this organization, we express to you our appreciation for the precedent our country has set in opening a free port for refugees. Acknowledging that this will be of value in saving the lives of the thousand which the haven at Fort Ontario can accommodate, we point out that this is merely a token rescue.

Our country has, at this moment, the opportunity to be the decisive factor in action to save 400,000 human beings - the remaining Jews of Hungary - by giving them their last chance to escape.

The Hungarian government has announced that it will permit any Jew to leave who can secure an entry visa for Palestine. It will also permit Jewish children under the age of 10 to go to any country of the United Nations willing to receive them.

It is no longer a matter to be debated, whether or not our country should use its influence to permit the saving of these 400,000 people. Until the Hungarian government made this announcement, the fate of the Jews in Hungary was possibly beyond our influence. Today, it is our responsibility!

Both the Republican and Democratic party platforms have declared for unrestricted immigration into Palestine. These declarations voice the unanimous feeling of the people of America that a haven must be kept open to receive persecuted people. Great Britain is today our ally and between allies there should be reciprocity. We have the right to ask that Great Britain cut the red tape which is today barring the gates of Palestine. We urge you to bring pressure on the British government to admit the Hungarian Jews into Palestine.

But this is not enough. We must open our own doors to these people. Failure to act in time will be participation in wholesale murder. The time to act is now and we call on you to take this action before it is too late and the complete annihilation of these 400,000 people is our guilt.

Sincerely yours,

Broadus Mitchell
Broadus Mitchell
Acting Chairman

Elsie Elfenbein
Elsie Elfenbein
Executive Director

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Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director (2889)

Dear Sir,

Your communication dated July 6, 1944 was a most gratifying. Indeed the action taken by our grand President in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y. is a direct manifestation of his humanitarian efforts in behalf of the oppressed in Nazi Europe.

The enclosures are appreciated and will help our many members in the knowledge of what is being done for those refugees who, today are our concern.

May we soon see the day when our torn world will resume
'over'

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normal life with life, liberty and
the pursuit of happiness to the
people there of.

With much appreciation in
your efforts as stated in 2889 Dan,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Samuel J. Stone

President N.E. Region
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J. W. Peltz
Executive Director



JUL 6 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2889

Dear Mrs. Stone:

The President has referred to me your recent 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 its interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Samuel J. Stone,
President,
N.E. Region Mizrachi of
Women's Organization of
Americas
208 Rawson Road,
Brookline, Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We, the officers and membership of
N. E. Region Mizrahi Women's Org. of Am.
organization city or town
realizing the desperate situation of refugees
from European countries, and the necessity
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.

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By *Mrs. Samuel J. Stone*
Secretary of President
Address... *208 Rawson Rd.*
Brookline
Mass.

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In reply please
refer to: 3066

JUL 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Molat:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 15, 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. J. H. Molat,
3114 East 14th Street,
Brooklyn 29, New York.

Enclosures.

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Secretary to the President

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

Dear Sir:

I am in complete accord with the plan for "Tree Ports", to help to save innocent Jews from Nazi domination.

Those who are still alive deserve to receive a friendly hand from America, across the sea. American Jews all stand to back the "Tree Port" idea.

As a United States citizen, I add my plea in behalf of the ever decreasing number of Jews who remain to be saved.

Please help them before it is too late.

Respectfully

Ethel M. Molat. ✓

(Mrs. S. H. Molat)

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 887

Dear Mrs. Moldawer:

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

Mrs. N. B. Moldawer,
6436 Woodcrest Avenue,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 887

JUN 9 1944

Dear Mrs. Moldawer:

Thank you for your letter 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. H. B. Moldawer,
6436 Woodcrest Avenue,
Philadelphia 31, Pa.

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MRS. N. B. MOLDAWER ✓
6436 WOODCREST AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA NO. 31, PA.

June 1, 1944

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

Dear Sir -

I understand that your
Board is now considering the
establishment of a Refugee
Rescue Camp or Free Port
in the United States for refugees

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MRS. N. B. MOLDAWER
6436 WOODCREST AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA NO. 31, PA.

fleeing the States ²terror.

I hope that in the interest
of humanity & the preservation
of human life wherever
possible, that your Board
give this matter your serious
consideration.

Very truly yours,
Minerva Moldawer

(Mrs. N. B. Moldawer)



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

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1194

My dear Judge Moore:

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 C. Edwin Moore,
Judge of the District Court,
Ninth Judicial District of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Enclosures.

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DISTRICT COURT CHAMBERS
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA
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C. EDWIN MOORE, JUDGE

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June 5, 1944.

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William J. Bennett
Secretary to the President

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

Washington, D. C.,

My dear Mr. President:

A few days ago my attention was called, by Rabbi Monroe Levens of this city, to the proposed plan for establishment of refugee rescue camps to be used as temporary havens for persons seeking relief from Nazi dominated countries, and as I listened to my radio last night I was shocked to hear that approximately fifteen per cent of the people of Greece have starved to death since the seizure of their country by the Germans.

Certainly if our government can establish some agency to relieve such suffering we will be greatly repaid in the future.

I trust that some plan for "free ports" can be established.

Very Respectfully,
C. Edwin Moore
Judge District Court, Ninth
Judicial District of Iowa.

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2005

Dear Dr. Monat:

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

Dr. Seymour M. Monat,
St. Louis Maternity Hospital,
St Louis 10, Missouri.

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William D. Rowell
Secretary to the President

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To the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I should like to let you know
that I am heartily in favor of your
recent move to offer asylum here in the
United States to refugees from war-
ravaged Europe.

If you could even open up additional
camps to these unfortunates, I am sure
you would have not only my support
but that of every American.

Yours sincerely,

DR. ^{SEYMOUR M. MONAT}
Seymour M. Monat, M.D.
St Louis Maternity Hosp
St Louis 10
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JUL 29 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3123

Dear Miss Morris:

The President has referred to me your telegram of July 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

Miss Hilda Morris,
790 Riverside Drive,
New York 32, New York.

Enclosures.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 21, 1944

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WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT PLEASE GIVE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE
MATTER OF FREE PORTS. WITH THE PASSING OF EACH DAY IT BECOMES
MORE VITAL FOR US TO ACT TODAY FOR TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE.
UNLESS WE DO THE HUMANE THING THERE WILL BE NO TOMORROW FOR
THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF HUNGARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
RESPECTFULLY

HILDA MORRIS 790 RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEW YORK CITY 32.

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Washington, D. C.

In reply please
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JUL 6 1944

Dear Miss Morse:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 14, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to 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 Miriam F. Morse,
429 E. Madison Avenue,
Wheaton, Illinois.

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

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William J. Bennett
Secretary to the President

Sir:

I am one among many thousands of people in the United States who are grateful that an organization such as the President's War Refugee Board has been formed, but who are passionately convinced that much stronger efforts should be made, and made immediately, to rescue the Jewish people who can yet be saved from starvation and torture in Europe.

The present methods of administering our immigration laws prevent the admission of many refugees who might enter the United States under the existing quotas. About half a million more immigrants could have been admitted since the war began without increasing the total number even now allowed under the law.

Cannot immediate and forceful measures be taken to open our doors wide to the needy refugees of Europe? If this is not done, we shall be guilty of the death of thousands of innocent people.

I am, Sir; your most obedient servant,

Miriam F. Morse.

The White House
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HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE WHITE HOUSE

MR. PRESIDENT: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS, A NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS IN ALL BRANCHES OF MOTION PICTURE MAKING, WISHES TO ASSURE YOU OF THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROGRAM YOU PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS TO AFFORD SHELTER FOR THE VICTIMS OF NAZI INTOLERANCE. IN EXTENDING HELP TO THE OPPRESSED YOU ARE UPHOLDING THE HIGHEST IDEALS IN THE AMERICAN TRADITION

SAM WOOD PRESIDENT MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE.

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FOR CONSIDERATION

William J. French
DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In reply please
refer to: 1702

JUN 29 1944

Dear Mr. Wood:

The President has referred to me your telegram of June 13, 1944, concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter recently established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

The interest and support for this program which you have expressed in the name of your organization are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Sam Wood,
President,
Motion Picture Alliance,
Culver City, California.

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In reply please
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JUN 29 1944

Dear Mr. Wood:

The President has referred to me your telegram of June 13, 1944, concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter recently established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

The interest and support for this program which you have expressed in the name of your organization are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Peble
J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Mr. Sam Wood,
President,
Motion Picture Alliance,
Culver City, California.

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE WHITE HOUSE

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In reply please
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MAY 29 1944

Dear Miss Mott:

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

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Beulah Mott,
271 South 63rd Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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271 South ~~10th~~ ^{10th} St. ~~Phila~~ ^{Phila}
Philadelphia, Pa
May 21, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

I am in favor of a free port
and hope you will do everything possible to
help in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely yours,
Beulah Matt

In reply please
refer to: 794

MAY 29 1944

Dear Miss Mott:

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 Zeldah Mott,
271 South 63rd Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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271 S. 63rd St.
Phila., Penna.
May 21, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

Please do all in your
power to see that we have a
free port for war refugees. I hope
you will do all that you can to
see that this is put through.

Very truly yours,
Zelda Matt

JUN 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1402

Dear Mr. Firestone:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Milton P. Firestone,
President,
Mount Zion Temple,
Holly at Avon,
St. Paul 5, Minnesota.

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MILTON P. FIRESTONE, President
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ARTHUR W. SUMMERFIELD, Rec. Sec.
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William [unclear]
Secretary to the President
June 9, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

At a meeting of the Board of Administration of Mount Zion Temple representing more than 350 Jewish families in our community, the following resolution was adopted:

"We commend the President of the United States for his visionary leadership and for his profound sense of humanitarianism in championing the cause of the oppressed and persecuted both in word and deed. Particularly, do we take this means to express our deep gratitude for his sincere efforts which led to the formation of the War Refugee Board which we hope will save hundreds of thousands of innocent people from death.

We heartily endorse the proposed plan of the War Refugee Board to set up temporary havens of refuge to be known as "free ports" and we trust that the President of the United States will lend his great influence and prestige to this humanitarian project. We urge the setting up at once of these "free ports" upon 'the free and cherished soil of our beloved country'".

Most obediently yours,

MOUNT ZION TEMPLE CONGREGATION

Milton P. Firestone
President

Harry S. Margolis
Rabbi

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

In reply please
refer to: 2639

JUL 3 1944

Dear Miss Munro:

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 A. B. Munro,
Route #2,
Concord, New Hampshire.

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Secretary to the President
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To the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

I am writing in response to
"An Eleventh Hour Appeal to
Americans" from the "Monroe's
International League for Peace
and Freedom" to urge with
all my conscience, that in this
country can do, to open
up a refuge for the persecuted
and brutally slaughtered
Jews, in Nazi dominated Europe
shall be promptly done, and
all our influence be brought
to bear on the other nations
that should take such steps.
It is so hideous a crime, over

is sickened to even think of
it; and the way in which
unprepared and unthinking
people, here, have played
into the hands of the Nazi
leaders, and failed to give
the help they could have
given, the small, in time to
save numbers of people
who have already perished.

With all my heart, I urge that
we do all that can be done
to preserve our own traditions
of a great and free nation.

Sincerely yours

A. B. Munro.

June 24th,
1944

In reply please
refer to: 2050

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have your letter of June 23, 1944, concerning the program for the establishment of the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

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

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

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Harry Murphy,
2nd Floor,
317 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Dept. of Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Strongly urge support for H Res 576 requesting President to admit refugees temporarily to "Free Ports" -- in greater numbers than the 1000 recently announced. This is a step true Christians as well as Jews will applaud as being in accord with genuine American principles of merciful aid to oppressed and persecuted innocent men, women, and children.

Very truly yours

Harry Murphy

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Executive Director
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In reply please
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My dear Judge Murrow:

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

Honorable Tom K. Murrow,
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

TOM K. MURROW, JUDGE

June 7, 1944.

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William J. ...
Secretary to the President

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

My dear Mr. President:

I am in accord with the proposed establishment of refugee rescue camps in the United States to provide temporary haven for unfortunate persons who have had to flee Nazi Europe. It is my understanding that the proposed plan does not contemplate admission of these persons as permanent residents unless they qualify through regular immigration procedure.

It is an act of humanity, and should result in friendly sentiment for America in foreign countries when the war is over.

Respectfully yours,

Tom Murrow